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# Officers of the Town of Rome, 1930

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**TOWN CLERK**

GEORGE H. LeBARON

**SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR**

JAMES FORBES

GEORGE H. LeBARON

BERT G. MOSHER

**COLLECTOR OF TAXES**

A. D. WILDE

**TOWN TREASURER**

A. D. WILDE

**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**

JOHN S. TAPLEY

**SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE**

BERT G. MOSHER

JAMES FORBES

CYRA C. CHARLES

**ROAD COMMISSIONER**

GEORGE BLAISDELL

**BOARD OF HEALTH**

B. P. RICHARDSON

LEON WATSON

CYRA C. CHARLES

**SURVEYORS OF WOOD, LUMBER, ETC.**

ELWIN E. KELLY

E. L. BLAISDELL

LESTER BROWN

**FENCE VIEWERS**

J. L. BUSHY

FRED MOSHER

LEON WATSON

**FIRE WARDENS**

JAMES FORBES

G. H. LeBARON

BERT G. MOSHER

**DEPUTY FOREST FIRE WARDENS**

LESTER BROWN

HOSEA BRIGGS

ALEXANDER FORBES

GEORGE DOWNS

**SEXTON**

A. S. FOSTER

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# SELECTMEN'S REPORT

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*To the Citizens of Rome:*

We submit the following of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending February 16th, 1931.

VALUATION APRIL 1st, 1930	
Real Estate, resident	\$127,845 00
Real Estate, non-resident	256,365 00
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Total Real Estate	\$384,210 00
Personal Estate, resident	\$20,270 00
Personal Estate, non-resident	21,665 00
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Total Personal Estate	\$41,935 00
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Grand total amount	\$426,145 00
Number of Polls taxed	119
Number of Polls not taxed	15
Rate of taxation \$54.00 on \$1,000.00	

## TAXES ASSESSED AND COMMITTED TO

A. D. WILDE, *Collector*

State tax	\$3,069 13
County tax	715 86
Support of schools	2,800 00
Text books	100 00
Repairs on school buildings	100 00
Tuition of High School scholars	700 00

Superintendent of Schools' salary	\$ 285 00
Miscellaneous	300 00
Town officers	800 00
Poor department	700 00
Breaking snow	1,650 00
Roads and bridges	1,200 00
Patrol work	525 00
State Aid road	2,665 00
Maintenance State Aid road	100 00
Cemetery	100 00
Snow fence	300 00
Peoples Bank on note	1,000 00
Dudley road	800 00
Long Pond road	800 00
Cutting bushes	700 00
1929 State Aid	500 00
Mark Drury road	500 00
Wentworth road	500 00
Nickerson road	300 00
Interest money	300 00
Hetherington road	300 00
Foss road	275 00
3rd class maintenance	229 00
Insurance	250 00
Crystal Spring road	200 00
Narrows bridge	80 00
Advertising Maine	50 00
Pine Blister	50 00
Electric lights	36 00
Health Nurse	25 00
Overlay	363 84
Supplementary	124 20
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	\$23,493 03
ASSESSMENTS	
54 mills on	\$23,011 83
119 polls at \$3.00	357 00
Supplementary	124 20
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Total commitment	\$23,493 03

## LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSED

	NO.	
Horses and mules	108	\$ 5,315 00
Cows	232	6,590 00
Oxen	10	750 00
Three years old	26	675 00
Two years old	67	1,050 00
Poultry	300	210 00
Stock in trade	2	600 00
Small boats	262	19,420 00
Lumber		900 00
Musical instruments	24	2,500 00
Portable mills	1	400 00
Central Maine Power Co.		3,500 00

## NARROWS BRIDGE

Voted by town		\$80 00
Clyde Ladd, lumber and labor	\$80 00	

## MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Voted by town		\$50 00
Town Treasurer paid	\$50 00	

## PINE BLISTER

Voted by town		\$50 00
Earl Moulton, labor	\$50 00	

## STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Voted by town		\$25 00
Paid for Nurse	\$25 00	

## INSURANCE AND WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT

Voted by town		\$250 00
J. B. Friel & Co., insurance on hall and schools	\$153 75	
J. B. Friel & Co., Workmen's Compensation Act	210 16	

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 \$363 91

Over expended

\$113 91

## ELECTRIC LIGHTS

Voted by town		\$36 00
Paid Central Maine Power Co.	\$66 00	
Over expended		\$30 00

## SNOW FENCE

Appropriated by town		\$300 00
R. P. Tracy, 2,000 feet snow fence	\$250 00	
J. Forbes	12 25	
R. McMillan	14 00	
A. Tuttle	14 00	
A. Forbes	14 00	
F. Blaisdell	27 00	
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	\$331 25	
Over expended		\$31 25

## THIRD CLASS HIGHWAY

Due from State in 1930, and available in 1931		\$1,128 39
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## CEMETERY

Amount appropriated by town		\$100 00
Webster Tracy, labor	\$ 1 75	
E. E. Kelly	3 50	
W. W. Berry & Co., flags	4 80	
G. Mosher, labor	7 00	
H. Hawes, labor	10 00	
C. Charles, labor	10 50	
Rollins, Dunham Co., paints, etc.	12 10	
A. S. Foster, labor	72 00	
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	\$121 65	
Over expended		\$21 65

## TOWN HALL

Received from rent of Town Hall		\$85 00
D. M. Marshall Co., glass and putty	\$ 1 55	
Lillian Tibbetts, cleaning	3 50	
Mina Tracy, cleaning	3 50	

