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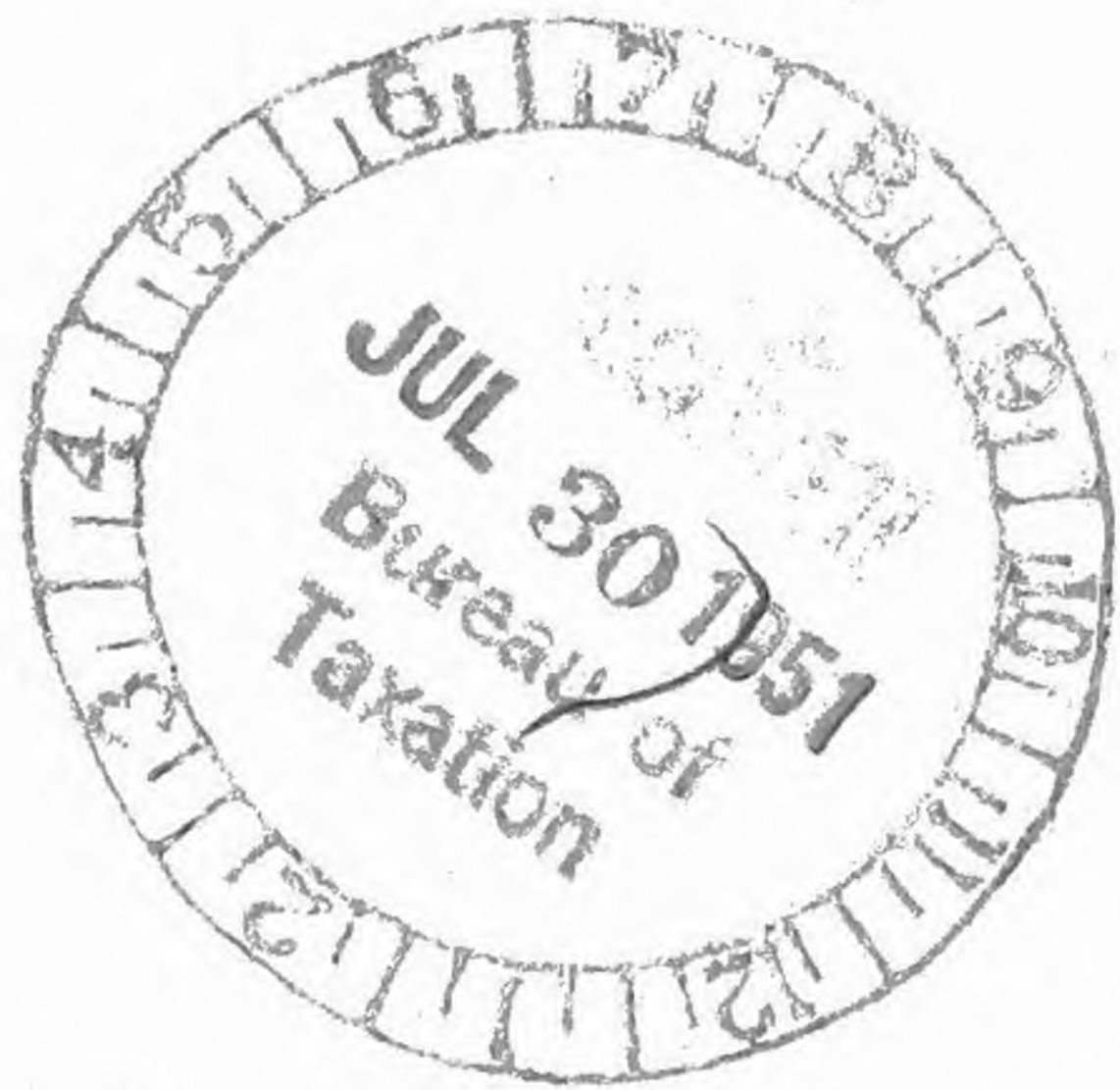
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BETHEL, MAINE

Reports of Municipal Officers

1950



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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Bethel

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31

1950

1951

The Oxford County Citizen
Bethel, Maine

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor

ERNEST F. BISBEE

JOHN H. CARTER

JAMES C. BARTLETT

Clerk

MARGARET B. BAKER

Treasurer

JOHN M. HARRINGTON

Tax Collector

WALTER E. BARTLETT

Road Commissioner

EUBERTO P. BROWN

Superintendent of Schools

DONALD M. CHRISTIE

Superintending School Committee

EARL A. DAVIS

OLIVE A. HEAD

STANLEY L. BROWN

School Physician and Health Officer

WIDD B. TWADDLE, M. D.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ELMER E. BENNETT

Weigher, Town Scales

ALBERT W. BUCK

Fire Ward

ROBERT M. BLAKE

Moderator

HENRY H. HASTINGS

Constables

RODERICK S. McMILLIN

ROBERT S. YORK

HERBERT R. ROWE

ASHER H. RUNNELS

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

DURWARD H. MASON

LESLIE E. DAVIS

HUGH D. THURSTON

GUY PRATT

ANNUAL REPORT

Valuation of Property and number of Polls as taken April 1st, 1950

Valuation of Real Estate

Resident Owners	\$1,049,395 00
Non-Resident Owners	172,335 00

Total Value of Real Estate	\$1,221,730 00
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Valuation of Personal Estate

Resident Owners	\$342,384 00
Non-Resident Owners	129,784 00

Total Value of Personal Estate	\$472,168 00
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Grand Total of Real and Personal Estate	\$1,693,898 00
Total Value of Land	\$477,730 00
Total Value of Buildings	744,000 00
Increase in Valuation over 1949	34,866 00
Rate of Taxation	.066
Poll Tax Rate	\$3 00
Number of Polls Taxed	673
Number of Polls Not Taxed	94
Percentage Paid Tax Collector	.015
Collecting Excise Tax	.15

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1950

	1950	1949
For State Tax	\$10,272 49	\$10,272 49
County Tax	4,899 36	4,899 36
Miscellaneous Account	1,600 00	1,600 00
Town Officers' Bills	5,600 00	4,700 00
Treasurer's Bond	35 00	35 00
Collector's Bond	20 00	20 00

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Fire Department	1,000 00	800 00
Sewers	1,000 00	500 00
Street Lighting	400 00	265 00
Roads and Bridges	7,000 00	4,500 00
Winter Roads	7,000 00	5,000 00
Tarvia for Roads and Streets	5,500 00	5,500 00
State Aid Construction	1,596 00	1,596 00
Sidewalk Construction	500 00	500 00
Snow Removal, Sidewalks	800 00	800 00
Fire Hose	500 00	
Maintenance of Third Class Highways	300 00	
Support of Poor	4,000 00	4,000 00
School Maintenance	42,000 00	36,000 00
School Repairs	2,000 00	2,800 00
School Insurance	479 75	300 00
Supt of Schools & Office Expense	1,600 00	1,500 00
School Physician	100 00	100 00
Old Cemeteries	1,000 00	75 00
Bethel Public Library	600 00	600 00
Memorial Day Observance	100 00	100 00
Motor Vehicle Insurance	320 00	300 00
State of Maine Publicity Bureau	100 00	100 00
Bethel Chamber of Commerce	200 00	200 00
Interest on Loans	1,150 00	600 00
Abatements	689 20	383 27
Notes	5,800 00	5,800 00
Public Health Nursing	25 00	
White Pine Blister Rust	300 00	
To Purchase New School Lot	3,200 00	
To Acquire a Town Dump	1,000 00	
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	112,686 80	
Overlay	1,129 45	
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	\$113,816 25	
Taxes Assessed as Follows		
\$1,693,898.00 Valuation @ .066	\$111,797 25	
673 Polls @ \$3.00	2,019 00	
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		\$113,816 25

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Excise Tax Collected for 1950	\$9,238 96	
Excise Tax Collected for 1951	892 42	
Supplementary Tax, 1949	51 00	
Supplementary Tax, 1950	225 30	
		\$10,407 68

EXTRACT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORT

Live Stock Taxed

Horses	85	\$6,390 00	
Colts, under 2 yrs. old not of draft type	1	75 00	
Steers, Oxen, Bulls and Beef Cattle over 18 months	63	6,175 00	
Milk Cows, including heifers that have freshened	397	34,825 00	
Heifers over two years old not yet freshened	43	3,055 00	
Heifers 18 months to 2 yrs. old	74	4,090 00	
Domestic Fowl (Over 50 in no.)	9370	4,890 00	
			\$59,500 00

Exempt Live Stock and Domestic Fowl

Cattle 18 mos. and younger	247	\$8,645 00	
Sheep (to 35 in no.)	48	480 00	
Kids and Goats (to 35 in no.)	17	85 00	
Swine (to 10 in no.)	60	900 00	
Domestic Fowl (to 50 in no.)	1906	991 00	
			\$11,101 00

All Other Personal Property

Stock in Trade		\$69,425 00	
Unmanufactured Materials in Mills		12,425 00	
Portable Mills	4	6,000 00	
Logs		11,124 00	
Pulp Wood		250 00	
Lumber		143,252 00	
Boats	28	1,115 00	
Gasoline Pumps and Attachments	49	4,775 00	
Musical Instruments	171	7,990 00	
Radios	599	11,920 00	
Furniture, over \$500 in val- ue, including Electrical and other modern appli- ances		43,700 00	
Finished Products in Mills		9,600 00	
Tractors (not excised)	51	13,015 00	
Machinery and Equipment		65,350 00	
Other Property		12,727 00	
			\$412 668 00
Grand Total of Personal Property			\$472 168 00

ABATEMENTS, 1950

Bean, Francis A., Veteran over 62	\$16 50
Bennett, Harold G., error in assessing	148 50
Chase, Everett E., receiving compensation	3 00
Cote, Joseph, paid in Paris	3 00
Cotton, Ray E., error in assessing	19 80
Ford, Norman F., paid in Lewiston	3 00
Gilbert, Arthur A., receiving compensation	3 00
Gordon, Leo E., receiving compensation	3 00
Hebert, Joseph E., paid in Greenwood	3 99
Kimball, Harlan, paid in Gilead	3 00
Lawrence, Richard C., over age 70	3 00
Lovejoy, Mary, error in assessing	3 30
Luxton, Ernest E., error in assessing	16 50
McGinley, Prince, deceased	66

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Moore, W. R., error in assessing	6 60
Newton & Tebbets Inc., error in assessing	198 00
Poland, Alberto D., paid in Woodstock	3 00
Pratt, Guy E., error is assessing	1 65
Stanley, Harold S., over age 70	3 00
Verrill, Floyd, error in assessing	1 65
Walters, Arthur L., not a resident	3 00
Wheeler, Chester C., receiving compensation	3 00
Wheeler, Lauris C., paid in Shelburne, N. H.	3 00
Williams, Rodney, receiving compensation	3 00

\$456 15

ABATEMENTS, 1949

Buck, Leroy C., deceased and unable to collect	\$17 67
Enman, Lester, paid in Paris	3 00
King, Frank C., paid in Rangeley	3 00
Lovejoy, Kenneth, not a resident	6 42
Morgan, Wallace E., paid in Vermont	3 00
Plummer, Carl, left town cannot find	3 00
Raimey, E. Parker, veteran over age 62	11 40
Thompson, Arthur, left town cannot find	3 00
Warner, Doten K., left town cannot find	3 00

\$53 49

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

W. E. Bartlett, Collector of Taxes, in account with the
Town of Bethel:

Dr.

