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ANNUAL REPORT  
OF THE  
Municipal Officers  
OF THE  
TOWN of PERU  
FOR THE  
YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 8th  
1929



PRESS OF MERRILL & WEBBER CO.  
AUBURN, MAINE

# TOWN OFFICERS

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*Moderator*

ELBRIDGE G. CHILD

*Town Clerk*

HOWARD TURNER

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor*

E. G. CHILD      E. B. KNOX      S. A. HAZELTON

*Treasurer*

HOWARD TURNER

*Collector of Taxes*

W. S. ARNOLD

*Constables*

W. S. ARNOLD

CHAS. N. CHILD

E. G. BASSETT

*Surveyors of Wood and Lumber*

W. J. BRYANT

C. H. ROBINSON

ISAAC SEARLES

*Sextons*

ADNA W. KNIGHT

MERLE B. KNOX

O. O. TRACY

*Road Commissioner*

M. M. FARRAR

*Superintendent of Schools*

FRANK McGOULDRICK

*Superintending School Committee*

LENA M. BURGESS

JENNIE I. CHILD

MABELLE S. ROBINSON

*Attendance Officer*

HELEN D. CHILD

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

FRED S. SEARLES

*Fire Warden and Inspector*

S. A. HAZELTON

*Board of Health*

O. T. WOODBURY

SYLVESTER SEARLES

ADNA W. KNIGHT

*Health Officer*

SYLVESTER SEARLES

## REPORT OF SELECTMEN

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The Selectmen of the Town of Peru submit the following report for the year ending February 8, 1929.

### VALUATION

Real estate, resident,	\$231,415 00
Real estate, non-resident,	97,295 00
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Total real estate,	\$328,710 00
Personal estate, resident,	\$ 84,902 00
Personal estate, non-resident,	11,920 00
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Total personal estate,	\$ 96,822 00
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Total valuation,	\$425,532 00
Total value of land,	\$171,789 00
Total value of buildings,	156,921 00

### TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Av. Val.	Total Val.
Horses,	144	\$84 93	\$12,230 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old,	3	58 33	175 00
Colts, under 2 years old,	1	75 00	75 00
Cows,	303	34 88	10,572 00
Oxen,	1	40 00	40 00
Three years old,	61	32 18	1,965 00
Two years old,	100	24 76	2,476 00
Sheep, (over 35 in number),	60	6 00	360 00
Poultry, (over 50 in number),	800	68	544 00
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Total amount,			\$ 28,437 00

## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

One year old,	112	\$15 68	\$ 1,757 00
Sheep, (to 35 in number),	133	6 00	798 00
Swine, (to 10 in number),	88	11 33	997 00
Poultry, (to 50 in number),	2,934	69	2,029 00
Total exempt,			<u>\$ 5,581 00</u>

## ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Electric Light Company,	\$ 5,700 00
Stock in trade,	16,025 00
Logs,	2,545 00
Lumber,	3,290 00
Wood and bark, cords, 180,	250 00
Automobiles, 183,	31,065 00
Musical instruments, 53,	4,030 00
Radios, 32,	1,240 00
Furniture,	1,300 00
Materials in stock,	175 00
Portable mills and machinery, 1,	600 00
Other property,	2,165 00
Total,	<u>\$ 68,385 00</u>

Amount livestock and poultry brought forward,	28,437 00
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Total amount personal property,	\$ 96,822 00
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## APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

State tax,	\$ 2,758 28
County tax,	962 44

For support of common schools,	\$ 4,000 00
High school tuition,	2,500 00
Superintendence,	360 00
Text books and supplies,	200 00
Repairs on school houses,	300 00
Interest on school fund,	34 38
Office expense of Supt.,	35 00
School flags,	10 00
Support of poor,	200 00
Summer roads and bridges,	3,700 00
Winter roads,	2,200 00
Maintenance of State Road,	600 00
Maintenance of State Aid Road,	150 00
Maintenance of third class roads,	300 00
Maintenance of resolve roads,	40 00
Care of cemeteries,	200 00
Town Officers' bills,	1,200 00
Memorial purposes,	10 00
Miscellaneous Town charges,	600 00
Construction State Aid Road,	533 00
Payt. John Burgess Loan,	500 00
Snow fences,	200 00
Metal culverts,	300 00
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Total appropriated by Town,	\$ 18,172 38
Appropriated and assessed,	\$ 21,893 10
Overlay,	532 03
Supplementary taxes,	34 32
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Total tax committed to col- lector,	\$ 22,459 45
Number of polls assessed, 241.	
Number of polls not taxed, 30.	
Poll tax, \$3.00.	
Rate of taxation, .051.	
Rate of collection, .015.	

