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The Annual Report

OF THE

Municipal Officers

FOR THE TOWN OF

Van Buren, Maine



For the Municipal Year Ending
February 28, 1946

Town Officers

COUNCILLORS, OVERSEERS OF THE POOR AND ASSESSORS

J. William Cyr Carl A. Richards Jos. A. Michaud
Remie P. Cyr Maurice Michaud

TOWN MANAGER

Robert C. Violette

TOWN CLERK

Cecile M. Cyr

TOWN TREASURER

Cecile M. Cyr

TAX COLLECTOR

Robert C. Violette

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Leo James Poirier Vital E. Violette Remie P. Cyr

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Charles L. O'Connell

HEALTH OFFICER

Addis E. Keegan

FIRE CHIEF

Jos. A. Michaud

CHIEF OF POLICE

Henry Lagasse

AUDITORS

State Department of Audit

Town of Van Buren

Location:

Gateway to the St. John Valley and to Canada, situated on the St. John River, twenty-two miles north of Caribou, twenty-five miles southeast of Madawaska.

Size:

Two-thirds of a township. Population: 4,700.
Number of men and women in Service, World War 11: 675.

Schools:

Sacred Heart Grammar School	675 pupils
Champlain Grammar School	325 pupils
Keegan Grammar School	253 pupils
Sacred Heart High School	155 girls
Van Buren Boys' High School	135 boys
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Total School Population	1543

Industries:

Farming, Long Lumber, Starch.

Organizations;

Chamber of Commerce meets first Friday each month

Rotary Club, meets every Monday at 6:15 p. m.

Knights of Columbus, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month

Daughters of Isabella, 1st and 3rd Tuesdays of month

American Legion

Red Cross

Churches:

St. Bruno's Catholic Church, St. Remi's Catholic Church, Congregationalist Church.

Public Library:

In Town Office Building

Recreational Opportunities:

Gayety Theatre

City Club: Dancing

St. Bruno's Hall

Chapel Hall (for High School boys and girls)

Opening for Business:

Bakery, Laundry, Contractor

Any small manufacturer that appreciates good workmen and absence of labor troubles

Assessor's Report

The following is a statement of the inventory and valuation of taxable property and polls as found in the town of Van Buren, April 1, 1945, the same being a true copy of our return to the State Assessors:

Real Estate, resident	\$938,660.00	
Real Estate, non-resident	88,795.00	
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Total Real Estate		\$1,027,455.00
Personal, resident	\$241,395.00	
Personal Estate, non-resi.	9,060.00	
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Total Personal Estate		250,455.00
Grand Total Amount		1,277,910.00
Total value of land	\$404,400.00	
Total value of buildings	623,055.00	
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Total valuation		\$1,027,455.00

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Horses, mules and ponies	135	\$88.00	\$11,810.00
Colts, 2 to 3 years old	2	50.00	100.00
Steers, oxen, bulls, etc.	3	50.00	150.00
Milk cows	271	35.00	9,510.00
Heifers, over two years old	24	25.00	595.00
Heifers, 18 mo. to 2 yrs. old	38	15.00	510.00
Sheep (over 35 in number)	9	5.00	45.00
Swine (over 10 in number)	41	9.00	360.00
Domestic fowl			
(over 50 in number)	630	1.00	630.00
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Total amount			\$23,710.00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade		\$102,005.00	
Logs		40,000.00	
Gasoline pumps and attach- ments	30	1,250.00	
Musical instru.	137	5,120.00	
Radios	562	14,050.00	
Furniture		1,320.00	
Tractors	61	5,825.00	
Machinery and equip.		10,455.00	
Other property		46,720.00	
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Amount		\$226,745.00	
Amt. taxable livestock and poultry		23,710.00	
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Total amount personal property			\$250,455.00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Cattle, 18 mo. and younger	111	\$5.00	\$ 595.00
Draft colts, under 3 yr. old	9	12.00	125.00
Sheep (to the no. of 35)	141	5.00	705.00
Swine (to the no. of 10)	195	9.00	1,850.00
Domestic fowl (to the number of 50)	2088	1.00	2,088.00
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			\$ 5,363.00

INDUSTRIAL AND UTILITY PROPERTY

Railroad property	1	\$ 28,900.00
Water Companies	1	73,500.00
Light & Power Co's.	1	155,000.00
Pole lines	1	120.00
Saw Mills	1	85,525.00

TOWN OF VAN BUREN

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Wood Working Mills	1	6,530.00	
Starch Factory	1	3,430.00	
Amount of taxes assessed upon real and personal estate for current year			\$ 98,399.45
Amount of taxes assessed on polls			2,058.00
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Total			\$100,457.45
	Number of polls		686
	Rate of taxation, 77.00 per 1,000		

Important

All taxpayers should read the following requirement and comply with it:

Section 70, Chapter 13, Revised Statutes of Maine, 1930:

“Before making an assessment, the Assessors shall give seasonable notice in writing to the inhabitants, by posting notifications in some public place in town, or shall notify them, in such other ways as the town at its annual meeting directs, **TO MAKE AND BRING IN TO THEM TRUE AND PERFECT LISTS** of their polls and all their estates, real and personal, not by law exempt from taxation, of which they were possessed on the first day of April of the same year. If any resident owner, after such notice, does not bring in such lists, he is thereby barred of his right to make application to the Assessors or the County Commissioners for any abatement of his taxes, unless he offers such list with his application and satisfies them that he was unable to offer it at the time appointed.”

Treasurer's Report

Cash on hand, February 28, 1945	\$ 13,927.57
1945 Tax	96,889.96
1944 Tax	1,451.14
1943 Tax	116.42
1942 Tax	114.12
1941 Tax	29.65
1940 Tax	5.20
1939 Tax	59.50
1937 Tax	8.00
1836 Tax	3.00
1935 Tax	5.00
1944 Tax liens	642.21
1943 Tax liens	490.95
1942 Tax liens	126.86
1941 Tax liens	133.60
1940 Tax liens	53.16
1939 Tax liens	13.07
1938 Tax liens	24.75
1937 Tax liens	4.56
Town owned properties	1,084.80
Department expense	1,847.18
Rents	739.96
Supplementary tax	593.44
1945 Excise tax	912.88
1946 Excise tax	1,625.62
Police fees	361.50
Firemen fees	236.00
Sewer maintenance	90.40
Town roads	1,386.00
Snow removal	1,391.01
Third class maintenance	990.03
Poor account	848.58
State pauper account	1,635.47
Wood account	20.25

School lunches	5,572.37
School department	51,068.30
Library account	20.00
Workmen's compensation	115.62
Interest and cost	296.52
Temporary loan	10,000.00
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TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$194,934.65
Disbursements by warrants	169,627.51
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Cash on hand, February 28, 1946	\$ 25,307.14

Balance Sheet

February 28, 1946

	Assets	Liabilities
Cash	\$ 25,307.15	
1945 Uncollected taxes	917.50	
1943 Uncollected taxes	21.04	
1942 Uncollected taxes	19.81	
1941 Uncollected taxes	4.15	
1944 Tax liens	197.25	
Acts. receiv.—State poor	640.30	
Tax acquired property	3,884.49	
Bonds payable		\$ 15,500.00
Due—Teachers' Retirement Assn.		741.90
Due—Withholding Taxes		488.65
Net Surplus		955.99
State Aid Construction		1,080.51
Education—Consolidated Account		11,246.98
School lunches		977.66
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	\$ 30,991.69	\$ 30,991.69

Auditor's Report

March 11, 1946

Board of Selectmen
Van Buren, Maine
Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944 and at your request, the records of the Town of Van Buren have been audited by Auditors M. E. Libby and A. L. Gould for the 1945 municipal year.

The examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the town appear to have been appropriately handled.

Very truly yours,
Fred M. Berry,
State Auditor

FMB/kr

April 6, 1945

Board of Selectmen,
Van Buren, Maine
Gentlemen:

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944 and at your request, the records of the town of Van Buren have been audited for the fiscal period February 29, 1944 to February 28, 1945 inclusive.

Our examination was made in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances and included all procedure which we considered necessary.

Insofar as we can ascertain within the scope of our examination, the result discloses that the many financial transactions of this town have been handled in accordance with statutory requirements.

Comments and related statements of Auditors Libby and Gould, who conducted the examination, are incorporated in this report.

All of which is respectfully submitted,

Very truly yours,

Fred M. Beery,
State Auditor

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COMMENTS**Cash—\$13,927.57**

It was ascertained that all recorded receipts were properly accounted for and the cash for same deposited in the bank.

Expenditures were made by check from authorized warrants, supported by invoices on file.

The cash balance reconciled with the bank statement at the close of the municipal year.

Taxes, Property and Poll, \$8,725.63

The tax commitment to the Collector was compared with the records of the Assessors. The total commitment was accounted for either by cash, discounts for early payment, abatements, required transfers, or unpaid taxes as reflected on the records of the Collector.

Payment on prior years' taxes, tax liens and tax acquired property were verified by examination of the cash records. The tax liens on file were examined.

The unpaid items on all tax accounts are in agreement with the respective control accounts.

Tax, tax lien and deed items considered by the town officials to be uncollectible were liquidated through the tax reserve account.

The cash collection of the current year's taxes was 95.5 percent, while all tax accounts collected during the municipal year, both current and prior, amounted to 108.3 percent as against the current commitment.

Settlement of Prior Accounts**Notes Payable—\$10,797**

At the time of settlement with the other creditors, agreement had not been reached with the two note holders, but settlement at 100 percent was made after the town assumed control.

Bonds Payable—\$8,000

Bonds of the issue of May, 1922, that were not paid at the time of the compromise settlement, were located and settled for \$5,800. The remaining \$2,200 was written off through Net Deficit.

Accrued Interest Payable—\$5,824.89

Of the above amount, \$1,860.57 was paid on the Mrs. Belle Theriault note in final settlement. The balance of the account was charged off through Net Deficit.

The State Treasurer, as trustee, returned the \$9,398.50 held by him to cover 50 percent of the principal of the above notes and bonds and this amount was deposited in the general cash account. The final settlement of the notes, bonds and interest involved a cash expenditure of \$16,597, or \$7,198.50 more than had been set aside for their retirement.

Bonds Outstanding—\$15,000

The original amount of these bonds, issued in 1943 was \$50,000. From an appropriation of \$5,000 for bond retirement and interest, together with cash from the general fund, this bond issue was reduced \$34,500 during the municipal year, leaving a balance of \$15,500 outstanding.

Net Deficit—\$1,996.64

As of the close of the municipal year, there was a net deficit of \$1,996.64, as compared with a net deficit of \$6,370.10 shown the year previous. This represents a beneficial change of \$4,373.46, as analyzed on Exhibit E.

General

Our check of paid bills and payrolls indicated they were proper charges and correctly recorded.

The records of dog licenses issued by your Town Clerk showed collections totaling \$113.30.

The records covering withholding tax deducted from town employees were examined and the monies so deducted were found to have been sent to the Collector of Internal Revenue at the close of each quarter of the year.

The excise tax collections were checked from the triplicate receipts and the amounts specified had been deposited with the Treasurer. The receipts and disposition of same follows:

1944 Year—

Receipts 373 to 700	\$	1,184.80
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1945 Year—

Receipts 1 to 450		1,795.91
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Deposited with Treasurer (Exhibit B)	\$	2,980.71
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Disposition:

Brought forward from 1943-

44 year (Exhibit A) 1944	\$1,736.96
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receipts (as above)	1,184.80
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	\$	2,921.76
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Less: Refund payments 6.50

CARRIED TO NET DEFICIT

(Exhibit E) \$ 2,915.26

1945 Receipts (as above) carried
forward to 1945-46 year (Exhibit A) \$ 1,795.91

With the exception of cash, no external verification was made of your asset and liability accounts.

TOWN OF VAN BUREN
Comparative Balance Sheet

EXHIBIT A

ASSETS

Subsidiary Schedules	February 28, 1945	February 29, 1944
1 Cash		
Tax Accounts Uncollected:	\$ 2,915.33	\$ 13,183.40
2 Taxes	856.80	5,120.72
3 Tax Liens		247.02
Tax Deeds	4,953.50	5,142.67
4 Tax Acquired Property		<u>23,693.81</u>
		2,742.70
Less: Reserve for Collection	<u>8,725.63</u>	<u>20,951.11</u>
Total Assets	<u>\$ 22,653.20</u>	<u>\$ 71,285.84</u>

LIABILITIES

Prior Accounts			
	Notes Payable	\$ 10,797.00	
	Less: Special deposit, State Treasurer—Trustee	5,398.50	
		<hr/>	\$ 5,398.50
	Bonds Payable	8,000.00	
	Less: Special deposit, State Treasurer—Trustee	4,000.00	
		<hr/>	4,000.00
			5,824.89
	Accrued Interest		<hr/> \$ 15,223.39
Current Accounts			
5	1943 Bond Issue	\$ 15,500.00	\$ 50,000.00
	Due Other Agencies:		
	Teachers' Retirement	\$ 1,344.74	1,236.85

COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET—Continued

Withholding Taxes	288.60		287.30
		1,633.34	1,524.15
Taxes paid in advance		800.00	1,610.36
Cash Suspense Account		34.78	34.78
Total Liabilities		\$ 17,968.12	\$ 68,392.68
SURPLUS ACCOUNTS			
Excise Tax	\$ 1,795.91		\$ 1,736.96
Ex. D Dept'l. Bal. Fwd. (net)	4,885.81		7,526.30
Ex. E Net Deficit	1,996.64		6,370.10
		\$ 4,685.08	\$ 2,893.16
Total Liabilities and Surplus Accounts		\$ 22,653.20	\$ 71,285.84

Statement of Department

Year ended

CREDITS

	From 1943-44 year	Appro- priations	Depart- mental Receipts	O
General Government		\$ 7,600.00	\$ 2,601.37	\$
Protection		7,605.00	866.70	
Health and Sanitation		350.00	465.75	
Highways and Roads	\$ 1,007.50	9,921.50	2,508.50	
Charities	5,803.88	16,100.00	2,044.82	
Education	385.11	37,500.00	27,370.12	81,
Unclassified Accounts	329.81	1,650.00	5,051.14	
Interest			707.93	
Municipal Indebtedness		5,500.00		34,
Special Assessments		10,508.42		
	\$ 7,526.30	\$ 96,734.92	\$ 41,616.33	\$118,
EXHIBITS	(A)	(C)	(B)	

ental Operations (Condensed)

ed February 28, 1945

her	TOTAL	CHARGES			BALANCES		To 1945-46 Year
		Cash Disburse- ments	Other	Over- Draft	Unexpended		
972.49	\$ 11,173.86	\$ 10,436.66	\$ 1,236.19	\$ 498.99			
813.77	9,285.47	9,676.64	426.82	772.99		45.01	
	8 15.75	1,785.30	35.65	1,202.95	197.75		
263.05	13,700.55	18,923.13	365.56	7,682.64	1,087.00	1,007.50	
673.69	24,622.39	22,988.11	14.30	1,765.73	3,385.71		
299.69	146,554.92	67,446.60	74,993.91			4,114.41	
	7,030.95	6,655.14	2,256.82	1,689.91		191.10	
	707.93	338.89	1.50		367.54		
500.00	40,000.00	35,361.50	3,500.00		1,138.50		
	10,508.42	1,799.88	8,708.54				
522.69	\$264,400.24	\$175,411.85	\$ 91,539.29	\$ 13,613.21	\$ 6,176.50	\$ 4,885.81	
		(B)		(E)	(E)	(A)	

