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# Annual Report

OF THE

# Municipal Officers

OF THE

# Town of Peru, Maine

FOR THE

Year Ending February 8th, 1940

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# Town Officers

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*Moderator*

W. S. ARNOLD

*Town Clerk and Treasurer*

HOWARD TURNER

*Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the Poor*

E. B. KNOX      W. B. KIDDER      A. B. McINTIRE

*Collector of Taxes and Constable*

ESBJORN WIKEN

*Road Commissioner*

C. M. LANE

*Surveyor of Wood and Lumber*

W. B. KIDDER

*Sextons*

A. H. WENTWORTH      FELIX GODISH      M. B. KNOX

*Superintendent of Schools*

FRANK McGOULDRICK

*Superintending School Committee*

HILDA DRAGOON      RODNEY LINNELL  
J. A. MONTEITH SR.

*Sealer of Weights and Measures*

WILBUR P. HUSSEY

*Fire Ward and Inspector*

W. B. KIDDER

*Board of Health*

A. G. HOWARD      A. H. WENTWORTH  
STOWELL EUSTIS

*Health Officer*

A. G. HOWARD

*Attendance Officer*

RICHARD POWELL

# Report of Town Officers

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*To the Citizens of the Town of Peru:*

Your Town Officers herewith submit the following report for the fiscal year ending February 8th, 1940.

## *Assessors' Report*

Real Estate, Resident	\$255,015.00	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	385,645.00	
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Total		\$640,660.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$ 34,049.00	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	107,760.00	
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Total Personal Estate		\$141,809.00
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Grand Total		\$782,469.00
Total Valuation Land	\$170,319.00	
Total Valuation Buildings	470,341.00	

## TAXABLE LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

	<i>No.</i>	<i>Av. Value</i>	<i>Total Val.</i>
Horses and Mules	77	\$72.73	\$ 5,500.00
Cows	306	36.42	11,146.00
Oxen	4	75.00	300.00
Three year old	69	29.74	2,052.00
Two year olds	56	23.82	1,334.00
Poultry	86	.50	43.00
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Total Amt. Taxable Livestock			\$20,375.00

## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Yearlings 1 year old	90	\$11.90	\$ 1,143.00
Sheep	21	4.90	103.00
Swins	67	8.24	552.00
Poultry	1030	.50	565.00
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Total			\$ 2,363.00

## ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade,	\$ 6,250.00	
Logs, ft. M 25,	150.00	
Wood, 2,328 cords,	14,084.00	
Musical instruments, 41, av., \$50,	2,050.00	
Radios, 122,	2,315.00	
Finished Products in mills	46,000.00	
Manufactured material in mills,	15,000.00	
Gas pumps, 18,	875.00	
Tractors, 2	800.00	
Other property,	33,910.00	
All other Personal Property		\$121,434.00
Amount of Live Stock and Poultry		20,375.00
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Total		\$141,809.00

## APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

Common schools,	\$5,000.00	
High School Tuition,	2,500.00	
Books and supplies,	400.00	
Repairs and equipment,	200.00	
Insurance, W. Peru school,	190.00	
Superintendence,	291.60	
Int. on school fund,	34.38	
Supt. office expense,	20.00	
Support of poor,	6,000.00	
Summer roads & bridges,	2,500.00	
Snow removal,	2,000.00	
Main. S. & S. Aid Roads,	700.00	
Main. third class rds.,	2,500.00	
Miscellaneous a/c,	1,000.00	
Excise tax to go to ms. a/c.		
Town officers' bills,	1,800.00	
Memorial purposes,	10.00	
Town cemeteries,	100.00	
Cons. S. Aid Road,	533.00	
Health nursing,	62.00	
Dental hygiene,	40.00	
Payt. on loans,	3,000.00	
Main. P. F. P. Association,	100.00	
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Appropriated for Town use,		\$28,980.98

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State tax,	5,910.56
County tax,	2,607.70
Overlay,	791.27
Supplementary tax,	70.31

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Appropriated and assessed, \$38,360.82

No. polls taxed,	244	Rate of taxation,	\$ .048
No. polls untaxed,	53	Rate of collection	.011
Poll tax,	\$3.01		

## SUMMER ROADS &amp; BRIDGES

Appropriated	\$2,500.00
Unexpended 1938	288.86

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Available \$2,788.86

Paid:

Chas. Lane, labor	385.84
John Wiken, trucking & gravel	249.88
Donald Lane, labor	169.05
Arthur Child, labor	222.95
John Kazregis, labor	39.20
Herbert I. Chase, labor	158.20
Joseph Lovejoy, labor	10.50
H. D. Packard, trucking and gravel	437.98
Lesley Gordon, labor	91.53
Lovell Oldham, labor	8.40
John Oldham, labor	73.60
William Johnson, labor	21.00
M. B. Knox, labor & trucking	149.63
William Knox, labor	4.20
D. C. Chenery, labor	148.93
Minot Pye, labor	12.60
Walter Byron, plank	185.14
Walter Dean, gravel	1.00
I. C. Kidder, material	19.74
A. L. Harlow, labor	3.23
Robert Haynes, labor	17.85
Ralph Brooks, labor	121.50
Rodney Haynes, labor	26.60
Ralph Farnham, labor	1.05
Richard Lane, labor	15.05
G. B. Gordon, gravel	52.80
F. M. Kidder, gas	1.75

A. L. Lovejoy, labor	2.45	
V. A. Eastman, smithing	1.00	
Lesley Stinchfield, smithing	2.50	
Carroll Oldham, labor	6.65	
Derwood Oldham, labor	5.63	
Files & O'Keef Co., materials	7.50	
Roy Whitney, labor	5.60	
Arthur McFee	2.10	
S. A. Hezelton	1.80	
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Expended		2,664.43
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Unexpended		\$ 124.43

## THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriated	\$2,500.00	
Unexpended 1938	306.22	
Rec. Town of Sumner, use road machine	51.75	
Rec. from M. B. Knox, for tar sold	18.75	
Rec. from A. H. Wentworth, for tar sold	9.37	
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Available		\$2,886.09
Paid:		
Chas. Lane, labor	66.51	
John Wiken, trucking & gravel	96.83	
Donald Lane, labor	41.66	
Arthur Child, labor	37.28	
Ralph Farnham, labor	14.00	
Maine Duntile Co.	1.20	
H. D. Packard, trucking	88.88	
Herbert Chase, labor	40.95	
Lesley Gordon, labor	30.63	
Joseph Lovejoy, labor	30.63	
M. B. Knox, trucking	57.94	
D. C. Chenery, trucking	37.80	
Roger Brown, trucking	23.10	
Fred Farnham, gravel	45.60	
Lincoln Scott, labor	6.30	
L. Donahue, labor	6.65	
Ralph Brooks, labor	2.80	
Herman Farnham, labor	4.90	
Chas. Sedgebear, labor	4.90	
Rodney Haynes, labor	2.80	

