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# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

## Municipal Officers

of the

# Town of Peru



For the

Year Ending February 8, 1943

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# Town Officers

Moderator  
W. S. ARNOLD

Town Clerk and Treasurer  
HOWARD TURNER

Selectmen, Assesors, and Overseers of Poor  
J. L. KNIGHT      ARNO G. HOWARD      L. B. HALL

Collector of Taxes  
ESBJORN WIKEN

Road Commissioner  
DURWARD OLDHAM

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber  
C L. ROBINSON      A. G. HOWARD      J. A. ARNOLD

Sextons  
A. H. WENTWORTH      M. B. KNOX

Superintending School Committee  
VERONA LINNELL      RALPH CALDEN      ELMER LANE

Constables  
ESBJORN WIKEN      PERCY CHAPMAN

Superintendent of Schools  
FRANK McGOULDRICK

Sealer of Weights and Measures  
WILBER HUSSEY

Fire Warden  
J. L. KNIGHT

Board of Health  
ESBJORN WIKEN      A. G. HOWARD      C. C. DUNHAM

Health Officer  
ESBJORN WIKEN

196179

# Report of Town Officers

To the Citizens of the Town of Peru:

Your Town Officers herewith submit the following report for the fiscal year ending February 8, 1943.

## ASSESSORS' REPORT

Real Estate, Resident	\$246,040.00	
“ “ Non-Resident	454,417.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$700,457.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$ 36,711.00	
“ “ Non-Resident	140,960.00	
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Total Personal Estate		\$177,671.00
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Total Valuation		\$878,128.00
Total value of land	\$171,886.00	
“ “ “ buildings	528,571.00	

## TAXABLE LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Avg. Value	Total Value
Horses and Mules	62	\$78.98	\$ 4,835.00
Cows	239	38.82	9,279.00
Oxen	6	78.33	470.00
3 year old	58	33.08	1,919.00
2 year old	65	23.79	1,618.00
Swine (over 10)	15	9.28	140.00
Poultry (over 50)	24	.50	12.00
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Total Amount			\$18,273.00

## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Yearlings	90	\$15.65	\$ 1,456.00
Sheep	36	5.00	180.00
Swine	60	11.38	683.00
Poultry	1080	.50	540.00
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Total Amount			\$ 2,859.00

**ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Stock in Trade	\$ 6,215.00	
Unmanufactured Materials in Mills	15,000.00	
Wood and Bark	28,222.00	
Boats, 9	260.00	
Gas Pumps, 22	1,200.00	
Musical Instruments, 3	125.00	
Radios, 212	3,986.00	
Finished Products in Mills	57,500.00	
Tractors, 26	1,645.00	
Machinery and Equipment	300.00	
Other Property	44,945.00	
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Total		\$159,398.00
Livestock and Poultry		18,273.00
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Total Amount Personal Property		\$177,671.00

**APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED**

Common Schools	\$ 5,000.00
High School Tuition	4,300.00
Books and Supplies	300.00
Repairs and Equipment	300.00
Insurance on W. Peru School	140.00
Superintendence	329.60
Interest on School Fund	34.38
Supt. Office expense	20.00
West Peru School Water Supply	500.00
Support of Poor	1,500.00
Summer Roads and Bridges (including \$1,000.00 for Resolve Road)	3,500.00
Snow Removal	4,500.00
Main. S&S Aid Roads	1,000.00
Main. 3rd Class Road	2,000.00
Towns Officers Bills	1,700.00
Memorial Day Account	50.00
State Aid Road Construction	900.00
Fire Department	1,200.00
Town Cemeteries	100.00
Public Health Nurse	62.00
Payment on Long Time Notes	3,000.00

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Appropriated for Town	\$ 30,435.98
State Tax	6,319.81
County Tax	2,614.06
Overlay	1,708.05
Supplementary Tax	166.16
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Apropriated and Assessed	\$ 41,244.06

No. Polls taxed	228	Rate of taxation	\$ .046
" " untaxed	30	Rate of collection	.011
Poll Tax	\$3.00		

**SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES**

Appropriated	\$ 3,500.00
Unexpended 1941	649.05
Rec'd G. E. Bunker	17.20

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\$ 4,166.25

Transferred to Special Resolve Acc't. 1,000.00

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\$ 3,166.25

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Paid:

D. E. Oldham, Foreman	\$ 489.69
J. V. Wiken, labor and gravel	302.98
A. L. Child, labor	256.44
Chas. Sedgebear, labor	.60
Chas. Lufkin, labor	268.84
J. C. Oldham, labor and gravel	268.82
Roy Oldham, labor	181.38
Walter Jasud, labor	1.00
William Balcunas, labor	22.34
Carroll Oldham, labor	3.20
O. J. Putnam, labor	301.36
Celyon Putnam Jr., labor	1.10
William Johnson, labor	141.90
A. Mokus, labor	24.00
Glenroy Miller, labor	6.40
Sherman Haines, labor	4.62
M. B. Knox, labor	170.35
Ora Turner, labor	5.28
Tom Price, labor	1.32
G. B. Gordon, gravel	17.00
Walter Byron, gravel and supplies	5.46

E. E. Howard, labor	11.07	
Roger Holman, lumber	22.38	
William Melanson, labor	2.42	
M. M. Farrar, gravel,	74.60	
Arthur McFee, labor	21.40	
Joe Chabot, labor	1.32	
Kidder & Gordon, lumber	45.27	
Bryant Oldham, labor	3.52	
Alex Godish, labor	11.80	
Milton Vaughn, labor	1.50	
W. B. Kidder, lumber	14.94	
Timberland Inc., labor	57.50	
Thos. Cunningham, labor	8.80	
Erlon Bowie, labor	5.00	
V. A. Eastman, labor	1.75	
I. C. Kidder, supplies	.89	
		\$ 2,758.24
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Unexpended		\$ 408.01
<b>STATE AND STATE AID ROAD MAINTAINANCE</b>		
Appropriated		\$ 1,000.000
Unexpended, 1941		93.89
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Available		\$ 1,093.89
Paid:		
D. E. Oldham, Foreman	\$ 69.96	
C. L. Lufkin	37.62	
A. L. Child	39.16	
J. C. Oldham	79.86	
Roy Oldham	77.88	
William Johnson	82.28	
State (patrol)	595.20	
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		\$ 981.96
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Unexpended		\$ 111.93
<b>THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE</b>		
Appropriated		\$ 2,000.00
Unexpended 1941		242.86
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Available		\$ 2,242.86

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Paid:

D. E. Oldham, Foreman	\$	249.37	
Ceylon Putnam Jr., labor		4.00	
Roger Lane, labor		4.00	
J. V. Wiken, labor and gravel		152.63	
O. J. Putnam, labor		150.58	
A. L. Child, labor		133.36	
Chas. Sedgebear, labor		4.80	
C. L. Lufkin, labor		140.06	
Herman Farnham, labor		9.60	
J. C. Oldham, labor		54.48	
Roy Oldham, labor		34.68	
Sherman Haines, labor		9.46	
Peter Dragoon, labor		1.50	
William Johnson, labor		34.10	
M. B. Knox, labor		44.83	
Lester Child, labor		22.00	
Milan Dymment, labor		4.40	
Walter Hodge, labor		4.40	
Lewis Donahue, labor		1.76	
Ivan Wing, labor		4.40	
Manley Irish, labor		2.64	
Walter Byron, gravel		24.40	
M. M. Farrar, gravel		12.20	
Dixfield Lumber Co., supplies		2.80	
Allied Chemical & Dye Corp., tar		611.40	
Charles Wing, labor		4.40	
			\$ 1,722.25
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Unexpended			\$ 520.61

**STATE AID ROAD—CONSTRUCTION**

Appropriated	\$	900.00
Unexpended (1941)		1,042.49
Received of State		1,575.00
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Available	\$	3,517.49

Paid:

H. O. Hussey, Foreman	\$	142.50
Milford Post		135.60
Cephus Irish		66.44
A. G. Walker		80.96



Charles Norton	91.08	
A. L. Child	52.80	
William Johnson	56.32	
Charles Lufkin	52.80	
J. C. Oldham	58.08	
D. E. Oldham	62.40	
John Wiken	101.58	
M. B. Knox Jr.	225.08	
I. C. Kidder (supplies)	64.30	
Maurice Hadley	18.66	
Prosper Arsenault	67.60	
Willard Gammon	30.96	
A. G. Howard	3.23	
Stephen Post	25.96	
Leslie Gordon	10.12	
H. D. Packard (material)	172.92	
Minot Pye	15.40	
Will Paul (material)	64.80	
S. A. Hazelton (supplies)	1.95	
Town of Rumford (supplies and equipment)	512.54	
State (shovel)	417.00	
Total		\$ 2,531.08
Unexpended		\$ 986.41

### SPECIAL RESOLVE ROAD

Appropriated (Transferred from Summer Roads and Bridges)		\$ 1,000.00
Received from State		500.00
Available		\$ 1,500.00
Paid:		
H. O. Hussey, Foreman	\$	87.50
Milford Post		88.80
Cephus Irish		47.52
A. G. Walker		43.56
Minot Pye		27.72
Stephen Post		23.76
A. L. Child		25.08
J. C. Oldham		26.40

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D. E. Oldham	38.02	
Charles Norton	48.84	
M. B. Knox Jr.	145.10	
John Wiken	88.83	
Leslie Gordon	22.22	
William Johnson	24.64	
Charles Lufkin	19.36	
Prosper Arsenault	62.71	
Maurice Hadley	39.99	
A. G. Howard	42.27	
Willard Gammon	11.61	
H. D. Packard (material)	128.90	
Town of Rumford, material and equipment	163.16	
State (shovel)	297.00	
		\$ 1,502.99
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Overdrawn		\$ 2.99

**SNOW REMOVAL**

Appropriated		\$ 4,500.00
Rec'd Berst Forster Co.		8.00
“ State (refund)		87.13
“ Town of Woodstock		15.48
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Available		\$ 4,610.61
Paid:		
D. E. Oldham, Foreman	\$	289.08
H. O. Hussey, labor		4.00
Donald Lane, labor		14.00
F. M. Kidder, supplies		9.23
Earl Howard, labor		38.80
M. B. Knox, labor		99.76
M. B. Oldham, labor		83.44
C. L. Robinson, labor		2.46
Felix Godish, labor		1.60
Alex Godish, labor		7.84
Charles Lufkin, labor		155.22
Town of Mexico		9.15
Roger Holman, supplies		32.25
C. A. Lane, supplies		34.03

C. L. Knox, labor	20.00
Moosehorn Garage, supplies	34.07
Rumford Auto Mach. Co.	810.78
Portland Trac. Co., supplies	220.96
Dixfield Garage	72.00
Ralph Farnham, labor	5.60
Eastern Trac. Co.	165.20
Town of Dixfield, labor	147.50
A. B. McIntire, labor	2.50
M. B. Knox Jr., labor	3.20
Ceylon Putnam Jr., labor	.80
Roger Lane, labor	.80
John Lobiskis, labor	36.80
Earland Bowie, labor	5.00
William Gross, labor	16.40
A. L. York, labor	2.00
Arthur McFee, labor	146.22
H. D. Packard, labor	169.75
C. M. Lane, labor	163.75
John Frecker, labor	125.00
Roy Oldham, labor	266.18
Cephus Irish, labor	12.40
E. Brown, labor	3.20
A. L. Child, labor	32.10
Leslie Irish, labor	4.80
Lester Child, labor	5.60
V. W. Sargent, labor	9.00
L. Wardwell, labor	12.50
Manley Irish, labor	3.20
Bryant Oldham, labor	5.60
Tony Mockus, labor	45.28
Ted Jasud, labor	9.60
Paul Emery, labor	3.20
Sherman Irish, labor	4.00
Walter Jasud, labor	2.00
Leslie Gordon, labor	28.08
W. Foster, labor	2.46
William Balcunas, labor	17.20
J. V. Wiken, labor	19.44
Walter Casper, labor	8.56
Herman Farnham, labor	2.00

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L. Brann, labor	3.60	
Thompson Smith Co., supplies	50.83	
John Orino, supplies	92.29	
City & County Steel Co., supplies	642.17	
C. H. Towle, supplies	14.39	
L. B. Hall, supplies	5.00	
Arnold Bros., supplies	18.50	
Frost Motor Supply, supplies	42.27	
J. C. Oldham, labor	17.38	
O. J. Putnam, labor	289.88	
Lester Child, labor	5.72	
M. M. Farrar	.88	
Morrison's Garage	128.85	
H. E. Rafuse, supplies	6.00	
I. C. Kidder, supplies	20.24	
V. A. Eastman, labor	2.95	
S. A. Hazelton, supplies	1.80	
A. D. Rafuse, supplies	33.62	
Boivin's, labor	151.30	
Lewis Donahue, labor	3.52	
J. L. Knight, trans.	11.25	
V. Putnam, labor	13.64	
William Johnson, labor	3.08	
Walter Byron, supplies	16.72	
Frank Barratt, labor	7.11	
Ray Wentzel, labor	1.32	
Joe Jeselski, labor	7.04	
Dominick Majeskis, labor	10.56	
Donald Jasud, labor	4.40	
P. Ploskis, labor	7.04	
Alex Godish Jr., labor	6.16	
Robert Walker, supplies	55.40	
Maine Duntile Co., supplies	2.15	
A. P. Howard, labor	57.94	
C. C. Dunham, labor	.88	
Glenroy Miller, labor	2.00	
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		\$ 5,163.47
Overdrawn		<hr/>
		\$ 552.86

**TRACTOR HOUSE ACCOUNT (West Peru)**

Unexpended 1941		\$	5.45
Paid: Mrs. F. G. French	\$	12.00	
Overdrawn		\$	6.55

**SUPPORT OF TOWN POOR**

Appropriated		\$	1,500.00
Unexpended 1941			1,434.16
Received of Hazel Vannah (Bradford Acct.)			294.93
“ “ Ada Storer			35.00

