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ANNUAL REPORTS
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

AND
Superintendent of Schools

OF THE
TOWN OF ROME
FOR THE MUNICIPAL YEAR ENDING
FEBRUARY 16, 1932

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Selectmen's Report

To the Citizens of Rome:

We submit the following of the receipts and expenditures for the year ending February 17, 1932.

VALUATION APRIL 1st, 1931

Real estate, resident	\$123,215 00
Real estate, non-resident	273,945 00
Total real estate	\$397,160 00
Personal estate, resident	\$16,445 00
Personal estate, non-resident	21,070 00
Total personal estate	\$37,515 00
Grand total amount	\$434,675 00

Number Polls taxed
 Number Polls not taxed
 Rate of taxation, \$44.00 on \$1,000.00

120
 21
 360.00 total
 6.00 abated
 24.00 uncol.
 330.00 collected

TAXES ASSESSED AND COMMITTED TO E. L. BLAISDELL, Collector

Patrol work	\$ 525 00
State tax	3,419 33
County tax	812 30
Schools	2,500 00
Repairs on schoolhouse	200 00
Books	100 00
High School	500 00
Superintendent of Schools	285 00
Poor	700 00

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Snow removal	\$1,200 00
Roads and bridges	1,500 00
State Aid road	2,665 00
Miscellaneous	300 00
Town officers' bills	600 00
Cemetery	75 00
Maintenance on State road	50 00
State Nurse	25 00
Watson road	200 00
Trask road	200 00
Tracy road	100 00
Marshall's road	1,500 00
Advertising Maine	50 00
Third Class	319 00
Cutting bushes	400 00
Note	1,000 00
Overlay	260 07
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	\$19,485 70

ASSESSMENTS

44 mills on \$434,675.00	\$19,125 70
120 polls at \$3.00	360 00
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	\$19,485 70

LIST OF PERSONAL PROPERTY ASSESSED

	NO.	
Horses and mules	90	\$ 3,755 00
Cows	254	5,305 00
Oxen	31	1,430 00
Three years old	18	375 00
Two years old	64	1,045 00
Poultry	150	50 00
Stock in trade		400 00
Small boats	258	20,320 00
Lumber		1,800 00
Musical instruments		2,060 00
Portable mills		100 00
Gas tanks		875 00

MAINE DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Voted by town		\$50 00	9
Town Treasurer paid	\$50 00		

STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

Voted by town		\$25 00	3
Paid for State Nurse	\$25 00		

SHEEP KILLED

D. Perkins	\$15 00		✓
Rec'd from State		\$15 00	

CEMETERY

Appropriated		\$75 00	
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Rollins & Dunham, paint	\$ 9 75	
Ralph Wentworth	3 25	
Russell Stevens	7 50	
Geo. Gray	3 00	
Webster Tracy	6 00	
Chas. Tracy	20 25	
Dana Ellis	3 00	
Martin's Book Store, flags	2 00	

\$54 75 — 1.0

Unexpended	20 25	
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\$75 00

TOWN OFFICERS' BILLS

Appropriated		\$600 00
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Geo. LeBaron, 1st selectman	\$125 00	}
B. P. Richardson, 2nd selectman	100 00	
A. Hetherington, 3rd selectman	75 00	
A. D. Wilde, treasurer	50 00	
G. H. LeBaron, town clerk	18 00	
C. H. Tibbetts, ballot clerk	6 00	
Allison Foster, ballot clerk	6 00	
E. L. Blaisdell, collector	214 46	

A. D. Wilde, collector	\$28 00	
A. D. Wilde, constable	5 00	
Leon Watson, board of health	3 00	
Cyra Charles, board of health	3 00	3
Geo. Foss, board of health	3 00	
Geo. G. Down, moderator	3 00	
E. L. Blaisdell, constable	26 00	
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Total	\$665 46	
Over expended		\$65 46

TOWN HALL

G. H. LeBaron, janitor, labor and lumber	\$11 75	
Rollins and Dunham, material	11 06	
Gertrude Campbell, cleaning	2 50	
E. L. Blaisdell, labor	3 00	
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Total	\$ 28 31	
Paid Central Maine Power for lights	117 00	
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Expended	\$145 31	
Hall rent	165 00	
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Unexpended		\$19 69