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Leonard Hall, labor	2.80	
Elbridge Benson, labor	3.50	
V. A. Eastman, smithing	7.75	
Roger Holman, lumber	3.12	
Robert Haynes, labor	.35	
Richard Lane, labor	.70	
Uric Wiken	.70	
Freeborn Washburn	.70	
The Barrett Co., tar	1,597.66	
Durwood Oldham, labor	1.13	
Thompson Smith Co., snow plow	603.76	
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Expended		2,863.53
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Unexpended		\$ 22.56

## THIRD CLASS CONSTRUCTION

Appropriated by State	\$1,623.60	
Special Resolve	500.00	
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Available		\$2,123.60
Paid:		
Arthur Browne, foreman	119.39	
C. M. Lane, labor	67.60	
H. I. Chase, labor	32.90	
Arthur Child, labor	48.65	
D. C. Chenery, labor	45.85	
Donald Lane, labor	2.80	
Lesley Gordon, labor & gravel	147.78	
D. S. Bryant, labor	51.27	
I. C. Kidder, material	7.98	
Earl Merchant, shovel operator	80.10	
N. S. Bishop, labor	38.50	
Willis McGuire, labor	39.90	
Fred Lovejoy, labor	15.75	
Carroll Oldham, labor	18.90	
R. V. Robinson, labor	18.90	
Elmer Child, labor	6.65	
Marshall Child, labor	7.70	
Lovell Oldham, labor	42.70	
Chas, Smith, labor	4.38	
Elbridge Benson, labor	9.45	
O. J. Putnam, labor & trucking	180.64	



Ellis Walker, trucking	187.45	
B. B. Knox, trucking	66.77	
Earl Frost ,trucking	40.43	
H. D. Packard, trucking	56.96	
J. V. Wiken, trucking	77.66	
Town Mexico, use of shovel	400.50	
N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	79.61	
Durwood Oldham, labor	25.00	
Maine Duntile Co., cement	4.40	
Fred Farnham, gravel	1.80	
V. A. Eastman, smithing	2.35	
E. C. Buzzell, culvert	211.68	
Lesley Stinchfield, smithing	4.25	
F. F. Francis, trucking	13.00	
Prosper Arsenault, trucking	9.80	
John Robins,	36.75	
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Expended		2,206.20
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Overdrawn		\$ 82.60

## STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Appropriated by State	\$ 932.75	
Appropriated by Town	533.00	1,465.75
Overdrawn 1938	337.22	
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Available for year 1940		\$1,128.53

## STATE &amp; STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriated	\$ 700.00	
Unexpended 1938	176.19	
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Available		\$ 876.19
Paid:		
C. M. Lane, labor	8.76	
John Wiken, trucking	2.25	
H. D. Packard, trucking	16.89	
Arthur Child, labor	2.80	
H. I. Chase, labor	3.68	
Donald Lane, labor	3.68	
W. I. Johnson, labor	1.05	
John Oldham, labor	1.05	
Lovell Oldham, labor	60.55	
M. B. Knox, trucking	7.32	

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Roger Brown, labor	1.40
Fred Garnham, gravel	2.40
Robert Haynes, labor	.35
Ralph Haynes, labor	.35
Richard Lane, labor	.35
Elbridge Benson, labor	.35
Uric Wiken	.35
Freemont Washburn	.35
I. C. Kidder, material	1.39
Minot Pye, labor	40.25
Llewellyn Chase	32.37
Carl Oldham, labor	57.05
Barrett Co.	100.00
State Patrolling	587.70

Expended	932.09
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Overdrawn	\$ 55.90
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UNIMPROVED ROAD

Appropriated by State	\$ 613.80
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Paid:

C. M. Lane, labor	40.00
H. D. Packard, trucking	87.75
M. B. Knox, trucking	83.25
Ralph Brooks, labor	83.25
John Wiken, trucking & gravel	127.15
H. I. Chase, labor	25.90
A. L. Child, labor	25.90
Donald Lane, labor	25.90
Rodney Haynes, labor	25.90
D. C. Chenery, labor	25.90
Lesley Gordon, labor	25.90
G. B. Gordon, gravel	36.20

Expended	613.00
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Unexpended	.80
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SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriated	\$2,000.00
Unexpended 1938	849.04
Received from State Snow removal	555.25

Available	\$3,404.29
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## Paid:

C. M. Lane, labor	\$ 291.79
Lesley Gordon, labor	243.90
Arthur Child, labor	137.56
John Wiken, labor & trucking	125.73
Rodney Haynes, Jr.	.70
Donald Lane, labor	41.13
A. L. Harlow, labor	1.05
Roy Knox, labor	7.98
F. M. Kidder, gas	94.76
I. C. Kidder, gas	26.34
J. B. Emery, gas	1.90
S. A. Hezelton, gas	23.28
M. B. Knox, man & truck	172.24
Bovine Welding Co., repair on tractor	127.26
Portland Tractor Co., repairs	89.88
Frost Motor Co., oil	42.30
C. A. Lane, gas	2.85
C. R. Eastman, labor	1.25
V. A. Eastman, labor	3.85
Ralph Farnham, labor	5.95
Herman Farnham, labor	.70
Walter Dymment, labor	.70
Terrell Dymment, labor	.70
Charles Lufkin, labor	.70
Roger Brown, labor	1.75
William Balcunas, labor	3.50
Durwood Oldham, trucking	3.00
Earland Bowie, trucking	21.00
Felix Godish, labor	1.40
John Oldham, labor	19.08
W. I. Johnson, labor	4.55
Alton Lovejoy, labor	2.10
Lovell Oldham, labor	19.78
Knox Garage, repairs	10.40
G. W. Cummings, repairs	24.67
Portland Rumford Exp.	2.96
Millard Kidder, labor	10.50
H. I. Chase, labor	28.70
Joseph Lovejoy, labor	11.90
Joseph Balcunas, labor	6.83
Joseph Kazregas, labor	.70
I. A. Gammon, labor	.70
A. G. Howard, labor	2.00

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Arthur McFee, labor	1.40
Bennie Dragon, labor	.70
State Highway Dept., plowing state road	334.80
A. B. McIntire, wood tractor house	13.12
Files & O'Keef Co., sander	142.39
Farm Service Co., salt	26.50
H. D. Packard, trucking	93.75
Fred Farnham, gravel	6.00
Virginia Battery Co., batteries	30.15
C. L. Jackson, labor	2.00
E. E. Howard, labor	20.84
Walter Byron, labor	6.85
Southwestern Petroleum Co., oil	32.00
G. B. Gordon, gas	10.62
Clark Foundry, repairs	2.74

Expended	<u>\$2,343.88</u>
Unexpended	<u>\$1,060.41</u>

MEMORIAL ACCT.

