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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

Municipal Officers

OF THE

TOWN OF CARTHAGE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 6, 1953

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TOWN WARRANT

FRANKLIN, SS.

STATE OF MAINE

To Lee G. Hutchinson, a Constable in the Town of Carthage in said
County, Greetings:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby requested to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Carthage, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, in said Town on the 2nd day of March, A. D. 1953, 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.

Article 2. To see if the Town will vote to elect all Town Officers by nominations from the floor.

Article 3. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

Article 4. To see if the Town will vote to accept the Town Reports of the Municipal Officers for the year ending February 6, 1953.

Article 5. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Article 6. To see what sum of money the Town will appropriate and raise for the support of Common Schools, including Tuition, School Office Expense, High School Tuition, Interest on School Funds, including Superintendent of Schools, Insurance and School House Repairs, Textbooks, Supplies and High School Conveyance.

Recommended \$7,144.77

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to close the Stickney Corner School for the School year of 1953 and 1954.

Article 8. To see what sum if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise toward the installation of a Water System and Flush Toilets at the Berry Mills Grammar School.

Recommended \$500.00

Article 9. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise \$500.00, the note and interest of \$80.00 to pay on the School Bus.

Article 10. To see what the Town will vote to do with money received for the use of the Town Truck and Plow.

Article 11. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for the Repair of Summer Roads and Bridges.

Recommended \$600.00

Article 12. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for State Aid Road Construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provisions of Sections 25 and 29, Chapter 20, R. S. 1944 as amended.

Recommended \$600.00

Article 13. To see what sum, if any, the Town would recommend to take from the Joint State Aid account for the purpose of applying Bituminous surface treatment to State Aid Roads, in excess of the requirements of Section L., 1935.

Recommended None

Article 14. To see what sum the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for Road Tools.

Recommended None

Article 15. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for the purpose of Plowing and Sanding Winter Roads on Routes 2, 142 State Aid No. 3 and 4.

Recommended \$475.00

Article 16. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for Winter Roads.

Recommended \$350.00

Article 17. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for care of the Poor.

Recommended None

Article 18. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for the support of the South Franklin County Tuberculosis and Health Association.

Recommended \$125.00

Article 19. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$20.00, being dues in the Maine Municipal Association.

Recommended \$20.00

Article 20. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for Discount on Taxes.

Recommended \$275.00

Article 21. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for Over Drawn Accounts.

Recommended \$3,059.93

Article 22. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for Abatements.

Recommended None

Article 23. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for Current Expenses.

Recommended \$1,600.00
To be taken from Surplus

Article 24. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to hire sums of money as may be necessary to pay Town Charges and Town Debts, in anticipation of the collection of Taxes and to issue and negotiate the note or notes of the Town so borrowed to an amount not to exceed in the aggregate the total tax levy of the preceding municipal year, as temporary loans.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the S. S. Committee to arrange the place and number of Schools for the ensuing year to the best interest of the Town.

Article 26. To see what sum, if any, the Town will vote to appropriate and raise for a parcel of land to be used for a Town Dump, to keep rubbish out of the river.

Recommended None

Article 27. To see whether or not the Town will appropriate and raise the sum of \$25.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the Natural Resources, Advantages and Attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 80, Section 95, R. S., 1930.

Recommended None

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to accept a certain sum from the Estate of Flora Maxwell, the Interest from which amount shall be used for the Maintenance, Care and Upkeep of three-quarters of her Lot in the Newman Cemetery.

Article 29. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for the care of Cemeteries.

Recommended None

Article 30. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for the necessary Bonds for the Town Officers.

Recommended \$45.00

Article 31. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen, on behalf of the Town, to sell and dispose of any Real Estate acquired by the Town, for non-payment of Taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable, and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.

Article 32. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$300.00, to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in control of white pine blister rust, in accordance with R. S., Chapter 32, Sec. 54.

Recommended None

Article 33. To see what rate per cent, and final date to be allowed on Discount of Taxes on the 1953 Commitment, Poll Tax excepted.

Article 34. To see what sum, if any, the Town will appropriate and raise for Medical and Dental Services for Children, to be spent under the direction of the local Health Committee.

Recommended None

Article 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.

Article 36. To see if the Town will fix a date when Taxes are due and payable.

Article 37. To see if the Town will vote to charge interest beginning December the first, next, on all remaining unpaid Taxes.

Article 38. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for the Fire Department and apportion same between the Berry Mills Company and the South Carthage Company.

To So. Carthage Dept.
Recommended \$300.00

Article 39. To see if the Town will vote to have the Selectmen appoint a Budget Committee, consisting of five citizens of the Town.

Article 40. To see if the Town will vote to have printed in the Town Reports a true list of every Tax-Payers account.

Article 41. To see if the Town will vote to raise \$100.00 for the benefit of the Rumford Community Hospital.

Recommended \$100.00

Article 42. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for cutting bushes on Town Roads.

Recommended \$150.00

Article 43. To see what sum the Town will appropriate and raise for Office Equipment.

Recommended \$25.00

Article 44. To see if the Town will appropriate and raise \$200.00 for the Civil Defense and Public Safety Program.

Recommended None

Article 45. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, in said Town, at 9:00 o'clock in the forenoon on said day of said meeting, for revising and correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Carthage, this 6th day of February, A. D. 1953.

CHARLES N. MORSE,
BEECHER WHITE,
HURCHIAL E. NOYES,

Selectmen of Carthage

Report of Selectmen and Assessors

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Carthage:

"We believe every citizen in the community would be interested to know what the Town Officers have done in their line of duty and therefore we call attention to some of our principal activities during this past year."

An appointment with the State Highway Department was kept and as a result the Town received \$500.00 from the Betterment Fund, by adding this to the \$300.00, or one unit, which the Town raised, an improvement was made on State Aid Road.

Four calls have been made, for the Town to give help, upon careful investigation it was discovered that the parties involved were not eligible for help from us, due to not having established Paupers residence, hence, our Town and State Poor Accounts have been very low.

Our Auditor discovered that the State Welfare Department owed the Town of Carthage \$159.42 on a 1948 and 1949 Poor Account, upon a suggestion from the Auditor that we inquire about this, we made a personal call and sent several communications with a check being received from our Treasurer for the above amount.

When it came time to meet bills on the State Aid Road construction, the sum of \$2,000.00 was needed, the usual procedure is to borrow amounts of this sort and pay 5% interest, upon consulting with one of our highest Tax payers, he felt it would be better business if he advanced this amount on his taxes thereby eliminating our paying interest.

