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ANNUAL REPORT

of the

Municipal Officers

of the

Town of Peru

Year Ending February 2, 1948

RUMFORD PUBLISHING CO., RUMFORD, MAINE

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 2, 1948.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Real Estate, Resident	\$273,470.00	
" " Non-Resident	449,547.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$723,017.00
Personal Estate, Resident	\$ 43,272.00	
" " Non Resident	152,415.00	\$195,687.00
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Grand Total		\$918,704.00
Total value of land	\$172,432.00	
" " " buildings	550,585.00	

TAXABLE LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Avg. Value	Total Value
Horses and Mules	67	\$ 80.00	\$ 5,370.00
Colt	1	50.00	50.00
Cows	262	56.50	14,810.00
Bulls, Oxen and Steers	20	74.75	1,495.00
Heifers, over 2 years	30	47.00	1,425.00
Heifers, 18 months	47	38.50	1,825.00
Goat	1	10.00	10.00
Poultry (over 50)	14	.50	7.00
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			\$24,992.00

EXEMPT LIVE STOCK AND POULTRY

Yearlings	76	22.75	\$ 1,835.00
Sheep	50	7.00	360.00
Swine	43	20.00	865.00
Poultry	1284	.50	642.00

ALL OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in Trade		\$ 5,800.00
Unmanufactured Materials in Mills		11,228.00
Wood and Bark		56,912.00
Boats	10	490.00
Gas Pumps	18	1,000.00
Musical Instruments	5	195.00
Radios	221	4,050.00

Furniture	5,490.00	
Finished Products in Mills	44,000.00	
Machinery and Equipment	150.00	
Other Property	41,380.00	\$170,695.00
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Taxable Live Stock and Poultry		\$ 24,992.00
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Total Amount of Personal Property		\$195,687.00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

Common Schools	\$ 9,580.00	
High School Tuition	6,700.00	
Repairs and Equipment	500.00	
Books and Supplies	400.00	
Superintendence	432.00	
Office Expense	60.00	
Interest on School Fund	34.38	
Support of Poor	1,000.00	
Summer Roads and Bridges	3,500.00	
State Aid Construction	900.00	
Main. State & State Aid Road	900.00	
Third Class Road	5,000.00	
Snow Removal	4,000.00	
Special Resolve Road	300.00	
Town Cemeteries	100.00	
Memorial Day	20.00	
Town Officers Bills	2,500.00	
Health Nursing	100.00	
Town Owned Buildings	500.00	
Heating Equipment West Peru School	1,200.00	
Pleasant Street	1,000.00	
Dolloff Street	700.00	
Worthley Pond Dump	100.00	
Peru Fire Department	300.00	
Town Lights	950.00	
Appropriated for Town	40,776.38	
State Tax	7,035.06	
County Tax	3,007.00	
Overlay	527.59	
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Appropriated and Assessed		\$ 51,346.03

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Supplementary Tax			
No. Polls taxed	272	Rate of Taxation	.55
No. Polls not taxed	14	Rate of Collection	.016
Poll Tax	\$3.00	Excise Tax Collection	.15

SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriated		\$ 3,500.00
Rec'd Waldo Porter	\$ 60.00	
" Ralph Kidder	5.00	
" Cola York	15.00	
" Marie Chase	15.00	
" Olen Russell	65.00	
" George Heffron	20.00	
" Thomas Dixon	45.00	
" Richard Powell	15.00	
" Clarence Jackson	15.00	
" Murray Machine Co.	17.62	

 \$ 3,782.62

Paid:

Waldo Porter, labor	\$ 368.35
Waldo Porter, truck	720.25
Richard Walton, labor	233.25
Felix Godish, labor	68.25
Lester Child, labor	60.00
Arthur Child, labor	208.50
Elmer Child, labor	75.00
Rollins Kidder, labor and supplies	89.78
Cleston Knox, labor	51.00
Joe Gillis, labor	317.26
Merle Knox Jr., truck	100.80
Harold Packard Jr., labor	48.50
John Kasregus, labor	34.25
John Wiken, gravel	62.50
Ralph Kidder, labor and supplies	93.58
Clarion Child, labor	115.50
Ralph Farnham, labor	6.00
Richard Dolloff, labor	24.75
Frank Norris Jr., labor	6.00
Conrad Hall, labor	84.75
Forest Vaughn, labor	12.00
Walter Byron, gravel	69.25
Olen Russell, repairs	5.50
Elmer Farrar, supplies	2.75
Bill Dolloff, labor	30.00

Maurice Farrar, truck	106.00	
Maine Duntile, supplies	337.45	
Southworth Machine Co., supplies	35.57	
Eldon Dolloff, labor	21.00	
Alton Worthley, gravel	8.00	
C. H. Towle, supplies	15.09	
Merwyn Putnam, labor	60.00	
Alex Godish, labor	13.00	
New England M. C. Co., supplies	194.55	
Dearborn Tire Exchange, supplies	1.00	
Clarence Drake, labor	268.73	
George Byron, labor	69.50	
Earl Chenery, labor	17.63	
Koppers Co., Inc., supplies	205.88	
Lawrenc Robbins, labor	5.63	
Earl Byron, labor	.900	
Stowell McGregor, supplies	1.32	
Maurice Oldham, labor	6.00	
Murray Machine Co., supplies	35.24	
Maine Truck & Tractor Co., supplies	285.38	
L. C. Fairbanks, supplies	76.14	
Timberlands Inc., supplies	144.89	
R. I. Mitchell, supplies	1.20	
Moose Horn Garage, supplies	1.75	
V. A. Eastman, supplies	4.25	
L. E. Libby, supplies	2.00	\$ 4,813.97
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Overdrawn		\$ 1,031.35

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE AND RECONSTRUCTION

Appropriated		\$ 5,000.00
Unexpended		777.84
Received Louise Dragoon		15.00
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Available		\$ 5,792.84
Paid:		
Waldo Porter, truck	\$ 550.95	
M. G. Farrar, truck	188.51	
Harold Packard, truck	294.84	
Omer Beisaw, shovel	919.80	
G. E. Gammon, truck	39.76	
Harold Packard Jr., labor	85.89	
Joe Rackliff, foreman	151.25	
Koppers Co., tar	851.26	