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Available		\$	3,264.09
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Paid:

## Frank Potter Acct.

C. A. Lane	\$	6.50
Emma Lufkin		54.00
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	\$	60.50

## Joe Chabot Acct.

Alex Kushner, wood	\$	6.00
I. C. Kidder, groceries		96.25
Lena Campbell		1.50
Charles Dunham		6.00
W. B. Kidder		3.50
A. G. Howard		4.00
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	\$	117.25

## William Gross Acct.

I. C. Kidder	\$	5.68
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## Edwin Bradford Acct.

D. E. Elsemore M. D.	\$	140.00
Rumford Community Hospital		85.70
M. M. McIntyre		.75
Cole's Nursing Home		520.08
James A. Waltz		50.00
Raymond Howard		3.90
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	\$	800.43

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Alton Burgess Acct.	
Percy Frost	\$ 18.00
Grace Park Acct.	
Mrs. James Saunders	\$ 225.00
Francis Wing Acct.	
Town of Winthrop	\$ 4.00
Charles Wing Acct.	
Rumford Community Hospital	\$ 34.85
G. G. Defoe, M. D.	35.25
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	\$ 70.10
Edmund Wing Acct.	
W. T. Rowe, M. D.	\$ 35.00
Rumford Community Hospital	8471
G. G. Defoe, M. D.	140.00
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	\$ 259.71
Aubrey Kilbreath Acct.	
F. M. Kidder, groceries	\$ 49.26
Bert Kilbreath, wood	9.00
A. P. Howard, trans.	3.10
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	\$ 61.36
Will Poland Acct.	
Town of Bethel	\$ 80.00
Ada Storer Acct.	
Cole's Nursing Home	\$ 65.08
D. E. Elsemore, M. D.	11.50
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	\$ 76.58
Will Knox Acct.	
Rumford Community Hospital	\$ 121.05
Lee Hutchinson, groceries	80.23
Town of Carthage, wood	12.00
A. P. Royal, M. D.	10.00
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	\$ 223.28

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Tramp Acct.		
I. C. Kidder	.47	
	<hr/>	\$ 2,002.36
Unexpended		<hr/> \$ 1,261.73

**OTHER TOWNS' POOR**

Alex Gilchrest Acct.		
Paid: Dr. D. E. Elsemore, M. D.		\$ 28.50
Rec'd from City of Hallowell		28.50

George Perry Account		
Paid: Elizabeth Cole	\$ 40.00	
Dr. G. G. Defoe, M. D.	20.25	
Dr. N. S. Somers	44.00	
Dr. D. E. Elsemore, M. D.	2.00	
Harry B Marsh	130.00	
C. H. Robinson	7.00	
	<hr/>	\$ 243.25
Rec'd from Town of Rumford		\$ 243.25

**STATE POOR**

Received from State — 1942		\$ 222.80
Paid:		
W. H. Dunsmore acct.		
Dr. G. G. Defoe, M. D.	\$ 1.50	
Louise M. Bayly acct.		
Dr G. G. Defoe, M. D.	\$ 35.50	
Rumford Community Hospital	47.30	
March 2, 1942, Due from State	170.62	
	<hr/>	\$ 254.92
Total		<hr/> \$ 254.92
Due from State		\$ 32.12

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCT.

Unexpended, 1941 \$ 1,555.75

## Received:

Town Clerk, Dog tax	\$ 175.30
F. L. Blake, road machine	175.00
John Lobikis, interest	2.60
E. Wiken, Toxine	2.65
G. S. Stanwood, interest	1.01
H. Press, interest	1.23
M. Worcester, interest	1.35
E. Bowie, interest	8.64
J. Stevenson, interest	1.96
R. Powell, interest	3.98
J. Stevenson, interest	.43
A. Porter, interest	8.30
Foster heirs, interest	11.54
Foster heirs, deed	1.50
State, use of road machine	10.00
State. Dog refund	214.42
Town Treas., Victory tax	19.48
M. Worcester, interest	.72
A. B. Noyes, interest on note	6.00
Supplementary tax	166.16
Excise tax	918.79

## Available

\$ 3,286.81

## Paid out:

Rumford Falls Light & Water Co.	\$- 86.23
Rumford Pub. Co., Town Reports	75.00
Rumford Pub. Co., Printing	3.00
Rumford Falls Trust Co., supplies	9.11
A. B. McIntire, Selectmen Incid.	2.05
J. V. Wiken, Rebate on tax	1.07
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	34.60
State: Verian Wing	96.51
“ Dog tax	175.30
“ Mother's Aid	202.00
“ Audit	84.95
New England Tel. & Tel. Co.	24.23
I. C. Kidder, supplies	.66
Arnold Bros., Town Officers Bonds	42.50
Arnold Bros., wood	20.50
H. R. Robinson, interest	52.00



Nina Kidder, interest	11.00
M. H. Oldham, interest	40.00
W. S. Arnold, trustee interest	40.00
Lona Holman, interest	22.00
Stella Wentworth, interest	20.00
Howard Turner, interest	40.00
Howard Turner, Treas., incid. and making deeds	24.91
C. A. Lane, Observation Post	1.25
C. H. Towle, Observation Post	50.09
C. C. Dunham, Observation Post	49.30
Roger Holman, Observation Post	24.89
Leslie Gordon, Observation Post	2.70
John Gerrish, Observation Post	9.50
George Byron, Observation Post	22.00
Rumford Drug Store, vaccine	4.45
J. L. Knight, Selectmen incid.	18.08
J. L. Knight, Fire Ward	3.00
Maine Municipal Association	30.00
Goodwill Home Ass., care of dependent children	6.00
Maine Central R. R., crossing	6.00
L. B. Hall, Selectmen incid.	6.15
G. E. Bunker, interest	302.60
Fogg's Transportation, express	.40
C. H. Robinson, sawing wood	2.00
Edison Henry, housing wood	1.00
Marks Printing House, supplies	1.50
Peter McDonald, Legal advise	2.00
A. G. Howard, Selectmen incid.	5.59

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\$ 1,656.12

Unexpended

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\$ 1,630.69

### TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriated	\$ 1,700.00
Unexpended 1941	163.76
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Available	\$ 1,863.76
Paid:	
W. S. Arnold, (Moderator)	\$ 4.00
J. L. Knight, 1st Selectman	361.00

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J. L. Knight, 1941 Selectman	36.75	
A. G. Howard, 2nd Selectman	280.00	
L. B. Hall, 3rd Selectman	142.00	
A. B. McIntire, 1941 Selectman	29.75	
E. R. Lane, 1941 Selectman	8.75	
Howard Turner, Clerk & Treas.	250.00	
Ralph Calden, School Com.	14.00	
Verona Linnell, School Com.	17.50	
E. R. Lane, School Com.	15.75	
Leslie Gordon, Ballot clerk	4.00	
Clemetine Walker, Ballot clerk	4.00	
A. L. Harlow, Ballot clerk	4.00	
Esbjorn Wiken, Ballot clerk	4.00	
Esbjorn Wiken, Health Officer	2.00	
Esbjorn Wiken, Tax Col., 1940, 1941 and 1942 Collections	493.65	
Esbjorn Wiken, Lien expense	40.50	
		\$ 1,711.65
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Unexpended		\$ 152.11

