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BETHEL, MAINE

Reports of Municipal Officers

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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
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OF THE
Town of Bethel
FOR THE
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TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor

ERNEST F. BISBEE CARROLL E. ABBOTT
J. CLEVELAND BARTLETT

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

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

Truant Officer

HARRY T. SAWIN

School Physician and Health Officer

WIDD B. TWADDLE, M. D.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

WESLEY WHEELER (resigned)

ELMER E. BENNETT

Dog Constable

ALBERT S. GROVER

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

FRED L. EDWARDS

LESLIE E. DAVIS

DURWARD H. MASON

GUY PRATT

HUGH D. THURSTON

ANNUAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF ASSESSORS

Valuation of Property and number of Polls as taken April 1st, 1945:

Valuation of Real Estate

Resident Owners	\$934,515 00
Non-Resident Owners	174,150 00

Total Value of Real Estate	\$1,108,655 00
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Valuation of Personal Estate

Resident Owners	\$196,090 00
Non-Resident Owners	30,550.00

Total Value of Personal Estate	\$226,640 00
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Grand Total of Real and Personal Estate	\$1,335,305 00
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Total Value of Land	\$476,290 00
Total Value of Buildings	632,375.00
Increase in Valuation over 1944	12,775.00
Rate of Taxation	.046
Poll Tax Rate	\$3.00
Number of Polls Taxed	461
Number of Polls Not Taxed	191
Percentage Paid Collector	.01
Collecting Excise Tax	.15

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1945

	1945	1944
For State Tax	\$9,580 36	\$9,607 38
County Tax	2,998 12	3,443 38
Miscellaneous Account	1,200 00	1,900 00
Town Officers' Bills	4,000 00	4,000 00

Treasurer's Bond	35 00	35 00
Collector's Bond	20 00	20 00
Abatements	318 69	172 64
Fire Department	500 00	500 00
Public Health Work	100 00	100 00
Sewers	500 00	250 00
Roads and Bridges	3,000 00	3,000 00
Winter Roads	3,000 00	3,000 00
State and State Aid Maintenance	1,286 10	1,130 00
Third Class Maintenance	925 00	925 00
Tarvia for Roads and Streets	2,000 00	700 00
Support of Poor	2,500 00	3,000 00
Common Schools	13,000 00	12,500 00
Secondary Schools	9,000 00	9,000 00
School Supplies	824 00	724 00
Text Books	500 00	400 00
School Repairs	600 00	300 00
School Insurance	182 50	200 00
School Physician	100 00	100 00
Superintendent's Salary	650 00	741 65
Old Cemeteries	75 00	75 00
Bethel Public Library	600 00	400 00
Memorial Day Observance	50 00	50 00
Bethel Band	none	200 00
Interest on Loans	200 00	300 00
Motor Vehicle Insurance	150 00	150 00
East Bethel School Lot	1 00	none
Special Seventh and Eighth Grade Instruction	300 00	none
Addition to East Bethel School Lot	50 00	none
Chevrolet Truck, Body and Plow	2,234 24	none
Fire Hose	838 90	none
Land Damage for Tyler Street	none	151 00
Tyler Street Construction	none	250 00
Overlay	1,488 12	2,321 27
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	\$62,807 03	\$59,646 32
Tax Assessed as Follows		
\$1,335,305.00 Valuation @ .046	\$61,424 03	
461 Polls @ \$3.00	1,383 00	
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		\$62,807 03

Excise Tax Collected	\$1,890 44	
Supplementary Tax 1944	18 00	
Supplementary Tax 1945	85 20	
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		\$1,993 64

EXTRACT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORT

Live Stock Taxed

Horses	107	\$10,525 00	
Colts, 3 to 4 years old	2	150 00	
Colts, under 2 years old	1	75 00	
Steers, Oxen, Bulls and Beef			
Cattle, over 18 months	28	1,825 00	
Milk Cows including heifers			
that have freshened	402	31,305 00	
Heifers over 2 years old not			
yet freshened	61	3,560 00	
Heifers 18 months to 2 years			
old	60	2,410 00	
Goats	13	65 00	
Domestic Fowl (over 50 in			
no.)	1665	1,665 00	
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			\$51,580 00

Live Stock Not Taxed

Cattle 18 months and young-			
er	139	\$4,865 00	
Sheep (to 35 in no.)	36	180 00	
Swine (to 10 in no.)	56	840 00	
Domestic Fowl (to 50 in			
no.)	1858	1,858 00	
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			\$7,743 00

All Other Personal Property

Stock in Trade	\$37,050 00
Unmanufactured Material in Mills	8,000 00
Portable Mills	1 1,500 00
Logs	6,650 00
Lumber	38,600 00

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Boats	16	440 00	
Gasoline Pumps and Attach-			
ments	49	3,825 00	
Musical Instruments	122	7,055 00	
Radios	416	6,990 00	
Furniture		28,200 00	
Tractors	58	12,025 00	
Machinery and Equipment		19,450 00	
Other Property		5,275 00	
			\$175,060 00
Grand Total of Personal Property			\$226,640 00

ABATEMENTS, 1944

Brinck, Ernest W., paid in Lisbon Falls	\$3 00	
Littlehale, Frank, paid in Portland	3 00	
Mason, Herman, error in valuation	2 20	
		\$8 20

ABATEMENTS, 1945

Bean, Herbert I, error in valuation	\$4 60	
Brinck, Percy O., paid in So. Portland	3 00	
Glines, Herschel, paid in Rumford	3 00	
Grand Trunk Railway, error in assessing	13 80	
Jordon, Charles W., age over 70	3 00	
Lapham, Leslie E., error in assessing	23	
Noyes, Leslie A., tractor excise tax paid	13 80	
Stanley, Frederick H., error in assessing	3 45	
		\$44 88
		\$52 08

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 June 30th, 1945.	\$62,807 03
To Supplementary Taxes	85 20
Amount overpaid	1 20

\$62,893 43

Cr.

By Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$59,807 61
By Errors in Valuation and Abatements	44 88
By Uncollected Taxes	3,040 94

\$62,893 43

(Overpaid Town Treasurer \$1 20.)

1937-1939-1940-1941-1942-1943-1944 Tax Account

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

Dr.

To Total Unpaid Taxes as per previous Town Report	\$3,587 60
To Supplementary Taxes, 1944	18 00

\$3,605 60

Cr.

By Total Amount paid Town Treas.	\$3,163 87
By 1944 Tax Liens filed with Town Treasurer	227 70
By Abatements (1944)	8 20
By Uncollected Taxes	138 51

\$3,605 60

EXCISE TAXES ON TRUCKS AND AUTOMOBILES

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

Dr.

To Total Amount Collected	\$2,014 31	
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Cr.

By Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$1,890 44	
By Amount paid County Treasurer	115 77	
By Issuing 54 Receipts to persons in Unorganized Townships	8 10	
	<hr/>	\$2,014 31

UNPAID TAXES, 1945

Brown, Wallace	\$ 4 15
Coolidge, Leland	26 42
Coolidge, Marion S.	22 31
Cummings, Lincoln L.	11 00
Durgin, Enfield P.	4 61
Emery, Walter G.	86 26
George, Gertrude, Tenant in Possession	55 20
Harding, Roland L.	3 69
Haselton, Charles and Eugenia	23 00
Hinkley, Merle L.	5 30
Harthorne, Roderick	9 20
Mason, Alfred	17 26
Mason, Charles	11 05
McMillin, Jack	35 66
Merrill, Freeman W.	64 40
Merrill, Walter and Freeman	13 80
Mills, Leland	3 00
Morgan, Kenneth	3 00
Morgan, Gerry C.	4 61
Newell, Harry D.	3 92
Newell, Nellie D.	13 80

Philbrick, Benjamin F.	23 00
Parker, Hollis	3 00
Vashaw, Harry	3 00
Vail, T. Fitzmaurice	3 00
Westleigh, G. Reginald	13 35

Non-Resident

Bartlett, Z. Willis	18 40
Chapman, Mrs. Marion Braddish	3 68
Grover, S. O., Heirs of	2 30
Hastings, St. John, Devisees	174 80
Kilgore, Wallace W.	20 70
Kimball, Ceylon, Heirs of	92 00
McCormick, Mary, Heirs of	18 40
McKenzie, Jack A.	6 90
Rounds, Ward B.	18 40
Swan, Glenn	6 90

Total	\$3,040 94
Amount collected from Jan. 1, 1946 to time this report printed	2,211 47
Balance Unpaid	\$829 47

UNPAID TAXES, 1944

Bean, Bert H.	\$3 00	Winslow, Lyman E.	3 00
Hinkley, Merle L.	2 23	Total Jan. 1, 1946	\$81 48
Plant, Clyde A.	3 00	Amount collected from	
Sweetser, Wilbur	4 10	Jan. 1, 1946 to time this	
Tyler, Leonard A.	44	report printed	62 71
Vashaw, Harry	3 00	Balance Unpaid	\$18 77

UNPAID TAXES, 1943

Hatfield, Roland S.	\$3 00
Rich, Victor P.	3 00
Amount collected since Jan. 1	\$6 00 1 59
Total Jan. 1, 1946	\$7 59

UNPAID TAXES, 1942

Brown, Walter C.	\$3 00	
Hatfield, Herbert H.	3 00	
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Total Jan. 1, 1946		\$6 00

UNPAID TAXES, 1941

Hatfield, Roland S.	\$3 00	
Parker, Eugene	3 00	
Wilkins, Philip	3 00	
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Total Jan. 1, 1946		\$9 00

UNPAID TAXES, 1940

Bates, Leslie S.	\$3 00	Raimsey, Perry	3 00
Hatfield, Roland S.	3 00	Sweat, Vernon C.	3 00
Hanscom, Lee	3 00		
McMillin, Bernard	3 00	Total Jan. 1, 1946	\$18 00

UNPAID TAXES, 1939

Baker, Joseph C., Jr.	\$3 69	
Bates, Leslie S.	3 00	
Rolfe, Nelson	3 00	
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Total Jan. 1, 1946		\$9 69

UNPAID TAXES, 1937

Baker, Joseph C., Jr.	\$6 75	
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Total Jan. 1, 1946		\$6 75

UNPAID TAXES

L. E. Davis, Collector, 1933

Walter Balentine	\$8 13	Harry Brown, G. Hill	3 00
Harold Bartlett	6 69	Leo Bubier	3 00
Ralph Berry	7 10	Shirley Chase	8 74
Clayton Blake	3 00	Edgar Coolidge	10 89
H. O. Blake	15 58	Robert Clough	7 10
Geo. H. Brown, G. Hill	3 00	Roger Clough	3 00
Walter Brown	3 00	Edgar Cross	9 56

Archie Cole	3 00	Wm. Mason	3 00
C. L. Davis	16 40	Earl Morgan	3 00
Moses Davis	12 84	Chas. Melville	3 00
Wm. Day	3 00	Harry Newell	5 05
Lester Enman	3 00	Ola Olson	10 79
Lewis Etheridge	3 00	Chas. Reed	16 74
Clarence Enman	3 00	G. N. Stearns	5 05
I. Farrar	3 00	Hedley Wheeler	3 00
Chas. Frost	5 05	E. J. Stearns	20 02
Clyde Hall	19 20	Russell Swan	22 48
Hollis Grindle	3 00	Joseph Stevens	9 97
Earl Williamson	3 00	Merle Swan	3 00
C. Waterhouse	3 00	Bernard Swan	3 00
Sherman Haselton	8 54	Vinton C. Tibbetts	8 53
Raymond Harthorne	3 00	Oscar Tibbetts	3 00
Roderick Harthorne	3 00	Geo. Tibbetts	3 00
Richard Lawrence	3 00	Clyde Whitman	14 07
E. P. Lyon	91 15	L. E. Winslow	5 26
Hollis Hutchinson	3 00	T. E. Westleigh	15 30
Archie Lovejoy	3 00	Cash on Hand	12 64
Alfred Mason	3 00		
Glen Mason	3 00		<hr/> \$462 87

L. E. Davis, Collector, 1932

Roland Annis	\$18 22	Sherman Haselton	8 54
Walter Balentine	9 76	Raymond Harthorne	3 00
Harold Bartlett	8 74	Hollis Hutchinson	3 00
Clayton Blake	3 00	Alfred Hodgkins	3 00
H. O. Blake	16 81	E. P. Lyon	93 20
Walter Brown,	3 00	Alfred Mason	3 00
F. W. Buck	20 63	Wm. Mason	3 00
Leo Bubier	3 00	J. Merrill	3 00
Robert Clough	7 10	Chas. Melville	3 00
Edgar Cross	11 06	Harry Newell	5 46
Edgar Coolidge	11 61	Linwood Newell	3 00
Leslie Estes	3 00	Frank Osgood	7 72
Lester Enman	3 00	Ola Olson	9 15
Alton Enman	3 00	Chas. Reed	16 12
I. D. Farrar	6 08	George N. Stearns	5 05
Chas. Frost	5 05	E. J. Stearns	40 93
Hollis Grindle	3 00	Joseph Stevens	6 69
Henry Hall	18 38	Carlton Saunders	4 64

Vinton Tibbetts	3 41	Cleve Waterhouse	3 00
B. S. Tyler	8 74	Wm. Young	3 00
Geo. Tibbetts	3 00	Harry Brown, G. Hill	3 00
Guy Vail	5 05	Geo. Brown, G. Hill	3 00
Allen Walker	4 28	Clyde Whitman	15 71
Hershall Walker	3 00	Cash on Hand	9 12
L. E. Winslow	6 69		
Curtis Winslow	3 00		
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			\$449 94

L. E. Davis, Collector, 1931

H. O. Blake	\$27 39	J. Merrill	3 00
Harry Brown, G. Hill	3 00	Ola Olson	15 25
Geo. Brown, G. Hill	3 00	Joseph Stevens	3 00
Robert Clough	5 45	Fred Wheeler	11 58
Edgar Coolidge	19 17	Clyde Whitman	22 60
Irwin Farrar	3 00	L. E. Winslow	7 90
Lester Enman	4 23	Wm. Young	3 00
Charles Frost	5 45	Cash on hand	23 58
Charles Mason	3 00		
Alfred Mason	4 72		
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			\$168 32

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

Appropriation for Care of Poor	\$2,500 00
Amount Expended	1,910 61
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Unexpended	\$589 39

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

Amount Expended	\$469 37
Due from Buckfield	\$469 37

STATE POOR

Amount Expended	\$589 35
Amount received from State	557 82
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Balance due from State	\$31 53

SUMMARY, STATE POOR

Paid		
Brown, Henry J.	\$128 30	
Child, Issac J.	11 76	
Hickford, Howard F.	153 10	
Mitchell, Susie D.	215 73	
Murphy, Fred E.	80 46	
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		\$589 35

TOWN RELIEF CASES

	Board and Care	Groceries	Fuel	Rent	Clothing	Medical	Lights	Misc.	Total
Brown, Elsie, Mechanic Falls	\$365 20	....	....	....	....	\$6 00	....	....	\$371 20
Dutton, Erlon W.	82 42	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	82 42
Haselton, Ethel M.	....	\$179 90	70 00	....	....	....	....	....	249 90
Heath, Claude W., Gilead	....	....	....	137 00	....	....	....	....	137 00
Hobbs, Mrs Alfred, Minot	\$367 00	....	....	....	....	....	....	....	367 00
Leonard, Bert, Paris	....	....	8 25	....	....	....	....	....	8 25
Mason, William, children of, Mech. Falls	312 00	....	....	....	80 34	....	....	....	392 34
Newton, Chalmers, Fairfield	....	30 00	5 45	16 00	....	....	....	....	51 45
Veteran, Family of, Mechanic Falls	50 50	7 00	12 45	69 95
Miscellaneous	1 10	1 10
Tramps	180 00	180 00
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	\$1,126 62	\$209 90	\$134 20	\$153 00	\$80 34	\$13 00	\$12 45	\$181 10	\$1,910 61