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Charles Sedgebear, labor	9.00
Arthur Child, labor	139.38
Clarence Drake, labor	183.50
Henry Hussey, labor	80.80
Joe Gillis, labor	158.88
Maurice Oldham, labor	15.38
Maine Duntile, supplies	32.16
Ralph Kidder, supplies	92.04
Earl Chenery, labor	19.13
Lawrence Robbins, labor	39.53
Richard Walton, labor	24.75
Clarion Child, labor	6.00
Conrad Hall, labor	14.25
Leonard Cote, labor	3.00
Walter Byron, gravel	22.13
Elmer Child, labor	1.50
M. B. Knox, Jr., truck	223.50
M. B. Knox, Sr., truck	99.00
C. L. Merrill, truck	165.38
C. P. McDaniel, truck	156.38
S. P. McDaniel, truck	170.85
Eugene Child, truck	141.53
Earl Grant, truck	159.38
Lester Child, labor	48.75
J. Eaton, labor	35.70
Cleston Garneau, truck	54.83
George Byron, labor	6.50
Richard Dolloff, labor	24.01
State Treasurer, compressor	62.05
N. E. Metal Culvert Co., supplies	295.44
L. E. Libby, gravel	242.93
Grafton Gordon, gravel	7.85
H. E. Fournier, supplies	24.25
C. H. Towle, supplies	17.63
Olen Russell, supplies	28.95
Weld Street Garage, supplies	2.40
Gulf Oil Corp., supplies	30.70
David Hall, labor	20.63
Merrill's Service Station, supplies	4.20
James Caliendo, labor	3.75
Everett Shea, labor	2.75
John Pretty, labor	1.50
William Stearns, labor	3.75
Lyden Clark, labor	3.75
James Beedy, labor	2.25

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Erlon Hall, labor	1.50	
Gene Farrar, labor	5.63	
John Child, labor	3.75	
Preston Donahue, labor	3.75	
Merwin Putnam, labor	21.38	
Malcolm Priest, labor	5.25	
Isaac Searles, labor	11.88	\$6,017.42
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Overdrawn		\$224.58

ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Received from State		\$1,061.71
Paid:		
Joe Rackliff, foreman	\$ 48.13	
Arthur Child, labor	21.38	
Joe Gillis, labor	25.13	
Lester Child, labor	24.01	
Richard Dolloff, labor	22.88	
Clarence Drake, labor	36.50	
Omer Bisson, shovel	198.45	
Waldo Porter, truck	174.38	
M. B. Knox Sr., truck	21.60	
M. B. Knox Jr., truck	79.13	
C. L. Merrill, truck	67.50	
G. P. McDaniel, truck	62.48	
C. P. McDaniel, truck	67.50	
G. E. Gammon, labor	9.00	
D. E. Oldham, labor	2.25	
Harold Packard Sr., truck	15.30	
Harold Packard Jr., labor	16.13	
M. G. Farrar, truck	64.13	
Eugene Child, truck	45.90	
Earl Grant, truck	59.93	
Ralph Kidder, supplies	10.74	
L. E. Libby, gravel	78.00	\$ 1,150.45
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Overdrawn		\$ 88.74

PLEASANT STREET

Appropriated		\$ 1,000.00
Paid:		
Joe Rackliff, foreman	\$ 31.88	
Joe Gillis, labor	22.50	
Lester Child, labor	22.50	
Richard Dolloff, labor	22.50	

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Harold Packard Jr., labor	15.38		
Clarence Drake, labor	32.00		
Omer Beisaw, shovel	129.15		
Waldo Porter, truck	123.00		
M. B. Knox Jr., truck	66.00		
C. L. Merrill, truck	46.13		
S. P. McDaniel, truck	40.50		
C. P. McDaniel, truck	52.28		
Eugene Child, truck	52.28		
M. G. Farrar, truck	37.13		
M. B. Knox Sr., truck	22.50		
Harold Packard Sr., truck	38.25		
G. E. Gamomn, labor	9.38		
Ralph Kidder, supplies	10.62		
L. E. Libby, gravel,	48.67		
Arthur Child, labor	1.50		
Maine Duntile, culverts	166.04	\$	990.19
Unexpended		\$	9.81

DOLLOFF STREET

Appropriated		\$	700.00
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Paid:

Waldo Porter, labor	\$	31.40
Arthur Child, labor		20.25
Clarion Child, labor		3.75
Eldon Dolloff, labor		1.50
Richard Dolloff, labor		3.75
Conrad Hall, labor		4.50
Maurice Farrar, truck		6.00
David Hall, labor		2.25
Earl Chenery, labor		2.25
Leonard Cote, labor		2.25
Merwyn Putnam, labor		6.00
Joe Gillis, labor		8.25
Elmer Child, labor		5.25
Walter Byron, gravel		5.63
Harold Packard Jr., labor		6.00
James Caliendo, labor		3.00
Everett Shea, labor		3.00
John Pretty, labor		1.50
Wm. Stearns, labor		3.00
Lynden Clark, labor		3.00
James Beedy, labor		1.50
Erlon Hall, labor		1.50

Gene Farrar, labor	3.00	
John Child, labor	3.00	
Preston Donahue, labor	3.00	
Malcolm Priest, labor	1.50	
Maurice Oldham, labor	7.50	
Isaac A. Searles, labor	4.50	
Clarence Drake, labor	11.50	
Ralph Kidder, labor	4.88	
M. C. R. R., demurrage	2.27	
Kopper Co. Inc., tar	248.27	\$ 414.95
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Unexpended		\$ 285.05

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Appropriated		\$ 900.00
Apportioned from State		1,575.00
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Availabel		\$ 2,475.00
Overdraft		90.57
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		\$ 2,384.43

Paid:

Gene Farrar, labor	\$ 9.00
John Child, labor	6.00
Preston Donahue, labor	6.00
Malcolm Priest, labor	6.75
Maurice Oldham, labor	11.25
Isaac Searles, labor	15.25
Clarence Drake, labor	16.00
Harold Packard Jr., labor	9.75
Lynden Clark, labor	3.00
Koppers Co., tar	488.00
Joe Rackliff, labor	17.50
Lester Child, labor	7.13
Felix Godish, land damage	50.00
G. E. Gammon, labor	6.00
Omer Beisaw, shovel	91.35
M. B. Knox Jr., truck	17.85
M. B. Knox Sr., truck	14.40
C. L. Merrill, truck	23.63
Waldo Porter, truck	123.65
Arthur Child, labor	6.00
Clarion Child, labor	6.00
Richard Walton, labor	6.00
Conrad Hall, labor	6.00