To State, County and Town Taxes, committed for collection July 12th, 1950	\$113,816 25	
To Supplementary Taxes	225 30	
To Bills Receivable	4 98	
	<hr/>	\$114,046 53

Cr.

By Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$105,715 55	
By Abatements	456 15	
By Uncollected Taxes	7,874 83	
	<hr/>	\$114,046 53

1949 Tax Account

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

Dr.

To Uncollected Taxes January 1st, 1950	\$5,486 98	
To Supplementary Taxes	51 00	
	<hr/>	\$5,537 98

Cr.

By Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$5,007 81	
By Tax Liens filed with Town Treas.	379 71	
By Abatements	53 49	
By Uncollected Taxes	96 97	
	<hr/>	\$5,537 98

1948 Tax Account

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

Dr.

To Uncollected Taxes January 1st, 1950		\$85 32
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Cr.

By Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$33 36	
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By Uncollected Taxes	51 96	
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\$85 32

1947 Tax Account

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

Dr.

To Uncollected Taxes January 1st, 1950		\$14 64
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Dr.

By Amount paid Town Treasurer	\$3 00	
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By Uncollected Taxes	11 64	
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\$14 64

EXCISE TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

Dr.

To Amount Collected		\$10,670 42
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Cr.

By Amount paid Town Treasurer on 1950 Taxes	\$9,238 96	
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By Amount paid Town Treasurer on 1951 Taxes	892 42	
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By Amount paid County Treasurer on 1950 Taxes	489 96	
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By Amount paid County Treasurer on 1951 Taxes	39 18	
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By Issuing 66 receipts to persons in Unorganized Townships	9 90	
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\$10,670 42

UNPAID TAXES, 1950

Bartlett, Harold L.	\$14 22
Bartlett, Edward J.	3 00
Benson, Frank E.	90 00
Bowers, Merton	3 00
Brooks, Rodney W.	5 31
Brown, Roger	3 00
Bryant, Charles W.	86 79
Bryant, George W.	3 00
Buck, Leroy C. Jr.	13 20
Buckman, Clifford A.	11 46
Buker, Robert L. and Buker, Elinor I.	29 70
Buker, Robert L.	6 60
Chapman, Franklin B.	17 85
Chapman, Ida C.	46 20
Chase, Robley E.	7 95
Chretien, Violet B.	26 40
Cote, Carl	3 00
Crockett, J. Laurence	15 21
Crosby, Vitella M.	52 80
Davis, Norman G.	33 66
Enman, Dana	3 00
Farnum, Enos A.	26 40
Farnum, Mary E.	46 20
Forest Products Co.	112 20
Greenwood, Ray A.	43 26
Harthorne, Roderick	6 30
Harthorne, Margueritte	17 82
Hart, Harley W.	12 75
Hart, Wilfred P.	3 00
Hart, Arthur C.	3 00
Holt, Donald D.	81 51
Houle, Richard	96 69
Kimball, Ceylon, Heirs of	132 00
King, Harry	3 00
Knight, Charles H.	3 66
Korhonen, John J.	83 26
Libby, Herbert	3 99
Libby, James A.	3 00
Lemay, Sim F.	3 00

Mason, Alfred C.	19 80
Mason, Charles M.	15 21
Mason, William Jr.	3 00
Merrill, Freeman W.	33 91
Merrill, Joel F.	23 99
Merrill, G. Herman and Merrill, Lula	20 09
Millett, Leon O.	129 36
Morgan, Gerry C.	5 31
Morgan, Olin G.	3 00
Morris, William	3 00
Murphy, Robert G.	14 85
Parker, Guy M.	23 26
Patton, Leroy L.	66
Quinn, Edward M.	82 20
Raimey, E. Parker	3 00
Raymond, Albert E.	3 00
Saunders, Marie E.	9 90
Salway, Paul J.	14 19
Sessions, Lawrence	3 99
Smith, Louis R.	47 52
Spaulding, Laurence H.	3 00
Stevens, Freeman	3 00
Sweatt, Marcus G.	21 12
Sweetser, Henry C.	3 66
Tyler, Leonard A.	5 61
Tyler, Ivy M.	6 60
Vanasse, Emile	3 00
Verrill, Lenwood	3 30
Verrill, Louis O.	115 86
Walker, Gerald A.	3 66
Westleigh, G. Reginald	3 99
Westleigh, G. Reginald and West- leigh, Madelyn H.	23 10
Westleigh, Ernest E.	46 89
Wilson, Benjamin	72 96
Whitcher, Wesley J.	3 99
Non-Resident	
Bethel Theatre Co., Inc.	300 00
Bartlett, Z. Willis	26 40
Bean, Francis A. and Durgin, Hugh S.	72 60
Cross, Albert	23 10
Davis, Robert C.	66 00

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Enman, Lester	19 80	
Fogg Music Service, Elmer Fogg	24 75	
Fontaine, Herman	6 60	
Holbrook, Gladys	1 65	
Kimball, Floyd	4 95	
Merrill, Dayton	13 20	
Smith Sales Co., Linwood R. Smith, Pres.	8 25	
Swan, Glenn	9 90	
Tibbetts, William H.	6 60	
Collected since 12-30-50	5,355 66	
	<hr/>	\$7,874 83

UNPAID TAXES, 1949

Billings, Everett C.	\$22 23	
Brown, Roger	3 00	
Cairns, Herbert	57	
Crockett, J. Lawrence	3 57	
Hinkley, Richard	3 57	
Holt, Donald	9 67	
Mason, Charles	3 57	
Perkins, Guy P.	5 85	
Robinson, Elias S.	5 85	
Spaulding, Lawrence	3 00	
Taylor, Sumner	5 00	
Tyler, Ivy M.	5 70	
Verrill, Louis O.	7 13	
Walker, Gerald A.	3 57	
Collected since 12-30-50	14 69	
	<hr/>	\$96 97

UNPAID TAXES, 1948

Billings, Everett C.	\$24 00	
Spaulding, Lawrence	3 96	
Tyler, Ivy M.	3 40	
Verrill, Louis O.	17 60	
Walker, Gerald A.	1 54	
Collected since 12-30-50	1 46	
	<hr/>	\$51 96

UNPAID TAXES, 1947

Wardwell, Merrill W.	\$8 10	
Collected since 12-30-50	3 54	
	<hr/>	\$11 64

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

Appropriation for Care of Poor	\$4,000 00
Amount Expended	4,541 26
	\$ 541 26

SUMMARY, TOWN RELIEF

Brooks, Rodney W.	
Groceries	\$15 00
Brown, Elsie	
Paid	
Town of Mechanic Falls	812 82
Crockett, J. Lawrence	
Paid	
Groceries	334 94
W. H. Boynton, M. D,	46 50
Clothing	52 96
Maine General Hospital	126 19
	\$560 59
Hatfield, Herbert H.	
Paid	
Town of Paris	\$33 87
Heath, Claude W.	
Paid	
Town of Gilead	\$164 14
Hobbs, Mrs. Mary	
Paid	
Hospice Marcotte, board and care	\$686 85
Manning, Hattie G.	
Paid	
Town of Peru	\$240 09
C. H. Towles, supplies	29 20
	\$269 29

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Mason, Alfred

Paid		
Groceries		\$451 49
Transportation to School		67 50
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		\$518 99

Mason, William, Two Children of

Paid		
Town of Mechanic Falls		\$390 30

McAllister, H. Eugene

Paid		
Joel Merrill, Board and Care		\$150 00

Verrill, Lewis O.

Paid		
Groceries		\$180 76

Wermenchuk, Joe R.