Gowell Bros., cement	\$ 4 64	
E. E. Kelly	5 00	
Weins Dep't Store, curtain	6 30	
G. H. LeBaron, janitor	6 00	
G. H. LeBaron, funnel, material and labor	14 87	
Charles Tibbetts, labor	12 00	
Rollins, Dunham Co., supplies	13 41	
A. S. Foster, labor	19 06	
Stanhope Furniture Co., lamps and curtains	20 25	
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	\$110 08	
Over expended		\$25 08

## SNOW

Appropriated by town	\$1,650 00
Reimbursed by State for 1928-29	750 00
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	\$2,400 00

S. Mosher	\$ 7 67
C. Charles	4 50
R. Stevens	9 00
G. Mosher	9 00
E. P. Johnson	17 40
R. Wentworth	21 00
C. A. Thompson, 1928-29	24 00
Paris Mosher	25 00
L. A. Turner	25 00
T. Galbert	42 00
L. Brown	1,920 00

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	\$2,104 57
Unexpended	295 43
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\$2,400 00

## POOR DEPARTMENT

Appropriated by town	\$700 00
Oakland, acct. Mrs. Allie Richardson	\$ 15 00
Farmington, acct. Merton Pressey	16 87
Fairfield, acct. Milton Stevens	22 00



Vassalboro, acct. Robbins Family	\$ 28 02
W. H. Wheeler & Son, acct. Jane Fallon	65 15
Town of Phillips, acct. Maryette Grant	128 00
City of Auburn, acct. Raymond Grant	134 25
Mina Tracy, acct. Harrison Gray	265 13
Ella Tracy, acct. Ruby Mosher	530 00

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\$1,204 42

Over expended

\$504 42

#### MISCELLANEOUS

Appropriated by town		\$300 00
W. W. Berry & Co., books, etc.	\$ 2 95	
Perkins & Weeks, bonds	3 00	
Marr's Drug Store, disinfectant	3 40	
Register of Deeds, transfers	5 00	
A. S. Foster, watering tub	5 00	
G. H. LeBaron, watering tub	5 00	
F. A. Robbins, flowers, late W. D. Damren	5 00	
G. H. LeBaron, auto hire	5 50	
National Car Report Co., excise tax book	6 00	
G. H. LeBaron, express, etc.	6 75	
Town of Vienna, surveying town line	6 50	
Albion Hersom, repairs	7 00	
G. H. LeBaron, births, marriages and deaths	7 50	
E. E. Kelly	10 00	
Flora Nickerson, repairing fence	10 00	
James Forbes, postage, books and tel.	10 20	
Newall White, stationery and printing	11 30	
Loring, Short and Harmon, town books	13 25	
Leon Watson, fumigating McKechnie home	15 00	
Dr. Floyd, fumigating McKechnie home	15 00	
A. D. Wilde, postage, auto hire, etc.	22 00	
B. G. Mosher, auto hire	25 00	
James Forbes, auto hire	25 00	
Barton Press, town pay sheets	27 50	
A. S. Turner, work on Belgrade line	35 00	
E. S. Quimby, adding machine	60 00	
Knowlton & McLeary Co., town reports	91 84	
Green & Wilson, surveying Belgrade line	100 94	

Locke, Perkins & Williamson, services on Bel- grade line	\$139 05	
Adelbert Kelly, wood for V. McKechnie	7 00	
Waterville Sentinel, adv. property for sale	6 30	
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	\$692 98	
Over expended		\$392 98

## OFFICERS

Town appropriated		\$800 00
Barton Richardson, board of health	\$ 3 00	
Leon Watson, board of health	3 00	
Cyra Charles, board of health	3 00	
James Forbes, moderator	3 00	
Charles Tibbetts, ballot clerk	6 00	
Allison Foster, ballot clerk	6 00	
G. H. LeBaron, town clerk	20 00	
A. D. Wilde, constable	20 00	
A. T. Wilde, treasurer	50 00	
B. G. Mosher, 3rd selectman	75 00	
G. H. LeBaron, 2d selectman	100 00	
James Forbes, 1st selectman	125 00	
A. D. Wilde, collecting \$23,381.74 @ 2 per cent	467 64	
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	\$881 64	
Over expended		\$81 64

## SUMMARY OF 1930 EXCISE TAX

No. of 1st year Cars	8	Trucks	6
No. of 2d year Cars	15	Trucks	7
No. of 3rd year Cars	15	Trucks	2
No. of 4th year Cars	13	Trucks	5
No. of 5th year Cars	16	Trucks	2
No. of 6th year Cars	51	Trucks	13
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Totals	118		35
Total tax			\$738 91

## MAINTENANCE 3RD CLASS ROAD

Appropriated by town		\$229 00
Cyra Charles	\$ 3 00	
Irvin Kelly	3 00	
R. Wentworth	9 00	
G. Gray	9 00	
B. Warren	9 00	
L. Drury	9 00	
A. Grant	9 00	
J. McFadzen	8 25	
Geo. Blaisdell	32 50	
P. Bacon	39 00	
F. Blaisdell	43 75	
Geo. Blaisdell, gravel	22 95	
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	\$197 45	
Unexpended	31 55	
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		\$229 00

## "WENTWORTH" ROAD

Appropriated by town		\$500 00
K. Knights	\$ 5 25	
C. Charles	7 50	
G. Mosher	7 50	
R. Wentworth	7 50	
L. Stevens	8 00	
M. Pressey	12 45	
C. Tibbetts	12 84	
J. McFadzen	12 75	
L. Drury	14 49	
E. Foster	14 49	
A. Tracy	14 58	
M. Wentworth	15 17	
M. French	15 17	
H. Knights	20 42	
G. Blaisdell	39 15	
L. Brown	39 99	
A. Grant	48 58	
F. Blaisdell	63 55	

