

1949

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# BETHEL, MAINE

*Reports of Municipal Officers*

1948

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Bethel

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31

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The Oxford County Citizen

Bethel, Maine

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## TOWN OFFICERS

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### 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

DONALD M. CHRISTIE

### Superintending School Committee

MARGUERITE C. BARTLETT      STANLEY L. BROWN  
EARL A. DAVIS

### School Physician and Health Officer

WIDD B. TWADDLE, M. D.

### Sealer of Weights and Measures

ELMER E. BENNETT

### Weigher, Town Scales

ALBERT BUCK

### Fire Ward

LLOYD E. LUXTON (Resigned)  
ROBERT M. BLAKE

### Moderator

GERRY L. BROOKS

### Constables

WALTER E. BARTLETT              LESLIE E. DAVIS  
RODERICK S. McMILLIN      GEORGE H. HAMMOND  
ROBERT S. YORK

### Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

DURWARD H. MASON  
HUGH D. THURSTON

LESLIE E. DAVIS  
GUY PRATT

# ANNUAL REPORT

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Valuation of Property and number of Polls as taken April 1st, 1948:

## Valuation of Real Estate

Resident Owners	\$1,008,340 00	
Non-Resident Owners	156,270 00	
Total Value of Real Estate		\$1,164,610 00

## Valuation of Personal Estate

Resident Owners	\$ 293,597 00	
Non-Resident Owners	83,375 00	
Total Value of Personal Estate		376,972 00

Grand Total of Real and Personal Estate		\$1,541,582 00
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Total Value of Land	\$476,010 00	
Total Value of Buildings	688,600 00	
Increase in Valuation over 1947	12,572 00	
Rate of Taxation	.064	
Poll Tax Rate	\$3 00	
Number of Polls Taxed	649	
Number of Polls Not Taxed	88	
Percentage Paid Tax Collector	.011½	
Collecting Excise Tax	.15	

## ASSESSMENTS FOR 1948

	1948	1947
For State Tax	\$9,619 30	\$9,619 30
County Tax	4,110 60	4,110 60
Miscellaneous Account	2,000 00	2,000 00

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Town Officers' Bills	4,700 00	4,700 00
Treasurer's Bond	35 00	35 00
Collector's Bond	20 00	20 00
Fire Department	900 00	500 00
Fire Hose	500 00	
Fire Truck	1,000 00	
Public Health Work	100 00	100 00
Sewers	500 00	500 00
Street Lighting	265 00	269 80
Roads and Bridges	4,000 00	3,400 00
Winter Roads	5,000 00	3,500 00
State and State Aid Maintenance	1,612 10	1,612 10
Third Class Maintenance	1,000 00	1,425 00
Tarvia for Roads and Streets	3,000 00	2,000 00
State Aid Construction	1,098 00	1,098 00
Third Class Reconstruction	4,000 00	
Sidewalk Construction Main Street	500 00	800 00
Snow Removal, Sidewalks	400 00	500 00
Support of Poor	3,000 00	2,500 00
Town Garage Building	2,000 00	2,000 00
School Maintenance	38,000 00	28,600 00
School Repairs	1,900 00	700 00
School Insurance	383 44	198 75
Supt. of Schools & Office Expense	1,500 00	1,125 00
School Physician	100 00	100 00
Primary School Addition	5,000 00	5,000 00
School Lunch Room	500 00	
Old Cemeteries	75 00	25 00
Bethel Public Library	600 00	600 00
Memorial Day Observance	72 00	50 00
Motor Vehicle Insurance	300 00	225 00
State of Maine Publicity Bureau	100 00	100 00
Bethel Chamber of Commerce	200 00	225 00
Dry Hydrant, West Bethel	800 00	
Interest on Loans	800 00	200 00
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	\$99,690 44	
Overlay	917 81	
	<hr/>	
	\$100,608 25	

## Taxes Assessed as Follows

\$1,541,582.00 Valuation @ .064	\$98,661 25	
649 Polls @ \$3.00	1,947 00	
		\$100,608 25
Excise Tax Collected for 1948	\$6,639 12	
Excise Tax Collected for 1949	509 37	
Supplementary Tax 1947	61 80	
Supplementary Tax 1948	89 20	
		\$7,299 49

## EXTRACT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORT

## Live Stock Taxed

Horses	101	\$9,285 00	
Colts, 2 to 3 years old not draft type	1	50 00	
Steers, Oxen, Bulls and Beef Cattle over 18 months	16	1,670 00	
Milk cows, including heifers that have freshened	439	37,490 00	
Heifers over two years old not yet freshened	52	3,785 00	
Heifers 18 months to 2 years old	78	4,515 00	
Goats	11	55 00	
Domestic Fowl (over 50 in no.)	8,065	4,665 00	
			\$61,515 00

## Exempt Live Stock and Domestic Fowl

Cattle 18 months and young- er	247	\$8,645 00	
Sheep (to 35 in no.)	29	290 00	
Swine (to 10 in no.)	107	1,605 00	
Domestic Fowl (to 50 in no.)	2194	1,272 00	
			\$11,812 00

## All Other Personal Property

Stock in Trade		\$52,675 00
Unmanufactured Materials in Mills		10,025 00
Portable Mills	3	5,000 00
Birch and Hard Wood Bolts		2,190 00
Logs		9,320 00
Lumber		100,292 00
Boats	16	490 00
Gasoline Pumps and Attachments	47	4,720 00
Musical Instruments	135	6,720 00
Radios	570	9,925 00
Furniture (over \$500 in value) including Electrical and other modern appliances		31,800 00
Finished Products in Mills		5,950 00
Tractors (not excised)	39	11,275 00
Machinery and Equipment		43,700 00
Other Property		21,375 00
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		\$315,457 00
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Grand Total of Personal Property		\$376,972 00

## ABATEMENTS, 1948

Annis, Robert E., paid in Gilead	\$ 3 00
Arsenault, Emile, error in assessing	3 00
Austin, Charles M., paid in Portland	3 00
Bennett, Henry S., Heirs of error in assessing	71 75
Billings, Robert E., error in valuation	6 40
Brown, Merton T., error in assessing	3 00
Chapman, Harold L., in U. S. Navy	3 00
Chapman, William, Heirs of error in assessing	6 40
Clapper, Reuben, left State	3 00
Davis, Everett M., paid in Sumner	3 00
Eames, Rodney, error in valuation	128 00
Enman, Leon E., error in assessing	3 20



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Farwell, Althea, Heirs of error in assessing	3 20
Farwell, James N., deceased	3 00
Hanscom, Rodney H., error in valuation	8 00
Hinkley, Richard, receiving compensation from VA	3 00
Haselton, John L., paid in Norway	3 00
Kirk, Robert, veteran of World War I and over age 62	49 60
Littlehale, Lucion J., paid in Scarboro	3 00
Mundt, Malcolm, error in assessing	4 80
Parker, Pearl C., error in assessing	3 00
Poland, Florus, paid in Milton	3 00
Rozek, Rose, error in valuation	19 20
Sessions, Asa, not a resident	3 00
Skillings, W. Albert, error is assessing	3 84
Watson, Robie L., paid in Newport	3 00
Westleigh, James, error in valuation	6 40
Williams, Rodney, receiving compensation from VA	3 00

\$358 79

ABATEMENTS, 1947

Cole, Archie, paid in Greenwood	\$ 3 00
Deschain, Joseph, left Town	3 00
Fuller, Lloyd, paid in Norway	3 00
Newton, Milton, in U. S. Service	3 00
Seacord, Charles R., left State	3 00

\$15 00

ABATEMENTS, 1946

Cox, Fred, cannot find	\$3 00
Patten, Leroy, cannot find	3 00
Stimans, Harold A., left State	3 48

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# 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 August 19, 1948 \$100,608 25  
To Supplementary Taxes 89 20  
To Bills Receivable (Overpaid Town) 20 30

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\$100,717 75

**Cr.**

By Amount paid Town Treasurer \$95,810 22  
By Errors in Valuation and Abatements 358 79  
By Uncollected Taxes 4,548 74

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\$100,717 75

1946 Tax Account  
W. E. Bartlett, Collector

**Dr.**

To Unpaid Taxes January 1st, 1948 \$21 16

**Cr.**

By amount paid Town Treasurer \$11 68  
By Abatements 9 48

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\$21 16

1947 Tax Account  
W. E. Bartlett, Collector

**Dr.**

To Unpaid Taxes January 1st, 1948 \$3,669 22  
To Supplementary Taxes 61 80  
To Bills Receivable (Overpaid Town) 2 80

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\$3,733 82

## Cr.

By Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$3,491 36	
By Tax Liens filed with Town Treasurer	194 40	
By Abatements	15 00	
By Uncollected Taxes	33 06	
		\$3,733 82

## EXCISE TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

## Dr.

To Total Amount Collected	\$7,487 26
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## Cr.