Paid		
Town of Woodstock		\$402 60

Veteran, Family No. 1

Paid		
Town of Mechanic Falls		\$124 68

Tramp Account

Paid		
Mrs. Carrie Merrill		\$180 00
Groceries		34
Cleaning Toilets		5 00
Fuel		45 00
Car Hire		1 00
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		\$231 34

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

Amount Expended		\$2,836 70
Rec'd from Town of Paris	\$943 83	
Town of New Gloucester	87 81	
Town of Norway	245 89	
Town of Casco	161 00	
Reimbursement	4 00	
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		\$1,442 53

Due from Town of Paris	\$475 69	
Town of Casco	111 00	
Town of New Gloucester	98 36	
Town of Hanover	594 27	
Town of Norway	114 85	
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		\$1,394 17
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		\$2,836 70

Summary, Poor of Other Towns

Paid		
Gertrude H. Cole, Paris	\$90 52	
Veteran, Family No. 2, Paris	1,285 50	
Jerome Smith, Paris	47 50	
Veteran, Family No. 3, Casco	272 00	
Wendall May, New Gloucester	112 81	
Roger W. Brown, Hanover	594 27	
Veteran, Family No. 4, Norway	345 74	
Durwood N. Harding, New Gloucester	73 36	
Veteran, Family No. 5, Norway	15 00	
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		\$2,836 70

STATE POOR

Amount Expended	\$6,696 31
Rec'd State Treasurer	4,277 89
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Balance due from State	\$2,418 42

Summary, State Poor

Paid	
Hart, Arthur C., Bethel	\$269 02
Veteran, Family No. 6, Albany	873 54
Cone, Charles F., Bethel	571 92
Rugg, Bertrand W., Albany	1,042 86
McAllister, Clarence E., Albany	10 00
Sessions, Albertie L., Albany	531 64
Bowers, Francis E., Albany	486 67
Smith, Charles I., Bethel	535 55

Spaulding, Lawrence H., Bethel	915	62
Lowe, George M., Albany	624	15
Libby, Charles E., Bethel	70	45
Sweetser, Henry C., Bethel	140	77
Kelley, Edward F., Bethel	49	63
Bertrand W. Rugg, Jr., Albany	15	00
Sessions, Hattie, Albany	151	11
Bruce, Augustus A., Albany	207	50
Loper, Aaron E., Albany	22	00
Child, Isaac J., Bethel	128	00
Antinosky, Frank, Albany	48	58

\$6,696 31

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

The Roads and Bridges account shows an overdraft of \$3,253.43 caused by unexpected expenses over which we had no control. The flood damages of April 20th last spring cost \$3,009.87 to repair and the two heavy rains on successive week-ends last November cost an expense of \$1,256.50 to repair the damages. This makes an emergency expense amounting to \$4,266.37 for which no provision was made when the appropriation was voted last March. Chapman Brook Bridge was entirely rebuilt with cement pier in the center at a completed cost of \$784.15, some other work anticipated, of necessity canceled.

We have plowed the past year from the New Hampshire line on Route No. 2 through Gilead and Bethel to the Newry line and we have plowed Route No. 26 from Route No. 2 through Bethel, Greenwood and Woodstock to the Paris line. In addition we have plowed and sanded Mason Township and a small part of Albany Township for the County of Oxford.

The Town Road Improvement Fund was used to complete the road from the home of Alice Barker to Route No. 2 at the home of Albert Kimball, and the balance was expended on the West Bethel Flat road near the home of George Taylor. Both of these pieces of road are completed and ready for tar this summer.

Our 1950 State-Aid money is unexpended and we hope with the 1951 State-Aid money there will be enough to complete the 1½ miles of State-Aid No. 9 from Middle Intervale to the home of Harold Stanley.

The rental of the trucks and plows have paid all the expenses of the trucks, all the expenses of the new garage, including heat, insurance, etc., paid for 1 new Wausau blade plow which cost \$380.00 and also paid for 1 new 2 Ton 1950 Chevrolet Dump Truck equipped with a 2½ yd. Hercules Dump Body with Cab Protector costing \$2,375.57 and leaves a balance in fund unexpended of \$1,353.98.

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$7,000 00	
Rec'd		
Charles E. Merrill, Rebate	3 84	
County of Oxford, Labor	393 36	
Bethel Feed & Grain Co., Rebate	46 00	
State Treasurer, Labor	87 32	
	<hr/>	\$7,530 52
	Expended	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$4,312 44	
Town Trucks Rental	3,243 15	
Gravel	205 50	
Culverts	198 05	
Bulldozer Rental	1,513 25	
Shovel Rental	211 75	
Supplies	307 30	
Lumber	792 51	
	<hr/>	\$10,783 95
Overdrawn, Carried to Summary		\$3,253 43

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$7,000 00	
Rec'd		
Edmund C. Smith, Labor	132 00	
Tractor Rental	1,020 50	
State Treasurer, Plowing	7,583 46	
County of Oxford, Plowing & Sanding	1,095 35	
	<hr/>	\$16,831 31
	Expended	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$8,711 30	
Town Trucks Rental	6,178 04	
Supplies	17 67	
Sand	74 40	

Salt	345 80	
Bulldozer Rental	173 00	
Tractor	1,376 20	
Town of Woodstock, plowing and sanding Milton and Gore Roads	178 85	
State Treasurer, State Highway Snow Removal	596 80	
Shovel Rental	144 00	
950 Feet Snow Fence	142 50	
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		\$17,938 56
Overdrawn, Carried to Summary		<hr/>
		\$1,107 25

TARVIA ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$5,500 00	
Received for Tarvia, Sand and Labor for Driveways	1,072 22	
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		\$6,572 22

Expended

Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$ 605 09	
Truck Rental	779 70	
Stickwet	204 82	
Tarvia	4,084 88	
Bull Dozer Rental	15 00	
Sand	110 70	
Shovel Rental	340 00	
Tar Patch	298 79	
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		\$6,438 98
Unexpended, Carried to Surplus		<hr/>
		\$133 24

TRUCK RENTAL ACCOUNT

Balance Fund	\$616 93
Earned by Labor	
Winter Roads	6,061 40
Sidewalk Snow Removal	401 40
Roads & Bridge	2,537 40

Town of Greenwood	183 60
Town Tarvia	570 60
Dump Account	55 80
Third Class Maintenance	50 40
Unimproved Roads	284 40
Sewers	45 00
County of Oxford	248 50
State Treasurer	35 68
Reimbursement	35 94

\$11,126 60

Expended

Paid

Gas and Oil	\$3,103 03
Garage Bills	825 46
Lights	93 38
Heat	395 55
Supplies	2,159 98
Water	13 00
Telephone	51 00
Insurance on Garage	239 60
Insurance on Equipment	64 50
Fire Extinguisher	71 55
Blade Snow Plow	380 00
New Chevrolet Truck & Body	2,375 57

\$9,772 62

Unexpended

\$1,353 98

**REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM STREETS
AND SIDEWALKS**

Appropriation

\$800 00

Expended

Paid

Labor Payrolls	\$477 58
Truck Rental	453 60
Loader Rental	244 24

\$1,175 42

Overdrawn, Carried to Summary

\$375 42

**MAINTENANCE AND CONSTRUCTION
OF SIDEWALKS AND SURFACE DRAINS**

Balance Fund	\$1,000 00	
Appropriation	500 00	
Unexpended		\$1,500 00

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

Appropriation		\$320 00
Paid		
Goodwin's Inc.		\$317 51
Unexpended, Carried to Surplus		\$2 49

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Appropriation		\$1,596 00
Unexpended		\$1,596 00

TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT

Received from State Treasurer		\$2,002 54
	Expended	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$440 95	
Truck Rental	461 18	
Bulldozer Rental	285 00	
Shovel Rental	367 33	
Culverts	485 93	
		\$2,040 39
Overdrawn, Carried to Summary		\$37 85

THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Balance Fund	\$277 68	
Appropriation	300 00	
		\$577 68

Expended

Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$190 50	
Town Trucks Rental	58 05	
Tarvia	290 00	
	<hr/>	\$538 55
Unexpended, Carried to Surplus		<hr/> \$39 13

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER

The Company, during the past year, was called out by 14 general alarms, three still alarms, six chimney fires. The out of town fires were as follows:

Feb. 27, E. L. Tebbets Spool Co., Locke Mills Alarm	\$750 00
May 25, Annis Nursing Home, Gilead Alarm	200 00
June 29, Town of Newry, Woods Fire, Still Alarm	25 00
July 9, Town of Newry, Poplar Tavern Alarm	30 00
Sept. 23, W. H. Brown Lumber Co., Waterford Alarm	150 00
Bethel had one woods fire Aug. 27 which was put out for \$18.00 of which the State paid \$9.00	9 00

Received for Fires	\$1,164 00
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Recommendation

The Town raise sufficient funds for maintenance of Fire Department, and take money for out of town fires and put into a fund for new equipment, after the cost of the fire has been taken out. \$500.00 Hose Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT M. BLAKE, Chief

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Rec'd	
Town of Greenwood	\$750 00
Town of Gilead	200 00
Town of Newry	55 00
Town of Waterford	150 00
State Treasurer	9 00

\$2,164 00

Expended

Paid

Telephone	\$54 90
Gas and Oil 1/2	119 42
Supplies	543 56
Mayville Hydrants (2)	60 00
West Bethel Reservoir	11 00
Expense on Pumper	247 30
Fire Alarm	50 00
Janitor, Fire Station	81 00
Town of Woodstock	35 00

Labor Payrolls	781 00
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\$1,983 18

Unexpended

\$180 82

NEW FIRE HOSE BOUGHT

Appropriation

\$500 00

Paid

500 ft. Hose

\$492 20

Unexpended, Carried to Surplus

\$7 80

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

STATE TAX

Appropriation	\$10,272 49
Paid State Treasurer	\$10,272 49

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation	\$4,899 36
Paid County Treasurer	\$4,899 36

CANCELLED WARRANTS

Numbers 1 to 52 incl.	\$235,337 72
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BEAR BOUNTY

Paid		
Dorothy Moore	\$30 00	
Burton L. Newton	15 00	
James E. Everett Jr.	45 00	
Gordon Blake	15 00	
Ernest Grover	30 00	
Fillmore Clough	15 00	
	<hr/>	\$150 00
Rec'd State Treasurer		\$105 00
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Due from State Treasurer		\$45 00

TEMPORARY LOANS

Rec'd		
Caseo Bank & Trust Co.	\$5,800 00	
Rumford Bank & Trust Co.	40,000 00	
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Paid

Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$5,800 00
Rumford Bank & Trust Co.	40,000 00

\$45,800 00

GENERAL LOAN

Rumford Bank & Trust Co.	\$25,000 00
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INTEREST TEMPORARY LOANS

Appropriation	\$600 00
Rec'd Interest on Tax Deeds and Liens	31 73

\$631 73

Expended

Paid

Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$36 25
Rumford Bank & Trust Co.	541 11

\$577 36

Unexpended, Carried to Summary

\$54 37

INTEREST GENERAL LOANS

Appropriation	\$550 00
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BETHEL PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$600 00
Rec'd State Treasurer, Stipend	42 00

\$642 00

Paid Treasurer, Bethel Library

\$642 00

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Appropriation	\$100 00
Paid Mundt-Allen Post No. 81, A. L.	\$100 00

WITHHOLDING TAX

Rec'd Town Employees	\$2,918 30
Paid Collector of Internal Revenue	\$2,918 30

PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

Balance Fund	\$100 00	
Appropriation	25 00	
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		\$125 00
Paid Treasurer of State		\$125 00

ANNUAL REPORT OF
PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICES
BETHEL — 1950

The Public Health Nursing Program with the continued support of your Child Health Conference Committee has made progress during the past year. Because of the very good participation in the immunization program both in the schools and the Child Health Conferences it is felt that the majority of the children under twelve years of age have been immunized. This is one of the important methods of securing and maintaining optimum health for your community.