P. Bacon	\$66 66
Geo. Blaisdell	73 85
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	\$499 89
Unexpended	11
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\$500 00

## "FOSS" ROAD

Appropriated by town		\$275 00
L. Bushy	\$ 3 50	
A. Wilde, Jr.	5 25	
C. Tracy	5 25	
H. Knights	5 25	
L. Brown	.12 50	
A. Grant	15 00	
M. French	15 75	
L. Drury	15 75	
G. Foss	18 00	
F. Blaisdell	18 00	
C. Wentworth	18 00	
R. McMillan	20 00	
G. Blaisdell	22 50	
Eben Foss, plank	2 97	
Eben Foss, land damage	75 00	
G. Blaisdell, spikes, twine, gravel	16 15	
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	\$268 87	
Unexpended	6 13	
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\$275 00

## ARTHUR HETHERINGTON ROAD

Appropriated by town		\$300 00
R. McMillan	\$ 4 00	
M. Wentworth	10 50	
A. Wilde, Jr.	10 50	
E. Foster	10 50	
M. French	10 50	

C. Tracy	\$14 00
A. Tracy	15 75
A. Grant	21 00
G. Blaisdell	30 00
P. Bacon	36 00
C. Wentworth	36 00
A. Hetherington	42 00
L. Brown	23 25
G. Blaisdell, gravel	28 50

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\$292 50

Unexpended

7 50

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\$300 00

LEON WATSON ROAD

Appropriated by town

\$219 00

A. Wilde, Jr.	\$ 3 89
A. Tuttle	4 50
E. Foster	5 25
C. Tracy	5 25
B. Warren	5 64
K. Knights	5 64
M. French	5 64
L. Watson	6 00
A. Grant	6 75
G. Blaisdell	7 50
R. McMillan	8 86
J. McFadzen	10 38
F. Bickford	12 00
H. Tracy	16 11
F. Blaisdell	10 86
P. Bacon	21 75
L. Brown	38 89
G. Blaisdell, gravel	20 09
Berger Manufacturing Co., culvert	23 00

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\$218 00

Unexpended

1 00

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\$219 00

## RE-SURFACING STATE AID ROAD

Reimbursed by Highway Commission		\$298 00
K. Knights	\$ 7 00	
A. Grant	10 50	
L. Bushey	10 50	
G. Mosher	10 50	
F. Furbush	10 50	
G. Foss	10 50	
G. Blaisdell	15 00	
J. McFadzen	19 25	
H. Morrell	29 95	
F. Blaisdell	36 00	
A. Hetherington	36 00	
C. Wentworth	36 00	
L. Stevens	36 00	
W. Watson, gravel	15 00	
G. Blaisdell, gravel	15 30	
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	\$298 00	\$298 00

## "FLORA NICKERSON" ROAD

Appropriated by the town		\$300 00
D. Tracy	\$ 1 17	
R. Thurston	1 75	
M. Wentworth	2 92	
A. Tracy	2 34	
F. Nickerson	4 67	
C. Tracy	5 25	
M. French	5 84	
L. Drury	5 84	
E. Foster	5 84	
M. Pressey	5 84	
C. Tibbetts	5 84	
K. Knights	7 00	
P. Bacon	8 33	
J. McFadzen	9 92	
H. Knights	11 09	
A. Hetherington	12 00	
C. Wentworth	13 34	
L. Brown	14 25	

F. Blaisdell	\$20 00	
L. Stevens	21 75	
A. Grant	27 18	
G. Blaisdell	29 17	
G. Blaisdell, gravel	78 00	
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	\$299 33	
Unexpended	67	
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		\$300 00

MAINTENANCE STATE AID ROAD

Appropriated by Highway Commission		\$ 50 00
Appropriated by town		100 00
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		\$150 00

V. Merrow	\$ 3 00	
R. Wentworth	3 00	
R. McMillan	4 00	
P. Bacon	9 00	
<b>H. Morrell</b>	12 00	
J. McFadzen	24 00	
G. Blaisdell	35 00	
L. Brown	46 00	
F. Blaisdell	50 00	
W. Watson, gravel	1 65	
B. Richardson, gravel	2 85	
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Over expended	\$190 50	\$40 50

CRYSTAL SPRING ROAD

Appropriated by town		\$200 00
A. Grant	\$ 1 75	
M. French	1 75	
L. Drury	1 75	
F. Nickerson	2 34	
H. Knights	3 50	
M. Pressey	3 50	
C. Tibbetts	3 50	

G. Blaisdell	\$ 5 00
E. Foster	5 25
M. French	7 00
C. Tracy	7 00
B. Warren	8 75
K. Knights	8 75
J. McFadzen	8 75
A. Hetherington	10 00
L. Stevens	12 00
H. Tracy	12 78
C. Wentworth	20 00
F. Bickford	20 00
P. Bacon	20 25
F. Blaisdell	21 25
G. Blaisdell, gravel	17 25

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 \$202 12

Over expended

\$2 12

## "MARK DRURY" ROAD

Appropriated by town		\$500 00
C. Charles	\$ 1 50	
D. Tracy	2 34	
J. McFadzen	3 00	
R. Wentworth	3 00	
R. McMillan	3 56	
H. Knights	6 42	
A. Wilde, Jr.	7 00	
E. Foster	10 50	
M. French	11 28	
C. Tracy	14 00	
M. Pressey	14 00	
C. Tibbetts	14 00	
A. Tracy	17 50	
M. Wentworth	20 50	
F. Blaisdell	20 66	
A. Grant	26 22	
Lester Brown	32 24	



