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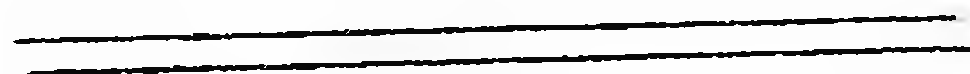
# ANNUAL REPORT

of the

## Municipal Officers

of the

# Town of Peru



Year Ending February 5, 1945

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# **TOWN OFFICERS**

Moderator

**RODNEY S. LINNELL**

Town Clerk and Treasurer

**ARLENE JORDAN**

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor

**J. L. KNIGHT**

**A. G. HOWARD**

**C. H. ROBINSON**

Collector of Taxes

**ESBJORN WIKEN**

Road Commissioner

**DURWARD OLDHAM**

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

**C. L. ROBINSON**

**A. H. WENTWORTH**

**A. G. HOWARD**

Sextons

**L. A. FARRAR**

**M. B. KNOX**

Superintending School Committee

**E. R. LANE**

**RALPH CALDEN**

**VERONA LINNELL**

Constables

**ESBJORN WIKEN**

**WILLIAM JORDAN**

Superintendent of Schools

**FRANK McGOULDRICK**

Sealer of Weights and Measures

**COLA YORK**

Fire Ward

**L. A. FARRAR**

Board of Health

**ESBJORN WIKEN**

**JOHN GERRISH**

**ELMER HENRY**

Health Officer

**ESBJORN WIKEN**

## TOWN OF PERU

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**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 5, 1945.

**ASSESSORS' REPORT**

Real Estate, Resident	\$247,435.00	
" " Non-Resident	456,882.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$704,317.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$ 39,949.00	
" " Non-Resident	210,647.00	
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Total Personal Estate		\$250,596.00
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Total Valuation		\$954,913.00
Total value of land	\$173,107.00	
" " " buildings	531,210.00	

**TAXABLE LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY**

	No.	Avg. Value	Total Value
Horses and Mules	58	\$99.74	\$ 5,785.00
Cows	222	52.25	11,600.00
Three years old	60	44.91	2,695.00
Two years old	81	39.01	3,160.00
Swine (over 10)	11	12.00	132.00
Poultry (over 50)	32	.69	27.00
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Total Amount			\$23,399.00

**EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY**

Yearlings	106	17.17	1,820.00
Sheep	41	6.95	285.00
Swine	137	13.05	1,789.00
Poultry	1578	.50	789.00
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Total Amount			\$ 4,683.00

**ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY**

Stock in Trade	\$ 4,930.00	
Unmanufactured Materials in Mills	30,000.00	
Wood and Bark	96,500.00	
Boats 6	215.00	
Gas Pumps 21	1,175.00	
Musical Instruments	85.00	
Radios 189	4,025.00	
Finished Products in Mills	42,500.00	
Tractors	285.00	
Machinery and Equipment	490.00	
Other Property	46,992.00	
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Amount		\$227,197.00
Taxable Live Stock and Poultry		23,399.00
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Total Amount Personal Property		\$250,596.00

**APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED**

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 (School)	20.00
Support of Town Poor	2,000.00
Summer Roads and Bridges	4,000.00
State and State Aid Rd. Main.	1,000.00
Third Class Road Main.	2,000.00
Snow Removal	3,500.00
State and State Aid Rd. Construction	900.00
Town Cemeteries	100.00
Fire Dept. (Approaches)	300.00
” ” (Expenses)	200.00
Town Officers	2,600.00
Miscellaneous	1,500.00
Health Nurse	100.00
Long Time Loans	4,050.00
Melanson's Road	500.00
Memorial Day	15.00

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Appropriated for Town			\$ 33,079.38
State Tax			6,563.70
County Tax			2,353.06
Overlay			1,195.98
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Appropriated and Assessed			\$ 43,192.12
Supplementary Tax			97.81
No. Polls taxed	201	Rate of taxation	.0446
" " not taxed	25	Rate of collection	.015
Poll Tax	\$3.00	Excise tax collection	.15 ea.

**SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES**

Appropriated	\$ 4,000.00
Transferred to State and State Aid Rd. Main.	202.75
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Available	\$ 3,797.25
Paid:	

D. E. Oldham, foreman & truck	\$ 678.33
M. A. Dymment	282.60
M. L. Brackley	110.10
William Paul, supplies	200.00
L. L. Child	280.20
A. Mockus	12.00
Theo. Jasud	2.40
O. J. Putnam	438.75
O. J. Putnam, gravel	38.00
J. V. Wiken, gravel	9.00
K. H. Dymment	278.40
John Karegis	12.60
A. G. Walker	21.00
Arthur Eastman	17.00
D. Majeskis	2.40
J. C. Oldham	155.75
Roy Oldham	40.20
M. B. Knox	522.50
M. B. Oldham	9.00
A. L. Child	277.35
J. R. Oldham, gravel	48.00
C. A. Lane, supplies	1.45
Lawrence Brann	13.80
Eastern Tractor Co.	1.80
Henry Hussey	30.00
Alex Godish, Jr.	120.75
Boivins'	3.50
V. A. Eastman	2.00

