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ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Bethel

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DEC. 31

1946

1947

The Oxford County Citizen

Bethel, Maine

TOWN OFFICERS

Selectmen, Assessors, and Overseers of Poor

ERNEST F. BISBEE CARROLL E. ABBOTT
J. CLEVELAND BARTLETT

Clerk

ALICE J. BROOKS

Deputy Clerk

D. GROVER BROOKS

Treasurer

JOHN M. HARRINGTON

Tax Collector

WALTER E. BARTLETT

Road Commissioner

EUBERTO P. BROWN

Superintendent of Schools

CARRIE M. WIGHT

(Resigned July 1, 1946)

DONALD M. CHRISTIE

Superintending School Committee

ELMER E. BENNETT

EARL A. DAVIS

MARGUERITE C. BARTLETT

Truant Officer

HARRY T. SAWIN

School Physician and Health Officer

WIDD B. TWADDLE, M. D.

Sealer of Weights and Measures

ELMER E. BENNETT

Dog Constable

ALBERT S. GROVER

Weigher, Town Scales

RUEL S. CHAPMAN (Resigned)

ALBERT BUCK

Fire Ward

LLOYD E. LUXTON

Moderator

GERRY L. BROOKS

Constables

WALTER E. BARTLETT

LESLIE E. DAVIS

ALBERT S. GROVER

GEORGE H. HAMMOND

RODERICK McMILLIN

ROBERT S. YORK

Surveyors of Wood and Lumber

FRED L. EDWARDS

LESLIE E. DAVIS

DURWARD H. MASON

GUY PRATT

HUGH D. THURSTON

ANNUAL REPORT

STATEMENT OF ASSESSORS

Valuation of Property and number of Polls as taken April 1st, 1946:

Valuation of Real Estate

Resident Owners	\$945,210 00
Non-Resident Owners	175,570 00

Total Value of Real Estate	\$1,120,780 00
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Valuation of Personal Estate

Resident Owners	\$211,415 00
Non-Resident Owners	32,400 00

Total Value of Personal Estate	\$243,815 00
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Grand Total of Real and Personal Estate	\$1,364,595 00
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Total Value of Land	\$477,980 00
Total Value of Buildings	642,800.00
Increase in Valuation over 1945	29,290.00
Rate of Taxation	.048
Poll Tax Rate	\$3.00
Number of Polls Taxed	580
Number of Polls Not Taxed	100
Percentage Paid Collector	.01 $\frac{1}{4}$
Collecting Excise Tax	.15

ASSESSMENTS FOR 1946

	1946	1945
For State Tax	\$9,580 36	\$9,580 36
County Tax	2,998 12	2,998 12
Miscellaneous Account	1,200 00	1,200 00
Town Officers' Bills	4,700 00	4,000 00
Treasurer's Bond	35 00	35 00
Collector's Bond	20 00	20 00
Abatements	52 08	318 69

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Fire Department	500 00	500 00
Public Health Work	100 00	100 00
Sewers	500 00	500 00
Roads and Bridges	4,000 00	3,000 00
Winter Roads	3,000 00	3,000 00
State and State Aid Maintenance	1,614 20	1,286 10
Third Class Maintenance	925 00	925 00
Tarvia for Roads and Streets	2,500 00	2,000 00
State Aid Construction	999 00	none
Sidewalks, Main Street	500 00	none
Sidewalk and Surface Drain	500 00	none
Snow Removal, Sidewalks and Streets	400 00	none
Support of Poor	2,000 00	2,500 00
Common Schools	16,300 00	13,000 00
Secondary Schools	9,500 00	9,000 00
School Supplies	824 00	824 00
Text Books	500 00	500 00
School Repairs	700 00	600 00
School Insurance	198 75	182 50
Superintendent's Salary	700 00	650 00
School Physician	100 00	100 00
Old Cemeteries	75 00	75 00
Bethel Public Library	600 00	600 00
Memorial Day Observance	50 00	50 00
Motor Vehicle Insurance	150 00	150 00
Interest on Loans	200 00	200 00
State of Maine Publicity Bureau	100 00	none
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	\$66,121 51	
Overlay	1,119 05	
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	\$67,240 56	
Taxes Assessed as Follows		
\$1,364,595.00 Valuation @ .048	\$65,500 56	
580 Polls @ \$3.00	1,740 00	
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		\$67,240 56
Excise Tax Collected	\$2,650 63	
Supplementary Tax 1944	3 00	
Supplementary Tax 1945	36 00	
Supplementary Tax 1946	109 80	
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		\$2,799 43

EXTRACT FROM ASSESSORS' REPORT

Live Stock Taxed

Horses	111	\$11,265 00	
Steers, Oxen, Bulls and Beef Cattle, over 18 months	32	2,330 00	
Milk Cows, including heifers that have freshened	432	35,700 00	
Heifers over 2 years not yet freshened	50	3,225 00	
Heifers 18 months to 2 years old	55	2,790 00	
Goats	12	60 00	
Domestic Fowl (over 50 in no.)	1980	1,980 00	
			\$57,350 00

Live Stock Not Taxed

Cattle 18 months and young- er	158	\$5,530 00	
Draft Colts under 3 yrs old	1	50 00	
Sheep (to 35 in no.)	27	270 00	
Swine (to 10 in no.)	69	1,035 00	
Domestic Fowl (to 50 in no.)	2924	2,924 00	
			\$9,809 00

All Other Personal Property

Stock in Trade		\$37,050 00
Unmanufactured Material in Mills		10,000 00
Portable Mills	1	1,500 00
Logs		4,275 00
Bolts in Mill		2,500 00
Lumber		39,375 00
Boats	15	465 00
Gasoline Pumps and Attach- ments	48	3,800 00
Musical Instruments	119	6,505 00
Radios	427	6,765 00
Furniture		28,300 00
Tractors	54	10,160 00

Machinery and Equipment	22,175 00	
Other Property	13,595 00	
	<hr/>	\$186,465 00
Grand Total of Personal Property		<hr/> \$243,815 00

ABATEMENTS, 1939

Rolfe, Nelson, paid in Waterford	\$3 00	\$3 00
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ABATEMENTS, 1940

Hatfield, Roland S., unable to collect	\$3 00	
McMillin, Bernard, unable to collect	3 00	
Raimey, Perry, unable to collect	3 00	
Sweatt, Vernon C., unable to collect	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$12 00

ABATEMENT, 1941

Hatfield, Roland S., unable to collect	\$3 00	
Parker, Eugene, unable to collect	3 00	
Wilkins, Philip, unable to collect	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$9 00

ABATEMENTS, 1942

Hatfield, Herbert H., unable to collect	\$3 00	\$3 00
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ABATEMENTS, 1943

Hatfield, Roland S., unable to collect	\$3 00	
Rich, Victor P., unable to collect	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$6 00

ABATEMENTS, 1944

Bean, Bert H., Paid in N. H.	\$3 00	
Plant, Clyde A., left town	3 00	
Tyler, Leonard A., Error in valuation	44	
Winslow, Lyman E., left town	3 00	
	<hr/>	\$9 44

ABATEMENTS, 1945

Mills, Leland, Over age 70	\$3 00
Vail, T. Fitzmaurice, Paid in Boston	3 00

\$6 00

ABATEMENTS, 1946

Baker, Wilfred J., receiving	
Gov't Compensation	\$3 00
Bane, Clayton C., paid in Paris	3 00
Brown, Robert I., receiving	
Gov't Compensation	3 00
Carter, Grace, error in valuation	2 40
Casey, Edward L., receiving	
Gov't Compensation	3 00
Chapman, Charles, paid in Farmington	3 00
Chapman, Robert V., paid in Greenwood	3 00
Chivers, Howard P., paid in N. H.	3 00
Cross, Alton E., receiving	
Gov't Compensation	3 00
Day, Ralph E., Spanish War Veteran	3 00
Hastings, Norma, error in valuation	48 00
Robertson, F. O'Neil, in U. S. Service	3 00
Robertson, Henry, receiving	
Gov't Compensation	3 00
Thurston, Elizabeth, error in valuation	1 20
Westleigh, W. Henry, receiving	
Gov't Compensation	3 00

\$ 87 60

\$136 04

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 June 19th, 1946	\$67,240 56	
To Supplementary Taxes	109 80	
		\$67,350 36

Cr.

By amount paid Town Treasurer	\$65,088 89	
By errors in valuation and abatements	87 60	
By uncollected taxes	2,173 87	
		\$67,350 36

1937-1939-1940-1941-1942-1943-1944-1945 Tax Account

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

Dr.

To total unpaid taxes Jan. 1st, 1946	\$3,246 77	
To supplementary taxes, 1944	3 00	
To supplementary taxes, 1945	36 00	
		\$3,285 77

Cr.

By total amount paid Town Treasurer	\$3,052 49	
By 1945 Tax Liens filed with Town Treasurer	92 00	
By abatements	48 44	
By uncollected taxes	92 84	
		\$3,285 77

EXCISE TAXES ON MOTOR VEHICLES

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

Dr.

To total amount collected	\$2,762 01	\$2,762 01
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Cr.