P. Bacon	\$36 00	
L. Stevens	36 00	
G. Blaisdell	42 50	
A. Hetherington	44 00	
Proctor & Bowie, dynamite, etc.	16 75	
G. Blaisdell, gravel	83 46	
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	\$466 43	
Unexpended	33 57	
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		\$500 00

## "DUDLEY" ROAD

Appropriated by town		\$800 00
H. Knights	\$ 3 50	
J. McFadzen	8 75	
B. G. Mosher	10 00	
C. Tracy	10 50	
L. Drury	10 50	
F. Nickerson	10 50	
A. Foster	14 00	
M. Wentworth	15 75	
H. Bushey	17 50	
A. Tracy	21 00	
A. Tuttle	21 00	
A. Grant	22 50	
M. French	24 50	
A. Wilde, Jr.	29 75	
L. Brown	31 50	
F. Blaisdell	36 00	
R. McMillan	41 78	
A. Hetherington	45 34	
G. Blaisdell	47 50	
C. Wentworth	48 00	
P. Bacon	58 67	
L. Stevens	62 00	
J. Forbes, gravel	1 65	
L. Bickford, gravel	7 20	
Blunt Hardware Co., dynamite, etc.	18 50	

G. Blaisdell, gravel	\$ 56 17
Berger Culvert Co., culverts	117 00
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	\$791 06
Unexpended	8 94
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\$800 00

LONG POND ROAD

Appropriated by town		\$800 00
M. Wentworth	\$ 3 50	
A. Foster	3 50	
A. Tracy	3 50	
K. Knights	3 50	
C. Tracy	3 50	
L. Drury	6 00	
R. Wentworth	6 00	
H. Knights	7 00	
A. Tuttle	7 00	
A. Wilde, Jr.	7 00	
B. Warren	9 00	
G. Mosher	12 00	
J. McFadzen	18 00	
G. Gray	24 00	
A. Thurston	24 00	
F. Blaisdell	25 00	
R. McMillan	34 00	
A. Grant	38 50	
L. Turner	43 50	
P. Bacon	56 00	
L. Brown	62 50	
C. O. Ladd	64 67	
G. Blaisdell	86 50	
G. Blaisdell, gravel	2 10	
J. A. Littlefield, gravel	31 00	
Berger Culvert Co., culvert	44 00	
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	\$625 27	
Unexpended	174 73	
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\$800 00

## BUSHES

Appropriated by town		\$700 00
C. Tracy	\$ 1 75	
A. Merrow	1 75	
V. Merrow	3 00	
G. Foss	3 50	
G. Wentworth	3 50	
C. Charles	3 50	
A. Stevens	4 00	
L. Brown	4 50	
H. Bushey	7 00	
G. Shephard	7 00	
J. Blanchette	7 50	
G. Mosher	6 00	
C. O. Ladd	6 00	
A. Tuttle	8 50	
C. Charles	6 00	
Irvin Kelly	12 00	
R. Stevens	12 00	
G. Gray	12 00	
L. Bushey	15 75	
J. McFadzen	19 00	
F. Blaisdell	19 25	
E. McGrath	18 00	
M. French	28 53	
B. Warren	39 00	
L. Drury	52 08	
A. Grant	111 75	
G. Blaisdell	129 18	
G. Blaisdell, nippers and kerosene	9 12	
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	\$551 21	
Unexpended	148 79	
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\$700 00

## HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Appropriated by town		\$1,200 00
A. Tuttle	\$ 1 50	
R. Thurston	2 09	
D. Tracy	3 00	

D. Moulton	\$ 3 00
I. Kelly	3 00
S. Foster	3 00
A. Stevens	3 00
A. Forbes	3 50
B. G. Mosher	4 00
J. Forbes	4 50
M. Pressey	4 50
B. Warren	4 50
L. Tracy	6 00
F. Furbush	7 17
G. Mosher	9 33
V. Merrow	10 00
R. Wentworth	10 50
C. Charles	12 50
R. Stevens	14 87
L. Littlefield	14 80
G. Foss	19 12
H. Tracy	20 00
H. Knights	24 54
C. O. Ladd	38 10
Paris Mosher	25 50
G. Gray	25 50
J. McFadzen	28 75
R. McMillan	31 78
L. Drury	33 67
P. Bacon	47 50
C. Wentworth	42 50
A. Grant	50 73
F. Blaisdell	113 50
G. Blaisdell	122 51
L. Brown	284 36
B. Richardson, gravel	2 25
W. Damren, plank	2 10
L. Bickford, gravel	5 70
G. Blaisdell, spikes and freight	9 60
L. Buker, twine and tools	14 25
Hussey & Co., dynamite, etc.	18 75
Rollins, Dunham Co., tools	11 49
Berger Culvert Co., culvert	19 00

Geo. Blaisdell, two drags	\$ 20 00
Geo. Blaisdell, gravel	58 60
Simpson, Harding Co., tools and dynamite	67 65
A. Gordon, lumber	103 54
Dyar Sales Co., tractor pole	120 00

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\$1,485 75

Over expended

\$285 75

#### STATE AID ROAD

Appropriated by town	\$ 500 00
Appropriated by town, Sec. 18 and 21, State	2,665 00
Appropriated by State, Sec 20. and 21, State	6,396 00