**TOWN CEMETERIES**

Appropriated		\$ 100.00
Received of Lewellyn Farrar		4.80
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Available		\$ 104.80
Paid:		
M. B. Knox, (Sexton, East Peru yard)	\$26.00	
J. C. Oldham (Labor, Pond yard)	3.50	
Frank Barratt (Labor, Town yards)	12.80	
A. H. Wentworth (Sexton, Town yards)	52.50	
Total		\$ 94.80
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Unexpended		\$ 10.00

**MEMORIAL ACCOUNT**

Appropriated		\$ 50.00
Paid:		
I. C. Kidder		10.00
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Unexpended		\$ 40.00

**CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS**

Unexpended 1941		\$	18.07
Hollis Turner Fund:			
Overdraft 1941	\$ 2.43		
Interest 1942	14.72		
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Available	\$12.29		
Paid:			
A. H. Wentworth	\$ 6.00		
C. H. Robertson	5.00		
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Unexpended	\$11.00		
		\$	1.29
Jessie Cushman Lot Fund:			
Unexpended 1941	\$00.65		
Interest 1942	.76		
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Available	\$ 1.41		
Unexpended		\$	1.41
Elias H. Lovejoy Lot Fund:			
Unexpended 1941	\$19.85		
Interest 1942	1.50		
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Available	\$21.35		
Unexpended		\$	21.35
Barlow Austin Lot Fund:			
Interest 1942	\$ 1.50		
Paid: Demeritt Cemetery Asso.	1.50		
John A. Martin Lot Fund:			
Interest 1942	\$ 1.50		
Paid: Demeritt Cemetery Asso.	1.50		
James C. Abbott Lot Fund:			
Interest 1942	\$ 2.47		
Paid: Demeritt Cemetery Asso.	2.47		
Gusta W. Lovejoy Lot Fund:			
Interest 1942	\$ 2.20		
Paid: Demeritt Cemetery Asso.	2.20		
Unexpended 1942			\$24.05

## TOWN OF PERU

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**FIRE DEPARTMENT**

Appropriated	\$ 1,200.00
Received from P. F. P. A.	100.79
"    "    Rumford Oil Co.	4.00
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Available	\$ 1,304.79

## Paid:

Quaker Rubber Co. (hose)	\$ 509.60
Eastern Fire Equip. Co. (supplies)	3.18
Raymond C. Rendall (hand pumps)	113.40
Arnold Bros (insurance)	24.50
Moosehorn Garage (repairs)	12.91
Dixfield Fire Co.	63.00
Town of Mexico	14.00
M. B. Knox (wood)	12.00
Lester Child (wood & fireman)	6.20
A. L. York (sawing wood)	3.00
D. E. Oldham (firemen & course)	14.00
Kenneth Palmer (firemen & course)	12.00
J. V. Wiken Jr., fireman	1.50
Uric Wiken, fireman	1.50
William Austin Jr., fireman	1.50
William Austin, fireman	4.60
Richard Powell, fireman	1.50
James Turner, fireman	1.00
Elmer Farrar, fireman	1.50
Llewellyn Farrar, fireman	1.50
Rollins Kidder, fireman	1.50
Erwin Child Jr., fireman	1.00
Louis Donahue, fireman	2.80
Walter Shaw, fireman	2.80
Leslie Gordon, fireman	2.80
William Donahue, fireman	1.20
Alton Lovejoy, fireman	1.20
Herman Robinson, fireman	1.20
Leonard Hall, fireman	1.20
Laurance Donahue, fireman	1.20
Ernest Child, fireman	1.20
Elmer Child, fireman	1.20

Victor Eastman, fireman	1.50	
Victor Eastman, lights, fire house	5.00	
		\$ 828.19
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Unexpended		\$ 476.50

**WEST PERU SCHOOL WATER SUPPLY**

Appropriated		\$ 500.00
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## Paid:

J. L. Knight, supplies	\$ 6.05	
A. G. Howard, supplies and labor	54.62	
C. L. Norton, labor	21.50	
Ralph Brooks, labor	2.40	
A. P. Howard, labor	38.80	
N. S. Bishop, labor	37.80	
Erwin Paine, labor	1.80	
Benjamin Packard, labor	4.20	
Frank Barratt, labor	14.00	
Maurice Keith, use of pump	4.00	
Bessie Abbott, supplies	14.83	
Frank Fitzmorris, labor	3.50	
S. A. Hazelton, supplies	5.20	
I. C. Kidder, supplies	.60	
R. L. Clark, labor	2.50	
R. C. Drake, supplies and labor	10.36	
Charles Lufkin, labor	4.00	
C. H. Towle, supplies	77.59	
		\$ 303.95
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Unexpended		\$ 196.05

**PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING**

Appropriated		\$ 62.00
Paid: State Treasurer		\$ 62.00

**LONG TIME LOANS**

Appropriated		\$ 3,000.00
Paid: George E. Bunker		\$ 3,000.00

## TOWN OF PERU

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**ABATEMENTS**

To Esbjorn Wiken, Tax Col. 1941:	
Hyacinthe Cote, illegally assessed	\$ 3.00
Vinson Parker, unable to locate	3.00
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	6 6.00
To Esbjorn Wiken, Tax Col. 1942:	
Tony Albert, illegally assessed	\$ 3.00
Iving L. Backett, illegally assessed	3.00
Frank and Petronella Norris, illegally assessed	1.84
Lincoln Scott, illegally assessed	3.00
Grover C. Frost, illegally assessed	2.30
Gerald Blay, unable to locate	3.00
Marshall Child, property taken by town	6.90
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	\$ 23.04

**DELINQUENTS 1941**

Dexter Merchant	\$ .86
Azariah Noyes	8.39
G. S. Stanwood	8.38
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	\$ 17.63

**DELINQUENTS 1942**

Joe Albert	\$ 27.60
Earl Buck	6.22
Joseph Balcunas	3.00
Erland Bowie (13.10 paid after books closed)	105.11
Robert Bryant	3.00
Henry Cormier (paid after books closed)	19.56
Marshall Child	8.75
Earl Chenery	8.06
Arthur Eastman	17.26
Ralph Farnham	3.00
Frank Fitzmorris	.42
Arthur Floyd	9.90
Cleston Garneau	3.00
Dexter Gurney	3.46
Arthur Garland	6.56
Philip Gagnon	3.91
Rodney E. Haynes	44.86
Alice M. Hall	16.80

