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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE

TOWN OF CARTHAGE

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING FEBRUARY 16, 1925

FARMINGTON, MAINE

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1925

TOWN OFFICERS

CLERK

E. R. BERRY

SELECTMEN, ASSESSORS AND OVERSEERS OF THE POOR

D. W. BERRY

R. O. DUNNING

E. H. STAPLES

ROAD COMMISSIONER

A. E. BURGESS

TREASURER

NELLIE A. BERRY

CONSTABLES

HENRY S. STEVENS

GUY C. ROBBINS

COLLECTOR OF TAXES

GUY C. ROBBINS

SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

E. H. STAPLES

MILDRED SWETT

HARRY L. SMITH

SUPERINTENDENT

E. L. TONER

HEALTH OFFICER

C. F. EATON

Town Warrant

To Henry S. Stevens, Constable of the Town of Carthage, GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of said town of Carthage to assemble at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, on Monday, the second day of March, A. D. 1925, 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, selectmen, assessors, overseers of the poor and all other necessary town officers.

ART. 3. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the support of common schools, for tuition, text-books and supplies, schoolhouse repairs, school office expenditures, schoolhouse flags, schoolhouse insurance, and for the interest on school fund, being forty-five dollars.

ART. 4. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the repair of roads and bridges.

ART. 5. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for winter roads.

ART. 6. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money to be applied to a two horse patrol, on State Aid road.

ART. 7. To see if the town will vote "yes" or "no" on the question of appropriating and raising money necessary to entitle the town to State Aid as provided in Section 19, Chapter 25 of the Public Laws of 1916.

ART. 8. To see if the town will appropriate and raise a sum \$300 for the improvement of the section of the State Aid road as outlined in the report of the State Highway Commission, in addition to the amount regularly raised for the care of ways, highways and bridges, the above amount being the maximum amount the town is allowed to raise under the provisions of Section 18 of Chapter 25, of the Revised Statutes.

ART. 9. To see what sum of money the town will vote and raise for advertising our natural resources, advantages and attractions under provisions of Chapter 4, Section 59 of the Revised Statutes. The same to be expended under the Maine Development Association.

ART. 10. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for Superintendent of Schools.

ART. 11. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the support of the poor.

ART. 12. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for current expenses.

ART. 13. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for overdrawn accounts.

ART. 14. To see how much money the town will vote and raise for the support of a silent policeman.

ART. 15. To see if the town will vote and raise a sum of money for Memorial Day expenses.

ART. 16. To see if the town will vote to discontinue the Basin road, so called, commencing at the East Dixfield road and ending at the Harry L. Smith farm in said Basin.

ART. 17. To see what action the town will take in regard to laying out a private way for Harry L. Smith and others, from the East Dixfield road to the said Harry L. Smith farm in said Basin.

ART. 18. To see at what time the town will vote to have the taxes for 1925 assessed and committed to the Collector.

ART. 19. To see at what time the town will vote to have the taxes collected and paid to the town treasurer.

ART. 20. To see if the town will vote to give a discount on all taxes (poll tax excepted) for the 1925 commitment, paid on or before August 20, 1925 and to raise a sum of money for the same.

ART. 21. To see if the town will vote to charge interest on all of the 1925 commitment that remain unpaid Dec. 1, 1925.

ART. 22. To see if the town will vote to raise a sum of money to build a shed near the Grange Hall for the use of the public.

The Selectmen give notice that they will be in session at the Grange Hall, Berry Mills, on the day of said meeting, at nine o'clock, A. M., for the purpose of correcting the list of voters.

Given under our hands at Carthage this 16th day of February, A. D. 1925.

D. W. BERRY,
E. H. STAPLES,
R. O. DUNNING,

Selectmen of Carthage.