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Alex Godish, Sr.	5.60	
Charles Hines, gravel	12.15	
Clark Foundry, Inc.	5.20	
Arnold Bros.	1.75	
W. F. Hodge, Jr.	34.20	
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		\$ 3,667.78
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Unexpended		\$ 129.47

## STATE AND STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriated		\$ 1,000.00
Transferred from Melanson Rd. Acct.		200.00
"    "    Third Class Rd. Main. Acct.		200.00
"    "    Summer Rds. & Bridges Acct.		202.75
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Available		\$ 1,602.75
Paid:		
D. E. Oldham, foreman & truck	\$ 276.10	
J. C. Oldham	95.20	
A. L. Child	148.40	
L. L. Child	123.60	
M. A. Dymment	115.20	
K. H. Dymment	127.20	
Roy Oldham	95.20	
S. A. Hazelton, supplies	1.75	
Frank Stasulis	16.80	
State Treas., patrol	603.30	\$ 1,602.75
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## WILLIAM MELANSON ROAD

Appropriated		\$ 500.00
Transferred to State and State Aid Rd. Main.		200.00
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Available		\$ 300.00
Paid:		
D. E. Oldham, foreman & truck	\$ 36.00	
M. B. Knox	60.00	
A. L. Child	24.00	
L. L. Child	24.00	
K. H. Dymment	24.00	
M. A. Dymment	28.80	
J. C. Oldham	24.00	
J. R. Oldham, gravel	2.60	
V. A. Eastman	1.00	

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A. G. Howard	6.00
Roy Oldham	40.00

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	\$ 270.40
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Unexpended	\$ 29.60
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## STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Appropriated	\$ 900.00
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Unexpended	\$ 900.00
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## THIRD CLASS ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriated	\$ 2,000.00
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Transferred to State and State Aid Main. Acct.	200.00
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Available	\$ 1,800.00
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## Paid:

D. E. Oldham, foreman & truck	\$ 427.90	
M. A. Dymment	203.70	
M. L. Brackley	57.00	
L. L. Child	183.00	
K. H. Dymment	202.80	
O. J. Putnam	90.00	
A. L. Child	194.40	
Roy Oldham	13.30	
Lawrence Brann	27.00	
C. E. Sweat, gravel	4.60	
M. B. Knox	194.00	
J. C. Oldham	50.90	
C. A. Lane, supplies	7.40	
John Pietla	3.00	
W. F. Hodge, Jr.	27.60	
Barrett Co., tar	94.60	\$ 1,781.20

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Unexpended	\$ 18.80
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## SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriated	\$ 3,500.00
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Reimbursement from State	246.91
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Received of Town of Sumner	84.00
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Available	\$ 3,830.91
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## Paid:

D. E. Oldham, foreman	\$ 843.05
O. J. Putnam	686.95



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M. A. Dymont	81.20	
L. Brann	31.20	
I. C. Kidder, supplies	39.23	
E. C. Farrar, supplies	72.15	
H. E. Rafuse, supplies	50.19	
A. D. Rafuse, supplies	34.50	
G. B. Gordon, supplies	6.20	
C. A. Lane, supplies	16.28	
M. B. Knox, supplies	65.30	
M. B. Knox, labor	57.80	
S. A. Hazelton, supplies	6.20	
C. A. Oldham, labor	6.00	
Bryant Oldham	10.80	
Roy Oldham	635.00	
L. Brann	9.90	
M. L. Brackley	11.10	
E. Corey & Co., supplies	5.30	
Eastern Tractor Co.	.90	
Fogg's Express	.52	
Clark's Foundry	4.50	
Stowell-Macgregor	18.68	
L. L. Child	26.40	
A. L. Child	30.80	
W. F. Hodge, Jr.	252.60	
K. H. Dymont	169.80	
Mrs. F. D. French, rent	12.00	
Arnold Bros., supplies	19.00	
Frost Motor Supply, supplies	141.81	
S. B. Ellis & Son	43.50	
H. A. Thurston	83.00	
Morrison's Garage	60.00	
Boivin's	5.40	
Leslie Gordon	26.40	
Elwin Knox, supplies	37.00	
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		\$ 3,600.66
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Unexpended		\$ 230.25

## SUPPORT OF TOWN POOR

Appropriated	\$ 2,000.00
Received from Frank Potter	42.63
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Available	\$ 2,042.63

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Paid:

Frank Potter Acct.	
To J. L. Knight, sonservator	\$ 42.63
Will Knox Acct.	
Maine Eye and Ear Infirmary	\$ 106.33
Town of Carthage	21.00
Howard's	1.79
J. L. Knight	5.19

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\$ 134.31

Grace Park Acct.	
Ada Knight	\$ 40.00
Mabelle Robinson	12.00
Mary Lovejoy	40.86

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\$ 92.86

Fred Thompson Acct.	
Leona Holman Nursing Home	\$ 78.00

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\$ 347.80

Unexpended \$ 1,694.83

**STATE POOR**

Louise Bayly Acct.