Charles E. Hines	34.27
Laurice Howes	2.00
Clifford Hardy	3.00
Aubrey Kilbreath	17.26
John A. Monteith Jr.	3.00
Azariah Noyes	29.35
Arthur Porter	89.70
Charles Packard	8.06
Arthur Porter Jr.	8.06
Tony Robichaud	17.55
Heirs of Charles Stasulis	113.62
Charles Smith	2.30
Frank Schafer	8.75
Harold Stimens	6.45
Mrs. Charles Smith	.69
Roger Thomas	3.46
Alvin D. Vaughn	4.60
Edmund Wing	3.69
Charles Wing	3.46
Maud Foster, Laura N. Foster, Florence Foster, Amos Foster,	121.90
Arthur E. Gauthier	17.25
Fred Lovejoy	11.50
Ellis McDonald	13.80
John F. Susbury	2.30
Harry A. Wallerschied	
Flora Dooley	2.30
Maud Worcester	13.80
Earl Frost	4.60
Garmen Centifenti	14.95
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	\$ 852.14

**FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN  
Resources**

Cash in Bank	\$	5,353.00	
Tax bills of 1941		17.63	
Tax bills of 1942		852.14	
Liens on hand		463.33	
Leslie Stinchfield, mtg.		70.00	
A. B. Noyes, mtg.		36.67	
Due from State pauper acct.		32.12	
<b>Town Owned Property</b>			
Erland Hammond Lots	\$	27.80	
Glenroy Miller Lot		3.30	
Standard Box Lot		33.50	
William Gross Lot		50.00	
Burchard Malone Lot		25.00	
Reuben Vaughn Farm		12.44	
T. F. Dolan Lots		12.30	
Marshall Child camp		4.88	
			\$ 6,994.11
Excise Tax 1943 on hand		76.72	
<b>Liabilities</b>			
George Bunker, note	\$	1,500.00	
H. R. Robinson, note		1,300.00	
Lona Holman, note		550.00	
M. H. Oldham, note		1,000.00	
W. S. Arnold, trustee for Florence Shaw		1,000.00	
Howard Turner, note		1,000.00	
Stella Wentworth, note		500.00	
Nina Kidder, note		275.00	
			\$ 7,125.00
Liabilities over Resources			\$ 130.89

Respectfully submitted,

J. L. KNIGHT,  
A. G. HOWARD,  
L. B. HALL,  
Selectmen of Peru.

1941 Accounts Audited, and Approved by State Auditor.



**TREASURER'S REPORT****Receipts**

Balance in Bank, Feb. 10th, 1942	\$ 2,513.44
Tax Bills of 1940	8.85
Tax Bills of 1941	298.43
Tax bills of 1942	40,368.88
Excise Tax of 1942	639.50
Excise Tax of 1943	76.72
Liens of 1941	511.59
Tax Liens of 1942	158.43
Interest on Tax Liens	41.76
Deed to discharge liens	1.50
Short time loans	9,000.00
State, Poor	222.80
Snow removal	87.13
Use Road machine	10.00
Resolve road	500.00
State Aid road	1,575.00
Dog tax refund	214.42
School fund	2,198.30
City of Hallowell, poor	28.50
Town of Rumford, poor	243.25
E. Bradford a/c, poor	294.93
A. Storer a/c, poor	35.00
Town Property, Shields,	70.01
Centefente,	42.42
E. Child,	51.44
A. Vaughn,	18.09
Jainitas,	25.00
W. Poland,	18.60
Dog tax	175.30
Woodstock, Snow removal	15.48
Berst-Forster, Snow removal	8.00
Rumford Oil Co., pumping well,	4.00
J. Wiken, P.F.P.A. a/c,	100.79
E. Wiken, toxine,	2.65
Road machine	175.00
L. Farrar, pine tree	4.80
G. Bunker, road repair,	17.20
C. Merrill, tuition	35.00
Abatements	29.04
Interest H. Turner, cem. fund	14.72
Interest Cemetery lot funds	9.93

Victory tax	19.48	
A. B. Noyes, Int. & pay't on note	55.15	
		\$ 59,920.53
<b>Expenditures</b>		
Warrants paid	\$ 54,567.53	
Balance in bank	5,353.00	
		\$ 59,920.53

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD TURNER, Treasurer.

### TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Records of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to teh office for the year ending February 8, 1943.

#### MARRIAGES

1942

- Jan. 23 at Peru, Fred F. Bartlett of Mexico and Martha Hachey of Rumford.
- Feb. 16 at Rumford, Thomas C. Saunders Jr., of Portland and Stella J. Barney of Peru.
- Mar. 18 at Mexico, Leon E. Frost and Ann E. Akers, both of Peru.
- Mar. 18 at Peru, Glenroy M. Miller and Dora P. Wing, both of Peru.
- Mar. 22 at S. Woodstock, Freemont E. Washburn of Peru and Shirley F. Briggs of Bryant Pond.
- Apr. 2 at Wilton, Francis E. Dakin of Bridgeport, Conn., and Frances M. McFee of Peru.
- Apr. 2 at Peru, James P. Moore and Esther Foss, both of Byron.
- May 30 at Wilton, Alton L. Easter of Wilton and Virginia L. McFee of Peru.
- June 10 at Peru, Charles E. Poland and Leona E. Oldham, both of Dixfield.
- June 13 at Peru, Dwight H. Gurney and Evelyn M. Walker, both of Peru.
- July 3 at Dixfield, Phillip J. Gagnon and Helen B. Richards, both of Peru.

- July 11 at Peru, George W. Downes and Mary A. Balcunas, both of Peru.
- July 31 at Peru, Kenneth E. Knox of Peru and Norma G. Jackson of Weld.
- Aug. 1 at Elkton, Md., Kenneth F. Fordham of Albany, Ga., and Florence E. Robinson of Peru.
- Aug. 5 at Peru, Ernest Cayer and Gladys Conrad, both of Rumford.
- Aug. 14 at Rumford, Sherwood W. Newton of Canton and Marguerite E. Smart of Peru.
- Aug. 27 at New Brunswick, N. J., Asa J. Lyon Jr. of Lewiston and Rose E. Jacobson of Peru.
- Sept. 19 at Rumford, Omer F. Bouthot of Portland and Clarine Y. Tibbetts of Peru.
- Oct. 3 at Rumford, George R. Bean and Ellen A. Moore, both of Peru.
- Oct. 24 at Peru, Doran R. Wentzell and Audrey L. Byron, both of Peru.
- Nov. 7 at Rumford, Pierce S. Robichaud of Peru and Louisa Blanchard of Rumford.
- Nov. 10 at Rumford, Alton L. Dolloff of Rumford and Ilda H. Melanson of Peru.
- Nov. 21 at Mexico, Jeremiah O. Bartlett of Sumner and Rubina C. Vaughan of Peru.
- Dec. 9 at Peru, Arnold L. Dove of Dixfield and Althea Rafuse of Peru.

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- Jan. 2 at Peru, True W. Jackson and Edith G. Merchant, both of Weld.
- Feb. 6 at Peru, Elwin Chenery of Peru and Doris A. Strout of Mexico.

### BIRTHS

1941

- April 23, at Rumford, to Maurice B. and Elva E. Oldham a daughter, Martha Lou.