Town owned property that has been sold is the Cora Barnett lot, the R. V. Martin lot, for what the Town had in them plus interest and costs. Also sold was the Quarter lot for \$1,700.00, amounting to \$42.50 per acre.

The several Tax Liens which have appeared in our Town Reports, for the past few years are very nearly cleared, plus taxes on these properties to date. With the money received from the sale of Town owned property and the Tax Liens, debts to the Rumford Bank and

Trust Company have been paid with the exception of the note on the School Bus, the balance has been returned to the Surplus Fund.

The marked increase in the Town's Surplus from \$510.77 a year ago to \$5,841.77 has come from the following sources:

Sale of Town Owned Property	\$1,804
Increase in Unexpended Balances (Principally due to closing of Stickney Corner School)	1,287
Decrease in Overdrafts (Principally Summer Roads and Bridges)	741
Excess of amount raised for Snow Removal Equipment over Unappropriated Balance at Feb. 9, 1952	559
Overlay	272
Excess of Excise Tax collections over amount applied against tax commitment	240
Collections of Costs and Interest on Taxes and Tax Liens etc.	428
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Total Increase in Net Surplus	\$5,331

The overall effect of increase in Surplus and substantial collections of back taxes and tax liens has been to provide sufficient cash to pay off \$5,000 in bank loans and leave the Town with a \$5,377.36 cash balance with which to start the coming year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. MORSE,
BEECHER WHITE,
HURCHIAL NOYES,

Selectmen of Carthage.

To the Citizens of the Town of Carthage:

Valuation of Property and Number of Polls Taxed April 1952.

VALUATION OF REAL ESTATE

Resident	\$ 58,250 00
Non-Resident	133,280 00
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Total	\$191,530 00

PERSONAL ESTATE

Resident	\$19,227 00
Non-Resident	1,425 00
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	\$20,652 00

Grand Total Valuation	<hr/> \$212,182 00
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Total value of land	\$150,000 00
Total value of buildings	41,530 00
Number of polls taxed	81
Number of polls not taxed	16
Rate of poll tax	3 00
Rate of taxation	.084
Rate of collection	.02

TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

	No.	Value
Horses and mules	14	\$1,025 00
Cows	45	3,345 00
Oxen	10	970 00
Heifers, over 2 yrs. old	6	270 00
Heifers, less than 2 yrs.	12	405 00
Poultry	490	247 00
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Total		\$6,262 00

EXEMPT POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK

	No.	Value
Yearlings	32	\$ 900 00
Kids	1	5 00

	No.	Value
Swine	7	\$120 00
Poultry	211	158 00
Sheep	11	110 00
Total		\$1,293 00

ALL OTHER KINDS OF PERSONAL PROPERTY

	No.	Value
Stock in Trade	3	\$3,950 00
Logs	13	260 00
Lumber	24	520 00
Wood and Bark (cords)	3	60 00
Gasoline Pumps	3	450 00
Boats	2	100 00
Radios	68	1,195 00
Tractors	1	10 00
Machinery and Equipment		4,670 00
Other Property		3,000 00
Total		\$14,390 00
Taxable Livestock and Poultry		6,262 00
Total Personal Estate		\$20,652 00

INDUSTRIAL AND UTILITY PROPERTY

	No.	Value
Saw Mills		
Woodworking Mills	1	\$6,370 00
Pole Lines, etc.	2	6,700 00
Total		\$13,070 00

MONEY RAISED AND ASSESSED — 1952

Common Schools	\$8,761 70
Note on Truck and Plow	1,040 00
Summer Roads and Bridges	600 00
State Aid Road Construction	300 00
Plowing and Sanding Roads	475 00
Winter Roads	350 00
So. Franklin County T. B. and Health Association	50 00

Maine Municipal Association	\$ 20 00
Discount on Taxes	275 00
Overdrawn Accounts	3,058 77
Abatements	50 00
Current Expenses	1,600 00
Bonds for Town Officers	45 00
Medical and Dental Services for Children	50 00
Note on School Bus	515 00
Fire Protection — South Carthage Co.	300 00
Rumford Community Hospital	100 00
Cutting Bushes on Town Roads	100 00
Office Equipment	100 00
Civil Defense and Public Safety Program	200 00
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Total	\$17,990 47

COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED TO RESIDENTS
OF THE TOWN OF CARTHAGE FOR 1952

Barnett, Alfred	\$63 48
Benner, Philip	113 88
Berry, Raymond	34 50
Berry, Sidney	63 06
Bishop, Roy	36 60
Blanchett, Anthony	5 10
Blanchett, Harvey	3 00
Blodgett, Minnie	29 40
Blodgett, Ralph	5 10
Bradeen, Harris	34 50
Bradeen, Norman	3 00
Bradeen, Sylvanus	3 00
Brooks, Robert	4 26
Brown, A. C. Heirs	58 80
Brown, Alvin	51 72
Brown, John W.	57 60
Burgess, A. Eugene	37 80
Casey, John	29 46
Chase, Llewellyn	3 00
Clark, Josiah	45 00
Coburn, John G.	147 00

Collins, Kennett	\$ 40 80
Curtis, Robert H.	75 66
Devine, Theodore	4 26
Ellis, Kenneth	4 26
Ellis, Mary	44 10
Fish, Benjamin	23 16
Flagg, Asa	220 98
Flagg, Ellis Heirs	1 68
Flagg, Minot	31 08
Gagnon, Henry	3 00
Girardin, Alfred	3 00
Girardin, George E.	35 76
Hammond, John C.	5 10
Hammond, John L.	66 36
Hammond, Maurice E.	119 34
Hanscom, Myron E.	139 44
Hill, Lovid	27 36
Hinkley, Loresten Jr.	9 30
Horne, Stanwood	4 26
Houghton, Conrid	4 26
Houghton, Kermit	18 06
Howard, Elmer	14 76
Hutchinson, Arthur	409 92
Hutchinson, Cecil	4 26
Hutchinson, Earl	25 26
Hutchinson, Edith & Cecil	59 64
Hutchinson, Frank S.	3 00
Hutchinson, Ivus	31 50
Hutchinson, Laforest Jr. Heirs	41 16
Hutchinson, Lee G.	325 98
Hutchinson, Mabel	5 88
Hutchinson, O. V. Heirs	309 54
Hutchinson, Phillip K.	31 14
Hutchinson, Stetson G.	3 00
Hutchinson, Thedmore	3 00
Hutchinson, Tyler	102 96
Jackson, Erwin	42 90
Jellison, Manley	67 26
Johnson, Angier D.	53 40
Johnson, Hubert	97 92