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Richard Dolloff, labor	22.13	
Maurice Farrar, truck	16.00	
David Hall, labor	6.00	
Earl Chenery, labor	5.25	
Leonard Cote, labor	3.00	
Merwyn Putnam, labor	15.00	
Walter Byron, gravel	19.50	
Joe Gillis, labor . . .	10.13	
James Caliendo, labor	3.00	
Everett Shea, labor	3.00	
John Pretty, labor	3.00	
Wm. Stearns, labor	3.00	
Erlon Hall, labor	6.00	
S. P. McDaniel, truck	22.95	
C. P. McDaniel, truck	19.13	
Eugene Child, truck	24.23	
Lawrence Robbins, truck	20.40	
Ralph Kidder, supplies	5.89	
L. E. Libby, gravel	21.60	\$ 1,175.72
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Unexpended		\$ 1,208.71

SPECIAL RESOLVE MAINTENANCE

Appropriated		\$ 300.00
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Paid:

Waldo Porter, truck	\$ 63.35
Arthur Child, labor	32.25
Joe Gillis, labor	24.00
Clarion Child, labor	11.25
Richard Walton, labor	18.00
Eldon Dolloff, labor	1.50
Conral Hall, labor	12.75
Maurice Farrar, truck	10.00
David Hall, labor	3.75
Earl Chenery, labor	3.75
Leonard Cote, labor	3.75
Walter Byron, gravel	1.25
Harold Packard Jr., labor	5.25
Elmer Child, labor	2.25
James Caliendo, labor	1.50
Everett Shea, labor	1.50
Lynden Clark, labor	1.50
James Beedy, labor	1.50
Wm. Stearns, labor	1.50
Gene Farrar, labor	1.50

John Child, labor	1.50		
Preston Donahue, labor	1.50		
Merwyn Putnam, labor	14.25		
Richard Dolloff, labor	5.25		
Malcolm Priest, labor	1.50		
Maurice Oldham, labor	1.50		
Isaac Searles, labor	3.50		
Clarence Drake, labor	.75		
Koppers Co. Inc., tar	170.80		
Henry Hussey, labor	6.75	\$	409.40
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Overdrawn		\$	109.40

STATE AND STATE AID ROAD MAINTENANCE

Appropriated		\$	900.00
Unexpended, 1946			231.80
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Available			\$1,131.80
Paid:			
Treasurer of State	\$	859.50,	\$ 859.50
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Unexpended		\$	272.30

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriated		\$	4,000.00
Received: Frost Motor Supply			107.65
" State Treas.			457.30
" Walter Byron			30.00
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Available		\$	4,594.95
Paid:			
Harold Packard, Sr.	\$	474.95	
Harold Packard, Jr.		334.50	
Roy Oldham		453.00	
Rosario DeFosse		19.87	
Lewis Donahue		14.63	
Knox Garage		35.15	
Loando Brann		30.75	
Wirt Virgin		4.25	
David Hall		1.50	
Russell Lane		1.50	
Cephus Irish Jr.		2.25	
C. L. Robinson		2.00	
Alton Worthley		29.50	
Sherman Haines		1.50	
Cleston Knox		128.63	

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Clark Foundry	2.75	
Ashley Rafuse	39.45	
Bovin's	725.66	
Moose Horn Garage	19.36	
L. L. Gordon	20.45	
Merle Knox Jr.	79.00	
Elgin Rafuse	27.47	
S. A. Hazelton	89.95	
Olen Russell	105.98	
Gulf Oil Corp.	124.66	
V. W. Furbish	1.90	
Penn. Refining Co.	31.90	
Ralph Oldham	2.10	
A. G. Howard	25.00	
Colombian Steel	119.83	
Elmira Wiper Co.	27.36	
Conrad Hall	4.13	
Marshall Garneau	4.13	
Earl Byron	4.50	
Charles Lane	8.50	
Walter Byron	105.95	
Rollins Kidder	333.38	
Frost Motor Supply	142.30	
Savage Garage	1.40	
Hunt's Esso Station	4.00	
Southworth Machine Co.	450.08	
V. A. Eastman	17.40	
Maine Truck & Tractor Co.	150.60	
Stowell-McGregor Corp.	.72	
Arthur Porter, Jr.	70.25	
Ellery Porter	60.63	
Ralph Kidder	187.00	
Waldo Porter	338.25	
Richard Walton	163.50	
Clarence Drake	325.00	
Ralph Farnham	63.38	
Joe Gillis	127.50	
Felix Godish	9.00	
Maurice Farrar	51.75	
Malcolm Bonney	61.15	
Arthur Child	87.75	
B. M. Clark	38.50	
Merle Knox, Sr.	4.50	\$ 5,792.05
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Overdraft		\$ 1,197.10

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriated		\$ 2,500.00
Paid:		
J. Leighton Knight, 1st Selectman	\$37.50	
Clarence Robinson, 2nd Selectman	40.00	
Maurice Oldham, chairman Selectmen 1947	489.00	
Isaac Searles, 2nd Selectman, 1947	389.50	
Ralph Kidder, 3rd Selectman, 1947	243.20	
Arlene Jordan, Clerk & Treas., 1947	350.00	
John Gerrish, Health Officer, 1947	47.00	
Elmer Lane, School Committee, 1947	12.00	
Geraldine Donahue, School Committee, 1947	12.00	
Mary Vaughn, School Committee, 1947	12.00	
Rodney Linnell, Moderator, 1947	5.00	
Esbjorn Wiken, Tax Collector	64.24	
Rollins Kidder, Tax Collector	851.73	
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		\$ 2,553.17
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Ovredraft		53.17

TOWN STREET LIGHTS

Appropriated		\$ 950.00
Paid:		
Rumford Falls Light & Water Co.	\$ 606.13	\$ 606.13
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Unexpended		\$ 343.87

SUPPORT OF STATE POOR

Paid:	Joseph Schrischus Acct.		
	Helen Jasud Acct.	\$ 240.00	
	Dr. L. N. Somers,	\$ 20.00	\$ 260.00
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Received from State			\$ 260.00
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OTHER TOWN'S POOR

Paid:	Mrs. Hattie Manning Acct.		
	Cole's Nursing Home	\$ 112.50	
	Dr. L. N. Somers	80.50	
	Goodridge Nursing Home	138.00	\$ 331.00
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Due from Town of Bethel		186.50	
Rec'd from Town of Bethel	\$	144.50	
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			\$ 331.00

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TOWN CEMETERIES

Appropriated			\$	100.00
Paid:				
	Merle Knox Jr.	\$	17.25	
	Derriel Bryant		110.00	
	Carl Putnam		1.00	\$ 128.50
	Overdrawn			\$ 28.25