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN NET DEFICIT

EXHIBIT E

Year Ended February 28, 1945

6,370.10

Net Deficit—February 29, 1944

Transactions affecting prior years:

Credits—

Adjustment of Bonds Payable (old issue)	\$ 2,200.00
Adjustment of accrued interest payable (prior)	3,964.32
Adjustment of Tax Acq. Prop. Acct. (additions)	482.88

\$ 6,647.20

Charges—

Adjustment of Res. for Uncollectable Taxes	2,651.56
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3,995.64

Net Credits Affecting Prior Years

\$ 2,374.46

ANALYSIS IN CHANGE OF NET DEFICIT (Continued)

Transactions affecting current year:

Operating Accounts—

Charges:

Dept'l Bal. (Exhibit D)—Overdraft	\$ 13,613.21
—Unexpended	6,176.50
	\$ 7,436.71

Credits:

Overlay (Exhibit C)	\$ 565.15
Supplemental Taxes	834.12
Excise taxes	2,915.26
Bonds paid by appropriation	3,500.00
	7,814.53

Net Credits Affecting Current Year

NET DEFICIT—February 28, 1945 (Exhibit A)

377.82
\$ 1,996.64

Tax Collector's Report

1945 Commitment	\$100,457.07	
Transfers	3.38	
Less 1945 Collections	99,542.95	
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1945 Balance Uncollected		\$ 917.50
1944 Uncollected forward \$	2,312.89	
Less Col. and Trans.	2,312.89	
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1943 Uncollected forward	151.08	
Less. Col. and Trans.	151.08	
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1942 Uncollected forward	169.52	
Less Col. and Trans.	169.52	
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1941 Uncollected forward	76.75	
Less Col. and Trans.	76.75	
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1940 Uncollected forward	54.66	
Less Col. and Trans.	54.66	
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1939 Uncollected forward	68.90	
Less Col. and Trans.	68.90	
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1938 Uncollected forward	40.03	
Less transfers	40.03	
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1937 Uncollected forward	28.50	
Less. Col. and Trans.	28.50	
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1936 Uncollected forward	7.00	
Less Col. and Trans.	7.00	
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1936 Uncollected forward	6.00	
Less Col. and Trans.	6.00	
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\$45.00 uncollected taxes prior to 1945, as shown on balance sheet, has been paid as of March 4, 1946.

TAX LIENS

1944 Tax liens uncol. for.	\$ 839.46	
Less collections	642.21	
Balance 1944 uncollected forward		\$ 197.25
1943 Tax liens uncol. for.	500.80	
Less Col. and Trans.	500.80	
1942 Tax liens uncol. for.	126.86	
Less Collections	126.86	
1941 Tax liens uncol. for.	133.60	
Less Collections	133.60	
1940 Tax liens uncol. for.	53.16	
Less Collections	53.16	
1939 Tax liens uncol. for.	13.07	
Less Collections	13.07	
1938 Tax liens uncollected	24.75	
Less Collections	24.75	
1937 Tax liens uncollected	4.56	
Less Collections	4.56	
Balance uncollected taxes—1945 tax		917.50
Balance uncollected liens—1944 liens		197.25

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

1945

Carrier, Mrs. Levite	\$ 10.88
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Cormier, Mrs. Corinne	76.28
Paid since books closed	15.01
Cormier, Francis	35.34
Paid since books closed	3.00
Cyr, heirs of Denis A.	30.03
Derosier, Jos. J.	46.94
Desjardins, Frank	28.88
Durant, Joseph and Romeo	6.00
Gagnon, Sylvio	48.77
Paid since books closed	13.41
Paid since books closed	23.10
Levesque, Arthur J.	155.15
Lutzuk, John	79.31
Paid since books closed	63.47
Paid since books closed	16.15
Madore, heirs of Henry	52.36
Paid since books closed	44.73
Paid since books closed	2.93
Paid since books closed	29.64
Paid since books closed	12.71
Paid since books closed	17.33
St. Pierre, Raymond	96.25
McCrossin, Ernest	9.83

Total uncollected \$ 917.50

UNCOLLECTED LIENS

1944

Cormier, Francis	\$ 30.41
Desjardins, Frank	24.63
Gagnon, Sylvio	52.49
Paid since books closed	5.41
Paid since books closed	29.64
St. Pierre, Raymond	54.67

Total uncollected 1944 liens 197.25

Councillor's Report

The following detailed account of the revenue and disbursements of your town during the past year ending February 28, 1946, is herewith respectfully submitted.

Joseph A. Michaud, Chairman

Maurice Michaud, Secretary

J. William Cyr

Remie P. Cyr

Carl A. Richards

Councillors, Assessors and Overseers
of the Poor of the Town of Van
Buren.

Dated at Van Buren, Maine, this first day of March,
1946

PUBLISHER'S NOTE: Analysis of Appropriations,
Credits and Expenditures as of February 28, 1946
will be found inside back cover envelope.

Administration

Town Manager's Account

By Appropriation	\$ 3,600.00	
Expended for Town Manager's salary		\$ 3,600.00

Miscellaneous Expense

By Appropriation	\$ 4,650.00	
From Light & Power Dist.	1,000.00	
Town Clerk's Fees	488.90	
Bank Stock Tax	68.73	
R. R. & Tel. Tax	21.43	
Dog Tax Refund	28.37	
Sale of Supplies	94.37	
Reimbursement from Connor	62.50	
Licenses	26.00	
Refund on Taxes	53.13	
Checks Cancelled	3.75	
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Total Available		\$ 6,497.18
Transferred from Summary		50.52
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		\$ 6,547.70

EXPENDED:

For salary of Secretary	\$ 1,872.00
For Honor Roll	1,000.00
For Henry P. King lot	400.00
Travel expense	553.48
Assessors' fees	750.00
Printing town report	209.80
Audit—State of Maine	97.29
Legal fees	122.45
Maine Municipal Assn. fees	150.00
Bonding Fee for employees	50.00
Insurance	45.00

For all supplies, postage and other clerical exp.	1,297.68	
Total Expended		6,547.70

Rents

Received from Town owned properties:		
From Van Vuren Light & Power Dist.	\$ 499.96	
From Van Buren Water District	120.00	
From Farm Security Adm.	120.00	
Trans. from Summary	384.32	
Total Available		1,124.28
EXPENDED:		
For Janitor service	\$ 624.00	
Fuel	356.54	
Light, water and telephone	143.74	
Total expended		\$ 1,124.28

Election Expense

By appropriation	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
EXPENDED:		
For election expense	30.70	
Transferred to summary	69.30	
Total expended		100.00

Overlay

By appropriation	2,499.84
Transferred to Summary	2,499.84

Supplementary Tax

Supplementary tax collections		596.44
Refunds	\$ 70.07	
Transferred to Summary	526.37	
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Total		596.44

1945 Excise Tax

1945 Collections		2,708.79
Refunds	\$ 15.83	
Transferred to Summary	2,692.96	
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Total		2,708.79