Kneeland, G. W. Heirs	\$ 58 80
Knox, Randall	3 00
Knox, Theodore	11 40
Libby, Carroll Jr.	19 38
Marsh, Harry B.	26 04
Mason, George & Dorothy	249 90
Mason, Dorothy & Johnson, Beatrice	25 20
Morse, Charles N.	135 72
Noyes, Carroll C.	50 46
Noyes, C. C. & Son	89 04
Noyes, Ethel	2 10
Noyes, Hurchial E.	94 56
Pomeroy, Harry	10 14
Ranger, Chester H.	4 26
Ranger, C. H., Inc.	540 12
Robbins, Guy C.	119 70
Ruff, Eleanor	30 66
Ruff, Norman	5 10
Seavey, Sherman	3 00
Skidgell, Amzy	42 90
Smedberg, Robert	7 20
Smith, Harry L.	317 26
Smith, Reginald	71 46
Smith, Robert	38 70
Stevens, F. Edgar	71 84
Stone, Arthur	4 26
Stone, Cora	33 60
Swett, Mildred	34 86
Swett, R. C. Heirs	168 00
Swett, R. Douglass	21 06
Virgin, Alvah D.	5 10
Virgin, Ralph	25 26
Voter, Ronald	3 00
Voter, Virgal	45 00
Walker, Clyde S.	50 46
Walker, Harold	9 30
Walker, Mary	8 40
Walton, Mertice	44 16
Wardwell, Richard	4 26
Webster, Earl	100 44

Tardy L 4,26

Tardy Geo 36,60

Turner S 41,22

Webster, Louis	\$ 3 00
Webster, Millard	146 22
Welch, Joseph	16 86
Welch, Joseph & Gagnon, Henry	1 68
White Brothers	84 00
White, C. E. Heirs	149 10
White, Cuvier	123 12
White, Elijah	93 30
White, Hurchial	18 12
White, Zilla	52 50
Whittemore, Donald	50 04
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Total Resident	\$6,751 06

COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF TAXES ASSESSED TO
NON-RESIDENTS OF THE TOWN OF CARTHAGE FOR 1952

Akers, Ralph	\$117 60
Barnett, Cora	4 20
Belanger, Henry	4 20
Berry, Ruel	39 90
Blanchard, C. F., Heirs	635 88
Blanchard, Fred	301 14
Blanchard, John	63 00
Carver, Harry	182 70
Central Maine Power Company	100 80
Collins, Kermit	44 10
Cushman, John	37 80
Davis, Earl & Lena	68 46
Deane, Winslow & Dorothy	141 12
Diamond Match Company	294 00
Fish, Cameron	19 32
Flagg, William & Freda	17 64
Foster, C. E., Heirs	75 60
Foster, K. A. & H. F.	42 00
Frank, Raymond	3 36
Gates, Alden & Lydia	16 80
Gill, Erlon & Kidder, Wirt	76 86
Goglia, George & Beatrice	35 70
Gordon, Ralph	12 60

Green, Alden	\$ 63 00
Gulf Oil Corporation	25 20
Hall, Ralph	94 50
Hanson, Clarence	26 88
Hanson, H. W.	100 80
Harding, Owen	15 54
Hinkley, Daisy	37 80
Holman, Wendell	33 60
Hutchinson, Eben	27 30
Judkins, E. P.	5 88
Judkins, L. E.	7 56
Kennedy, Oscar, Heirs	33 60
Lancaster, Bryant	54 60
Leach, Irene	5 88
Lowe, H. M., Heirs	152 04
Maillett, Phillip R.	117 60
Maine Consolidated Power Company	462 00
Marble, John C.	421 26
Marble, Rosella	1,468 32
Martin, R. V.	18 90
Masterman, Gladys	10 50
Maxwell, Elva, Heirs	35 70
McAuley, Muriel	56 70
Merrill, Forest & Emery, Gerry	16 80
Millett, Lloyd	129 36
Mitchell, Josie	5 88
Mitchell, Levander	10 50
Morrison, Fred	261 24
Morse, George	15 54
Morse, Methyl	54 60
Noyes, Roy	4 20
Oxford Paper Company	252 00
Peabody, Sabon & Young, Harry	16 80
Peterson, George	97 86
Rice, Lillian	94 50
Ridgewell, James	12 16
Robbins, Ernest R.	2 10
Robbins, Minnie & Travis, Clara	44 10
Roberts, Grace	94 08
Rollins, John	23 52

Rowe, Urban	\$ 10 50
Sanborn, Bert	123 48
Small, A. E.	47 04
Stowell, Newton & Rand	268 80
Strout, O. B.	48 30
Sun Oil Company	12 60
Swett, Ethel	5 88
Timberlands Inc.	3,528 00
Toothaker, R. Rupert	12 60
Tribou, Earl	100 80
Tribou, Marion	178 50
Wardwell, Mildred	4 20
White, Ervin	13 44
Williams, Stanley & Potter, Phillip & Donald	14 70
Willoughby, Edwin	12 60
Winter, Ralph	175 56
Witham, Joseph & Wright, Edwin & Whittemore, William	12 60
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Total Non-Resident	\$11,315 22
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Total Taxes Assessed before Supplemental Taxes	\$18,066 28
Supplemental Taxes — Kermit Collins (Poll tax)	3 00
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Total Taxes Committed to Collector	\$18,069 28
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COMPLETE ACCOUNT OF ABATEMENTS OF TAXES
FOR THE YEAR 1952

John Brown	\$3 00
Ted Devine	1 26
George Tardy	3 00
Everett Thomas	3 00
Mertice Walton	3 00
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Total Abatements	\$13 26

CURRENT EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$1,600 00	
Overdraft Appropriation	979 31	
Dog License Refund	7 54	
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Available		\$2,586 85
Expended	\$2,329 16	
Overdraft	979 31	
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Total Expended		\$3,308 47
Overdraft to 1953-54		\$ 721 62

Detail of Expenditures

Charles Morse, First Selectman	\$200 00
Beecher White, Second Selectman	195 00
Hurchial Noyes, Third Selectman	190 000
Blanche Ranger, Treasurer	60 00
Florence Morse, Clerk	20 00
L. G. Hutchinson, Collecting Taxes	289 06
L. G. Hutchinson, Collecting Excise Taxes	19 50
A. E. Burgess, Health Officer	10 00
A. W. Smith, Auditor	185 00
State Department of Audit	111 59
S. S. Committee	22 50
Assessors' Meeting	24 75
The Knowlton & McLeary Co., Town Reports	219 19
The New England Telephone Co.	47 10
Howard E. Keyes, Insurance	2 66
Recording and Discharging Liens and Deed Transfers	104 50
Ballot Clerks and Moderator	65 00
Peter MacDonald, Legal Services	150 00
Books and Supplies	58 87
Postage	12 96
Lights for Town Office and Garage	43 49
C. N. Morse, Use of Car	20 00
Interest on Notes Other than School Bus and Truck	242 74
H. Noyes, Sealer of Weights and Measures	10 00