Joint fund

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\$9,561 00

H. Briggs	\$ 2 50
B. Hawes	4 47
L. F. Hawes	5 25
J. Merrow	10 50
G. Foss	10 50
B. Warren	14 00
H. Hawes	14 70
C. Tibbetts	18 08
E. Foster	23 33
A. Tuttle	28 00
G. Gray	28 06
K. Knights	28 39
H. Tracy	30 00
M. Wentworth	31 50
A. Tracy	34 08
B. Witham	34 42
J. Spaulding	34 42
B. Mosher	35 00
E. Keene	36 00
L. Bushey	45 89
L. Hardy	49 00
F. Bickford	52 00
D. Tracy	55 00
C. Perry	56 90

C. Keene	\$ 60 75
H. Knights	66 12
R. Stevens	73 25
M. French	73 89
C. Tracy	76 95
M. Pressey	85 75
A. D. Wilde, Jr.	89 64
L. Brown	90 92
F. Foster	95 28
E. Perry	99 62
A. Stevens	105 00
G. Blaisdell	113 25
G. Mosher	119 86
P. Thibedau	120 17
A. Grant	140 19
B. Young	142 73
L. Drury	154 00
F. Nickerson	188 99
F. Mosher	196 58
C. Wentworth	207 33
J. McFadzen	267 11
R. McMillan	269 55
C. Chase	303 73
B. Allen	315 97
F. Furbush	329 59
A. Hetherington	343 84
P. Bacon	359 28
B. Clement	387 67
L. Buker	545 00
L. Stevens	680 27
F. Blaisdell	804 86
Al Stevens, rocks	1 80
B. Richardson, gravel	3 38
B. A. Hawes, gas, nails, kerosene	3 50
G. H. LeBaron, use of engine	5 25
L. Littlefield, blacksmith and stone work	9 25
Maine Central R. R. Co., freight	12 38
Hussey Hardware Co., dynamite and caps	15 00
Fred Mosher, loom	20 00
Roy P. Tracy, cedar posts	22 40

C. A. Keene, hauling mixer, tools, etc.	\$ 24 00
H. Briggs, land damage	25 00
Berger Culvert Co., culverts	32 20
G. Mosher, rocks and cedar posts	36 25
M. O. Hawes, land damage	50 00
Bancroft and Martin Mills, steel rods	82 17
New England Culvert Co., cable and fixings	83 74
E. L. Keene, use of mixer, tools and truck	91 00
A. Gordon, lumber	104 80
Blunt Hardware Co., dynamite, fuses, etc.	110 04
James Forbes, gravel	142 65
Ware, Butler Co., cement	182 75
Will Watson, gravel	214 50
E. Corey and Co., cable and fixings	233 11
G. Blaisdell, gravel	431 61
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	\$9,526 57
Unexpended	34 43
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	\$9,561 00

The following abatements were made by the Selectmen, to A. D. Wilde, Collector for 1930.

Jacob Astle, whereabouts unknown	\$ 3 00
James McDorr, whereabouts unknown	3 00
John Shearer, whereabouts unknown	3 00
Edwin Tracy, whereabouts unknown	3 00
Henry Bushey, over 70	3 00
Chester Clement, paid in Oakland	3 00
Fred Ellis, over valuation and poll tax in Belgrade	5 70
Alfred Stevens, over valuation	16 20
Florence R. Williams, over valuation and boat sold	29 70
Harry Condon, over valuation	10 80
Harry Pressey, over valuation	3 51
Harry Tuttle, over valuation	10 80
Scott Wilson, over valuation on boat	1 08
Ella Kelly, over valuation	4 05

Roy Thurston, helped by town	\$3 00	
Guy Wentworth, over valuation	5 40	
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Total		\$108 24
Harry Pressey, over valuation, 1927-'28-'29		4 85

JAMES FORBES,  
 GEORGE H. LEBARON,  
 BERT G. MOSHER,

*Selectmen of Rome.*

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UNPAID TAXES

RESIDENT

Austin, Belle	\$ 23 22
Austin, Ed.	3 00
Bessey, Jennie	25 11
Bleck, Joseph and wife	27 00
Farnham, Wallace	3 00
Foster, Edith	12 15
Frost, Charles	3 00
Gray, George	3 00
Hawes, Harry	3 00
Crystal Spring Camps	203 85
Italier, Paul	5 40
Jamaica Point Camps	702 00
Knight, William	6 24
Loucks, John	3 00
Moulton, David	3 00
McKechnie, V.	3 00
Richardson, Gene	3 00
Stevens, Alfred	84 00
Stevens, Luther	3 00
Tibbetts, Charles	49 98
Tibbetts, Carroll	3 00
Taylor, Clifton	26 60
Tracy, Charles	2 09
Tracy, Webster	33 75



Tracy, Daisy	\$67 22
Tracy, Sam	5 70
Tracy, Mason	4 35
Tracy, Clyde	3 00
Tracy, James	7 05
Warren, Bert	3 00
Wentworth, Guy	6 15
Williams, Florence R.	49 70
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	\$1,408 94

## NON-RESIDENT

Chase, M. O.	\$26 00
Carter, M.	5 40
Downing, W.	1 08
Ellis, H. D.	18 90
Holden, Wm.	5 40
Pressey, Harry	1 89
Spinney and Marshall	91 80
Stearns, Ed.	2 70
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	\$133 17

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN OF ROME FOR YEAR  
ENDING FEBRUARY 15TH, 1931