By amount paid Town Treasurer, 1946 taxes	\$2,274 44	
By amount paid Town Treasurer, 1947 taxes	376 19	
By amount paid County Treas. 1946 taxes	96 18	
By amount paid County Treas. 1947 taxes	7.55	
By issuing 51 receipts to persons in Unorganized Townships	\$7 65	
	<hr/>	\$2,762 01

UNPAID TAXES, 1946

Bean, Elmer I.	\$3 00
Bennett, Raymond K.	10 28
Brown, George H.	3 00
Buckman, Clifford	3 88
Cote, Joseph E.	3 00
Cox, Fred	3 00
Downs, Herbert	3 00
Emery, Walter G.	49 48
Harthorne, Roderick	6 88
Houle, Richard	50 04
Hutchinson, Jennie M.	33 60
Hutchinson, H. Gilman	17 88
Jodrey, Norman	3 00
Kennagh, Augustus	3 00
Kimball, Harlan	15 00
Mason, Alfred	14 88
McKlusky, George	4 20
Merrill, Freeman W.	66 48
Merrill, Joel F.	29 28
Merrill, Walter & Freeman	14 40
Patten, Leroy	3 00
Stevens, Frank, heirs of	103 20
Stevens, Freeman	3 00
Stimans, Harold A.	3 48

Walker, Gerald	3 48	
Westleigh, Reginald G.	27 96	
Wheeler, Roger W.	2 40	
		Non-Resident
Auburn Vending Co.	7 20	
Genya, Theodore	9 60	
Grover, S. O., Heirs of	2 40	
Jackson, Clifton	28 80	
Kilgore, Wallace W.	21 60	
Kimball, Ceylon, Heirs of	96 00	
McKenzie, Jack A.	7 20	
Total Jan. 1, 1947		\$2,173 87
Amount collected from Jan. 1, 1947 to time this report printed		\$1,517 27
Balance unpaid		\$656 60

UNPAID TAXES, 1945

Durgin, Enfield P.	\$4 61	
Harding, Roland L.	3 69	
Merrill, Freeman W.	13 80	
Vashaw, Harry	3 00	
Chapman, Mrs. Marion Braddish	3 68	
Grover, S. O., Heirs of	2 30	
Kilgore, Wallace W.	20 70	
Total Jan. 1, 1947		\$51 78

UNPAID TAXES, 1944

Vashaw, Harry	\$3 00	
Chapman, Mrs. Marion Braddish	3 52	
Grover, S. O., Heirs of	2 20	
Total Jan. 1, 1947		\$21 62
Collected since Jan 1,		\$12 90
Balance Unpaid		\$8 72

UNPAID TAXES, 1940

Bates, Leslie S.	\$3 00	
Hanscom, Lee	3 00	
Total Jan. 1, 1947.		\$6 00

UNPAID TAXES, 1939

Baker, Joseph C. Jr.,	\$3 69	
Bates, Leslie S.	3 00	
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Total Jan. 1, 1947		\$6 69

UNPAID TAXES, 1937

Baker, Joseph C. Jr.,	\$6 75	\$6 75
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UNPAID TAXES

L. E. Davis, Collector, 1933

Walter Balentine	\$8 13	Roderick Harthorne	3 00
Harold Bartlett	6 69	Richard Lawrence	3 00
Ralph Berry	7 10	E. P. Lyon	91 15
Clayton Blake	3 00	Hollis Hutchinson	3 00
H. O. Blake	15 58	Archie Lovejoy	3 00
Geo. H. Brown, G. Hill	3 00	Alfred Mason	3 00
Walter Brown	3 00	Glen Mason	3 00
Harry Brown, G. Hill	3 00	Wm. Mason	3 00
Leo Bubier	3 00	Earl Morgan	3 00
Shirley Chase	8 74	Chas Melville	3 00
Edgar Coolidge	10 89	Harry Newell	5 05
Robert Clough	7 10	Ola Olson	10 79
Roger Clough	3 00	Chas. Reed	16 74
Edgar Cross	9 56	G. N. Stearns	5 05
Archie Cole	3 00	Hedley Wheeler	3 00
Moses Davis	12 84	E. J. Stearns	20 02
Wm. Day	3 00	Russell Swan	22 48
Lester Enman	3 00	Joseph Stevens	9 97
Lewis Etheridge	3 00	Merle Swan	3 00
Clarence Enman	3 00	Bernard Swan	3 00
I. Farrar	3 00	Vinton C. Tibbetts	8 53
Chas. Frost	5 05	Oscar Tibbetts	3 00
Clyde Hall	19 20	Geo. Tibbetts	3 00
Hollis Grindle	3 00	Clyde Whitman	14 07
Earl Williamson	3 00	L. E. Winslow	5 26
C. Waterhouse	3 00	T. E. Westleigh	15 30
Sherman Haselton	8 54		
Raymond Harthorne	3 00		<hr/>
			\$433 83

L. E. Davis, Collector, 1932

Roland Annis	\$18 22	Chas. Melville	3 00
Walter Balentine	9 76	Harry Newell	5 46
Harold Bartlett	8 74	Linwood Newell	3 00
Clayton Blake	3 00	Frank Osgood	7 72
H. O. Blake	16 81	Ola Olson	9 15
Walter Brown	3 00	Chas. Reed	16 12
F. W. Buck	20 63	George N. Stearns	5 05
Leo Bubier	3 00	E. J. Stearns	40 93
Robert Clough	7 10	Joseph Stevens	6 69
Edgar Cross	11 06	Carlton Saunders	4 64
Edgar Coolidge	11 61	Vinton Tibbetts	3 41
Leslie Estes	3 00	B. S. Tyler	8 74
Lester Enman	3 00	Geo. Tibbetts	3 00
Alton Enman	3 00	Guy Vail	5 05
I. D. Farrar	6 08	Allen Walker	4 28
Chas. Frost	5 05	Hershall Walker	3 00
Hollis Grindle	3 00	L. E. Winslow	6 69
Henry Hall	18 38	Curtis Winslow	3 00
Sherman Haselton	8 54	Cleve Waterhouse	3 00
Raymond Harthorne	3 00	Wm. Young	3 00
Hollis Hutchinson	3 00	Harry Brown, G. Hill	3 00
Alfred Hodgkins	3 00	Geo. Brown, G. Hill	3 00
E. P. Lyon	93 20	Clyde Whitman	15 71
Alfred Mason	3 00		
Wm. Mason	3 00		
J. Merrill	3 00		
			\$440 82

L. E. Davis, Collector, 1931

H. O. Blake	\$27 39	J. Merrill	3 00
Harry Brown, G. Hill	3 00	Ola Olson	15 25
Geo. Brown, G. Hill	3 00	Joseph Stevens	3 00
Robert Clough	5 45	Fred Wheeler	11 58
Edgar Coolidge	19 17	Clyde Whitman	22 60
Irwin Farrar	3 00	L. E. Winslow	7 90
Lester Enman	4 23	Wm. Young	3 00
Charles Frost	5 45		
Charles Mason	3 00		
Alfred Mason	4 72		
			\$144 74

REPORT OF OVERSEERS OF POOR

Appropriation for Care of Poor	\$2,000 00
Reimbursement	1 10
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	\$2,001 10
Amount Expended	2,272 58
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Overdrawn	\$ 271 48

POOR OF OTHER TOWNS

Amount Expended	\$17 24
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Rec'd from Town of Paris	17 24

STATE POOR

Amount Expended	\$51 97
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Balance due from State	\$51 97

SUMMARY, STATE POOR

Paid		
Brown, Henry J.	\$ 5 00	
Estes, Winfield	46 97	
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		\$51 97

TOWN RELIEF CASES

Name	Board and Care	Groceries	Fuel	Clothing	Medical	Rent	Misc.	Total
Brown, Elsie, Mechanic Falls	\$360 00	----	----	----	----	----	----	\$360 00
Haselton, Ethel M.	----	\$111 04	\$38 13	----	----	----	----	149 17
Heath, Claude W., Gilead	----	25 00	----	----	----	\$96 00	----	121 00
Hobbs, Mrs. Alfred, Minot	674 00	----	----	----	\$31 00	----	----	705 00
Martyn, Mrs. Bessie	120 80	----	----	----	14 20	----	1 50	136 50
Tyler, Mrs. Ivy	----	10 81	----	----	----	----	----	10 81
Mason, William, children of, Mech. Falls	319 00	----	----	122 97	31 60	----	----	473 57
Veteran, Family of, Mechanic Falls	----	----	80 00	35 03	7 50	----	14 00	136 53
Tramps	----	----	----	----	----	----	180 00	180 00
	\$1,473 80	\$146 85	\$118 13	\$158 00	\$84 30	\$96 00	\$195 50	\$2,272 58

REPORT OF ROAD COMMISSIONER

ROADS AND BRIDGES

Appropriation	\$4,000 00
Rec'd State Treas., Truck Rental	109 20
Rec'd County Treas., Truck Rental	774 57
Tarvia Applied	55 25
Unimproved Roads, Truck Rental	370 75
Unimproved Roads, Culverts	138 10