SUPPORT OF POOR

Appropriated by town		\$700 00
Ella Tracy, boarding Ruby Mosher 52 weeks	\$520 00	
Ridley & Flanders, clothing for Ruby Mosher, year 1930	11 75	
Sterns Dept. Store, clothing for Ruby Mosher	2 29	
Montgomery, Ward & Co., clothing for Ruby Mosher	5 88	
Dept. Public Welfare, clothing for Richard Meader	7 33	
Maggie Tibbetts, keeping tramps	2 00	
Daisy Tracy, keeping tramps	3 00	
Town of Oakland for Ashley Robinson	3 00	

Vede Gilman, house rent for Milton Steven family	\$ 7 00	
Town of Fairfield, Milton Steven family	20 00	
Town of Smithfield for supplies for Mrs. Joe Blanchette, 1928	81 22	
Dr. A. E. Floyd, medical aid, Chas. Frost	4 50	
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Total	\$667 97	5
Unexpended	32 03	
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		\$700 00

PAID FOR SUPPORT OF POOR WHOSE RESIDENCE IS ELSEWHERE 5		
Paid on account Frank Robbins family	\$252 46	
Rec'd from Vassalboro	222 58	
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Due from Vassalboro	\$29 88	
Paid for State paupers	\$364 94	5
Rec'd from State	348 77	
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Due from State	\$16 17	
Paid for Ben Allen, a soldier	\$28 84	9
Due from New Sharon	28 84	

MISCELLANEOUS DEPT.

Appropriated		\$300 00
Sharp & Dohme, diphtheria toxoid	\$ 9 75	3
Carlton Cook, town books	3 30	1
Loring, Short & Harmon, town books	11 15	1
Knowlton & McLeary Co., printing towns reports, 1931	77 12	1
G. H. LeBaron, auto hire	20 00	1
G. H. LeBaron, births, deaths and marriages recorded	7 00	3
A. D. Wilde, postage	5 00	1
A. S. Foster, watering tub	5 00	4
G. H. LeBaron, telephone, express, and money paid out	16 50	1

Barton Richardson, auto hire and money paid out	\$ 5 20	1
G. H. LeBaron, watering tub	5 00	1
Priscilla Pharmacy, vaccine	6 00	3
National Used Car Market, book for auto ex- cise tax	6 00	1
Dr. Shaw, reporting births	1 00	3
Dr. Floyd, reporting births	75	3
Robert Castle, inspecting plumbing for camp, in 1930 acct.	18 37	3
Dell Kelley, water for Whittier School, in 1900 acct.	10 00	1r
Total	\$207 04	
Unexpended	92 96	

\$300 00

WATSON ROAD

Appropriated \$200 00

Levi Mosher	\$ 3 50
Roy Thurston	3 50
Geo. Tibbetts	32 50
Paris Mosher	10 50
A. Hetherington	7 00
Albert Grant	8 75
Willis Tracy	10 50
Oland Tibbetts	31 75
Geo. Gray	5 25
Fred Mosher	8 75
Levi Mosher	5 25
Bert Warren	5 25
A. Hetherington	12 75
Calvin Wentworth	30 00
Ashley Merrow	3 50
E. E. Kelley, gravel	20 70

\$199 45 ✓

Unexpended

55

\$200 00

MAINTENANCE STATE AID ROAD

Appropriated		\$50 00
Rec'd from State		50 00
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		\$100 00
Hermon Morrill	\$14 00	
Fred Mosher	8 75	
Geo. Tibbetts	21 50	
A. Hetherington	12 00	
Willis Tracy	3 50	
Irving Kelley	3 50	
Harry Hawes	12 00	
Calvin Wentworth	12 00	
Bert Warren	3 50	
E. E. Kelley, gravel	9 24	
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	\$99 99	
Unexpended	01	
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		\$100 00

SEWALL TRACY ROAD

Appopriated		\$100 00
George Tibbetts	\$ 7 50	
Bert Warren	5 25	
Willis Tracy	5 25	
Webster Tracy	3 50	
Levi Mosher	5 25	
Albert Grant	5 25	
Geo. Gray	1 75	
Fred Mosher	1 75	
Oland Tibbetts	18 00	
Calvin Wentworth	18 00	
A. Hetherington	12 75	
E. E. Kelley, gravel	15 00	
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	\$99 25	
Unexpended	75	
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		\$100 00