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Rec'd State Treas., Truck Rental	24 85	
Vear Bean, Truck Rental	40 00	
		\$3,064 85

Expended

Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$2,247 09	
Gas and Oil	587 40	
Repairs and Garage Bills	453 24	
Supplies	116 81	
Lumber	276 10	
Bulldozer Hire	112 75	
Shovel Hire	81 00	
Bitumuls	185 64	
Tarvia	120 25	
Truck Hire	31 20	
Sand and Gravel	79 70	
		\$4,291 18
Overdrawn		\$1,226 33

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Rec'd County of Oxford, plowing	435 10	
Rec'd Town of Gilead, plowing	49 70	
Rec'd, State Treas., plowing	4,278 89	
		\$7,763 69

Expended

Paid	
Labor, Payrolls	\$4,593 28

Gas and Oil	1,794 27	
Repairs and Garage Bills	2,983 41	
Supplies	229 09	
Sand	28 50	
Lumber	5 04	
Rental Tractor House, 12 months	150 00	
Salt	22 10	
Bulldozer Hire	206 00	
Town of Woodstock, plowing Milton and Gore Roads	192 47	
State Treas., State Highway plowing and sanding	590 40	
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		\$10,794 56
Overdrawn		<hr/>
		\$3,030 87

STATE AND STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$1,286 10	
Paid State Treasurer	1,614 20	
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Overdrawn		\$328 10

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Unexpended, 1942	\$999 00
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TARVIA FOR ROADS AND STREETS

Appropriation		\$2,000 00
	Expended	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$400 24	
Tarvia	1,887 21	
Truck Hire	60 45	
Bulldozer Hire	13 75	
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		\$2,361 65
Overdrawn		<hr/>
		\$361 65

TYLER STREET EXTENSION

Unexpended Balance	\$250 00
Paid Bulldozer Hire	\$104 50
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Unexpended	\$145 50

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$925 00
	Expended
Paid	
Labor Payrolls	\$385 48
Tarvia	650 00
Truck Hire	39 00
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	\$1,074 48
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Overdrawn	\$149 48

CHEVROLET TRUCK, DUMP AND PLOW

Appropriation	\$2,234 24
	Expended
Paid	
Overdrawn, 1944	\$1,567 78
Bal. owed on Truck and Body	45 46
Warsaw Plow	621 00
Freight on Plow	40 74
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	\$2,274 98
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Overdrawn	\$40 74

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

STATE TAX

Appropriation	\$9,580 36
Paid State Treasurer	\$9,580 36

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation	\$2,998 12
Paid County Treasurer	\$2,998 12

CANCELLED WARRANTS

Numbers 1 to 52 incl.	\$90,919 34
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OLD CEMETERIES

Appropriation	\$75 00
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Expended

Paid on Old Grover Hill Cemetery	\$35 50
Paid on F. E. Gordon Lot	5 00

\$40 50

Unexpended

\$34 50

TEMPORARY LOAN

Rec'd Bethel National Bank	\$10,000 00
Paid Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$10,000 00

INTEREST

Appropriation	\$200 00
Rec'd Interest	112 95

\$312 95

Expended

Paid Bethel National Bank	\$33 33	
Paid Casco Bank & Trust Co.	100 00	
	<hr/>	\$133 33
Unexpended		<hr/> \$179 62

PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$600 00	
Rec'd State Stipend	40 00	
	<hr/>	\$640 00
Paid Treasurer Bethel Library		\$640 00

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

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

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$150 00	
Reimbursement, Blanche W. Flint	32 17	
	<hr/>	\$182 17
Paid Stuart W. Goodwin		173 20
		<hr/> \$8 97

BETHEL BAND

Unexpended	\$200 00
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WITHHOLDING TAX

Received Town Employees	\$2,298 65
Paid Collector of Internal Revenue	\$2,298 65

BEAR BOUNTY

Received, State Treasurer	\$40 00
Paid Bounties	50 00
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Due from State	\$10 00

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE JAN. 1, 1945

W. E. Bartlett, Coll.	\$0 01
Paid W. E. Bartlett, Coll.	\$0 01

EAST BETHEL SCHOOL HOUSE LOT

Appropriation	\$51 00
Paid Guy Bartlett	\$51 00

SEWERS

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Rec'd Asa Sessions, Connecting	20 00	
Rec'd Dr. S. S. Greenleaf, Connecting	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$540 00

Expended

Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$232 25	
Supplies	3 95	
Tile	7 80	
Flexible Sewer Rod	274 96	
	<hr/>	\$518 96
Unexpended		<hr/> \$21 04

LIGHT ACCOUNT

Paid		
West Bethel St. Lights	\$208 00	
Blinker, Church and R. R. Streets	47 71	
Office	13 28	
Lock-up	13 00	
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Carried to Miscellaneous Account		\$281 99

PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

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

REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

Bethel has always appropriated funds for Public Health Nursing Service. The Public Health Nursing Program has been active in all parts of the town. A Child Health Conference has been conducted by the local Health Officer in all three of the villages. Immunizations for diphtheria, smallpox, and whooping cough have been offered at Child Health Conferences and have been well accepted. At these conferences 48 children received smallpox vaccinations, 35 immunizations to protect from diphtheria were completed and parents of 19 took advantage of this opportunity to have protection from whooping cough for their infants and young children.

Three hundred and thirty-three pupils were examined by the local school physician.

Many visits to families, because of health problems, have been made during the year.

The school officials and teachers have worked very closely with the Public Health Nurse. As a result many corrections of the visual and dental defects have been completed. Some defective tonsils which had not been corrected were discovered during the medical examinations.

Some of the time of your Public Health Nurse has been spent on follow-up visits to tuberculosis patients endeavoring to help promote recovery and prevent infection of others in the household. The Selective Service Board has requested investigations of some selected cases before their induction into the armed forces.

Your Public Health Nurse has appreciated the cooperation of local town officials, local organizations and the Health Committee, all of which have added to the effectiveness of the health service in your community.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH W. HOPKINS, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation		\$500 00
	Expended	
Telephone	\$33 25	
Gas and Oil	30 40	
Supplies	25 40	
Mayville Hydrant	30 00	
Fire Alarm	50 00	
Pumper Fire Insurance	10 00	
Janitor Fire House	52 00	
Payrolls	183 75	
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		\$414 80
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Unexpended		\$85 20

FIRE HOSE

Appropriation	\$838 90
Overdrawn, 1944	\$838 90

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER

The Company during the past year was called out by five general alarms and 20 still alarms for chimney and grass fires.

The Company also responded to one out-of-town fire, Dick Blake's place in Grafton.

The Pumper Crew members are:

Lloyd Luxton, Chief

Dr. E. L. Brown and Fred Douglass, Engineers

Bob Blake, Captain

Alton Hutchinson, 1st Lieut.

Earl Davis, 2nd Lieut.