\$5,447 87

Expended

Paid	
Labor Payrolls	\$2,936 91
Gas and Oil	1,412 78
Repairs and Garage Bills	2,461 24
Supplies	109 73
Lumber	220 25
Bulldozer Hire	187 50
Shovel Hire	182 25
Truck Hire	50 00
Sand and Gravel	357 70
Culverts	140 92
Team Hire	5 00
Tile	16 50

\$8,080 78

Overdrawn

\$2,632 91

WINTER ROADS

Appropriation	\$3,000 00
Rec'd County of Oxford, plowing	436 33
Rec'd Town of Greenwood, plowing	28 80
Rec'd 1 gal. Prestone sold	2 65
Rec'd State Treas., plowing	4,917 86

\$8,385 64

Expended**Paid**

Labor, Payrolls	\$5,023 64	
Gas and Oil	1,815 80	
Repairs and Garage Bills	2,603 69	
Supplies	418 82	
Salt	79 60	
Tractor Hire	12 50	
State Treas., State Highway plowing and sanding	590 40	
Sand	23 10	
Rental Tractor House, 12 months	150 00	
	<hr/>	\$10,717 55
Overdrawn		<hr/> \$2,331 91

STATE AND STATE AID MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$1,614 20	
Paid State Treasurer	1,612 10	
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Unexpended		\$2 10

STATE AID CONSTRUCTION

Unexpended, 1942	\$999 00	
Appropriation	999 00	
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		\$1,998 00

TARVIA FOR ROADS AND STREETS

Appropriation	\$2,500 00	
Tarvia Sold	157 85	
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		\$2,657 85

Expended**Paid**

Labor Payrolls	\$223 20	
Tarvia	1,542 02	
Truck Hire	15 28	
Sand	30 10	

Cold Patch	173 86	
		\$1,984 46
Unexpended		\$673 39

TYLER STREET EXTENSION

Unexpended	\$145 50
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THIRD CLASS MAINTENANCE

Appropriation	\$925 00
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Expended

Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$483 86	
Tarvia	1,289 88	
Sand	37 00	
		\$1,810 74
Overdrawn		\$885 74

UNIMPROVED HIGHWAYS

Expended

Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$528 66	
Bulldozer Hire	384 00	
Culverts	194 51	
Truck Hire	675 17	
State Shovel No. 97	341 00	
		\$2,123 34
Due from State Treas.		\$2,123 34

NEW TRUCK — BODY — PLOWS

Expended

Paid		
Files & O'Keefe Co., 1 Warsaw and equipment	\$1,280 00	
Hight Chev. Co., 1 Howe plow and equipment	1,937 50	
1 Wood 2 yd. body and hoist	550 00	

1 Chev. Truck with Coleman 4-Wheel		
Drive Unit	3,900 00	
Accessories	242 45	
	<hr/>	\$7,909 95

NORTHWEST BETHEL ROAD

Expended

Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$96 37	
Bulldozer Hire	69 00	
	<hr/>	\$165 37

REMOVAL OF SNOW FROM STREETS AND SIDEWALKS IN BUSINESS AND OTHER CONGESTED SECTIONS

Appropriation		\$400 00
	Expended	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls		\$64 50
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Unexpended		\$335 50

SIDEWALK, MAIN STREET

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Appropriation, for sidewalks and sur- face drain	500 00	
	<hr/>	\$1,000 00
	Expended	
Paid		
Labor Payrolls	\$702 68	
Lumber	67 19	
Nails	2 05	
Supplies	23 98	
Salt	1 65	
Cement	171 20	
	<hr/>	\$968 75
Unexpended		\$31 25

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

STATE TAX

Appropriation		\$9,580 36
Paid State Treasurer		9,580 36

COUNTY TAX

Appropriation		\$2,998 12
Paid County Treasurer		2,998 12

CANCELLED WARRANTS

Numbers 1 to 52 incl.		\$105,434 19
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OLD CEMETERIES

Appropriation		\$75 00
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Expended

Paid on Flat Cemetery	\$12 00	12 00
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Unexpended		\$63 00
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TEMPORARY LOAN

Rec'd Casco Bank & Trust Co.		\$5,000 00
Paid Casco Bank & Trust Co.		\$5,000 00

INTEREST

Appropriation	\$200 00	
Rec'd Interest	\$505 64	

\$705 64

Expended

Paid Casco Bank & Trust Co.	\$57 50	\$57 50
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Unexpended		\$648 14
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PUBLIC LIBRARY

Appropriation	\$600 00	
Rec'd State Stipend	42 00	
	<hr/>	\$642 00
Paid Treasurer Bethel Library		\$642 00

MEMORIAL DAY OBSERVANCE

Appropriation	\$50 00
Paid Treasurer American Legion	\$50 00

MOTOR VEHICLE INSURANCE

Appropriation	\$150 00	
Reimbursement, Stuart W. Goodwin	7 37	
Reimbursement, Blanche W. Flint	32 18	
	<hr/>	\$189 55
Paid Stuart W. Goodwin		193 68
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Overdrawn		\$ 4 13

BETHEL BAND

Unexpended, Carried to Surplus	\$200 00
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WITHHOLDING TAX

Rec'd Town Employees	\$2,340 75
Paid Collector of Internal Revenue	\$2,340 75

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE JAN. 1, 1946

W. E. Bartlett, Coll.	\$1 20
Paid W. E. Bartlett, Coll.	1 20

SEWERS

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Rec'd Hanover Dowel Co., Connecting	20 00	
Rec'd D. Grover Brooks, Connecting	20 00	
Rec'd Martha B. Von Zintl, Connecting	20 00	
	<hr/>	\$560 00

		Expended	
Paid			
Labor Payrolls		\$378 98	
Salt		70	
Flexible Sewer Rod		47 64	
Torches		6 00	
Frames and covers		37 00	
Tile		28 00	
Cement		88	
			\$499 20
Unexpended			\$ 60 80

LIGHT ACCOUNT

Paid		
West Bethel St. Lights	\$171 20	
Blinker, Church and R. R. Streets	40 37	
Office	11 48	
Lock-up	11 00	
Carried to Miscellaneous Account		\$234 05

PUBLIC HEALTH WORK

Appropriation	\$100 00
Paid State Treasurer	\$100 00

ANNUAL REPORT OF PUBLIC HEALTH NURSING SERVICE

Public Health Nursing Service in Bethel has been temporarily interrupted due to a shortage of nurses with adequate training for this work. However, emergencies, communicable disease referrals, crippled children needing follow-up visits and other requests for nursing assistances on special problems have been answered by a nurse from the Rumford office or from the health center in Farmington.

The shortage of Public Health Nurses is due in part to an increase in understanding by the communities throughout

the country, of the function of the public health nurse. People in general now know more about the variety of services which the nurse renders in the home, school and community to prevent illness and disease and to promote more abundant health. When illness does occur in the home she may demonstrate bedside care and teach some one in the home how to make patients more comfortable and how to give the treatments prescribed by the family physician. We cannot repeat too often that your public health nurse works always with the advice and the direction of the doctor who is chosen by the patient or his family.

During the summer a Child Health Conference was held in Bethel. At this conference the local committee members were active in helping to get infants and pre school children into the conference center for good physical examinations by the attending physician. These children also received immunizations as recommended to protect them from diphtheria and smallpox and mothers were encouraged to ask for advice and to discuss health problems with the nurse and physician.

In many of our towns where Local Health Councils have been strong and continued active even during temporary absence of the Public health nurse the health work has gone forward. In all instances where we are now securing nurses for towns who had been struggling to carry on a health program alone we have found the finest cooperation. In these towns nurses are receiving the best community support that has ever been given the public health nurse and health work has been more than doubled through this splendid cooperation.

I wish to thank you, the people of Bethel, for your kind assistance with the emergency services rendered and also for your patience and understanding of this acute Public Health Nursing shortage. Also, I can assure you that as soon as a good public health nurse is available she will be assigned to do Public Health Work in Bethel.

Respectfully submitted,

RUTH E. HAWKINS

Ruth E. Hawkins, R. N.

District Supervising Nurse

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Appropriation	\$500 00	
Rec'd Town of Gilead	250 00	
Rec'd Town of Greenwood	100 00	
Rec'd Maine Forestry District	400 00	
		\$1,250 00
	Expended	
Telephone	\$ 44 40	
Gas & Oil	37 51	
Supplies	214 07	
Mayville Hydrant	30 00	
Fire Alarm	50 00	
Pumper Fire Insurance	10 00	
Janitor Fire House	58 00	
Payrolls	555 90	
Firemen's Insurance	34 00	
		\$1,033 88
Unexpended		\$ 216 12

REPORT OF CHIEF ENGINEER

The Company during the past year was called out by 19 general alarms and eight still alarms for chimney fires. Five of the alarms were out of town fires.