TRASK ROAD

Appropriated		\$200 00
Fred Mosher	\$10 50	
Levi Mosher	7 00	
Oland Tibbetts	10 50	
Ashley Merrow	7 00	
Bert Warren	8 75	
Roy Thurston	1 75	
Arthur McGrath	3 50	
Alden McGrath	3 50	
Chas. Tracy	7 00	
Willis Tracy	7 00	
Geo. Tibbetts	15 00	
A. Hetherington	24 00	
Calvin Wentworth	20 00	
Philip Bacon	24 00	
Harry Hawes	24 00	
E. E. Kelley, gravel	19 80	
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	\$193 30	
Unexpended	6 70	
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		\$200 00

D. M. MARSHALL'S ROAD

Appropriated		\$1,500 00
Geo. Tibbetts and truck and horses	\$210 00	
Arthur Hetherington, truck and horses	132 50	
Paris Mosher and horses	66 50	
Albert Grant	45 50	
Levi Mosher	52 50	
Fred Mosher	52 50	
Bert Warren	36 75	
Willis Tracy	42 10	
Frank Furbush	21 00	
Oland Tibbetts and truck	98 00	
Geo. Foss and horses	12 25	
Philip Bacon and truck	108 00	

.Alfred Stevens	\$14 00
.Sanborn Mosher	24 50
Delbert Tracy	31 50
.Sam'l Wilde	10 50
Alphonso Tracy	14 00
Chas. Tracy	14 00
Geo. Gray	10 50
Daniel Marshall and team	5 45
Kenneth Knight	27 00
Ralph Webber	17 50
Clyde Tracy	24 50
Calvin Wentworth and truck	84 00
Leland Tracy	14 00
Lloyd Holt	28 00
Millage French	10 50
Emery Gray	7 00
Howard Knight	10 50
Arthur Hawes	10 50
Harry Hawes and truck	60 00
Berger Culvert Co., culverts	74 40
D. M. Marshall & Co.	52 50
Arthur Frederick, lumber	16 20
Will Watson, gravel	59 85
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	\$1,498 40
Unexpended	1 60
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	\$1,500 00

CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriated	\$400 00
Ashley Merrow	\$14 00
Bert Warren	26 00
Levi Mosher	28 97
Fred Mosher	14 97
Carroll Tibbetts	24 75
Galon Workman	12 25
Millage French	12 25
Geo. Tibbetts	87 22

Oland Tibbetts	\$ 1 75	
Frank Furbush	3 50	
Albert Grant	42 22	
Willis Tracy	27 22	
Paris Mosher	2 72	
Lloyd Holt	10 00	
Arthur McGrath	33 00	
Clyde Tracy	18 00	
Irving Kelley	24 00	
James Tracy	18 00	
Joe Campbell	12 00	
John Ward	12 00	
Ben Young	10 50	
Ben Mosher	9 00	
Harry Hawes	6 00	
Henry Young, kerosene oil	1 80	
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	\$452 62	
Overexpended		\$52 62

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriated		\$1,500 00
Geo. Tibbetts	\$298 15	
Levi Wentworth	6 00	
Sanborn Mosher	10 50	
Jos. Littlefield	34 90	
Arthur McGrath	3 00	
Geo. LeBaron	2 75	
Will Watson, gravel	13 05	
D. M. Marshall	48 25	
David French, lumber	45 73	
Irving Kelley	3 50	
Levi Mosher	7 00	
Harry Hawes	12 00	
Webster Tracy	1 20	
Paris Mosher	83 00	
Howard Tracy	9 33	

Fred Mosher	\$ 28 00
Geo. Kelley	12 25
Willis Tracy	40 25
Albert Dudley	3 50
Clyde Ladd	13 00
Alfred Turner	1 75
Arthur Frederick, oak lumber	24 00
Geo. Foss	19 00
Oland Tibbetts	109 50
B. A. Warren	14 00
Frank Furbush	16 33
Howard Knight	7 00
Arthur Hawes	3 50
Albert Grant	17 50
Elwin Kelley	31 35
Rollins & Dunham	27 10
Arthur Hetherington	196 58
Ashley Merrow	1 75
A. S. Foster	45 40
New England Metal Co.	18 40
Dyar Mfg. Co., road machine blade	8 00
Chas. Trask	2 50
Alfred Stevens	23 44
Lester Brown	26 00
Frank Thurston	19 25
Calvin Wentworth	60 00
Leeman Turner	95 05
Eben Foss	7 00
Irving Getchell	65 50
Millage French	10 50
Galon Workman	3 50
Leland Tracy	3 50
Mark Drury	3 50
Harold Littlefield	15 75
Pete Johnson	14 00
Carroll Tibbetts	5 25
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	\$1,571 26
Overexpended	\$71 26