Drivers: Ray Crockett, C. M. Bennett, Bill Chapman, and Herbert Rowe

Crew members: Erwin Hutchinson, Charles Freeman, Robert York, Ted Gallant, Gard Brown, Frank Hunt, and Francis Noyes

Fire Police: Bert Grover

In case of any type of fire please call the telephone operator and save time.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD LUXTON, Chief

TREASURER'S BOND

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

COLLECTOR'S BOND

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

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Unexpended Balance	\$397 24
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CUTTING PULP ON TOWN FARM

Unexpended balance	\$241 23	
Rec'd Oxford Paper Co.	96 48	
Rec'd Charles P. Bartlett	214 93	
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Unexpended		\$552 64

ABATEMENTS

Appropriations	\$318 69
Abatements	\$318 69

MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$3,215 94	
Interest, 1945	89 02	
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		\$3,304 96

FRED E. GORDON TRUST FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$534 84	
Interest, 1945	14 78	
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		\$549 62

ALCINA GROVER TRUST FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$70 83	
Interest, 1945	1 94	
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		\$72 77

MARY E. WILEY TRUST FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$212 26	
Interest, 1945	5 87	
	<hr/>	\$218 13

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Services as Sealer of Weights and Measures		
June 1, 1944 to June 1, 1945		\$75 00
Credits as follows:		
Fees collected	\$17 81	
By use of standards	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$32 81
Carried to Town Officers' Account		<hr/> \$42 19

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$4,000 00
	Expended	
Paid		
E. F. Bisbee	\$1,520 00	
Carroll E. Abbott	285 00	
J. Cleveland Bartlett	90 00	
Rodney K. Howe, Bal. 1944	30 00	
E. P. Brown	897 00	
Alice J. Brooks	75 00	
John M. Harrington	300 00	
Wesley Wheeler	42 19	
W. B. Twaddle, M. D.	35 00	
Walter E. Bartlett	726 74	
	<hr/>	\$4,000 93
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$ 93

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Tax Lien Costs	27 00

Alice J. Brooks, Victualers' Licenses	17 00
State Treasurer, Dog License Refund	91 17
State Treasurer, R. R. and Tel. Tax	102 64
State Treasurer, Bank Stock Tax	587 34
Ruth Hopkins, Inoculations	14 50
Clayton E. Kendall, Real Estate Sold	75 00
David M. Forbes, Tax Collection	40
Unpaid Checks, Credited	11 00
J. B. Chapman, Bowling Alley License	10 00

\$2,136 05

Expended

The Van Tel & Tel Co.	\$42 14
Postage	14 70
Oxford County Citizen, Town Reports	209 75
Printing and Supplies	187 56
Town Scales	5 00
Town Books and Forms	88 59
Maine Municipal Assoc., Dues	45 00
Recording Vital Statistics	29 00
Sheriff and Attorney Fees	9 50
Care and cleaning	75 00
State Treas., Aid to Dependent Children	333 50
Town Farm Expense	27 00
Expense, Board of Health	21 25
Expense, Insane Cases	31 30
Expense, Victory Garden	28 00
Office Rent, 1 year	175 00
Election Expense	25 00
Town Officers' Expense	48 55
Recording Tax Liens	12 00
Lock-up Expense	1 47
Expense on Property owned by Tax Liens	15 30

\$1,424 61

Street Light Acc't forwarded \$281 99

\$1,706 60

Unexpended

\$429 45

FINANCIAL STANDING

Assets

Cash in hands of Treas, Jan. 1, 1946	\$21,941 02	\$21,941 02
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	9 00	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1942	6 00	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1943	7 59	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1944	148 81	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1945	3,039 74	\$3,245 53
Tax Deeds, Prior to 1931	566 86	
Tax Deeds, 1931	315 77	
Tax Deeds, 1932	420 07	
Tax Deeds, 1933	486 04	
Tax Deeds, 1934	249 43	2,038 17
Tax Liens, 1935	18 00	
Tax Liens, 1936	76 50	
Tax Liens, 1937	162 51	
Tax Liens, 1938	148 63	
Tax Liens, 1939	248 40	
Tax Liens, 1940	298 26	
Tax Liens, 1941	378 75	
Tax Liens, 1942	302 85	
Tax Liens, 1943	173 82	
Tax Liens, 1944	161 70	1,969 42
Due, State Poor Account	31 53	31 53
Due, Town of Buckfield, Poor	665 34	665 34
Due, State Treasurer, Bear Bounty	10 00	10 00
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		\$30,982 19

Liabilities

none

BALANCE SHEET

	Overdraft	Unexpended
Miscellaneous Account	-----	\$429 45
Town Officers' Bills	\$ 93	-----
Fire Department	-----	85 20
Sewers	-----	21 04
Roads and Bridges	1,226 33	-----
Winter Roads	3,030 87	-----
State and State Aid Maintenance	328 10	-----
Tarvia for Roads and Streets	361 65	-----
Third Class Maintenance	149 48	-----
Chevrolet Truck, Body and Plow	40 74	-----
Town Poor	-----	589 39
Motor Vehicle Insurance	-----	8 97
Old Cemeteries	-----	34 50
Interest Account	-----	179 62
Overlay	-----	1,488 12
Supplementary Tax	-----	103 20
Excise Tax Collected	-----	1,890 44
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	\$5,138 10	\$4,829 93
Balance overexpended and carried to surplus		\$308 17

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST F. BISBEE

CARROLL E. ABBOTT

J. CLEVELAND BARTLETT

Selectmen

REPORT OF TREASURER

Cash on hand, January 1, 1945		\$14,347 63
Received:		
W. E. Bartlett, Collector		
1941 Town Taxes	\$3 90	
1942 Town Taxes	3 00	
1943 Town Taxes	99 26	
1944 Town Taxes	3,057 71	
1945 Town Taxes	59,807 61	
1944 Excise Taxes	189 55	
1945 Excise Taxes	1,436 23	
1946 Excise Taxes	264 66	64,861 92
State Treasurer		
Reimbursement,		
account of Harry Brown	\$18 00	
Truck Rental	24 85	
Library Stipend	40 00	
Bear Bounties	40 00	
Dog Licenses Refunded	91 17	
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	102 64	
Snow Removal	590 40	
Pauper Account	1,293 62	
Highway	3,688 49	
Common School Tuition	1,709 20	
State Equalization Fund	2,173 00	
Bank Stock Tax	587 34	
State School Fund	7,055 62	17,414 33
Bethel National Bank, Demand Notes		10,000 00
Newton and Tebbets, Inc.		
Interest on Note	\$13 69	
Principal	991 40	1,005 09
Tax Deeds		
Mrs. Guy Willey		45 22
Interest on Tax Deeds		
Mrs. Guy Willey		\$9 70

Tax Liens

Ames, Ruth Carver	\$77 35	
Berlin City National Bank	66 00	
Coolidge, Almon E.	67 20	
Mason, Pauline D.	91 20	
McInnis, Kenneth	46 25	
Rowe, Herbert R.	279 52	
Willey, Mrs Guy	20 25	\$647 77

Interest on Tax Liens

Ames, Ruth Carver	\$19 72	
Berlin City National Bank	88	
Coolidge, Almon E.	2 02	
McInnis, Kenneth	15 27	
Rowe, Herbert R.	36 23	
Willey, Mrs Guy	11 44	\$85 56

Reimbursement of Costs

\$16 50

Conveyance

Town of Gilead	\$105 00	
Town of Newry	150 00	
Town of Rumford	14 00	
Carrie M. Wight	20 00	289 00

Common School Tuition

Town of Gilead	\$105 00	
Town of Greenwood	288 00	
Town of Newry	276 00	
Town of Rumford	17 50	686 50