TOWN OWNED BUILDINGS

Appropriated			\$	500.00
Paid:				
	M. B. Oldham	\$	21.00	
	Isaac A. Searles		11.00	
	C. H. Robinson		8.25	
	Albert Paradis		300.00	
	Rumford Lumber Co.		55.16	
	Harry Dunn		33.75	\$ 429.16
	Unexpended			\$ 70.84

WORTHLEL POND DUMP

Appropriated			\$	100.00
Paid:				
	Clarence Oakes	\$	3.00	
	Maurice Oldham		2.25	\$ 5.25
	Unexpended			\$ 94.75

HEALTH NURSE

Appropriated			\$	100.00
Paid:				
	State	\$	100.00	\$ 100.00

NEW FIRE EQUIPMENT

Unexpended 1946			\$	3,800.00
From Reserve				1,302.36
				\$ 5,102.36
Paid:				
	Israelson Motor Co.	\$	1,534.00	
	W. S. Darley Co.		2,048.00	
	Eastern Fire Equipment		56.78	
	Crosby & Siegard Co.		49.00	

Columbian Steel Co.	31.22	
Blanchard Associate Inc.	33.88	
Boston Woven Hose & Rubber Co.	1,349.48	\$ 5,102.36

TOWN POOR

Appropriated		\$1,000.00
Received Howard Atkins		295.00
Received Maurice Oldham		15.67

\$1,310.87

AID NO. 1

Paid: Dan Conant Acct:		
Town of Sumner	\$167.48	
J. B. Emery	7.50	
Selma Farrar	106.43	
Carl Hoar	60.70	
Ethel Hoar	96.58	
Allen O. Weeks, D.O.	13.25	
Ralph Kidder	.35	
G. G. Defoe, M.D.	19.75	
Elizabeth Cole	174.71	
E. A. Hawthorne	4.00	
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	\$650.75	

AID NO. 2

Paid: Ada Storer Acct:		
Grace Darrington	\$120.00	
Paid: Tramp Acct:		
Ralph Kidder	3.00	

AID NO. 3

Paid: Aurie Knight Acct:		
Goodridge Nursing Home	\$736.85	
Paid: Eugene Knox Acct:		
Earl Hutchinson	260.64	
Paid: William Gross Acct:		
Rollins Kidder	210.00	
Selma Farrar	51.30	
Raymond Howard	11.75	
G. G. Defoe, M.D.	5.00	
Dr. G. T. Dyer	6.00	
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	\$284.05	

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Paid:	Geneva Knox Acct.	
	Goodwill Home Association	4.00

AID NO. 4 BURIAL

Paid:	Fred Thompson Acct:	
	E. A. Hawthorne	74.50
	Carl Bonney	13.00
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		\$87.50

Paid:	Edmond Wing Acct:	
	Mary Martin	20.00

Paid:	Bert Trask, Burial Acct:	
	Derriel Bryant	16.00
	Leon Harding	119.00
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		\$135.00

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

No Appropriation

Received

Bank Stock Check	\$ 18.00	
Town of Mexico	1.40	
Excise Tax of 1947	1,494.38	
Supplementary Tax, 1947	488.90	
Town Treas. Acct. payable	.90	\$2,003.58
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Available

\$2,003.58

Paid: Savage Garage	\$ 1.00	
Harvey Powers	2.50	
Foggs Trans. Co.	.85	
Rumford Falls Ins. Agency	192.40	
Ralph Kidder	5.43	
Maine Municipal Association	30.00	
Hutchins Bros.	2.50	
Fred Hanscom	10.00	
Dept. of Audit	104.95	
Rumford Falls Trust Co.	3.15	
Alton York	4.00	
Knox Garage	1.00	
Rumford Light Co.	100.97	
Arnold Bros.	629.20	
Rumford Pub. Co.	137.64	
Loring, Short & Harmon	84.20	

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New Eng. Tel. & Tel. Co.	39.89	
Rollins Kidder	3.75	
G. G. Defoe, M. D.	2.00	
Ashley Rafuse	.90	
Arlene Jordan, Recordings	21.00	
Arlene Jordan, Office Exp.	24.69	
Clarence Robinson, Incidentals	3.89	
Ralph Kidder, Incidentals	2.44	
Maurice Oldham, Incidentals	12.46	
Isaac Searles, Incidentals	4.00	
		\$1,424.71
Unexpended		\$587.87

WITHHOLDING TAX

Received from Arlene Jordan, Town Treas.	\$991.75
Paid. Col. of Internal Revenue, ending Jan. 1, 1948	991.75

Bal. on hand: \$195.90 for 1948

TEACHERS' RETIREMENT FUND

Received from Arlene Jordan, Town Treas.	\$424.70
Paid: Treas. of State, Jan. 1. 1948 for 1947	424.70

Balance on hand: for 1948, \$34.10

FIRE DEPARTMENT MAINTENANCE

Appropriated		\$300.00
Paid: Wirt Horne	\$ 3.00	
Ralph Oldham	3.00	
Rollins Kidder	6.75	
Ashley Rafuse	61.00	
Moose Horn Garage	26.51	
V. A. Eastman	10.00	
John Child	2.15	
Gene Farrar	2.15	
Herman Farnham	2.60	
Elmer Farrar	8.94	
Oscar Putnam	.75	
Willis McGuire	.75	
Dwight Oldham	.75	
Leslie Gordon	.75	
Arthur Shaw	.75	

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Quimby Francis	.75
Linus Libby	.75
Leroy Oldham	.75
Chas. Eastman	.75
Arthur Floyd	.75
Erwin Child	3.00
Town of Dixfield	90.50
Chas. Lane	5.00
L. A. Farrar	62.61
Ralph Kidder	15.10
William Austin	14.75
William Donahue	1.50
Lewis Donahue	1.50
Chas. Child	2.25
Harlow Floyd	2.50
Leonard Hall	2.25
Milton Vaughn	4.10
Jasper Perry	1.50
Ralph Calden	1.50
Kieth Calden	1.50
Colin Voter	3.00
Lynwood Verrill	2.25
Joseph Lovejoy	.75
Ezra Hunt	6.75
Laurence Robbins	2.25
Ralph Staples	3.00

\$361.16

Overdraft

\$61.16
MEMORIAL DAY

Appropriation	\$20.00
Unexpended	20.00

CEMETERY TRUST FUND INTEREST

Hollis Turner Fund	\$51.77
Balance	51.77

CEMETERY LOT TRUST FUND INTEREST

Jessie Cushman Lot Fund	\$ 3.69
Elias H. Lovejoy	25.90
Lora E. Britton	1.84
Charles Gammon	5.85
Ida M. Goodnow	3.84