THIRD CLASS ROAD

Appropriated by town for maintenance
 Rec'd from State

\$ 319 00

2,013 75

 \$2,332 75

Ervin Martin	\$133 00
Dana Martin	117 00
James Hart	53 00
Geo. Tibbetts	87 51
Harry Hawes	1 83
Albert Grant	38 50
Levi Mosher	51 17
Ben Young	20 50
Geo. Mosher	44 17
Alfred Stevens	39 66
Frank Fellows	31 28
Ben Mosher	1 50
Bert Warren	1 50
Fred Mosher	1 50
Frank Kelley	106 67
Floyd Blaisdell	141 67
Luther Stevens	130 55
Albert Tuttle	32 33
Ross Warren	33 00
Arthur Wilde, Jr.	24 67
Dana Martin (truck)	48 89
Calvin Wentworth	52 22
Clyde Tracy	17 67
David Moulton	17 67
Richard Warren	11 17
Oland Tibbetts	5 56
Irving Kelley	14 33
Leon Drury	11 00
Lloyd Holt	9 17
Geo. Tibbetts	43 33
Bernard Merrow	12 22
A. Hetherington	53 33
Harry Hawes	42 22
Philip Bacon	45 00

Town of Solon (truck)	\$ 25 00
Berger Mfg. Co.	57 14
Henry Young	1 20
Barton Richardson	175 05
State shovels	478 34
R. H. McMillian	65 56
Levi Wentworth	17 67
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	\$2,294 75
Unexpended	38 00
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	\$2,332 75

STATE AID ROAD

Appropriated by town, \$2,665.00 less \$612.95 reserved	\$2,052 05
Received from State	4,974 92
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	\$7,026 97

Geo. Tibbetts	\$ 532 19
Willis Tracy	6 00
Irving Kelley	110 83
Alphonso Tracy	4 50
Albert Grant	25 50
Levi Mosher	92 50
Clyde Tracy	67 84
David Moulton	77 84
E. E. Kelley	381 13
Two State shovels	1,773 06
W. Mank, shovel operator	247 81
Oland Tibbetts	403 30
E. E. Merrill	170 92
R. E. Godfery, time keeper	247 20
Vernie Merrow	334 42
Floyd Blaisdell	327 17
Arthur Hetherington	128 86
Ben Moody	20 00
Arthur McGrath	48 82
R. H. McMillian	193 32
Leon Drury	99 66

Norman Loucks	\$ 19 66
Linwood Allen	3 00
Elias Foster	10 00
Joe Campbell	64 34
Ashley Merrow	10 00
W. A. Goodgins	9 00
Dell Kelley	183 53
George Mosher	76 83
M. Wilber	98 56
Millage French	21 00
Richard Scott	1 50
Levi Wentworth	60 84
Calvin Wentworth and truck	185 54
Lloyd Holt	32 67
A. S. Foster	43 17
Guy Wentworth	51 84
Perley Davis	46 34
Luther Stevens	109 43
Philip Bacon	116 09
Kenneth Knight	26 33
Clifton Ladd	19 34
Ludger Merriner	37 17
A. D. Wilde, Jr.	18 83
Webster Tracy	7 50
State loader	39 00
A. S. Foster, land damage	50 00
Webster Tracy, land damage	25 00
Berger Mfg. Co., culverts	255 00
New England Metal Culvert Co., culverts	112 70
Mrs. E. L. Blaisdell, oil	1 00

\$7,028 10

Overexpended

\$1 13

SNOW FENCE

Geo. Tibbetts, self, man and truck	\$32 50
Levi Wentworth	9 00
Ernest Drew	1 50
Bert Warren	9 00
Arthur Hetherington	4 50

Galon Workman	\$1 50
Leeman Turner	1 50

\$59 50

SANDING ROADS

Geo. Tibbetts and truck	\$136 00
Arthur Hetherington and truck	5 00
Carroll Tibbetts	1 50
Mark Wentworth	1 50
Philip Bacon and truck	36 33
Leon Drury	1 50
Ludger Merriner	12 00
Joe Campbell	2 33
E. E. Kelley, sand	31 05
Guy Wentworth	1 17
R. H. McMillian	15 00
Lester Brown	3 00
Calvin Wentworth and truck	18 34
Bert Warren	1 50
Joe Blanchette	1 50
Fred Robinson	4 50
Marshall Robinson	4 50
Geo. Kelley	13 83
Irving Kelley	3 00
Harry Hawes and truck	10 00
Oland Tibbetts	20 55
Frank Kelley	7 78
Clarence Bruce and truck	5 00
Linwood Allen	2 33
Clyde Tracy	2 33
Percy McKnight	2 33