1942

- Feb. 6, at Peru, to Laurice P. and Pauline Howes, a son, John Calvert.
- Feb. 15, at Rumford, to Ronald K. and Evelyn L. Dorey, a daughter, Ronnalean Evelyn.
- Feb. 18, at Lewiston, to Charles M. and Josephine Deshon, a daughter, Diane Eleanor.

- Mar. 5, at Rumford, to Willard J. and Geraldine Donahue, a daughter, Eileen Silver.
- April 4, at Peru, to Glenroy M. and Dora P. Miller, a son, Fredrick William.
- April 27, at Rumford, to John A. and Pauline M. Montieth, a daughter, Myrna Elizabeth.
- April 28, at Peru, to Walton L. and Marion L. Taylor, a daughter, Patricia Louise.
- May 17, at Rumford, to Benjamin A. and Elizabeth L. Packard a son, Warren William.
- May 20, at Peru, to Joseph A. and Pauline Robichaud, a daughter, Virginia May.
- June 13, at Peru, to Richard C. and Bernice M. Walker, a daughter, Joline Lucille.
- July 18, at Dixfield, to John V. Jr. and Nellie A. Wiken, a daughter, Jeanne Marie.
- July 18, at Dixfield, to John V. Jr. and Nellie A. Wiken, a son, John Verner 3d.
- July 28, at Rumford, to Joseph G. and Louise M. Bayly, a daughter, Sandra Ellen.
- Aug. 12, at Peru, to Earl C. and Eva L. Chenery, a daughter, Roberta Ann.
- Aug. 30, at Peru, to Charles W. and Leona L. Wing, a daughter, Gladys May.
- Nov. 30, at Rumford, to Derrill S. and Lillian E. Bryant, a son, Derrill Byrle.
- Dec. 2, at Hanover, to Phillip J. and Eva M. Deroche, a son, Fredrick Joel.
- Dec. 2, at Peru, to Earland S. and Mary E. Bowie, a daughter, Dorothy Vaughn.
- Dec. 12, at Rumford, to Kenneth R. and Evelyn Dorey, a son, Kenneth Ronald Jr.

**DEATHS**

	Y	M	D
1941			
Dec. 5 at Rumford, Eldon Guy Dolloff	35	2	18
1942			
Jan. 1 at Portland, Colin Mann	69	9	14
Jan. 21 at Rumford, Della A. Smith	53	10	15
Jan. 28 at Auburn, Bertha F. Sumner	79	4	18
Feb. 5 at Portland, Ellen M. Hewitt	45	2	8
Feb. 5 at Rumford, Frank Godish	73	4	27
Feb. 14 at Rumford, Robert Gillespie	75	4	15

Feb. 26	at Rumford, Madel H. Neal	72	10	17
Mar. 28	at Dixfield, Clement A. Poland	79	11	18
April 20	at Auburn, Ida Roxanna Griffeth	85	1	5
May 4	at Augusta, Laura E. Britton	82	6	27
May 5	at Augusta, Arlette Holt Child	77	2	24
May 10	at Rumford, Vivian J. Patterson			
May 11	at Rumford, Claud A. Davis	49	9	28
May 23	at Rumford, Baby Child			
June 3	at Rumford, Frank E. Bishop	78	5	
June 5	at Peru, Charles Stewart Gammon	73	1	3
June 10	at Hebron, Joseph Muzeroll	46	2	12
July 2	at Peru, J. Eugene Smith	64	10	23
Aug. 11	at Rumford, Edward H. Raney	51	7	26
Sept. 2	at Dixfield, George Perry	78	4	1
Sept. 2	at Augusta, Weltha Ella Nadeau	80	3	9
Sept. 13	at Boston, Rosa Belle Lovejoy McAdams	69	11	27
Oct. 12	at Rumford, Evelyn C. Hamner	53	11	27
Oct. 13	at Dixfield, Martha J. Whittier	83	10	26
Oct. 24	at Peru, David C. Chenery	66	1	21
Nov. 14	at Rumford, James Shea	71	0	2
Nov. 21	at Rumford, Ida Florence Frost	85	3	29
Dec. 7	at Peru, Vernon W. Farrar	57	7	7
Dec. 12	at Peru, Elmer L. Knox	64	6	1
1943				
Jan. 14	at Rumford, Helen L. Lindburg	72	4	18

### SUPPLEMENTARY REPORTS

1882

May 8 at Peru, to Eleazer C. and Harriet O. Poland, a daughter, Rose Galena.

1892

April 28 at Peru, to James Edward and Claribel Good, a daughter, Bertha I.

1904

Dec. 9 at Peru, to Herbert L. and Mary A. Whittemore, a daughter, Agnes M.

1905

Sept. 11 at Peru, to Ozroe L. and Carrie L. Knight, a daughter, Blanche Emily.

**DOGS LICENSED**

For the year ending February 8, 1942, the following dogs were licensed.

75 males	\$ 67.50
15 females	73.50
27 S. females	24.30
1 kennel	10.00
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Paid Treasurer,	\$175.30

Attest:

HOWARD TURNER, Town Clerk.

**PERU SCHOOL REPORT**

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

I hereby submit my eighteenth annual report of your  
schools.

**TEACHERS**

School—West Peru	Teacher	Experi- ence	Salary per wk.
Sub-Primary and Grade I,	Agnes H. York	46 terms	\$21.00
Grades II and III	Cecelia Shurtleff	26 "	24.00
Grades IV and V	Janice Starbird	34 "	21.00
Grades VI, VII and VIII	Evelyn B. Russell	20 "	21.00

The forenoon studies of the sixth grade are taught by Mrs. Russell and the afternoon studies by Mrs. Starbird. Mrs. Shurtleff teaches vocal music in all the rooms of the West Peru School and has charge of the School Band.

**ENROLLMENT**

The enrollment by grades for the Fall Term, 1942, is as follows:

West Peru	S.P.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	T't'l
	12	18	16	14	21	16	17	15	13	142

**ATTENDANCE**

Following is the whole number in attendance and the average attendance for each term of the year ending December 31, 1942:

	Winter Term		Spring Term		Fall Term	
	No.	Av.	No.	Av.	No.	Av.
	Pupils	Att.	Pupils	Att.	Pupils	Att.
Sub-Primary, Grade I	41	34.96	39	34.8	30	27.17
Grades II and III	31	28.42	32	29.43	30	28
Grades IV and V	33	29.56	36	32.78	37	32.28
Grades VI, VII, VIII	45	41.79	44	42.11	45	42.11
East Peru*	18	16.93	18	17.02	—	—
	168	151.66	169	156.14	142	129.56

\*There was no school at East Peru in the fall, and the pupils were transported to the West Peru Building.