School Supplies

Town of Gilead	\$7 27	
Town of Newry	5 75	
Town of Upton	14 25	27 27

Textbooks

Town of Greenwood	\$12 95	
Carrie M. Wight	4 25	17 20

Snow Removal

Oxford County Treasurer	\$435 10	
Town of Gilead	49 70	484 80

Licenses

Bowling Alley, J. B. Chapman	\$10 00	
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Victualers		
W. E. Bosserman	\$1 00	
H. W. Boyker	1 00	
Harold Chamberlin	1 00	
Albert F. Cotton	1 00	
Farwell & Wight	1 00	
Ella G. Hale	1 00	
Hattie E. Hutchinson	1 00	
The Bethel Inn	1 00	
Daisy Kimball & Ivy Philbrook	1 00	
Mary E. Ladd	1 00	
Florice G. Paul	1 00	
Mrs. Mary Philbrick	1 00	
Mrs. Arthur B. Ramsdell	1 00	
Mrs. Mabel Robertson	1 00	
Kathryn D. Thurston	1 00	
Robert S. York	1 00	
Mrs. Percy O. Brinck	1 00	27 00
Sale of Pulpwood		
Oxford Paper Company	\$96 48	
Charles P. Bartlett	214 93	\$311 41
Connecting Sewer		
Dr. S. S. Greenleaf	\$20 00	
Asa Sessions	20 00	40 00
David M. Forbes, Balance remaining in his hands		40
Ruth Hopkins, Inoculations		14 50
Unpaid Checks, 1936 and 1937		11 00
Blanche M. Flint, School Bus Insurance		32 17
Vear Bean, Moving house		40 00
Clayton E. Kendall, Sale of land		75 00
Reserve for Uncollectibles, Pauline D. Mason		71 74
Town Employees, Withholding Tax		2,298 65
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		\$112,860 36
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Paid Warrants, Nos. 1 to 52, inclusive	\$90,919 34	
Cash on hand, January 1, 1946	21,941 02	
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		\$112,860 36

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
J. CLEVELAND BARTLETT

Selectmen of Bethel



STATE OF MAINE
State Department of Audit
Augusta

January 7, 1946

Board of Selectmen
Bethel,
Maine

Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944 and at your request, the records of the town of Bethel have been audited by Auditors M. G. Allen and C. G. Spofford for the period December 31, 1943 to December 31, 1944.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the result discloses that the financial transactions of your town have been satisfactorily handled.

Comments and schedules are incorporated in this report which may prove of interest to you. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

Fred M. Berry

State Auditor

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COMMENTS

Re: Audit of the town of Bethel
December 31, 1943 to December 31, 1944

The 1944 tax commitment was found to be in agreement with the Assessors' records.

The balance due from the Collector is represented by a list of unpaid taxes taken from the records.

The excise tax collections were checked to the copies of the receipts.

As far as could be ascertained, all receipts were recorded and the cash deposited in the bank.

Expenditures were made by check from properly authorized warrants, supported by invoices and payrolls on file.

The cash balance was reconciled with the bank.

Payments were recorded as received on tax liens and deeds were found to have been applied against the proper items.

The records of the Town Clerk were examined and appeared to be in proper order.

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

The trust fund investments were examined and all income withdrawn appeared to have been properly expended. The balance was left on deposit. The interest on the School Fund has not been turned over to the schools for several years.

Verifications to the extent deemed necessary were made of the asset accounts.

TOWN OF BETHEL
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1944

	CREDITS					CHARGES		BALANCES	
	From 1943 Year	Approp- riations	Depart- mental Receipts	Other	TOTAL	Cash Disburse- ments	Other	LAPSED Over- draft	To Unex- pected Year
GENERAL GOVERNMENT									
Town Officers		\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00	\$3,958.92			\$41.08
Bonds - Treasurer, Collector		55.00			55.00	55.00			
Miscellaneous		1,900.00	\$882.93		2,782.93	2,462.14	\$258.44		62.35
		\$5,955.00	\$882.93		6,837.93	6,476.06	258.44		103.43
PROTECTION									
Fire Department		\$500.00	\$625.00		1,125.00	2,157.91		\$1,032.91	
Street Lights				\$258.44	258.44	258.44			
Civilian Defense	\$667.67				667.67	270.43			\$397.24
Fire Hose						838.90			—838.90
	\$667.67	\$500.00	\$625.00	258.44	2,051.11	3,525.68		1,032.91	—441.66

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Public Health Work	100.00		100.00	100.00	
School Physician	100.00		100.00	100.00	
Sewers	250.00	60.00	310.00	328.53	18.53
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	\$450.00	\$60.00	510.00	528.53	18.53

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Roads and Bridges	3,000.00	1,360.72	112.56	4,473.28	4,939.48		466.20		
Winter Roads	3,000.00	4,560.48		7,560.48	8,595.78		1,035.30		
State Aid Road Const.	999.00			999.00					999.00
Third Class Road Maint.	925.00	5.00		930.00	816.02	112.56		1.42	
Highway Patrol	1,130.00			1,130.00	1,286.10		156.10		
Tarvia	700.00			700.00	838.07		138.07		
Snow Equipment					1,567.78				—1,567.78
Damage - Tyler St. Ext.	151.00			151.00	151.00				
Construction - Tyler St. Ext.	250.00			250.00					250.00
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	\$999.00	\$9,156.00	\$5,926.20	\$112.56	\$16,193.76	\$18,194.23	\$112.56	\$1,795.67	\$1.42 - \$318.78

	CREDITS				CHARGES		BALANCES		
	From	Approp- riations	Depart- mental Receipts	Oth er	TOTAL	Cash	Over- draft	Unex- pended	To
	1943 Year					Disburse- ments			1945 Year
	(Ex. A)	(Ex. C)	(Ex. B)			(Ex. B)	(Ex. E)	(Ex.E)	(Ex. A,
CHARITIES									
Poor - Town		\$3,000.00			\$3,000.00	\$2,066.54		\$933.46	
Other Towns			\$221.00	\$195.97	416.97	416.97			
State			673.24	691.18	1,364.42	1,364.42			
		3,000.00	894.24	887.15	4,781.39	3,847.93		933.46	
EDUCATION									
Common Schools	2,531.06	12,500.00	8,748.93		23,779.99	20,651.66			\$3,128.33
High School Tuition	406.10	9,000.00	1,000.00		10,406.10	9,788.10			618.00
School Supplies	229.17	724.00	209.18		1,162.35	899.03			263.32
Textbooks	205.67	400.00	531.69		1,137.36	928.04			209.32
Repairs	240.02	300.00	4.35		544.37	489.33			55.04
Insurance	15.00	200.00			215.00	198.75			16.25
Salary of Supt.	-41.65	741.65			700.00	679.11			20.89
	3,585.37	23,865.65	10,494.15		37,945.17	33,634.02			4,311.15

LIBRARY										
Maintenance and Books	400.00	40.00		440.00	440.00					
UNCLASSIFIED										
Cutting Timber on Town Farm	462.23			462.23	221.00				241.23	
Memorial Day	50.00			50.00	50.00					
Bethel Band	200.00			200.00					200.00	
Motor Vehicle Insurance	150.00	32.13		182.13	143.74			38.39		
Abatements	-172.64	172.64				318.69				-\$318.69
	289.59	572.64	32.13	894.36	414.74	318.69		38.39	122.54	
CEMETERIES										
Maintenance	75.00	5.00		80.00	40.00			40.00		
INTEREST										
General	300.00	416.45		716.45	211.11			505.34		
SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS										
State Tax	9,607.38			9,607.38	9,607.38					
County Tax	3,443.38			3,443.38	3,443.38					
	13,050.76			13,050.76	13,050.76					
TOTALS	\$5,541.63	\$57,325.05	\$19,376.10	\$1,258.15	\$83,500.93	\$80,363.06	\$689.69	\$2,847.11	\$1,622.04	\$3,673.25