Barlow Austin	
Int. Paid DeMerrit Cemetery Association	1.00
John A. Martin	
Int. Paid DeMerrit Cemetery Association	1.00
Gusta Williams Lovejoy	
Int. Paid DeMerrit Cemetery Association	1.26
James G. Abbott	
Int. Paid DeMerrit Cemetery Association	1.64
Sumner Knox	
Int. Paid DeMerrit Cemetery Association	1.00
N. B. Woodsum	
Int. Paid DeMerrit Cemetery Association	1.00
Neal & Heminway	
Int. Paid DeMerrit Cemetery Association	1.50

ABATEMENTS OF 1947

Lynward Ashton, illegally assessed	\$ 3.00
Walter Byron, illegally assessed	13.75
Hyacinthe Cote, illegally assessed	3.00
Manley Farrar	16.50
Arthur L. Harlow	3.00
Roger Lane	3.00
Bertrand Lemieux, illegally assessed	3.00
Jack Manning, illegally assessed	3.00
Roy Norton, illegally assessed	3.00
Merwin Philbrick, illegally assessed	3.00
John Powell, illegally assessed	3.00
Ray Wentzell, illegally assessed	3.00
Leonard Tyler, illegally assessed	11.00
B-F-D—Timber Unit, Oakland, illegally assessed	66.00
Wilbur Cote, paid in Rumford	3.00
Raymond Cote, paid in Rumford	3.00
Henry Shepard, unable to locate	3.00

\$146.25

DELINQUENTS 1947

John Albert	\$33.00
Lynward Ashton	145.75
Earl Byron	3.85
Paul Furc	3.00
Maurice Lacroix	84.53

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John Lobikis	217.78
Tony Maddox	3.00
Chas. Porter	7.13
Robert Rideout	3.00
Ralph Staples	3.00
Walter Smith	3.00
Arthur Schackley	14.00
Ralph Atkins	11.00
Robert Bryant	.95
Coca-Cola Co.	11.00
David Harvey Heirs	5.50
Alice Orino	5.50
Ezra Hunt	105.05
Ritha Patterson	5.50
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	\$662.54

The following have paid but not in time to be included in the above settlement:

Ralph Staples	3.00
Walter Smith	3.00

BUDGET COMMITTEE MEMBERS

Rodney Linnell, Chairman

John Gerrish	Lubert McGuire	Sidney Hazelton
Leslie Irish	Elmer Henry	Harold Packard, Sr.
Dana Green	Howard Hilton	Clementine Walker
Mabelle Robinson	Milton Vaughn	Lucy Searles
George Heffron	Elmore Vaughn	

FINANCIAL STANDING OF TOWN

Cash on hand	\$5,482.32
Tax of 1947	662.54
Tax of 1946	7.99
Tax of 1945	2.25

TOWN OWNED PROPERTY

Burchard Malone Lot	\$ 25.00
T. F. Dolan Lot	12.30
Accounts Receivable	186.50
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	\$6,378.90
Excise Tax on hand	\$636.06

Respectfully submitted,

MAURICE OLDHAM,
ISAAC A. SEARLES,
RALPH KIDDER,

Selectmen of Peru

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance in Bank Feb. 1, 1947		\$11,316.33
Tax Bills of 1946	1,401.33	
Tax Bills of 1947	51,026.45	
Excise Tax of 1947	1,229.73	
Excise Tax of 1948	636.06	
Tax Liens (Tax of 1946) Robert Bryant	4.72	
Tax Liens (Tax of 1946) Roger Thomas	49.37	
Interest on Tax Liens	1.93	
Withholding Tax of 1947	915.70	
Withholding Tax of 1948	195.90	
Teachers' Retirement Fund of 1947	282.08	
Teachers' Retirement Fund of 1948	34.10	
Town Owned Property	100.00	
(Heirs of J. H. Kerr, sold to Baxter Walker)		
Reimbursements:		
Frost Motor Supply	107.65	
Murray Machine Company	17.62	
Howard Atkins (Mrs. Aurie Knight Acct)	295.00	
Town of Bethel: Other Town's Poor	144.50	
(Mrs. Hattie Manning Account)		
Maurice Oldham, Administrator Elmina Huse Account	15.67	
Reimbursements from State:		
Bank Stock Check	18.00	
Snow Removal	457.30	
School Fund	3,651.19	
Town Road Improvement Fund for 1946	1,341.13	
Town Road Improvement Fund for 1947	1,061.71	
Joe Schrisekus	260.00	
Buldozer Account:		
Walter Byron	30.00	
Thomas Dickson	45.00	
Waldo Porter	60.00	
B-F-D Victualers License	1.00	
Frank McGouldrick, Piano	35.00	
Tar Account:		
Ralph Kidder	5.00	
Cola York	15.00	
Marie Chase	15.00	
Olen Russell	65.00	
George Heffron	20.00	
Richard Powell	15.00	

Clarence Jackson	15.00	
Louise Dragoon	15.00	
Interest on Cemetery Lot Trust Funds	8.40	
Town of Mexico, Gravel	1.40	
Rollins Kidder, Tax Collector, Abatements	146.25	
		\$75,055.52
Expenditures		
Warrants Paid	\$69,573.20	
Balance on Hand	5,482.32	
		\$75,055.52

NOTE:—Correction on Balance of \$0.90 on previous year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARLENE JORDAN,

Treasurer of Peru, Maine

VITAL STATISTICS

To conform with State Regulations, the detailed list of Births, Marriages and Deaths are not being published. A summary of transactions as recorded by the Town Clerk for the year is given below.

Births	23
Marriages	22
Deaths	39

Respectfully submitted,

ARLENE JORDAN,

Clerk of Peru, Maine

DOGS LICENSED

Males	69
Females	11
Spayed Females	35
	115

Attest:

Paid State Treasurer	\$147.50
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Respectfully submitted,

ARLENE JORDAN,

Clerk of Peru, Maine

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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

I hereby submit my second annual report of the Peru Schools:

The past year has been one of difficulty in maintaining schools because of the continuing increasing cost of living, which is necessarily reflected in the need for higher salaries and larger amounts expended for books, supplies, fuel, conveyance, and high school tuition. The teacher shortage is still acute and will continue to be so for some time, and there is no relief in sight in the near future in school maintenance.

The fact that our school has continued to offer the best possible facilities in elementary education has been wholly due to the conscientious and efficient work of the teachers and the willingness of the School Board and citizens to support an adequate program.