Appropriated	\$10.00
Paid: I. C. Kidder, Flags	\$7.00
Expended	<u>7.00</u>
Unexpended	<u>\$ 3.00</u>

Old Age Assistance

State Allowance on State & State Aid Road Maintenance & State Aid Road Construction	\$1,056.27
Paid State for seven months	<u>616.21</u>
Unexpended Cr.	<u>\$ 440.06</u>

TOWN CEMETERIES

Appropriated	\$100.00
Unexpended, 1938	<u>72.38</u>
Available	<u>\$172.38</u>

East Peru Yard

Paid:	
M. B. Knox	16.00
Elwin Knox	8.00

## ANNUAL REPORT

	Pond Cemetery		
John Oldham		3.00	
	Knox Cemetery		
Felix Godish		3.50	
	Dickville, Cote, & Burgess Hill Cemeteries		
A. H. Wentworth		34.90	
I. C. Kidder		7.80	
Walter Byron		2.00	
	Franklin Annex Cemetery		
Elmer Child		5.00	
Expended			80.20
Unexpended			\$ 92.18

## TRUST FUNDS

	Hollis Turner Cemetery		
Unexpended, 1938		\$ 10.13	
Interest, 1939		16.57	
Available			\$ 26.70
Paid:			
Felix Godish		3.50	
I. C. Kidder		5.45	
H. R. Robinson & Son		6.20	
Expended			15.15
Unexpended			\$ 11.55
	Austin Cemetery Fund		
Interest, 1939			\$ 2.51
Paid: W. B. Austin, care of lot		2.51	
	Cushman Cemetery Fund		
Interest 1939		\$ 1.24	
Unexpended		14.77	
Available			\$ 16.01
Paid: A. H. Wentworth			1.75
Unexpended			\$ 14.26

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## Lovejoy Cemetery Fund

Interest 1939	\$ 2.51	
Unexpended	23.44	

Available

\$ 25.95

## Martin Cemetery Fund

Interest 1939	\$ 2.51	
Unexpended	4.81	

Available

7.32

Paid: West Peru Cemetery Assoc.

7.32

## Fencing Unprotected Cemeteries

Unexpended, 1938; Available, 1939	\$ 53.22	
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## Health Nursing

Appropriated		\$ 62.00
Paid: State Welfare Department		62.00

## DENTAL HYGIENE FOR SCHOOLS

Appropriated		\$ 40.00
Unexpended		\$ 40.00

## P. F. P. A. ASSOCIATION

Appropriated		\$ 100.00
Paid P. F. P. A. Association		100.00

## TRACTOR HOUSE

Unexpended 1938		\$ 61.69
Paid Rent on land, Mrs. Frank French		24.00

Unexpended

\$ 37.69

## LONG TIME LOANS

Appropriated		\$3,000.00
Paid E. C. Knox	\$2,000.00	
Marjory Oldham	500.00	
Stella Wentworth	500.00	
John Wiken	500.00	3,500.00

## SUPPORT OF TOWN POOR

Appropriated	\$6,000.00	
Received on Nelson Lufkin Estate, from E. B. Knox	52.36	
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	6,052.35	
Overdrawn 1938	2,828.26	
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Available		\$3,224.09
Will Knox	120.00	
Paid John Wiken, rent	334.92	
S. A. Hezelton, groceries		
G. G. Defoe, medical aid	39.75	
Rumford Com. Hospital	2.50	
A. B. McIntire Transportation	2.00	
C. A. Lane, clothing	8.45	
F. M. Kidder	18.61	
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	526.23	
Omar Garneau acct.:		
Paid C. A. Lane, groceries ..	153.47	
Stella Walker, housework	35.00	
Ethel Frost, housework	8.75	
G. G. Defoe, M. D.	67.50	
A. B. McIntire Transportation	5.75	
Linus Libby, wood	14.00	
A. G. Howard, wood	6.50	
Gertrude M. Porter, nursing	20.00	
Mrs Aubrey Kilbreth, housework	21.00	
Rumford Falls Light & Water	2.41	
Durwood Oldham, hauling wood	1.00	
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	\$ 335.38	
Chas Hammond:		
Paid Town of Sumner, supplies and medical aid	112.20	
Alton Burgess Acct:		
Paid Cora Frost, board and care	166.50	
Emma Dunton, board and care	28.00	
N. J. Paquette, dental work	27.00	

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C. A. Lane	6.00
J. S. Sturtivant, M. D.	8.50
D. E. Elsemore, M. D.	2.00
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	\$ 238.00
Bernardine Putnam:	
Paid Rumford Community Hospital	87.05
C. A. Lane, clothing	9.05
Mrs. Willis Mcquire, board and care	41.43
D. E. Elsemore, M. D.	64.00
G. G. Defoe, M. D.	5.00
Rollins Kidder, auto hire, Boston	18.60
Chas. Gammon, auto hire, Boston	12.00
Louella Noyes, glasses	5.50
Mrs. Clarence Jackson, board & care	94.25
G. O. Gardiner, medicine	8.01
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	344.89
James Durmedy acct.:	
Moose Horn Garage, oil	13.57
William Jordan, rent	24.00
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	37.57
Joseph Shabot:	
Paid I. C. Kidder, groceries	20.08
Soldier No. 2:	
Paid For supplies	10.77
Cr. By Received on acct.	10.77
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Lovell Oldham acct.:	
Paid S. A. Hazelton, groceries	184.33
G. G. Defoe, M. D.	76.00
Community Hospital, Rumford	71.50
Central Maine General	18.80
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	350.63
Soldier No. 1:	
Paid I. C. Kidder, groceries	21.64
Lena Campbell, clothing	4.00
Emma Dunton, stove	6.00



A. B. McIntire, supplies	4.15
C. A. Lane, groceries	28.11
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	63.90
Cr. by cutting 17.50 cords wood	43.25
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Total Expense	20.65
William Gross:	
Paid I. C. Kidder, supplies furnished	109.01
Dominac Mazeikis, board and care	9.00
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	118.01
Cr. by Real Estate Deeded to Town	50.00
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Total Expense	68.01
Marshall Child:	
Paid Community Hospital, Rumford	43.50
F. M. Kidder, groceries	11.94
D. E. Elsemore, medical care	20.00
G. O. Gardiner, medicine	5.70
Mrs. A. R. Porter, milk	5.50
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	86.64
Clarence Adkins:	
Paid Transportation to Portland Hospital	25.00
Maine General Hospital	12.00
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	37.00
Cr. by Making Signs	.85
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	36.15
Chas. Wing:	
Paid Town of Leeds, supplies & medical care acct.	264.20
Edmond Wing:	
Paid Town of Leeds, supplies & medical care acct.	70.95
Will Poland:	
Paid Emma Lufkin, board and care	103.00