## STATE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriated,	\$ 600 00	
Overdrawn, 1927,	30 94	
Available,		\$ 569 06
Paid State,	\$ 408 00	
E. B. Knox,	24 25	
C. L. Robinson,	37 98	
C. H. Robinson,	35 40	
M. M. Farrar,	42 00	
A. W. Knight,	12 00	
W. J. Bryant,	12 00	
L. O. Babb,	5 80	
S. A. Hazelton,	8 00	
Jas. Gill,	8 75	
I. C. Kidder,	7 00	
J. C. Oldham,	4 00	
Emerson Oldham,	4 00	
Walter Jasud,	7 00	
Carroll Oldham,	47 25	
Roy Oldham,	7 60	
Town of Mexico,	81 15	
Expended,		\$ 752 18
Overdrawn,		\$ 183 12

## SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriated,	\$ 3,700 00	
Overdrawn, 1927,	662 63	
Available,		\$ 3,037 37
M. M. Farrar, Road Commissioner		
Paid M. M. Farrar,	\$ 196 00	
Alton Lovejoy,	126 00	



E. W. Sturtevant,	3 25
Frank Searles,	5 87
F. A. Smith,	71 64
Veane Lord,	46 61
Lubert McGuire,	13 32
Wallace Lufkin,	184 00
E. L. Knox,	285 20
Charlie Root,	13 50
Henry Hall,	11 65
W. B. Gillespie,	56 27
Melvin Lovejoy,	88 92
Benj. Lovejoy,	67 97
Oscar Putman,	184 78
Albert Wentworth,	90 72
Isaac Searles,	21 64
Wallace Andrews,	120 80
Fred Searles,	41 06
E. E. Howard,	174 93
Mildred Haines,	70
Cola York,	54 84
Jas. Irish,	16 52
Mellen DeShon,	4 20
Anthony Mockus,	13 00
A. W. Knight,	2 70
A. L. Harlow,	15 13
Ira Gammon,	10 73
Elmer Child,	96 63
D. C. Chenery,	81 86
Alton York,	54 99
Philip Andrew,	3 50
I. C. Kidder,	10 18
W. J. Bryant,	36 00
Oscar Austin,	62 53
Birchard Malone,	15 00
Lane Bros.,	9 63
Fred Luce,	116 90
B. C. Putnam,	31 43
Roy Whitney,	8 00



S. A. Hazelton,	28 80
Wm. L. Paul,	17 32
W. W. Tainter,	6 54
Emerson Oldham,	100 50
Wm. Johnson,	58 27
John Oldham,	116 57
A. G. Walker,	39 00
Maurice Oldham,	26 00
Lester Knox,	79 91
Sidney Goggin,	86 70
V. W. Farrar,	35 75
Howard Child,	28 10
Charley Porter,	3 33
Frank Potter,	9 99
H. E. Knox,	57 49
Harold Packard,	40 00
Ralph Kidder,	5 60
Nelson Lufkin,	51 25
Nathan Flagg,	6 50
E. G. Child,	2 50

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Expended,	\$ 3,240 72
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Overdrawn,	\$ 211 35
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### RESOLVE ROAD

Appropriated by State,	\$ 500 00
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Paid M. M. Farrar,	\$ 52 00
John Oldham,	44 66
Emerson Oldham,	48 62
Wm. Johnson,	30 89
Carroll Oldham,	24 94
Cola York,	42 99
Harold Packard,	80 00
Fred Luce,	60 00
A. G. Walker,	41 03
E. E. Howard,	41 55

Roy Oldham,	3 42
Jas. Irish,	18 87
Material	
Paid Berger Mfg. Co., Culverts, \$	58 60
A. G. Walker, filling,	18 30
J. C. Oldham, gravel,	5 60
Fred Luce, gravel,	4 20
I. C. Kidder, explosives,	2 97
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Total cost of road,	\$ 578 64
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Paid from miscellaneous a/c,	\$ 78 64

### RESOLVE ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriated,	\$ 40 00
Paid E. E. Howard,	\$ 10 53
Harold Packard,	30 00
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Expended,	40 53
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Overdrawn,	\$ 53

### STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Appropriated by State,	\$ 1,066 00
Appropriated by Town,	533 00
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	\$ 1,599 00
Overdrawn, 1927,	12 91
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Available,	\$ 1,586 09
Paid M. M. Farrar,	\$ 138 00
J. C. Oldham,	122 76
Emerson Oldham,	122 76
Carroll Oldham,	109 62
E. E. Howard,	134 68
John Albert,	75 96

Roy Oldham,	22 23
Howard Child,	54 72
Cola York,	59 85
Maurice Oldham,	22 99
Adolph Grudginsky,	4 00
Wallace Lufkin,	110 00
Fred Luce,	269 08
Harold Packard,	118 34
E. G. Child,	4 00
A. G. Howard,	13 30
I. C. Kidder,	11 75
Wm. Johnson,	49 59
Lane Bros.,	4 02
Berger Mfg. Co.,	105 74
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Expended,	\$ 1,553 39
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Unexpended,	\$ 32 70

## STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriated,	\$ 150 00
Due from State,	90 00
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	\$ 240 00
Overdrawn,	42 54
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Available,	\$ 197 46
Paid E. L. Knox,	\$ 18 90
E. E. Howard,	40 88
Wm. Johnson,	6 84
Emerson Oldham,	33 00
Anthony Mockus,	6 50
John Oldham,	27 72
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Expended,	\$ 133 84
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Unexpended,	\$ 63 62

## THIRD CLASS ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Appropriated by State,  
Unexpended, 1927,

\$ 1,487 34  
23 29

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Available,

\$ 1,510 63

Paid M. M. Farrar,	\$ 104 00
D. C. Chenery,	103 54
Melvin Lovejoy,	80 73
Wallace Andrews,	64 98
B. C. Putnam,	80 73
Albert Wentworth,	84 24
F. A. Smith,	105 12
W. B. Gillespie,	59 67
Oscar Putnam,	101 83
E. G. Child,	71 95
Fred Searles,	70 20
Lester Knox,	20 52
Alton Lovejoy,	72 27
V. W. Farrar,	52 56
Benj. Lovejoy,	41 04
Dwight Oldham,	27 36
Ed. Lufkin,	33 88
Roy Knox,	6 56
Wallace Lufkin,	90 00
Alton York,	60 00
John Robins,	75 00
A. R. Porter,	4 38
Emerson Oldham,	3 51
John Oldham,	3 51
E. E. Howard,	3 51
I. C. Kidder,	9 98
Carl Walo,	32 50
Charlie Root,	38 90

C. H. Towle,

2 28

Expended,

\$ 1,504 75

Unexpended,

\$ 5 88

## THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriated,

\$ 300 00

Unexpended, 1927,

3 09

Available,

\$ 303 09

Paid M. M. Farrar,

\$ 20 00

Albert Wentworth,

20 52

Lubert McGuire,

13 32

Wallace Lufkin,

60 00

Fred Luce,

43 35

F. A. Smith,

11 50

E. L. Knox,

79 85

Wallace Andrews,

21 64

Lester Knox,

27 74

Fred Searles,

13 32

Sidney Goggin,

17 10

Expended,

\$ 328 34

Overdrawn,

\$ 25 25

## METAL CULVERTS

Appropriation,

\$ 300 00

Overdrawn, 1927,

74

Available,

\$ 299 26

Paid Berger Mfg. Co.,

305 96

Overdrawn,

\$ 6 70

## PERU-MEXICO BRIDGE

Unexpended, 1927,	\$	486 06
Paid Dixfield, lighting, 1928,		10 52
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Unexpended,	\$	475 54

## BREAKWATER

Unexpended, 1927,	\$	123 16
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## GRADING TOWN HALL LOT

Unexpended, 1927,	\$	17 60
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## JOHN BURGESS LOAN

Appropriated,	\$	500 00	
Paid int. from ms. fund,		29 16	
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	\$	529 16	
Paid John Burgess,			529 16

## MEMORIAL

Appropriated,	\$	10 00	
Overdrawn, 1927,		34	
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Available,	\$	9 66	
Paid I. C. Kidder, flags,		5 20	
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Unexpended,	\$	4 46	

FENCING UNPROTECTED CEMETERIES AND  
MOVING BODIES

Unexpended, 1927,	\$	85 85
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## CARE OF CEMETERIES

Appropriated,	\$	200 00	
Overdrawn, 1927,		56 68	
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Available,	\$	143 32	

Paid A. W. Knight,	\$	3 00
John Oldham,		3 50
M. B. Knox,		20 00
Benj. Lovejoy,		9 00
E. G. Child,		3 50
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Expended,	\$	39 00
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Unexpended,	\$	104 32

### HOLLIS TURNER CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Interest available,	\$	29 58
Overdrawn, 1927,		15 87
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Available,	\$	13 71
Paid A. W. Knight,	\$	3 00
H. R. Robinson & Son,		6 70
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Expended,	\$	9 70
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Unexpended,	\$	4 01

### CUSHMAN CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Interest, available,	\$	2 02
Unexpended, 1927,		4 28
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Available,	\$	6 30
Paid E. G. Child,		1 00
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Unexpended,	\$	5 30

### LOVEJOY CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Interest available,	\$	3 35
Paid E. G. Child,		2 00
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Unexpended,	\$	1 35



## B. S. AUSTIN CEMETERY ACCOUNT

Interest available,	\$	4 04	
Unexpended, 1927,		3 69	
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Unexpended,	\$		7 73

## DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

Arthur E. Child, poll and personal,	\$	20 90	
William A. Hopkins, poll,		3 00	
Ed. Lufkin, personal,		61 56	
John Labonsky, poll,		3 00	
Chas. Porter, poll and personal,		6 82	
Percy H. Raymond, poll and personal,		5 55	
A. O. Sylvester, poll and personal,		8 10	
Alfonso G. Walker, poll and personal,		22 43	
John Zelensky, poll,		3 00	
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	\$		134 36

## SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriated,	\$	200 00	
Due from Town of Bethel, Corson acct.		19 35	
Unexpended, 1927,		440 78	
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Available,	\$		660 13

## Horace Clark acct.

Paid B. E. Searles, board and care,	\$	260 00	
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## Mary Hopkins acct.

Paid Mertie Woodbury, board, care, clothing,	\$	275 26	
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J. S. Sturtevant, M. D.,	117 00	
Harry Marsh, undertaker,	95 00	
R. D. Farnham, sexton,	6 00	
	<u>          </u>	\$ 493 26

## R. A. Pinkham acct.

Paid Mertie Woodbury, board		
and care,	\$ 8 00	
Selma Farrar, board and		
care,	127 80	
J. S. Sturtevant, M. D.,	12 00	
E. B. Knox, repairs on shoes,	1 50	
	<u>          </u>	
		\$ 149 30

## Etta Bowker acct.

Paid E. B. Knox, board and care, \$	20 00	
C. F. Thompson, M. D.,	5 00	
E. B. Currier, M. D.,	10 00	
Selma Farrar, board and		
care,	165 00	
	<u>          </u>	
		\$ 200 00

## OUT OF TOWN POOR

## F. J. Wing &amp; Family acct.

Paid Town of Leeds, supplies, \$	27 92	
Winthrop Hospital,	70 00	
F. H. Badger, M. D.,	26 00	
	<u>          </u>	
		\$ 123 92

## POOR BELONGING TO OTHER TOWNS

## Raleigh Corson acct.

Paid C. A. Lane, clothing, \$	19 35	
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Expended,		\$ 1,245 83
		<u>          </u>
Overdrawn,		\$ 585 70

## WINTER ROADS

Appropriated,	\$ 2,200 00
Received from State,	68 32
	<hr/> \$ 2,268 32
Overdrawn, 1927,	841 52
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Available,	\$ 1,426 80

Paid Thos. Cunningham,	\$ 32 46
John Albert,	6 65
W. S. Haines,	4 00
Robert Gillespie,	2 80
A. L. Harlow,	4 45
W. B. Gillespie,	9 80
F. A. Smith,	8 23
Tony Norris,	8 05
Dominic Mazeikis,	14 54
Gilbert Brackett,	5 25
John Godish,	1 40
Frank Savage,	1 75
Felix Godish,	7 70
H. E. Knox,	37 04
Alex. McFee,	21 00
E. B. Knox,	11 50
D. S. Bryant,	311 30
M. B. Knox,	66 09
Anthony Mockus,	42 70
R. V. Robinson,	3 85
C. L. Knox,	13 05
M. M. Farrar,	42 00
Wallace Andrews,	16 24
Lester Knox,	14 62
Elmer Farrar,	3 15
Willis N. McGuire,	9 45
Frank Searles,	9 45
Fred Searles,	11 20
Isaac Searles,	9 45
Willis L. McGuire,	9 45

Lubert McGuire,	9 80
N. B. Lufkin,	6 82
Charles Porter,	4 37
Alphonse Ferland,	6 65
Walter Smith,	1 75
L. O. Babb,	3 68
E. E. DeMeritt,	1 75
A. C. Hammond,	18 90
H. S. Gammon,	4 55
E. G. Child,	9 35
A. B. McIntire,	3 90
Frank Norris,	1 57
Alton L. Burgess,	7 72
D. C. Chenery,	3 42
Elmer Child,	3 42
Percy A. Frost,	10 50
S. A. Hazelton,	3 00
A. G. Howard,	5 60
A. W. Knight,	9 46
E. E. Howard,	18 03
Alcied Howard,	5 43
Charles Frost,	5 25

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Expended,	\$ 883 54
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Unexpended,	\$ 543 26
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### SNOW FENCE

Appropriated,	\$ 200 00
Unexpended, 1927,	7 97

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Available,	\$ 207 79
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Paid Good Roads Mach. Co.,	\$ 124 40
Me. Road Equip. Co.,	75 00