Paid: State (reimbursement)	\$ 47.80
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Ed Campbell Acct.

Paid: Dr. G. G. Defoe, M. D.	\$ 16.50
Received: State	16.50

Ed Norkus Acct.

Paid: Rumford Community Hospital	\$ 25.85
H. B. Marsh	100.00
	\$ 125.85

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Received: State 125.85

Orington Pingree:

Paid: Rumford Community Hospital	\$108.56
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**MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT**

Appropriated	\$ 1,500.00
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Received:

Town Clerk, dog tax	\$ 146.30
Agnes York, rebate on diphth. test	10.70
Berst-Forster, license	1.00
C. Walker, int.	.11

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State, bank tax	22.50
State, bear bounty	10.00
State, dog refund	21.69
State, R. R. & Tel. tax	.02
L. Farrar ,stove	5.00
Treas. of U. S., reimbursement	21.04
E. Bowie, int.	8.82
E. Chenery, int.	.55
Foster, heirs, int.	11.92
W. Andrews, note	133.16
F. Russell, int.	.23
P. M. MacDonald, legal services	44.50
Supplementary Tax	97.81
Excise Tax	731.65
J. F. Susbury	13.65

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\$ 1,280.65

Available

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\$ 2,780.65

Paid:

Rumford Pub. Co., reports	\$ 83.07
Lona Holman, heirs of, int.	27.56
M. H. Oldham, heirs of, int.	50.11
Florence Shaw, int.	50.11
Howard Turner, int.	50.11
Stella Wentworth, int.	25.06
E. Bowie, wood	64.00
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	54.03
J. L. Knight, incid.	68.77
C. H. Robinson, incid.	25.81
A. G. Howard, incid.	3.70
R. S. Linnell, Red Cross	300.00
J. V. Wiken, rebate taxes	8.60
Rumford Falls Light & Water Co.	99.28
Dr. G. G. Defoe	18.00
Arnold Bros., insurance school	322.50
Fogg's Tran.	.98
Rumford Drug Store, med. school	12.25
New England Tel. & Tel.	.70
Glenroy Miller, bear bounty	10.00
John A. Babb, legal services	5.70
Roberts Office Supply	37.80
Sadie Walker, cleaning	6.00
P. M. MacDonald, legal services	48.25
State, dog tax and audit	204.46

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Wilbur Hussey, lease	1.00
Dr. D. E. Elsemore	5.00
G. O. Gardner, medicine	4.05
Maine Municipal Assn.	30.00
Arlene Jordan, treas. & clerk incid.	20.01
O. J. Putnam, trans.	7.00
J. A. Robichaud, sawing wood	6.50
Good Will Home Assn.	1.50
C. H. Towle, supplies	1.04
Alton York, sawing wood	2.00

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\$ 1,654.95

Unexpended

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\$ 1,125.70

## TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriated \$ 2,600.00

Paid:

R. S. Linnell, Moderator	\$ 4.00
J. L. Knight, 1st Selectman	400.00
J. L. Knight, 1943 Selectman	37.00
A. G. Howard, 2nd Selectman	300.00
A. G. Howard, 1943 Selectman	16.00
C. H. Robinson, 3rd Selectman	264.50
C. H. Robinson, 1943 Selectman	24.00
Arlene Jordan, Clerk & Treas.	350.00
Esbjorn Wiken, Tax Collector	702.08
William Jordan, Constable	4.00
Agnes York, Ballot Clerk	4.00
C. L. Walker, Ballot Clerk	4.00
S. A. Hazelton, Ballot Clerk	4.00
Esbjorn Wiken, Ballot Clerk	4.00
Mabelle Robinson, Ballot Clerk	4.00
Ralph Calden, School Committee	7.00
E. R. Lane, School Committee	7.00
Verona Linnell, School Committee	7.00
John Gerrish, Health Committee	3.00

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\$ 2,145.58

Unexpended

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\$ 454.42

## TOWN CEMETERIES

Appropriated \$ 100.00

Received: from Benjamin Bigelow 10.00

Available

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\$ 110.00

## Paid:

M. B. Knox (sexton)	\$	38.50	
L. A. Farrar (sexton)		13.80	
J. C. Oldham		4.50	
Walter Hodge, Jr.		10.20	\$ 67.00

Unexpended			\$ 43.00
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**MEMORIAL DAY**

Appropriated		\$ 15.00
Paid: I. C. Kidder		11.00

Unexpended		\$ 4.00
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**HEALTH NURSE**

Appropriated		\$ 100.00
Paid: Treasurer of State		\$ 100.00

**CEMETERY TRUST FUND INTEREST**

## Hollis Turner Fund:

Balance 1943	\$	16.01
Interest 1944		14.72

Available	\$	30.73
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## Paid:

L. A. Farrar	\$	4.20
W. F. Hodge, Jr.		4.20

Unexpended	\$	8.40	\$ 22.33
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## Jessie Cushman Lot Fund:

Balance 1943	\$	2.17
Interest 1944		.52

Available	\$	2.69
Unexpended		\$ 2.69

## Elias H. Lovejoy Lot Fund:

Balance 1943	\$	22.85
Interest 1944		1.05

Available	\$	23.90
Unexpended		\$ 23.90

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## Laura E. Britton Lot Fund:

Balance 1943	\$	.31	
Interest 1944		.52	

Available	\$	.84	
Unexpended			\$ .84

## Barlow Austin Lot Fund:

Interest 1944	\$	1.05	
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Paid: Demeritt Cem. Assn.	\$	1.05	
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## John A. Martin Lot Fund:

Interest 1944	\$	1.05	
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Paid: Demeritt Cem. Assn.	\$	1.05	
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## James C. Abbott Lot Fund:

Interest 1944	\$	1.72	
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Paid: Demeritt Cem. Asso.	\$	1.72	
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## Gusta W. Lovejoy Lot Fund:

Interest 1944	\$	1.31	
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Paid: Demeritt Cem. Asso.	\$	1.31	
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## Harvey Neal Lot Fund:

Interest 1944	\$	1.57	
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Paid: Demeritt Cem. Asso.	\$	1.57	
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## Charles Gammon Lot Fund:

Interest 1944	\$	1.83	
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Unexpended			\$ 1.83
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Ida M. Goodnow Lot Fund  
(New account)

N. B. Woodsum Lot Fund:  
(New account)

## PERU FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriated	\$	500.00	
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Paid:

L. A. Farrar, Chief, fireman	\$	25.35	
E. C. Farrar, fireman		6.70	
W. S. Arnold, fireman		2.00	
Lester Child, fireman		5.60	
W. B. Austin, fireman		7.00	
Clifford Gill, fireman		1.80	
L. Emery, fireman		1.80	
M. Garneau, fireman		1.80	

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E. Gill, fireman	1.80
H. Gill, fireman	1.80
W. Hodge, Jr., fireman	1.80
D. Oldham, fireman	1.20
C. York, fireman	2.80
M. Gammon, fireman	1.20
R. Griffin, fireman	1.20
J. Gerrish, fireman	1.20
V. Wiken, fireman	1.80
E. Wiken, fireman	1.20
J. Tutlis, fireman	1.80
L. A. Farrar, supplies	2.00
L. A. Farrar, fuel	15.00
E. C. Farrar, supplies	49.14
Dixfield Fire Co.	97.00
Rumford Fire Dept.	72.25

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\$ 305.24

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Unexpended \$ 194.76
**PERU CENTER BAPTIST CHURCH**

Unexpended 1943 \$ 256.07

Paid:

Maine Duntile Inc..	\$ 22.60
H. A. Drown	30.38
H. S. Gammon	106.00
I. C. Kidder	1.35
A. S. Barrows	5.50
	\$ 165.83

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Unexpended \$ 90.24
**LONG TIME LOANS**

Appropriated \$ 4,050.00

Paid:

Lona Holman, heirs of	\$ 550.00
Howard Turner	1,000.00
M. H. Oldham, heirs of	1,000.00
Florence Shaw, W. S. Arnold trustee	1,000.00
Stella Wentworth	500.00
	\$ 4,050.00

**WITHHOLDING TAX**

Received from Arlene Jordan, Town Treasurer \$ 1,219.02

Paid: Col. Internal Revenue ending Jan. 1, 1945 1,219.02

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Balance on hand Feb. 1, 1945 \$ 207.74

**ABATEMENTS TO ESBJORN WIKEN, TAX COLLECTOR****1943**

Fred Stavisky	\$	3.00
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**1944**

John F. Casper*		3.00
Ezra Hunt, paid in Portland		3.00
Lubert McGuire, paid in Rumford		3.00
Harry Heath, unable to locate		3.00
Frank Peters, unable to locate		3.00
Fractional dif. on commitment		5.46

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	\$	20.46
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**1943 DELINQUENTS**

James Donahue*	\$	2.15
Paul Footz		3.00
John Homik		3.00
John Kasook		3.00

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	\$	11.15
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**1944 DELINQUENTS**

Ida A. Brann (paid after closed)	\$	23.45
Erland Bowie		106.47
Earl Chenery		1.46
Deforest & Louis Delano		57.98
Arthur Eastman		24.64
Stowell & Dorothy Eustis		2.20
Cora Frost		53.52
Arthur Floyd		9.69
Arthur Garland		6.03
Earl Howard		3.00
Rene Lefebvere		5.68
Dominick Majeskis		57.41
Glen Miller (paid after closed)		3.86
Charles L. Norton		4.12
Arthur Porter (paid 41.68)		117.30
Ray Rafferty		3.45
Roscoe Robinson		3.00
Jos. Schrischus		3.00
Reuben Vaughn		60.21
A. G. Walker		17.27
Ed Wing		3.67
Clas. Wing		3.67
Elmer E. Brown		15.61
Maud, Leona, Florence, Amos Foster		118.19
Leonce Jobin		17.84