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Frank Potter:		
Paid Emma Lufkin, board and care	216.00	
C. A. Lane, clothing and supplies furnished	40.59	
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	256.59	
Chas. Frost acct.:		
Paid C. A. Lane, supplies furnished	63.31	
V. C. Horn, rent	30.00	
A. W. Burgess	70.00	
J. S. Sturtivant, M. D.	46.25	
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	209.56	
Stanley Glinisky acct.:		
Paid Community Hospital, Rumford	254.50	
Albert P. Royal, M. D.	20.00	
Simon Tutlis, board and care	155.00	
C. A. Lane, clothing	8.32	
Harry Marsh, use of ambulance	5.00	
G. C. Frost, barber acct.	3.45	
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	446.27	
Cr. Rec. from A. B. McIntire Cons.	71.95	
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	374.32	
Tom Price:		
Paid C. A. Lane, groceries	71.95	
Tramp Acct.:		
Paid I. C. Kidder		5.36
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Expense		\$3,532.36
Overdrawn		\$ 308.27
OTHER TOWN'S POOR		
Elmore Vaughn, Mexico		
Due from town 1938	\$ 6.13	
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Received from Town of Mexico		\$ 6.13
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Roy Norton, Roxbury:		
Due from Town of Roxbury 1938	87.32	
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Received from town of Roxbury		87.32
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Arthur Garland, Rumford:		
Due from town of Rumford 1938	59.03	
Paid C. A. Lane, groceries	156.95	
Received from Rumford		47.02
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	206.98	
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Due from Town of Rumford		159.96

## STATE POOR ACCOUNT

Due from State 1939		\$ 273.38
Frank Mayo Acct.:		
Paid Lucy Searles, board and care	\$ 30.00	
G. G. Defoe, medical care	12.12	
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	42.55	
W. H. Dunsmore Acct.:		
Paid C. A. Lane, supplies	186.32	
E. E. Demerett, rent	36.00	
Frank Norris, rent & moving	51.00	
Leighton Knight, rent	12.00	
Amy Putnam, rent	48.00	
Rumford Falls Light & Water	11.36	
Linus Libby, wood	21.00	
G. G. Defoe, medical aid	3.00	
A. B. McIntire, wood	7.00	
A. G. Howard, wood	10.50	
Stowell McGregor Co., wood	3.00	
Durwood Oldham, hauling wood	1.50	
Otto Holt, stove	10.00	
D. E. Elsemore, medical aid	13.00	
G. O. Gardiner, medicine	31.35	
Raymond Howard, curtains	2.50	
George Gammon, moving	6.00	
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	453.53	
Expended		<hr/> 496.03
Due		\$ 71.62

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Appropriated	\$1,000.00	
Unexpended 1938	1,001.73	2,001.73
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Supplementary tax,	70.31	
Excise tax	1,013.71	
Dog tax refund,	104.06	
Licenses,	1.00	
Hedgehog bounty refund	39.39	
Rec'd from Ezariah Noyes, on prin. & int.	65.00	
Bank tax,	1.27	
Bridge junk iron,	12.05	
H. Irish, for use of shovel	6.40	
Rec'd from E. Wiken, poll tax adjustment,	3.01	
N. E. T. & T. Co., culverts	52.90	
Interest on tax liens	89.73	
Utility Comm., for setting post	2.00	
Rec'd from Howard Turner, dog tax	165.00	1,615.83
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Available,		\$3,617.56
Paid C. L. Walker for board and care of Herbert Knox	\$ 14.00	
Mrs. Thomas Cunningham, for care of Herbert Knox	152.00	
C. A. Lane, clothing, care of Herbert Knox	8.20	
G. G. Defoe, medical care of Her- bert Knox	27.00	
Rumford Comm. Hospital, Her- bert Knox	10.00	
C. S. Gammon, clothing, Herbert Knox	11.91	
State Department of Audit, 1937 & 1938	172.80	
State Department of Audit, for Aud. Supplies	8.50	
Loring, Short & Harmon, books and supplies	66.80	
State, Vivian Wing	136.66	
Rumford Falls Trust Co., check Books	3.00	
Rumford Falls Light and Water Co.	85.72	

Leon Frost, moving Frank French Personal Property	2.00
Durward Oldham, moving Frank French personal property	2.00
Hedgehog Bounty	16.00
Howard Turner, making deeds, postage incl.	40.71
Goodwill Home Assoc., Knox Children	18.69
Fogg's Transportation Co., relief goods	25.13
Rumford Falls Pub. Co., reports and blanks printed	58.55
John G. West, repairs on adding machine	10.75
I. C. Kidder, office supplies, set- ting posts	2.35
Maine Municipal Assoc.	31.16
Esbjorn Wiken, excise tax adjust- ment & incl.	7.55
C. S. Gammon, clothing for Kath- aline Knox	15.96
Lucy Searles, board and care of Kathaline Knox	60.50
Mrs Percy Chapman, board and care of Kathaline Knox	8.00
Esbjorn Wiken, adjustment on poll tax	3.01
Ezeriah Noyes, for wood	65.00
Arthur Child, refund on tax deed	1.25
State dog tax	165.00
Earl Frost, hauling and housing school wood	48.30
Waldo Porter, sawing school wood	25.88
Peter MacDonald, legal advice	9.83
Mrs. F. G. French, rent on land	24.00
Town of Roxbury, refund on Roy Norton acct.	10.20
G. G. Defoe, exm. school children	13.00
Harvey Powers, recording mort- gage deed	.75
Rumford Drug Co., toxide	3.00
I. A. Gammon, yarding wood	17.50
New England Metal Culvert Co.	43.75

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For labor installing culvert	9.15	
E. B. Knox, incidentals, tel., express, postage	18.35	
W. B. Kidder, incidentals, auto hire, tel., postage	49.44	
A. B. McIntire, auto hire, delivering relief goods	60.75	
C. S. Towle, shingles for Frost place	2.14	
C. C. Dunham, labor	10.64	
F. M. Kidder, shingles for Frost place	29.31	
Frank Marshall, lumber for Frost place	1.00	
I. C. Kidder Jr., fighting fire William Gross camp	2.10	
Millard Kidder, fighting fire William Gross camp	2.10	
Kenneth Kidder, fighting fire William Gross camp	2.10	
School Dept., for desk	4.00	
Long Time loans interest		
George Bunker, interest	520.00	
E. C. Knox, interest	81.78	
H. R. Robinson, interest	72.48	
A. S. Holman, Heirs of, interest	62.00	
M. H. Oldham, interest	40.00	
John Wiken, interest	73.00	
W. S. Arnold, trustee of Florence Shaw	40.00	
Howard Turner, interest	40.00	
Stella Wentworth, interest	46.33	
Marjory Oldham, interest	26.33	
Nina Kidder, interest	11.00	
Short Time Loans Interest		
Howard Turner, interest	6.25	
Expended		\$2,643.66
Unexpended		\$ 973.90

## TOWN OFFICERS BILLS

Appropriated	\$1,800.00	
Overdrawn 1938	130.14	
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Available		\$1,669.86
E. B. Knox, Selectman	361.75	
W. B. Kidder, Selectman	204.75	
A. B. McIntire, Selectman	226.00	
Howard Turner, Treasurer & Clerk	250.00	
Esbjorn Wiken, Tax Collector	503.34	
Hilda Dragoon, School Board	33.25	
Rodney Linnell, School Board	33.25	
John Monteith Sr., School Board	33.25	
A. G. Howard, Health Officer	15.00	
Albert Wentworth, Member Board Health	2.00	
Roy Harlow, Ballot Clerk	3.50	
Dwight Bigelow, Ballot Clerk	3.50	
W. S. Arnold, Moderator	5.25	
Madaline Knox, Booking Inventory	12.00	
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Expended		\$1,686.84
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Overdrawn		\$ 16.98