By Amount paid Town Treasurer 1948 Taxes	\$6,639 12	
By Amount paid Town Treasurer 1949 Taxes	509 37	
By Amount paid County Treasurer 1948 Taxes	300 43	
By Amount paid County Treasurer 1949 Taxes	30 09	
By Issuing 55 Receipts to persons in Unorganized Townships	8 25	
		\$7,487 26

## UNPAID TAXES, 1948

Anderson, Roland	\$ 3 00
Bennett, Raymond K.	26 04
Billings, Everett C.	68 80
Brooks, Warren E.	3 00
Brown, Wallace H.	3 00
Brown, Roger	3 00
Bryant, Charles W.	102 20
Curtis, Arthur G.	39 36
Emery, Walter G.	128 96

Forest Products Co.	89 60
Gagne, Clifford	3 00
Harthorne, Marguerite	12 80
Hinkley, Daniel	3 00
Holt, Donald	85 44
Houle, Richard	66 36
Hutchinson, H. Gilman and Hutchinson, Elizabeth P.	31 04
Kimball, Ceylon, Heirs of	128 00
Knight, Charles H.	3 64
Knight, George	3 64
Korhonen, John J.	96 00
Mason, Alfred	22 84
Mason, Charles	11 84
Matherson, Murdo	3 00
Merrill, Freeman W.	25 00
Merrill, Joel F.	20 36
Millett, Leon O.	108 48
Morgan, Gerry C.	5 24
Newell, Harry D.	4 92
Newell, Nellie D.	19 20
Nutting, Harold T., and Saunders, Addison C.	64 00
Olson, Ola	54 20
Olson, Jorgen	190 72
Perkins, Guy P.	52 60
Perkins, Ruby L.	25 60
Philbrick, Mary L.	48 32
Raimey, E. Parker	17 40
Saunders, Elmo	13 44
Spaulding, Lawrence	3 96
Stevens, Freeman	3 00
Sweetser, Henry	3 00
Tibbetts, William G.	7 36
Tyler, Ivy	6 40
Vanasse, Emile	3 00
Verrill, Lenwood	4 80
Verrill, Lewis O.	120 00
Walker, Gerald	3 00
Wermenchuk, Joseph	3 96

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Westleigh, G. Reginald	26 36
Westleigh, Ernest E.	43 00
Wilson, Benjamin	87 80

Non-Resident

Bartlett, Z. Willis	25 60
Chapman, Arthur V.	23 40
Cross, Albert	22 40
Ferris, Joe	9 60
Gagnon, Joseph C.	115 20
MacKenzie, Jack A.	9 60
Stevens, Vera	1 92
Smith Sales Co.	16 00
Collected since Jan. 1, 1949	2,419 34

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\$4,548 74

UNPAID TAXES, 1947

Johnston, Leslie J.	\$3 00
Korhonen, John J.	5 94
Shepard, Roland	3 81
Smith, Charles I.	3 54
Walker, Gerald	3 54
Wardwell, Merrill W.	8 10
Collected since Jan. 1, 1949	5 13

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\$33 06

UNPAID TAXES

L. E. Davis, Collector, 1931, 1932, 1933

Balance due	\$28 39
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# REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

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Appropriation for Care of Poor	\$3,000 00
Amount Expended	4,131 04
	\$1,131 04

## SUMMARY, TOWN RELIEF

<b>Brown, Elsie</b>	
Paid	
Town of Mechanic Falls	\$520 00
<b>Harding, Delmont C.</b>	
Paid	
Town of Millinocket	\$43 45
<b>Hatfield, Herbert H.</b>	
Paid	
Town of Paris	\$43 47
<b>Heath, Claude W.</b>	
Paid	
Town of Gilead	\$78 85
<b>Hobbs, Mrs. Alfred</b>	
Paid	
Town of Lisbon	\$281 50
Hospice Marcotte	104 58
	\$386 08
<b>Kierstead, Flora H.</b>	
Paid	
Willard H. Boynton, M. D.	\$29 25
<b>Leonard, Burton E.</b>	
Paid	
Town of Paris	\$7 79



## Mack, William M.

Paid		
	Town of Norway	\$44 00

## Manning, Hattie G.

Paid		
	Town of Norway	\$ 49 00
	Town of Peru	437 93

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\$486 93

## Martyn, Bessie

Paid		
	Riverside Cemetery	\$20 00

## Mason, Alfred

Paid		
	Groceries	\$139 90
	Clothing	5 25
	Fuel	13 00

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\$158 15

## Mason, William, Two Children of

Paid		
	Town of Mechanic Falls	\$416 64

## McAllister, H. Eugene

Paid		
	Joel Merrill	\$480 00
	S. S. Greenleaf	23 00

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\$503 00

## Veteran, Family No. 1

Paid		
	Town of Fairfield	\$12 00

## Swan, Roscoe A.

Paid		
	Town of Greenwood	\$813 71

## Verrill, Louis O.

Paid		
Groceries		\$50 21

## Veteran, Family No. 2

Paid		
Town of Mechanic Falls		\$352 51

## Care of Tramps

Paid		
Mrs. Carrie Merrill		\$165 00

## POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

Amount Expended		\$170 20
Rec'd from Town of Rumford		8 54
		<hr/>
		\$161 66

## STATE POOR

Amount Expended		\$985 61
		<hr/>
Balance due from State		\$985 61

## SUMMARY, STATE POOR

Paid		
Brown, Charles H.	\$ 84	13
England, Frank H.	15	71
Hart, Arthur C.	191	18
Hickford, Howard F.	19	11
Hinkley, Merle L.	72	20
Hinkley, Richard O.	54	94
Newton, Milton E.	38	66
Rugg, Bertrand W.	402	58
Spaulding, Lawrence H.	8	48
Stone, Isabelle M.	57	95
Stone, Grace H.	38	43
Tripp, Mrs. Luther L.	2	24
		<hr/>
		\$985 61

# REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

## ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$4,000 00	
Rec'd		
Special Resolve Account	27 00	
Town Road Improvement Account	136 50	
Labor Laying Private Sewers	71 00	
State Treasurer, Labor	13 00	
County of Oxford, Labor	22 50	
Labor on Driveways	422 30	
State Aid Construction, Culverts	200 51	
		\$4,892 81
	<b>Expended</b>	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$2,538 34	
Town Trucks Rental	1,130 60	
Lumber	464 05	
Supplies	264 42	
Calcium Chloride	110 00	
Repairs on Road Machine and Equipment	44 00	
Bulldozer Rental	121 00	
Cold Patch Mix	68 75	
Shovel Rental	244 00	
Gravel	74 20	
		\$5,059 36
Overdrawn		\$166 55
and There remains on hand and available for 1949 for Roads and Bridges		
5 Drums - 275 gal. - Cold Patch Mix		\$68 75
650 gal. Tarvia		115 38
1 15 inch x 36 ft. Culvert and 1 Coupling		64 75

## WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$5,000 00	
Rec'd		
County of Oxford, plowing and sanding, Albany	136 43	
County of Oxford, plowing and sanding, Mason	422 04	
County of Oxford, plowing and sanding, Gilead	1,001 60	
State Treasurer, plowing and sanding	3,789 70	
		<u>\$10,349 77</u>
	<b>Expended</b>	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$4,398 26	
Town Trucks Rental	4,473 45	
Supplies	195 42	
Expense of Tractor	676 45	
Plowing Milton and Gore Road	296 72	
State Treas. State Highway plowing and sanding	609 20	
Shovel Rental	93 00	
Bulldozer Rental	55 00	
Sand	62 50	
Salt	13 80	
		<u>\$10,873 80</u>
Overdrawn		\$524 03

## STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$1,098 00	
Due from State Treasurer	1,740 74	
		<u>\$2,838 74</u>
	<b>Expended</b>	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$722 59	
Trucks Rental	516 40	

Shovel Rental	664 90	
Compressor Rental	120 00	
Bulldozer Rental	105 00	
Dynamite	48 53	
204 yds. Sand	20 40	
1112 yds. Gravel	111 20	
3665 gal. Tarvia	650 53	
Culverts	200 51	
		<u>\$3,160 06</u>
Overdrawn		<u>\$321 32</u>

## STATE AND STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$1,612 10	
Paid		
State Treasurer	1,758 50	
		<u>\$146 40</u>

THIRD CLASS RECONSTRUCTION FROM ROUTE 26  
TO HAROLD STANLEY'S About 1½ miles

Appropriation	\$4,000 00	
Loan to be paid in 1949	4,000 00	
Loan to be paid in 1950	4,000 00	
		<u>\$12,000 00</u>
	<b>Expended</b>	
Paid		
Labor payrolls	\$2,234 11	
Trucks Rental	2,884 25	
10,008 yds. Gravel	1,000 80	
324 yds. Sand	32 40	
9059 gal. Tarvia	1,607 97	
Supplies	8 20	
Shovel Rental	1,762 90	
Dynamite	15 78	
Bulldozer	764 00	