Estimated due from tax deeds	\$ 265 50
Due from taxes 1925-26-27 in hands of lawyer for collection	300 00
Unpaid taxes of 1928-29	836 35
Unpaid taxes of 1930	1,562 11
Due from estate of Alvin Frost	71 20
Due from town of Vassalboro, acct. Robbins	15 55
Due from town of Smithfield	31 06
Due from L. A. Brown, acct. of snow bills, 1929-30	300 00
Due from State, acct. Harrison Gray	24 13
Cash in treasury	1,453 80
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	\$4,859 70

## LIABILITIES

Due Peoples National Bank, loan and int.	\$2,545 00
Due Peoples National Bank, bridge loan	2,400 00
Due town of Smithfield, Blanchette acct.	81 22
Back bills of D. M. Marshall acct. 1924-25-26-27	290 03
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	\$5,316 25

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# TREASURER'S REPORT

TOWN OF ROME IN ACCOUNT WITH

ARTHUR D. WILDE, *Treasurer*

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## RECEIPTS

Amount on hand	\$ 880 85
Rec'd from Oakland, acct. Mrs. Richardson	56 13
Littlefield trust fund	100 00
Betsy Watson trust fund	100 00
New England Metal Culvert Co.	1 67
Sale of Hersom schoolhouse	25 00
Sale of table, G. H. LeBaron	1 00
Town Clerk, dog licenses	125 00
Vassalboro, acct. paupers	15 32
Collection of 1930 excise tax	427 03
Collection of 1931 excise tax	324 14
Sale of cemetery lots	15 00
Locke, Perkins & Williamson, taxes	1 15
Peoples National Bank, loan	10,400 00
G. Kelley, hall rent	85 00
State, acct. paupers	231 00
State, acct. highways	50 00
State, acct. State Aid roads	6,396 00
State, acct. resurfacing	298 00
State, acct. schools	1,547 48
State, acct. snow removal	750 00
Collection of back taxes, '28, '29	694 80
Collection of 1930 taxes	21,822 68
Abatements 1930 taxes	108 24
Abatements 1927, 1928 and 1929 taxes	4 85
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	\$44,460 84

## PAYMENTS

To payment of town orders	\$11,372 86
Town road pay sheets	6,058 37
State Aid pay sheets	9,526 57
Loans and int.	8,455 00
Peoples National Bank, savings & trust funds	200 00
State, account new bridge	2,405 16
Account Patrolled roads	492 00
Account Dog licenses	125 00
Account State tax	3,069 13
Account Resurfacing pay sheet	298 00
County tax	715 86
Abatements, 1930	108 24
Abatements, 1927, 1928, 1929	4 85
Cash on hand	1,453 80
Tax deeds for 1930	175 50
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	\$44,460 34

# ROME SCHOOL REPORT

YEAR ENDING FEB. 10, 1931

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*To the School Committee and Citizens of Rome:*

I herewith submit my thirteenth annual report of the schools for the year ending February 10, 1931.

One outstanding feature of the schools this year has been the work in music. The committee at the regular fall meeting authorized the superintendent to outline a course in music and engage a teacher for the work. Mrs. Florence Wells was hired for the work and arrangements were made for a half hour music period in each school weekly.

The work began Sept. 16 and continued for fourteen weeks to December 16, when there was held at the Town Hall an exhibition, the purpose of which was to demonstrate to the parents and citizens the results along this line. The exhibition was all that we had hoped it to be and Mrs. Wells is deserving of much praise. The children too, and teachers, coöperated in every way to bring about successful results. Much appreciation was expressed by the parents and acting on numerous requests from the parents and citizens, that the music be extended through the winter term, the committee authorized that the work continue.

Personally I believe that music holds a high place in the education of the child. Music exerts an aesthetic and cultural influence on the school and community, because only what is best and noble is portrayed in music. The folk songs and fireside melodies of other lands have been sung down through the ages, and our familiar songs which express the joys and sorrows and struggles of our own people are potent factors in character building, and means of added enjoyment and happiness. The songs of childhood are never forgotten and never grow old. Through music, through song, all the finer sentiments of life, since first the race began, have been instilled into the hearts of people and handed down to us as a rich heritage.

During the fall term no attempt was made to teach technical music. The time was wholly devoted to rote song and rhythm. During the winter term a part of the time will be used to teach the mechanics of music, and a portion of the time to rote work. The aim of the work is to teach the child to read music as well as to sing. To those pupils who have a natural musical ability, a new field is opened. This course will permit the child to develop along musical lines. This development is sure to make a life richer and happier, and this development too, will be of great social value in the child's future career.

At the beginning of the fall term the following teachers were employed: Arthur Wilde, Dudley School, Eva Ladd, Robbins School, Lucie Burrill, Whittier School and John Carleton at the Blaisdell School. These teachers deserve nothing but praise for the efforts they have put forth to make the schools a success.

The splendid daily attendance which is manifest, is evidence of the pupil's interest in the schools. There has also been a very friendly coöperation between the parents and teacher.

While the school buildings are in a fairly comfortable condition, I believe that we should try to make our schoolhouses more attractive and serviceable from year to year. Especially do I believe that we should equip these buildings with adjustable chairs and desks. Each child is deserving of a seat which conforms to the curvature of the body and enables the pupil to sit with his feet square on the floor. He is entitled to have a desk which can be adjusted to fit the height of his body.

Already the Dudley School has been so equipped, and it would require probably fifty desks and chairs to equip the other buildings, the cost of which would be approximately \$450. I would not suggest that we try to do this in one year, but plans should be made to purchase at least twenty-five seats and desks.