\$343 87

\$403 37

SNOW REMOVAL

Appropriated	\$1,200 00
Rec'd from State	862 50

\$2,062 50

Paid L. A. Brown, May, 1931	\$1,050 00
Paid L. A. Brown, Feb., 1932	992 00
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	\$2,042 00
Unexpended	20 50
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	\$2,062 50
Paid by town for shoveling snow off shoulders of road	\$31 50

The following abatements for the year 1931 were made to E. L. Blaisdell, Collector.

G. G. Downs, over valuation	\$13 20
James Forbes, poll tax, not taxable	3 00
Clyde Ladd, keeping road in repair	22 00
Thomas Holmes, on boat	88
Roy Tracy, over valuation	4 40
Arthur Nelson, can't be found	3 00
Alfred Adams, paid in Mt. Vernon	2 72
Geo. Mosher, mistake	40
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	\$49 30

G. H. LEBARON,
B. P. RICHARDSON,
A. HETHERINGTON,

Selectmen of Rome.

UNPAID TAXES, 1931

RESIDENT	
Robinson Bros.	\$ 20 52
Curtis Sears	61 60
Alfred Stevens	54 70
Russell Stevens	31 16
Alphonso Tracy	3 00
Chas. Tibbetts	3 00

Carroll Tibbetts	\$ 3 00 ✓
O. C. Taylor	17 60
Webster Tracy	22 66
Chas. Tracy	3 00 ✓
Samuel Tracy	5 20
James Tracy	5 20
Henry Warren	6 08
Bert Warren	3 00 ✓
Archie Witham	4 98
Ed. Austin	5 86
Belle Austin	17 60
Ben Allen	3 00 ✓
Jennie Bessey	15 62
P. M. Brann's Est.	7 80
Bert Clement	27 90
Leon Drury	5 20
Chas. Frost	4 10
Millage French	3 00 ✓
John E. Gray	3 00 ✓
Albert Grant	19 50
Paul Italian	4 40
Jamaica Point Camp Co.	633 60
Wm. Knight	20 60
Geo. Ladd	3 50
Clyde Ladd	33 58
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Total	\$1,052 46

NON-RESIDENT

Pete Allen	\$ 22 00
E. A. Bean	100 00
Mildred Byan	182 60
Glenn Campbell	6 60
Clyde Chaney	88
M. O. Chase	35 20
Frank Condon	30 48
Fred Feider	6 60
Gulus Gertz	4 40
Guy Humes	138 60
Robert Kelley	52 80

Louis Kleopful	\$195 80
Mark Lord	8 80
Dr. Mitchell	44 88
Adelon Pentlarge	92 80
Harry Pressey	1 10
Grover C. Richmon	3 52
Spinney & Marshall	74 80
Henry Tuttle Estate	4 40
Francis and Margaret Walker	88 00
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	\$1,094 26

RESOURCES OF THE TOWN OF ROME FOR THE YEAR
ENDING FEBRUARY 18TH, 1932

Due from State on State paupers	\$ 16 17
New Sharon on Ben Allen	28 84
Vassalboro on Frank Robbins	29 88
State on snow fence and sanding	201 68
Due on tax deeds, 1930	175 50
Due from Lester Brown on account of snow bills, 1929 and 1930	100 00
E. L. Blaisdell on taxes, 1931	2,146 72
Etta and Alvin Frost Estate	71 20
Unpaid taxes from Arthur Wilde	1,004 03
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	\$3,774 02

LIABILITIES

Back bill of D. M. Marshall & Co., 1924-25-26-27	\$ 290 03
Due Peoples Ticonic Bank including bridge note	3,550 00
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	\$3,840 03

GEO. H. LeBARON,
BARTON RICHARDSON,
ARTHUR HETHERINGTON,

Selectmen of Rome.