Culverts	547 33	
Compressor Rental	12 15	
	<hr/>	\$10,869 89
Unexpended		<hr/> \$1,130 11

### THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE AND IMPROVEMENT

#### MIDDLE INTERVALE About 3 miles

Appropriation	\$1,000 00	
Loan to be paid in 1949	1,000 00	
Loan to be paid in 1950	1,000 00	
Due from State Treasurer	42 77	
	<hr/>	\$3,042 77
	<b>Expended</b>	
<b>Paid</b>		
Labor Payrolls	\$ 543 61	
Trucks Rental	335 35	
Tarvia	1,645 35	
519 yds. Sand	51 90	
Supplies	65	
Shovel Rental	134 20	
Tar for Cold Patch	53 25	
	<hr/>	\$2,764 31
Unexpended		<hr/> \$278 46

### TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT ACCOUNT, EXPENDED ON THE FLAT ROAD

	<b>Expended</b>	
<b>Paid</b>		
Labor Payrolls	\$258 50	
Trucks Rental	1,101 60	
Bulldozer Rental	108 00	
Shovel Rental	384 30	

Culverts (5)	334 18	
1870 yds. Gravel	187 00	
		\$2,373 58
Due from State Treasurer		2,186 58
		<u>\$ 187 00</u>

Gravel for this account has to be paid for by the Town. For that reason the amount for gravel has been carried to Surplus Account.

### SPECIAL RESOLVE — LOVER'S LANE

	Expended	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$249 00	
Trucks Rental	710 85	
Bulldozer Rental	372 00	
Shovel Rental	311 10	
Compressor Rental	20 25	
Culverts (5)	330 02	
Supplies	4 80	
Gravel 1944 yds.	194 40	
		\$2,192 42
Gravel for this account has to be paid for by the Town	\$194 40	
Overcharge for Labor	11 00	
		<u>\$205 40</u>
Due from State Treasurer		\$1,987 02
Carried to Surplus		\$205 40

### TARVIA FOR ROADS AND STREETS

Appropriation	\$3,000 00	
Tarvia sold for Driveways	678 95	
		<u>\$3,678 95</u>

		Expended	
Paid			
Labor Payrolls		\$ 328 36	
Trucks Rental		268 70	
486 yds. Sand		48 60	
Tarvia		2,649 47	
Shovel Rental		280 60	
			\$3,575 71
Unexpended			\$103 22

### TYLER STREET EXTENSION

Unexpended Balance			\$61 55
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### REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM STREETS AND SIDEWALKS

Appropriation			\$400 00
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		Expended	
Paid			
Labor Payrolls		\$234 00	
Trucks Rental		259 90	
Loader Rental		361 88	
			\$855 78
Overdrawn			\$455 78

### SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION NEAR BRYANT'S MARKET

Unexpended			\$800 00
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		Expended	
Paid			
Labor Payrolls		\$627 17	
Cement		104 05	
Supplies		77 02	
Truck Rental		11 00	
			\$819 24
Overdrawn			\$19 24



## SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION MAIN STREET

Appropriated and Unexpended	\$500 00
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## TRUCK RENTAL ACCOUNT

## Earned by Labor

Winter Roads	\$4,624 55
Roads & Bridges	1,077 80
Third Class Maintenance	114 90
Third Class Reconstruction	1,149 30
Third Class Construction	105 60
State Aid Construction	253 75
Town of Rumford	239 55
Town Tarvia	132 50
Special Resolve	185 40
Town Road Improvement	390 60
County of Oxford	428 40
Town Garage	72 50

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\$8,774 85

## TOWN GARAGE

## Expended

## Paid

Gas and Oil	\$4,081 02
Garage Bills	4,441 19

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\$8,522 21

## Unexpended

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\$ 252 64

Unexpended	\$2,000 00
Appropriation	2,000 00
Cement Blocks Sold—227	68 10
Bricks Sold—125	7 50
From Surplus by Vote of Town at Special Meeting Nov. 12, 1948	4,183 61

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\$8,259 21

## Expended

## Labor

## Paid

Frank A. Gibson	\$1,015 00
Frank A. Gibson Jr.	10 00
Leslie Coburn	10 00
Ernest Perkins	684 50
David Bennett	21 88
Wayne Bennett	21 88
Arnold Dorey	153 31
William Robertson	461 02
Collins Morgan	315 41
Herman Cummings	79 78
Gilbert Brown	34 13
Robert Davis	9 63
Raymond Arsenault	330 87
Leonard Foss	220 16
Arthur Kimball	5 00
Fred McKenzie	200 62
Ellis Annis	65 45
Charles Reed	287 44
Runnels Machine Co. Inc.	15 63
Blake's Garage	16 00
Truck Rental	72 50

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 \$4,030 21

## Building Materials

Lumber	\$1,271 02
Nails	46 27
Cement—652 Bags	
Mortar Cement—122 Bags	
Water Proof Powder—1 Bag	782 66
Cement Blocks—3675	918 00
Brick—1000	50 00
Iron for Reinforcement and Roof	330 76
Bulldozer Rental	84 00
Sundry Supplies	238 58
Track, Brackets and Hangers for Doors	242 71

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Roofing Paper—30 Rolls	97 50	
Plumbing Supplies	167 50	
	<hr/>	\$4,229 00
Total to Jan. 1, 1949		<hr/> \$8,259 21

# REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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## STATE TAX

Appropriation	\$9,619 30
Paid State Treasurer	\$9,619 30

## COUNTY TAX

Appropriation	\$4,110 60
Paid County Treasurer	\$4,110 60

## CANCELLED WARRANTS

Numbers 1 to 52 incl.	\$190,251 72
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## BEAR BOUNTY

Paid	
Herbert F. Lyon	\$15 00
Rec'd	
State Treasurer	\$15 00

## TEMPORARY LOANS 1947

Rec'd Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$7,000 00
Paid Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$7,000 00

## TEMPORARY LOANS

Rec'd Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$28,400 00
Paid Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$28,400 00

## TEMPORARY LOANS TO BE PAID IN 1949

Rec'd Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$5,800 00
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## TEMPORARY LOANS TO BE PAID IN 1950

Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$5,800 00
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## INTEREST

Appropriation	\$800 00	
Rec'd Interest	163 21	
	<hr/>	\$963 21
	<b>Expended</b>	
Paid		
Casco Bank & Trust Co.		\$713 69
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Unexpended		\$249 52

## BETHEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid Bethel Chamber of Commerce	\$200 00

## BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$600 00	
Rec'd State Stipend	42 00	
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Paid Treasurer Bethel Library		\$642 00

## MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Appropriation	\$72 00
Paid Treasurer American Legion	\$72 00

## MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Rec'd Rebates Stuart W. Goodwin	10 75	
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		\$310 75
Paid Stuart W. Goodwin		\$306 35
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Unexpended		\$4 40

## OLD CEMETERIES

Appropriation	\$75 00
Paid Edwin E. Swain	\$75 00

## SCHOOL LUNCH ROOM

Appropriation	\$500 00
Paid Central Maine Power Co.	\$500 00

## WITHHOLDING TAX

Rec'd Town Employees	\$3,144 30
Paid Collector of Internal Revenue	\$3,144 30

## SEWERS

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Rec'd Arthur Herrick, Connecting	20 00	
Stanley Davis, Connecting	20 00	
Guy Swan, Connecting	20 00	
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		\$560 00

## Expended

Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$467 50	
Cement	1 10	
Supplies	4 70	
Steam Hose and Fittings	50 00	
Sewer Cleaning Equipment	34 61	
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		\$566 91
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Overdrawn		\$6 91

## LIGHT ACCOUNT

Appropriation		\$265 00
	<b>Expended</b>	
Paid		
West Bethel St. Lights	\$184 80	
Blinker, Church and R. R. Streets	44 04	
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		\$228 84
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Unexpended		\$36 16

## PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

Appropriation

\$100 00

ANNUAL REPORT OF  
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES  
BETHEL — 1948

The value of Public Health Nursing Service has become so generally recognized throughout the United States that it is extremely difficult to secure a sufficient number of nurses to meet our own needs in Maine.

During most of the year Bethel's public health nursing program has been carried on by nurses loaned from other areas. We have been fortunate to be able to answer all emergency calls and provide a nurse to assist the doctor in giving the school physical examinations. This nurse also did audiometer hearing tests for school children above the third grade. Two hundred and thirty-one tests were given and results reported to teachers. Parents were notified of any physical defects found by the physician's examination and also of hearing difficulty discovered at the time of the audiometer test.