The pumper crew members are: Lloyd E. Luxton, Chief; Dr. E. L. Brown, Engineer; Fred Douglass, Engineer; Robert Blake, Captain; Alton Hutchinson, 1st Lieut.; Earl Davis, 2nd Lieut.; Drivers, Ray Crockett, William Chapman, Roderick McMillin, Herbert Rowe, and C. M. Bennett; Crew, Erwin Hutchinson, Charles Freeman, Ted Gallant, Gard Brown, Bob York, Francis Noyes, and Alphonse Baker.

Fires outside the village—Two (2) blasts of the siren followed by two (2) blasts of the air whistle repeated three times. Fires in the village—one (1) blast of the siren followed by one (1) blast of the air whistle repeated three times.

Respectfully submitted,

LLOYD E. LUXTON, Chief

TREASURER'S BOND

Appropriation	\$35 00
Paid Stuart W. Goodwin	\$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

TOWN OFFICERS

Appropriation		\$4,700 00
	Expended	
Paid		
E. F. Bisbee	\$1,759 00	
Carroll E. Abbott	334 00	
E. P. Brown	817 24	
Alice J. Brooks	75 00	
John M. Harrington	300 00	
Elmer E. Bennett	40 40	
Widd B. Twaddle, M. D.	35 00	
Walter E. Bartlett	948 52	
Harry T. Sawin	5 00	
		\$4,314 16
Unexpended		\$385 84

MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

Appropriation	\$1,200 00
Tax Lien Costs	78 94
Alice J. Brooks, Victualers' Licenses	19 00
State Treasurer, R. F. and Tel. Tax	136 48
State Treasurer, Bank Stock Tax	158 61
Sale of Land and Building	49 83
Refund on George Insurance	4 59
J. B. Chapman, Bowling Alley License	10 00
	\$1,657 45

Expended

The Van Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$52 96	
Postage	32 06	
Oxford County Citizen, Town Reports	236 15	
Printing and Supplies	270 03	
Sheriff and Attorney Fees	76 19	
State Audit (2 years)	208 76	
Office Rent 1 year	175 00	
Expense of Overseers of Poor	13 48	
Recording Vital Statistics	26 50	
Fireman's Personal Injury	239 00	
Village Corp. Excise Tax	141 19	
West Bethel Sewer Survey	106 00	
S. S. Greenleaf, exterminating dogs	12 00	
Town Farm Expense	20 20	
State Treas., Aid to Dependent Children	272 66	
Care and Cleaning	90 00	
Ballot Clerks	108 00	
Expense, Insane Cases	7 15	
Plowing and Seeding Victory Garden	58 00	
Care West Bethel Dump	3 00	
State Guard Rent	75 00	
Recording Tax Liens	7 50	
Town Scales	5 00	
Lock-up Expense	1 00	
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	\$2,236 83	
Street Light Acc't forwarded	234 05	
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		\$2,470 88
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Overdrawn		\$813 43

ABATEMENTS

Appropriation	\$52 08
Abatements	\$52 08

MINISTERIAL AND SCHOOL FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$3,304 96	
Interest, 1946	83 12	
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		\$3,388 08

E. L. BARTLETT FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$605 15	
Interest, 1946	15 21	
	<hr/>	\$620 36

FRED E. GORDON TRUST FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$549 62	
Interest, 1946	13 81	
	<hr/>	\$563 43

ALCINA GROVER TRUST FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$72 77	
Interest, 1946	1 81	
	<hr/>	\$74 58

MARY E. WILEY TRUST FUND

Deposited, Bethel Savings Bank	\$218 13	
Interest, 1946	5 47	
	<hr/>	\$223 60

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Services as Sealer of Weights and Measures Jan. 1, 1946 to Dec. 31, 1946		\$75 00
Credits as follows:		
Fees collected	\$29 60	
By use of standards	5 00	
	<hr/>	\$34 60
Carried to Town Officers' Bills		\$40 40

CIVILIAN DEFENSE

Unexpended Balance Carried to Surplus	\$397 24
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CUTTING PULP ON TOWN FARM

Unexpended Balance Carried to Surplus	\$552 64
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FINANCIAL STANDING

Assets

Cash in hands of Treas. Jan. 1, 1947	\$14,960 45	\$14,960 45
Due, L. E. Davis, Collector, 1931	144 74	
Due, L. E. Davis, Collector, 1932	440 82	
Due, L. E. Davis, Collector, 1933	433 83	1,019 39
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1937	6 75	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1939	6 69	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1940	6 00	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1944	21 62	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1946	51 78	
Due, W. E. Bartlett, Collector, 1946	2,173 87	2,266 71
Tax Deeds, Prior to 1931	473 09	
Tax Deeds, 1931	262 32	
Tax Deeds, 1932	409 51	
Tax Deeds, 1933	385 40	
Tax Deeds, 1934	127 25	1,657 57
Tax Liens, 1936	58 50	
Tax Liens, 1937	17 51	
Tax Liens, 1938	41 68	
Tax Liens, 1939	142 60	
Tax Liens, 1940	193 61	
Tax Liens, 1941	265 95	
Tax Liens, 1942	181 35	
Tax Liens, 1943	84 22	
Tax Liens, 1944	33 00	
Tax Liens, 1945	92 00	1,110 42
Due, State Poor Account	51 97	51 97
		<u>\$21,066 51</u>

Liabilities

None

BALANCE SHEET

	Overdraft	Unexpended
Miscellaneous Account	\$ 813 43	.....
Town Officers' Bills	.....	\$ 385 84
Treasurer's Bond	.....	.....
Collector's Bond	.....	.....
State of Maine Publicity Bureau	.....	.....
Fire Department	.....	216 12
Public Health Work	.....	.....
Sewers	.....	60 80
Roads and Bridges	2,632 91	.....
Winter Roads	2,331 91	.....
State and State Aid Maintenance	.....	2 10
Tarvia for Roads and Streets	.....	673 39
Third Class Maintenance	885 74	.....
Sidewalks, Main Street	.....	31 25
Town Poor	271 48	.....
Bethel Library	.....	.....
Memorial Day	.....	.....
Motor Vehicle Insurance	4 13	.....
Old Cemeteries	.....	63 00
Interest Account	648 14
Overlay	1,119 05
Supplementary Tax	148 80
Excise Tax Collected	2,650 63
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	\$6,939 60	\$5,999 12
Balance overexpended and carried to surplus		\$940 48
Unexpended balance Bethel Band, carried to surplus		\$200 00
Unexpended balance cutting timber on Town Farm, carried to surplus		552 64
Unexpended balance, Civilian Defense, carried to surplus		397 24

Respectfully submitted

ERNEST F. BISBEE
 CARROLL E. ABBOTT
 J. CLEVELAND BARTLETT

Selectmen

REPORT OF TREASURER

Cash on hand, January 1, 1946 \$21,941 02

Received:

W. E. Bartlett, Collector

1942 Town Taxes	\$3 00	
1943 Town Taxes	1 59	
1944 Town Taxes	120 74	
1945 Town Taxes	2,927 16	
1946 Town Taxes	65,088 89	
1946 Excise Taxes	2,274 44	
1947 Excise Taxes	376 19	\$70,792 01

State Treasurer

Bear Bounty, 1945	\$10 00	
Pauper Account	29 08	
Library Stipend	42 00	
Truck Rental	109 20	
Railroad and Telegraph Tax	136 48	
Bank Stock Tax	158 61	
Conveyance Closed Schools	490 00	
Basis of High School Tuition	875 00	
School Census	1,203 00	
Common School Tuition	1,328 75	
Teaching Positions	4,143 70	
Highway Snow Removal	4,917 86	13,443 68

Casco Bank and Trust Company, Demand Note 5,000 00

Tax Deeds

Abbott, Burton	\$ 38 97	
City Savings Bank	45 14	
Davis, Charles L.	77 47	
Davis, Leslie E.	39 27	
Gibson, Frank A.	21 97	
Newton, S. B.	147 22	
Walker, Doris	10 56	380 60

Pauper Account			
Town of Buckfield	\$665	34	
Town of Paris	17	24	682 58
Sewer Connections			
Brooks, D. Grover	\$20	00	
Hanover Dowel Company	20	00	
Von Zintl, Martha B.	20	00	60 00
Fire Department			
Maine Forestry Department	\$400	00	
Town of Gilead	250	00	
Town of Greenwood	100	00	750 00
Snow Removal			
County of Oxford	\$436	33	
Town of Greenwood	28	80	465 13
Tarvia			
Burris, Ralph L.	\$15	00	
Coburn, Jennie	12	05	
Gould Academy	106	30	
Morgan, Guy H.	8	70	
Thurston, H. D.	19	50	
Wight, Kenneth P.	30	80	
Young, Ralph H.	11	75	204 10
Truck Rental			
Oxford County Treasurer	\$704	08	
School Repairs	9	00	
Unimproved Roads	370	75	\$1,083 83
Insurance Rebates			\$44 14
Reimbursements			272 15
Sales of Real Estate			
Cross, E. E.	\$35	00	
Davis, Leslie E.	14	83	49 83
Reserve for Uncollectibles			2 45
Ida M. Packard, Janitor Supplies			2 50
Ernest F. Bisbee, Supplies			2 65
Carrie M. Wight, Repairs			3 70
J. B. Chapman, Bowling Alley License			10 00
Arthur Gibbs, Legal Costs			39 19
Oxford County Treasury, Lumber			70 49