In January immunizations were finished in the village schools. The rural schools were completed by May. There have been 150 children age five and over immunized this year.

There were five Child Health Conferences held with a total attendance of 180. Fifty children under five years of age were immunized.

By continuing these conferences during the summer months we can hope to have most of the children entering school each year immunized. Immunizations to be most effective should be done long before the child enters school.

Physical examinations were done in the rural schools and in the 1st, 4th and 7th grades this Fall.

Audiometer tests were done on all students in the 4th grade and up. This is recommended procedure to be done every two years.

Home visits have been made as follow-up of the Child Health Conferences and the school examinations. Visits have

also been made to give nursing services to families with other health problems.

It was through the facilities of the Department of Health and Welfare, the fine cooperation of the Superintendent of Schools and the people of the community that the pupils from the 2nd, 5th and 8th grades received four sodium fluoride topical treatments to their teeth. This was a demonstration carried out in this area for the purpose of encouraging local communities to sponsor such a program.

In the Spring several interested people attended the Annual Meeting of the Health Councils in District II. This was for the purpose of interesting community members in organizing a local Health Council which would actively participate in the health program.

At this time your nurse wishes to express her appreciation to all who have assisted in promoting the present community health program in Bethel.

Respectfully submitted

(Miss) Velma Spencer, R. N.

Public Health Nurse

BETHEL CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

Appropriation	\$200 00
Paid Treasurer Bethel Chamber of Commerce	\$200 00

SEWERS

Appropriation	\$1,000 00
Balance Fund	365 57
Rec'd Harold Chamberlin, Connecting	20 00

\$1,385 57

Expended

Paid	
Labor Payrolls	\$893 30
Repairing Pump Engine	15 50
Tile	232 52
Cement Blocks	34 00
Cement	25 60

Manhole Frames and Covers	113 02
Truck Hire	45 00
Bulldozer Rental	48 00
Supplies	15 96

\$1,422 90

Overdrawn, Carried to Summary \$37 33

STREET LIGHT ACCOUNT

Appropriation \$400 00

Expended

Paid	
Street Lights	\$391 55
Blinker, Church and R. R. Streets	48 00
Installing Toll Bridge Lights	19 71
S. B. Newton, Reimbursement	12 00

\$471 26

Overdrawn, Carried to Summary \$71 26

NEW SCHOOL HOUSE LOT

Appropriation	\$3,200 00
Paid Edward H. Hastings	\$3,200 00

OLD CEMETERIES

Balance Fund	\$75 00
Appropriation	1,000 00

\$1,075 00

Expended

Paid Labor Payrolls	\$177 00
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Unexpended \$898 00

TREASURER'S BOND

Appropriation	\$35 00
Paid Goodwin's Inc.	\$35 00

COLLECTOR'S BOND

Appropriation	\$20 00
Paid Walter E. Bartlett	\$20 00

STATE OF MAINE PUBLICITY BUREAU

Appropriation	\$100 00
Paid State of Maine Publicity Bureau	\$100 00

PURCHASE OF DUMP

Appropriation		\$1,000 00
	Expended	
Paid		
Gravel	\$41 40	
Labor Payrolls	71 13	
Truck Rental	96 60	
Supplies	43 32	
Bulldozer Rental	72 00	
Bulldozer Rental, West Bethel	18 00	
Shovel Rental	96 00	
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		\$438 45
Unexpended, Carried to Summary		<hr/> \$561 55

WHITE PINE BLISTER RUST

R. S. 1944, Ch. 32, Sec. 54—Forest Commissioner to promulgate information and to designate areas where control is necessary. The forest commissioner is hereby authorized and empowered to promulgate by letter, publication, poster, or other means of information concerning the white pine blister rust and designate, by the aforesaid means of promulgation, areas within the state in which control measures are necessary or advisable. It shall be the duty of every land owner within such designated area, to carry out such control measures as are ordered by the forest commissioner, including the removal and destruction of any or all plants of the genus *Ribes*, commonly known as currant and gooseberries, and any white pine tree or trees, which are found to be infected with the disease. If the owner fails to destroy the above named plants

or trees within the time specified by the forest commissioner, the forest commissioner shall cause said plants or trees to be destroyed and shall charge the actual expense of same to the city, town, or plantation within which said plants or trees are found. Such amount shall be collected as a state tax and credited to the appropriation for said purpose. The city, town, or plantation wherein such plants or trees are found may assess the cost of the removal of said plants or trees to the owner of the real estate wherein the said plants or trees are found. The amount so assessed shall be collected in the form of a tax.

Appropriation	\$300 00
Expended	
Paid Labor Payrolls	\$298 50
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Unexpended, Carried to Surplus	\$1 50

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Appropriation	\$5,600 00
Expended	
Paid	
Ernest F. Bisbee, Selectman	\$1,842 00
John H. Carter, Selectman	444 00
James C. Bartlett, Selectman	510 00
E. P. Brown, Road Commissioner	1,257 00
Walter E. Bartlett, Tax Collector	1,796 69
Elmer E. Bennett, S. of W. & M.	50 00
Margaret B. Baker, Clerk	75 00
John M. Harrington, Treasurer	300 00
Widd B. Twaddle, Health Officer	35 00
Earl A. Davis, Chairman School Committee	400 00
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	\$6,709 69
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Overdrawn, Carried to Summary	\$1,109 69

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$1,600 00	
Rec'd		
Town Clerk, Victualers' Licenses (18)	18 00	
Tax Lien Costs	24 90	
State Treasurer, Bank Stock Tax	479 09	
Recording Sale	1 00	
Dog License Refund	64 71	
R. R. & Tel. Tax	136 17	
George Schools, West Bethel Ferry Land	150 00	
		\$2,473 87
	Expended	
Paid		
Telephone, Selectmen's Office	69 16	
Postage	63 98	
Supplies, Printing, etc.	563 50	
Oxford County Citizen, 750 Town Reports	342 00	
Selectmen's Office and Lock-up Lights	25 76	
State Treasurer, Aid to Dependent Children	344 42	
Janitor and Setting Voting Booths	90 00	
Officers and Attorney Fees	2 00	
Immunization Serum for Pre- School and Grade Children	154 62	
Expense of Insane Cases	101 20	
Town Farm Taxes and Insurance	25 65	
Expense of Town Officers	87 92	
Ballot Clerks	114 50	
State Audit	143 75	
Maine Municipal Association Dues (2 yrs.)	100 00	
Land Rent, Town Scales	5 00	
Hall and Office Rent	350 00	
Filing and Recording Tax Liens	41 78	
		\$2,625 24
Overdrawn, Carried to Summary		\$151 37

ABATEMENTS

Appropriation		\$689 20
Abatements		\$689 20

TRUST FUNDS INVESTED

Ministerial and School Fund

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$3,650 22	
Interest, Dividend No. 156-157	91 81	
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E. L. Bartlett Trust Fund

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$518 97	
Paid	12 72	
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	\$506 25	
Interest, Dividends No. 156-157	12 72	
	<hr/>	\$518 97

Fred E. Gordon Trust Fund

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$606 99	
Interest, Dividends No. 156-157	15 24	
	<hr/>	\$622 23

Alcina Grover Trust Fund

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$80 31	
Interest, Dividends, No. 156-157	2 01	
	<hr/>	\$82 32

Mary E. Wiley Trust Fund

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$240 85	
Interest, Dividends No. 156 157	6 04	
	<hr/>	\$246 89

The New School House lot known as the Crescent Grounds was purchased of Edward H. Hastings for the sum of \$3,200.00. This lot contains about 11½ acres.

\$88.00 was expended on the Steam Mill cemetery for mowing, raking, cutting bushes and disposal of waste; also the sum of \$89.00 expended on the West Bethel Flat cemetery for the same purposes and in addition the fence was painted. There are no vacant lots in the Flat cemetery and we advise the purchase of George Taylor of a piece of land adjoining the present cemetery the same size as the old cemetery and located on the Mason side of it. It did not seem advisable to spend any money on the few old cemeteries in town which have all grown up to timber land and which have not been used for more than 50 years. We have carried the unexpended balance of \$898.00 forward so it will be available for 1951.

For a location for a Dump we took a place on a steep bank on the Town Farm away from the river and not visible from the road. We spent \$438.45 in cutting the timber, building a road and the necessary fences. We believe this Dump will last many years and be satisfactory without causing any difficulty. The balance of the appropriation amounting to \$561.55 we have put into the surplus.