Assessors' Report

Real estate, resident	\$ 51,582 00
Real estate, non-resident	106,361 00
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Total real estate	\$157,943 00
Personal estate, resident	\$24,326 00
Personal estate, non-resident	11,242 00
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	\$35,568 00
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	\$193,511 00

Total valuation of land	\$126,267 00
Total valuation of buildings	31,676 00
Number of polls taxed, 64.	
Number of polls not taxed, 12.	
Rate of poll tax, \$3.00.	
Rate of taxation, .045.	
Rate of collection, .02.	

LIVESTOCK STATISTICS

	NO.	AV. VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
Horses and mules	82	\$91 00	\$7,465 00
Colts, 3 to 4 years	3	35 00	115 00
Colts, 2 to 3 years	2	57 50	115 00
Colts, under 2 years	1		40 00
Cows	103	36 00	3,731 00
Oxen	8	73 00	580 00
Three-years-old	20	32 00	640 00
Two-years-old	29	21 00	585 00

EXEMPT LIVESTOCK

	NO.	AV. VALUE	TOTAL VALUE
One-year-old	28	10 00	\$280 00
Sheep (over 35 in number)	113	5 00	571 00
Swine (over 10 in number)		16 00	370 00

OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Stock in trade	\$1,500 00
Logs	2,353 00
Lumber	1,955 00
Spool wood	3,435 00
Spool stock	3,754 00
Carriages	280 00
Automobiles	7,200 00
Musical Instruments	580 00
Portable Mills	700 00
Machinery not taxed as real estate	290 00
Other property	245 00

APPROPRIATED AND ASSESSED

Common schools	\$2,000 00
Text-books and supplies	100 00
Schoolhouse repairs	400 00
Permanent school fund	45 00
Insurance	40 00
Office expenses	10 00
Summer roads and bridges	2,000 00
Winter roads	300 00
State Aid road	300 00
Supt.'s salary	150 00
Support of poor	400 00
Current expenses	650 00
Two horse patrol	150 00
Silent policeman	15 00
Road at So. Carthage, special	200 00
Discount on taxes	150 00
State tax	1,335 84
County tax	514 26
Overlay	137 90
Supplementary tax	45 90

Total commitment

 \$8,943 90

COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance 1923-4	\$ 34 97	
Appropriation	2,000 00	
Interest on school fund	45 00	
State school fund	835 96	
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		\$2,915 93

An itemized list of the expenditure of the above sum will be found in the superintendent's report.

SUMMER ROADS

Appropriation	\$2,000 00	
Balance from 1923-4	54 49	
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		\$2,054 49
Patrol and 50-50		329 70
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		\$1,724 79
Expended		1,579 19
		<hr/>
Balance		\$145 60

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$300 00	
Balance from 1923-4	19 44	
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		\$319 44
Expended		557 92
Overdrawn	\$238 48	

DISCOUNT ON TAXES

Appropriation	\$150 00	
Overdrawn 1923	21 80	
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		\$128 20
Expended		127 48
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Balance		\$0 72

LOAN FROM RUMFORD FALLS TRUST CO.

Borrowed in summer of 1924		\$1,500 00
Paid Rumford Falls Trust Co., in full	\$1,500 00	

SILENT POLICEMAN

Appropriation	\$15 00	
Balance from 1923	2 46	
	<hr/>	\$17 46
Expended		10 00
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Balance		\$7 46

MEMORIAL DAY

Balance from 1923		\$3 37
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SHEEP KILLED BY WILD ANIMALS

Paid O. V. Hutchinson	\$48 00	
D. D. Berry	12 00	
Frank Daisey	24 00	
Ralph Hall	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$99 00
Received from State	\$99 00	

CEMETERY FUND

Will Putnam fund, in hands of Treasurer	\$233 63	
Interest on same to March 1, 1925	12 78	
	<hr/>	\$246 41

ABATEMENTS

H. W. Berry, exempt	\$ 3 00
C. F. Eaton, exempt	3 00
Geo. Fish, exempt	3 00
Joe Locklin, poor	3 00
Albert Crush, paid in Phillips	3 00
Phillip Arsenault, paid in N. New Portland	3 00