Tax Liens			
City Savings Bank	\$56	00	
Davis, Leslie E.	258	24	
Davis, Richard L.	70	40	
Gibbs, Arthur	533	56	
Swan, Mrs. Georgia	27	30	
Tyler, Leonard A.	5	50	951 00
Interest on Tax Deed and Tax Liens			505 64
Reimbursement of Costs			39 75
Personal Property Taxes			
Davis, Charles L.	\$16	40	
Skillings, W. A.	45	34	61 74
Victualers Licenses			
Bosserman, W. E.	\$1	00	
Boyker, Henry W.	1	00	
Burris, Ralph L.	1	00	
Chamberlin, Harold	1	00	
Cotton, Albert F.	1	00	
Eames, Rodney E.	1	00	
Gilman, John C.	1	00	
Hale, Ella G.	1	00	
Hutchinson, Hattie	1	00	
Inn, Bethel	1	00	
Keoskie, Charles A.	2	00	
Kimball, Daisy and Philbrook, Ivy	1	00	
Ladd, Mary E.	1	00	
Ramsdell, Mrs. Arthur	1	00	
Von Zintl, Martha	2	00	
Watson, Robie L.	1	00	
York, Robert S.	1	00	\$19 00
School Supplies and Textbooks			
Town of Gilead	\$30	00	
Town of Greenwood	52	93	
Town of Newry	18	60	
Town of Upton	34	58	136 11
Common School Tuition			
Town of Gilead	\$79	50	
Town of Greenwood	265	50	
Town of Newry	397	50	
Dead River Plantation	10	00	752 50

Unimproved Roads, Culverts	138 10
Town of Newry, Conveyance	150 00
Town Employees, Withholding Tax	2,340 75
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	\$120,394 64
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Paid Warrants, Nos. 1 to 52, inclusive	\$105,434 19
Cash on hand, January 1, 1947	14,960 45
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	\$120,394 64

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

CARROLL E. ABBOTT

J. CLEVELAND BARTLETT

Selectmen of Bethel



STATE OF MAINE
State Department of Audit
Augusta

November 18, 1946.

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 Auditor R. M. Parsons for the period January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945 inclusive.

The examination was made 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.

Exhibits and schedules incorporated in this report impartially present the financial position of the town and the result of its operations for the period designated. A recommendation has been made which, we believe, is worthy of your consideration.

Comments and other data incorporated in this report may prove of interest to you. All of which is respectfully submitted.

Very truly yours,

FRED M. BERRY

State Auditor

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COMMENTS

Re: Audit of Accounts—Town of Bethel
January 1, 1945 to December 31, 1945

CASH

The detail check made of cash receipts indicated that they were properly recorded.

The cash balance of \$21,941.02 was reconciled with the bank and found to be correctly stated.

Expenditures were made by check from properly authorized warrants.

ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

The items in this account have been paid since the close of the books.

TAXES RECEIVABLE

The 1945 tax commitment book was checked and found to be in agreement with the records of the Assessors. All taxes remaining unpaid were listed.

The transactions on prior years' taxes were checked and the unpaid items listed.

TAX LIENS AND DEEDS

All transactions in these accounts were checked and the liens and deeds outstanding were listed.

Requests for verification have been mailed on a representative number of these unpaid items.

ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

This account is made up of the amount due the Tax Collector for an overpayment, and an amount due the Bethel Village Corporation.

SURPLUS

As a result of current operations, the Unappropriated Surplus was decreased \$449.36 during the year.

TRUST FUNDS

The savings pass books, covering the trust fund investments, were examined and it was noted that interest earned had not been added.

GENERAL

The excise tax collections were checked from the copies of receipts retained by the Collector and all monies were found to have been deposited with the Treasurer.

Corporate surety bonds were furnished by the Tax Collector and the Treasurer.

The test check made of paid vouchers and payrolls indicated they were proper charges and correctly recorded.

The records maintained by the Selectmen, Treasurer and Tax Collector were found to be in a satisfactory condition.

RECOMMENDATION

It is recommended that all pass books covering the trust fund investments be presented to the bank annually to have the interest earned recorded.

TOWN OF BETHEL
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

GENERAL FUND

ASSETS

	December 31, 1945	December 31, 1944
Cash in Bank	\$21,941.02	\$14,347.63
Accounts Receivable (Sch. A-1)	706.87	949.77
Mortgage Receivable:		991.40
Taxes Receivable:		
Current Year		
(Sch. A-2)	\$3,040.94	\$3,424.42
Prior Years		
(Sch. A-2)	1,286.97	1,244.32
	4,327.91	4,668.74
Tax Liens		
(Schedule A-3)	1,969.42	2,450.73
Tax Liens		
(Schedule A-4)	2,038.17	2,079.39
	8,335.50	9,198.86
Less: Reserve for Losses	1,695.23	1,766.97
	6,640.27	7,431.89
TOTAL: GENERAL FUND	\$29,288.16	\$23,720.69

LIABILITIES

Accounts Payable (Schedule A-5)	\$142.39	\$.01
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SURPLUS

Appropriated		
(Exhibit D)	\$9,547.70	\$3,673.25
Unappropriated		
(Exhibit E)	19,598.07	20,047.43
	29,145.77	23,720.68
TOTAL-GENERAL FUNDS	\$29,288.16	\$23,720.69

TRUST FUNDS

December 31, 1945 December 31, 1944

Assets

Time Deposits (Schedule A-6)	\$4,622.74	\$4,622.74
TOTAL - TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$4,622.74</u>	<u>\$4,622.74</u>

Liabilities

Principals (Schedule A-6)	\$4,465.94	\$4,465.94
Unexpended Income (Sch. A-6)	156.80	156.80
TOTAL - TRUST FUNDS	<u>\$4,622.74</u>	<u>\$4,622.74</u>

Exhibit E

TOWN OF BETHEL

ANALYSIS OF CHANGE IN UNAPPROPRIATED
SURPLUS

YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1945

Unappropriated Surplus - January 1, 1945		\$20,047.43
Decrease :		
Appropriation Balances -		
Overdraft (Exhibit D)	\$5,138.10	
Unexpended (Exhibit D)	1,348.17	
	<u>3,789.93</u>	
Accounts Payable - Bethel Village Corporation	141.19	
	<u>3,931.12</u>	
Total Decrease		\$3,931.12
Increase :		
Overlay (Exhibit C)	1,488.12	
Supplemental Taxes	103.20	
Excise Taxes	1,890.44	
	<u>3,481.76</u>	
Total Increase		\$3,481.76
NET DECREASE		<u>449.36</u>
UNAPPROPRIATED SURPLUS -		
December 31, 1945 (Exhibit A)		<u>\$19,598.07</u>

The complete report of the audit, as required by Chapter 80, Section 119, Revised Statutes of 1944, and amended by Chapter 84, Public Laws of 1945, is on file in the office of the Selectmen.

TOWN OF BETHEL
STATEMENT OF DEPARTMENTAL OPERATIONS
YEAR ENDED DECEMBER 31, 1945

EXHIBIT D
B A L A N C E S
Lapsed

	Balances 1-1-45	Approp- riations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Dis- bursements	Other Charges	Over- draft	Unex- pended	Carried Forward
GENERAL GOVERNMENT										
Salaries-Town Officers'		\$4,000.00			\$4,000.00	\$4,000.93		\$.93		
Miscellaneous		1,200.00	\$936.05		2,136.05	1,424.61	\$281.99		\$429.45	
Treasurer's Bond		35.00			35.00	35.00				
Collector's Bond		20.00			20.00	20.00				
		<u>5,255.00</u>	<u>936.05</u>		<u>6,191.05</u>	<u>5,480.54</u>	<u>281.99</u>	<u>.93</u>	<u>429.45</u>	
PROTECTION										
Fire Department		500.00			500.00	414.80			85.20	
Fire Hose	-\$838.90	838.90								
Street Lights				\$281.99	281.99	281.99				
Civilian Defense		397.24			397.24					\$397.24
	-\$441.66	<u>1,338.90</u>		<u>281.99</u>	<u>1,179.23</u>	<u>696.79</u>			<u>85.20</u>	<u>397.24</u>

HEALTH AND SANITATION

Sewers	500.00	40.00	540.00	518.96		21.04	
Public Health Work	100.00		100.00	100.00			
School Physician	100.00		100.00				100.00
	<u>700.00</u>	<u>40.00</u>	<u>740.00</u>	<u>618.96</u>		<u>21.04</u>	<u>100.00</u>