TOWN OF BETHEL COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

		ASSETS	
		Dec. 31, 1944	Dec. 31, 1943
GENERAL FUND			
Cash (Schedule A-1)		\$14,347.63	\$8,970.24
Tax Accounts:			
Taxes (Schedule A-2)	\$4,668.74		\$6,428.82
Tax Liens			
(Schedule A-3)	2,450.73		3,181.19
Tax Deeds			
(Schedule A-4)	2,079.39		2,970.78
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		9,198.86	12,580.79
Less:			
Reserve for losses	1,766.97		1,827.92
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		7,431.89	10,752.87
Accounts Receivable			
(Schedule A-5)		949.77	758.53
Mortgage Receivable			
(Schedule A-6)		991.40	1,993.35
		<hr/>	<hr/>
TOTAL GENERAL FUND	23,720.69		22,474.99
TRUST FUNDS			
Cash-Time Deposits			
(Schedule A-7)		4,622.74	4,492.06
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TOTAL ASSETS		\$28,343.43	\$26,967.05
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LIABILITIES			
GENERAL FUND			
Accounts Payable		\$.01	\$49.20
Unexpended Appropriations			
Exhibit D)		3,673.25	5,541.63
Surplus (Exhibit E)		20,047.43	16,884.16
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TOTAL General Fund	23,720.69		22,474.99
TRUST FUNDS			
		4,622.74	4,492.06
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TOTAL LIABILITIES		\$28,343.43	\$26,967.05
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TOWN OF BETHEL
ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN NET SURPLUS — Exhibit E
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1944

Net Surplus - December 31, 1943		\$16,884.16
Transactions affecting current year:		
Operating Accounts		
Charge - Departmental Balances:		
Overdraft (Exhibit D)	\$2,847.11	
Unexpended (Exhibit D)	1,622.04	
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	\$1,225.07	
Credits		
Overlay (Exhibit C)	\$2,321.27	
Supplemental Taxes	88.14	
Excise Tax		
(Exhibit B)	1,978.93	
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	\$4,388.34	
NET CREDITS FOR CURRENT YEAR		<hr/> \$3,163.27
NET SURPLUS - December 31, 1944 (Ex. A)		<hr/> <hr/> \$20,047.43

The complete report of the audit, as required by Chapter 80, Section 119, Revised Statutes of 1944, and amended by Chapter 84, Public Laws of 1945, is on file in the office of the Selectmen.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of Bethel:

The war is over but new problems are being added to those of the duration in the successful operation of the schools of our country. It is predicted by those intimately acquainted with the situation that the teacher shortage in the elementary schools will be a critical problem for some years yet despite the remark so frequently heard that "plenty of teachers will be available next year." The fact remains that not enough students are enrolled in our State Teachers' Colleges and Normal Schools to fill the normal number of vacancies of pre-war days. The enrollment of girls in teacher training institutions already shows a slight increase but these young women will not be ready for teaching until they complete their courses of three or four years. Many patriotic women who have been helping out in this emergency are already feeling a "let down" in their responsibilities and wish to give up their school duties. Unfortunately there are no teachers to replace these and others who for one reason or another will leave the school room.

Every city, town and hamlet will have its problems to meet. People are leaving the strictly rural communities. This tends to disrupt the well-organized rural school and results in the overcrowding of schools in the cities, towns and villages. The Bethel union is an example of this condition. In some of the sparsely settled areas there are hardly enough children to maintain an interesting school while the more thickly settled areas will soon be crowded. If your superintendent is correct in her vision of the future, it is not too early to begin to give the housing problem for Bethel schools serious consideration.

Bethel has again been fortunate in having its schools in session without loss of time for lack of teachers. Our town was fortunate in having only two changes in its teaching force. Mr. Charles Chapman of Farmington is Principal of the Grammar School. Mr. Chapman is proving successful in

arousing an interest in sports among the boys. Miss Ruth Bradeen of Old Orchard succeeds Mrs Mary Billings at the West Bethel Primary. The teachers of previous years continue their loyal and efficient services. Bethel is truly blessed in having so many good local teachers.

The East and West Bethel schools have maintained only one room this year. At present it seems necessary to reopen the upper room at East Bethel next September. The condition at West Bethel is such that at present it seems probable that the village schools can care for a sufficient number from this school so that only the primary room need be maintained.

The conveyance arrangements have been in general the same as last year and appear to have been satisfactory.

Mr. Harry Sawin, our faithful janitor in the village schools, is as usual contributing to the comfort and happiness of the pupils. Our citizens are not unmindful of his versatile ability in caring for the buildings.

We would again express our appreciation to Gould Academy for its splendid cooperation shown in a variety of ways. All the seventh and eighth grade pupils of the town are privileged to continue to have instruction in music and physical education at the Academy. The use of the Gould gymnasium for the grammar school basketball practice is gratefully appreciated as is its use for entertainments and other gatherings for the grammar school pupils. The various contacts which the public schools have with the Academy paves the way for easier adjustments and better work when they enter Gould. It is the opinion of the superintending school committee and superintendent that the town is a small but tangible way should again express its appreciation to the Academy and to its teachers under whom our pupils are privileged to work. This service, freely given, should be recognized.

The attendance record for the year 1945 was excellent. With very few exceptions absences have been excusable.

The school lunch program was carried on successfully during the winter months in all the schools. The cooperation of parents and citizens in this project is worthy of note. In the village schools more than one hundred pupils were served a hot dish at noon under the sponsorship of the Parent Teacher Association. The number served in the outlying

schools includes as many when compared with the enrollment.

The health program carried on in 1945 proved helpful to a number of pupils in having defects corrected. The resignation of Mrs Ruth Hopkins as our public health nurse is a distinct loss to the health interests of our different communities.

The school budget requires more than the usual consideration because of changes in State funds. The balance which appears on the common school account seems large until one understands the conditions which have resulted in this larger balance. This account was increased under the legislation of 1945 whereby the Town of Bethel received an allocation of approximately \$2100 designed for increase in teachers' wages for the school year 1945-46. It is therefore true that with the closing of the books on December 31, 1945, considerably less than half of this money has been used. The same thing is true of Bethel's allocation of \$2173 from the equalization fund to be used during the school year. In general, with the closing of the books in December the balances are not so large when so much of the resources for the school year are unexpended. By the time when new appropriations will be available this balance will be reduced over \$4000.

Unfortunately for the town the school money available from the State funds for the next school year will be considerably less. This is in large measure due to the fact that because of the increase in the average school tax rate Bethel is not eligible to share in the equalization fund. In order to share in this fund a town's school tax rate must be above the average of the State and Bethel's rate this year was slightly below the average, thus eliminating Bethel's sharing in this fund, as it has for the past five years.

Because of the above facts, it is evident that the common school budget should be increased, not only to insure the successful maintenance of our schools the coming year but to place the town in a position where it will hope to be eligible for an allotment from the equalization fund. It is with these thoughts in mind that your superintending school committee has given much thought in making their recommendations for the appropriation.

The repair work of the past year included the refinish-

ing of the interior of the South Bethel building and of the primary room at West Bethel. Some additional work was done to improve the playground at the Bethel Grammar school. The work done on this playground during the past two years has resulted in a decided improvement. The posts have been purchased for fencing the East Bethel lot but it has seemed impossible to get the work done.

The repairs for the coming year should include extensive repairs in the plumbing at the grammar school, some improvement on the toilet facilities at West Bethel and the improvement of the water system at East Bethel.

The increased recommendation for the repair account is to provide for the installation of oil heaters in the outlying schools. In these modern days of heating it should not be necessary to subject the teachers and pupils in our rural schools to the discomforts of the winter mornings of a generation ago. It is believed that after the heaters are installed the expense for fuel will be little different from that of the present while the value received will be much greater.

Once more I wish to say thank you to all those who directly or indirectly have given me loyal support and encouragement in my work of directing our schools.