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Expended,	\$ 199 40
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Unexpended,	\$ 8 39
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## TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriated,	\$ 1,200 00	
Overdrawn, 1927,	57 11	
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Available,		\$ 1,142 89
Paid E. G. Child, moderator,	\$ 4 00	
Howard Turner, clerk,	70 00	
E. G. Child, selectman,	188 00	
E. B. Knox, selectman,	178 00	
S. A. Hazelton, selectman,	173 00	
Howard Turner, treasurer,	100 00	
W. S. Arnold, collector,	338 15	
Lena Burgess, school board,	10 90	
Jennie I. Child, school board,	9 00	
Mabelle Robinson, school board,	9 00	
Sylvester Searles, health officer,	30 00	
C. H. Robinson, bal. clerk,	8 00	
A. B. McIntire, bal. clerk,	8 00	
A. S. Holman, bal. clerk,	4 00	
Isaac Searles, bal. clerk,	4 00	
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Expended,		\$ 1,134 05
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Unexpended,		\$ 8 84

## MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriated,	\$ 600 00	
From State, damage to domestic animals,	42 00	
Unexpended, 1927,	225 83	
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Available,		\$ 867 83
Paid Merrill & Webber, printing reports,	\$ 59 50	

Loring, Short & Harmon, record books,	29 15
Material, Resolve Road,	78 64
State, dependent children,	96 26
M. B. Knox, labor on iron bridge and snow plow repairs,	3 66
R. V. Robinson, labor on iron bridge,	1 53
E. B. Knox, labor on iron bridge,	3 20
C. H. Robinson, labor on iron bridge,	13 00
Roy Knox, labor on iron bridge,	6 00
Ralph Farnham, labor on iron bridge,	1 40
E. G. Child, labor on iron bridge,	6 00
H. R. Robinson, int. on loan,	75 00
Howard Turner, check lists, deeds and money paid out,	31 00
Jennie I. Child, int. on loan,	50 00
George Easter, gravel,	1 80
Geo. Hutchins, legal advice,	2 00
C. A. Lane, road tools,	11 24
M. M. Farrar, express,	2 73
A. Grudginsky, blacksmith- ing,	18 84
W. A. Dill, road machine repairs,	26 15
N. E. Road Mach. Co.,	51 50
A. G. Walker, damage to sheep,	18 00
Dr. W. T. Rowe, vital statis- tics,	50
Perley Knox, land damage,	5 00
I. C. Kidder, plow,	21 25



L. E. Libby, damage to sheep,	24 00	
Jennie I. Child, copying in- ventory,	15 00	
R. F. Trust Co., int. on loans,	172 29	
C. H. Towle,	1 00	
V. A. Eastman, blacksmith- ing,	7 50	
John Burgess, int. on loan,	29 16	
Oscar Putnam, housing rd. machine,	5 00	
Dr. Frank Morse, vital statistics,	75	
D. S. Bryant, repairs on plow,	3 20	
Florence Shaw, use water- ing tub,	5 00	
M. M. Farrar, use watering tub,	5 00	
Robinson & Son, use water- ing tub,	5 00	
Jas. Irish, use watering tub,	3 00	
B. D. Packard, use watering tub,	2 00	
Dr. J. S. Sturtevant, 34 vac- cinations,	38 00	
Dr. J. S. Sturtevant, vital statistics,	3 75	
E. G. Child, Selectmen's in- cidentals,	6 10	
Expended,		\$ 940 02
Overdrawn,		\$ 72 19



## FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

February 8, 1929

## Resources

Cash in hands of Treasurer,	\$ 2,056 22
Lot 9 in Thompson's Grant,	300 00
Tax deeds on hand,	622 59
Due from State, hedgehog bounty,	63 25
Due from Town of Bethel,	19 35
Due from State, State Aid Rd. Maintenance,	90 00
Due from State, State Aid Road Construction,	17 10
Unpaid taxes, bills of 1928,	134 36
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Total resources,	\$ 3,302 87

## LIABILITIES

Loan & int. from Jennie Child,	\$ 1,050 00
Loan & int. from H. R. Robinson,	1,575 00
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Liabilities,	\$ 2,625 00
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Resources over liabilities,	\$ 677 88

Respectfully submitted,

E. G. CHILD,

E. B. KNOX,

S. A. HAZELTON,

Selectmen of Peru.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

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Dr.

To Due on tax bills of 1922,	\$ 57 62
Due on tax bills of 1923,	70 00
Tax deeds on hand,	369 70
Cash on hand,	1,238 71
Int. on tax deeds,	11
Tax Com. bills of 1928,	22,425 13
Dog licenses,	173 00
Cemetery lots sold,	20 00
State, highway dept.,	68 32
Rebate on teacher's salary,	22 00
State, cedar posts,	2 20
State, special resolve road,	500 00
Int. on cemetery funds,	38 99
State, State Aid Road,	1,003 30
State, Third Class Road,	1,504 75
Dog license refund,	74 34
R.R. & Tel. Tax,	03
Equalization fund,	144 00
Damage to domestic animals,	42 00
Temporary bank loans,	7,575 00
Sup. tax bills for 1928,	34 32
State, school fund,	2,165 67
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	\$37,529 19

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Paid Town orders,	\$34,683 27
Hedgehog bounty,	32 75
Tax deeds on hand,	622 59
Due on tax bills of 1928,	134 36
Cash on hand,	2,056 22
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	\$37,529 19

Respectfully submitted,  
HOWARD TURNER, Treasurer.

# REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of  
the town of Peru:

I hereby submit my fourth annual report of your schools.

## TEACHERS

School	Teacher	Home Address	Experience	Salary per week
West Peru Prim.	Agnes York,	East Peru, Me.	4 Terms	\$20.00
West Peru Gram.	Mabel Sanborn,	Weld, Me.	22 Terms	21.00
Dickvale	Nina Burnham,	North Jay, Me.	4 Terms	20.00
Union	Florence Heath,	Phillips, Me.	22 Terms	21.00
Peru Center	Marjorie Oldham,	East Peru, Me.	10 Terms	21.00
East Peru	Ariel DeMeritt,	West Peru, Me.	27 Terms	18.00

All the positions are filled by teachers of experience and normal training. Miss Oldham and Miss DeMeritt are normal school graduates. Miss Sanborn has one year of regular normal training and in addition to this has taken the special course for helping teachers. She is a business college graduate also.

## ENROLLMENT

The enrollment by grades and schools the present school year is as follows:

School	S.P.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
W.Peru Prim.	8	8	13		7					36
W.Peru Gram.						4	5	3	4	16
Dickvale		3	5	2	2	10			6	28
Union		4	3	1	2	4	1	1	3	19
Peru Center		1	3	3	3	1	2	3	1	14
East Peru		1				1	3		1	6
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Totals	9	19	21	6	11	20	11	7	15	119

## ATTENDANCE

Following is the whole number in attendance and average attendance for each term of the year ending December 31, 1928.

School	Winter Term No. of Pupils	Av.	Spring Term No. of Pupils	Av.	Fall Term No. of Pupils	Av.
West Peru Prim.,	26	22.07	28	24.07	36	32.4
West Peru Gram.,	18	16.2	19	16.93	16	12.83
Dickvale,	28	24.6	30	26.19	28	22.2
Union,	15	13.75	17	13.6	19	17.7
Peru Center,	15	14.62	17	13.74	14	13.6
East Peru,	8	6.9	8	7.29	6	4.7
Total,	110	98.14	119	101.82	119	103.43

Five pupils were not absent for the school year ending June 8, 1928. They are Donald Lane of West Peru Primary; Joseph Arnold of West Peru Grammar; Lucile Libby and Earl Chenery of Dickvale; and Rollins Kidder of Peru Center.

For the fall term of fifteen weeks ending December 21, 1928, the following pupils were not absent: Ronald Easter, William Austin, Kenneth Knox, Leon Child, Wilfred Easter, Elwin Child, Jr., and Sherman Irish of West Peru; Joseph Arnold and Verner Wiken of West Peru Grammar; John Walo, Lawrence Donahue and Vega Roott of Dickvale; Blandine Knox, Everdine Knox, Warren Knox and Anthony Mockus of the Union School; and Edwin Bisson of Peru Center.

## REPAIRS

The exterior of the Union and Dickvale buildings was painted. A book case and some desks with chairs were purchased for the Union school. A new door and fixtures were furnished at Peru Center. Minor repairs were made also. The expense in these districts was charged to general repairs.



A part of the balance in the special repair account was used to pay for painting the interior of the primary room at West Peru and for some small repairs on the building.

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

For the school year which opened in September, 1928, the enrollment of high school tuition pupils is as follows:

Pupil	Home	High School
Roland Burgess	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Percy Chapman	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Norman Child	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Dana Eastman	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Gladys Howard	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Charles Norris	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Cleston Garneau	West Peru	Dixfield High School
May Goggin	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Eleanor Porter	West Peru	Dixfield High School
Dwight Gordon	Dickvale	Dixfield High School
Alice McGuire	Dickvale	Dixfield High School
Mary Searles	Dickvale	Dixfield High School
Jennie Root	Dickvale	Dixfield High School
Earle Chenery	Dickvale	Dixfield High School
Clifford Gill	Union District	Dixfield High School
Evelyn Babb	East Peru	Canton High School
Archer Howard	East Peru	Canton High School
Isabel Luce	East Peru	Canton High School
Richard Walker	Worthley Pond	Canton High School
Mellen Deshon	Peru Center	Canton High School
Ruby Kidder	Peru Center	Canton High School
Roxi Kidder	Peru Center	Canton High School
Ralph Kidder	Peru Center	Canton High School
Audrey Robinson	Peru Center	Canton High School
Elaine Robinson	Peru Center	Canton High School
Louise Sharko	Peru Center	Canton High School
Verna Arnold	West Peru	Stephens High School