Treasurer of State, Water Tests	\$16 75	
Fuel	1 00	
Florence Morse, Vital Statistics	5 50	
James Shute, Mary Russell Fire	2 00	
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Total Expended		\$2,329 16

OFFICE EQUIPMENT

Appropriated	\$100 00	
Expended	65 69	
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Unexpended Balance		\$34 31

BONDS — TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriated	\$45 00	
Expended	45 00	

MAINE MUNICIPAL ASSOCIATION

Appropriated	\$20 00	
Expended	20 00	

DISCOUNT ON TAXES

Appropriation	\$275 00	
Overdraft Appropriation	63 47	
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Available		\$338 47
Expended	\$270 29	
Overdraft	63 47	
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Total Expended		\$333 76
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Unexpended Balance		\$4 71

ABATEMENTS

Appropriation	\$ 50 00	
Overdraft Appropriation	175 58	
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Available		\$225 58

Expended	\$ 13 26	
Overdraft	175 58	
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Total Expended		\$188 84
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Unexpended Balance		\$36 74

FIRE DEPARTMENT ACCOUNTS

BERRY MILLS COMPANY

Unexpended Balance	\$70 58	
Expended	9 18	
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Unexpended Balance		\$61 40

SOUTH CARTHAGE COMPANY

Unexpended Balance	\$253 97	
Appropriated	300 00	
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Total Available		\$553 97
Expended		497 85
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Unexpended Balance		\$56 12
Total Unexpended Balance		\$117 52

RUMFORD COMMUNITY HOSPITAL

Appropriated		\$100 00
Expended		100 00

MEDICAL CARE SCHOOL CHILDREN

Unexpended Balance	\$38 25	
Appropriation	50 00	
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Available		\$88 25
Expended		44 00
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Unexpended Balance		\$44 25

COUNTY NURSE

Appropriation	\$50 00
Expended	50 00

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Unexpended Balance	\$82 02
Expended	19 40

Unexpended Balance	<u>\$62 62</u>
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SCHOOL BUS NOTES

Appropriation	\$515 00
Overdraft Appropriation	39 12

Available	<u>\$554 12</u>
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Expended	\$550 00
Overdraft	39 12

	<u>\$589 12</u>
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Overdraft to 1953-54	\$35 00
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SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$ 600 00
Overdraft Appropriation	1,012 47

Available	<u>\$1,612 47</u>
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Expended	\$ 936 53
Overdraft	1,012 47

	<u>1,949 00</u>
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Overdraft to 1953-54	\$336 53
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PLOWING AND SANDING

Appropriation	\$ 475 00
Received from State of Maine	1,705 39
Received from Town of Weld	66 75
Overdraft Appropriation	167 65

Available	<u>\$2,414 79</u>
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Expended	\$1,949 41	
Overdraft from 1951-52	1,218 78	
	<hr/>	3,168 19
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Overdraft to 1953-54		\$753 40

STATE AID ROAD CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation	\$ 300 00	
Received from State of Maine	1,770 30	
	<hr/>	\$2,070 30
Available		
Overdraft from 1951-52	\$ 22 44	
Expended	2,070 29	
	<hr/>	2,092 73
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Overdraft to 1953-54		\$22 43

STATE AID TOOLS

Unexpended Balance from 1951-52		\$18 47
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TRUCK PAYMENTS AND INTEREST

Appropriation	\$1,040 00	
Unexpended Balance	28 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,068 00
Available		
Expended		1,050 00
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Unexpended Balance		\$18 00

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$350 00	
Overdraft Appropriation	173 98	
Received from Town of Weld	41 41	
	<hr/>	\$565 39
Available		

Expended	\$515 39	
Overdraft	173 98	
		<u>689 37</u>
Overdraft to 1953-54		\$123 98

MAINTENANCE OF UNIMPROVED ROADS

Expended	\$697 90	
Overdraft from 1951 52	57 70	
		<u>\$755 60</u>
Total Expended		\$755 60
Received from State of Maine		622 30
		<u>\$133 30</u>
Overdraft to 1953-54		\$133 30

CUTTING BUSHES

Appropriation	\$100 00	
Expended	95 39	
		<u>\$4 61</u>
Unexpended Balance		\$4 61

SNOW PLOW AND TRUCK

Overdraft Appropriation	\$ 263 04	
Received for Use of Plow and Truck	1,224 32	
		<u>\$1,487 36</u>
Available		\$1,487 36
Expended	2,304 62	
Overdraft	263 04	
		<u>2,567 66</u>
Overdraft to 1953-54		\$1,080 30

PAINT AND PLANK IRON BRIDGES

Unexpended Balance from 1951-52		\$91 22
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TOWN POOR

Unexpended Balance from 1951-52		\$389 32
Expended		49 40
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Unexpended Balance		\$339 92

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

WELD

Due at Beginning of Year	\$ 13 75	
Expended this Year	476 50	
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Total Due		\$490 25
Received		490 25

SPRINGFIELD

Due at Beginning of Year		\$165 00
Overdraft Appropriation		165 00

STATE POOR

Due at Beginning of Year	\$349 73	
Adjustment Prior Years	32	
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Total Due		\$350 05
Received from State of Maine	\$322 12	
Overpayment Refunded	27 93	
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		\$350 05

CEMETERY TRUST FUNDS

Account	Principal	Interest Available
F. P. Staples	\$ 50 00	\$ 1 04
W. E. Putnam	200 00	57 20
F. W. Brown	100 00	17 64
Ada M. Smith	115 00	48
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Total	\$465 00	\$76 36

DELINQUENT TAXES

1952 TAXES

Details on Tax Collector's Report	\$1,046 09
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1951 TAXES		
Harry Pomeroy		\$ 9 20
1944 TAXES		
Bert Sanborn		28 05
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Total		\$1,083 34