## ABATEMENTS

Ellery Kidder, 1934 collections:		
James Dermody,	\$ 4.40	
William Talmunchuck	3.00	
Melvin Wilson	3.00	\$ 10.40
1935		
Glenroy Miller	3.00	
Tom Price	2.70	
Ronello Putnam	3.00	
Ceylon Putnam	1.50	
Walter Smith	.60	
Lesley Stinchfield	1.50	
Earl Hammond	13.50	
Sheldon Dymment	4.80	
James Dermody	6.60	
Simon Tutlis	9.90	47.10
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Abatement by Town		57.50
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Nathan Flagg		46.81

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## Abatements of Esbjorn Wiken, 1938:

Fred Lovejoy

3.00

3.00

## 1939

Elmer Child

59.47

Tony Bagdonas

3.01

Medwin Collins

3.01

Omar Garneau

3.01

Clifford Gill, paid in N. H.

3.01

Walter Grover

3.01

William Johnson

3.01

Lloyd Millett

3.01

Stanley Poclus

3.01

James Saunders

.64

Howard Vaughn

3.01

Heirs of Levett Knight

31.20

Erlond Hammond

9.60

Archie Vaughn

14.40

Nezinscot Lumber Co.

9.60

Norman Child, illegally assessed

.72

American Oil Co., illegally assessed

2.40

Millard Knox

4.80

Henry Hall, illegally assessed

2.40

Leo R. Cyr, illegally assessed

4.80

Total

\$

167.12

## DELINQUENTS

## Esbjorn Wiken, 1939:

Frank Arsenault

\$ 1.68

Erland Bowie

9.60

Marshall Child

3.01

Sheldon Dymment

4.69

Hazel Durmedy

2.88

James Donahue

3.01

Stowell Eustis

6.95

Clavis Frost

2.40

Duncon Gill

1.68

Rodney Haynes

6.61

Fred Luce

2.74

John Monteith, Jr.

3.01

Benjamin D. Packard

5.28

Benjamin A. Packard

3.01

Arthur Porter

69.79

Richard Powell

4.80



Charles Packard	3.49	
George Powell	9.12	
Earnest Sturtivent	15.60	
Lesley Stinchfield	6.00	
Reuben Vaughn	11.28	
Archie Vaughn	8.29	
Thomas Walker	7.43	\$192.35

## FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

February 8, 1940

*Resources*

Cash on hand	\$ 9,709.97	
Tax bills of 1935	14.80	
1938	6.13	
1939	192.35	
Liens on hand	1,858.72	
New school house	11,500.00	
Due on Ezeriah Noyes Mtg.	212.00	
Hedgehog Bounty due from State	23.25	
Lesley Stinchfield Mtg.	220.00	
Earl Frost, note	30.00	
17.50 Cords wood	61.25	
Due on cemetery lot	10.00	
Due State pauper	64.66	
Due Town Rumford	168.96	
Town Owned Property:		
Staples lot	500.00	
Chas. Frost lot	468.00	
William Gross lot	50.00	
Glenroy Miller lot	3.30	
Nezinscot lot	100.00	
Standard Box lot	33.40	
E. V. Hammond lot	35.00	
Verrill & Lowe lot	15.90	
Archie Vaughn lot	22.00	
L. Knight lot	100.00	
Total Resources		\$25,399.69
Auto excise tax 1939 on hand		\$ 384.00

*Liabilities*

George Bunker, notes	\$13,000.00
H. R. Robinson	1,800.00
A. S. Holman, Heirs of	1,550.00

M. H. Oldham	1,000.00
Florence Shaw Trustee	
W. S. Arnold	1,000.00
Howard Turner	1,000.00
Stella Wentworth	500.00
Nina Kidder	275.00
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Total Liabilities	\$21,125.00
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Resources over Liabilities	\$ 4,274.69

The Town books of 1939 have been audited and approved.

E. B. KNOX,  
W. B. KIDDER,  
A. B. McINTIRE,  
Selectmen.

### TREASURER'S REPORT

#### *Receipts*

Balance in bank,	\$ 5,324.26
Tax bills of 1934,	.56
1938,	92.06
1939,	36,993.60
Excise tax of 1930,	730.28
1940,	384.29
Tax deeds taken up,	270.42
Tax liens of 1938 taken up,	532.10
Tax liens of 1939 taken up,	679.71
Int. on tax deeds & liens,	99.73
Cr. abatements,	274.43
State, Hedgehog bounty,	39.39
Erecting sign,	2.00
Snow removal,	555.25
Unimproved road,	613.00
Cr. Patrol main.,	587.70
Third rd. cons.,	2,123.60
Cr. Dog tax refund,	104.06
Cr. School fund,	2,283.50
Bank stock tax,	1.27
State Poor,	697.79
Town of Rumford, poor,	47.02
Town of Roxbury, poor,	97.52
Town of Mexico, poor,	6.13

Dr. Defoe, adjustment a/c,	1.50	
H. Irish, use gas shovel,	6.40	
Clerk, dog tax,	165.00	
B. Malone, a/c,	4.00	
Staples lot a/c,	5.50	
French property a/c,	12.00	
J. Wiken, school house,	250.00	
E. Frost, house a/c,	70.00	
E. Frost, land rent,	6.00	
A. H. Wentworth, tar bill,	9.37	
M. B. Knox, tar bill,	18.75	
Bridge junk,	12.05	
Victualer's license,	1.00	
School Dept. desk & w chairs,	5.00	
Cr. School Dept., wood,	271.88	
Short time loan,	500.00	
Collected for deeds	11.25	
C. Frost place, hay,	5.00	
Lufkin Est., poor a/c,	52.36	
Gilinsky, poor a/c,	71.55	
Town of Sumner, use rd mach.,	51.71	
Int. on cemetery funds,	26.70	
Payt. on French mill,	50.00	
Clerk, adjustment,	.60	
Stumpage off Dick lot,	35.63	
Kidder & Knox, Dick lot,	250.00	
Soldier No. 2, repayment assistance,	10.77	
N. E. Tel Co., repairs on culverts,	52.90	
A. Noyes, payt. on note & int.,	65.00	\$ 54,561.66

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*Expenditures*

Warrants paid,	\$ 44,851.66	
Cash in bank,	9,709.97	\$ 54,561.63

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD TURNER, *Treasurer.*

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Record of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to this office for the year ending February 8th, 1940.

## MARRIAGES

1939.