FINANCIAL STANDING

Assets

Cash in hands of Treas., Jan. 1, 1951	\$26,183 86	\$26,183 86
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1947	11 64	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1948	51 96	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1949	96 97	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1950	7,869 85	8,030 42
Tax Deeds, Prior to 1931	324 91	
Tax Deeds, 1931	146 10	
Tax Deeds, 1932	310 69	
Tax Deeds, 1933	318 66	
Tax Deeds, 1934	79 78	1,180 14
Tax Liens, 1936	45 00	
Tax Liens, 1937	2 51	
Tax Liens, 1938	41 68	
Tax Liens, 1939	87 40	
Tax Liens, 1940	95 55	
Tax Liens, 1941	80 40	
Tax Liens, 1942	85 50	
Tax Liens, 1945	9 20	
Tax Liens, 1947	37 80	
Tax Liens, 1948	367 12	
Tax Liens, 1949	339 81	1,191 97
Due, Town of Paris	475 69	
Due, Town of Casco	111 00	
Due, Town of New Gloucester	98 36	
Due, Town of Hanover	594 27	
Due, Town of Norway	114 85	1,394 17
Due, State Poor Account	2,418 42	2,418 42
Due, State Treasurer, Bear Bounty	45 00	45 00
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		\$40,443 98

Liabilities

Notes, Rumford Bank & Trust Co.	\$25,000 00	
\$5,000.00 to be assessed in 1951 and \$5,000.00 each succeeding year		
Bethel Village Corporation		
1950 Excise Tax	793 38	
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		\$25,793 38

BALANCE SHEET

	Overdraft	Unexpended
Miscellaneous Account	\$ 151 37
Town Officers' Salaries	1,109 69	.....
Treasurer's Bond	.....	.....
Collector's Bond	.....	.....
State of Maine Publicity Bureau	.....	.....
Bethel Chamber of Commerce	.....	.....
Fire Department	.....	\$ 180 82
Fire Hose	.....	7 80
Street Lights	71 26	.....
Sewers	.....	37 33
Purchase of Dump	.....	561 55
Pine Blister Rust	.....	1 50
Roads and Bridges	3,253 43	.....
Winter Roads	1,107 25	.....
Unimproved Roads Fund	37 85	.....
Third Class Maintenance	.....	39 13
Tarvia Account	.....	133 24
Sidewalk Snow Removal	375 42	.....
Town Poor	541 26	.....
Public Health Nursing	.....	.....
Bethel Library	.....	.....
Memorial Day	.....	.....
Motor Vehicle Insurance	.....	2 49
Interest Temporary Loans	.....	54 37
State Tax	.....	.....
County Tax
Overlay	1,129 45
Supplementary Tax	276 30
Excise Tax Collected	10,131 38
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	\$6,647 53	\$12,555 36
Balance unexpended and carried to Surplus		\$5,907 83

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST F. BISBEE

JOHN H. CARTER

JAMES C. BARTLETT

Selectmen

REPORT OF TREASURER

Cash on hand, January 1, 1950		\$19,502 85
Received:		
W. E. Bartlett, Collector		
1947 Town Taxes	\$3 00	
1948 Town Taxes	33 36	
1949 Town Taxes	5,007 81	
1950 Town Taxes	105,715 55	
1949 Excise Taxes	1 04	
1950 Excise Taxes	9,238 97	
1951 Excise Taxes	892 42	120,892 15
State Treasurer		
Recording Sale	\$1 00	
Fire Department	9 00	
Truck Rental	35 68	
Library Stipend	42 00	
Dog Licenses Refunded	64 71	
Roads and Bridges	87 32	
Bear Bounties, 1949	60 00	
Bear Bounties, 1950	105 00	
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	136 17	
Bank Stock Tax	479 09	
Town Road Improvement	2,002 54	
Winter Roads	7,583 46	
Health and Welfare	4,972 49	
New School Building	1,200 00	
Education	3,672 46	
State School Fund	12,554 62	33,005 54
Rumford Bank and Trust Company		
Temporary Loan	\$40,000 00	
School Building Fund	25,000 00	65,000 00
Tax Liens		
Bethel Savings Bank	\$22 80	
Enman, Lester	17 10	

Mason, Alfred	19 20	
Newell, Harry	13 50	
Walker, Doris	28 80	
Welch, L. I.	9 60	111 60
Interest on Tax Liens		31 73
Reimbursement of Costs		24 90
Victualers' Licenses		
Bishop, Mary	\$1 00	
Bosserman's Pharmacy	1 00	
Boyker, Henry W.	1 00	
Brooks, Rodney W.	1 00	
Clough, Shirley E. and Filmore B.	1 00	
Cotton, Albert F.	1 00	
Davis, William R.	1 00	
Ernst, Fritz	1 00	
Gilman, Eleanor	1 00	
Greig, June B.	1 00	
Inn, The Bethel	1 00	
Johnson, Mrs. Gladys	1 00	
Kimball, Daisy E. and Philbrook, Ivy C.	1 00	
Ladd, Mary	1 00	
McInnis, Mamie	1 00	
Robertson, Sadie J.	1 00	
Robertson, Mabel S.	1 00	
Von Zintl, Martha and William	1 00	18 00
School Supplies		
Gordon, Mrs. Robert	\$1 00	
Town of Gilead	14 25	
Town of Upton	4 40	19 65
Textbooks		
Christie, Donald M.	\$1 00	
Town of Greenwood	11 34	
Town of Newry	6 14	
Town of Upton	4 60	23 08
Office Expense		
Town of Gilead	\$23 83	
Town of Greenwood	47 66	

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Town of Newry	23 83	
Town of Upton	29 12	124 44
School Repairs		
Bethel Grammar School	\$1 50	
Albert L. Swan	5 00	
T. E. Westleigh	9 35	15 85
Common School Tuition		
Burns, Ellen	\$28 00	
Campagna, John A.	12 25	
Conner, Harold	26 25	
Ford, Ruth	33 60	
Town of Gilead	356 00	
Town of Greenwood	308 00	
Town of Newry	659 75	1,423 85
Truck Rental Account		
Bethel Village Corporation	\$17 97	
Montgomery Ward & Company	17 97	
Sewers	45 00	
Third Class Maintenance	50 40	
Dump Account	55 80	
Town of Greenwood	183 60	
County of Oxford	248 05	
Unimproved Roads	284 40	
Sidewalks Snow Removal	401 40	
Town Tarvia	570 60	
Roads and Bridges	2,537 40	
Winter Roads	6,061 40	10,473 99
Winter Roads		
Tractor Plowing (Transfer)	\$1,020 50	
Edmund C. Smith	132 00	
Oxford County Treasurer	1,095 35	2,247 85
Town Tarvia Account		
Ames, Kimball	\$16 18	
Bartlett, Walter E.	15 18	
Bean, Warren	24 53	
Briggs, Chester A.	11 45	
Brooks, D. Grover	16 18	
Burris, Ralph	29 45	

Cotton, Albert F.	36 53	
Davis, L. E.	58 30	
Edwards, Susan G.	14 63	
Garber, Arthur	17 63	
Gould Academy	98 00	
Inn, Bethel	156 10	
Jodrey, Walter	17 63	
Morgan, Guy H.	49 05	
Saunders, Addison	15 18	
Saunders, Wallace	15 18	
Schutt, Peter	28 15	
Smith, Asa L.	36 80	
Smith, Homer C.	16 08	
Smith, Samuel T.	29 35	
Socony Vacuum Oil Co.	75 00	
Thurston, G. L.	96 75	
Van Den Kerckhoven, Louis	24 43	
Von Zintl, Martha	29 25	
Walters, Dr. Arthur	30 15	
Wight, Elizabeth	32 78	
Wilson, Leon M.	55 75	
York, Elsie	10 45	
Young, Ralph H.	16 08	1,072 22
Roads and Bridges		
Bethel Feed & Grain Co.	\$46 00	
Charles E. Merrill	3 84	
Oxford County Treasurer	393 36	443 20
Fire Department		
Town of Gilead	\$200 00	
Town of Greenwood	750 00	
Town of Newry	55 00	
Town of Waterford	150 00	1,155 00
Health and Welfare		
Town of Casco	\$161 00	
Town of New Gloucester	87 81	
Town of Norway	245 89	
Town of Paris	988 00	
Reimbursements	56 27	1,538 97

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Ida M. Packard, Janitor's Supplies	4 20
Town of Newry, Schools Fuel	13 82
Harold Chamberlin, Connecting Sewer	20 00
George Schools, Sale of Ferry Land	150 00
School Teachers, Pension Fund	1,290 99
Town Employees, Withholding Tax	2,918 30
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	\$261,521 58
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Paid Warrants, Nos. 1-52, inclusive	\$235,337 72
Cash on hand, January 1, 1951	26,183 86
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	\$261,521 58
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Respectfully submitted,
 J. M. HARRINGTON, Treasurer

We hereby certify that we have examined the accounts of the Treasurer and have found them correct.

ERNEST F. BISBEE

JOHN H. CARTER

JAMES C. BARTLETT

Selectmen of Bethel

STATE OF MAINE
STATE DEPARTMENT OF AUDIT
AUGUSTA

October 23, 1950

Board of Selectmen

Bethel

Maine

Gentlemen :

In accordance with Chapter 16, Section 3, Revised Statutes of 1944, and at your request, the records of the Town of Bethel have been audited by the State Department of Audit for the period January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949 inclusive.

The examination was made by Auditors S. S. Davis and D. E. Nielsen in accordance with generally accepted auditing standards applicable in the circumstances, and included all procedures which were considered necessary. Insofar as could be ascertained within the scope of the examination, the financial transactions of the Town appear to have been appropriately handled, with such exceptions as may be noted in the accompanying Comments.

Exhibits and Schedules incorporated in this report present the result of the financial operations of the Town for the period designated.

Recommendations are also offered which are believed to be worthy of your consideration.

All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY

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State Auditor

COMMENTS

Town of Bethel

January 1, 1949 to December 31, 1949

An audit has been completed of the books and records of the Town of Bethel for the year ended December 31, 1949.

The records maintained by the Selectmen, Assessors, Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town Clerk were audited. The system of internal control was reviewed. Accounting records and other supporting evidence were examined or tested by methods and to the extent deemed necessary under the circumstances.

It is believed that the accompanying balance sheet together with the related financial statements fairly present the financial position of the Town at December 31, 1949, and the results of its operations for the year then ended.

ASSETS

Cash on Hand and In Bank (\$19,502.85)

The Treasurer's cash balance consisted of funds available for current use on demand. This balance was reconciled with the depository bank as follows:

Balance per Bank Statement—1-7-50	
The Casco Bank and Trust Co.,	
Bethel, Maine	\$22,473.04
Deduct: Checks Issued—Unpaid by Bank	2,970.19
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Balance per Town Treasurer's Records,	
12-31-49	\$19,502.85
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Accounts Receivable (\$799.82)

Accounts receivable were determined by direct examination of the Treasurer's receipts and an analysis of departmental charges. The balance is accounted for as follows:

State of Maine:		
Charity	\$694.60	
Bear Bounties	60.00	
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Town of Paris—Charity		44.17
Collector of Excise Taxes—1949-50		1.05
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Total		\$799.82
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No verification was made of the accounts receivable as they had been paid in full prior to the audit of the accounts.

Taxes Receivable (\$5,586.94)

The Assessors' valuation book for 1949 and the related commitment of taxes were examined. The records of collections were reviewed, and the individual uncollected balances were tabulated and found to be in agreement with the control accounts.