The teachers took advantage of the opportunity to discuss health problems while the public health nurse was in the schools and several visits were made by the nurse to homes in an effort to help parents secure medical care needed by their children.

We sincerely hope that the complete generalized nursing program may be resumed soon in Bethel and that health committees and all persons and organizations realizing the value of this service may continue to give it their full cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

Ruth E. Hawkins, R. N.

District Supervising Nurse

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$900 00	
Rec'd		
Town of Gilead	65 00	
Town of Greenwood	50 00	
State Treasurer	577 15	
American LaFrance Foam, Corp.—rebate	8 85	
	<hr/>	\$1,601 00
	<b>Expended</b>	
Telephone	\$ 54 25	
Gas & Oil	90 95	
Supplies	331 62	
12 Indian Back Pumps	200 83	
Mayville Hydrants	35 00	
Fire Alarm	50 00	
Pumper Fire Insurance	11 25	
Janitor, Fire House	70 00	
Payrolls	766 74	
Portable Pump and Hose	390 25	
New Truck Expense	66 75	
	<hr/>	\$2,067 64
Overdrawn		\$466 64

## FIRE HOSE

Appropriation	\$500 00
Paid Justin A. McCarthy Co., 500 ft.—1½'' Hose	\$500 00

## NEW TRUCK FOR FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Paid Morrison's Garage International 4 Wheel Drive	\$1,000 00



## REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER

The Company during the past year was called out by 23 alarms and 18 still alarms for chimney, dump, grass and woods fires. Six of the general alarms were for out-of-town fires as follows.

Feb. 11	Town of Gilead, House Fire
May 6	Town of Gilead, Chimney Fire
July 7	Town of Greenwood, Woods Fire
Aug. 2	Town of Albany, Woods Fire
Sept. 1	Town of Albany, Woods Fire
Sept. 5	Town of Albany, Woods Fire

The six out of town fires netted the town \$638.55.

The Town voted \$1,000.00 to buy a truck for the use of the fire department. The truck that we got cost \$1250.00. The firemen received from donations \$485.00.

\$485 00

## Paid out

Morrison's Garage, 4x4 acct.	\$250 00
Grover Brooks, tank	50 00
Bennett's Garage, Inc., steel	37 00
Blake's Garage, welding	27 10
Miscellaneous Account	25 00

\$389 60

## Unexpended

\$95 40

At the Hunt's Corner fire we had to haul water, to do this we got a 1000 gal. tank from Kimball Ames. This tank was used on the Grover Hill fire. This tank can be bought for \$125.00.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. BLAKE, Chief.

**DRY HYDRANT OR RESERVOIR WEST BETHEL**

Appropriation	\$800 00	
Loan to be paid in 1949	800 00	
Loan to be paid in 1950	800 00	
Rec'd Bethel Feed & Grain Co.		
340 lb. Waterproofing returned	68 00	
144 bags Cement returned	132 48	
		\$2,600 48
<b>Expended</b>		
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$882 19	
Lumber	328 62	
Iron for Reinforcements	208 39	
Bulldozer Rental	259 25	
Cement 485 Bags	449 00	
Waterproofing 800 lbs.	160 00	
Nails and Supplies	52 92	
Pipes and Fittings and Installing	113 85	
Scoop—1	9 10	
Pump	176 00	
		\$2,639 32
Overdrawn		\$38 84

**TREASURER'S BOND**

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

**COLLECTOR'S BOND**

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

**STATE OF MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU**

Appropriation		\$100 00
Paid State of Maine Publicity Bureau		\$100 00

## TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$4,700 00
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## Expended

## Paid

E. F. Bisbee, Selectman	\$1,338 00	
Carroll E. Abbott, Selectman	648 00	
James C. Bartlett	210 00	
E. P. Brown, Road Commissioner	323 73	
Alice J. Brooks, Clerk	75 00	
John M. Harrington, Treasurer	300 00	
Elmer E. Bennett, S. of W. & M.	40 00	
Widd B. Twaddle, M. D., Health Officer	35 00	
Walter E. Bartlett, Collector	1,594 04	
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		\$4,563 77
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Unexpended		\$136 23

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Rec'd Albert Buck, Town Scales	4 50	
Tax Lien Costs	19 50	
E. A. Davis, Middle Intervale		
School House	400 00	
Transferred to Bills Payable, Excise		
Tax to Village Corporation	402 19	
Joe Wermenchuk, Ferry House	50 00	
Alice J. Brooks, Victualers' Licenses	16 00	
State Treas. Bank Stock Tax	260 17	
State Treas. Dog License Refund	111 15	
State Treas. R. R. & Tel. Tax	132 18	
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		\$3,395 69

	<b>Expended</b>	
<b>Paid</b>		
Telephone, Selectmen's Office	\$56 95	
Postage	32 02	
Oxford County Citizen, Town Reports	280 80	
Supplies, Printing Etc.	389 30	
State Audit	120 34	
Office Rent, one year	175 00	
Recording Vital Statistics	49 50	
Officers' and Attorney Fees	22 00	
Village Corp. Excise Tax	402 19	
State Treas. Aid to Dependent Children	252 66	
Cleaning and Janitor Care	44 00	
Ballot Clerks	220 00	
Moderator	10 00	
Maine Municipal Assoc. Dues 2 yrs.	90 00	
Repairs and Expense of Lock-up	81 72	
Selectmen's Office and Lock-up Lights	24 00	
Cleaning Brook on Philbrook Intervale	37 00	
Taxes and Insurance on Town Farm	24 66	
Expense, Insane Cases	20 00	
Expense, West Bethel Dump	8 75	
Filing and Recording Tax Liens	10 69	
Repairing Town Scales and Land Rent	155 00	
Selectmen's Expense	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$2,517 08
<b>Unexpended</b>		<hr/> \$878 61

### TRUST FUNDS INVESTED

#### Ministerial and School Fund

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$3,473 30	
Interest, 1948	87 36	
	<hr/>	\$3,560 66

**E. L. Bartlett Fund**

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$635 96	
Interest, 1948	14 19	
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	\$650 15	
Withdrawal	143 90	
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		\$506 25

**Fred E. Gordon Trust Fund**

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$577 59	
Interest, 1948	14 51	
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		\$592 10

**Alcina Grover Trust Fund**

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$76 44	
Interest, 1948	1 91	
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		\$78 35

**Mary E. Wiley Trust Fund**

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$229 21	
Interest, 1948	5 76	
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		\$234 97

**ABATEMENTS**

Abatements		\$590 69
From Surplus to Balance		\$590 69

**FINANCIAL STANDING****Assets**

Cash in hands of Treas. Jan. 1, 1949	\$10,120 74	\$10,120 74
Due, L. E. Davis, Collector, 1932	12 79	
Due, L. E. Davis, Collector, 1933	15 69	28 48

Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1947	33 06	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1948	4,548 74	4,581 80
Tax Deeds, Prior to 1931	324 91	
Tax Deeds, 1931	210 95	
Tax Deeds, 1932	366 25	
Tax Deeds, 1933	374 63	
Tax Deeds, 1934	79 78	1,356 52
Tax Liens, 1936	58 50	
Tax Liens, 1937	17 51	
Tax Liens, 1938	41 68	
Tax Liens, 1939	101 20	
Tax Liens, 1940	175 41	
Tax Liens, 1941	90 45	
Tax Liens, 1942	167 85	
Tax Liens, 1943	25 98	
Tax Liens, 1944	19 80	
Tax Liens, 1945	59 80	
Tax Liens, 1946	52 80	
Tax Liens, 1947	178 20	989 18
Due, State Poor Account	985 61	985 61
Due, Town of Paris	147 66	
Due, Town of Canton	14 00	161 66
Due, State Treas.		
State Aid Construction	1,842 90	
Due, State Treas., Special Resolve		
Lover's Lane	1,987 02	
Due, State Treas.		
Third Class Reconstruction	42 77	
Due, State Treas.		
Town Road Improvement Fund	2,186 58	6,059 27
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		\$24,283 26

### Liabilities

Note, Casco Bank & Trust Co.		
to be assessed in 1949	\$5,800 00	
Note, Casco Bank & Trust Co.		
to be assessed in 1950	5,800 00	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	927 45	\$12,527 45