- Feb. 11 at Rumford, Leonard R. Pickard of Rumford and Carrie A. Walker of Peru.
- Apr. 9 at Rumford, Bennie A. Packard of Peru and Elizabeth L. Chambers of Rumford.
- May 6 at Dixfield, Ernest J. Donahue of Peru and Mabel A. Hawthorne of Dixfield.
- June 18 at Rumford Ctr., Walter P. Zimba of Oakland and Isabelle I. Currier of Peru.
- June 24 at W. Paris, Willard O. Farr of Paris and Gladys M. Virgin of Peru.
- June 26 at Peru, Merton W. Mitchell of Mexico and Elaine M. Robinson of Peru.
- Aug. 26 at Peru, John V. Wiken, Jr., and Nellie Tutlis, both of Peru.
- Aug. 28 at Bethlehem, N. H., Kenneth I. Kidder of Peru and Dorothy A. Emerson of Bethlehem, N. H.
- Sept. 23 at Peru, Hoyle H. Clifford and Margaret H. Lefebvre both of Rumford.
- Sept. 23 at Canton, Alvin D. Vaughn of Peru and Mary A. Dolloff of Rumford.
- Oct. 1 at Peru, George J. Kenney and Harriett Lefebvre both of Rumford.
- Oct. 14 at Mechanic Falls, John S. Russell of Auburn and Evelyn I. Babb of Peru.
- Dec. 23 at Rumford, Burton A. MacDonald of Peru and Rita Arsenault of Rumford.
- Dec. 27 at Rumford, Richard C. Walker of Peru and Bernice M. White of Canton.

## BIRTHS

1938

- July 11 at Rumford, to John and Floris L. Norris, a daughter, Cynthia Ann.
- Aug. 6 at Rumford, to Charles and Julia F. Gammon, a son, Charles Henry.
- Sept. 7 at Rumford, to Frederick R. and Mary E. Lufkin, a son, Kenneth Edward.

1939

- Jan. 5 at Peru, to John and Iola Dewar, a son, John Edgar.
- Jan. 13 at Dixfield, to Ira A. and Mary Gammon, a daughter, Elaine Elrick.
- Jan. 30 at Peru, to Gerhard O. and Ingeborg Fries, a daughter, Marilene Hanna.
- Mar. 1 at Rumford, to Stowell and Dorothy H. Eustis, a son, Wallace James.
- Mar. 9 at Peru, to Ralph M. and Esther M. Brown, a daughter, Brenda Addie.
- Apr. 6 at Rumford, to Floyd D. and Marjorie E. Child, a daughter, Coral Diane.
- June 11 at Rumford, to Earland S. and Mary E. Bowie, a daughter, Shirley Mae.
- June 15 at Peru, to Willis N. and Bessie McGuire, a son, Willis George.
- July 7 at Peru, to Leonard E. and Cornelia A. Riggs; a daughter, Rachel Elaine.

## SUPPLEMENTARY RECORDS

1874

- Sept. 20 at Peru, Me., to Hiram S. and Olive M. Stillman, a daughter, Hattie M.
- Dec. 7 at Peru, to Granville and Fannie M. Demeritt, a son, Merton S.

1891

- Jan. 21 at Peru, to Charles N. and Nellie B. Child, a son, Leon Walter.

## DEATHS

1939			Yrs.	Mos.	Days
Feb.	11	at Peru, Una A. Tainter	62	6	23
Feb.	13	at Rumford, Rupert V. Hotham	36	0	17
May	17	at Rumford, Mary E. Austin	72	11	19
July	19	at Peru, Charles Stisulis	78	4	5
Aug.	3	at Peru, Elmeda A. Richardson	82	7	28
Aug.	26	at Sebago, Jessie A. Witham			
Sept.	13	at Peru, Herbert H. Lunt	85	10	8
Sept.	24	at Rumford, James S. Greggor	36	1	17
Oct.	6	at Peru, Emery E. Cox	74	5	27
Oct.	7	at Portland, Wallace W. Howard	45	4	19
Nov.	5	at Boston, Edith M. McFadden	61	6	6
Dec.	3	at Rumford, Daniel L. Weaver	64	2	13

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Dec.	15	at Rumford, Thelma M. Horne	20	0	3
Dec.	20	at Peru, May L. Goggin	85	6	26
1940					
Jan.	8	at Rumford, Norman N. Harvey	62	8	19

DOGS LICENSED

For the year ending Feb. 8, 1940, the following licenses were issued:

Males licensed	68	\$68.00	
Females licensed	14	70.00	
S. Females licensed	17	17.00	
Kennel licensed	1	10.00	\$165.00

Paid Treasurer		<u>165.00</u>	
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Attest:

HOWARD TURNER, *Town Clerk.*

## PERU SCHOOL REPORT

*To the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Peru:*

I hereby submit my fifteenth annual report of your schools.

<i>School</i>	<i>TEACHERS</i>	<i>Teachers</i>	<i>Experience</i>	<i>Salary per Wk</i>
West Peru	Sub-Primary and Grade I	Agnes H. York	37 terms	\$18.00
Grades II and III,		Cecilia Shurtleff	17 "	18.00
Grades IV and V		Evelyn Babb Russell	19 "	18.00
Grades VI, VII and VIII		Howard Hilton	61 "	18.00
East Peru		Marion Hilton	71 "	18.00

Evelyn Babb Russell resigned at the close of the fall term and Janice Starbird was elected to fill the vacancy. The forenoon studies of the sixth grade are taught by Mr. Hilton and the afternoon studies by Mrs. Starbird.

## ENROLLMENT

The enrollment by grades and schools for the Fall Term, 1939, is as follows:

Grades	S. P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	T't'l
West Peru	13	22	22	16	15	17	23	17	14	159
East Peru		7	3	3	2	4	5	5	5	34
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	13	29	25	19	17	21	28	22	19	193

The total enrollment is 12 more than last year. West Peru increased 14 and East Peru decreased 2.

## ATTENDANCE

Following is the whole number in attendance and the average attendance for each term of the year ending December 31, 1939:

School	Winter Term		Spring Term		Fall Term	
	No. of Pupils	Av. Att.	No. of Pupils	Av. Att.	No. of Pupils	Av. Att.
West Peru						
Sub-Pri., Grade I	39	33.98	37	34.58	35	29.34
Grades II and III	32	28.1	31	29.4	38	32.8
Grades IV and V	37	33.68	37	33.55	32	29.67
Grades VI, VII, VIII	38	36.21	39	37.22	54	46.7
East Peru	36	33.4	36	33.45	34	31.5
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	182	165.37	180	168.20	193	170.01

Thirteen pupils were not absent for the school year ending June 9th, 1939. They are: Conrad Hall, Nathalie Dermody, Geraldine Linnell, Ida Morrill, Karl Packard, Manley Irish, Gloria Hall, Adele Ploplis, Edison Henry, Edith Emery and Randall Knight of the West Peru School; Geneva Knox and Leonard Cote of the East Peru School.