All transactions affecting prior years' uncollected taxes were reviewed and the unpaid balances listed. Requests for verification were mailed to a representative number of taxpayers whose accounts were outstanding at the year end. Should any variations be noted as a result of these verifications the proper municipal officers will be notified.

Tax Liens (\$923.26)

Transactions affecting the 1948 tax liens and those of prior years' were reviewed. Payments received were traced to the credit of the individual accounts. Other credits were found to have been properly approved. The unpaid liens, on file with the Treasurer, were checked in detail.

Tax Deeds (\$1,180.14)

No tax deeds were acquired during the year and payments on old deeds amounted to \$176.38. The reserve of \$678.26 for possible losses in collections on tax deeds is still being carried, however.

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (\$885.51)

The following items of accounts payable were outstanding at the year end:

Bethel Village Corp., 1949 Excise tax	\$885.31
Walter E. Bartlett Overdeposit 1949 tax	.20
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Total	\$885.51
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Notes Payable (\$5,800.00)

An appropriation of \$5,800.00 was made at the annual meeting which was the amount necessary to retire serial notes maturing in 1949. The remaining outstanding notes, which mature in 1950, are as follows:

Reservoir, West Bethel	\$800.00
Third Class Maintenance—	
Middle Intervale Road	1,000.00
Third Class Reconstruction	4,000.00
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Total	\$5,800.00
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RESERVES AND SURPLUS

Reserve for Authorized Expenditures (\$6,371.56)

The following is a summary of the departmental balances carried forward to the ensuing year:

Health and Sanitation	\$ 465.57
Highways and Bridges	1,690.86
Education	4,829.33
Cemeteries	75.00
Abatements (To be appropriated in 1950)	—689.20
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Total Reserve	\$6,371.56
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Surplus (\$19,950.41)

As a result of the current year's operations, the unappropriated surplus of the Town reflects an increase of

\$5,439.53 over the corresponding period one year ago. The principal contributing factor to the increase was the net gain from operations of \$5,731.50. A complete analysis of the changes in the account are shown on Exhibit C.

REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES

Net Gain from Operations (\$5,731.50)

A comparative analysis of revenue and expenditures for the years 1949 and 1948 is presented on Exhibit B. The year ended December 31, 1949 shows a net gain from operations of \$5,731.50 as compared with a net gain from operations of \$4,771.97 for the same period one year ago.

TRUST FUNDS

The savings accounts representing the deposits of Cemetery Perpetual Care and Ministerial and School Funds, were verified at the Bethel Savings Bank. All income accruing to the funds had been properly credited and all expenditures properly authorized in accordance with the terms of the trusts.

GENERAL

Overdrafts were noted in several appropriation accounts, the summary of which is shown on Exhibit D. The Attorney General has rendered an opinion on this point and it is included for the benefit of the municipal officers.

“The municipal officers are bound by the terms of the articles in the warrant calling the meeting providing for the expenditures of money. The officers should not spend more than the taxpayers appropriated at town meeting, unless the statute expressly authorizes an expenditure in excess of the appropriation.”

The provisions of Chapter 84, Section 81 of the Revised Statutes of 1944, however, relate to expenditures of monies for highway purposes and permit overdrafts in cases of emergencies to the extent of 15% of the appropriation.

The excise tax collections for the year amounted to \$10,510.53. The following receipts, the copies of which were

file with the Collector, were examined and tabulated as follows:

1949 Excise Taxes, Numbers 1026 to 1118	\$9,059.72
1950 Excise Taxes, Numbers 1 to 132	1,450.81
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Total	10,510.53
Deposits with the Treasurer	10,509.48
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Due from Collector	\$1.05
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The following corporate surety bonds were on file:

Town Treasurer

The Maine Bonding and Casualty Co. \$10,000.00

Tax Collector

The Maine Bonding and Casualty Co. \$ 5,000.00

RECOMMENDATIONS

The following recommendations appear worthy of consideration by the municipal officers:

- (1) That, supplemental taxes be covered by a warrant from the Assessors. This is in accordance with Chapter 81, Section 29, of the Revised Statutes of 1944.
- (2) That, all transfers between accounts be recorded by the use of journal entries, rather than by Treasurer's receipts and Selectmen's warrants.
- (3) That, the original invoices, supporting school expenditures, be submitted with the roll of accounts and placed on file with the municipal officers.
- (4) That, the state system of accounting for town owned property and equipment be adopted so that a record will be available to show values and other pertinent data for municipal capital investments.

TOWN OF BETHEL
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

	December 31, 1949	December 31, 1948
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$19,502.85	\$10,120.74
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1)	799.82	7,823.27
Taxes Receivable		
(Schedule A-2)	\$5,586.94	\$4,607.28
Less—Reserve for Losses	25.48	25.48
	5,561.46	4,581.80
Tax Liens (Sch. A-3)	923.26	989.18
Less—Reserve for Losses	81.79	121.19
	841.47	867.99
Tax Deeds (Sch. A-4)	1,180.14	1,356.52
Less—Reserve for Losses	678.26	678.26
	501.88	678.26
TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	\$27,207.48	\$24,072.06

LIABILITIES

	December 31, 1949	December 31, 1948
Accounts Payable (Sch.) A-5	\$885.51	\$1,535.46

RESERVE

Reserve on Authorized Expenditures		
(Exhibit D)	6,371.56	8,025.72

SURPLUS

Unappropriated (Exhibit C)	19,950.41	14,510.88
TOTAL—GENERAL FUND	\$27,207.48	\$24,072.06

DEBT FUND

December 31, 1949 December 31, 1948

Assets

Amount Necessary to Retire

Notes from Future Revenue	\$5,800.00	\$11,600.00
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Liabilities

Notes Payable (Sch. A-6)	\$5,800.00	\$11,600.00
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TRUST FUNDS

Assets

Time Deposits (Sch. A-7)	\$5,084.62	\$4,972.33
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TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	\$5,084.62	\$4,972.33
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Liabilities

Principals (Sch. A-7)	\$4,900.22	\$4,810.66
Unexpended Income (Sch. A-7)	184.40	161.67

TOTAL—TRUST FUNDS	\$5,084.62	\$4,972.33
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EXHIBIT B

TOWN OF BETHEL
COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF REVENUES
AND EXPENDITURES

Years Ended December 31, 1949 and December 31, 1948

	Years Ended	
	December 31, 1949	December 31, 1948
REVENUES:		
Tax Commitment	\$96,498.35	\$100,608.25
Supplemental Taxes	194.94	151.01
Excise Taxes	10,510.53	7,148.49
State of Maine	27,946.77	26,399.39
Licenses	19.00	
Tax Lien Costs and Interest	277.62	248.21
Sale of Schoolhouse		400.00
Equipment Rental	8,412.35	9,233.55
Forest Fire Reimburse- ment	370.00	
Sewer Permits	60.00	131.00
Snow Removal	607.25	558.47
Tarvia and Labor on Driveways	631.93	943.55
Charity Reimbursements	820.36	170.20
Tuition	1,220.60	1,369.19
Miscellaneous Sales of Materials & Supplies	193.30	89.14
Miscellaneous Refunds & Reimbursements	439.69	346.64
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TOTAL REVENUE	148,202.69	147,797.09
ADD:		
Proceeds Received from Notes Issued		11,600.00
Appropriations from Surplus		4,183.61
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TOTAL	\$148,202.69	\$163,580.70

EXPENDITURES:

General Government	7,445.94	6,733.66
Protection	2,363.21	6,435.80
Health and Sanitation	194.43	566.91
Highways and Bridges	41,591.00	61,476.85
Charities	6,399.30	5,286.85
Education	61,231.98	54,512.16
Library	642.00	642.00
Cemeteries		75.00
Municipal Indebtedness	5,800.00	7,000.00
Interest Charges	747.86	713.69
Special Assessments	15,171.85	13,729.90
Unclassified	2,537.78	1,661.53
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TOTAL EXPENDITURES	144,125.35	158,834.35
DEDUCT:		
Expenditures Applicable to Appropriation Carrying Balances	1,654.16	25.62
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TOTAL	142,471.19	158,808.73
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NET GAIN FROM OPERATIONS	\$5,731.50	\$4,771.97
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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of Bethel:

Following is my fifth annual report on the Bethel Schools.

When my report went in last year the enrollment in the Bethel elementary schools was 464, and the number of pupils enrolled in high schools was 102. At the present time the elementary enrollment is 488 and those in high schools number 113.

It became necessary to employ three more teachers this year to help care for increased numbers and crowded classrooms. Mrs. Frances Gunther was hired to act as helping teacher in grade five and to do remedial work with the other upper grade pupils. Mrs. Thelma Van Den Kerckhoven is acting as helping teacher in the first grade at the primary building. A second room was opened at West Bethel for grades four, five, and six, and Mrs. Doris Lord was hired for this position.

At the present time there is every reason to believe that the new school building will be ready to start school in next September.

For 1951 increased funds will be necessary in several items of the maintenance account. More is being asked for instruction. Extra teachers have already been added and one more will be needed next year. With conditions as they are teachers' salaries should be raised. In order to replace most of your teachers it would be necessary to offer between \$2200 and \$2400. The work of the present staff of teachers is very commendable. Your unfailing support will assure its continuance. Janitorial costs are expected to be higher. More is being asked for supplies. This will be necessary because of additional materials needed to open new rooms and to pay for large paper shipments ordered in the fall as an economy before

large price increases came about. The other item which again will require more funds is high school tuition. The per capita cost and numbers enrolled are still increasing.

The major repair this year was ceiling insulation. Some fuel savings have already been noted because of this, but more important, the pupils in the rural schools have been more comfortable during the cold days. This is the first time in some years that the repair account has not shown an overdraft. With an overlay of one hundred dollars your committee feels that an appropriation of \$1000 this year will allow them to carry out the repairs that are immediately necessary.

Participation in the school lunch program has again increased. The daily average of lunches now being served is running over 215. The price of twenty cents per meal has been retained so far in spite of the increased costs of food. How long it will be possible to hold this price is indefinite. For the second year the town is not being asked for any funds to support this program.