Treasurer's Report

TOWN OF ROME IN ACCOUNT WITH

ARTHUR D. WILDE, *Treasurer*

RECEIPTS

Rec'd from Town of Vassalboro, acct. paupers	\$ 222 58 - 10
Peoples National Bank, acct. loans	5,500 00 - 13
J. B. Friel Co., acct. insurance rebate	44 95 - 15
George Kelley, acct. hall rent	165 00 - 10
Town of Smithfield, acct. Roy Stevens <i>Prize</i>	31 06 - 10
H. C. Marden, acct. Chas. Frost back taxes	18 75 - 1
Town Clerk, acct. dog licenses	93 00 - 14
State, acct. paupers	348 77 - 10
State, acct. schools	1,487 19 - 7
State, dog license refund	13 26 - 7
State, acct. improved roads	3,160 15 - 7
State, acct. snow removal	862 50 - 10
State, acct. maintenance	50 00 - 7
State, acct. damage to animals	15 00 - 10
State, acct. bridge refund	438 85 - 7/10
State, acct. 3rd class highway	1,466 08 - 7
A. D. Wilde, acct. '28, '29 and '30 taxes	1,329 38 - 1
> A. D. Wilde, acct. 1931 excise tax	73 70 - 1
A. D. Wilde, acct. school entertainment	12 00 - 8
E. L. Blaisdell, acct. collection 1931 taxes	17,290 28 - 1
> E. L. Blaisdell, acct. collection 1931 excise tax	612 71 - 1
E. L. Blaisdell, acct. 1931 abatements	49 30 - 14
L. A. Brown, acct. payment on snow contract	200 00 - 10
Amount on hand, March, 1931	1,453 80 - 16
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	\$34,938 31

PAYMENTS

To payment to Peoples National Bank, loans and int.	\$7,828 60	- 11 13
Pay sheets, sanding roads	350 04	- 4
Pay sheets, acct. schools	4,962 84	- 6
Pay sheets, acct. roads and bushes	4,236 95	- 4
Pay sheets, acct. State Aid roads	5,218 44	- 4 out.
Pay sheets, acct. 3rd class roads	1,816 43	- 4
Registrar of Deeds	9 00	- 1
County tax	830 12	- 14
State tax	3,419 33	- 14
State, acct. patrolled roads	518 70	- 4
State, acct. dog licenses	93 00	- 14
Town orders	5,103 19	
Abatements, E. L. Blaisdell, 1931 taxes	49 30	- 14
Amount on hand	502 37	- 16
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	\$34,938 31	

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Rome School Report

1931 - 1932

To the Citizens and School Committee:

I hereby submit my fourteenth annual school report for the year ending Feb. 10, 1932.

In many towns where wages and school expenses have been inflated there will be a tendency to reduce teachers' salaries. In the rural sections it is quite generally true, that during the period of our greatest prosperity, the wage of the teacher has not been on a par with the wages of others, engaged in the several trades and professions. The working year of a teacher is limited by law to a maximum of thirty-six weeks. During this period the teacher must earn sufficient to pay her expenses for a full year of fifty-two weeks. In addition to this she must attend summer school at her own expense on an average of one summer in four, to maintain her certificate standing.

In times past it has been possible for some teachers to find summer employment, but during the past two seasons there has been very little for the teacher to do during the summer months.

I have always recommended a living wage for our teachers. I believe that in the education of our boys and girls, it is poor economy to hire teachers who can command but a low wage.

The common schools are the backbone of our Maine communities. Education is a free gift from all the people to all the children and no town can economize by lowering the standard of its schools. There should be no reduction in teachers' wages during 1932, in our rural towns, because wages in these localities have never been inflated.

I realize that in the past ten years, taxes have increased, so that in some cases they have become a burden. The increase, however, in teachers' wages, or other expenditures for schools have had very little to do with creating this burden.

Large appropriations for roads and bridges, removal of snow in winter, enormous and in many cases useless increases in State expenditures, installment buying, spending next year's salary before it is earned, the automobile and the radio are chiefly responsible for our heavy tax rate.

Curtail expenses by all means, but do so along the lines of greatest inflation, and communities will soon recover from this spirit of depression, into which they have fallen, and we will still be able to maintain the present standard of our public schools and continue to make them better.

The schools have been in session this year without serious interruptions. There were a few cases of measles but no epidemic. There has been a good attendance and parents, children and teachers have coöperated to make the schools a success.

Russell Sawyer, a graduate of Farmington, has done very good work indeed at the Robbins school. Arthur Wilde at the Dudley school, John Carleton at the Blaisdell school and Lucie Burrill at the Whittier school have been located in these positions for a number of years which of itself is sufficient recommendation that their work is satisfactory.