For the Fall term of fourteen weeks ending December 15th, 1939, the following pupils were not absent: Richard Dragoon, Dawson Shurtleff, Leon Dragoon, Kenneth Gill, Earlen Hall, Conrad Knox, Janice Dolloff, Marion Gammon, Margaret Godish, Conrad Hall, Walter Hodge, Elizabeth Hunt, Gloria Brown, Nathalie Dermody, Peter Dragoon, Marion Hodge, Donald Vaughn, Urban Arsenault, Ruth Austin, Gloria Child, Barbara Gammon, Mary Irish, Bernice Knox, Ida Morrill, Clifford Putnam, Wilmer Oldham, Mardell Schafer, Joyce Dolloff, Manley Irish, Oscar Hargrove, Rachael Austin, William Donahue, Alex Godish, Gloria Hall, Rita Knox, Roger Lane, Bryant Oldham, Adele Ploplis, Rob-



ert Schafer, Ernest Gill, Edison Henry, Lindley Jackson and Herbert Knox of the West Peru School; Eleanor Bigelow, Glendon Gammon, Irene Luce, Emery Cox, Lois Gammon, Lorraine Cote, Robert Gill, Geneva Knox, Eugene Carmean, Leonard Cote and Eugene Knox of the East Peru School. Total number not absent for the term is 54.

The pupils having perfect attendance records for the past four terms are: Conrad Hall, Nathalie Dermody, Ida Morrill, Manley Irish, Gloria Hall, Adele Ploplis, and Edison Henry of the West Peru School; Geneva Knox and Leonard Cote of the East Peru School. They did not miss a session for 50 weeks.

Special honors for perfect attendance are given to Edison Henry who was not absent from a session for 86 weeks.

### HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

For the school year which opened in September, 1939, the enrollment of high school pupils was as follows:

Pupils	Home	High School	Class
Gwendolyn Cox	East Peru	Dixfield	Freshman
Agnes Oldham	West Peru	"	"
Ellery Porter	Dickvale	"	"
Ceylon Putnam	West Peru	"	"
Rose Jakubaitis	Peru Center	"	Sophomore
Phyllis Putnam	West Peru	"	"
Zane Brown	" "	"	"
John Garneau	" "	"	"
Evelyn Walker	Peru Center	"	"
Vivian Putnam	Dickvale	"	Junior
Maxine Cox	East Peru	"	Senior
Raymond Cote	" "	"	"
Edith Emery	Peru Center	Stephens	Freshman
Bernice Frost	West Peru	"	"
Harold Gill	" "	"	"
Ralph Hazelton	East Peru	"	"
Theodore Jassud	Peru Center	"	"
Randall Knight	West Peru	"	"
William Packard	" "	"	"
Verlie Austin	" "	"	Sophomore
Rachael Hall	" "	"	"
Christine Luce	East Peru	"	"
Pauline Luce	" "	"	"
Baxter Walker	Peru Center	"	"

William Austin	West Peru	"	Junior
Louise Godish	Peru Center	"	"
Carolyn Knight	West Peru	"	"
Bernard Donahue	" "	"	Senior
Bertha Emery	Peru Center	"	"
Berton Emery	" "	"	"
Phyllis Jackson	West Peru	"	"
Uric Wiken	" "	"	"
Stella Barney	" "	Mexico	Sophomore
Ferne Gagnon	" "	"	"
Guy Johnson	Worthley Pond	"	"
Frank Schafer	West Peru	"	Junior
Violet Kasregis	" "	Gould Acade	Sophomore
Barbara Kidder	Peru Center	Leavitt Insti	"
Frances McPhee	" "	"	"
Carolyn Robinson	" "	"	"
Florence Robinson	" "	"	"
Virginia McPhee	" "	"	Junior
Annie Grudginsky	East Peru	Canton	Freshman
Merle Knox, Jr.	" "	"	Sophomore

The above list contains forty-four names. Approximately seven will be removed from the list by high school graduation, and nineteen will probably be added as freshmen next fall, making the total number fifty-six.

### REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

For this purpose the sum of \$200 was raised. The balance of \$43.19 from last year and the \$5.00 received from the sale of old furniture added to the appropriation made \$248.19 available.

The expenditures are as follows:

For repairs:

Labor on grounds at West Peru	\$ 2.50	
Labor and material, resurfacing basement floors, W. Peru	24.62	
Repairs on toilets at West Peru	12.23	
Labor on storm windows at West Peru	3.70	
Cleaning out toilets at East Peru	4.00	
Supplies & Labor for minor repairs at both schools	20.26	\$ 67.31

## For equipment:

Rhythm band equipment	\$ 12.25	
New desks for West Peru	174.00	
One half cost of stove for East Peru	15.00	201.25

## For improvement of water supply:

Labor and material		119.49
		<u>119.49</u>
		\$388.05

The above figures show that the expenditures exceed the amount available by \$139.86 and they also show that the big items of expense are for new desks and for water supply. Because of the increase in enrollment in the grammar grades it was necessary to purchase more desks than we had allowed for in the budget and there was no provision made for the work done at the springs and on the pipe line which carries the water from Mrs. Lane's spring to the main line leading from the new spring to the West Peru Building.

Soon after the school opened last fall the water supply was not sufficient to meet the needs of the school building, the Lane apartment houses, the barber shop and the Wood place. After an investigation of conditions it was decided that considerable water from the veins on the hill side was going to waste instead of supplying the reservoir. This waste was stopped to considerable extent by some work in the vicinity of the spring at an expense of \$61.62 which made it possible to run the school until the second day of February when the flow of water again failed. For a time it looked as if we would have to close the school until we could build some W. P. A. toilets, but Rodney Linnell came to the rescue with a plan for getting water from Mrs. Lane's spring. His plan was accepted by the school officials and he was authorized to go ahead with the project. This was Thursday night and Sunday there was plenty of water with good pressure in the school building. The total expense for the new pipe and fixtures, digging the trench, laying the pipe and making the necessary connections was \$57.87.

For several years we had tried to stop the old heater at East Peru from smoking. We called to our assistance not only from Peru, but from the surrounding towns as well, men well versed in handling problems pertaining to heat and ventilation but of no avail. Finally John Monteith was elected to the school board and after making a diagnosis of

the case he reported that the stove had smoked so long that it could not give up the habit and that the only thing to do was to let some one have it for a building where smoking was allowed and enjoyed. He was told that we did not have the money to buy a new stove this year but that did not stop John. He said that he would sell us a nice heater practically new for less than half price and install it free of charge. In addition to this he would help the school put on an entertainment to pay half of the \$30. The school officials accepted his offer and Mr. Monteith made good with his promise. The entertainment was a grand success, everybody had a good time and we have a good heater at a cost of only \$15 to the school department. After paying half the price of the heater there was enough left from the entertainment to buy an electric clock which was very much needed in the school.