## BALANCE SHEET

	Overdraft	Unexpended
Miscellaneous	\$.....	\$ 878 61
Town Officers' Bills	.....	136 23
Treasurer's Bond	.....	.....
Collector's Bond	.....	.....
State of Maine Publicity Bureau	.....	.....
Fire Department	466 64	.....
Fire Hose	.....	.....
Fire Truck	.....	.....
Dry Hydrant or Reservoir W. Bethel	38 84	.....
Electric Light Account	.....	36 16
Sewers	6 91	.....
Roads & Bridges	166 55	.....
Winter Roads	524 03	.....
State and State Aid Maintenance	146 40	.....
Unimproved Road Fund	187 00	.....
Special Resolve	205 40	.....
Sidewalk Construction	19 24	.....
Tarvia for Roads and Streets	.....	103 22
Sidewalk Snow Removal	455 78	.....
Town Poor	1,131 04	.....
Bethel Library	.....	.....
Memorial Day	.....	.....
Motor Vehicle Insurance	.....	4 40
Old Cemeteries	.....	.....
School Lunch Room	.....	.....
Bethel Chamber of Commerce	.....	.....
Interest Account	.....	249 52
State Tax	.....	.....
County Tax	.....	.....
Overlay	.....	917 81
Supplementary Tax	.....	151 00
Excise Tax Collected	.....	7,148 49
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	\$3,347 83	\$9,625 44
Balance Unexpended and carried to surplus		\$6,277 61
Respectfully submitted	ERNEST F. BISBEE	
	CARROLL E. ABBOTT	
	JAMES C. BARTLETT	Selectmen

## REPORT OF TREASURER

Cash on hand, January 1, 1948		\$15,815 47
Received:		
W. E. Bartlett, Collector		
1947 Bills Receivable	\$ 5 40	
1946 Town Taxes	11 68	
1947 Town Taxes	3,485 96	
1948 Town Taxes	95,810 22	
1948 Excise Taxes	6,639 12	
1949 Excise Taxes	508 37	106,461 75
L. E. Davis		
1931 Town Taxes	26 15	
1932 Town Taxes	26 86	
1933 Town Taxes	114 31	167 32
State Treasurer		
Roads and Bridges	13 00	
Reimbursements of Bear Bounty	15 00	
Library Stipend	42 00	
Dog Licenses Refunded	111 15	
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	132 18	
Pauper Account	225 28	
Bank Stock Tax	260 17	
Forest Fires	577 15	
Snow Removal	4,791 30	
Education	1,725 00	
State School Fund	11,677 90	19,570 13
Casco Bank and Trust Company, Notes		40,000 00
Tax Deeds		
Coolidge, W. E. Estate	\$142 10	
Edwards, F. L. Estate	127 74	
Grover, A. S.	6 77	276 61
Tax Liens		
Bryant, Charles W.	\$41 40	
Coolidge, W. E. Estate	44 80	
McKenzie, J. A.	7 20	
Merrill, Freeman	98 04	
Thornton, Howard	18 20	209 64



Interest on Deeds and Liens		183 65
Reimbursement of Costs		19 50
Victualers Licenses		
Bishop, Mrs. Mary	1 00	
Bosserman's Pharmacy	1 00	
Boyker, Henry W.	1 00	
Brooks, Muriel E.	1 00	
Chamberlin, Harold	1 00	
Cotton, Albert F.	1 00	
Ernst, Fritz	1 00	
Gilbert, Elizabeth M.	1 00	
Gilman, John C.	1 00	
Inn, Bethel	1 00	
Kimball, Daisy E. and Philbrook, Ivy	1 00	
Kimball, Marion W.	1 00	
Ladd, Mary E.	1 00	
Merrill, Mrs. Carrie	1 00	
Robertson, Mable S.	1 00	
Von Zintl, Mrs. Martha	1 00	16 00
School Supplies and Textbooks		
Town of Gilead	\$39 00	
Town of Greenwood	38 87	
Town of Newry	3 80	
Town of Upton	11 52	93 19
Janitor and Office Expense		
Ida M. Packard	\$5 40	
Bethel Grammar School	5 00	
Oxford County Teachers Association	3 20	
National Education Association	3 96	
Town of Gilead	23 10	
Town of Greenwood	55 80	
Town of Newry	30 09	
Town of Upton	25 60	152 15
Common School Tuition		
Dead River Plantation	\$45 00	
Griggs, Ann L.	33 75	
Keddy, Mrs. Zelia	15 00	
Smith, Samuel T.	27 00	
Wilson, Leon M.	50 00	
Town of Carthage	20 00	
Town of Gilead	169 70	

Town of Greenwood	245 00	
Town of Newry	531 50	1,136 95
Conveyance		
Leon M. Wilson	\$22 00	
Town of Newry	75 00	97 00
Fire Department		
American LaFrance Foamite Corporation	8 85	
Town of Gilead	65 00	
Town of Greenwood	50 00	123 85
Sewer Connections		
Davis, Stanley	\$20 00	
Herrick, Arthur	20 00	
Swan, Guy	20 00	60 00
Town Garage Account		
Bethel Feed & Grain Company	\$200 48	
Chadbourne, P. H.	68 10	
Chapman, Mrs. W. R.	7 50	276 08
Truck Account		
Stuart W. Goodwin	\$ 10 75	
Town of Rumford	239 55	
Oxford County	428 40	
Town Roads	53 75	
Town Garage	72 50	
Town Tarvia	132 50	
Third Class Construction	105 60	
Third Class Maintenance	114 90	
Third Class Reconstruction	1,149 30	
State Aid Construction	253 75	
Special Resolve	185 40	
Unimproved Roads	390 60	
Roads and Bridges	1,024 05	
Winter Roads	4,624 55	8,785 60
Roads and Bridges		
Davis, Richard	\$97 60	
Davis, Stanley	29 00	
Herrick, Arthur	42 50	
Oxford County	22 50	
Runnels Machine Company	60 10	
Special Resolve	27 00	
Unimproved Roads	136 50	

State Aid Construction	200 51	
Labor on Driveways	943 55	1,558 76
Albert Buck, Town Scales Receipts		4 50
Town of Rumford, Poor of Other Towns		20 54
R. Glenn Murphy, School Bus Body		25 00
J. R. Wermenchuk, Ferry House		50 00
E. A. Davis, Middle Intervale School House		400 00
Oxford County, Winter Roads		558 47
School Teachers, Pension Fund		1,166 00
Town Employees, Withholding Tax		3,144 30
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		\$200,372 46
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Paid Warrants, Nos. 1-52, inclusive		\$190,251 72
Cash on hand, January 1, 1949		10,120 74
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		10,120 74
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		\$200,372 46
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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  
 JAMES C. BARTLETT

Selectmen of Bethel

STATE OF MAINE  
**STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT**

AUGUSTA

December 6, 1948

Board of Selectmen  
Bethel  
Maine

Gentlemen :

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3 of the Revised Statutes of 1944 and at your request, the records of the Town of Bethel have been audited by Auditor C. N. Dyke for the period January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947 inclusive.

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 financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying Comments.

Exhibits and Schedules incorporated in this report present the result of their financial operations of the Town for the period designated.

A recommendation is also offered which is believed to be worthy of your consideration. All of which is respectfully submitted,

Very truly yours

FRED M. BERRY  
State Auditor

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## COMMENTS

Re: Audit of Accounts—Town of Bethel  
January 1, 1947 to December 31, 1947

An audit has been completed of the financial accounts and transactions of the Town of Bethel for the municipal year ended December 31, 1947.

## CASH

The cash balance of December 31, 1947 amounted to \$15,815.47 and was accounted for as follows:

Demand Deposit		\$4,273.64
Deposit of 1-10-48	\$11,431.01	
1-12-48	100.82	
1-26-48	10.00	
		11,541.83
TOTAL		\$15,815.47

The demand deposit reconciled with the bank statement of the Casco Bank and Trust Company.

The cash on hand, deposited January 10, 12 and 27, 1948, was verified by bank statement.

An analysis made of receipts and deposits indicated that all monies recorded as received had been deposited.

It was ascertained that all disbursements had been made by check as authorized by properly executed warrants.

## ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The items in this account consist of reimbursable expenditures for highway and charity accounts, poor of other municipalities and an amount due from Tax Collectors. All amount are considered collectible.

## TAXES RECEIVABLE

The total taxes receivable at December 31, 1947, as shown by the records of the Tax Collectors, was \$3,877.77. Of this amount \$3,663.82 represents the 1947 unpaid accounts and the remainder represents unpaid accounts for the years 1946, 1933, 1932, and 1931.

## 1947 TAX ASSESSMENT, COMMITMENT AND COLLECTION

The 1947 assessment and commitment records and collections on the 1947 commitment were examined. It was ascertained that the warrant of commitment was in agreement with the assessment records and the tax list as committed to the Collector.

## TAX LIENS

The tax liens outstanding at December 31, 1947 amounted to \$1,004.42 and the detail supporting this amount is shown on Schedule A-12. The liens found on file with the Treasurer were examined.

## TAX DEEDS

The tax deeds outstanding at December 31, 1947 amounted to \$1,653.57. There was no change in this account during the year.

## ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The 1947 excise tax due to the Bethel Village Corporation represents the accounts payable.