May I at this opportunity express my gratitude for the continued support you are giving to the expanding school program.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD M. CHRISTIE

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Present Enrollment by Grades

Grade 8	46
“ 7	42
“ 6	43
“ 5	61
“ 4	61
“ 3	58
“ 2	53
“ 1	63
Jr. Primary	61
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Total	488

Number of Teaching Positions		16
Average Yearly Salary		\$1,873.00
Number of pupils conveyed at expense of town		225
Number of Elementary Tuition Pupils (Albany 30, Mason 7, Newry 11, Gilead 5, Greenwood 5, Lov- ell 1)		59
Number of Pupils Enrolled in Secondary Schools		
Seniors	25	
Juniors	23	
Sophomores	28	
Freshmen	37	
		113
	Total	113

SCHOOL BUDGET RECOMMENDATIONS

As Submitted by the Superintending School Committee

For School Maintenance	\$47,000 (arrived at as follows)		
Estimated EXPENSES		Estimated RECEIPTS	
Instruction	\$32,100*	State Fund	\$16,950
Fuel	2,500	Equalization	3,050
Janitors & Cleaning	2,800	Elementary Tuition	3,700
Conveyance	6,500		
Textbooks	1,900		
Supplies	2,700		
Elementary Tuition	200		
High School Tuition	22,000		\$23,700
	\$70,700		

* Allows for \$1,300 to increase teacher salaries.

Appropriation necessary if balance kept the same	\$47,000.00
For Repairs	\$1,000.00
Insurance	357.00
Superintendence	1,600.00
School Physician	100.00

EARL A. DAVIS

OLIVE HEAD

STANLEY BROWN

Bethel Superintending School Committee

FINANCIAL REPORT

SUMMARY OF SCHOOL MAINTENANCE

Resources

Balance Jan. 1, 1950	\$ 5,361 51	
Appropriation	42,000 00	
State Fund	13,906 08	
Elementary Tuition	3,565 85	
Refund H. S. Tuition	179 00	
Miscellaneous Receipts	60 75	
		\$65,073 19

Expenditures

Instruction	\$26,752 50	
Fuel	2,427 40	
Janitors and Cleaning	2,452 86	
Conveyance	6,084 23	
Textbooks	1,976 39	
Supplies	2,199 91	
Elementary Tuition	180 00	
High School Tuition	20,114 54	
		\$62,187 83
Balance Jan. 1, 1951		\$2,885 36

DETAIL OF EXPENDITURES

Instruction

Charles Chapman	\$2,400 00
Olive Lurvey	1,728 00
Helen Varner	1,874 00
Ruth Hastings	1,728 00
Ethel Bisbee	1,972 00
Alice Ballard	1,728 00
Ruth Ring	1,778 00
Blanche Howe	1,828 00
Hazel Wheeler	1,778 00
Katharine Adams	1,849 50
Marion Coolidge	1,828 00

Ethel Ward	1,728 00
Mina Stevens	1,728 00
Frances Gunther	630 00
Thelma Van Den Kerekhoven	662 00
Doris Lord	680 00
Beth Abbott	450 00
Doryce Arndt	100 00
Richmond Roderick	100 00
Gould Academy	50 00
Marguerite Clark	42 00
Mrs. Carroll Abbott	14 00
Mrs. Leslie Noyes	14 00
Florence Hastings	28 00
Iva Hutchinson	28 00
Bertha Mills	7 00

\$26,752 50

Fuel

Ruth Carver Ames	\$1,488 26
Warren Bean	461 99
Benson's Coal & Oil Co.	468 15
Newton & Tebbets	9 00

\$2,427 40

Janitors & Cleaning

Paul Salway	\$1,280 00
Donald Brown	270 00
Erlon Paine	360 00
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.	171 11
C. B. Dolge Co.	28 10
Clara Rolfe	44 00
Robert Curtis	76 00
Arthur Gilbert	64 00
Ethel Ward	38 00
Head's Store	23 95
M. D. Stetson Co.	24 22
Colonial Refining & Chem. Co.	13 15
R. S. McMillin	11 00
Treas. of State of Maine	10 55
Floyd Kimball	9 00

Frank Brooks	9 00
Thomas Kennagh	8 00
Bryant's Market	4 56
Warren Bean	7 50
Bethel Red & White	72

\$2,452 86

Conveyance

R. S. McMillin	\$3,736 80
Ersel Murphy	1,015 20
Gould Academy	750 00
Mrs. Alden Wilson	178 50
Rodney Eames	146 00
State of Maine	255 73
Bennett's Garage	2 00

\$6,084 23

Elementary Tuition

Town of Woodstock	\$180 00
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High School Tuition

Gould Academy	\$19,576 94
Town of Woodstock	288 60
Higgins Classical Institute	249 00

\$20,114 54

Textbooks

Ginn & Company	\$569 70
American Book Co.	227 84
The Macmillan Co.	102 06
Laidlaw Brothers, Inc.	106 55
American Education Press	171 00
Lyons and Carnahan	127 88
Webster Pub. Co.	71 64
E. M. Hale Co.	58 63
Silver Burdett Co.	68 20
Field Enterprises Inc.	77 24
Grolier Society	81 30

Houghton Mifflin Co.	52 24
Beckley-Cardy Co.	75 13
D. C. Heath Co.	43 69
Raymond Hoffman	10 20
A. B. Rider Associates	13 65
Edith Frost	11 60
Encyclopaedia Brit. Inc.	11 80
R. M. Beutell	9 00
Row, Peterson Co.	9 86
Simon & Schuster	9 85
J. B. Lippincott	9 67
Julian Messner	4 62
John C. Winston	1 62
Doubleday & Co.	2 00
Harcourt, Brace & Co.	5 85
L. W. Singer & Co.	3 38
Allyn & Bacon	1 47
Follett Pub. Co.	6 73
Iroquois Pub. Co.	5 84
E. P. Dutton	2 75
The Grade Teacher	3 00
Maine State Library	5 75
Educators Progress Service	4 50
Falmouth Pub. House	3 12
Boston Music Co.	2 33
Doris Lord	2 00
Harper & Brothers	2 70

\$1,976 39

Supplies

Bethel Water Company	\$200 00
Central Maine Power Co.	392 08
Gledhill Brothers, Inc.	140 09
J. L. Hammett Co.	427 92
Edward E. Babb Co.	114 64
Cascade Paper Co.	307 87
Berry Paper Co.	111 29
Educators Progress Service	66 00
Huston-Tuttle Book Co.	44 21
World Book Co.	52 28

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A. J. Nystrom Co.	63 69
Donald Christie	28 29
M. D. Stetson Co.	16 00
Beckley-Cardy Co.	12 95
Iroquois Pub. Co.	13 10
Loring, Short & Harmon	41 05
Treas. of State of Maine	40 57
Mainco Trading Co.	28 90
Franklin Burris	24 00
R. S. McMillin	25 00
News Map of the Week	16 50
Bethel Citizen	9 51
Kimball Ames	4 20
Walter Jodrey	1 00
Sanborn's Motor Express	7 82
Scott-Foresman & Co.	2 18
Beaudette & Co.	6 07
H. S. Kinsman Co.	2 70

\$2,199 91

REPAIR ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation	\$2,000 00
Sale of Stoves	14 35
Broken Glass (Rec'd for)	1 50

\$2,015 85

Expenditures

Overdraft Jan. 1, 1950	\$390 62
Stanley Brown, Insulation	765 00
D. Grover Brooks	251 20
Warren Bean	210 52
Beckley-Cardy Co.	53 29
Charles Merrill	22 36
Arthur Herrick	34 08
Herbert Swan	10 00
Treas. of State of Maine	41 00
Atlas Products Co.	14 35

Paris Manufacturing Co.	30 00	
Loring, Short & Harmon	60 00	
Arthur Gilbert	9 50	
American Gas Machine Co.	2 10	
Runnels Machine Co.	2 50	
R. S. McMillin	4 00	
Willis Ward	2 00	
Sanborn's Express	4 76	
P. H. Chadbourne Co.	2 70	
Robert Kirk	1 50	
L. M. Longley & Son	1 80	
		\$1,913 28
Balance Jan. 1, 1951		\$102 57

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

	Resources	
Appropriation		\$479 75
	Expenditures	
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1950	\$122 75	
Walter Bartlett	357 00	
		\$479 75

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN ACCOUNT

	Resources	
Appropriation		\$100 00
	Expenditures	
W. B. Twaddle		\$100 00

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

	Resources	
Appropriation	\$1,600 00	
Rec'd from other towns, office expense	124 44	
		\$1,724 44
	Expenditures	
Overdraft Jan. 1, 1950	\$ 18 81	
Donald Christie	1,367 56	

Donald Christie, postage	57 45	
Van Tel. & Tel. Co.	153 66	
J. L. Hammett Co.	18 77	
Bethel Citizen	17 15	
H. S. Kinsman Co.	6 20	
Treas. of State of Maine	3 00	
Charles Scribner & Son	2 12	
School Executive	6 00	
National Education Ass'n	4 82	
Bosserman's	3 85	
		<u>\$1,659 39</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1951		<u>\$65 05</u>

SCHOOL BUILDING ACCOUNT

Resources

Appropriation	\$75,000 00	
Treas. of State of Maine	1,200 00	
		<u>\$76,200 00</u>

Expenditures

Alonzo J. Harriman, Inc.	\$ 4,950 00	
Gerard Construction Co.	15,615 00	
		<u>\$20,565 00</u>
Balance Jan. 1, 1951		<u>\$55,635 00</u>

VITAL STATISTICS

In view of Chap. 320 of the Public Laws of 1945 I have not published the marriages and births in our annual Town Report.

73 Births; 49 Marriages; 53 Deaths.

DEATHS

1949

Nov. 10, In Bethel, Maine, Stanislaus Blanchard, age 62 yrs.

Nov. 25, In Rumford, Maine, George Henry Swan, age 78 yrs. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine.

Dec. 18, In Portland, Maine, Charles Lincoln Davis, formerly of Bethel, age 90 yrs.

Dec. 20, In Falmouth, Maine, George W. Merrow, age 71 yrs.

1950

Jan. 7, In Bethel, Maine, Emma Florence Douglass, age 72 yrs.