James H. Kerr, heirs of	2.23
John Lobiskis	169.80
Ellis MacDonald	13.38
Alice Orino	4.46
Benj. A. Packard	8.92
James Saunders (paid after closed)	.43
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	\$ 921.94

\*—In service

### FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

#### Resources

Cash in Bank	\$ 17,672.04
Taxes 1944	921.94
Taxes 1943	11.15
Liens 1944	124.45
Leslie Stinchfield, mortgage	70.00

#### Town Owned Property

Earland 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
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	\$ 18,963.92

Excise Tax on hand	92.96
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Respectfully submitted,

J. L. KNIGHT  
A. G. HOWARD  
C. H. ROBINSON  
Selectmen of Peru

1943 Accounts Audited and Approved by State Auditor

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

Balance in Bank, Feb. 8, 1944		\$ 11,277.82
Tax Bills of 1942	\$ 8.97	
Tax Bills of 1943	428.02	
Tax Bills of 1944	42,347.53	
Excise Tax of 1944	533.41	
Excise Tax of 1945	92.96	
Liens of 1943	236.50	
Liens of 1944	15.35	
Interest on Liens	21.63	
Withholding Tax 1944	1,054.94	
Withholding Tax 1945	207.74	
Teachers' Retirement Fund 1944	61.50	
Teachers' Retirement Fund 1945	20.50	
State Poor: Ed Campbell	16.50	
Edward Norkus	125.85	
Snow removal	246.91	
Bank Stock Tax	22.50	
Withholding Tax refund	21.04	
Bounty on Bear	10.00	
Dog Tax Refund	21.69	
School Fund	2,763.70	
R. R. & Tel. Tax	.02	
Town of Sumner, snow removal	84.00	
Berst-Forster Vict. License	1.00	
Benjamin Bigelow, Cemetery Lot	10.00	
Llewellyn Farrar, stove	5.00	
Agnes York, I. S. Test School Fund	10.70	
Karlene Merrill, tuition	36.00	
Nathalie Dermody, tuition	21.00	
Wallace Andrews, Note and Int.	133.16	
Peter M. MacDonald, reimbursement	44.50	
Frank Potter, reimbursement	42.63	
Dog Tax	146.30	
Town owned property	13.65	
Int. H. Turner Cem. fund	14.72	

## ANNUAL REPORT

Int. Cemetery Lot funds	10.62	
Abatements	23.46	
Expenditures		\$ 60,131.82
Warrants paid		\$ 42,459.78
Balance in Bank		17,672.04
		\$ 60,131.82

Respectfully submitted,

ARLENE JORDAN,  
Treasurer of Peru, Maine.

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Records of Marriages, Births and Deaths returned to the office for the year ending February 1st, 1945

### MARRIAGES

1944

- Feb. 25 at Rumford, Alfred A. Hebert of Long Pond and Margaret L. Newell of Peru.  
June 16 at Peru, Emery W. Cox and Helen E. Donahue both of Canton  
July 31 at Peru, Linwood C. Leeman and Pearl M. Frost both of South Portland.  
Sept. 30 at Ridlonville, Jasper C. Perry of Ridlonville and Marguerite B. Knox of Peru

1945

- Jan. 25 at Rumford, Bernard L. Donahue of Peru, and Fern K. Barry of Mexico

### BIRTHS

1944

- Mar. 9 at Rumford, to Lincoln B. and Bernice D. Scott, a daughter, Janet Marie  
Mar. 9 at Rumford, to Earland S. and Mary E. Bowie, a daughter, Muriel Louise  
May 14 at Rumford, to Glenroy M. and Dora P. Miller, a daughter, Baby Miller  
June 9 at Peru, to Erwin M. and Christina R. Payne, a daughter, Donna Gail  
June 14 at Rumford, to Kenneth L. and Inaze M. Stinchfield, a daughter, Nancy Jean  
June 18 at Rumford, to Sherwood W. and Marguerite E. Newton, a son, Arthur Wayne  
June 22 at Rumford, to Kenneth E. and Norma G. Knox, a daughter, Rosanne Marie  
July 13 at Peru, to Lucius V. and Rowena G. Robinson, a daughter, Eleanor Jeanne  
Sept. 11 at Rumford, to William Alexander and Nancy L. Bell, son, Michael William  
Sept. 18 at Rumford, to Archer P. and Pauline A. Howard, a son, George Roger  
Oct. 14 at Rumford, to Kermit E. and Barbara L. Wentworth, a son, Douglas LeRoy  
Oct. 17 at Rumford, to Frederick L. and Phyllis I. Collins, a son, Michael Frederick

- Oct. 31 at Rumford, to Kenneth F. and Florence E. Fordham,  
a son, Wayne Robinson
- Nov. 3 at Rumford, to Charles A. and Louise H. O'Halloran,  
a son, Jon Michael

### SUPPLEMENTAL REPORTS

#### BIRTHS

1899

- July 21 at Peru, to Merritt H. Oldham and Della P. Oldham,  
a son, Maurice B.