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

Roads and Bridges	3,000.00	64.85	3,064.85	4,291.18	1,226.33		
Winter Roads	3,000.00	4,763.69	7,763.69	10,794.56	3,030.87		
State and State Aid Maintenance	1,286.10		1,286.10	1,614.20	328.10		
Tarvia Roads & Streets	2,000.00		2,000.00	2,361.65	361.65		
Tyler St. Extension	250.00		250.00	104.50			145.50
Third Class Maintenance	925.00		925.00	1,074.48	149.48		
State Aid Road Const.	999.00		999.00				999.00
New Chevrolet Truck, Dump and Plow	-1,567.78	2,234.24	666.46	707.20	40.74		
	<u>-318.78</u>	<u>12,445.34</u>	<u>4,828.54</u>	<u>16,955.10</u>	<u>20,947.77</u>	<u>5,137.17</u>	<u>1,144.50</u>

CHARITIES

Town Poor	2,500.00		2,500.00	1,910.61		589.39	
Poor of Other Towns			469.37	469.37	469.37		
State Poor		557.82	31.53	589.35	589.35		
	<u>2,500.00</u>	<u>557.82</u>	<u>500.90</u>	<u>3,558.72</u>	<u>2,969.33</u>	<u>589.39</u>	

EXHIBIT D continued
B A L A N C E S
Lapsed

	Balances 1-1-45	Approp- riations	Cash Receipts	Other Credits	Total Available	Cash Dis- bursement	Other Charges	Over- draft	Unex- pended	Carried Forward
EDUCATION										
Common Schools	\$3,128.33	\$13,300.00	\$10,365.32		\$26,793.65	\$21,410.17				\$5,383.48
High School Tuition	618.00	9,000.00	875.00		10,493.00	9,478.09				1,014.91
School supplies	263.32	824.00	200.27		1,287.59	1,040.40				247.19
Textbooks	209.32	500.00	517.20		1,226.52	986.27				240.25
Repairs	55.04	600.00			655.04	334.51				320.53
Insurance	16.25	182.50			198.75	198.75				
Supt's Salary	20.89	650.00			670.89	670.85				04
E. Bethel Schoolhouse lot		51.00			51.00	51.00				
	4,311.15	25,107.50	11,957.79		41,376.44	34,170.04				7,206.40
LIBRARY										
Maintenance & Books		600.00	40.00		640.00	640.00				

UNCLASSIFIED

Abatements	-318.69	318.69					\$53.08			-53.08
Memorial Day		50.00			50.00	50.00				
Bethel Band	200.00				200.00					200.00
Motor Vehicle Insurance		150.00	32.17		182.17	173.20			\$8.97	
Cutting Timber on Town Farm	241.23		311.41		552.64					552.64
Bear Bounties			40.00	10.00	50.00	50.00				
	122.54	518.69	383.58	10.00	1,034.81	273.20	53.08		8.97	699.56

CEMETERIES

Maintenance		75.00			75.00	40.50			34.50	
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INTEREST

General		200.00	112.95		312.95	133.33			179.62	
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SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

State Tax		9,580.36			9,580.36	9,580.36				
County Tax		2,998.12			2,998.12	2,998.12				
		12,578.48			12,578.48	12,578.48				

TOTAL ALL Dept's \$3,673.25 \$61,318.91 \$18,856.73 \$792.89 \$84,641.78 \$78,548.94 \$335.07 \$5,138.10 \$1,348.17 \$9,547.70

EXHIBITS

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REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of Bethel:

There are two main problems facing the Bethel schools. The first is a problem shared by all communities; that of increasing teachers salaries to a level consistent with their training, experience and responsibilities and the assurance to them of greater degree of security. The state may help more in this but the major responsibility still remains with the town.

The second problem is one of the overcrowded conditions in our schools. This can be met in part this year by an addition to the primary building. This should not be delayed longer. Also, plans should be laid immediately for the building of an upper grade building to be ready for use no later than the fall of 1950.

The Bethel school enrollment has been increasing. It has increased by thirty pupils this year alone. If one but study the present trends, it would seem that we may look for a much greater increase in the future. Bethel will continue in growth so long as good business opportunities exist and good educational opportunities are offered.

The Grammar School, with a prospect of fifty-five in one room and over forty in all others, will be badly crowded for the next few years. It is certainly undesirable to have to carry on under these conditions. Each year such a condition prevails many pupils will be missing much of what might be gained if only twenty-five or thirty were in each room. If an upper grade building could be built before the date above indicated, it would mean just that much more to the youth, and eventually, to the community.

It is expedient that each citizen who is interested in the growth and welfare of this community, do some serious thinking about these problems.

This year Bethel has twelve full-time teachers, a part time music teacher, and a helping teacher at the primary building. An additional teacher was engaged for the second room which was reopened at East Bethel. A music teacher was available and it seemed advisable to include more of this often neglected subject in our program. As a temporary measure, and a poor one at the best, one of the playrooms in the basement at the primary building was arranged to accommodate part of grade one for the forenoon, and a helping teacher was engaged to aid in the instruction.

Because we have so many local teachers it was possible to retain most of last years staff. For the new room opened at East Bethel, Miss Elizabeth Cole, a teacher of suitable experience was secured. Miss Virginia Robinson, of Westbrook succeeds Maxine Brown in the second grade at the primary building, and Mrs Marion Coolidge follows Miss Ruth Bra-
deen at the West Bethel Primary.

The Parent Teachers Association is again ably conducting the activities of the school lunch program for the village schools. This is recognized as a very worthwhile project and the work done by this group is highly commendable.

Mr. Sawin continues to carry on his usual efficient janitor service in the village schools. The installation of oil heaters in the rural buildings has enabled us to curtail to some extent the janitor service there.

Due to lack of materials some repairs which were contemplated have not yet been completed. The interior of the East Bethel building was redecorated, and a fence was put around the school grounds there. Oil heaters have been installed in all rural school buildings and have already added to pupil and teacher comfort. It is well to mention here that to insulate part of some of these rural buildings would seem a measure of economy as well as added comfort.

We appreciate the continued cooperation of Gould Academy in making it possible for our seventh and eighth grades to have physical education in their gymnasium under their instructor.

In closing this report I wish to express my thanks to the several members of the Superintending School Committee for their cooperation and help during my first few months in

office, and to the many townspeople who have so graciously assisted me in my efforts to locate a permanent place to live.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD M. CHRISTIE

Superintendent of Schools

SCHOOL STATISTICS

Enrollment, present school year:

Grade 8	33	
Grade 7	40	
Grade 6	55	
Grade 5	44	
Grade 4	41	
Grade 3	36	
Grade 2	41	
Grade 1	64	
Sub-Primary	37	
Total		391

Number of state subsidized teaching positions		12.4
Average yearly salary of teachers		\$1,319.40
Number of pupils conveyed		157
Number of common school tuition pupils		4
Number of pupils graduated from grammar school		36
Number of pupils graduated from secondary schools		25
Number of pupils enrolled in secondary schools for 1946-47		
	Freshmen	25
	Sophomores	27
	Juniors	19
	Seniors	20
Total		91

TEACHER DIRECTORY

Grade	Name	Training	Years of Experience
Music	Mrs. Beth Abbott		7
		Farmington, 1937 — Northern Con. of Music—Summer Sessions at Univ. of Maine	
4th	Miss Alice Ballard		19
		Farmington, 1927—Summer Ses- sions at Farm. & Gorham	
S-P&1st	Mrs. Ethel Bisbee		31
		Farmington, 1917—S. S. at Cas- tine and Farmington	
8th	Mr. Charles Chapman		7
		Farmington, 1939 — S. S. at Farmington	
4-6	Miss Elizabeth Cole		8½
		Gorham, 1935—S. S. at Gorham	
S.P.-4th	Mrs. Marion Coolidge		12½
		Gould Academy Normal Course S. S. at Farm. & Gorham	
5th	Mrs. Ruth Hastings		6
		Farmington—S. S. at Gorham	
3rd	Mrs. Blanche Howe		14
		Gorham, 1914—S. S. at Gorham	
S.P.-4th	Mrs. Helen Newmarker		10
		Gorham, 1930—S. S. at Gorham	
2nd	Miss Virginia Robinson		0
		Gorham, 1946	
7th	Miss Gwendolyn Stearns		37½
		Gorham and Hyannis, Mass., 1921—S. S. at Hyannis & Bates, Extension Courses at B. U. and Bridgewater Normal	
6th	Miss Helen Varner		15
		Farmington, 1928—S. S. at Farmington and Bates	
S.P.-4th	Mrs. Ethel Ward		6½
		Gould Academy Normal Course, Ithaca Physical Training College S. S. at Gorham	

**SCHOOL APPROPRIATIONS
RECOMMENDED FOR YEAR 1947**

Common School Fund	\$17,000.00
High School Tuition	11,500.00
Textbooks	700.00
Supplies	500.00
Repairs	700.00
Insurance	198.75
School Physician	100.00
Superintendence	1,125.00

Signed :

ELMER E. BENNETT

EARL A. DAVIS

MARGUERITE C. BARTLETT

Superintending School Committee
of Town of Bethel

COMMON SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Resources

Bal. Jan. 1, 1946	\$5,383 48
Appropriation	16,300 00
State Fund	5,836 70
Common School Tuition	2,081 25
Conveyance (Town of Newry)	150 00
For Teachers' Pensions	120 00
Rec'd for Janitors' Supplies	2 50