1946 Excise Tax

1946 Collections		1,625.62
Transferred to Summary		1,625.62

Income and Withholding Tax

Brought forward	\$ 288.60	
Deductions for salaries	2,873.32	
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Total		3,161.92
To Collector of Internal Revenue		3,161.92

PROTECTION**Police Fees**

By Appropriation	\$ 2,000.00	
From other sources	361.50	
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Total available		2,361.50

EXPENDED:

For Police fees	\$	2,159.80	
For supplies and expense		125.45	
Transferred to Summary		76.25	

Total Expended

2,361.50

Fire Inspector

From Appropriation	\$	200.00	200.00
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EXPENDED:

For Inspector fees		150.00	
Transferred to Summary		50.00	

Total

200.00

Firemen Fees

By Appropriation	\$	1,800.00	
From Hamlin Plt.		148.00	
From Cyr Plt.		88.00	
Transferred from Summary		117.00	

Total available

2,153.00

Expended for Firemen fees

2,153.00

Fire Department Supplies

By Appropriation	\$	1,000.00	1,000.00
Expended for Fire Dept. Sup.		994.11	
Transferred to Summary		5.89	

Total Expended

1,000.00

Hydrant Rental

By Appropriation			2,655.00
Expended for hydrant rental			2,655.00

Street Lights

By Appropriation	\$	100.00	
Expended for street lighting			100.00

Property Maintenance

By Appropriation	\$	300.00	
Transferred from Summary		257.38	
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Total available			557.38
Expended for repairs and upkeep of town property			557.38

Property Insurance

By Appropriation	\$	250.00	
Transfer from School Dept.		970.63	
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Total Available			1,220.63
EXPENDED:			
For insurance on all town property including town school property	\$	1,208.31	
Transferred to Summary		12.32	
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Total expended			1,220.63

HEALTH AND SANITATION**Vital Statistics**

By Appropriation	\$	100.00	100.00
EXPENDED:			
For Vital Statistics		48.25	
Transferred to Summary		51.75	
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Total expended			100.00

Health Officer Fees

By Appropriation	50.00
Expended for Health Officer fees	50.00

Sewer Maintenance

By Appropriation	\$ 500.00	
Sewer entrance fees	90.40	
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Total available		590.40
EXPENDED:		
For sewer maintenance	\$ 532.52	
Transferred to Summary	57.88	
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Total expended		590.40

HIGHWAYS

Town Roads and Highways

By Appropriation	\$ 6,000.00	
Reimbursement use of equip- ment and labor	498.87	
Tarring other property	298.25	
Sale of supplies	261.02	
Reimbursement for gasoline	77.35	
Other sources	250.51	
Transferred from Summary	2,406.89	
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Total available		9,792.89
EXPENDED:		
For salaries of men work- ing on roads	\$ 6,395.82	
For snow and fence laths	981.05	
Paid to State of Maine	477.65	

For repairs to roads, for
repairs to road equip-
ment, and for gas and oil 1,938.37

Total expended 9,792.89

Snow Removal

By Appropriation \$ 7,000.00
Sale of snow plow to County 450.00
Refund 166.22
Sale of snow fence 608.48
From State of Maine 166.31
Transferred from Summary 2,214.10

Total available 10,605.11

EXPENDED:

For salaries of men
working on roads \$ 6,058.74
For parts and repairs to
snow plows 1,418.63
For fuel for hose house 521.50
For gas, oil and supplies 2,606.24

Total expended 10,605.11

State Aid Construction

Brought for. to 1945-46 \$ 1,080.51
Forward to 1946-47 1,080.51

Third Class Maintenance

By Appropriation \$ 317.00
From State of Maine 990.03
Transferred from Summary 216.59

Total available 1,523.62

EXPENDED:

For maintenance of Third Class roads	1,523.62
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State Aid Patrol

By Appropriation	\$ 800.00
Transferred from Summary	174.70

Total available	974.70
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EXPENDED:

For State Aid Patrol	974.70
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Third Class Construction

Bal. forward from Sur.	\$ 73.01
Overdraft from previous year	73.01

CHARITIES**Support of Poor**

By Appropriation	\$ 5,000.00
Fournier case	733.33
Stewart children	73.00
Checks cancelled	42.25

Total available	5,848.58
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EXPENDED:

For support of poor	\$ 3,623.22
For services of State Nurse	200.00
For board at State Institutions	359.51
Transferred to Summary	1,665.85

Total expended	5,848.58
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State Paupers

From State of Maine	\$ 1,635.47
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Overdraft for.—due from State	640.30	
Total		2,275.77
Expended for State paup- ers	\$ 1,772.16	
Adjustment	503.61	
		2,275.77

Mothers' Aid and Aid to Dependent Children

By Appropriation	\$ 7,500.00	7,500.00
EXPENDED:		
For aid to dependent children	7,094.50	
Transferred to Summary	405.50	
Total expended		7,500.00

Board and Case

By Appropriation	\$ 4,100.00	
Transferred from Summary	291.75	
Total available		4,391.75
EXPENDED:		
For board and care of children com- mitted to State of Maine		4,391.75

Wood Account

From sale of wood	\$ 20.25	
Transferred from Summary	1.25	
Available		21.50
Wood to poor		21.50

School Lunches

By Appropriation	\$	500.00	
From school lunches		5,572.37	
Total available			6,072.37
EXPENDED:			
For salaries	\$	2,590.96	
For supplies		2,503.75	
Brought forward to 1946		977.66	
Total expended			6,072.37

Education

By Appropriation	\$	37,500.00	
Balance forward		4,114.41	
Tuition from Cyr Plt.		2,878.50	
Tuition from Hamlin Plt.		2,149.50	
Tuition from private indiv.		253.50	
Refunds		153.68	
Sale of supplies		39.40	
From State of Maine for agriculture		762.36	
From State of Maine— Equalization		15,599.00	
From State of Maine— physical education		600.00	
From State of Maine— Home Economics		959.00	
From State of Maine— School Fund		27,517.17	
From sale of sheep and one ram		110.00	
M. T. R. A. forward		1,259.71	

M. T. R. A. adjustment by auditors	450.66	
Interest on Trust Funds	46.19	
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Total available		94,393.08
EXPENDED:		
For High School teachers \$	14,661.78	
For Com. School teachers	32,328.53	
Physical education	1,418.00	
Agriculture	3,081.91	
Home Economics	2,398.31	
School conveyance	4,673.01	
School janitors	4,804.62	
Fuel	4,218.52	
Textbooks	3,011.34	
Supplies	2,865.80	
Repairs	4,378.46	
Water, light and telephone	578.20	
Superintendent's salary	1,508.00	
Rent and insurance	1,353.81	
School Committee fees	185.00	
School expense and supplies	66.33	
Interest on M. T. R. A.	31.48	
M. T. R. A.	1,076.05	
Income tax for next year	362.45	
M. T. R. A. adjustment	144.50	
Carried forward to next yr.	11,246.98	
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Total expended		94,393.08

Discounts and Abatements

By Appropriation	\$ 1,000.00	
Transferred from Summary	863.99	
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Total available		1,863.99

EXPENDED:

For abatements	\$	367.12	
For discount		1,496.87	
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Total			1,863.99

Gym, Honor Roll

No Appropriation			
Transferred from Summary			26.83
Expended for Gym and Honor Roll			26.93

Public Library

By Appropriation	\$	200.00	
From State of Maine		20.00	
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Total available			220.00
Expended for Van Buren Public Library			220.00