1919

- Aug. 10 to William H. and Theresa Howard, a son Paul Clifford

1943

- Oct. 31 at Washington, D. C., to Kenneth F. and Florence E.  
Fordham, a daughter, Carolyn Louise

#### DEATHS

1943

	Y.	M.	D.
Nov. 26 at Rumford, Willard Bailey	62	6	16
Dec. 13 at Rumford, Baby Dorey	0	0	0
Dec. 15 at Rumford, Nellie Byron	69	2	27
Dec. 18 at Dixfield, Charles C. Dunham	75	8	7

1944

Jan. 19 at Mexico, Flora M. Kidder	66	8	9
Jan. 22 at Waltham, Mass., Alice H. Vinal	81	11	24
Feb. 6 at Auburn, Leon S. Johnson	65	10	25
Mar. 25 at Dixfield, Merrit Oldham	86	0	22
Mar. 30 at Peru, James Saunders	88	5	22
Apr. 19 at Rumford, Edward Norkus	60	0	0
May 6 at Millbury, Mass., Lillian J. Severy	73	2	20
May 15 at Rumford, Baby Miller	0	0	0
May 19 at Peru, Alton M. York	72	6	12
May 26 at Dixfield, Fred B. Chase	73	2	4
June 5 at Peru, Rosanna Ellen Libby	84	11	14
June 14 at Rumford, Annie M. Haynes	73	0	21
Aug. 26 at Lewiston, Edna L. Stuart	69	4	25
Aug. 31 at Amesbury, Mass., William Melanson	62	11	21
Sept. 13 at Lewiston, Angela Louise Winslow	69	8	12
Sept. 28 at Rumford, Annie M. Cameron	74	7	3
Oct. 5 at Lewiston, Clarace M. Preo	44	0	23
Oct. 20 at Rumford, Charles J. Howard	63	11	12
Oct. 20 at Peru, Harry C. Libby	63	8	15
Oct. 30 at Peru, Frederick H. Burns	72	4	19
Nov. 9 at Dixfield, Nelda Knox	45	3	16

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Nov. 17 at Bridgton, Clara Elmira Douglass	64	1	25
Dec. 3 at Rumford, Sara C. Lane	61	6	21
1945			
Jan. 3 at Rumford, Charles H. Luce	56	3	11
Jan. 9 at Rumford, Daisy B. Arnold	58	7	14
Jan. 23 at Peru, Bertha E. H. Searles	72	2	10

## DOGS LICENSED

For the year ending February 1, 1945, the following dogs were licensed:

79 Males	\$ 71.10
8 Females	39.20
29 S. females	26.10
1 kennel	9.90

Paid Treasurer

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\$146.30

Attest:

ARLENE JORDAN,  
Town Clerk

PERU SCHOOL REPORT

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

I hereby submit to you my twentieth annual report of your schools:

TEACHERS

School—West Peru	Teachers	Experi- ence	Salary per week
Sub-Primary and Grade I,	Agnes H. York	52 terms	\$27.00
Grades II and III,	Cecilia Shurtleff	32 terms	28.00
Grades IV and V,	Janice Starbird	40 terms	27.00
Grade VI, VII and VIII,	Evelyn B. Russell	26 terms	27.00

These teachers are the same as last year. The forenoon studies of the sixth grade are taught by Mrs. Russell, and the afternoon studies by Mrs. Starbird. Mrs. Shurtleff has charge of the vocal music in the school.

ENROLLMENT

The enrollment by grades for the Fall Term, 1944, is as follows:

W. Peru	S.P	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
	15	13	17	18	22	14	20	18	16	153

ATTENDANCE

Following is the whole number in attendance and the average attendance for each term of the year ending December 31, 1944:

GRADES	Winter Term		Spring Term		Fall Term	
	No.	Av.	No.	Av.	No.	Av.
	Pupils	Att	Pupils.	Att.	Pupils	Att.
Sub-Primary, Grade I,	30	23.5	30	25.89	28 *	25.5
Grades II and III,	34	29.25	36	33.11	35	32.2
Grades IV and V,	32	28.71	34	30.86	36	33.47
Grades VI, VII and VIII,	49	42.31	49	44.17	54	50.61
	144	123.77	149	134.03	153	141.78

Five pupils were not absent for the school year ending in June, 1944. They are James Dragoon, Alton Shurtleff, Dawson Shurtleff, Jean Hall and Bernice Knox. For the Fall term of 15 weeks ending in December 1944, the following pupils were not absent: Willis McGuire and Betty Ann Priest of the Sub-Pri-

mary; Donald Floyd, Gerald Gordon, Joan Henry, Roger Knox and Cynthia Norris of the First Grade; Evangeline Brackett, David Horne, Olga Kushner, Warren Oldham and Anita Priest of the Second Grade; James Dragoon, Joyce Melanson, Ruby Palmer and Alton Shurtleff of the Third Grade; James Child, Genesta Dragoon, Lovina Irish, Arthur Priest and Dawson Shurtleff of the Fourth Grade.