At the beginning of the fall term, a school was opened in the Long Pond district, and Marion Sheffield, a graduate of Farmington, was engaged as teacher. The school building was painted and papered on the inside, the floor oiled, doors and windows repaired, in fact, the building was put in good condition, and due to the efforts of Miss Sheffield and the fine spirit of the pupils the scholastic standing of this school is excellent. There has been an enrollment of ten pupils and these children are getting far better instruction in their own school than was possible to be had under the arrangement of last year.

Music in all the schools has continued throughout the year. Mrs. Florence Wells, the instructor, has visited each school weekly, and devoted at least one-half hour to the work. I feel that music is a great benefit to the pupils and I trust that in making school appropriations provisions may be made to continue the work in music for another year.

Outside of the Long Pond schoolhouse, very little work was done by the town in the line of repairs. The Dudley school, by means of an entertainment, secured money enough to repair the inside of that building. It seems to me that it would be good business to paint all

the school buildings on the outside this year. Many of the buildings are badly weathered and are in need of paint. The longer this is neglected the more it will cost to put the buildings in repair. We have many visitors in town and riding through the town during the summer months and it seems to me as a matter of civic pride, to have our school buildings look well at least on the outside. Would it not be well to make a special appropriation for this work?

LIST OF TEACHERS

Arthur Wilde, Rome, Me.	Dudley School
Russell Sawyer, Belgrade, Me.	Robbins School
John Carleton, Winterport, Me.	Blaisdell School
Lucie Burrill, Canaan, Me.	Whittier School
Marion Sheffield, Oakland, Me.	Long Pond School

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

COMMON SCHOOLS AND HIGH SCHOOL

RECEIPTS

Appropriation	\$2,500 00
Unexpended, 1930-31	795 69
State School Fund	1,487 19
Textbooks	200 00
H. S. Tuition	500 00
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	\$5,482 88

EXPENDITURES

Teachers	\$2,978 00
Conveyance	450 00
Fuel	150 00
Janitor	80 00
C. S. Tuition	287 00
H. S. Tuition	842 50
Textbooks	177 56
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	\$4,965 06
Unexpended	517 72
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	\$5,482 88

TEACHERS

Arthur Wilde	\$629 00	
John Carleton	612 00	
Russell Sawyer	357 00	
Lucie Burrill	612 00	
Marion Sheffield	315 00	
Florence Wells	180 00	
Linda Workman	18 00	
Eva Ladd	255 00	
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CONVEYANCE

A. E. Getchell	\$ 76 00	
Joe Littlefield	19 00	
C. O. Ladd	70 00	
Jennie Foster	285 00	
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JANITORS

Arthur Wilde	\$18 50	
Merle Clement	10 50	
Frank Kelley	6 00	
Walter Tracy	18 00	
Stanley Blaisdell	12 00	
Russell Sawyer	7 50	
Marion Sheffield	7 50	
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FUEL

Ralph Wentworth	\$30 00	
Cyra Charles	80 00	
Arthur Hetherington	40 00	
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TEXTBOOKS

City Job Print	\$ 7 50
Ginn & Company	105 67

The Seavey Co.	\$ 3 81	
State Auditor	5 25	
Silver Burdett & Co.	15 57	
The Papercrafters, Inc.	29 06	
Loring, Short & Harmon	2 23	
J. L. Hammett Co.	3 97	
John S. Tapley	4 50	
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		\$177 56

REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Unexpended, 1930-31	24 76	
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	\$124 76	
Overdrawn	128 69	
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		\$253 45

EXPENDITURES

Fred Robinson	\$ 2 00	
Minnie Tracy	4 00	
Charles Tracy	8 00	
Lester Brown	3 00	
Albert Grant	10 50	
A. E. Denning	7 50	
Charles Tracy	7 00	
D. M. Marshall & Co.	28 05	
Cyra Charles	42 58	
Mrs. G. Workman	10 00	
Dean Wheeler	2 00	
Arthur Gordon	74 06	
Rollins & Dunham	4 54	
W. B. Arnold Co.	49	
W. H. Young	75	
Joseph Bushey	48 98	
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		\$253 45

TUITION ACCOUNT

Town of Belgrade	\$125 00
Town of New Sharon	175 00
City of Augusta	75 00
Town of Oakland	362 50
Town of Madison	75 00
Town of Dixfield	30 00
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	\$842 50