A. L. Coburn, overvaluation of mill	\$17 71	
Webbs River Grange Corp., custom	15 75	
	<hr/>	\$51 46

PAUPER ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$400 00	
Overdrawn 1923	57 69	
	<hr/>	\$342 31
Paid State on account of Cushman children	\$ 71 18	
Paid on account of B. F. Hackett	146 00	
	<hr/>	\$217 18
Balance		<hr/> \$125 13

CURRENT EXPENSES

Appropriation	\$650 00	
Balance from 1923-4	80 38	
	<hr/>	\$730 38
Knowlton McLeary Co., printing town reports, 1923	\$ 50 29	
J. W. Perkins, births and deaths, 1923	75	
Loring, Short & Harmon, books and supplies	16 43	
F. H. and C. H. Plummer, insurance	6 50	
C. M. Conant & Co., repairs for grader	6 75	
E. H. Staples, services as moderator, 1924	2 50	
D. C. Brown, services as selectman, 1924	4 00	
Lester S. Libby for services as selectman, 1923 and for postage	4 21	
Warren Pettengill for labor cutting bushes in Potter Hill cemetery	3 90	
D. W. Berry for postage and office supplies	1 25	
Ione Harlow, paint for fence, Newman bridge	14 50	
Warren Pettengill, ballot clerk, 1924	9 00	
Wilmer Berry, ballot clerk, 1924	9 00	
J. S. Sturtevant, birth and death certificates	1 00	

D. W. Berry, watering trough	\$ 3 00	
D. W. Berry one day at Farmington to meet State Assessors, auto hire and legal advice	10 00	
E. R. Berry, clerk	23 80	
Nellie A. Berry, treasurer	50 00	
Henry S. Stevens, constable fees	9 00	
Guy C. Robbins, sealer of weights and measures	3 00	
Guy C. Robbins, collector, collecting taxes	178 00	
E. H. Staples, services selectman	100 00	
D. W. Berry, services selectman	95 00	
R. O. Dunning, services selectman	83 00	
Warren Pettengill, services selectman, 1923	8 00	
J. F. Howard, painting fence at Newman bridge	3 50	
Loring, Short & Harmon, supplies	3 00	
A. W. Tainter, watering trough	3 00	
C. F. Eaton, health officer	6 00	
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		\$705 88
Appropriation	\$650 00	
Balance from 1923	96 58	
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		\$746 58
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Balance		\$40 70

DELINQUENT TAX PAYERS

1921 commitment:

W. O. Burgess	\$30 63	
Vern Brown	3 09	
H. H. Schanz	9 50	
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		\$43 22

1922 commitment:

G. C. Ames	\$132 68	
Chester Brown	5 77	
J. W. Brown	4 85	
W. O. Burgess	34 04	
G. P. Fish	25 20	
S. F. Hammond	1 85	

Fred Hammond	\$ 3 66	
L. L. Hutchinson	56 85	
A. F. Marden	5 18	
R. G. Noyes	30 29	
A. L. Thurlow	1 85	
A. D. Virgin	20 90	
Mike Velush	11 21	
W. T. Gould	3 00	
O. L. Glover	3 00	
Adam Berzilas	3 00	
H. H. Schanz	9 25	
O. H. Hildreth	14 80	
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		\$367 38

1924 commitment:

George Ames	\$11 25	
Zoel Lamay	12 00	
P. G. Noyes	9 00	
Lorin Bowie	15 75	
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		\$48 00

TWO HORSE PATROL

Appropriation	\$150 00
Expended	63 45

Balance	<hr/>	\$86 55
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Total amount of orders drawn	\$9,364 38
Total amount of orders paid	\$9,364 38

RESOURCES

Due from R. C. Swett, 1921 com.	\$ 43 00
R. C. Swett, 1922 com.	367 38
Guy C. Robbins, 1924 com.	41 56
Tax deeds	32 98
Town office and fixtures	200 00
Lot 8 in 4th and 5th range	400 00
Southwest corner lot 2 range 12	1,000 00

George Thompson land	\$ 15 00	
Pauper lot in Ellis cemetery	5 00	
Cash in treasury	1,320 61	
		\$3,425 53

LIABILITIES

W. E. Putnam fund and int.		\$246 41
		\$3,179 12
Balance in favor of town		

Respectfully submitted,

D. W. BERRY,
E. H. STAPLES,
R. O. DUNNING,

Selectmen of Carthage.