TAX LIENS AND DEEDS SUMMARY

Year	Balance Feb. 9, 1952	Liens Placed	Collected	Transfer to Town Balance Owned Property	Balance Feb. 6, 1953
1951		\$994 30	\$623 50	\$10 00	\$360 80
1950	\$ 498 40		490 40	8 00	
1949	97 41		90 91	6 50	
1948	121 92		121 92		
1947	364 80		364 80		
1941	18 28		18 28		
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	\$1,100 81	\$994 30	\$1,709 81	\$24 50	\$360 80

DETAIL OF UNPAID TAX LIENS

1951		
A. H. Barnett, Jr.		\$ 53 60
Lloyd Millett		123 20
Kermit Houghton		16 00
Asa Flagg		160 00
Bert Sanborn		8 00
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Total		\$360 80

SUMMARY OF OVERDRAFTS AND UNEXPENDED
BALANCES FEBRUARY 6, 1953

OVERDRAFTS

Current Expenses	\$ 721 62
School Bus Notes	35 00
Summer Roads and Bridges	336 53
Plowing and Sanding	753 40
State Aid Road Construction	22 43

Winter Roads	\$ 123 98
Maintenance Unimproved Roads	133 30
Snow Plow and Truck	1,080 30
School Superintendence	32 65
School Repairs and Equipment	574 12
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Total Overdrafts	\$3,813 33

UNEXPENDED BALANCES

Discount on Taxes	\$ 4 71
Abatements	36 74
Common Schools	1,268 79
Office Equipment	34 31
High School Conveyance	38 00
Fire Department	117 52
Medical Care of School Children	44 25
Cemeteries	62 62
State Aid Tools	18 47
Truck Payment and Interest	18 00
Paint and Plank Iron Bridges	91 22
Town Poor	339 92
Office Expense — Schools	1 10
Insurance — Schools	3 79
Civil Defense	175 00
Cutting Bushes	4 61
Dental Project — Schools	5 00
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Total Unexpended Balances	2,264 05

NET OVERDRAFT \$1,549 28

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES N. MORSE,
BEECHER WHITE,
HURCHIAL NOYES,

Selectmen of Carthage.

Treasurer's Report

Cash on Hand February 9, 1952

\$1,679 50

Receipts for Year:

1952 Taxes	\$16,739 64
Prior Years' Taxes	1,753 21
Excise Taxes	878 30
Tax Liens	1,709 81
Costs, Interest, etc. on Tax Liens	384 09
Interest on Taxes	58 24
Discount on Taxes	270 29
Abatements	13 26

State of Maine:

Snow Removal	\$1,705 39
State Aid Road Construction	1,770 30
Unimproved Roads	622 30
State Poor	322 12
Schools	4,808 00
Dog License Refund	7 54

Total State of Maine	9,235 65
Town of Weld, Poor Account	490 25
Town of Weld, Tuition	160 00
Town of Weld, Snow Removal	108 16
Town of Carthage, Snow Plow and Truck	1,224 32
Notes Payable, Rumford Bank & Trust Co.	2,000 00
Refund — Bancroft & Martin (Road accounts)	6 00
Refund — Groceries (Town Poor)	27 93
Sale of 40 Acre Lot	1,700 00
Sale of Cora Barnett Property	55 57

Sale of R. V. Martin Lot	\$48 30
Sale of Wood from School Lot	35 00
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Total Receipts	\$36,898 02
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Total Available	\$38,577 52
Warrants Paid	33,200 16
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Cash on Hand February 6, 1953	\$5,377 36

Respectfully submitted,

BLANCHE RANGER,

Treasurer.

Tax Collector's Report

February 6, 1953

Practically every item in the following list of taxes remaining unpaid on this date, the same as last year, will be either paid in full or secured by Tax Mortgage Lien before this report is published.

1952 TAXES UNPAID AS OF FEBRUARY 6, 1953

A. H. Barnett	\$ 56 15
Harris Bradeen	15 80
Alvin Brown	23 72
Heirs of A. C. Brown	58 80
Sylvanus Bradeen	3 00
John Brown	54 60
Ben Fish	10 50
Asa Flagg	174 30
Minot Flagg	20 86
Arthur Hutchinson	244 86
Heirs of Laforest Hutchinson	41 16
Lovid Hill	12 10
Carroll Libby, Jr.	19 38
Harry E. Pomeroy	7 14
Sherman Seavey	3 00
Stillman Turner	28 56
C. S. Walker	46 20
Earl and Lena Davis	12 60
Alden Green	63 00
Lloyd Millett	129 36
Levander Mitchell	10 50
Urban Rowe	10 50
Total	\$1,046 09

Respectfully submitted,

LEE G. HUTCHINSON,

Collector.

Road Commissioner's Report

SUMMER ROADS AND BRIDGES

Labor:

Conrid Houghton	\$ 80 75
Kermit Houghton	8 30
Ralph Virgin	16 01
Minot Flagg	8 30
Leo Houghton	120 65
Cecil Hutchinson	14 40
Lloyd Hutchinson	3 32
Arthur Hutchinson	3 32
Tyler Hutchinson	59 63
J. L. Hammond	3 32
Richard Wardswell	4 15
Lawrence Tardy	14 11
George Tardy	1 66
Robert Smith	6 96
Asa Flagg	4 90
Carroll Brown	11 62
Reginald Smith	30 42
Earl Hutchinson	11 62
Randall Knox	77 19
Clyde Walker	19 09
Llewellyn Chase	2 49

Total Labor

\$502 21

Use of Trucks:

Reginald Smith	\$ 16 60
C. H. Ranger	18 00
C. C. Noyes & Son	12 50
Town of Carthage	178 02

Total Use of Trucks

225 12

Use of Tractors:

George Tardy	\$ 3 60
Robert Smith	5 40

Charles Morse	27 00	
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Total Use of Tractors		36 00
Plank and Stringers:		
H. L. Smith	\$ 9 00	
Charles Morse	11 70	
M. E. Hammond	4 00	
Timberlands, Inc.	68 60	
C. C. Noyes & Son	70 00	
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Total Plank and Stringers		163 30
Asa Flagg, Team		6 00
L. G. Hutchinson, Spikes		3 90
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Grand Total		\$936 53

WINTER ROADS

Labor:		
Leo Houghton	\$74 10	
Carroll Libby	5 81	
Emerald Houghton	47 79	
Gordon White (Includes Truck)	40 00	
White Bros. (Includes Truck)	14 00	
Reginald Smith	6 53	
Robert Smith	9 57	
Minot Flagg	2 61	
Conrid Houghton	11 42	
Ralph Virgin	10 08	
C. S. Walker	6 09	
Kermit Houghton	6 09	
T. J. Hutchinson	3 48	
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Total Labor		\$237 57
Use of Trucks:		
Town of Weld	\$ 1 50	
Howard Conant	20 00	
Town of Carthage	198 65	
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Total Use of Trucks		220 15

Use of Tractor, Timberlands, Inc.	56 00
Tools, L. G. Hutchinson	1 67
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Total Winter Roads	\$515 39

LEO HOUGHTON,

Road Commissioner.