Twelve pupils were not absent for the school year ending in June, 1942. They are Alton Shurtleff, Anna Child, Marjorie Millett, Hazel Child, Dawson Shurtleff, Gertrude Floyd, Conrad Knox, LaForest Vaughn and Ruth Austin of the West Peru School; Robert Gill, Marion Gill and Kenneth Gill of the East Peru School. For the Fall Term of fourteen weeks end-

ing in December. 1942, the following pupils were not absent; David Horne and Jeraldine Potter of the Sub-Primary; Robert Dolloff, Joyce McGuire, Alton Shurtleff and Arlene Wing of Grade One; Anna Child, James Child, Robert Dragoon, Frank Linnell and Marjorie Millett of Grade Two; Hazel Child, Joan DeFosse, Richard Dragoon, Harlow Floyd, Maynard Gerrish, Annie Hodge, Joseph Norris, Dawson Shurtleff and Malcolm Vaughn of Grade Three; Earlen Hall, Walter Hodge, Eileen Linnell, Sally Norris and Ralph Richards of Grade Four; Avis Child, Marshall Garneau and Frank Norris of Grade Five; Charles Child, Nathalie Dermody, Peter Dragoon, Marion Gill, Priscilla Haynes, Marion Hodge and LaForrest Vaughn of Grade Six; Ruth Austin, Gloria Child, Mary Irish and Pauline Porter of Grade Seven; Joyce Calden, Edythe Dragoon and Robert Gill of Grade Eight. Total number not absent for the term is 42.

Alton Shurtleff, Anna Child, Marjorie Millett, Hazel Child, Dawson Shurtleff, LaForrest Vaughn, Ruth Austin, Marion Gill and Robert Gill have perfect attendance records for the past four terms. They did not miss a session for fifty weeks. The above records do not include those of the present winter term.

### HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

For the school year which opened September 14, 1942, the enrollment of high school pupils was as follows:

Pupils	Home	High School	Class
Phyllis Child	West Peru	Stephens	Freshman
Eldon Dolloff	" "	"	"
Joyce Dolloff	" "	"	"
Leona Emery	Peru Center	"	"
Sheila Floyd	West Peru	"	"
Lois Gammon	East Peru	"	"
Margaret Henry	Peru Center	"	"
Manley Irish	West Peru	"	"
Claramay Payne	" "	"	"
Lester Prue	East Peru	"	"
Lois Richards	West Peru	"	"
Lawrence Richards	" "	"	"
Edna Walker	East Peru	"	"
Rachel Austin	West Peru	"	Sophomore
Leith Calden	" "	"	"
Ronald Emery	Peru Center	"	"
Gloria Hall	West Peru	"	"



Phyllis Hussey	East Peru	"	"
Elwin Knox	" "	"	"
Rita Knox	West Peru	"	"
Roger Lane	" "	"	"
Alberta Norton	Peru Center	"	"
John Oldham	" "	"	"
Adele Ploplis	" "	"	"
Robert Schafer	West Peru	"	"
Walter Casper	Peru Center	"	Junior
Glendon Gammon	East Peru	"	"
Marilyn Hall	West Peru	"	"
Edison Henry	Peru Center	"	"
Lindley Jackson	West Peru	"	"
Adele Janaitis	Peru Center	"	"
Irene Luce	East Peru	"	"
Rodney Schafer	West Peru	"	"
Charles Smith	" "	"	"
Edith Emery	Peru Center	"	Senior
Bernice Frost	West Peru	"	"
Ralph Hazelton	East Peru	"	"
Randall Knight	West Peru	"	"
Christine Luce	East Peru	"	"
Agnes Oldham	West Peru	"	"
Walter Shaw	Dickvale	Dixfield	Freshman
Edgar Brown	West Peru	"	Sophomore
William Donahue	Dickvale	"	"
Henry Swan	East Peru	"	Junior
Ellery Porter	Dickvale	"	Senior
Eleanor Bigelow	East Peru	Canton	Junior
Marjorie Bigelow	" "	"	"
Annie Grudkinsky	East Peru	"	Senior

Since the opening of the Fall Term, Edgar Brown has left school to work in the mill; Henry Swan has moved to Dixfield; Robert Schafer and Rodney Schafer have moved to Minnesota. The present list contains forty-four names. Approximately eight will be removed from the list by high school graduation, and about thirteen will be added as Freshmen next fall making the total number of pupils in High Schools forty-nine.

#### EAST PERU SCHOOL

The East Peru School was suspended at the end of the school year in June, 1942. This action was taken by the school committee because it is much cheaper to convey the pupils to West Peru than to maintain the school. The expense

of transportation from East Peru to West Peru for these pupils is only \$10.00 per week, as they are conveyed by the same bus that carries the Peru Center scholars. To convey from both districts it costs \$10.00 per week more than the conveyance would be from Peru Center. The expense of maintaining the East Peru School at the present prices would be as follows:

Salary of Teacher at \$21.00 per week	\$756.00
Wages of Janitor at \$2.00 per week	72.00
Five cords of Hard wood, fitted for stove, and housed, at \$14.00 per cord	70.00
Electric Lights	8.00
Cleaning building and toilets	10.00
	\$916.00

Without allowing anything for repairs and incidental expenses, the cost would be \$916.00. The cost of transportation for the year will be \$344.00. Consequently the saving to the town is \$572.00. As the conveyors of pupils receive no pay for the days the schools are closed on account of holidays and teachers' conventions, the total conveyance period is about 172 days in the school year of 36 weeks.

Since the school was maintaining an average attendance of more than eight pupils several persons have asked what right the school committee had to suspend the school. The law relative to a case of this kind is as follows: "In case any school shall have too few scholars for its profitable maintenance the superintending school committee may suspend the operation of such school for not more than one year." As the pupils could be schooled in a better building at a saving of \$572.00 the committee did not consider it profitable to the pupils or to the town to continue the East Peru school, and voted unanimously to suspend it for one year. If an article is inserted in the warrant for the annual town meeting for the purpose of considering the matter, the town may vote to reopen the school at the end of the present school year. or to keep it closed.

#### FINANCES

The receipts in the school department are \$12,791.52, and the expenditures, \$11,685.53. There is a balance of \$1,056.52 in the high school tuition account; in the repairs and equipment, \$169.70, and in the office expense, \$.61, making the total amount unexpended \$1226.83. Deducting the overdraft of \$120.84 in the Common School account, the balance on hand is \$1,105.99.

The following budget has been prepared by your school

committee and superintendent, and is submitted for consideration at the annual town meeting:

Common Schools	\$ 6,000.00
High School Tuition	3,300.00
Books and Supplies	300.00
Repairs and Equipment	300.00
Superintendence	360.00
Interest on School Fund	34.38
Office Expense	20.00
	\$10,314.38

The total budget is \$30.40 more than was raised last year. However, it will be necessary to ask for \$500.00 more for Common Schools if the Town should vote to have a school at East Peru. An additional \$400.00 would be needed for Repairs and Equipment if the Town decides to insulate the West Peru School Building.

#### **INSULATION OF WEST PERU SCHOOL BUILDING**

Following is the estimate of the expense of Rock Wool Insulation for the West Peru School Building as submitted by the Rock Wool Insulation Company:

Portland, Maine  
February 11, 1943

School Committee, Town of West Peru, Maine:

We propose to furnish and install Rock Wool Insulation in strict accord with the specifications described below in the West Peru School Building.