 CARTHAGE THIRD CLASS ROAD, 1924

Appropriation	\$784 08	
Balance, 1923-4	29 19	
		\$813 27
Expended by State	\$ 11 70	
Expended by town	800 55	
		\$812 25
Cost of road		\$812 25
Total State apportionment	\$813 27	
Cost of inspection	11 70	
		\$801 57
Available from State		\$801 57
		\$1 02
Unexpended balance		\$1 02

Expended by CARL RAND.

CARTHAGE STATE AID, 1924

Appropriated by Town, Sec. 18	\$300 00	
Appropriated by State, Sec. 20	798 00	
Balance from 1923	96 98	
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		\$1,194 98
Inspection	\$ 14 85	
Expended by town	1,252 44	
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		\$1,267 29
Town account	\$1,252 44	
Town appropriation	300 00	
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Excess of appropriation		\$952 44
Total State apportionment	\$894 98	
Cost of inspection	14 85	
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Available from State		\$880 13
Over expended	\$77 31	

Expended by CARL RAND.

WINTER ROAD AFTER SETTLEMENT FEB. 12, 1924, TO
FEB. 12, 1925

Perley Fish, team	\$ 7 00
Charles Smith, team	6 00
A. D. Virgin, team	10 00
R. P. Savage, team	6 00
Bert Plummer	3 00
Warren Pettengill	1 20
I. A. Mitchell, team	6 65
R. C. Swett, team	14 00
LaForest Hutchinson, team	28 00
A. E. Burgess	7 00
Joe Howard	4 78
R. O. Dunning	4 68
Fred Hammond	3 00
J. A. Hutchinson	7 00
Guy Robbins, team	11 00
Guy Webster, team	7 00

Harry L. Smith, team	\$ 17 33	
Frank I. Brown	4 12	
John Robbins	13 08	
Perley Fish, team	28 00	
Clyde Walker, team	34 12	
LaForest Hutchinson, team	61 83	
Roy Noyes	4 50	
R. P. Savage, team	35 00	
W. D. Berry, team	10 00	
Walter Rice	14 78	
A. E. Burgess	15 75	
Bert Plummer	7 00	
Stetson Hutchinson	7 00	
Phillip Arsenault	12 84	
Tyler Hutchinson	3 50	
M. E. Hammond	6 43	
Will Hutchinson, with team	13 08	
A. W. Tainter, housing snow plow	1 50	
C. T. F. Smith, snow shovels	1 60	
Warren Pettengill	1 75	
Phillip Hutchinson, with team	21 00	
O. V. Hutchinson	8 00	
Myron Hanscom, with team	12 44	
Stetson Hutchinson,	1 75	
Guy Robbins, with team	29 56	
Guy Webster, with team	19 65	
Carroll Maxwell, with team	21 39	
Harry L. Smith, man and team	21 39	
I. T. Hutchinson, housing snow plow	1 50	
Frank I. Brown	1 00	
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Expended		\$557 92
Available	\$319 44	

A. E. BURGESS, *Road Commissioner.*

SEPARATE APPROPRIATION AT SOUTH CARTHAGE, 1924

R. C. Swett, with team	\$ 14 00
Henry Stevens	19 25
Warren Pettengill	22 25

R. O. Dunning, with truck	\$100 00	
A. E. Burgess	22 25	
Alfred Burgess	14 00	
Myron Snowman	7 00	
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Expended		\$198 75
Available	\$200 00	

A. E. BURGESS, *Road Commissioner.*

50-50 ROAD, 1924

R. C. Swett	\$28 08	
Will Hutchinson	25 74	
Joe Howard	14 04	
John Hutchinson	7 02	
Henry Stevens	14 04	
A. E. Burgess	10 92	
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Expended		\$99 84
Available	\$100 00	