MEMORANDUM OF H. S. TUITION

	1930-31		1931-32		
	FALL	WINTER	SPRING	FALL	
Wesley Bacon		\$25 00	\$25 00	\$25 00	\$ 75 00
Lillian Tibbetts		25 00	25 00		50 00
Glendine Getchell	\$25 00	25 00	25 00	25 00	100 00
Minnie Tracy		25 00	25 00	25 00	75 00
Lester Brown	25 00	25 00	25 00		75 00
Samuel Wilde		25 00	18 75	31 25	75 00
Leroy Hawes		25 00	18 75	31 25	75 00
James Minard		25 00	18 75	31 25	75 00
Bertram Mosher		25 00	18 75	31 25	75 00
Lucille Mosher				31 25	31 25
Marion Mosher				31 25	31 25
Kenneth Tripp			37 50	37 50	75 00
Frances Drury	30 00				30 00
				<hr/>	\$842 50

MUSIC REPORT

Rome, Maine.

To the Superintendent and Members of the School Board:

I herewith submit my second report of the work done in the Music department of the Rome schools.

The work this year has been somewhat along the same lines as the work accomplished last year, as far as action songs and singing

games are concerned. In addition, the theoretical side of music has been taken up. To be able to pick up a song or piece of music of any kind and know just what key it is written in, how many beats in a measure, also, to understand the construction of it and know the meaning of musical terms, etc. is quite an achievement and this is what I aim to do for the scholars in the schools of Rome.

New song books were purchased at the beginning of the fall term.

The children are getting much more out of their music, as they are now familiar with the rules for technical work. Their tones are rounder and fuller and they have a better conception of true pitch. They seem much interested in the work.

Some time before the school year closes, an entertainment will be given and it is hoped that all will feel that the children have made decided progress and improvement.

I want to emphasize, that the teachers in the Rome schools are especially fine to work with. Their coöperation is of the best.

I take this opportunity to thank the teachers, members of the School Committee and parents for their help and courtesy.

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE M. WELLS.

RECOMMENDATIONS

It was necessary for your committee to overdraw the repair account in order to repair the building in the Long Pond district. The town voted to open this school which of itself gave the committee authority to put the building in shape. I wish that this overdraft might be raised at the annual meeting as a part of the regular repair money; this account could then be balanced and would not appear as a part of the town debt.

I should not recommend cutting the appropriations below that of last year. To do so it will be necessary to lower teachers' wages and \$17, the present wage, is below the average in the State. There is another alternative, however, that of shortening the school year. We now have a thirty-six week school year which the majority of the towns in the State has adopted.

I therefore suggest the following recommendations:

Common Schools	\$2,500 00
H. S. Tuition	500 00
Repairs	250 00
Textbooks	150 00

In closing I wish to thank the members of the committee and the citizens for their splendid coöperation during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN S. TAPLEY,

Superintendent of Schools.

WARRANT

FOR TOWN MEETING, MARCH 7, 1932

*To E. L. Blaisdell, 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, March 7, 1932, 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 maintenance of State Aid roads.

ART. 21. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for care of cemeteries.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise \$55.00 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 \$100.00 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 what sum of money the town will vote and raise for advertising natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine.

ART. 25. To see if the town will vote and raise \$242.00 to enable town to secure Third Class money.

ART. 26. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to cut bushes on highways.

ART. 27. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to be expended on road from Hersom Corner to Cyra Charles' and Webster Tracy's.

ART. 28. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to repair the road from Forbes' Garage to Crystal Spring Camps.

ART. 29. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to repair road in front of Bert Hawes' store.

ART. 30. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to sell Crooked Island.

ART. 31. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to pay interest on short time notes.

ART. 32. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to pay outstanding notes at Peoples Ticonic National Bank.

ART. 33. To see what sum of money town will vote and raise for electric lights for the ensuing year.

ART. 34. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to repair the road from Frank Thurston's to Mt. Vernon line.

ART. 35. To see if the town will vote to pay Lester Brown more money on his contract for snow removal.

ART. 36. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to repair the road from Foss Hawes' house to Hillside Camps garage.

ART. 37. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to be expended on the " Dan Marshall road ", so called.

ART. 38. To see if the town will vote and raise \$500.00 to remove the rocks on all town roads.

ART. 39. 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 seventh day of March, A. D. 1932.

Given under our hands at Rome this seventeenth day of February, 1932.

GEO. H. LEBARON,
BARTON RICHARDSON,
ARTHUR HETHERINGTON,

Selectmen of Rome.