\$29,873 93

Expenditures

Teachers	\$16,448 20
Janitors (cleaning and supplies)	1,839 80
Conveyance	5,277 50
Fuel	641 66
Common School Tuition	128 00

\$24,335 16

Balance Jan. 1, 1947

\$5,538 77

Expenditures

Teachers' Salaries

Charles Chapman	\$1,802 00
Gwendolyn Stearns	1,324 40
Helen Varner	1,320 40
Ruth Hastings	1,364 40
Ethel Bisbee	1,429 20
Blanche Howe	1,324 40
Alice Ballard	1,320 40
Virginia Robinson	540 00
Ethel Ward	1,305 20
Helen Newmarker	1,320 40
Elizabeth Cole	532 00
Marion Coolidge	518 80
Beth Abbott	228 00
Ruth Bradeen	745 20
Maxine Brown	788 40
Sybil Nary	66 00
Gould Academy	324 00
Florence Hastings	15 00
Bertha Mills	10 00
Marguerite Clark	15 00
Doris Lord	25 00
Eleanor Lovejoy	5 00
Mildred Judkins	5 00
State of Maine	120 00

\$16,448 20

Fuel

Ernest F. Bisbee	\$559 68
Hanover Dowel Co.	6 00
Burton Rolfe	4 00
Charles Smith	20 00
S. P. Newton	6 75
Ruth Carver Ames	36 86
Earl Davis	1 67
Cobb & Shackford	1 11
Donald M. Christie	1 40
Marion Coolidge	1 19
R. S. McMillin	3 00

\$641 66

Janitors

Harry Sawin	\$1,595 53
Burton Rolfe	45 50
Fred Cole	42 00
Warren Hastings	42 00
Lorin Lord	4 20
Lewis Smith	7 00
Harley Merrill	7 00
David Stevens	26 00
Clara Rolfe	24 00
Marion Coolidge	2 00
Mary Coolidge	4 00
Carlene Dorey	4 00
Earl Hart	5 00
Howard Rolfe	2 00
Leroy Merrill	2 00
Clark Bartlett	2 00
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.	23 57
Thomas Kenaugh	2 00

\$1,839 80

Conveyance

Blanche Flint	\$1,458 50
Mrs. Jorgen Olson	720 00
John Deegan	144 00
Gard Bennett	588 00
L. C. Stevens	648 00
Karl Stearns	216 00
Roderick McMillin	720 00
Vear Bean	95 00
Gould Academy	400 00
State of Maine	288 00

\$5,277 50

Common School Tuition

Town of Greenwood	\$20 00
Town of Woodstock	108 00

\$128 00

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION ACCOUNT

Resources

Balance Jan. 1, 1946	\$1,014 91	
Appropriation	9,500 00	
State Fund	875 00	
		\$11,389 91

Expenditures

Gould Academy	\$10,030.40	
Town of Woodstock	159 50	
Rumford School Dept.	140 00	
		\$10,329 90

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$1,060 01
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TEXTBOOK ACCOUNT (includes Library Expense)

Balance Jan. 1, 1946	\$240 16	
Appropriation	500 00	
Rec'd for books sold	6 60	
		\$746 76

Expenditures

The Macmillan Co.	\$88 54	
American Education Press	113 95	
American Book Co.	118 98	
Row, Peterson Co.	10 65	
Scott, Foresman Co.	2 57	
Gledhill Bros.	4 63	
L. W. Singer	10 08	
Ginn & Co.	99 24	
Lyons & Carnahan	7 91	
Silver Burdett Co.	12 09	
D. C. Heath & Co.	7 37	
World Book Co.	4 42	
McCormick-Mathers Pub. Co.	4 70	
Webster Pub. Co.	25 68	
Allyn & Bacon	9 90	
C. C. Birchard Co.	60 43	
Educational Progress Service	3 50	
Viking Press	8 10	
		\$592 74

Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$154 20
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SUPPLY ACCOUNT

Resources		
Balance Jan. 1, 1946	\$247 19	
Appropriation	824 00	
Rec'd for Supplies sold	92 66	
	<hr/>	\$1,163 85
Expenditures		
The Van Tel. & Tel. Co.	\$21 20	
Central Maine Power Co.	90 13	
Bethel Water Co.	200 00	
Loring, Short & Harmon	105 60	
Iroquois Pub. Co.	8 46	
Treas. State of Maine	5 78	
Bethel Citizen	20 00	
The Macmillan Co.	3 25	
Educational Progress Service	3 50	
Gledhill Bros.	1 36	
J. L. Hammett Co.	119 46	
Papercrafters Co.	20 61	
Edward E. Babb Co.	74 09	
World Book Co.	11 84	
Bigelow Print Co.	6 00	
Gould Academy	15 00	
Carrie M. Wight	3 45	
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.	9 11	
Bennett's Garage	19 00	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	12 52	
Ginn & Co.	5 14	
Arthur E. Herrick	22 27	
Edith Frost	6 00	
Bethel Savings Bank	6 00	
	<hr/>	\$789 77
Balance Jan. 1, 1947		<hr/> \$374 08

INSURANCE ACCOUNT

Resources		
Appropriation		\$198 75
Expenditures		
W. E. Bartlett		\$198 75

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN ACCOUNT

Resources

Balance Jan. 1, 1946	\$100 00	
Appropriation	100 00	
		\$200 00

Expenditures

W. B. Twaddle		\$100 00
Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$100 00

REPAIR ACCOUNT

Resources

Balance Jan. 1, 1946	\$320 53	
Appropriation	700 00	
Rec'd for broken glass	3 70	
		\$1,024 23

Expenditures

D. Grover Brooks	\$110 88	
M. F. Bragdon Paint Co.	11 00	
Harry Sawin	95	
Francis Brooks	6 36	
Harry D. Newall	16 90	
Francis Holt	16 90	
S. H. Browne	132 63	
R. S. McMillin	4 00	
Emile H. Roy	8 00	
Charles E. Merrill	1 95	
Bethel Feed & Grain Co.	28 50	
Arthur E. Herrick	13 50	
Freeman Merrill	2 00	
F. R. Bartlett	1 75	
Robert Kirk	6 35	
Woodfords Furniture Co.	386 00	
Town of Bethel (Road Dept.)	9 00	
		\$756 67
Balance Jan. 1, 1947		\$267 56

SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

(includes office supplies)

Resources

Balance Jan. 1, 1947	04
Appropriation	700 00
Rec'd for office exp.	36 85

 \$736 89

Expenditures

Carrie M. Wight	\$408 35
Carrie M. Wight (office Sup.)	8 90
Donald M. Christie (office Sup.)	18 07
Donald M. Christie	422 46
Bethel Citizen (office Sup.)	37 11
The Van Tel. & Tel. Co.	55 93

 \$950 84

VITAL STATISTICS

In view of Chapter 320 of the Public Laws of 1945 I have not published the marriages and births in our annual town report.

60 marriages; 61 births; 41 deaths.

DEATHS

Jan. 5, In Albany Twp., Maine, Oria Hall Saunders, age 91 years, 8 mos., 12 days

Jan. 16, In Lewiston, Maine. Vivian Brown, age 35 yrs, 10 mos., 1 day.

Feb. 6, In Gilead, Me., Fred Gerald Cole, age 74 yrs, 3 mos., 29 days.

Feb. 1, In Lewiston, Maine, Vernon Staples, age 59 yrs., 10 mos., 2 days.

Feb. 11, In Lockes Mills, Maine, Emma Jane Day, age 54 yrs., 11 mos., 2 days.

Feb. 15, In Bethel, Maine, Marion Ramsey Spinney, age 74 yrs., 11 mos., 5 days.

Feb. 17, In Concord, Mass., Susie E. Bean Holt, age 54 yrs., 1 mo., 3 days.

March 11, In Bethel, Maine, Florence M. Merrill, age 46 yrs., 8 mos., 11 days.

April 6, In West Bethel, Maine, Minnie Kenney Luxton, age 74 yrs, 7 mos., 24 days.

April 15, In Bethel, Maine, Henry J. Brown, age 65 yrs., 7 mos., 16 days.

April 24, In Lockes Mills, Maine, Florence Osgood Kimball, age 70 yrs., 10 mos., 29 days.

May 23, In Bethel, Maine, George Owen Smith, age 87 yrs., 1 mo., 0 days.

June 7, In Bethel, Maine, Mamie P. Crockett, age 77 yrs., 5 mos., 24 days.

June 14, In Naples, Maine, Eliza V. Morris, age 92 yrs., 5 mos., 19 days.

June 15, In Albany, Maine, Minnie Hayes Littlefield, age 67 yrs., 5 mos., 10 days.

July 7, In Clinton, Maine, Edith Olive Pratt, age 77 yrs., 0 mos., 13 days.

July 15, in Lewiston, Maine, James F. Morrow, age 65 yrs., 5 mos., 9 days.

July 19, In Gilead, Maine, Charles Custer Quimby, age 70 yrs., 2 mos., 23 days.

July 20, In Newry, Maine, Minnie Rose Wilson, age 74 yrs., 3 mos., 18 days.