A. E. BURGESS, *Road Commissioner.*

SUMMER ROADS, 1924

A. E. Burgess, plank	\$120 00
Montgomery, Ward Co., paint	9 10
C. H. Towle, dynamite	5 85
A. D. Virgin, team	26 25
R. C. Swett, team	30 00
Henry Stevens, painting bridge	10 50
Hazen Cochran, painting bridge	12 00
A. D. Virgin, with team	14 00
Pierre LeMay	12 00
Joe Howard	24 50
John S. Harlow, bridge stringers	10 00
E. H. Staples, team	23 00
J. A. Hutchinson	38 50
Carrol Brown, team	63 00
R. C. Swett, team	67 50
Will Hutchinson, team	65 34
Joe Howard	35 00

Fred Hammond	\$ 7 00
Henry Stevens	45 50
A. E. Burgess	100 00
Guy Webster, team	16 00
Warren Pettengill	7 02
Stetson Hutchinson, team	45 00
R. C. Swett, team	21 00
Henry Stevens	24 50
Joe Howard	35 00
J. A. Hutchinson	17 50
Ben Bowie, team	38 50
Guy Webster, team	14 00
A. E. Burgess	38 50
Carroll Noyes, truck	30 00
C. T. F. Smith, tools, spikes	10 82
R. C. Swett, team	6 00
E. H. Staples, team	7 00
Henry Stevens	3 00
Warren Pettingill	3 50
Tyler Hutchinson	4 30
Warren Pettingill	7 00
Henry Stevens	14 00
Warren Pettingill	7 00
L. S. Libby, smith bill	7 07
Harry L. Smith	8 75
G. C. Robbins, team	19 24
Stetson Hutchinson, team	17 66
Warren Pettingill	28 00
Henry Stevens	17 50
R. G. Noyes, gravel	6 00
A. E. Burgess	44 75
Alfred Burgess	7 00
R. O. Dunning, truck	28 50
Harry Libby	8 75
Guy Webster, team	21 00
Joe Jordan, team	18 00
Ellery Daly	3 50
Carroll Maxwell	3 50
Henry Stevens	11 50
R. C. Swett, team	17 50

Warren Pettingill	\$ 10 50	
LaForest Hutchinson, team	12 50	
Joe Jordan	1 36	
M. E. Hammond	7 00	
Fred Hammond	3 50	
Bert Plummer, truck	15 00	
A. M. Allen, gravel	7 00	
A. E. Burgess	16 00	
Henry Stevens	7 00	
Warren Pettingill	7 00	
R. C. Swett, team	17 50	
A. E. Burgess	10 50	
Tyler Hutchinson	3 50	
Henry Stevens	1 75	
Bert Plummer, truck	7 00	
Myron Hansom	11 65	
J. A. Hutchinson	5 25	
A. L. Coburn, plank	15 96	
V. O. White, cutting bushes	10 00	
Stetson Hutchinson	5 50	
Phillip Hutchinson, team	7 00	
Henry Stevens	3 50	
A. E. Burgess	8 00	
Ben Bowie	14 00	
C. T. F. Smith, spikes, shovel	2 33	
No. East Metal Culvert Co.	23 72	
W. O. Burgess, gravel	3 50	
Guy Robbins, team	4 67	
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Expended		\$1,579 19
Available	\$1,724 79	

A. E. BURGESS, *Road Commissioner.*



Treasurer's Report

*Nellie A. Berry, in account with the town of Carthage, for the year
ending February 16, 1925.*

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To cash in treasury at beginning of year	\$1,104 11
Received of R. C. Swett, coll., 1922 com.	71 20
Guy C. Robbins, coll., 1924 com.	8,902 34
Tax deeds	74 82
E. R. Berry, clerk, dog licenses	21 00
State, highway department	49 92
State Treas., Third class highway fund	800 55
Dog license refunded	6 26
School fund	835 96
R. R. & Tel. tax	2 78
State Aid highway fund	880 13
Damage to domestic animals	99 00
Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan	1,500 00
Guy C. Robbins, interest on taxes	13 74
R. C. Swett, interest on taxes	6 80
	\$14,368 61