Dorothy Heffron	West Peru	Stephens High School
Geraldine Farrar	West Peru	Stephens High School
Irene Farrar	West Peru	Stephens High School
Burton Smith	West Peru	Stephens High School
Gilbert Brackett	West Peru	Gould Academy

The annual charges for tuition in the schools which these pupils are attending are as follows: Dixfield, \$75; Canton, \$80; Stephens, \$100; Gould Academy, \$100. Consequently the total expense for the year will be \$2,605 provided all the pupils remain in school. The number of eighth grade pupils is 15 which is by far larger than the number that will be graduated from high school in June. For this reason it is safe to assume that there will be more tuition pupils next fall than there are at present.

### EXPENSE PER PUPIL

Many citizens do not realize the great expense of schooling some of the pupils under present conditions. Therefore I am going to give the approximate expense per pupil in each school for the past fiscal year. West Peru Primary, \$41; West Peru Grammar, \$53; Dickvale, \$37; Union, \$81; Peru Center, \$60; East Peru, \$149. In estimating this expense the following items have been considered: teacher's salary, wages of janitor, fuel, transportation, books and supplies, repairs, and supervision.

### EAST PERU SCHOOL

The school officials do not recommend the continuance of the East Peru school for the coming year because at least \$600 can be saved in the schooling of these pupils by transporting them to Peru Center.

### BUDGET FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

Your Committee and Superintendent have considered the needs of the schools for the next year and submit the fol-

lowing recommendations for the annual town meeting:

Common Schools,	\$ 4,200 00
High School Tuition,	2,500 00
Books and Supplies,	200 00
Repairs and Equipment,	300 00
Superintendence,	360 00
Interest on School Fund,	34 38
Office Expense,	35 00
Flags,	20 00
	<hr/> \$ 7,649 38

The total amount raised last year was \$7,439 38 or \$210 less than the budget recommended for the coming year. If the East Peru school is closed \$3,600 will be enough for common schools and the budget will be reduced to \$7,049.38.

In closing I wish to thank all the citizens of Peru who have aided the schools in any way the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK McGOULDRICK,  
Supt. of Schools.

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### COMMON SCHOOLS

Appropriation,	\$ 4,000 00
Interest on School Fund,	34 38
Equalization Fund,	144 00
Rebate on Teacher's Salary,	22 00
State School Fund,	2,015 67
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	\$ 6,216 05
Overdraft, 1927-28,	\$ 235 45
Teachers' Salaries,	4,413 00
Transportation,	1,071 50
Fuel,	378 90



Janitors,

248 30

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\$ 6,347 15

Overdrawn,

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\$ 131 10

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Balance, 1927-28,

\$ 191 35

Appropriation,

2,500 00

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\$ 2,691 35

Paid Town of Dixfield,

\$ 1,057 00

Town of Canton,

929 00

Town of Rumford,

500 00

Town of Mexico,

6 22

Gould Academy,

39 00

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\$ 2,531 22

Unexpended,

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\$ 160 13

## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation,

\$ 200 00

State School Fund,

150 00

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\$ 350 00

Expended,

321 79

Unexpended,

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\$ 28 21

## REPAIRS

Appropriation,

\$ 300 00

Overdraft, 1927-28,

\$ 37 40

Expended,

256 12

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\$ 293 52

Unexpended,

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\$ 6 48

## SPECIAL REPAIRS

Balance, 1927-28,	\$	199 26
Expended,		64 71
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Unexpended,	\$	134 55

## SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation,	\$	360 00
Expended		360 00

## OFFICE EXPENSE

Balance, 1927-28,	\$	1 13
Appropriation,		35 00
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	\$	36 13
Expended,		34 36
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Unexpended,	\$	1 77

## FLAGS

Balance, 1927-28,	\$	13 95
Appropriation,		10 00
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	\$	23 95
Expended,		10 85
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Unexpended,	\$	13 10

## STATE OF MAINE

State School Fund,	\$	2,165 67
Equalization Fund,		144 00

Total amount received from  
State,

\$ 2,309 67

Transferred to Common School Ac-  
count,

\$ 2,159 67

Transferred to Books and Supplies,

150 00

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\$ 2,309 67

## RECAPITULATION

Accounts	Receipts	Expenditures	Unexpended	Overdrawn
Common Schools,	\$6,216.05	\$6,347.15		\$ 131.10
High School Tuition,	2,691.35	2,531.22	\$ 160.13	
Books and Supplies,	350.00	321.79	28.21	
Repairs,	300.00	293.52	6.48	
Special Repairs,	199.26	64.71	134.55	
Superintendence,	360.00	360.00		
Office Expense,	36.13	34.36	1.77	
Flags,	23.95	10.85	13.10	
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	\$10,176.74	\$9,963.60	\$ 344.24	\$ 131.10
Unexpended,		213.14		213.14
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	\$10,176.74	\$10,176.74	\$ 344.24	\$ 344.24

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to this office for the year ending, February 1, 1929.