July 25, In Lockes Mills, Maine, William Edward Corkum, age 73 yrs., 2 mos., 25 days.

July 27, In Fryeburg, Maine, Willy C. Bennett, age 75 yrs., 0 mos., 2 days.

Aug. 4, In Rumford, Maine, Mary Frances Angevine, age 8 hours.

Aug. 12, In Auburn, Maine, Charles Albert Baker, age 82 yrs., 1 mo., 4 days.

Aug. 29, In Augusta, Maine, Everett S. Mitchell, age 69 yrs., 8 mos., 1 day.

Sept. 3, In Lewiston, Maine, Elizabeth Griffin, age 79 yrs., 2 mos., 9 days.

Sept. 4, In "C" Township, Aime Lambert, age 31 yrs., 11 mos., 4 days.

Sept. 16, In East Bethel, Maine. Samuel Dana Harrington, age 57 yrs., 6 mos., 5 days.

Sept. 30, In Bethel, Maine, Artemus Ward Smith, age 54 yrs., 3 mos., 26 days.

Oct. 4, In Auburn, Maine, Anna S. Hooper, age 93 yrs., 15 days.

Oct. 15, Torrington, Conn., Elliott Rich, age 83 yrs., 9 mos., 9 days.

Oct. 16, In Lewiston, Maine, Harry Jordan, age 75 yrs., 8 mos., 14 days.

Oct. 19, In South Paris, Maine, Florence P. Chapman, age 84 yrs., 3 mos., 20 days.

Oct. 28, In Portsmouth, N. H., Sarah A. King, age 66 yrs., 1 mo.

Oct. 30, In Bethel, Maine, Henry Seth Bennett, age 58 yrs., 6 mos., 16 days.

Nov. 9, In Lewiston, Maine, Bessie Harding Martin, age 74 yrs., 9 mos., 4 days.

Nov. 26, In Hanover, Maine, Carl Walten Godwin, age 83 yrs., 5 mos., 3 days.

Nov. 28, In Gilead, Maine, Herbert Cole, age 79 yrs., 2 mos., 7 days.

Dec. 4, In Portland, Maine, Alice King Littlehale, age 52 yrs., 5 mos., 26 days.

Dec. 12, In Rumford, Maine, Ida Clark Burke, age 88 yrs., 7 mos., 9 days.

Dec. 14, In Rumford, Maine, Baby Enman, age 3 days.

Dec. 15, In Bethel, Maine, Mildred Whittier Lyon, age 57 yrs., 10 mos., 15 days.

Respectfully submitted

ALICE J. BROOKS

Town Clerk

WARRANT FOR ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

To Carl L. Brown, a Citizen of the town of Bethel in the County of Oxford.

GREETINGS—In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bethel, qualified by law to vote in Town affairs, to assemble at Odeon Hall, in said Town of Bethel, on Monday, the third of March, A .D. 1947, at half past nine o'clock in the forenoon to act on 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 five o'clock in the afternoon.

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

Art. 2. To hear and act on the report of Selectmen, Assessors and Overseers of the 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 various town officers for the ensuing year.

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

Art. 5. To choose all other necessary Town Officers.

Art. 6. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the support of Common Schools.

Art. 7. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Secondary School Tuition.

Art. 8. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Textbooks and Library.

Art. 9. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for School Supplies.

Art. 10. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairs on school buildings.

Art. 11. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for insurance on school buildings.

Art. 12. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for services of a School Physician.

Art. 13. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for salary of Superintendent of Schools and office expense for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see what action the town will take in selling the Middle Intervale school building. (Voted at 1946 regular town meeting to have bids for this property brought in to the selectmen and referred to voters at next town meeting.)

Art. 15. To see if the town will vote to build an addition on the Primary School building.

Art. 16. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of building an addition on the Primary School building, and to see how the same shall be raised.

Art. 17. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Superintending School Committee to arrange for the building of an addition on the Primary School building.

Art. 18. To see if the town will vote to buy a piece of land adjacent to the yard of the Primary School.

Art. 19. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the purpose of buying a piece of land adjacent to the yard of the Primary School.

Art. 20. To see if the town will vote to buy or build a suitable residence for the use of the Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 21. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Selectmen and Treasurer to borrow an amount needed to buy or build a suitable residence for the use of the Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 22. To see if the town will vote to instruct the Superintending School Committee to arrange for the buying or building of a suitable residence for the Superintendent of Schools.

Art. 23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate \$100.00 for public health nursing in Bethel. Said sum to be expended by the State Bureau of Health, for local service.

Art. 24. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for repairing Roads and Bridges for the ensuing year.

Art. 25. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Winter Maintenance of Roads.

Art. 26. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to improve the road on the North side of railroad from the Albert Kimball property to the West Bethel railroad crossing opposite the West Bethel cemetery, a distance of about one mile.

Art. 27. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Bituminous Surfacing of Roads and Streets.

Art. 28. 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. 29. To see what sum the town will vote to raise and appropriate for the maintenance of state and state aid highways under the provisions of Sections 46 and 50, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes of 1944, as amended.

Art. 30. To see what sum of money the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintaining the improved sections on third class highways designated to receive third class apportionments under the provisions of Section 52, Chapter 20, Revised Statutes of 1944.

Art. 31. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to remove the snow from business and other congested sections both from streets and sidewalks.

Art. 32. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to reimburse the treasury for snow plowing equipment authorized under Article 2 at Special Town Meeting held Nov. 30, 1946.

Art. 33. To see if the town will vote to discontinue that part of the road known as the Howe Hill Road beginning at the Greenwood town line and ending at the intersection with the Rabbit Road.

Art. 34. To see if the town will vote to discontinue that part of the Kimball Hill road lying above the farm owned by George Haines.

Art. 35. To see if the town will vote to install street lights in Skillington Village, so called.

Art. 36. To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen to purchase a suitable lot, for a town garage or building, for storage of town road equipment.

Art. 37. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for the lot if authorized under Article 36.

Art. 38. To see if the town will vote to build a suitable building or buildings for the storage of road equipment.

Art. 39. To see what sum, if any, the town will appropriate for the building or buildings under Article 38 and see how the same shall be raised.

Art. 40. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of two hundred and twenty-five dollars (\$225) to be paid to the Bethel Chamber of Commerce to be used for advertising and publicity.

Art. 41. To see whether or not 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. 42. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of sewers.

Art. 43. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for relief of the poor.

Art. 44. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for Town Officers' bills.

Art. 45. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to take care of abatements as made by the Assessors.

Art. 46. To see what sum, if any, 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. 47. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for decorating the graves of soldiers and sailors and for Memorial Day exercises.

Art. 48. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Treasurer's Bond.

Art. 49. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for Collector's Bond.

Art. 50. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance of Fire Department.

Art. 51. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to be expended for care of old cemeteries.

Art. 52. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for miscellaneous town charges.

Art. 53. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to pay interest on notes and temporary loans.

Art. 54. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate to purchase Public Liability and Property Damage Insurance on any or all of the motor driven vehicles owned by the Town of Bethel.

Art. 55. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for maintenance and construction of sidewalks and install suitable surface drains when necessary.

Art. 56. To see what sum, if any, the town will vote to raise and appropriate for street lighting.

Art. 57. To hear and act on the report of the committee appointed at the last annual town meeting to investigate the necessary requirements and estimate the cost of constructing a sewer at West Bethel.

Art. 58. To see if the town will vote to sell the Town Farm and if so voted to instruct the Selectmen to sell same and authorize the Selectmen and Treasurer to execute a Warranty Deed for the property.

Art. 59. To see if the town will vote to authorize its Treasurer to obtain money by loan to pay the debts of the town and to take up outstanding notes against the town or to 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. 60. To see if the town, for the purpose of procuring a temporary loan to, and for the use of the Town of Bethel, to pay indebtedness of said town due and to become due during the present municipal year, the same to be paid out of money raised by taxation during the present municipal year, will vote to authorize and direct its Treasurer to borrow from time to time a sum or sums of money, not exceeding \$50,000.00 and to execute and deliver the note or notes of the town therefor signed by its Treasurer and countersigned by the Selectmen.

Art. 61. 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 interest and costs.

Art. 62. 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. 63. 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. 64. To choose any committee, hear any report of any and act thereon.

Art. 65. To choose by ballot the following Town officers for the ensuing year, to wit: Town Clerk, Three Selectmen, Three Assessors, Three Overseers of the Poor, Treasurer, one member of the School Committee for three years, Tax Collector, and Road Commissioner.

The Selectmen here by give notice that they will be in session in the Selectmen's Office on Monday, March 3rd, 1947 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 20th day of February, A. D.
1947.

ERNEST F. BISBEE
CARROLL E. ABBOTT
JAMES C. BARTLETT

Selectmen of Bethel

1946 BUDGET COMMITTEE

Guy Bartlett, D. Grover Brooks, Carl L. Brown, Philip H. Chadbourne, Freeland W. Clark, R. James Croteau, Richard L. Davis, Robert D. Hastings, Harry N. Head, Burton L. Newton, Cheslie F. Saunders, Hugh D. Thurston.

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