Annie Hodge of the Fifth Grade; Gertrude Floyd, Harlow Floyd, Earlen Hall and Lorraine Robichaud of the Sixth Grade; Marlene Luce, Frank Norris and Robert Worthley of the Seventh Grade and William Donahue, Priscilla Haynes and Marion Hodges of the Eighth Grade. Total number not absent for the term is 32. James Dragoon, Alton Shurtleff and Dawson Shurtleff have perfect attendance records for the past four terms. James Dragoon has not missed a session for fifty-one weeks, while Alton and Dawson Shurtleff have not been absent for 132 weeks.

The above records do not include those of the present winter term.

### HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

For the school year which opened in September, 1944, the enrollment of high school pupils was as follows:

Pupils	Home	High School	Class
Ruth Austin	West Peru	Stephens	Freshman
Gloria Child	West Peru	"	"
Mary Donahue	West Peru	"	"
Mary Gammon	East Peru	"	"
Priscilla Garneau	West Peru	"	"
Jean Hall	West Peru	"	"
Mary Irish	West Peru	"	"
Bernice Knox	West Peru	"	"
Joyce Calden	West Peru	"	Sophomore
Athalie Child	West Peru	"	"
Donald Jasud	Peru Center	"	"
Robert Gill	East Peru	"	"
Richard Powell	West Peru	"	"
Joyce Dolloff	West Peru	"	Junior
Lois Gammon	East Peru	"	"
Margaret Henry	Peru Center	"	"
Manley Irish	West Peru	"	"
Lester Prue	West Peru	"	"
Lawrence Richards	West Peru	"	"
Edna Walker	East Peru	"	"



Rachel Austin	West Peru	"	Senior
Leith Calden	West Peru	"	"
Ronald Emery	Peru Center	"	"
Gloria Hall	West Peru	"	"
Phyllis Hussey	East Peru	"	"
Roger Lane	West Peru	"	"
Alberta Norton	Peru Center	"	"
Adele Ploplis	Peru Center	"	"
Ernest Moore	West Peru	Dixfield	Sophomore
Pearl Moore	West Peru	"	Junior
Walter Shaw	Dickvale	"	"
Lois Richards	West Peru	Mexico	"
Pauline Porter	Dickvale	Wilton Academy	Freshman
Maxine Porter	Dickvale	"	"
Geraldine Linnell	Peru Center	Gould Academy	Freshman

This list contains thirty-five names. Approximately eight of these students will be removed from the list by High School graduation in June, and about sixteen will be added as Freshmen next Fall, making the total number of pupils in High Schools forty-three.

### REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

The sum of \$300.00 was raised for Repairs and Equipment, and there was a balance of \$50.03, making the amount of \$350.03 available.

The expenditures were as follows: \$44.70 for new grates for the furnace; \$3.50 for tuning the piano; \$94.63 for labor and material for interior painting; \$7.44 for lumber; \$50.00 for repairs in toilet rooms and other parts of the basement; \$16.25 for labor and material for minor repairs. Total amount, \$216.52. Subtracting this sum from \$350.03 leaves a balance of \$133.52 on hand.

### CHARLES GAMMON GIFT FOR BOOKS

By the will of Charles Gammon the sum of \$500.00 was left to the Peru School Department for the purchase of books. The Superintending School Committee voted to use the money for books for the school library. We have expended \$194.51 to date for reference books and will use the remainder of the account as needed.

I am sure the citizens of Peru join with the school officials in an expression of appreciation for such a useful gift for the boys and girls Mr. Gammon liked so much. It was very kind and thoughtful of him to remember them in his will.

**FINANCES**

The receipts in the school department are \$15,510.49 and the expenditures, \$12,216.54. There is a balance of \$983.19 in the Common School Account; in the High School Tuition, \$1,853.25; in Repairs and Equipment, \$133.52; in Superintendence, \$18.50; and in the Gammon Account, \$305.49; making the total unexpended, \$3,293.95. There are no overdrafts.

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,	3,000.00
Books and Supplies,	300.00
Repairs and Equipment,	300.00
Superintendence,	360.00
Interest on School Fund,	34.38
Office Expense,	20.00
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	\$10,014.38

All items in the budget are the same as last year with the exception of the one for High School Tuition which is \$300.00 less. As we have a large balance on hand in this account it may seem that we might reduce the appropriation for next year by more than \$300.00, but it would not be advisable to do so as the high schools are finding it necessary to raise the charge for tuition about thirty per cent.

**CONCLUSIONS**

The big job these days is to do all we can to help WIN THE WAR, and the boys and girls of Peru are doing that by buying more and more War Bonds and Stamps. For the last 25 weeks of the school year ending June, 1944, they purchased \$2,408.25 worth of Bonds and Stamps. In 15 weeks of the present school year they bought enough to amount to \$1,474.25. Much credit is due the West Peru Mother's Club for this splendid sale because it has been sponsored and conducted by that organization.