Martha Griffin, teacher of Grades three and four, resigned last June in order to accept a position at Dixfield where she could teach within a few minutes' walk of her home. Aileen Sherwood was elected to fill the vacancy and has been doing excellent work in these grades. The Primary Room has had over fifty pupils enrolled this year. We do not anticipate any higher enrollment next year, but it is apparent that if our primary grades should increase, it will be necessary to divide these grades and secure another teacher.

Statistics relative to teachers, enrollment, and attendance follow:

TEACHERS

School—West Peru	Teachers	Annual Salary
Grades VII and VIII		
Principal	Evelyn Russell	\$1,750.00
Grades V and VI	Janice Starbird	1,650.00
Grades III and IV	Aileen Sherwood	1,500.00
Sub-Primary, Grades I and II	Elizabeth Willoughby	1,950.00

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment by grades for the Fall Term, 1947

Grades	SP.	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
No. Pupils	26	14	13	16	21	20	15	23	14	162

ATTENDANCE

Attendance and Average Attendance for the entire year, 1947

Grade	Winter Term		Spring Term		Fall Term	
	Att.	Avt. Att.	Att.	Av. Att.	Att.	Av. Att.
S. P.	13	9.67	12	10.88	26	22.02
I	12	8.96	12	10.88	14	12.36
II	17	14.27	16	15.19	13	12.01
III	18	15.97	18	17.13	16	15.33
IV	22	18.90	22	20.48	21	19.37
V	18	16.61	18	17.01	20	18.44
VI	18	17.31	19	18.00	15	13.99
VII	15	13.69	15	14.09	23	21.01
VIII	22	21.58	22	21.35	14	13.34
	155	136.96	154	145.01	162	147.87

Pupils not absent for the school year (1946-1947) ending in June, 1947:

Grade VI: Helen Gordon, Lovina Irish, Marjorie Millett, Arthur Priest, James Robichaud.

Grade V: James Dragoon, Lois McGuire, Norma McGuire.

Grade IV: Olga Kushner, Shirly King.

Grade III: Donald Floyd.

Grade II: JoAnne McGuire.

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

The total number registered at different high schools for the Fall Term beginning last September is sixty-one. Of these, three left school during the term, leaving fifty-nine enrolled at the present time. Eleven Seniors will be removed from the list by graduation next June and about that number will be added in September as Freshmen, so that we should anticipate paying tuition for at least sixty next year. The cost this past year has been over \$7000.00 for High School Tuition. Advances in rates now in effect will mean a sum approaching \$8000.00 for next year.

Athalie Child, unable to attend school because of illness, has been receiving special tutoring at home in order to complete the work of the Senior year. For this the town pays a sum equal to the per capita cost of secondary education at the nearest high school and the State pays the balance. By arrangement with Superintendent Peakes and Principal Brown of Rumford, Athalie will, upon completion of her work, be granted a Stephens High diploma.

At Stephens High, Rumford: Freshmen—Dale Briggs, Kenneth Gill, George Hall, Conrad Knox, Lorraine Robichaud, Albert Smith, Sally Norris. Sophomores—Avis Child, Marie

Brann, Sylvia Byron, Janice Dolloff, Frank Norris, Margaret Godish, Russell Lane, Alice Donahue, Marlene Luce, Ferne Smith. Juniors—Betty Child, William Donahue, Gloria Brown, Peter Dragoon, Marion Gill, Priscilla Haynes, Clifford Gammon, Charlene Priest. Seniors—Priscilla Garneau, Ruth Austin, Mary Gammon, Joan Hall, Gloria Child, Mary Irish, Bernice Knox.

At Dixfield High School: Freshmen—Gertrude Floyd, Muriel Knox, Rowena Nile, John Child, Richard Dolloff, Preston Donahue, Harlow Floyd, Malcolm Priest, Arthur Shaw, Leon Dragoon, Alfred Prue. Sophomores—Marshall Garneau, Conrad Hall, Lila Knox, Mary Porter, Elizabeth Hunt. Juniors—Charles Child, Betty Porter, Lester Prue, Joan Trubee, Dorothy Moore. Seniors—Maxine Porter, Pauline Porter.

At Mexico High School—David Hall (Sophomore), Anna Barnett (Senior).

At Gould Academy, Bethel—Eileen Linnell (Freshman), Geraldine Linnell (Senior).

At Canton High School—Alfred Tibbetts (Freshman), James Tibbetts (Freshman).

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

The major item under Repairs and Equipment this past year has been installation of two new furnaces at a cost of approximately \$1,200.00. Money for these was raised in a special appropriation at the last town meeting and was not included in the regular School Department funds. The furnaces are giving good satisfaction.

Five hundred dollars was raised last year for this account and we received \$35.00 in refund on a piano, making \$535.00 available. Expenditures were \$557.57, leaving an overdraft of \$22.57. There was an overdraft in 1946 of \$281.80, so that the total overdrawn in the account is \$307.37. During this past year we have spent \$105.50 on pianos and tuning, \$78.05 for asbestos-base roof coating, \$179.65 for applying coating to the roof, a brick incinerator, and routine repairs and upkeep, \$10.00 for mowing grass, and \$184.37 for supplies and materials.

A telephone was installed at the school and is proving to be a valuable addition. This was provided for under Office Expense.

Some exterior painting should be done this coming summer. One coat applied now would result in ultimate saving.

FINANCES

Our expenditures for school purposes during 1947 have been approximately what we anticipated in the budget. The

continuing high cost of living is being reflected in the higher cost to maintain schools. We are paying more for salaries, conveyance, high school tuition, books, and supplies of all kinds. To maintain our school at its present level and pay tuition on about sixty high school pupils, it will be necessary to increase the school department budget by over ten per cent. Our total receipts during this last year were \$21,956.18 and our total expenditures \$21,887.82. There are overdrafts in Repairs and Equipment and Superintendence amounting to \$330.97, and unexpended balances in Common schools, Office Expense, and the Gammon Gift Fund, amounting to \$399.33. Subtracting the overdrafts from the unexpended balances leaves \$68.36, the amount of cash on hand.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT
COMMON SCHOOLS**

Receipts		
Appropriation	\$9,580.00	
Interest on School Fund	34.38	
From State Fund	2,900.91	
	\$12,515.29	
Expenditures		
Overdraft (1946)	\$ 209.61	
Teachers' salaries	6,340.96	
Janitor	730.00	
Conveyance	4,306.90	
Fuel	655.49	
Cleaning	43.00	
	\$12,285.96	
Unexpended		\$229.33

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Receipts		
Balance (1946)	\$ 263.14	
Appropriation	6,700.00	
From State Fund	225.99	
	\$7,189.13	
Expenditures		
Paid Rumford School Dept.	\$5,242.13	
Paid Dixfield School Dept.	1,260.00	
Paid Mexico School Dept.	309.00	