Respectfully submitted,

CARRIE M. WIGHT

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL STATISTICS

School Census		520
Number of pupils enrolled, present school year:		
Grade 8	37	
Grade 7	39	
Grade 6	43	
Grade 5	49	
Grade 4	44	
Grade 3	37	
Grade 2	37	
Grade 1	39	
Sub-Primary	38	363

Number of teaching positions during the year	11
Average salary of teachers	\$33.92
Village Janitor's average salary	\$28.73
Rural janitors' average salary	\$2.00
Number of conveyed pupils	129
Number of common school tuition pupils	4
Number of pupils graduated from grammar school	34
Number of pupils registered in secondary schools during the year	126
Number of pupils graduated from secondary schools	17
Number of secondary pupils enrolled, present school year:	
Seniors	29
Juniors	22
Sophomores	18
Freshmen	33
	102

SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR YEAR 1946

Common School Fund	\$16,300
High School Tuition	9,000
Textbooks	500
Supplies	824
Repairs	700
Insurance	198 75
School Physician	100
Superintendent	700

Signed:

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

Superintending School Committee
of Town of Bethel

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Expenditures

Teachers

Ethel Bisbee	\$1,258 80	
Maxine Brown	1,117 77	
Blanche Howe	1,152 60	
Alice Ballard	1,117 77	
Ruth Hastings	1,176 60	
Helen Varner	1,157 77	
Elmira Doyen	618 45	
Gwendolyn Stearns	1,215 60	
Helen Newmarker	1,097 82	
Mary Billings	630 00	
Ethel Ward	1,126 80	
Charles Chapman	684 00	
Ruth Bradeen	471 96	
Florence Hastings	20 00	
Annie Gordon	4 00	
Marguerite Clark	8 00	
Mrs. Carroll Abbott	6 00	
Mrs. Bertha Mills	18 00	
Gould Academy	300 00	
Treasurer of State of Maine (Teacher Retirement Association)	399 66	
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		\$13,581 60

Janitors

Harry Sawin	\$1,515 07	
Richard Rolfe	42 00	
Leonard Lovejoy	22 00	
Warren Hastings	72 00	
Ethel Ward	20 00	
Burton Rolfe	32 00	
Carrie M. Wight	11 00	
H. B. Lowell	10 00	
Fred Cole	30 00	
Frank Brooks	3 00	
Leslie Noyes	3 00	
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		\$1,760 07

Conveyance

Blanche Flint	\$1,333 00
Mrs. Jorgen Olson	720 00
John Deegan	165 00
Gard Bennett	1,008 00
L. C. Stevens	648 00
Karl Stearns	174 00
Roderick McMillin	534 10
Vear Bean	85 30
Treasurer of State of Maine	198 00

 \$4,865 40
Fuel

Bethel Feed & Grain Company	\$32 50
Richard Rolfe	2 00
Ralph Berry	27 00
Ernest Bisbee	706 10
P. H. Chadbourne	64 00
Henry Westleigh	139 50
Jorgen Olson	85 00

 \$1,056 10
Common School Tuition

Town of Woodstock	\$111 00
Town of Greenwood	36 00

 \$147 00
SUMMARY OF COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT**Resources**

Balance January 1, 1945	\$ 3,128.33
Appropriation	13,300.00
State Fund	6,180.62
Equalization Fund	1,500 00
Common School Tuition	2,378 20
Rec'd for conveyance	275 00
Refund on Common School Tuition	17 50
Refund on Conveyance	14 00

 \$26,793 65

Expenditures

Teachers	\$13,581 60	
Janitors	1,760 07	
Conveyance	4,865 40	
Fuel	1,056 10	
Common School Tuition	147 00	
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		\$21,410 17
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Balance December 31, 1945		\$5,383 48

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION**Resources**

Balance January 1, 1945	\$618 00	
State Fund	875 00	
Appropriation	9,000 00	
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		\$10,493 00

Expenditures

Gould Academy	\$9,358 00	
Town of Woodstock	59 00	
Rumford School Department	61 09	
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		9,478 09
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Balance		\$1014 91

TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1945	\$123 93	
Appropriation	500 00	
State Equalization Fund	250 00	
Rec'd for books sold	17 20	
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		\$891 13

Expenditures

Houghton Mifflin Company	1 05	
Edward E. Babb and Co., Inc.	6 92	
The Macmillan Company	94 21	

Webster Publishing Company	13 36	
Scott, Foresman and Company	32 23	
American Book Company	183 98	
Allyn and Bacon	15 06	
Silver Burdett Company	57 64	
Hall and McCreary	33 36	
Educators Progress Service	3 50	
Ginn and Company	139 77	
Harcourt, Brace and Company	54 77	
Morgan-Dillon Company	5 23	
Laidlaw Brothers	27 87	
The Arlo Publishing Company	6 22	
The House of Little Books	9 20	
Edith Frost, Grade Teacher Agent	6 00	
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		690 37
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Balance		\$200 76

LIBRARY AND REFERENCE MATERIAL

Balance January 1, 1945	\$ 85 39	
State Equalization Fund	250 00	
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		\$335 39
Expenditures		
American Education Press	\$114 05	
A. S. Barnes and Company	5 56	
D. C. Heath and Company	61 40	
The Fred L. Tower Companies	5 00	
The Book Supply Company	109 89	
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		\$295 90
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Balance		\$39 49

SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1945	\$263 32
Appropriation	824 00
Equalization	173 00

Rec'd for Supplies sold	27 27
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\$1,287 59

Expenditures

The Van Tel. & Tel. Company	\$64 68
Central Maine Power Company	96 15
Bethel Water Company	200 00
Bennett's Garage	20 00
Loring, Short and Harmon	127 88
Comtois School of Music	5 00
Ray E. Crockett	2 75
The National Survey	2 63
M. F. Bragdon Paint Company	95 85
Berry Paper Company	16 67
Edward E. Babb and Company	36 52
Silver Burdett Company	14 46
McCormick-Mathers Publishing Company	39 60
John C. Winston Company	2 08
Gledhill Brothers	64 03
J. L. Hammett Company	83 85
Bigelow Printing Company	5 75
Denoyer-Geppert Company	10 80
Bethel Feed and Grain Company	59
D. Grover Brooks	15 70
The Bethel Citizen	16 63
Carrie M. Wight	33 50
The Papercrafters	16 55
The Fred L. Tower Companies	8 00
The Raymond A. Hoffman Company	9 23
Howard & Brown	5 84
World Book Company	11 82
Ginn and Company	12 03
Town of Gilead	21 81

1,040 40

Balance

\$ 247 19

REPAIR ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1945	\$55 04
Appropriation	600 00

\$655 04

Expenditures

D. Grover Brooks	\$62 77	
Bethel Feed and Grain Company	23 67	
Fred J. Smith	12 82	
William C. Chapman 2nd	40 00	
S. H. Browne	69 65	
Harvey E. Powers	1 00	
Theodore Young	17 50	
Fred MacKenzie	13 65	
Herbert Lyon	17 50	
Elmer Bennett	13 95	
Janet Kimball	8 00	
Leslie E. Corbett	4 00	
John Korhonen	50 00	
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		3,344 51
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Balance		\$320 53

INSURANCE

Balance January 1, 1945	\$ 16 25	
Appropriation	182 50	
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		\$198 75
Paid W. E. Bartlett		\$198 75
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SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Balance January 1, 1945	\$20 89	
Appropriation	650 00	
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		\$670 89
Paid Carrie M. Wight		670 85
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Balance		\$ 04

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Appropriation	\$100 00
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VITAL STATISTICS

In view of Chap. 320 of the Public Laws of 1945 I have not published the marriages and births in our annual Town report.

30 marriages; 31 births; 44 deaths.

DEATHS

Jan. 21, In Bethel, Maine Jennie Anna Bosserman, age 80 yrs., 2 mos., 2 days. Birthplace, West Paris.

Jan. 18, In Bethel, Maine, Grace Eagle Stearns, age 53 yrs., 3 mos., 13 days. Birthplace, Newry.

Jan. 23, In Albany Twp., Clara A. Newcomb, age 72 yrs. Birthplace, Stoneham, Maine.