## NOTES PAYABLE

By authority granted at the annual town meeting, \$5,000.00 was hired for an addition to the primary school building and \$2,000.00 was hired for the town garage. These notes remained unpaid at the close of the fiscal year.

## RESERVE

The reserve for authorized expenditures, as shown on Exhibit D, represents the net unexpended balances carried forward to the 1948 year.

## UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS

The unappropriated surplus represents the excess of assets over liabilities. An analysis of the change in the account is shown on Exhibit E of this report.

## TRUST FUNDS

The savings accounts representing the investments of Cemetery Perpetual Care, Ministerial and School Fund were verified at the Bethel Savings Bank. No withdrawals had been made from any of the trust fund accounts.

## GENERAL

The 1947 excise tax receipts, number 83 to 910, and those for 1948, number 1 to 136 were verified by examination of the copies of the receipts retained by the Collector.

An examination made of the expenditure of school monies revealed that original invoices substantiating these disbursements were not on file with the Selectmen. The rolls of accounts were, however, approved by a majority of the School Committee.

The overlay of \$2,114.95 was within the legal limit of 5% of the appropriations plus state and county taxes.

Overdrafts were noted in several appropriation accounts, the summary of which is shown on Exhibit D. The Attorney General has rendered an opinion on this point and it is included for the benefit of the municipal officers.

“The municipal officers are bound by the terms of the articles in the warrant calling the meeting providing for the expenditure of money. The officers should not spend more than the taxpayers appropriated at town meeting, unless the statute expressly authorizes an expenditure in excess of the appropriation.”

The provisions of Chapter 84, Section 81 of the Revised Statutes of 1944, however, relate to expenditures of monies for highway purposes and permits overdrafts in cases of emergencies to the extent of 15% of the appropriation.

The following corporate surety bonds are found on file:

Treasurer	\$10,000.00
Maine Bonding and Casualty Co.	Bond No. 70303
Collector	\$5,000.00
Maine Bonding and Casualty Co.	Bond No. 70269

An examination of the valuation records indicated the possibility of strengthening some of the descriptions.

Presented on Exhibit F are the sources of current year's revenue and the departmental expenditures which reflect a net gain from operations of \$1,822.40.

While a detailed audit of all transactions during the year was not made, we examined or tested accounting records and other supporting evidence by methods and to the extent deemed appropriate.

#### RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended that:

All disbursements, including those of the School Department, be substantiated by invoices to be kept on file by the Selectmen.



**TOWN OF BETHEL**  
**COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET**

**GENERAL FUND**

**ASSETS**

	December 31, 1947	December 31, 1946
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$15,815.47	\$14,960.45
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1)	849.75	2,177.31
Taxes Receivable (Schedule A-2)	\$3,877.77	\$3,286.10
Less—Reserve for Losses	65.00	1,038.83
	3,812.77	2,247.27
Tax Liens (Sch. A-3)	1,004.42	1,110.42
Less—Reserve for Losses	113.48	65.07
	890.94	1,045.35
Tax Deeds (Sch. A-4)	1,653.57	1,653.57
Less—Reserve for Losses	826.78	826.78
	826.79	826.79
<b>TOTAL—GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$22,195.72</b>	<b>\$21,257.17</b>

**LIABILITIES**

	December 31, 1947	December 31, 1946
Accounts Payable (Schedule A-5)	\$402.19	\$213.94
Notes Payable (Schedule A-6)	7,000.00	
Total Liabilities	7,402.19	213.94

**RESERVE**

Reserve for Authorized Expenditure (Ex. D)	8,051.34	9,458.17
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**SURPLUS**

Unappropriated Surplus (Ex. E)	6,742.19	11,585.06
<b>TOTAL—GENERAL FUND</b>	<b>\$22,195.72</b>	<b>\$21,257.17</b>

## TRUST FUNDS

## Assets

	December 31, 1947	December 31, 1946
Time Deposits (Schedule A-7)	\$4,992.50	\$4,870.05
TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$4,992.50</u>	<u>\$4,870.05</u>

## Liabilities

Principals (Schedule 4-7)	\$1,723.30	\$4,638.08
Unexpended Income (Schedule A-7)	269.20	231.97
TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$4,992.50</u>	<u>\$4,870.05</u>

# REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Citizens of Bethel:

We are often prone to criticize that which we do not understand. In submitting my third annual report to the people of Bethel, I wish to emphasize the need for a better **understanding** between parents and citizens on one hand and the schools and teachers on the other. I also wish to express appreciation for all those who have aided the progress of the schools and particularly those teachers who have gone beyond where duty calls to make more satisfying the school experience for some boy or girl.

The number of pupils being too small to economically operate both rooms, the intermediate room at East Bethel was closed this year. At the Village Primary School it was found necessary to add another teacher so that grades two and three might be divided to keep the size of classes smaller. Mrs. Ruth Ring, who has had several years experience at Locke Mills, was secured to teach in this room. Miss Deborah Farwell was hired to teach grade two in the village. All other teachers of last year were retained.

School enrollment increases yearly. Each year the entering class seems to be larger than expected. There has been an increase from 363 in 1946 to 444 this year. A pre-school age census taken last summer shows definitely that we will have greater increases. The total enrollment is expected to reach 500 by 1953. What are we to do with them? Two more rooms are needed to **adequately** take care of the number of students now enrolled at the Grammar School building. There is also insufficient playground space for so many upper grade students. After another year it will be necessary to either move grade four out of the primary building or to have classes far in excess of what is best for the primary grades.

The secondary school enrollment has increased from an average of between 90 and 95 to an estimated 115 for the next school year. This figure is likely to hold or increase and will mean greater secondary tuition expenditures in the future.

Your committee is recommending a school maintenance budget \$2,000 less than last year. On the other hand, it was found necessary to ask for more for repairs. Some items included in the repair budget are—completion of lighting in Grammar Building, additional desks in Primary building, shingling East Bethel building, boys' toilet at Primary building, primary school yard. If the appropriation is insufficient some items will of necessity be "put off" but there will be no gain in this because their expense will be added on the repair account for some succeeding year.

The new school lunch room and kitchen at the Primary school has now been in operation for many weeks. The support which you people have given this program shows that you are keenly aware of its value to the children. The Parent-Teachers Association should be proud of its part in making this project possible. The equipping of this room has been expensive. Already over \$1,300 has been spent on this project and more will be needed another year to bring it to completion. Such a program to improve the health of the children of a community certainly deserves the active and financial support of that community. Once the lunch room has been completed and fully equipped, the program should operate with little if any outside financial support.

During the year the School Committee appointed a representative group of men to work with them to become better acquainted with the existing school building conditions in Bethel and to survey the problem as we look ahead to future needs. These men, namely: Carl Brown, Louis Van Den Kerckhoven, Robert Hastings, Burton Newton, Leslie Davis, and William Chapman have met several times with the School Committee and once with William O. Bailey, Director of Planning and Research, from the State Dept. of Education. It would seem expedient for the citizens at their 1949 annual

meeting to appoint, elect, or otherwise create an official committee to further study school building needs, and bring in some specific recommendations to the next annual meeting. Action on this cannot be delayed any longer!

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD M. CHRISTIE

Superintendent of Schools

### SCHOOL STATISTICS

#### Present Enrollment by Grades

Grade 8	45	
Grade 7	46	
Grade 6	46	
Grade 5	37	
Grade 4	40	
Grade 3	67	
Grade 2	56	
Grade 1	56	
Junior Primary	51	
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Total		441

Number of teaching positions		13.4
Average Yearly salary		\$1,740.30
Number of pupils conveyed at expense to town		176
Number of Tuition Pupils (Albany 34, Mason 8, Newry 9, Gilead 5, Greenwood 6, Paris 1)		63
Number of Pupils enrolled in Secondary Schools		
Seniors	25	
Juniors	27	
Sophomores	22	
Freshmen	30	
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Total		104

**BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS AS SUBMITTED  
BY SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

For School Maintenance	\$36,000.00
(broken down as follows)	
Common Schools (includes teachers' salaries, fuel, janitors and conveyance)	\$16,900.00
High School Tuition	16,100.00
Textbooks	1,300.00
Supplies	1,700.00
	\$36,000.00
Repairs	\$2,700.00
Insurance	250.00
School Physician	100.00
Superintendence (includes office expense)	1,500.00

Signed:

MARGUERITE BARTLETT, chairman  
STANLEY BROWN  
EARL A. DAVIS

Superintending School Committee  
for Town of Bethel

## FINANCIAL REPORT

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### SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE ACCOUNT

#### Resources

Balance Jan. 1, 1948	\$	4,572 61
Appropriation		38,000 00
State Fund		11,677 90
Janitors' Supplies Sold		25 59
Conveyance		122 00
Elementary School Tuition		2,861 95
Textbooks		40 63
Supplies		52 56
		\$57,353 24