The cost of conveyance has been about the same as last year. Pupils from the Hersom district, so called, have been conveyed to the Robbins School at a cost of \$5 per week. In the district back of Long Pond the children are sent to a rural school in Mt. Vernon, in which case it is necessary to pay both the cost of transportation and tuition.

In this district there are but seven children attending school. Two Ladd children five miles from the school, for which we pay \$5 per week. One Littlefield child and four Getchell children, two and

one fourth miles from the school for which we pay the same amount. This conveyance is not entirely satisfactory to me and to some of the parents, but with the limited choice of conveyance equipment in this locality, we have tried to do the best possible for the children's welfare.

We have several children living near the Lakes and by paying tuition these are accommodated in the Belgrade schools.

## MUSIC REPORT

Rome, Maine, February 20, 1931.

*To the Superintendent and Members of the School Board:*

Music was introduced in the schools in Rome during the fall term. It was tried just as an experiment. In December at the close of the term, an entertainment was given to show the parents what has been accomplished. Everybody seemed much pleased and it was decided to continue the work during the winter term.

In addition to the learning of rote songs, the scholars are receiving technical instruction and are soon to have song books from which they will read, just as the children in the Oakland schools do.

Wednesday is our day for this work. Mr. Tapley and I have been very fortunate in being able to make the trip each week.

The girls and boys are certainly very interesting to work with, as they show unusual interest and enthusiasm and are very appreciative of what is done for them.

The teachers have been very kind to me, always agreeable and pleasant and show splendid coöperation.

In bringing this report to a close, I wish to thank our teachers, members of the School Committee and parents for their loyal support and all courtesies extended me.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE M. WELLS.

## THRIFT

One thing I believe should be emphasized in the schools is the teaching of thrift. Thrift is not hoarding but useful spending.

Much of the present industrial and business depression is caused from waste. Large sums of money are foolishly expended in almost every public undertaking, and in too many homes the distress and poverty is caused by poor budgeting or from no budget at all.

One of the fundamentals of our economic life is a knowledge of how to spend wisely. This should be taught the child in early life and to do this the school and the home must cooperate.

In this generation the acquisition of money is comparably easy. Wages are high and there are countless opportunities to work for both young and old. On the other hand the wants of people have correspondingly increased. Scientific advertising and the high pressure methods of salesmanship oftentimes allures one to buy that which one does not need or that one does not want.

Credit of various kinds is essential to business when there is sufficient collateral to secure this credit. Charge accounts, installments or time payments is bad business procedure for the average wage earner, and a wasteful way of spending the family income. A simple budget plan book, faithfully kept will double the relative earning capacity of the wage earner.

Children in school should be taught these simple principles of thrift, viz. the choice and value of cheap classes of food, the kinds of clothing most serviceable and most economic, the value of earning or saving something each day however small, and the care of that which each possesses. Each pupil should be taught to keep a strict account of costs and incomes and this training, I am sure, would have a wholesome influence on the home and the community.

#### STATISTICS

No. of Schools	4
No. of different teachers	6
Wages per week	\$17
No. of weeks in year	36
School census	114

#### LIST OF TEACHERS

Arthur Wilde	Rome, Me.
Aleda LeBaron	Rome, Me.
Eva Ladd	Mercer, Me.
Buford Grant	Prospect, Me.
Lucie Burrill	Canaan, Me.
John Carleton	Winterport Me.



## RECOMMENDATIONS

Common Schools	\$2,500 00
Textbooks	200 00
H. S. Tuition	700 00
Repairs	100 00

## COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

## RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$2,800 00
Unexpended, 1929-30	413 20
State school fund	1,547 48
H. S. tuition	700 00
Textbooks	100 00
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	\$5,560 68

## EXPENDITURES

Teachers	\$2,474 00
Janitors	72 00
Conveyance	629 00
Fuel	234 50
Textbooks	133 74
C. S. tuition	293 00
H. S. tuition	928 75
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	\$4,764 99
Unexpended	795 69
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	\$5,560 68

## TEACHERS

Arthur Wilde	\$577 00
Lucie Burrill	609 00
Aleda LeBaron	237 00
Buford Grant	237 00
Eva Ladd	357 00
John Carleton	357 00
Florence Wells	100 00
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	\$2,474 00

## JANITORS

Aleda LeBaron	\$ 4 50
Bernard Charles	10 50
Arthur Wilde	17 50
Lucie Burrill	11 00
Clifton Ladd	6 00
Merle Clement	7 50
Walter Tracy	7 50
Frank Kelley	7 50

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\$72 00

## CONVEYANCE

C. O. Ladd	\$190 00
James Littlefield	121 00
D. M. Marshall	85 00
Jennie Foster	189 00
Alexander Forbes	8 00
A. E. Getchell	36 00

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\$629 00

## FUEL

Alexander Forbes	\$ 85 00
B. G. Mosher	42 00
Roy Tracy	5 50
Cyra Charles	100 00
Bernard Charles	2 00

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\$234 50

## TEXTBOOKS

Charles E. Morrill Co.	\$23 98
Benj. H. Sanborn & Son	6 84
J. L. Hammett Co.	45 11
Ginn & Co.	13 38
Hynds Hayden & Eldredge	3 00
City Job Print	3 75
D. H. Knowlton & Co.	75
Macmillan Company	6 06

Scott Foresman & Co.	\$13 78	
Maine Health Asso.	75	
The Cable Co.	4 17	
Silver Burdett & Co.	6 05	
A. N. Palmer Co.	6 12	
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## COMMON SCHOOL TUITION