Jan. 8, In Bethel, Maine, Addie Eugenia Wakefield, age 90 yrs.

Jan. 15, In Bethel, Maine, Adelma J. Stearns, age 68 yrs.

Jan. 27, In Bethel, Maine, Mary Ella Clark, age 75 yrs.

Jan. 30, In Farmington, Maine, Ada Bean Lord, formerly of Bethel, aged 76 yrs.

Feb. 3., In Paris, Maine, Ava Lucinda Leach, age 82 yrs. Birthplace, West Bethel, Maine.

Feb. 25, In Lewiston, Maine, Dellison Conroy, formerly of Bethel, age 58 yrs.

March 5, In Rumford, Maine, Georgia Anna Gorman, of Bethel, age 77 yrs.

March 6, In Lewiston, Maine, Geraldian A. Lapham, of Albany, age 38 yrs.

March 8, In Camden, Maine, Eben Evander Barker, age 79 yrs. Birthplace, Albany, Maine.

March 12, In Bethel, Maine, Leroy C. Buck, age 53 yrs.

March 12, In Bethel, Maine, Baby Bartlett.

March 13, In Hartford, N. H., Charles N. Scribner, age 61 yrs. Birthplace, Albany, Maine.

March 14, In Berlin, N. H., Beatrice May Osgood, of Bethel, Maine, age 48 yrs.

March 21, In Bethel, Maine, Dana Clarence Philbrook, age 78 yrs.

March 21, In Bangor, Maine, Mary E. O'Brien, age 81 yrs.

April 6, In Paris, Maine, Elden S. Goodwin, age 62 yrs. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine.

April 14, In Bethel, Maine, Ernest True Brooks, age 70 yrs.

April 16, In Camden, Maine, Addie Rachel Harville, age 84 yrs. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine.

April 16, In Norway, Maine, Alice A. Watson, age 78 yrs. Birthplace, Albany, Maine.

April 18, In Lewiston, Maine, Alwilda Elden Jewett, age 83 yrs. Birthplace, Albany, Maine.

April 28, In Auburn, Maine, John A. Currie, age 72 yrs. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine.

May 1, In Rumford, Maine, Joseph Oliva Jordan, age 76 yrs. Birthplace, Bethel, Maine.

May 15, In Bethel, Maine, George B. Harlow, age 73 yrs.

May 18, In Bethel, Maine, Zelia A. Keddy, age 50 yrs.

May 22, In Lewiston, Maine, Eldora H. Brown, age 86 yrs. Birthplace, Albany, Maine.

June 24, In Bethel, Maine, Phillip Howard Rolfe, age 75 yrs.

June 26, In Bethel, Maine, Prince E. McGinley, age 73 yrs.

July 7, In Bethel, Maine, Eugene A. Van Den Kerckhoven, Jr., age 21 yrs.

July 13, In Auburn, Maine, John Allen MacKenzie, of Mason Twsp., age 76 yrs.

July 30, In Bethel, Maine, Elizabeth Connors Whitney, age 83 yrs.

Aug. 9, In Bethel, Maine, Emma L. Chapman, age 92 yrs.

Aug. 12, In Bethel, Maine, Effie Bernier Merrill, age 54 yrs.

Aug. 13, In Augusta, Maine, Addie Maude Sanborn, of Bethel, Maine, age 78 yrs.

Aug. 31, In Albany, Maine, Alfred Augustus Bruce, age 85 yrs.

Sept. 11, In Bethel, Maine, Annette Austin Silver, age 49 yrs.

Sept. 14, In Bethel, Maine, Frederick A. Hamlin, age 86 yrs.

Sept. 17, In Lewiston, Maine, Nellie Lucerty Seabury, of Bethel, Maine, age 83 yrs.

Oct. 16, In Bethel, Maine, Bertha M. Mundt, age 76 yrs.

Oct. 19, In Bethel, Maine, Betty Ann Wheeler, age 6 yrs., 6 mos.

Oct. 28, In Bethel, Maine, Gertrude Bennett Barnard, age 84 yrs.

Nov. 16, In Bethel, Maine, Thaddeus L. Luxton, age 82 yrs., 10 mos., 23 days.

Nov. 27, In Rumford, Maine, Kenneth Parker Wight, of Bethel, Maine, age 48 yrs.

Nov. 30, In Bangor, Maine, Ira M. Bennett, age 72 yrs. Birthplace, Albany, Maine.

Dec. 24, In Bethel, Maine, Osmond S. Palmer, age 59 yrs.

Dec. 29, In Bethel, Maine, William Corey Bryant, age 73 yrs., 1 mo., 24 days.

Dec. 29, In Bethel, Maine, Frank V. Vetquoskey, age 83 yrs.

Dec. 31, In Bethel, Maine, Mary Belanger.

Nov. 11, 1948, In Rumford, Maine, James Farwell, of Bethel, aged 31 yrs.

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET B. BAKER

Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Carl L. Brown, a citizen of the Town of Bethel in the County of Oxford and State of Maine.

Greeting :

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel in said county and state, qualified by law to vote in town affairs to meet at Odeon Hall in said town on Monday, the fifth of March, A. D. 1951 at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act upon the following articles, to wit :

The polls will be open for balloting on elective officers upon order of the Moderator and will be closed at seven o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Art. 2. To hear and act upon the report of selectmen, assessors and overseers of poor, treasurer, collector, superintendent of schools, road commissioner, clerk and other town officers.

Art. 3. To see what compensation the town will vote to pay the Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of Poor, Treasurer, Road Commissioner, Clerk, and other town officers.

Art. 4. To establish the price to be paid for collecting taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of defraying the expenses to be incurred by the action taken under Articles 3 and 4 above.

Art. 6. To choose all other necessary Town Officers, not to be elected by Australian Ballot.

Art. 7. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for school maintenance.

Art. 8. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs on school buildings.

Art. 9. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on school buildings.

Art. 10. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for services of a School Physician.

Art. 11. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of Superintendent of Schools and office expense.

Art. 12. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate \$125.00 for public health nursing in Bethel. Said sum to be expended by the Maine Department of Health and Welfare, Bureau of Health, for local service.

Art. 13. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended on the town ways and for the repair of bridges.

Art. 14. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of winter roads.

Art. 15. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for bituminous surfacing of town ways and streets.

Art. 16. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate 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, Chap. 20, R. S. 1944, as amended.

Art. 17. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintaining 3rd class highways and for cutting and removing bushes therefrom.

Art. 18. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to remove the snow from business and other congested sections both from streets and sidewalks.

Art. 19. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for street lighting.

Art. 20. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be paid the Bethel Chamber of Commerce to be used for advertising and publicity.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) 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, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.

Art. 22. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance and construction of sewers.

Art. 23. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for relief of the poor.

Art. 24. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to take care of abatements as made by the Assessors.

Art. 25. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to procure from the Bethel Library Association the free use of books during the coming year for all inhabitants of the town under such restrictions and regulations as shall insure the safety and good use of the books.

Art. 26. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for decorating the graves of veterans (soldiers and sailors) and for the observance of Memorial Day.

Art. 27. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Treasurer's Bond.

Art. 28. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Collector's Bond.

Art. 29. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of Fire Department.

Art. 30. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for fire hose for the Fire Department.

Art. 31. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous expenses.

Art. 32. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$300.00 to cooperate with the Maine Forest Service and the Federal Government in the control of the White Pine Blister Rust in accordance with Revised Statutes, Chap. 32, Sec. 54.

Art. 33. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance on all of the motor driven vehicles owned by the Town.

Art. 34. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Civil Defense and Public Safety.

Art. 35. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance and construction of sidewalks and install suitable surface drains when necessary.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to accept the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act.

Art. 37. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to care of Article No. 36.

Art. 38. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay interest on notes and temporary loans.

Art. 39. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to install a six (6) inch water main to the new Elementary School Building.

Art. 40. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for grading the grounds of the new Elementary School Building.

Art. 41. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$5,000.00 to pay Serial Note No. 1 on the new Elementary School Building.

Art. 42. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen to request the next Legislature to repeal the law now on the Statutes closing Vital Statistics records to the public.

Art. 43. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen or other authorized officers to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of pay-

ing obligations of the Town ; such loans or loan to be paid during the current municipal year out of money raised during said current municipal year by taxes.

Art. 44. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to obtain money by loan to pay the debts of the town and take up outstanding notes against the town or renew the same with new notes, and to execute and deliver the notes of the town therefor signed by its Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen.

Art. 45. To see if the town will vote to authorize the town Treasurer, upon approval of the Selectmen, to sell and assign unmatured tax mortgage liens for not less than the amount unpaid and interests and cost.

Art. 46. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to sell and convey real estate owned by the town under tax deeds or under tax liens to such persons for such prices and upon such terms as said Selectmen and Treasurer in their judgment and discretion may determine for the best interests of the town and to execute in behalf of the inhabitants of said town such deeds or other instruments of conveyance as may be required to complete such sales and conveyances.

Art. 47. To see if the town will vote to purchase of George Taylor a piece of land adjoining the West Bethel Flat Cemetery of equal size and dimensions as the present cemetery and located on the Mason side.

Art. 48. To see if the town will vote to authorize the Moderator to appoint a committee of 12 to be known as the Budget Committee.

Art. 49. To choose any committee, hear the report of any and act thereon.

Art. 50. To choose by ballot the following Town officers for the ensuing year, to wit: Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Three Overseers of Poor, Treasurer, one member of the School Committee for three years, Tax Collector and Road Commissioner.

The Selectmen hereby give notice that they will be in session in the Selectmen's Office on Monday, March 5th, 1951 for the purpose of correcting the list of voters from 9 o'clock in the forenoon until time for the polls to close.

Given under our hands this 1st day of February, A. D. 1951.

ERNEST F. BISBEE
JOHN H. CARTER
JAMES C. BARTLETT
Selectmen of Bethel

BUDGET COMMITTEE

Guy Bartlett, Harold G. Bennett, Roy C. Blake, Carl L. Brown, T. Richard Carter, Philip H. Chadbourne, Henry H. Hastings, Robert D. Hastings, Burton L. Newton, Clarence Rolfe, Addison C. Saunders, Hugh D. Thurston.

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