#### Expenditures

Instruction	\$23,848 50
Fuel	2,160 13
Janitors and supplies	2,156 99
Conveyance	5,422 30
Elementary School Tuition	144 00
Textbooks	1,357 34
Supplies	1,661 54
High School Tuition	14,437 56
	\$51,188 36
Balance Jan. 1, 1949	\$6,164 88

### DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES

#### Instruction

Charles Chapman	\$2,240 00
Gwendolyn Stearns	1,720 00
Helen Varner	1,740 00
Ruth Hastings	1,770 00
Ethel Bisbee	1,820 00
Blanche Howe	1,720 00

Alice Ballard	1,720 00
Katharine Adams	1,720 00
Marion Coolidge	1,620 00
Ethel Ward	1,720 00
Mina Stevens	1,620 00
Helen Newmarker	1,020 00
Gwendolin Holt	960 00
Ruth Ring	680 00
Deborah Farwell	730 00
Beth Abbott	670 00
Gould Academy	50 00
Richmond Roderick	100 00
Marion Stallwood	100 00
Marguerite Clark	31 00
Florence Hastings	42 00
Mrs. Roland Kneeland	12 00
Doris Lord	35 00
Bertha Mills	4 00
Helen Roderick	4 50

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\$23 848 50

#### Fuel

Ruth Carver Ames	\$1,052 01
Warren Bean	531 14
Ernest F. Bisbee	560 58
Newton & Tebbets	12 00
Paul Head	4 40

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\$2,160 13

#### Janitors and Supplies

Paul Salway	\$1,731 54
Clara Rolfe	69 00
Robert Curtis	30 00
Ethel Ward	36 00
M. F. Bragdon Co.	129 26
Leslie Noyes	9 00



C. B. Dolge Co.	50 04
Gwendolin Holt	29 00
Frank Brooks	15 00
Donald M. Christie	12 00
Roland Kneeland	12 10
Albert Sumner	8 00
Warren Bean	7 50
Clayton Fossett	6 30
Lewis Smith	8 00
Maggie Newton	2 35
Bryant's Market	1 40
Walter Jodrey	50

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\$2,156 99

#### Conveyance

Gould Academy	\$ 710 40
R. S. McMillin	2,520 00
R. Glenn Murphy	1,060 94
Ersel Murphy	295 20
Palmer King Motor Co.	139 79
State of Maine	289 00
Mrs. Jorgen Olson	210 00
Karl Stearns	148 20
Town of Bethel	26 27
Blanch Flint	18 00
Everett Bean	4 50

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\$5,422 30

#### Elementary School Tuition

Town of Woodstock	\$144 00
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#### High School Tuition

Gould Academy	\$14,183 46
Town of Rumford	150 00
Town of Woodstock	104 10

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\$14,437 56

## Textbooks

Overdraft Jan. 1, 1948	\$274 81
Ginn & Company	407 58
American Book Co.	138 42
American Education Press	117 30
The Macmillan Co.	51 09
C. C. Birchard Co.	62 98
Webster Publishing Co.	38 15
Encyclopedia Brit. Inc.	70 55
Beckley-Cardy Co.	36 70
Laidlaw Bros. Inc.	18 02
Silver Burdett Co.	15 23
John C. Winston Co.	10 49
Science Research Asso.	40 02
World Book Co.	10 43
Harcourt, Brace Co.	19 04
Readers Digest	5 20
Arlo Pub. Co.	8 08
D. C. Heath Co.	6 54
National Edu. Assn.	2 07
Iroquois Pub. Co.	9 14
Simon & Schuster	4 69
Edith Frost	5 50
Scott, Foresman Co.	1 38
Row, Peterson Co.	1 32
Hamilton Pub. Co.	2 61

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 \$1,357 34

## Supplies

Overdraft Jan. 1, 1948	\$370 88
Central Maine Power Co.	168 61
Bethel Water Co.	200 00
Edward E. Babb Co.	174 59
Cascade Paper Co.	186 41
Gledhill Bros. Inc.	144 04
J. L. Hammett Co.	85 86
A. J. Nystrom Co.	45 56
Mainco Trading Co.	27 57

World Book Co.	14 04
Loring, Short & Harmon	38 24
Beckley-Cardy Co.	22 73
Berry Paper Co.	91 31
Adelaide McLaughlin	24 00
News Map of the Week	17 07
Walter Jodrey	5 00
Cressey & Allen	6 83
Huston-Tuttle Book Co.	9 81
Bobbs-Merrill Co.	5 59
Boston Music Co.	4 94
L. M. Longley & Son	5 80
State of Maine	9 75
National Survey Co.	2 61
Bethel Citizen	30

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\$1,661 54

## REPAIR ACCOUNT

## Resources

Appropriation \$1,900 00

## Expenditures

Overdraft Jan. 1, 1948	\$621 07
D. Grover Brooks	125 84
Central Maine Power Co.	300 00
Robert Kirk	108 37
Loring, Short & Harmon	200 00
Runnels Machine Shop	135 76
J. L. Hammett Co.	99 90
Warren Bean	67 20
Beckley-Cardy Co.	92 64
Paul Salway	17 80
Hanover Dowel Co.	72 00
Hall & Knight Hardware Co.	22 08
Charles E. Merrill	65 82
Willis Ward	53 25
Walter Reed	47 50
G. E. Mason	44 38

Everett Bean	21 55	
S. E. Thompson	16 50	
R. S. McMillin	17 00	
State of Maine	3 25	
Roland Kneeland	9 00	
Bethel Feed & Grain Co.	2 35	
Walter Jodrey	1 00	
Frank Bartlett	9 50	
Harry Sawin	6 00	
Town of Glied	5 50	
Richard Davis	3 00	
Warren Blake	3 50	
Edwards & Walker	2 28	
Roland Glines	2 25	
		<u>\$2,176 29</u>
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1949		<u>\$276 29</u>

### INSURANCE ACCOUNT

	<b>Resources</b>	
Appropriation		\$383 44
	<b>Expenditures</b>	
Walter Bartlett		\$368 52
		<u>          </u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1949		\$14 92

### SCHOOL PHYSICIAN ACCOUNT

	<b>Resources</b>	
Appropriation		\$100 00
	<b>Expenditures</b>	
W. B. Twaddle		\$100 00

## SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

## Resources

Appropriation	\$1,500 00
From other towns for office expense	126 56

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\$1,626 56

## Expenditures

Overdraft Jan. 1, 1948	\$ 81 06
Donald M. Christie	1,135 64
Donald Christie, office expense	53 30
Van Tel. & Tel. Co.	109 65
Bethel Citizen	69 05
Columbia Univ. Press	10 00
H. S. Kinsman Co.	20 90
Edward E. Babb Co.	11 97
National Edu. Association	34 91
Sanborn's Express	2 62
Arlo Pub. Co.	1 28
Odyssey Press	1 70
Harper & Bros.	3 51
American Med. Association	2 65
Silver Burdett Co.	3 79
H. C. Headden	1 00
N. E. School Dev. Council	4 75
State of Maine	8 00
American Book Co.	2 88
C. V. Mosby	3 15

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\$1,561 81

Balance Jan. 1, 1949

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\$64 75

# VITAL STATISTICS

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

72 births; 44 marriages; 63 deaths.

## DEATHS

1948

Jan. 2, In Newry, Maine, Frank C. Bennett, age 91 yrs., 10 mos., 22 days.

Jan. 18, In Bethel, Maine, Cristie Charles Bennett, age 50 yrs., 2 mos., 24 days.

Jan. 20, In Bethel, Maine, William Elden Bosserman, age 86 yrs., 3 mos., 5 days.

Jan. 21, In Bethel, Maine, Gerard Lessard of Lewiston, age 19 yrs., 26 days.

Jan. 31, In Auburn, Maine, Lucy Emma Harris, age 89 yrs., 8 mos., 3 days.

Feb. 3, In Gilead, Maine, John A. McBride, age 80 yrs., 7 mos., 11 days.

Feb. 4, In Togus, Maine, Laurant Pingree, age 52 yrs., 1 mo., 3 days. Birthplace, Albany.

Feb. 4, In Norway, Maine, William M. Mack, formerly of Bethel, Maine, age 80 yrs., 9 mos., 4 days.

Feb. 9, In Bethel, Maine, Susie Mitchell, age 78 yrs., 10 mos., 20 days.

Feb. 11, In Bethel, Maine, Nelson S. Cole, age 68 yrs., 20 days.

Feb. 22, In Bethel, Maine, Fred B. Merrill, age 68 yrs., 10 mos., 2 days.

March 1, In Greenwood, Maine, Bert Bean of West Bethel, age 66 yrs., 5 mos., 28 days.