Silver Bell Band

By Appropriation			100.00
Expended for Silver Bell Band			100.00

Memorial Day Account

By Appropriation			50.00
For Memorial Day exercises			50.00

Workmen's Compensation

By Appropriation	\$	300.00	
Refund		115.62	
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Total available			415.62
Expended for Workmen's Compensation			415.62

Interest and Cost

From interest and cost on taxes	\$ 296.52	296.52
EXPENDED:		
For cost of recording tax liens	67.50	
Other	142.12	
Transferred to Summary	86.90	
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Total		296.52

State Tax

By Appropriation	8,712.29
Paid to State Treasurer for 1945 State Tax	8,712.29

County Tax

By Appropriation	1,572.94
Paid to County Treasurer for 1945 County Tax	1,572.95

SUPPORT OF POOR**1945-46****State Paupers**

Chabre, Emile	\$ 78.00
Cyr, Carice	233.47
Deschaines, Mrs. Frank	225.97
Gervais, Patrick	20.00
Martin, Gerald—children	484.82
Plourde, Mrs. Denise	450.40
Roi, Jean Z.	99.50
Wood, Mildred	180.00
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Total	1,772.16
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Town Paupers

Akerley, Lillian	\$	86.79	
Belanger, George		180.00	
Cyr, Alcide V.		.98	
Chabre, Emile		198.51	
Ayotte, William		12.00	
Cyr, Damase Mrs.		151.00	
Desjardins, Fred		165.00	
Duperry, Laura		515.60	
Fournier, Donald		120.00	
Leesha, Nagoeb		204.00	
Morin, Patrick (Leo E. child)		214.21	
Plourde, Mrs. Severin		300.00	
Plourde, Severin		325.00	
Stewart children		51.00	
Tardif, Joe E.		314.88	
Thibodeau, Mrs. Fred F.		334.00	
Michaud, Ralph		29.99	
Jacques, Leon		116.04	
Farrell, Eddie		20.00	
Guerette, Octave		3.00	
St. Pierre, Jos.		61.00	
Levasseur, Pauline (Mrs. Gilman)		88.00	
Thibodeau, Remi D.		89.00	
Therriault, George O.		25.00	
Levesque, Gerald		18.22	
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Total			3,623.22
State Nurse	\$	200.00	
Board at State Institutions		359.51	
Total			4,182.73

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To Robert C. Violette, Town Manager, the Superintending School Committee and Citizens of the Town of Van Buren:

In accordance with the school laws of Maine, I have the pleasure to herewith submit for your consideration the annual report of the condition and progress of the public schools of Van Buren.

We have one thousand two hundred and fifty-five pupils pursuing the elementary and grammar grades. In our two High Schools, we have an enrollment of three hundred and two pupils. Again, I am pleased to report that all the teachers are doing most commendable work in their respective classes.

At the opening of the present scholastic year, we were able to appreciably increase the salary schedule for all our teachers. Due to the fact that this subsidy was effective beginning as of July 1, 1945 accounts in a large measure for such an unexpended balance for this year. Owing to the disastrous fire of January 22nd completely distroying the Keegan School, I contacted Commissioner Gilson the following day with a program for his approval for the housing of these two hundred and fifty-three pupils. He said, "You have very quickly and definitely set up a plan that I can go along with and no State monies will be jeopardised."

The following night this plan was approved by your School Committee and put into operation the following Monday. Only four days were lost by these

children and two have been already made up. Your Budget Committee has made its recommendations for replacing this building. If favorable action is taken thereon, we should immediately be on the alert for any army surpluses that would be available, and to that end I have written the parties handling this for the State Department of Education.

Now, that the occasion is mine, allow me to express my appreciation to all the teachers of our schools for their loyalty, co-operation and devotion so generously loaned me in my humble efforts to further the education of the youth of our community.

In closing this brief summary of the past year, I wish in an especial manner, to express the heartfelt gratitude of the teaching staff and myself for the most courteous treatment received from Mr. Violette, the selectmen and members of the School Committee.

Respectfully submitted,
Charles L. O'Connell
Superintendent of Schools

Report of Police Officer

Complaints	91
Accidents investigated	39
Stolen property recovered	6
Lost property found	8
Doors found unlocked	19
Dogs killed	1
Soldiers arrested and turned over to Army officials	14
Soldiers caught for Army desertion	1
Lost children found and returned home	4
Children warned for being on the streets after 9:00 p. m.	12
Keys found in doors	1
Fires discovered	2
Cases of assault and battery	7
Cases of drunken driving	12
Cases of assault and battery upon an officer	2
Cases of reckless driving	4
Cases of non-support	2
Cases of breaking and entering	1
Cases of driving a vehicle not inspected	3
Cases of failing to report in court	1
Cases of driving a vehicle after the officer had given a warning	1
Cases of not stopping at a stop sign	1
Arrested for larceny	3
Arrested for intoxication	110

Henry J. Lagasse
Chief of Police

Report of Public Health Nurse

Since public health nursing is primarily to help keep well persons well, the nurse this year has continued her efforts toward this end by helping to make known the facts about health, by creating positive attitude toward obtaining and maintaining good health, by encouraging and teaching the use of health and medical resources, by emphasizing the prevention and protection against communicable diseases, and by contributing toward the adjustment of social conditions so that the individual and the family will become resourceful in meeting their own health needs.

The Selective Service physical examinations have taught us that in order to build a strong healthy adult population our efforts must be directed toward the conservation of child health. If we are to build for the future we must start at the beginning with the child. Only in this way will we have a healthy new generation. Therefore, most of our efforts this year have been directed toward the maternity and child health programs.

During the year a total of 313 visits were made in all types of services.

Thirty-one visits were made to the expectant mother. With the guidance of the attending physician, our aims have been to safeguard the mother's health and that of the baby to come. During these visits particular emphasis was placed on the necessity of good medical care during and following pregnancy.

It is not only necessary for the infant to be well born but he must also be well cared for. It is during

the infant and preschool period that lasting health habits are formed. One hundred and twenty-seven visits were made to children in this age group and mothers were instructed how the child could be adequately nourished, protected from diseases and properly trained.

The nurse in her services to the community is interested at all time in the growth and development of all children. The school nursing program offers a real opportunity along this line. She is part of the teaching staff in the capacity of a liason between home and school and as health advisor to teachers, parents and school children. Through home visits and individual conferences in the school the nurse helps the parents to recognize the importance of early establishment of habits which contribute to health. Where corrections are indicated she helps the parents plan to get the needed work done. During the year there were 3 teacher-nurse conferences and 18 home visits were made to school children.

The control of communicable diseases, including venereal diseases is an important part of our public health program. The nurse has participated in this program through tracing alleged contacts and other persons suspected of having a venereal disease and referring them to a physician for medical care through visiting delinquent patients and advising them to return to their physicians for treatment; and through assisting with individual and community education regarding the venereal diseases.

Our service to crippled children is one noteworthy of mention. The best in medical, nursing and hospital care is made readily available to every crippled child found in our contacts with families or to any child

referred to us. Since early diagnosis is so essential in order that treatment can be started early, clinics are held in Fort Kent and Presque Isle the year around. These clinics make available to the child and his parents expert diagnosis and offer recommendations for early treatment. At the clinic some of the children are referred to the hospital for surgery, others are referred to the nurse to assist the family to carry out the treatment ordered, while others are referred to the medical social worker for social or educational adjustments. During the past 108 home and clinic visits were made in behalf of these patients.

The shadow of war lies behind us. A year of peace and normal living is ahead. Let us use all our community resources in a combined effort to continue our care of the handicapped, to keep the well from becoming sick, and to teach healthful living to all men, women and children in our town.