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Paid State, dog license	\$ 21 00
County tax, 1924	514 26
State Treasurer, patrol fund	279 60
State Treasurer, tax, 1924	1,335 84
Rumford Falls Trust Co., int. on loan	32 92

Paid Rumford Falls Trust Co., loan in full	\$1,500 00
Town orders cancelled	9,364 38
Cash in treasury	1,320 61
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	\$14,368 61

Respectfully submitted,

NELLIE A. BERRY, *Treasurer.*

Vital Statistics

To the Selectmen of the Town of Carthage:

The following returns of births and deaths have been made to this office.

BIRTHS

1924

Feb. 20 — To the wife of Harry D. Ford, a son, 2nd child.

April 8 — To the wife of William Chabot, a son, 4th child.

Aug. 4 — To the wife of John Robbins, a son, 5th child.

Aug. 10 — To the wife of E. R. Berry, a daughter, 6th child.

Sept. 23 — To the wife of LaForest Hutchinson, a son, 13th child.

Sept. 30 — To the wife of Ray Howard, a daughter, 1st child.

Nov. 6 — To the wife of Carl W. Rand, a daughter, 3rd child.

DEATHS

1924

Oct. 27 — John S. Swett, age 77 yrs. 9 mos. 11 days. Cause of death, Arteris clerosis,—contributing cause old age.

Nov. 7 — Esther Allen Brown, age 100 yrs. 4 mos. 11 days. Cause of death, Senility.

E. R. BERRY,

Town Clerk of Carthage.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the Superintending School Committee of Carthage and Citizens:

I take great pleasure in presenting to you my first annual report on the condition of your schools.

First I am presenting to you a table showing the enrollment as it existed for the fall term, 1924.

SCHOOL	GRADES									
	S.	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
St. Corner	4	1	1	1	1	0	0	1	1	10
Newman	1	1	2	1	3	2	2	1	1	14
B. Mills	1	5	0	1	5	5	1	1	5	24
	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—	—
Total each grade	6	7	3	3	9	7	3	3	7	48

You will note from the above table that with the exception of the Berry Mills school the enrollment is low, there being a small school population in the neighborhood of these schools. The registration shows seven in the eighth grade and doubtless several of these will go to High school.

From the best information that we had shortly before the fall term opened we believed that there would only be about five to attend in the neighborhood of the Potter Hill school. We accordingly decided to open the Stickney Corner school instead and not to put out money in extensive repairs on the Potter school. This has finally worked out to the best interests of the town, and I believe that the present arrangement is working out with the least expense with no great hardship to any.

The teachers employed are as follows:

SCHOOL	TEACHER	SALARY
Stickney Corner	— Addie Sampson	— \$15.00.
Newman	— Elva Swett	— \$20.00.
Berry Mills	— Lillian Hulbert	— \$22.50.

Mrs. Swett who taught at the Newman school last year was re-elected to the same position. Upon the opening of the Stickney Corner school Miss Sampson who lives in the neighborhood was engaged to teach the school. She has recently sent in her resignation to take effect at the end of the winter term. Another teacher will be hired to take her place to begin with the Spring term. Miss Lillian Hulbert was hired to teach the Berry Mills School coming from a more distant part of the State. The school has been getting along very nicely under her management. I feel that I must speak of the matter of attendance at the Berry Mills school. Especially during the Fall term there was much unnecessary absence. Children were kept out to help at home or for other reasons which were not sufficient excuse. There must be an improvement in this matter. I have been slow to employ radical measures to correct this hoping that diligent attention to the matter might bring an improvement. However, although there is some gain it will be necessary to carry out the school law of the State unless there is better attendance on the part of some. The income from the State depends partially upon the attendance of the pupils of the town. Therefore, the pupil who attends school regularly is an asset; one who does not is a liability.