#### BUDGET FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The following budget is submitted for consideration at the annual town meeting:

Common Schools	\$4,500.00
High School Tuition	3,500.00
Books and Supplies	300.00
Repairs and Equipment	350.00
Insurance on West Peru Building	134.58
Superintendence	291.60
Interest on School Fund	34.38
Office Expense	20.00
	\$9,130.56

The amounts asked for three items in the budget are less than last year. The reductions are: common schools, \$500; books and supplies, \$100; insurance, \$55.42. The increases are: high school tuition, \$1,000; repairs and equipment, \$150. The last three items are the same as last year. The total budget is \$494.58 more than the one submitted a year ago.

#### FINANCES

For the past two years we have been trying to balance our budget. Two years ago we had an overdraft of \$1,489.67. Last year we reduced it to \$661.95. The past year we had hoped to wipe it out but the expenditures for school desks, high school tuition and insurance are more than we anticipated at the last annual meeting and no provision at all was made for water expense. However we have done better than the National Government is doing. We have kept the deficit

from increasing and have reduced it \$109.23. The total overdraft is now \$552.72.

In spite of the fact that we are asking for more money for the running expenses of the schools than we did in the early years of my superintendency in this union it may make some of the taxpayers feel better to learn that the per capita amount asked for the coming year is \$9.10 less than the amount raised for each common school pupil in 1926. In that year the total enrollment was 115. This year it is 193.

In closing I wish to thank the School Committee for valuable assistance and to thank all the citizens of Peru who have helped the schools in any way the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK McGOULDRICK,  
*Supt. of Schools.*

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT COMMON SCHOOLS

### *Receipts*

Appropriation,	\$5,000.00	
Interest on School Fund,	34.38	
State School Fund,	1,528.11	\$6,562.49

### *Expenditures*

Overdraft, 1938-'39,	\$ 412.64	
Teachers' Salaries,	3,194.40	
Transportation,	2,095.87	
Fuel,	419.38	
Janitors,	309.00	
Cleaning,	31.20	
Tuition, Transportation, Town of Sumner	100.00	\$6,562.49

## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

### *Receipts*

Appropriation,	\$2,500.00	
State School Fund,	447.94	\$2,947.94

### *Expenditures*

Overdraft, 1938-'39	\$ 122.50	
Paid Town of Mexico,	70.90	
Town of Canton,	173.55	

Gould Academy,	183.00	
Leavitt Institute,	240.00	
Town of Dixfield,	865.00	
Town of Rumford,	1,665.00	\$3,319.95

Overdrawn,		\$ 372.01
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## BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

*Receipts*

Appropriation,	\$ 400.00	
State School Fund,	307.45	\$ 707.45

*Expenditures*

Overdraft, 1938-'39,	\$ 170.00	
Expended,	537.45	\$ 707.45

## REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

*Receipts*

Balance, 1938-'39,	\$ 43.19	
Appropriation,	200.00	
Sale of old furniture,	5.00	\$ 248.19

*Expenditures*

Repairs of Buildings,	\$ 67.31	
Furniture,	201.25	
Improvements for Water Supply,	119.49	\$ 388.05

Overdrawn,		\$ 139.86
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## INSURANCE ON WEST PERU SCHOOL BUILDING

Appropriation,	\$ 190.00
Expended,	232.29

Overdrawn,	\$ 42.29
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## SUPERINTENDENCE

Appropriation,	\$ 291.60
Expended,	\$ 291.60

## OFFICE EXPENSE

Appropriation,	\$ 20.00
Expended,	18.56

Unexpended,	\$ 1.44
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## STATE OF MAINE

Total Amount Received from the State,		\$2,283.50
Transferred to:		
Common School Account,	\$1,528.11	
High School Tuition,	447.94	
Books and Supplies,	307.45	\$2,283.50

## RECAPITULATION

Account	Receipts	Expenses	Unexpended	Overdrawn
Common Schools,	\$ 6,562.49	\$ 6,562.49	—————	—————
High School Tuition,	2,947.94	3,319.95	—————	372.01
Books and Supplies,	707.45	707.45	—————	—————
Repairs, Equipment,	248.19	388.05	—————	139.86
Insurance, West Peru,	190.00	232.29	—————	42.29
Superintendence,	291.60	291.60	—————	—————
Office Expense,	20.00	18.56	\$ 1.44	—————
	—————	—————	—————	—————
	\$10,967.67	\$11,520.39	\$ 1.44	\$554.16
T't'l Am't Ov'd'wn	552.72	—————	\$552.72	—————
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	\$11,520.39	\$11,520.39	\$554.16	\$554.16

## WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

STATE OF MAINE COUNTY OF OXFORD, ss:

To Esbjorn Wiken, a Constable of the Town of Peru in the County of Oxford, Greeting:

You are hereby required, in the name of the State of Maine, to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Peru, qualified to vote in Town affairs to assemble at the Town Hall, in said Town, on Monday, the fourth day of March, A. D. 1940, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

Art. 2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if the Town will vote to accept the report of its several Town Officers.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to elect one or more Road Commissioners.

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

Art. 6. To see what sums of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance and support of Schools, the Poor maintenance and repair of Roads and Bridges, maintenance of State Aid and Third Class Roads and to defray all other necessary Town charges.

Art. 7. To see what sum the Town will raise and appropriate for State Aid Road construction in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, Highways and Bridges under the provisions of Section 19, Chap. 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chap. 229, Public Laws of 1937.

Art. 8. To see if the Town will raise \$62.00 or what other sum for school nursing to be expended under the auspices of the Bureau of Health of the State Department of Health and Welfare.

Art. 9. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions under the provisions of Chap. 5, Sect. 82 of the Revised Statutes, to be expended under the direction of the State of Maine Publicity Bureau.



Art. 10. To see what sum the Town will vote to raise for payment on its long time loans or take any action relative thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$40.00 for School Dental Hygiene, to be expended under the auspices of the Bureau of Health of the State Dept. of Health and Welfare.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 or some other sum toward the maintenance of the P. F. P. A.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$100.00 or some other sum toward the maintenance of the West Peru Cemetery Association.

Art. 14. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate \$200.00 or some other sum to control white pine blister rust, 50% State funds and W. P. A. funds are promised as far as they are available, local labor will be used if it is available.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to buy a Snow Flow for the Town's Tractor.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate and raise for payment of the same.

Art. 17. To fix the compensation of the Collector of Taxes.

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to transfer the unexpended balances of the different accounts of 1939 to the same accounts in 1940.

Art. 19. To see if the Town will authorize the Town Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen to hire such sums of money as may be necessary to pay Town charges and Town Debts, in anticipation of the collection of taxes and to issue and negotiate the notes of the Town for the money so borrowed to an amount not exceeding in the aggregate the total tax levy for the preceding municipal year as temporary loans to be paid during the year 1940 out of money raised during said year 1940 by taxes.

Art. 20. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell or dispose all property taken over by Tax Liens.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall, Peru, at 9 o'clock on the morning of the 4th day of March, A. D. 1940, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Peru, this 20th day of February, A. D. 1940.

E. B. KNOX,  
W. B. KIDDER,  
A. B. McINTIRE,  
Selectmen of Peru.