Report of Audit

Dixfield, Maine
February 10, 1953

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Carthage:

In accordance with the request of your municipal officers I have completed an examination of the accounts of the Town of Carthage for the year ending February 6, 1953.

In my opinion, based upon this examination, the accompanying balance sheet fairly presents the financial condition of your town as of February 6, 1953.

BALANCE SHEET

February 6, 1953

ASSETS

Cash	\$5,377 36
Uncollected Taxes	1,083 34
Tax Liens and Deeds	360 80
Cemetery Trust Funds	465 00
New School Bus (Unappropriated Balance)	1,929 00
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Total Assets	\$9,215 50

LIABILITIES AND SURPLUS

Liabilities:

Withholding Taxes Due Collector	\$ 119 33
Teachers' Pension Fund Withheld	39 40
Ministerial School Fund Borrowed	750 00
Reserve for Cemetery Trust Funds	465 00
Notes Payable	2,000 00
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Total Liabilities \$3,373 73

Surplus:		
General Surplus		\$7,391 05
Less — Net Overdrafts Carried Forward to 1953-54		1,549 28
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Net Surplus		5,841 77
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Total Liabilities and Surplus		\$9,215 50
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SUMMARY OF TREASURER'S CASH ACCOUNT

Cash on Hand February 9, 1952	\$ 1,679 50
Receipts for Year	36,898 02
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Total Available	38,577 52
Checks Issued	33,200 16
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Cash on Hand February 6, 1953	\$5,377 36
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RECONCILIATION WITH BANK

Bank Balance February 6, 1953	\$6,121 51
Cash on Hand	1,266 09
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Total	\$7,387 60
Less — Outstanding Checks	2,010 24
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Cash Book Balance February 6, 1953	\$5,377 36
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A complete audit report containing the following exhibits and schedules will be available at your Selectmen's Office:

- Exhibit A — Balance Sheet
- B — Summary of Cash Receipts and Disbursements
- C — Valuation, Tax Assessment and Collection
- D — Analysis of Changes in Net Surplus
- E — Statement of Departmental Operations

- Schedule 1 — Summary of Taxes
- 2 — Summary of Tax Liens and Deeds
- 3 — Trust Funds
- 4 — Details of Notes Payable

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT W. SMITH,

Auditor.

Carthage School Report

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

I hereby submit my fourth annual report of the Carthage Schools:

Due to the small number of pupils in the South Carthage District, the School Committee closed the Stickney Corner School. We have this year six pupils from that section attending the Dixfield Schools. As can be seen from the financial report this has been a savings to the town. Last Fall Owen Oliver of Starks was elected to replace Euclid St. Pierre at the Berry Mills Grammar School. This year under the direction of Mrs. Swett and Mr. Oliver the Berry Mills school pupils have made fine scholastic progress.

Statistics relative to teachers, enrollment and attendance follow:

TEACHERS

School	Teacher	Annual Salary
Berry Mills Grammar	Owen Oliver	\$2,200 00
Berry Mills Primary	Mildred Swett	1,750 00
Music	Donald Nichols	270 00

ENROLLMENT

Enrollment by Grades for the Fall Term, 1952:

School	S.P.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Berry Mills Grammar					7	10	8	4		29
Berry Mills Primary	12	5	8	10						35
Conveyed to Dixfield from										
Stickney Corner						2		2	2	6
Conveyed to Dixfield									7	7
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	12	5	8	10	7	12	8	6	9	77

ATTENDANCE

School Year of 1951-1952

School	No. of Pupils	Average Yearly Attendance
Berry Mills Grammar	31	29.05
Berry Mills Primary	34	28.53
Stickney Corner	12	8.14

The following pupil was not absent for the entire school year of 1951-1952 (year ending June 1952):

Duane Pomeroy, Berry Mills Grammar

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

The following students were enrolled in High School for the Fall Term of 1952:

At Dixfield High School:

Freshmen: Arthur Child (20 weeks), Charles Houghton (10 weeks), Lee Hutchinson, Evangeline Knox, Geraldine Knox, Roger Webster

Sophomores: Philips Hill, Lyle White, Marie White (21 weeks)

Juniors: Nila Collins, Erroll Hammond, Frank Hutchinson, Gail Hutchinson, Elijah White (12 weeks)

Seniors: Rowena Collins, Marjorie Hill, Milford Webster

At Mexico High School: Charlotte Davis

At No. Yarmouth Academy: Charla Morse

Of the students listed above four have left school and four will graduate from high school in June. We have nine students in the 8th grade so we can anticipate having twenty-four in high school next Fall. With the advancing costs of tuition, we can expect that High School tuition for the next fiscal year will be about \$3,800.00. Our high school students are doing well scholastically and their attendance is good.

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

From this account during the past year new fluorescent lights were installed in both rooms at the Berry Mills School, also the wood stoves were replaced by pot type oil burners. This accounts for the overdraft in this account. The new stoves have kept both rooms very comfortable.

For the coming year we anticipate replacing the two front doors and steps, painting the grammar room and hall, and replacing some of the old and worn out seats.

FINANCES

When books closed for the fiscal year on February 9th, all school bills were in and paid. By examining the financial accounts it will be noted that there is a balance in Common Schools of \$1,268.79, High School Conveyance of \$38.00, Office of \$1.10, Insurance of \$3.79 and Dental Project of \$5.00; and overdrafts of \$574.12 in Repairs and Equipment and Superintendence of \$32.65. Subtracting the total overdrafts of \$606.77 from the total unexpended of \$1,316.68 leaves a total unexpended of \$709.91.

BUDGET

The budget as prepared by the Superintending School Committee shows a decrease from last year's budget by \$1,616.93. This is done mainly by closing the Stickney Corner school and because next year we will receive more State Subsidy.

The budget as prepared by the School Committee and recommended by the Town Budget Committee is presented here for your consideration.

Common Schools	\$3,642 77
High School Tuition	1,800 00
High School Conveyance	225 00
Books and Supplies	300 00
Superintendence	352 00
Repairs and Equipment	600 00
Office	60 00
Insurance	95 00
Interest on School Fund	45 00
Dental Project	25 00
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	\$7,144 77

CONCLUSION

At your annual town meeting the School Board recommends that consideration be given to raising and earmarking a sinking fund so that the sanitary facilities at the Berry Mills school can be improved. This by far is now our most serious problem there. Modern toilet facilities and running water should be installed as soon as the money becomes available.