Respectfully submitted,

Lucy L. Labbe,

Public Health Nurse

Report of the Town Manager

To the Board of Councillors, and the Citizens of the
Town of Van Buren:

Another year has just passed, and as I look back, I do realize a certain amount of satisfaction. To my knowledge we are learning, and learning fast that if we have unity in our undertakings we can accomplish a lot. This is our town and it is the duty of each and everyone of us to help all we can. Things that are beneficial to your town, are beneficial to you. When working for the interest of the town, all of us should continue to work as one.

Most of our boys and girls have come back home from the battlefields and want to know what we have accomplished while they were away. Let us show them that we really have done something and that the many sacrifices they made were not in vain. We owe them a debt of gratitude; let us give them all the consideration that is humanly possible. The Van Buren Light and Power District have generously donated a beautiful honor roll, which is a start in the right direction. I hope a proper location can be found to place this beautiful monument, which really is an asset to our town.

I attended all the meetings of the Budget Committee, and to my satisfaction all the men on this Committee, even though very busy with their own work, sacrificed many hours of their time to work for the interest of the town.

The Chamber of Commerce was recently re-organized and this organization is really going places and getting things done. As Town Manager, I have

received a lot of help from them, help which was greatly needed and deeply appreciated.

There is another organization in this town that is often criticized but not often complimented, and that is our fire department. This department, under the able leadership of Fire Chief Joseph A. Michaud, is doing a splendid job. The men are subject to call twenty four hours a day regardless of weather conditions and receive a very small compensation for their services. A Fire Department is a great asset to a town. I extend to every member of this department my personal thanks because I know that you are doing your utmost, and that a heavy task has been placed upon your shoulders.

Our snow removal equipment is inadequate and something must be done to remedy this condition in the very near future. Shortage of proper equipment is causing hardships to many; I am thinking primarily of the children who are unable to attend school because the roads cannot be kept open through no fault of ours.

Police Officer Henry Lagasse, even though a stranger in this town, has performed his duty with utmost satisfaction. A great amount of credit is due him.

The Superintendent of Schools, Members of the Superintending School Committee and all our school teachers are doing a great job in educating our children, and training them to become good citizens. Their efforts are not too well appreciated sometimes, but there is a great debt of gratitude owed them.

Trooper Otis Labree has rendered the town many services by showing his willingness to cooperate with

our police officer, and I would like to give him special thanks.

It has been a privilege and a pleasure to work with the able and generous assistance of the Councillors Joseph A. Michaud, J. William Cyr, Remie P. Cyr, Maurice Michaud and Carl A. Richards, and the splendid cooperation of Mrs. Cecile M. Cyr, all of whom have given time and effort and without which no administration can hope for success.

Robert C. Violette,
Town Manager

Town Clerk's Report For 1945-1946

Vital Statistics

Deaths

Date	Name	Age
March 4, 1945	Flavie Cyr	74 yrs., 4 mos. and 22 days
March 7	Joseph Edgar Carbonneau	72 years, 2 mos. and 0 days
March 8	Memory B. Thibodeau	64 years, 2 mos. and 25 days
March 24	Adrienne Violette Beaulieu	30 years, 2 mos. and 16 days
March 28	Janette Violette	2 mos. and 28 days
March 30	Edna Janette Lausier	2 mos. and 23 days
March 31	Fred Martin	52 years, 5 mos. and 14 days
April 17	Paul Marquis	64 years, 11 mos. and 11 days
March 31	Leonard J. Parent (California)	65 years, 8 mos. and 11 days
April 18	Helene Lapointe	72 years, 6 mos. and 7 days
April 4	Wilfred Tardiff	33 years and 14 days
April 8	Rachelle Levesque	8 days

April 27	Eleonore O'Clair	82 years, 3 mos. and 17 days
March 14	Edith Doyon (Lewiston)	56 years, 7 mos. and 15 days
March 14	Joseph Leo Couturier (Lewiston)	29 years, 3 mos. and 12 days
April 4	Frank W. Lynch	37 years, 9 mos. and 15 days
April 4	Joseph Alfred Labrie	49 years, 6 mos. and 13 days
April 4	James J. Levesque	46 years, 9 mos. and 0 days
April 4	John Francoeur	48 years, and 1 day
May 5	Robinson Alexander McDougal	3 years, 5 mos. and 6 days
May 9	Marcelin Morin	70 years, 8 mos. and 25 days
April 16	Leon Jacques (Bangor)	33 years, 3 mos. and 15 days
June 10	Joseph F. Cyr	77 years, 8 mos. and 8 days
June 11	Daniel J. Carbonneau	10 mos. and 25 days
June 20	Edith Desjardins	77 years
June 28	Vaughn Lester Smith	baby
June 2	Mary Carrier (Caribou)	73 years, 1 mo. and 9 days
June	Delina D. Martin	37 years
July 8	Theresa Violette	Baby
July 9	Dorothy B. Dinwiddie (Bangor)	28 years, 6 mos. and 27 days
July 31	Jos. L. Rossingol	66 years, 6 mos. and 1 day

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT (Continued)

July 26	Grace Marie Gauthier Rock	23 years, 4 mos. and 7 days
Aug. 7	Iva V. Watson	63 years, 5 mos. and 16 days
July 30	Fred F. Thibodeau	74 years, 2 mos and 8 days
Aug. 17	Francis J. Sirois	86 years, 4 mos. and 26 days
Aug. 10	Ellen Crawford	84 years and 21 days
Aug. 11	Louis Albert Genest	47 years, 5 mos. and 4 days
Aug. 19	Jeannette Poitras	22 years, 9 mos. and 27 days
Sept. 3	Lionel Couillard	42 years, 8 mos. and 8 days
Sept. 4	Arline Michaud	17 days
Sept. 13	Paul I. Thibodeau	67 years, 7 mos. and 15 days
Sept. 19	Baby Bernier	Stillbirth
Sept. 21	Hector Levesque	11 days
Sept. 28	Baby Lajoie	Stillbirth
Sept. 5	John H. Cyr (Bangor)	59 years
Oct. 3	Pauline Levesseur	26 years, 1 mo. and 5 days
Oct. 3	Baby Levesque	Stillbirth
Oct. 10	Joseph Camille Levasseur	65 years, 1 mo. and 6 days
Nov. 5	Paul S. Cyr	54 years, 10 mos. and 1 day
Nov. 6	Arthur Hale Morris	80 years, 6 mos. and 20 days

Dec. 6	Alexandre S. Dumond	25 years, 4 mos. and 19 days
Dec. 16	Baby Gagnon	
Dec. 19	Kenneth Philip Violette	Baby
Dec. 20	Rosaire Albert Deschaines	Baby
Dec. 10	Flavie Lebel (Lewiston)	43 years, 6 mos. and 12 days
Dec. 30	Theotis Fournier (Lewiston)	89 years
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Jan. 3	Lea Ouellette	82 years, 2 mos. and 1 day
Jan. 3	Joseph D. Lajoie	80 years, 1 mo. and 14 days
Jan. 3	Alfreda Doucette	23 years, 3 mos. and 4 days
Jan. 5	Rodney Michel Grivois	1 mo. and 1 day
Jan. 18	Remi Thibodeau	68 years, 6 mos. and 26 days
Feb. 1	Henry Madore (Presque Isle)	56 years, 6 mos. and 20 days
Feb. 22	Demerise Levesque	77 years, 11 mos. and 18 days
Feb. 24	Ivan Parent	2 mos. and 13 days

Cecile M. Cyr,
Town Clerk

Report of Budget Committee

The Budget Committee held several meetings in conjunction with the Councillors, Members of the Superintending School Committee, the Superintendent of Schools and the Town Manager.