Paid Canton School Dept.	65.00	
Paid Gould Academy	197.00	
Paid Frances McIntyre (Tutoring)	116.00	
	<hr/>	\$7,189.13

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

	Receipts	
Appropriation	\$400.00	
From State Fund	524.29	
	<hr/>	\$924.29
Expended		\$924.29

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

	Receipts	
Appropriation	\$500.00	
Refund on Piano	35.00	
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	Expenditures	
Overdraft (1946)	\$281.80	
Pianos and Tuning	105.50	
Mowing grass	10.00	
Supplies and materials	184.37	
Roof job, incinerator, repairs	257.70	
	<hr/>	\$839.37
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$304.37

SUPERINTENDENCE

Receipts (Appropriation)	\$432.00
Expended	458.60
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Overdrawn	\$26.60

OFFICE EXPENSE

Receipts (Appropriation)	\$60.00
Expended	39.42
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Unexpended	\$20.58

GAMMON GIFT

Balance	\$300.47
Expended	151.05
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Unexpended	\$149.42

STATE OF MAINE

Received from State Fund	\$3,651.19
Transferred to Common School Acct.	\$2,900.91
Transferred to High School Tuition	225.99
Transferred to Books and Supplies	524.29
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	\$3,651.19

RECAPITULATION

Account	Receipts	Expenses	Balance	Over drawn
Common Schools	\$12,515.29	\$12,285.96	\$229.33	
Common Schools	\$12,515	\$12,285.96	\$229.33	
High School Tuition	7,189.13	7,189.13		
Books and Supplies	924.29	924.29		
Repairs and Equipment	535.00	839.37		26.60
Superintendence	432.00	458.60		26.60
Office Expense	60.00	39.42	20.58	
Gammon Gift	300.47	151.05	149.42	
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	\$21,956.18	\$21,887.82	\$399.33	\$330.97
Total Unexpended		68.36		68.36
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	\$21,956.18	\$21,956.18	\$399.33	\$399.33

BUDGET FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

The school officials recommend the following budget for 1947:

Common Schools	\$11,000.00
High School	7,000.00
Books and Supplies	600.00
Repairs and Equipment	800.00
Superintendence	504.20
Office Expense	45.00
Interest on School Fund	34.38
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	\$19,983.58

CONCLUSION

Our most pressing need is the provision of an adequate water supply. During periods of drought the present source

will not yield sufficient water for the school and the homes which use the same source. Upon several occasions during the past fall we have had to resort to hauling water in order to keep school in session.

Mr. Gerrish has kept our classrooms in excellent condition, and we do not anticipate any extensive repair work this coming year with the exception of the desirability of exterior painting mentioned under Repairs and Equipment.

If, because of increased enrollment in the Primary Grades, it should become necessary to employ another teacher and convert a part of the lunchroom into a classroom, we shall have to expend a considerable amount for a partition in the room, for additional seating, and other classroom appliances. We hope we shall not have to do this, but it is a distinct possibility.

I am deeply grateful for the cooperation and interest of the Superintending School Committee, the other town officials, the teaching staff, parents and pupils in the attempt to offer Peru pupils the best possible in educational facilities.

Respectfully submitted,

GERALD D. CUSHING,

Superintendent of Schools

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

State of Maine

County of Oxford, ss.

To Rollins Kidder, a Constable of the Town of Peru
in the County of Oxford, Greeting:

You are 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. 1948, 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 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 fix compensation of the collector of taxes.

Art. 7. To choose all necessary Town Officers, Selectmen, Assessors, Overseers of Poor, Fence Viewers, Surveyors of Wood and Lumber, Tax Collector, Road Commissioner, Treasurer, Sexton, Superintending School Committee, Constables, Fire Chief and Health Officer.

Art. 8. To see how much money the town will vote to raise for the maintenance and Support of Schools, the Poor Maintenance, Repair and Maintenance of Roads and Bridges, the Maintenance of State and State Road and Third Class Roads, Town Officers and to defray all other necessary Town charges.

Art. 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise the salary of the Clerk and Treasurer from \$350.00 to \$450.00 or take any action thereto.

Art. 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$100.00 for Public Health Nursing. Said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health for local service.

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Reconstruction of Third Class Road to make it acceptable as State Aid.

Art. 12. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for State Aid Road Construction in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of Highways and Bridges

under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes, 1944, as amended.

Art. 13. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Special Resolve Road Maintenance.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for Snow Removal.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise to continue to widen, resurface and tar Pleasant Street or take any action thereto.

Art. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise to construct a piece of improved road on West side of Worthley Pond, said construction to begin at end of present Special Resolve Road and to be of same type and width.

Art. 17. To see what action the Town will take in regard to plowing driveways.

Art. 18. 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. 19. To see how much money the Town will vote to raise for Town owned building, repair and maintenance.

Art. 20. To see what action the Town will take in regard to the lot sold to Walter Byron.

Art. 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$250.00 to purchase land and fence the same between West Peru School Lot and Spear Stream or take any action thereto.

Art. 22. To see if the Town will vote to take any action about the water supply at West Peru School and raise money for same.

Art. 23. To see if the Town will vote to accept a Cemetery Lot Trust Fund of \$200.00 from the late Clementine Simpson of Rumford buried in the DeMerritt Cemetery.

Art. 24. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for the maintenance of Peru Fire Department.

Art. 25. To see if the Town will vote to sell the pumper received last year or take any action thereto.

Art. 26. To see if the Town will vote to make some arrangements with Dixfield and Rumford so they can be called in case of fire.

Art. 27. To see if the Town will vote to purchase a power shovel.

Art. 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise money for a new Garage and Fire Station.

Art. 29. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise for equipment for the new Fire Truck.

Art. 30. To see what action the Town will take about the Worthley Pond dump and raise money for same.