To the School Committee, Town Officials and Citizens, I wish to express my thanks for your unending efforts to make the Carthage School better.

Respectfully submitted,

BRUCE J. KINNEY,

Supt. of Schools.

Financial Statement – 1952

COMMON SCHOOLS

Receipts

Overdraft Appropriations	\$ 17 39
Appropriation	5,468 00
Interest on School Fund	45 00
Tuition (Weld)	160 00
Trans. from State Fund	3,137 99
Webb River Grange (Wood)	35 00

\$8,863 38

Expenditures

Overdraft 1951	\$ 17 39
Teachers' Salaries	4,819 75
Janitor and Cleaning	290 80
Fuel	214 53
Conveyance	1,496 12
Tuition (Dixfield)	756 00

\$7,594 59

Unexpended

\$1,268 79

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Receipts

Appropriation	\$1,920 00
Transferred from State Fund	1,247 64

\$3,167 64

Expenditures

Town of Dixfield	\$2,791 70
North Yarmouth Academy	292 94
Town of Mexico	83 00

\$3,167 64

HIGH SCHOOL CONVEYANCE

Receipts

Appropriation	\$300 00
Expended	262 00
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Unexpended	\$ 38 00

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation	\$300 00
Transferred from State Fund	422 37
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	\$722 37
Expended	\$722 37

REPAIRS AND EQUIPMENT

Receipts

Balance 1951	\$ 88
Appropriation	300 00
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	\$300 88
Expended	\$875 00
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Overdraft	\$574 12

SUPERINTENDENCE

Receipts

Overdraft Appropriation	\$ 1 76
Appropriation	293 70
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	\$295 46

Expenditures

Overdraft 1951	\$ 1 76
Expended	326 35
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	\$328 11
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Overdraft	\$ 32 65

OFFICE EXPENSE

Receipts

Balance 1951	\$ 1 60	
Appropriation	60 00	
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Expended		\$61 60
		60 50
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Unexpended		\$ 1 10

INSURANCE

Receipts

Balance 1951	\$ 2 32	
Appropriation	35 00	
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Expended		\$37 32
		\$33 53
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Unexpended		\$ 3 79

DENTAL PROJECT

Appropriation	\$40 00	
Expended	35 00	
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Unexpended		\$ 5 00

State of Maine Fund		\$4,808 00
Transferred to: Common Schools	\$3,137 99	
High School Tuition	1,247 64	
Books and Supplies	422 37	
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		\$4,808 00

RECAPITULATION

Account	Receipts	Expenditures	Balance	Overdrafts
Common Schools	\$ 8,863 38	\$ 7,594 59	\$1,268 79	
High School Tuition	3,167 64	3,167 64		
High School Conveyance	300 00	262 00	38 00	
Books and Supplies	722 37	722 37		
Repairs & Equipment	300 88	875 00		\$574 12
Superintendence	295 46	328 11		32 65
Office	61 60	60 50	1 10	
Insurance	37 32	33 53	3 79	
Dental Project	40 00	35 00	5 00	
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	\$13,788 65	\$13,078 74	\$1,316 68	\$606 77
Total Unexpended		709 91		709 91
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	\$13,788 65	\$13,788 65	\$1,316 68	\$1,316 68

State of Maine
DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND WELFARE
Augusta

Progress Report on Mouth Health Project

CARTHAGE — SEPTEMBER 1952

To the Town of Carthage:

Your second annual mouth health project for the school children has recently been completed. It consisted of mouth health educational activities and sodium fluoride applications for the partial prevention of dental decay. Carthage children were transported to Weld for their applications but teaching was done in the Carthage classrooms, a total of three and one-half days being used on Carthage children.

Continuing the plan as started last year, sodium fluoride applications were offered to certain age groups. Because best results are obtained when fluorine applications are given to seven, ten and thirteen year old children, grades containing the pupils of these ages were chosen for treatment. Also following the principles of the accepted technique, the sodium fluoride treatment consisted of a series of four applications of the mild solution, spaced from 2 to 7 days apart, the first application being preceded by a professional cleaning. At the time the children's teeth were being cleaned, individual instruction was given each child as to what he could do to improve his own mouth health. Also, at that same time, each child received a careful dental examination, made with mouth mirror and dental explorer.

In addition to the grades receiving sodium fluoride applications, the sub-primary and first grades were given mouth examinations and individual instruction too. To reach the children who did not receive these, discussions were held in each classroom. These discussions covered the various phases of mouth health; the use of the toothbrush, proper diet, construction of the tooth and the importance of regular dental care. Visual aids and educational materials were employed in each room.

The total number of children examined was 32, of whom only one child had no dental decay and not one said they visited the dentist regularly. However, 14 children, almost one-half of them, had really clean teeth. This latter fact indicates that the families have genuine interest in mouth health and do what they can toward it. The fact that 17 children had sodium fluoride applications is further support of this family interest.

It is true that the younger the child starts dental care, the better the mouth health in adult life. Child health studies have shown that it is important for a child to retain his first teeth until the normal age for their being replaced by permanent teeth. These first teeth are needed for proper chewing, for normal jaw development and to maintain space for permanent teeth. That is why sodium fluoride applications for decay prevention are recommended for the 3-year-old child as well as the school child. While working on the 3-year-old, the dental hygienist can talk with the accompanying parent to explain the important part the baby teeth play in mouth development and health. Making it possible for the 3-year-old children to also have sodium fluoride applications is recommended.

I would like at this time to thank everyone who helped to make my work with the Carthage children so enjoyable.

Respectfully submitted,

KATHLEEN NILES, R.D.H.,

Field Dental Hygienist.

October 1952

Report of the Music Supervisor

To whom it may concern:

I entered the Carthage school system as Music Supervisor in the fall of the year 1952. The program here this year has promoted instrumental study as well as vocal work.

Instrumental Music

Each Friday afternoon there is scheduled an instrumental program for one hour in which the study of many instruments is offered, including the Hawaiian guitar, trumpet and the tonet. This project is fused with the vocal program.

Vocal Music

Each class is voice tested and the students are grouped to form a chorus composed of three choirs, namely, choir 1, choir 2, and choir 3, according to their vocal range and ability.

The sub-primary and 1st grades are grouped together for choral work. The 2nd and 3rd grades are also grouped together.