Each appropriation was given proper consideration and very careful study. The recommendations were unanimously accepted, after many hours of discussion and after each and everyone understood why an appropriation had to be lowered or increased.

We were appointed to do a job which was to study the picture of Van Buren for the year to come and now that our job is done we are submitting our recommendations for your approval.

Guy Duperry, Chairman
Ernest J. Soucy, Secretary
Magloire Berube
John B. Cyr
Jean F. Dubay
Alvy Dumond
Henry E. Hebert
Alphonse Fongemie
Isaac Harris
Albert C. Madore
L. A. Martin
J. W. Parent
Aurele Sirois
Irwin Porter
Vital E. Violette

Budget Recommendations

	1945 Appro.	1946 Recomm.
Town Manager's Act.	\$ 3,600.00	\$3,600.00
Departmental expense	3,900.00	3,900.00
Councillors' fees	750.00	750.00
Election expense	100.00	100.00
Vital statistics	100.00	50.00
Police fees	2,000.00	2,500.00
Fire Inspector's fees	200.00	300.00
Maintenance Fire Dept.	2,800.00	2,600.00
Hydrant rental	2,655.00	2,655.00
Street lights	100.00	100.00
Maintenance Public Prop.	300.00	300.00
Insurance Public Prop.	250.00	250.00
Health Officer fees	50.00	50.00
State Nurse		377.00
Sewer Maintenance	500.00	500.00
Town roads and highways	6,000.00	6,000.00
Surfacing and tarring		5,000.00
Snow removal	7,000.00	7,000.00
State Highway Pat. Maint.	800.00	974.70
Third Class maintenance	317.00	317.00
Support of poor	5,000.00	4,000.00
Aid to dependent children	7,500.00	7,500.00
Board and care	4,100.00	4,100.00
Silver Bell Band	100.00	100.00
Public Library	200.00	200.00
School lunches	500.00	
Education—all depart.	37,500.00	37,500.58
Discount and abatements	1,000.00	1,000.00
Memorial Day account	50.00	50.00
Workmen's compensation	300.00	300.00
Overlay	2,499.84	
State tax	8,712.29	8,712.29,

County tax	1,572.94	1,572.94
Keegan School		5,000.00
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TOTALS	\$100,457.07	\$107,359.51
	Overlay	?

Warrant

To: HENRY LAGASSE, a Constable of the town of Van Buren, in the County of Aroostook, and State of Maine.

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the town of Van Buren, in Aroostook County, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Gayety Theatre in said town, on Monday, the eighteenth day of March, A. D., 1946 at nine o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

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

ART. 2. To choose by ballot, in accordance with the provisions of Sections forty-six to sixty, inclusive, of Chapter eighty, Revised Statutes of Maine for 1944, all necessary town officers.

ART. 3. To see if the town will vote to authorize the councillors to appoint all other officers, not chosen under the preceding article.

ART. 4. To see if the town will vote to adjourn to the Town Hall for the purpose of electing the necessary town officers, and to assemble again at the Gayety Theatre at 2:00 o'clock in the afternoon to act on the remaining articles in the Warrant for the 1946 annual town meeting.

ART. 5. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for General Government. 1945, \$8,250.00; recommended for 1946, \$8,250.00.

ART. 6. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Election Expense, 1945, \$100.00; recommended for 1946, \$100.00.

ART. 7. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Vital Statistics. 1945, \$100.00; recommended for 1946, \$50.00.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Police Fees, 1945, \$2,000.00; recommended for 1946, \$2,500.00.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Fire Inspector's Fees. 1945, \$200.00; recommended for 1946, \$300.00.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of Fire Department. 1945, \$2,800.00; recommended for 1946, \$2,600.00.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Hydrant Rental. 1945, \$2,655.00; recommended for 1946, \$2,655.00.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lighting, 1945, \$100.00; recommended for 1946, \$100.00.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of public property. 1945, \$300.00; recommended for 1946, \$300.00.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance of public property. 1945, \$250.00; recommended for 1946, \$250.00.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Health Officer Fees. 1945, \$50.00; recommended for 1946, \$50.00.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the services of a State Nurse. 1945, none; recommended for 1946, \$377.00.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for construction and maintenance of its sewer system. 1945, \$500.00; recommended for 1946, \$500.00.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Roads and Highways. 1945, \$6,000.00; recommended for 1946, \$6,000.00.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for snow removal. 1945, \$7,000.00; recommended for 1946, \$7,000.00.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for surfacing and tarring streets and roads. 1945, none; recommended for 1946, \$5,000.00.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for State Highway Patrol Maintenance. 1945, \$800.00; recommended for 1946, \$974.70.

ART. 22. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of improved sections of Third Class roads, or to be used in construction of Third Class roads, as designated by the State Highway Commission. 1945, \$317.00; recommended for 1946, \$317.00.

ART. 23. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase snow removal and road equipment.

ART. 24. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the relief of the poor. 1945, \$5,000.00; recommended for 1946, \$4,000.00.

ART. 25. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Aid to Dependent Children. 1945, \$7,500.00; recommended for 1946, \$7,500.00.

Analysis of Appropriations, Continued

As of February 28, 1946, Estimated

	Appropriations	Credits	Total
ADMINISTRATION:			
Town Manager's Account	\$ 3,600.00		\$ 3,600.00
Department Expense	4,650.00	\$ 1,847.18	6,497.18
Rents		739.96	739.96
Election Expense	100.00		100.00
Overlay	2,499.84		2,499.84
Supplementary Tax		596.44	596.44
1945 Excise Tax		2,708.79	2,708.79
1946 Excise Tax		1,625.62	1,625.62
Income and Withholding Tax		3,161.92	3,161.92
PROTECTION			
Police Fees	2,900.00	361.50	2,361.50
Fire Inspector Fees	200.00		200.00
Firemen Fees	1,800.00	236.00	2,036.00
Fire Department Supplies	1,000.00		1,000.00
Hydrant Rental	2,655.00		2,655.00
Street Lights	100.00		100.00
Property Maintenance	300.00		300.00
Property Insurance	250.00	970.63	1,220.63
HEALTH AND SANITATION			
Vital Statistics	100.00		100.00
Health Officer Fees	50.00		50.00
Sewer Maintenance	500.00	90.40	590.40
HIGHWAYS			
Town Roads and Highways	6,000.00	1,386.00	7,386.00
Snow Removal	7,000.00	1,391.01	8,391.01
State Aid Construction		1,080.51	1,080.51
Third Class Maintenance	317.00	990.03	1,307.03
State Aid Patrol	800.00		800.00
Third Class Const.			
CHARITIES			
Support of Poor	5,000.00	848.58	5,848.58
State Paupers		1,635.47	1,635.47
Mothers' Aid	7,500.00		7,500.00
Board and Care	4,100.00		4,100.00
Wood Account		20.25	20.25
School Lunches	500.00	5,572.37	6,072.37
EDUCATIONAL All Departments	3,750.00	56,893.08	94,393.08
UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS			
Discounts and Abatements	1,000.00		1,000.00
Gym. Honor Roll			
Public Library	200.00	20.00	220.00
Silver Bell Band	100.00		100.00
Memorial Day Account	50.00		50.00
Workmen's Compensation	300.00	115.62	415.62
Interest and Cost		296.52	296.52
STATE AND COUNTY TAXES			
1945 State Tax	8,712.29		8,712.29
1945 County Tax	1,572.94		1,572.94
	\$100,457.07	\$ 82,587.88	\$183,044.95