Jan. 24, In Watertown, Mass., Jessie B. Johnson, age 57 yrs. Cause of death, coronary sclerosis.

Feb. 6, In Bangor, Maine, Gladys Wiley McClure, age 58 yrs., 8 mos., 14 days. Birthplace, Bethel.

Feb. 12, In Bethel, Maine, Jean Francis Richard, age 59 yrs.

Feb. 20, In Albany, Twp., James Fields, age 87 yrs., 6 mos., 1 day.

Feb. 26, In Bethel, Maine, Clarence William Hall, age 85 yrs., 12 days.

March 5, In Bethel, Maine, Cornelia Wheeler, age 65 yrs., 11 mos., 19 days.

Mar. 8, In Lewiston, Maine, Eva Chapman of Bethel, age 51 yrs., 2 mos., 19 days.

Apr. 5, In Portland, Elbridge Frank Benson, age 77 yrs., 6 mos., 15 days.

Apr. 9, In Greenwood, Hannah Elizabeth Harrington, age 88 yrs., 2 mos., 10 days.

Apr. 18, In Auburn, Harold Kessell, age 62 yrs., 1 mos., 7 days. Burial at West Bethel.

Apr. 22, In North Newry, Cora S. Brown, age 72 yrs., 3 mos., 19 days.

Apr. 25, In Farmington, Maine, Annie Riggs Craig of Bethel, age 79 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days.

Apr. 26, In Bethel, Abraham Reed Merrill, age 93 yrs., 3 mos., 16 days.

Apr. 29, In Bethel, Maine, Erlin Webster Dutton, age 84 yrs., 10 mos., 12 days.

May 2, In Newry, Charles Wade Robertson, age 68 yrs., 5 mos., 5 days.

May 3, In Bethel, Maine, Nellie L. Doane, age 82 yrs., 1 mo., 11 days.

May 6, In Bath, Maine, Gard Goddard, formerly of Bethel, age 49 yrs., 11 mos., 7 days.

May 7, In Portland, Maine, Annie M. Young, age 88 yrs, 11 mos., 20 days.

May 8, In Lewiston, Maine, Eben G. Eveleth, age 87 yrs., 28 days. Birthplace, Bethel.

May 24, In "C2" Township, Edgar A. Herrick of Bethel, Maine, age 79 yrs., 6 mos., 27 days.

June 10, In West Bethel, Maine, Archie John Hutchinson, age 76 yrs., 4 days.

July 7, In Lewiston, Mary Estes, age 81 yrs., 5 mos., 29 days. Birthplace, Bethel.

July 13, In Bethel, Maine, George I. Gaudet, age 65 yrs., 3 mos., 9 days.

July 31, In Gilead, Maine, Metilda Poole Clifford, age 78 yrs., 5 mos., 8 days.

Aug. 6, In Rumford, Maine, Asenath L. Parker, age 69 yrs., 11 mos., 29 days.

Aug. 16, In "C" Township, David Dwight Carpenter of Florida.

Aug. 14, In Pittston, Maine, Frank E Murphy of Albany, Maine, age 59 yrs., 8 mos., 21 days.

Aug. 7, In Mercer, Maine, Mary Lougere Jordan, age 88 yrs., 1 mo. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine.

Sept. 18, In Albany, William A. Hobson, age 77 yrs., 5 mos., 14 days.

Oct. 27, In Togus, Maine, Frank Elmer Stevens of Bethel, Maine, age 81 yrs., 5 mos., 27 days.

Oct. 25, In Bridgton, Maine, Elden Cyrus Mills, formerly of West Bethel, age 87 yrs., 10 mos., 15 days..

Nov. 1, In Rumford, Maine, Susie A. Plaisted, age 62 yrs., 2 mos., 14 days.

Nov. 4, In Bethel, Maine, Benjamin Webber Kimball, age 84 yrs., 4 mos., 23 days.

Nov. 7, In Bethel, Edwin H. Smith, age 83 yrs., 4 mos.

Nov. 8, In Rumford, Maine, Burchard Jesse Russell age 68 yrs., 1 day.

Nov. 8, In Boston, Mass., Ethel S. Brooks, age 62 yrs., 6 mos., 24 days. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine.

Nov. 22, In Bethel, Maine, Bertha G. Valentine, age 77 yrs., 11 mos., 27 days.

Dec. 4, In Bethel, Maine, Louise M. Foster, age 50 yrs., 2 mos., 9 days.

Dec. 1, In Augusta, Maine, Jennie H. Guilmett. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine, Age 60 yrs., 7 mos, 27 days.

Dec. 1, In Rumford, Maine, Robert Tate Percy, age 84 yrs., 7 mos., 22 days. Burial at Bethel.

Dec. 29, In Lockes Mills, Maine Charles L. Smith.

Respectfully submitted

ALICE J. BROOKS

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL 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 fourth of March, A. D. 1946, at nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on the following articles, to wit:

The Polls will be 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 the report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, Collector, Superintendent of Schools, Road Commissioner, Clerk and other town officers.

Art. 3. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the various town officers for the ensuing year.

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, 1946.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to reopen the school in the upper grade room at East Bethel on recommendation of the superintending school committee.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen and Superintending School Committee to sell the Middle Intervale School building.

Art. 16. 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. 17. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs of Roads and Bridges.

Art. 18. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Winter Maintenance of Roads.

Art. 19. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Bituminous Surfacing of Roads and Streets.

Art. 20. To see what sum the Town will 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 provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chap. 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.

Art. 21. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for joint expense for maintenance on State and State Aid Highways as provided by law.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$925. for the Maintenance of the Third Class Roads as required by law in Section 52, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes 1944.

Art. 23. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of sewers.

Art. 24. To see if the Town will vote to have the Moderator appoint a committee of two to work with the Selectmen in investigating the necessary requirements and estimate the cost of constructing a sewer at West Bethel, the committee to report at a later Town meeting..

Art. 25. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for support of poor.

Art. 26. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' bills.

Art. 27. 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. 28. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for building a new sidewalk after raising the grade thereof, extending from the northerly end of the more recently constructed concrete sidewalk on the westerly side of Main Street in said Bethel to a point opposite the building now occupied by the First National Store.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money, if any, the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the construction of sidewalks and install suitable surface drains if necessary.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Memorial Day observance.

Art. 31. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Treasurer's Bond.

Art. 32. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Collector's Bond.

Art. 33. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for expense of fire pumper and fires.

Art. 34. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended for care of old cemeteries.

Art. 35. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 36. 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. 37. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to care for the interest on notes and temporary loans.

Art. 38. 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. 39. To see if the Town will vote to remove the snow from business and other congested sections, both from streets and sidewalks.

Art. 40. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for tractor, plow and loader equipment to remove snow as voted in Article 39 or provide other suitable means.

Art. 41. 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. 42. 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 or sums of money, not exceeding \$50,000.00, 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. 43. 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. 44. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00), more or less, to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to discontinue that part of Summer Street, so known, in Bethel Village, which extends from its point of intersection with Elm Street to the point of its intersection with Church Street.

Art. 46. To see if the Town will authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of 12 to be known as the Budget Committee.

Art. 47. To choose any committee, hear any report of any and act thereon.

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.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session in the Selectmen's Office on Monday, March 4th, 1946 for the purpose of correcting the list of voters from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until time for the polls to close.

Given under our hands this 16th day of February, A. D.
1946.

ERNEST F. BISBEE
CARROLL E. ABBOTT
JAMES C. BARTLETT
Selectmen of Bethel

1945 BUDGET COMMITTEE

Fred F. Bean, Fritz J. Tyler, Robert D. Hastings, Hugh D. Thurston, Harry N. Head, Guy Bartlett, Carl L. Brown, Philip H. Chadbourne, Fred L. Edwards, Adrian L. Grover, Elmer C. Allen, Elmer A. Trask.

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