Art. 31. To see if the Town of Peru will vote to adopt the following By-Law:

By-Law Relating to Fireworks

- Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to sell, offer for sale, display for sale, or give away any fireworks, firecrackers, pyrotechnics of every kind and description, and devices for discharging the same, within the limits of the Town of Peru.
- Section 2. It shall be unlawful for any person to use, fire, discharge or explode any fireworks, firecrackers or other pyrotechnics within the Town of Peru.
- Section 3. The Board of Selectmen may issue permits for public pyrotechnic displays when the same are to be under the control of a competent person or persons, and when the Board of Selectmen is satisfied that proper precautions will be taken to protect life and property.
- Section 4. Nothing in this ordinance shall be construed to prohibit a duly licensed dealer or broker from selling fireworks to any person or organization holding a permit for a public pyrotechnic display issued under the provision of section 3 of this ordinance, or from selling fireworks at wholesale to be shipped or delivered beyond the limits of the Town of Peru.
- Section 5. The provisions of this ordinance shall not apply to the sale, possession or use of ammunition, firearms, dynamite, flares and explosive devices for signalling purposes, or to blank cartridges for theatrical purposes or for signal purposes in athletic contests or sport events.
- Section 6. Any person, firm or corporation violating any provision of this ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction thereof shall be subject to a fine not exceeding twenty (\$20.00) dollars for each offense. Each sale in violation hereof shall constitute a separate offense.
- Section 7. All fireworks, firecrackers and pyrotechnics of every kind and description shall, when the same are found and taken by virtue of a search warrant, or are found in the possession or under the control of any person arrested for the violation of the provisions of this ordinance, be safely kept by the direction of

the court or magistrate having cognizance of the case so long as may be necessary for their being used as evidence on any trial. Upon final judgment, all such articles shall be declared forfeited by the court, and ordered destroyed.

Section 8. Any ordinance or part thereof inconsistent herewith is hereby repealed.

Section 9. If any section of this ordinance, or part thereof, be declared invalid for any reason, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this ordinance.

Art. 32. To see if the Town will vote to raise money for the maintenance of Town lights.

Art. 33. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the selectmen to enter into a 10 yr. contract with the Rumford Light Co. for furnishing 62 street lights and lighting service in West Peru.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to allow the selectmen to sell and convey by quit claim deed any or all property acquired by tax lieus.

Art. 35. 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 1948 by the taxes.

Art. 36. 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 1st day of March, A. D. 1948, for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 4th day of February A. D. 1948.
A true copy attest:

MAURICE OLDHAM,
ISAAC A. SEARLES,
RALPH KIDDER,

Selectmen of Peru

**STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
COMMENTS**

Re: Audit of Accounts — Town of Peru

February 2, 1946 to February 1, 1947

CASH

The cash receipts were checked and found to be correctly recorded.

The cash balance of \$11,316.33 was reconciled with the depository and it was determined that an overage of \$39.30 existed in the Treasurer's cash. The records of the Treasurer were checked to the date of the audit and the overage still existed, but the reason for it was not determined nor explained. It was suggested that a Treasurer's Receipt be drawn for the amount of \$39.30.

Expenditures were made by check from properly authorized warrants.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The items in this account total \$1,558.68 and are current, with the exception of \$209.56 which is due from the State for charity and which has been questioned by the Department of Health and Welfare.

TAXES RECEIVABLE

The 1946 tax commitment was checked and found to be in agreement with the records of the Assessors. Approximately 98% of this commitment was collected or abated. The taxes remaining unpaid on this commitment totaled \$1,458 and are shown on Schedule A-9.

The transactions affecting prior years' taxes were checked and found to be in order, with the exception of an overpayment of \$1.50 by the Tax Collector.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

The item of \$1.50 in this account is due the Tax Collector.

TRUST FUNDS

The saving passbooks covering the investment of the Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds were examined and it was voted that the interest earned is withdrawn annually and any unexpended income is carried in the General Fund.

Expenditures made during the year appeared to be in order.

SURPLUS

The Unappropriated Surplus of \$10,077.38 at the beginning of the municipal year was decreased \$6,007.08 during the year, due to appropriations of \$9,726.08 made at the annual town meeting for capital expenditures and a net gain of \$3,719.00 as the result of current operations.

GENERAL

Corporate surety bonds were furnished by the Tax Collector and the Treasurer.

The excise tax receipts were added and checked and all collections were found to have been deposited with the Treasurer, with the exception of \$1.37 which was set up as an account receivable.

Paid vouchers and payrolls on file were examined to the extent deemed necessary and so far as could be determined from this examination, all appeared to be proper charges and recorded correctly. It was noted, however, that invoices substantiating expenditures in the School Department were not on file.

During the course of the examination of the records of the

Treasurer, it was noted that a checkbook balance is not maintained.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It is recommended,

THAT, the Superintendent of Schools furnish invoices for all expenditures other than payrolls.

THAT, the Treasurer maintain a checkbook balance and that he reconcile this balance with the cashbook and depository monthly.

TOWN OF PERU COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

EXHIBIT A

GENERAL FUND ASSETS			
	February 1, 1947	February 1, 1946	
Cash	\$11,316.33	\$13,521.84	
Accounts Receivable (Schedule A-1)	1,558.68	168.18	
Notes Receivable		224.00	
Taxes Receivable:			
Current Year (Schedule A-2)	1,458.00	\$ 704.96	
Prior Years		3.45	
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			708.41
Tax Liens (Schedule A-3)			3.73
Tax Acquired Property (Schedule A-4)	19.33		139.34
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TOTAL ASSETS - GENERAL FUND	\$14,352.34		\$14,765.50
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TRUST FUNDS			
Cash:			
Time Deposits (Schedule A-6)	\$2,171.94	\$2,171.94	
Due from General Fund (Schedule A-6)	573.00	573.00	
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TOTAL ASSETS - TRUST FUNDS	\$2,744.94		\$2,744.94
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TOWN OF PERU COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

EXHIBIT A

GENERAL FUND LIABILITIES			
	February 1, 1947	February 1, 1946	
Accounts Payable (Schedule A-5)	\$ 1.50	\$.90	
Due Governmental Agencies:			
Withholding Taxes		\$ 132.40	
Teachers' Pensions	143.70	71.96	
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Due Trust Funds (Schedule A-6)	573.00		204.36
			573.00
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Total Liabilities	718.20		778.26
Deferred Revenue:			
1946 Excise Tax			196.93
1947 Excise Tax	264.65		
SURPLUS			
Appropriated (Exhibit D)	\$9,229.19	3,712.93	
Unappropriated (Exhibit E)	4,070.30	10,077.38	
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	13,369.49		13,790.31
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TOTAL LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS - GENERAL FUND	\$14,352.34		\$14,765.50
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TRUST FUNDS			
Principals (Schedule A-8)	\$ 2,744.94	\$ 2,744.94	
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TOTAL LIABILITIES — TRUST FUNDS	\$ 2,744.94		\$ 2,744.94
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The complete report of the audit, as required by Chapter 80, Section 119, Revised Statutes of 1944, and amended by Chapter 84, Public Laws of 1945, is on file in the office of the Selectmen.