I cannot close this report as Superintendent of the Peru Schools without expressing my deep appreciation of the wholehearted support that has been accorded me by the Superintending School Committee, the other town officials and the teaching staff, as well as the pupils and their parents.

Respectfully submitted,

FRANK McGOULDRICK,  
Superintendent of Schools.

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

## Receipts

Balance, 1943-44,	\$ 469.03	
Appropriation,	6,000.00	
Tuition from Carl Merrill,	36.00	
Tuition from Hazel Durmody,	21.00	
Interest on School Fund,	34.38	
State School Fund,	2,614.14	\$9,174.55

## Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries,	\$3,853.64	
Janitors,	585.00	
Cleaning,	29.13	
Fuel,	415.29	
Conveyance,	3,308.30	8,191.36

Unexpended, \$ 983.19

**HIGH SCHOOL TUITION**

## Receipts

Balance, 1943-44,	\$1,337.85	
Appropriation,	3,300.00	\$4,637.85

## Expenditures

Paid: Town of Rumford,	\$2,100.00	
Town of Mexico,	283.60	
Town of Dixfield,	300.00	
Gould Academy,	41.00	
Wilton Academy,	60.00	2,784.60

Unexpended, \$1,853.25

**BOOKS AND SUPPLIES**

## Receipts

Appropriation,	\$ 300.00	
State School Fund,	149.56	\$ 449.56

Expended, \$ 449.56

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**REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT**

## Receipts

Balance, 1943-44,	\$ 50.03	
Appropriation,	300.00	\$ 350.03
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Expended,		\$ 216.51
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Unexpended,		\$ 133.52

**SUPERINTENDENCE**

## Receipts

Balance, 1943-44,	\$ 18.50	
Appropriation,	360.00	\$ 378.50
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Expended,		\$ 360.00
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Unexpended,		\$ 18.50

**OFFICE EXPENSE**

Appropriation,	\$ 20.00
Expended,	\$ 20.00

**GAMMON GIFTS FOR BOOKS**

Amount Donated,	\$ 500.00
Expended,	\$ 194.51
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Unexpended,	\$ 305.49

**STATE OF MAINE**

Total amount received from State,		\$2,763.70
Transferred to Common School Account,	\$2,614.14	
Transferred to Books and Supplies		
Account ,	149.56	\$2,763.70
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**RECAPITULATION**

Account	Receipts	Expendi- tures	Unex- pended
Common Schools,	\$9,174.55	\$8,191.36	\$ 983.19
High School Tuition,	4,637.85	2,784.60	1,853.25
Books and Supplies,	449.56	449.56	
Repairs and Equipment,	350.03	216.51	133.52
Superintendence,	378.50	360.00	18.50
Office, Expense,	20.00	20.00	
Gammon Gift for Books,	500.00	194.51	305.49
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	\$15,510.49	\$12,216.54	\$3,293.95
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	\$15,510.49	\$15,510.49	

**REPORT OF THE PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE—1944****PERU**

The past year has marked considerable progress in the acceptance of rules for healthful living by the citizens of your community. This has been evidenced by the fact that communicable disease was reasonably well controlled in the schools, and by the excellent response to the school immunization program. Ninety-four children received the school test for Diphtheria with the necessary Diphtheria immunization following, and fifteen children were vaccinated for Smallpox. The school program also included examination by audiometer of all children from the 4th grade.

The success of health teaching in the home is indicated somewhat by the very fine attendance of thirty-two children of infant or pre-school age at the two Child Health Conferences. Besides receiving immunizations, several defects were found in the children which have since been corrected. The cooperation of local organizations has aided this function of the Public Health Nurse most effectively.

A total of sixty-eight visits were made to individual homes. Not only principles of health living were taught, but several vision corrections and tonsillectomies were obtained. It is heart warming to realize that five children in the community with some type of crippling condition have received benefit of the Crippled Children's Service, with home supervision by the Public Health Nurse.

The very excellent cooperation of the people of Peru has made the long road of Public Health a little less rough and long. It is hoped that your nurse, in turn, can make the road to individual health more accessible to you.

Respectfully submitted,

JEAN C. DOYLE, R. N.



## 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 fifth day of March A. D. 1945, 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 if the Town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for public health nursing, said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local service.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the committee of the Peru Center Baptist Church account to continue with the unexpended balance of 1944.

Art. 10. 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. 11. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purchase of Tar for Third Class and Resolve Roads.

Art. 12. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to buy a Trail Blazer Blade for Tractor.

Art. 13. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Owned Buildings Repairs.

Art. 14. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate to build a Fire Proof Vault in Town Hall for Town Records.

Art. 15. To see if the Town will vote to buy a Walter's four wheel drive truck and plow, or take any action thereto.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for Walter's truck.

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 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. 20. 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 1945 out of money raised during said year 1945 by taxes.

Art. 21. 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 fifth day of March, A. D. 1945, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Peru, this 9th day of February, A. D. 1945.

A true copy: attest:

J. L. KNIGHT,  
A. G. HOWARD,  
C. H. ROBINSON,

Selectmen of Peru.