### MARRIAGES

1928

February 6, at Rumford, Lester L. Knox of Peru and Alice G. V. Conrad of Mexico.

February 7, at Dixfield, Thomas E. Saunders of Peru and Hildreth Robinson of Andover.

April 17, at Peru, Loando V. Brann of Mexico and Ida A. Pingree of Peru.

May 20, at Peru, Millard E. Knox of Allston, Mass. and Alice G. Redding of Brighton, Mass.

May 24, at Mexico, Harry Curtis of Mexico and Lelia M. Easter of Peru.

July 15, at Peru, Richard A. Smith and Minetta Lovejoy, both of Mexico.

July 21, at West Peru, Albert B. Martin and Lillian F. McAllister, both of Peru.

August 2, at Dixfield, Walter L. Knight of Peru and Emily M. Redman of Portland.

Octobed 25, at Rumford, Floyd D. Childs of Peru and Ethel M. Welch of Dixfield.

November 10, at Peru, Guy Byron and Estella Welch, both of Dixfield.

November 10, at Dixfield, Vivian D. Knox of Peru and Isabelle E. Welch of Dixfield.

December 22, at Peru, Roland H. Tainter of Dixfield and Phyllis R. Gill of Peru.

## BIRTHS

1928

February 28, to Jennie H. and H. Stuart Gammon, a daughter, Lois Cleo.

March 3, at Rumford, to Arlene and William L. Jordan, a daughter, Beverly Elaine.

March 17, to Lydia R. and Chas. W. Knox, a son, Eldon.

April 23, to Agnes A. and Cola D. York, a son, Willis Elmer.

April 30, to Florence and H. Lowell Shaw, a son, Walter Lowell.

May 28, to Hazel M. and Jas. A. Dermody, a son, James Augustus.

June 16, to Beulah E. and Albert Cox, a daughter, Leona Elizabeth.

June 16, to Clementine L. and Alphonso G. Walker, a daughter, Edna Louise.

June 27, to Leona and Elwin C. Child, a son, Carl Elmer.

September 7, to Sadie L. and Leslie H. Irish, a son, Manley Leo.

September 13, to Florence and Harold D. Packard, a son, Harold Dresser.

September 13, to Martha and Charles M. Easter, a son, George Walter.

October 19, to Sarah L. and Edmund A. Dolloff, a daughter, Joice Louise.

November 14, to Mary and Ira A. Gammon, a daughter, Mary Louise.

November 15, at Rumford, to Helen and Wallace Howard, a son, Warren.

1929

January 8, to Iva N. and Herbert K. Martin, a daughter, Haroldine Marie.

January 18, to Gladys and Walter F. Hodge, a son, Walter Frank.

## DEATHS

1928

March 13, at Dixfield, Myrtie L. Putnam, aged 48 years, 5 months, 17 days.

March 20, Eldon Knox, aged 3 days.

March 20, Almy B. Tracy, aged 63 years, 3 months, 11 days.

March 29, Willis S. Haines, aged 48 years, 1 month, 9 days.

April 2, Leonard H. Davenport, aged 67 years, 9 months, 14 days.

May 1, Willis E. York, aged 8 days.

May 5, at Rumford, Baby Knox, aged few hours.

July 3, at Canton, Albert Clinton Farnsworth, at birth.

August 8, at Rumford, Izidorius S. Labonski, aged 43 years, 2 months, 23 days.

August 18, Sarah N. Knox, aged 80 years, 6 months, 28 days.

August 27, William David Abbott, aged 66 years, 3 months.

September 11, at Dixfield, Floyd F. Chapman, aged 17 years, 2 months, 2 days.

September 12, at Rumford, Vean A. Lord, aged 32 years, 1 month, 22 days.

October 8, Stillman H. McIntire, aged 67 years, 1 month, 13 days.

October 20, Tillotson P. Wing, aged 100 years, 1 month, 1 day.

November 13, at Gardiner, Lucy M. Nason, aged 77 years, 4 months, 9 days.

November 25, Llewellyn C. Hall, aged 2 years, 7 months, 13 days.

December 27, at Auburn, Mackay, Infant, aged 6 hours.

December 29, Mary Hopkins, aged 73 years, 23 days.

HOWARD TURNER,

Town Clerk.