March 7, In Hanover, Sarah Warren Stearns, age 79 yrs., 10 mos., 20 days.

March 21, In Bethel, Maine, Minnie A. Capen, age 76 yrs., 1 month.

April 10, In Bethel, Maine, John Clark Anderson, age 59 yrs., 11 mos., 23 days.

April 13, In Gilead, Maine, Wallace W. Kilgore, age 86 yrs., 29 days.

April 3, In Rumford, Maine, Jennie E. Mann, age 60 yrs., 1 mo., 1 day. Burial at West Bethel.

April 15, In South Paris, Maine, Edwin A. Barker, formerly of Bethel, age 73 yrs., 7 mos., 20 days.

April 10, In Augusta, Maine, Mabel Bartlett, formerly of Albany, age 72 yrs., 8 mos., 30 days. Burial at East Bethel.

April 15, In Gilead, Maine, George E. Leighton, age 87 yrs., 5 mos., 13 days.

April 18, In Gorham, Maine, Almon R. Grover, age 73 yrs., 1 mo., 29 days. Birthplace, Albany.

April 20, In Bethel Maine, Alice R. Rowe, age 68 yrs., 9 mos., 17 days.

April 21, In Bethel, Maine, Fred Shevinsky, age 69 yrs.

April 22, In Albany, Maine, Edward P. Hobson, age 56 yrs., 6 mos., 10 days.

April 24, In Rumford, Maine, Lee J. Thurston, age 61 yrs., 1 mo., 28 days.

April 29, In Woodstock, Maine, Charles Kimball Barker, age 79 yrs., 17 days.

May 8, In Rumford, Maine, Seldon L. Grover, age 72 yrs., 7 days.

May 27, In Norway, Maine, Fannie S. Bartlett, age 99 yrs., 4 mos., 26 days. Burial at Bethel.

May 31, In Bethel, Maine, John McDonald, age between 50 and 60 yrs.

June 6, Infant son of James Harold Young, age 4 days.

June 11, In Norway, Maine, Mina W. Harriman, formerly of Bethel, age 94 yrs., 8 mos., 23 days.

June 16, In Bethel, Maine, Gladys L. Gilman, age 60 yrs, 4 days.

June 22, In Standish, Maine, Andrew Jackson Peare, age 81 yrs., 3 mos., 19 days.

June 28, In Gilead, Maine, Jennie M. Littlehale of Bethel, age 85 yrs., 10 mos., 2 days.

July 25, In Bethel, Maine, Leona M. Buck, age 86 yrs., 7 mos., 8 days.

July 19, In West Bethel, Maine, Baby girl Westleigh, age 10 mins.

July 30, In Bethel, Maine, Lauren L. Lord, age 69 yrs., 8 mos., 26 days.

July 31, In Bethel, Maine, Barbara Carter Lyon, age 67 yrs., 6 days.

Aug. 2, In Augusta, Maine, Hiram E. Ordway, age 81 yrs., 7 days. Birthplace, Bethel.

Aug. 3, In Falmouth, Maine, Vertie C. Hutchins of Bethel, age 78 yrs., 4 mos., 20 days.

Aug. 6, In Bethel, Maine, Willard S. Fulton of Niagara Falls, age 59 yrs., 7 mos., 1 day.

Sept. 1, In Bethel, Maine, Sarah Ann Gunther, age 94 yrs., 17 days.

Sept. 2, In Norway, Maine, Ermine R. Tyler, age 51 yrs., 4 mos., 15 days. Burial at Bethel.

Sept. 5, In Berlin, N. H., Charles C. Kimball, formerly of Bethel, age 92 yrs., 2 mos., 14 days.

Sept. 7, In Hanover, N. H., Ethel C. Stiles, age 67 yrs., 9 mos., 4 days. Burial, Mason Township.

Sept. 9, In Bethel, Maine, Carroll G. Johnson, age 23 yrs., 9 mos., 13 days.

Sept. 11, In Bethel, Maine, Wallace A. Merrill, age 52 yrs., 8 mos., 16 days.



Sept. 12, In Berlin, N. H., Celistia J. Kimball, formerly of Bethel, age 84 yrs., 3 mos., 20 days.

Sept. 19, In Tacoma, Wash., Lloyd H. Chapin, formerly of Bethel, age 30 yrs.

Sept. 20, In Bethel, Maine, Florence E. Twitchell, age 78 yrs., 11 mos., 8 days.

Oct. 5, In Portsmouth, N. H., Lillian Crawford True, age 84 yrs., 2 mos., 3 days.

Oct. 11, In Bethel, Maine, Andrew White, age 72 yrs, 3 mos., 18 days.

Oct. 14, In West Bethel, Maine, George Dana Morrill, age 83 yrs., 6 mos., 28 days.

Oct. 25, In New Sharon, Maine, Ethel Deering Carter, age 72 yrs., 4 mos., 15 days.

Sept. 30, In Rumford, Maine, William LeRoy Montfort of Bethel, age 64 yrs., 11 mos., 5 days.

Nov. 22, In Gilead, Maine, Ada C. Tyler of Bethel, age 74 yrs., 11 days.

Nov. 26, In Bethel, Maine, Frederick Pike of North Bridgton, age 18 yrs, 18 days.

Dec. 6, In Windsor, Maine, Raymond Wingate Smith, age 38 yrs., 3 mos., 16 days.

Dec. 10, In Lewiston, Maine, Kathryn Thurston, age 59 yrs., 8 mos., 26 days.

Dec. 27, In Bethel, Maine, Winfield Scott Robertson, age 90 yrs., 5 mos., 17 days.

March 25, 1945, In Germany, P.F.C. Willard M. Bean, age 19 yrs., 5 mos., 5 days. World War II deceased. Burial at West Bethel.

April 27, 1945, In Italy, S-Sgt. Paul A. Stearns, age 25 yrs., 6 mos. World II Deceased. Burial at Bethel.

Respectfully submitted,

ALICE J. BROOKS

Town Clerk

# WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

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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 seventh day of March, A. D. 1949 at ten 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 six 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 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, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for School Maintenance.

Art. 7. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs on school buildings.

Art. 8. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on school buildings.

Art. 9. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for services of a School Physician.

Art. 10. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of Superintendent of Schools and office expense for the ensuing year.

Art. 11. To see if the town will vote to 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. 12. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairing Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 13. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Maintenance of Roads.

Art. 14. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Bituminous Surfacing of Roads and Streets.

Art. 15. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid 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. of 1944, as amended.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of state and state aid highways under the provisions of Sections 46 and 50, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended.

Art. 17. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of third class highways.

Art. 18. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to remove the snow from business and other congested sections both from streets and sidewalks.

Art. 19. To see if the town will vote to install four street lights at East Bethel near Newton's Store.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to install one street light at West Bethel on the third pole from the West Bethel depot, on the Ferry Road, so called, running at right angles from the railroad tracks to the Androscoggin River.

Art. 21. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lighting.

Art. 22. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be paid to the Bethel Chamber of Commerce to be used for advertising and publicity.

Art. 23. To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) 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 5, Section 82, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 24. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance and construction of sewers.

Art. 25. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for relief of the poor.

Art. 26. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for town officers' bills.

Art. 27. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to take care of abatements as made by the Assessors.

Art. 28. To see what sum, if any, 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. 29. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for decorating the graves of soldiers and sailors and for Memorial Day exercises.

Art. 30. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Treasurer's Bond.

Art. 31. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Collector's Bond.

Art. 32. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of Fire Department.

Art. 33. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended for care of old cemeteries.

Art. 34. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous town charges.

Art. 35. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay interest on notes and temporary loans.

Art. 36. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance on any or all of the motor driven vehicles owned by the Town of Bethel.

Art. 37. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance and construction of sidewalks and install suitable surface drains when necessary.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to purchase of the Brown Company the Day Farm, so called, situated on Kimball Hill.

Art. 39. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of the Day Farm, so called.

Art. 40. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase equipment for the Town Garage.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to place insurance on the Town Garage.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to purchase a dump truck for use on the highways.

Art. 43. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase a dump truck for use on the highways.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or other authorized officers to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the Town; such loans or loan to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxes. To pay in addition \$5,800.00 on note now held by Casco Bank & Trust Co.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to obtain money by loan to pay the debts of the town and 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 Selectmen.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town Treasurer, upon approval of the Selectmen, to sell and assign unmatured tax mortgage liens for not less than the amount unpaid and interests and cost.

Art. 47. 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. 48. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of 12 to be known as the Budget Committee.

Art. 49. To choose any committee, hear any report of any and act thereon.

Art. 50. To choose by ballot the following Town officers for the ensuing year, to wit: Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Three Overseers of 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 7th, 1949 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 5th day of February, A. D. 1949.

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

#### BUDGET COMMITTEE

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