Credits and Expenditures

End of Fiscal Year

Expended	Overdraft	Unexpended	Overdraft Forward	Unexpended Forward
\$3,600.00				
6,547.70	\$ 50.52			
1,124.28	384.32			
30.70		\$ 69.30		
		2,499.84		
70.07		526.37		
15.83		2,692.96		
2.00		1,623.62		
3,161.92				
2,285.25		76.25		
150.00		50.00		
2,153.00	117.00			
994.11		5.89		
2,655.00				
100.00				
557.38	257.38			
1,208.31		12.32		
48.25		51.76		
50.00				
532.52		57.88		
9,792.89	2,406.89			
10,605.11	2,214.10			
				\$ 1,080.51
1,523.62	216.59			
974.70	174.70			
73.01	73.01			
4,182.73		1,665.85		
2,275.77			640.30	
7,094.50		405.50		
4,391.75	291.75			
21.50	1.25			
5,094.71				977.66
83,146.10				11,246.98
1,863.99	863.99			
26.83	26.83			
220.00				
100.00				
50.00				
415.62				
209.62		86.90		
8,712.29				
1,572.04				
\$167,634.00	\$ 7,078.33	\$ 9,824.43	\$ 640.30	\$ 13,305.15
		\$7,078.33		
		\$ 2,746.10—Net unexpended balance		

ART. 26. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Board and Care of Children committed to the State. 1945, \$4,100.00; recommended for 1946, \$4,100.00.

ART. 27. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for a Town Band. 1945, \$100.00; recommended for 1946, \$100.

ART. 28. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the Van Buren Public Library. 1945, \$200.00; recommended for 1946, \$200.00.

ART. 29. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for decorating the graves of soldiers and sailors, and for Memorial Day exercises. 1945, \$50.00; recommended for 1946, \$50.00.

ART. 30. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for payment of Workmen's Compensation Insurance. 1945, \$300.00; recommended for 1946, \$300.00.

ART. 31. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for discounts and abatements. 1945, \$1,000.00; recommended for 1946, \$1,000.00.

ART. 32. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Education. 1945, \$37,500.00; recommended for 1946, \$37,500.58.

ART. 33. To see what sum of money, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the erection of a schoolhouse in Keegan. Recommended \$5,000.00.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Councillors to procure a loan in the amount of ten thousand dollars to be used for the construction of Keegan school building. Five thousand dollars to be paid in 1948, and five thousand dollars to be paid in 1949.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer to sell and assign unmatured tax mortgage liens for the amount unpaid and interest and cost.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to re-appropriate the sum of \$1,080.51 for State or State Aid road construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for roads and highways) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, of the Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote to make poll taxes due and payable May first.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote that taxes shall become due and payable on demand, and also to see if the town will vote to allow a discount of one-half of one percent per month from May first to December first, and that interest be charged at the rate of six percent per annum from December first to date of payment.

ART. 39. To see if the town will vote to authorize

the Councillors to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes, for the purpose of paying obligations of the town; such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said municipal year by taxation.

ART. 40. To see if the town will authorize the Town Treasurer, under the direction of the Councillors in behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by the town for non-payment of taxes thereon, or otherwise, on such terms as they deem advisable and to sign and execute quitclaim deeds for such property.

ART. 41. To see if the town will vote to incorporate in its by-laws the following articles:

1. That no motor vehicle, or horse-drawn conveyance, shall be permitted to park on the East side of Main Street, from the corner of Lafayette Street to Madore Radio Shop, for a period exceeding one hour, from nine o'clock a. m. to six o'clock p. m. Provided further that on such evenings as stores generally remain open the one-hour parking period shall obtain until ten o'clock p. m. Parking in the above area will be diagonal within painted lines.
2. That parking on the West side of Main Street will be hub-to-curb parking, not more than 12 inches from curb, and shall be unlimited, except in space fronting the Addis Keegan Block where no vehicle shall be parked for a period to exceed five minutes.

3. That Section 15 of present parking regulations be abolished and the following regulation be enacted. That the first car on every street corner park parallel to curb so as not to obstruct view of cars at any intersection.
4. That there should be parking on the south side of Lafayette Street only. (Along New Hammond Hotel.)

ART. 42. To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way the way hereinafter described as laid out by the Municipal Officers of the town of Van Buren, to wit:

A strip of land thirty-two feet in width over and across land owned by Paul J. Marquis and Leona M. Marquis on part of lot No. Three Hundred and One (No. 301) and extending said width of thirty-two feet from the southwesterly line of Me. U. S. Highway No. 1, locally known as Main Street in Van Buren Village, to the Violette Brook Stream, the northwesterly boundary of said way following the southeasterly line of lot of land owned by Annie S. Madore and Margaret M. Smith, and distant at the southerly corner of said Madore and Smith land one hundred and twenty-six feet southeasterly from the southeasterly line of farm formerly owned by Ambrose Violette, and said northwesterly boundary line being distant also one hundred and six feet southeasterly from the southeasterly line of said farm formerly owned by Ambrose Violette at the bank of the Violette Brook Stream.

ART. 43. To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way the way hereinafter described as laid out by the Municipal Officers of the town of Van Buren, to wit:

A strip of land fifty feet in width over and across land owned by Valerien R. Violette on part of lot number three hundred and one (No. 301) and extending said width in a southwesterly direction from the southwesterly line of Me. U.S. Highway No. 1, locally known as Main Street in Van Buren Village; the northwesterly side line of said way following the southeasterly line of lots of land of Perley Bouchard and William J. Marquis, and distant one hundred and five five tenths (105.5) feet southeasterly from the southeasterly line of the Van Buren College, land, so-called, to the land owned by the Inhabitants of the town of Van Buren, known as the Park.

ART. 44. To see if the town will vote to accept as a town way the way hereinafter described as laid out by the Municipal Officers of the town of Van Buren, to wit:

A strip of land twenty (20) feet wide out of part of lot No. three hundred and one (No. 301) and extending said width from the northwesterly line of St. Mary's Street to lot No. three hundred (No. 300) immediately adjoining the northeasterly line of the right of way of the Bangor & Aroostook Railroad Company, being its extension from Van Buren to Fort Kent.

ART. 45. To see what action the town will take in regard to re-apportioning or re-appropriating the unencumbered cash balance or any part thereof.

ART. 46. To see if the town will vote to authorize its councillors and treasurer to issue a long term note or notes not over \$15,500 to retire outstanding bonds of the like amount at a lower rate of interest.

ART. 47. To see if the town will vote to accept the municipal Officers' Report as printed.

ART. 48. To choose a Budget Committee.

NOTICE IS hereby given that voting will take place at the Town Hall, that the polls will be open at 9:30 o'clock a. m. and remain open until 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon, for the election of two councillors to also serve as assessors and overseers of the poor for a period of three years, three members of the Superintending School Committee, one to serve for a period of three years, one to serve for a period of two years and one to serve for a period of one year, a town clerk and a town treasurer, each to serve for one year, and that the councillors will be in session at the Town Office in Van Buren on the 14th, 15th and 16th days of March, A. D., 1946 from 9:00 a. m. until 5:00 p. m. for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands this 8th of March A. D.
—1946.

A true copy. Attest.

Henry J. Lagasse,

Constable for the town of Van Buren

Jos. A. Michaud, Chairman

Maurice Michaud, Secretary

J. William Cyr

Remie P. Cyr

Carl A. Richards

**Councillors of the town of
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