The 4th, 5th, 6th and 7th grades have a formed chorus with three respective choirs. They have a developing repertoire.

Theory used in school music is taught along with singing in grades 5-8 as incidental work in correlation with a written program which helps to promote understanding of note reading.

The school union has an orchestra this year which will include members from the Carthage schools as they develop in ability to play orchestral music.

The aim here again this year is to increase the value of music to the student through a developing vocal and instrumental program.

I wish to express my appreciation and thanks to the superintendent, teachers and citizens of Carthage for their interest in school music.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD H. NICHOLS,

Music Supervisor.

South Franklin County Tuberculosis and Health Association

To the citizens of Carthage the twenty-fifth annual report of this association is respectfully submitted, and covers a period from January 1st, 1952 to January 1st, 1953.

In reviewing much that has been published on Community Organization we find that it continually stresses that active participation is the only sure means of holding interest in any undertaking.

We have a general over all interest in the health of the community but we realize that other groups have as their first concern a particular health project and are only secondarily interested in other problems at hand. It is our aim to coordinate the efforts and resources of existing agencies so that while working to improve conditions, each group will hold its own identity.

Schools are interested in the child's fitness to participate in such activities as that particular school affords, correction of defects such as vision and hearing which make his work easier, and emotional problems which make it difficult for him to adjust to the school day. The parents in any capacity are interested in any plan which affects their child.

The health officer by law is responsible for the protection of the public through control of communicable diseases and sanitation. The medical and dental profession are primarily concerned with individual curative procedures and more recently with preventative medical services.

Extension groups, 4-H clubs, Grange and clubs with varying interests and zeal, all make up our Public Relations Committee, and it is through them that we must work to bring about a healthier community.

Physically life has become much easier for us, but emotionally it is more difficult. The unrest of the past decade, from depression to war, has taken a toll from everyone. We are more aware that preventative measures may be taken to insure a serene outlook. At present a movement is underway to organize a Mental Hygiene Society in Maine.

Through our own Mental Health Committee we hope that it will bring more resources to us in dealing with emotional problems in our daily lives.

The transition of returning all administrative practices from state to local associations, except for Christmas Seal mailing, has been completed. It does make some changes in program planning.

We cooperated with the Maine Tuberculosis Association by assisting Dr. Ashley, Bureau of Health, with promotional features of the chest x-ray survey in North Franklin County. The regional Diagnostic Clinics have been held in Wilton in May and November. Two attended from Carthage. Each clinic discharges some contacts or suspects who have been followed for several years and not developed active disease. This decreases our case load although some are occasionally added. 13 were given Patch tests, none reacting.

The New England Tuberculosis Conference was held in Portland in September. It was a most interesting meeting with physicians, psychiatrists, nurses, medical social workers, nutritionists, health education consultants, vocational rehabilitation workers, and — patients, making up the panel each day. This gives you some idea of all that is behind finding the patient, getting him in the sanatorium, and back on the job.

We have been more fortunate this year in that Dr. Defoe gave us one day when he gave complete examinations to all of the school children, and 45 received immunizations against whooping cough, diphtheria and tetanus. At least 32 of these were booster doses. We do appreciate the fact that Dr. Defoe is very thorough in his examinations and not just a brief check up as some school examinations are. There have been 15 consultations with teachers, five home visits, and 17 interviews with individuals.

Without an active committee to make decisions you do not get the benefit of all that is offered in a health program. In fact if you do not get together and discuss it you do not know what is offered.

With this report we close twenty-five years of public health work in Carthage. We should be grown up, and this is not an experiment any more. We should appraise our worth and decide what of the old is to be kept and what of the new should be added.

Respectfully submitted,

South Franklin County Tuberculosis and Health Association

By OLIVE BONSEY, R.N., Executive Nurse

Report of Town Clerk

DOG LICENSES ISSUED

38 Males	\$34 20
7 Females	34 30
8 Spayed	7 20
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	\$75 70

VITAL STATISTICS

Births	13
Deaths	5
Marriages	4

FLORENCE MORSE,

Town Clerk.

Health Officer's Report

FOR THE YEAR ENDING FEB, 6, 1953

COMMUNICABLE DISEASES

Trichinosis	2
Scarlet Fever	2

A. E. BURGESS,

Health Officer.

Berry Mills Fire Company

REPORT FOR 1952

Unexpended Balance at Beginning of Year	\$70 58
No Appropriation	
Available	\$70 58
Expended	9 18
Unexpended Balance at End of Year	\$61 40

Equipment on hand:

- 1 1½" N.S. Thread Female
- 1 1½" I. P. Thread Male
- 1 1½" Iron Pipe Thread Female
- 1 1½" N. S. Thread Male
- 1 K. S. light
- 1 Trailer — 1 Pump
- 300 ft. 2½" Hose — 600 ft. 1½" Hose
- 1 3" Suction Hose
- 2 Indian Pumps
- 1 Wye
- 3 Nozzles ½"
- 1 2½ gal. Foam Ext. — 4 Refills
- 2 Carbon Tet. Ext.

The Berry Mills Company has attended one fire.

Present membership — 24

Six meetings have been held, with an average attendance of 14.

ROBERT H. CURTIS,

Fire Chief.

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STATE OF MAINE
COLLECTION

South Carthage Fire Company

REPORT FOR 1952

Appropriated	\$300 00	
Unexpended Balance from 1951-52	253 97	
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Available		\$553 97
Expended		497 85
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Unexpended Balance		\$ 56 12

Equipment on hand February 6, 1953:

- 1 Combination Pumper and Tank Truck
- 5 Smith Indian Pumps
- 6 Extinguishers — 1 Quart Size
- 1 Length 4" Hard Suction Hose — 4½" Connections
- 1 Length 2½" Hard Suction Hose
- 1 Cap Reducer 4½" to 2½"
- 200 Feet 1½" Linen Hose
- 200 Feet ¾" Garden Hose
- Nozzles and Adapters and Reducers (to permit the 400 feet to be used as one line)
- 1 Fire Axe
- 1 Woodsman's Axe
- 1 Mattox
- 2 Spades
- 5 Fire Rakes
- 1 First Aid Kit
- 1 Roof Ladder — 16 Ft.
- Mechanic's Tools (Value \$25.00)
 - Present membership 9
 - Average membership 10
 - Average attendance at meetings 5

Company called to one chimney fire.

The above truck has been bought and is nearly ready for the road. Mounting the tank and painting the truck are the main jobs left as of this date.

Respectfully submitted,
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Assistant Fire Chief.