Specifications: Proposal No. 1: Water-resistant, mineral wool, especially granulated for blowing, will be installed to a minimum depth of four (4) inches across the entire flat first floor ceiling area, installation being between ceiling beams from exterior wall to exterior wall. The scuttle providing access to the attic will be insulated on the attic side to provide complete coverage. Installation will be by the pneumatic method, for the sum of \$500.00.

Proposal No. 2. The material will be installed to the full depth of the studs in the end wall on the northwest exposure (facing the river) for the additional sum of \$95.00.

Proposal No. 3. The opposite end wall will, of course, be completely insulated for an additional \$95.00.

(Signed)      ROCK WOOL INSULATION COMPANY,  
by Ralph Clarke.

**CONCLUSION**

In closing this report I wish to thank the members of the School Committee and other Town Officials for their kind assistance. To the teachers and citizens I wish to express my appreciation for their fine cooperation and many favors.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK McGOULDRICK,  
Superintendent of Schools.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT****COMMON SCHOOLS****Receipts**

Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00	
Tuition from Carl Merrill	35.00	
Interest on School Fund	34.38	
State Scholo Fund	2,057.06	\$ 7,126.44

**Expenditures**

Teachers' Salaries	\$ 3,331.00	
Transportation	2,918.90	
Fuel	536.93	
Janitors	418.00	
Cleaning	32.45	
Board	10.00	\$ 7,247.28

Overdrawn		\$ 120.34
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**HIGH SCHOOL TUITION****Receipts**

Balance , 1941-42	\$ 221.27	
Appropriation	4,300.00	\$ 4,521.27

**Expenditures**

Paid: Town of Mexico	\$ 31.13	
Leavitt Institute	90.00	
Town of Canton	198.62	
Town of Dixfield	460.00	
Town of Rumford	2,685.00	\$ 3,464.75

Unexpended		\$ 1,056.52
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**BOOKS AND SUPPLIES****Receipts**

Appropriation	\$ 300.00	
State School Fund	141.24	\$ 441.24
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Expended		\$ 441.24
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**REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT**

Balance, 1941-42	\$ 51.51	
Appropriation	300.00	
Trans. from Auditorium Chair Acct.	1.00	\$ 352.51
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Expended		\$ 182.81
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Unexpended		\$ 169.70

**SUPERINTENDENCE**

Appropriation	\$ 329.60
Expended	\$ 329.60
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**OFFICE EXPENSE****Receipts**

Balance, 1941-42	\$ .46	
Appropriation	20.00	\$ 20.46
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Expended		\$ 19.85
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Unexpended		\$ .61

**STATE OF MAINE**

Total Amount received from the State		\$ 2,198.30
Transferred to Common School Account	\$2,057.06	
Transferred to Books and Supplies	141.24	\$ 2,198.30
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**RECAPITULATION**

Accounts	Receipts	Expenditures	Unexpended	Overdrawn
Common Schools	\$ 7,126.44	\$ 7,247.28	<hr/>	\$ 120.84
High School Tuition	4,521.27	3,464.75	\$1,056.52	<hr/>
Books and Supplies	441.24	441.24	<hr/>	<hr/>
Repairs and Equipment	352.51	182.81	169.70	<hr/>
Superintendence	329.60	329.60	<hr/>	<hr/>
Office Expense	20.46	19.85	.61	<hr/>
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	\$12,791.52	\$11,685.53	\$1,226.83	\$ 120.84
Tot. Am't Unexp.	<hr/>	1,105.99	<hr/>	\$1,105.93
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	\$12,791.52	\$12,791.52	\$1,226.83	\$1,226.83

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE—1942****PERU**

To be happy one must be healthy, and in these very critical days it is everybody's patriotic duty to try to attain health and vigor and to keep it when it is attained. The Public Health Nurse in your community is only too glad to help you with her teachings, in order to try to achieve this end. Since the health of the adult population is affected by what is done for the expectant mothers, the infant, and young child, we emphasize the work with the mothers and young children in our program, but we also work with the teachers in the schools. We are on the alert at all times to discover any children with crippling conditions so that we may help them to understand their difficulties and the importance of having these corrected as soon as possible.

Dr. DeFoe was assisted in giving diphtheria immunization to sixty-three children and ten received smallpox vaccinations. Preschool children were invited to attend these school immunizations programs, but it was decided to postpone this activity for a while. The need for dental care and physical examinations appears worthy of consideration. An ideal situation would be examinations with the parent present. The cleanliness of the West Peru school is outstanding.

Periodic home visits were made to mothers, infants, preschool and crippled children.

Let us hope that all will try to obtain the good "Health Insurance" provided by complete physical and dental examinations. Also, that the rules of good hygiene and the best possible nutrition may receive increased attention in every home as a vital part of our defense program.

MISS ANN McDERMOTT,  
Public Health Nurse

**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 first day of March A. D. 1943, at 10 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 the several Town Officers.

Art. 4. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to appoint one or more Road Commissioners for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see if the Town will vote to elect one or more Road Commissioners.

Art. 6. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

Art. 7. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance and support of Schools, the Poor Maintenance, the Repair and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges, the Maintenance of State and State Aid, and Third Class Roads, and to defray all other necessary Town charges.

Art. 8. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Road Construction in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges under the provision of Section 19, Chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of Section 3, Chapter 229, Public Laws of 1937.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate \$62.00 for public health nursing, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local service.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will raise the sum of \$400.00 to repair the Peru Center Baptist Church or take any action thereto.

Art. 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise a sum of money to install a ceiling in the lunch room of the West Peru School Building.

Art. 12. To see if the Town will vote to elect a Fire Chief, or leave it in the hands of the Selectmen to appoint one.

Art. 13. To see if the Town will vote to instruct its Superintending School Committee to open and maintain a school at the East Peru School house.

Art. 14. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for payment on Long Time Loans.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to petition the County Commissioners to discontinue the following roads, the road beginning south of the railroad crossing to the center of the Androscoggin River, the road of approach to the old ferry at Peru Center.

The road between Olive Miller's residence and William Gross farm, so called.

The road known as the Baxter Hill road, beginning at intersection of the Peru and Woodstock road to its end.

Art. 16. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in the control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chapter 11, Secs. 62-63-64.

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

Art. 18. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to sell and convey by quit claim deed any or all property acquired under tax liens.



Art. 19. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be expended on Tractor houses for repairs.

Art. 20. To see if the Town will vote to allow the Selectmen to sell and convey the Burchard Malone lot, and the William Gross lot, should they receive an advantageous offer for either of them.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to transfer the unexpended balances of the different accounts in 1942 to the same accounts in 1943.

Art. 22. 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 1943 out of money raised during said year 1943 by taxes.

Art. 23. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall, in Peru, at 9 o'clock in the forenoon, on the first day of March, A. D. 1943, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Peru, this 13th day of February A. D. 1943.

A true copy: attest,

J. P. KNIGHT,  
A. G. HOWARD,  
L. B. HALL,  
Selectmen of Peru.