Town of Mt. Vernon	\$180 00	
Town of Belgrade	113 00	
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## HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Town of Belgrade	\$100 00	
City of Augusta	100 00	
Town of New Sharon	60 00	
Town of Madison	75 00	
Town of Oakland	593 75	
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## MEMORANDUM HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ACCOUNT

	1929-30	1930	1930
	Winter	Spring	Fall
Lillian Tibbetts	\$25 00	\$25 00	\$25 00
Wesley Bacon			25 00
Lester Brown	25 00	50 00	25 00
Minnie Tracy	18 33	16 67	25 00
Floyd Foster	25 00	18 75	
Arthur Wilde	25 00	18 75	
Barbara Wilde	25 00	18 75	
Gertrude Wilde	25 00	18 75	
Samuel Wilde	25 00	18 75	31 25
Laura Mosher	25 00	18 75	
Bertram Mosher	25 00	18 75	31 25
Arthur Hawes	25 00	18 75	
Calvin Crowell	25 00	18 75	
James Minard	25 00	18 75	31 25
Leroy Hawes			31 25
Marion Crowell			31 25
Kenneth Tripp	20 00	17 50	37 50

## REPAIRS ACCOUNT

## RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$100 00
Unexpended, 1929-1930	26 96

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\$126 96

## EXPENDITURES

Ella Tracy	\$ 4 00
Mrs. Mark Drury	4 00
Charles Tracy	4 00
W. B. Arnold Co.	3 40
W. H. Wheeler & Son	3 50
Kenney Bros. & Wolkins	26 85
John S. Tapley	2 40
Rollins & Dunham	6 33
Bert Turner	2 50
Mrs. A. D. Wilde	5 00
Luther Stevens	4 00
A. A. Gordon	3 75
D. M. Marshall & Co.	1 82
Cyra Charles	20 00
L. M. Hawes	6 00
Arthur Wilde	1 80
B. A. Hawes	85
George LeBaron	2 00

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\$102 20

Unexpended	24 76
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\$126 96

In closing I wish to thank the members of the school committee who have at all times been very willing to coöperate with me in the work of the schools.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. TAPLEY,

*Superintendent of Schools.*

# WARRANT

FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 2, 1931

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*To A. D. Wilde, a Constable in the Town of Rome, in the County  
of Kennebec,*

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Rome, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to meet at the Town House on Monday, the second day of March, 1931, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act on the following articles, to wit:

ARTICLE 1. To choose a moderator to preside at said meeting.

ART. 2. To choose a clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 3. To choose selectmen, assessors, and overseers of poor.

ART. 4. To choose a road commissioner.

ART. 5. To choose a member of the school committee.

ART. 6. To choose a treasurer, collector of taxes, and all other town officers required by law to be chosen at said meeting.

ART. 7. To see what action the town will take in regard to letting the Town Hall for the ensuing year.

ART. 8. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for Common Schools.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for purchase of text-books and supplies.

ART. 10. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for repairs of school buildings.

ART. 11. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for tuition of scholars attending High School.

ART. 12. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 13. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for support of Poor.

ART. 14. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for breaking snow roads.

ART. 15. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for repairs of roads and bridges.

ART. 16. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for maintenance of Patrolled roads.

ART. 17. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for State Aid road.

ART. 18. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for payment of miscellaneous orders.

ART. 19. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to pay Town Officers for the ensuing year.

ART. 20. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for care of Cemeteries.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for maintenance of State Aid roads.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise \$45 for school nursing in the town, under the auspices of the State Department of Health.

ART. 23. To see if the town will vote to raise the sum of \$100 or more for the purpose of controlling the White Pine Blister Rust disease now found firmly established within the pine areas in said town, the State matching the town appropriation with fifty per cent. of the sum raised.

ART. 24. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to gravel the road from LeBaron corner to Grant's house.

ART. 25. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to repair the road from Grant's house to the old Trask farm.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to pay Tuttle Heirs land damage.

ART. 27. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to gravel the Sewell Tracy road.

ART. 28. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to repair the road from Richardson's corner to Jamaica Point Camps.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to use money received from Excise tax toward retiring notes given for money hired to build Meadow Stream bridge.

ART. 30. To see if the town will raise a sum of money to repair the road from Abbie Foster's to Earl Moulton's.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote to authorize Selectmen and Treasurer to hire money until taxes are available, also to raise money to pay interest on same.

ART. 32. To see what sum of money the town will vote to grant and raise for advertising natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine.

ART. 33. To see if the town will vote and raise \$319 to enable town to secure Third Class money.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to cut bushes on highways.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money for Compensation Act.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote to discontinue two old roads leading to Arthur Hetherington's.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to repair road from Wentworth Estate to Hersom corner.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote to hire no outside help on roads until all available town help has been used.

ART. 39. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise to straighten the road between Wm. Knight's and Herman Morrill's.

ART. 40. To see if the town will accept the list of Jurymen nominated by the Town Officers.

ART. 41. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for repairs necessary on Town Hall.

ART. 42. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to buy snow fence.

ART. 43. To see if the town will vote to pay laborers on highways \$3.50 per day.

ART. 44. To see if the town will vote to pay each member of the School Committee \$15 per year.

ART. 45. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to pay outstanding notes at Peoples National Bank.

ART. 46. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session at the Town Hall at nine o'clock in the forenoon, on the second day of March, A. D. 1931.

Given under our hands at Rome, this seventeenth day of February, 1931.

JAMES FORBES,  
GEORGE H. LEBARON,  
BERT G. MOSHER,

*Selectmen of Rome.*