I am in hopes that we will have sufficient funds this year to run the school 36 weeks. I believe that all of the other schools of the union will do this and certainly Carthage cannot afford to give less to the children than its neighbors. Or in other words we cannot expect these children to compete favorably with the children of other sections in grading if they do not get as much schooling each year.

The text-books of the town are in very fair shape. We need more supplementary material in reading especially along the line of silent reading. The practice of silent reading is no longer an experiment. It has been proven conclusively that this work increases not only the speed but the comprehension and it is quite essential that we should have some of this material in the schools for several of the upper grades. I have purchased new writing books for all of the schools, also some supplementary material for drill in arithmetic.

Concerning the balance sheet for the past year, which is included as a part of this report, I think that it is plain and speaks for itself.

With reference to the budget for next year I would say that we should have the same amount for Common Schools, (\$2,000). High School tuition is a matter of uncertainty, but with four already in High School and seven graduating this year it is estimated that \$500.00 will be needed. For books and supplies the same amount as last year. For repairs probably not any appropriation as there is considerable unexpended balance. On superintendent's salary I have given you simply the amount necessary to pay the salary at the present rate and take care of the amount overdrawn. Office expense is somewhat more than a year ago as it is desired to purchase a duplicating machine each town paying its proportional part. This is for the superintendent's office and will be a very valuable asset in many ways in the conduct of the schools. We believe that there need be no appropriation for insurance and flags this year. We have considered these figures very carefully and feel that the estimates are no more than are necessary for the proper conduct of the schools for the ensuing year. I believe that the total is \$100 less than was appropriated for last year.

In closing I wish to urge upon the parents more frequent visits to the schools. I wish to express my appreciation of the kindly spirit shown by the citizens toward school matters and to thank the Superintending School Committee for their kindly coöperation and help in all ways.

Respectfully submitted,

E. L. TONER, *Supt. of Schools.*

COMMON SCHOOLS

Balance 1923-24	\$ 34 97
Appropriation	2,000 00
Int. on school fund	45 00
State school fund	714 95
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	\$2,794 92

Teachers' salaries	\$1,955 00	
Fuel	144 75	
Janitors	69 75	
Conveyance	517 50	
Tuition	86 31	
	<hr/>	\$2,773 31
Balance		<hr/> \$21 61

BOOKS AND SUPPLIES

Appropriation	\$100 00	
State of Maine	60 23	
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Expended		160 23
		\$160 23

REPAIRS

Balance	\$211 57	
Appropriation	400 00	
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Newman school	\$12 97	
Stickney Corner	82 27	
Berry Mills	10 50	
	<hr/>	\$105 74
Balance		<hr/> \$505 83

TUITION

Balance	\$ 70 22	
Appropriation	200 00	
State school fund	60 78	
	<hr/>	\$331 00
Town of Mexico	\$ 56 00	
Wilton Academy	60 00	
Town of Dixfield	215 00	
	<hr/>	\$331 00

SUPERINTENDENCE

H. W. Coburn	\$100 00	
E. L. Toner	84 00	
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Overdrawn	\$34 00	

OFFICE EXPENSE

Balance	\$ 2 89	
Appropriation	10 00	
	<hr/>	\$12 89
Expended		13 95
Overdrawn	\$1 06	

INSURANCE

Balance	\$ 2 78	
Appropriation	45 00	
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Expended		28 69
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Balance		\$19 09

FLAGS

Balance 1923-24		\$9 93
Unexpended		

STATE SCHOOL FUND

State of Maine		\$835 96
Transferred to common schools	\$714 95	
Books and supplies	60 23	
H. S. tuition	60 78	
	<hr/>	\$835 96

BUDGET FOR NEXT YEAR

Common schools	\$2,000 00
Books and supplies	100 00
Repairs	00 00
Tuition, High school	500 00
Supt.'s salary	178 00
Office expense	20 00
Insurance	00 00
Flags	00 00