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TOWN OF
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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
MUNICIPAL OFFICERS

OF THE TOWN OF
AMHERST, MAINE

For the Year Ending

MARCH 6, 1945



HONOR ROLL

SERVING IN THE ARMED FORCES

Entering Since March, 1944

Bradford Hanscom

Charles Dunham

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Real estate, resident		\$28,591 00
Real estate, non-resident		36,379 00
		\$64,970 00
Personal estate, resident	\$2,245 00	
Personal estate, non-resident	1,225 00	
		3,470 00
Total valuation		\$68,440 00

APPROPRIATIONS

State tax		\$617 22
County tax		256 20
Highways		300 00
Third-class maintenance		85 00
Road patrol		290 40
Support of schools		600 00
Snow removal		300 00
Public health association		25 00
Town charges		550 00
Bridges		50 00
Cutting bushes		150 00
		\$3,223 82
Less 36 poll taxes		108 00
		\$3,115 82
\$68,440 @ \$47 per \$1,000	\$3,216 68	
Less overlay	100 86	
		\$3,115 82
		\$3,115 82
Assessment		\$3,216 68
36 polls @ \$3		108 00
		\$3,324 68
Gained by odd fraction		06
Committed to collector		\$3,324 74
Supplementary tax, real estate		14 10
Poll taxes		12 00
		\$3,350 84
		\$3,350 84

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

TOWN CHARGES

EXPENDITURES

Hancock County Pub Co	\$44 17
Dr J H Crowe, vac	12 00
Dillingham's, books	9 50
Viola Bridges, attending elections	14 88
L W Hanscom, do	14 88
Albert Hanscom, do	4 96
G B Sumner, do	14 88
E H Roberts, wood	2 00
G E Orcutt, trip to Ellsworth	5 00
Union River Elec Co., lights	21 00
Sawyer & Sawyer, audit	35 00
G B Sumner, services selectman	75 00
R B Jordan, do	35 00
Albert Hanscom, do.....	30 00
Merle Foster, services as treasurer	75 00
V Bridges, services town clerk	15 00
A C McDonald, services constable	5 00
Merle Foster, collector 1943 taxes	25
Merle Foster, tax liens	1 50
V Bridges, collector 1944 tax	69 06
V Bridges, postage and exp on ballots	3 75
R B Jordan, int on school fund notes	71 33
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	\$559 16
Appropriated by town	550 00
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Overdrawn	\$9 16
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HIGHWAYS

EXPENDITURES

S B Humphrey, foreman and labor	\$46 75
Prescott Sumner, truck	43 84
H O Dunham, truck	42 84
Arno Foster, truck	35 23
John McDonald, labor	2 48
Norman O'Halloran, labor	4 96

A E McDonald, labor	4 96
P R Smith, labor	20 15
G B Sumner, labor	21 39
Charles Dunham, labor	12 40
Olin Jordan, gravel	6 10
C W Crosby, blacksmith work	62
Albert Hanscom, labor	15 38
L W Hanscom, gravel	1 85
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	\$258 95
Unexpended	41 05
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	\$300 00
Appropriated by town	300 00
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SPECIAL RESOLVE MAINTENANCE

EXPENDITURES

S B Humphrey, foreman	\$3 75
P R Smith, labor	3 41
G B Sumner, labor	3 41
H O Dunham, truck	8 08
L W Hanscom, gravel	2 35
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	\$21 00
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No appropriation

THIRD-CLASS MAINTENANCE

EXPENDITURES

S B Humphrey, foreman	\$8 20
P R Smith, labor	6 82
Charles Dunham, labor	4 96
Prescott Sumner, truck	16 44
H O Dunham, truck	11 76
Arno Foster, truck	4 11
Olin Jordan, gravel	3 90
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	\$56 19
Appropriated by town	\$85 00
Unexpended from 1943	27 45
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	112 45
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Unexpended	\$56 26
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ROAD PATROL

Expended by town	\$290 40
Appropriated by town	290 40
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CUTTING BUSHES

EXPENDITURES

S B Humphrey, foreman	\$27 67
G B Sumner, labor	19 84
P R Smith, labor	23 56
Arno Foster, and truck	31 84
S A Watts, labor	28 04
Norman O'Halloran	18 60
Irvin Roberts	22 32
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	\$169 87
Appropriated by town	150 00
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Overdraft	\$19 87
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BRIDGE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURES

S B Humphrey, foreman	\$4 78
P R Smith, labor	4 34
Albert Hanscom	6 37
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	\$15 49
Appropriated by town	50 00
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Unexpended	\$34 51
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FIRE ACCOUNT

EXPENDITURES

Man labor	\$2,458 09
Truck labor	50 00
Horse labor	30 00
Food	331 02
Equipment	95 19
Telephone	5 09
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	\$2,969 39
Withdrawn from treasury	\$469 39
Due R B Jordan, on note	2,500 00
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	2,969 39
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SNOW REMOVAL (JOINT ACCOUNT)

D W Kenniston, plowing	\$427 30
G B Sumner, plowing	55
Richard Hardy, plowing	110 84
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	\$538 69

Sanding:

D W Kenniston	\$106 76
Richard Hardy	44 95
H O Dunham	17 64
Carl Humphrey	14 26
L W Hanscom, 66 yds sand	6 60
W H Shurtleff, salt	49 80
Prescott Sumner, freight on salt...	7 00
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Snow fence:

A C McDonald	\$4 40
S A Watts	4 40
G B Sumner	2 75
Prescott Sumner	2 60
E Phillips	1 10
Wallace Lord	4 33
P R Smith	9 30
Albert Hanscom	9 30
Arno Foster	14 51
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Town ways:

D W Kenniston	\$21 60
Richard Hardy	5 58
Prescott Sumner	15 50
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42 06

Tota cost of snow removal	<hr/>	\$881 07
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RESOURCES

Appropriated by town	\$300 00
Due from state	391 92
Due rent of snow fence	56 00
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747 92

Overdraft	<hr/>	\$133 15
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CEMETERIES**EXPENDITURES**

A E McDonald, labor	\$15 50
Alton Hanscom, labor	5 58
G B Sumner, labor	5 58
Norman O'Halloran, labor	23 96
Levi Bragg, labor	4 96
P R Smith, labor	9 92
W D Archer, flags	1 50
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	\$67 09
No appropriation.	
Interest from trust fund	16 15
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Withdrawn from treasury	\$50 85
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PUBLIC HEALTH ASSOCIATION

Appropriated by town	\$25 00
Paid Hancock Co Health Service	25 00
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STATE, COUNTY AND DOG TAXES ACCOUNT

State treas, state tax	\$617 22
County treas, county tax	256 20
State treas, dog tax	15 30
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	\$832 72
Appropriated	\$873 42
Rec'd from town clerk, dog tax.....	15 30
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	\$882 72
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**DEATHS**

At Bangor, May 19, Elizabeth L. Fletcher, aged 17 years, 7 months, 19 days.

Over Biak Island, May 26, Herbert Irving Dunham, aged 22 years, 7 months, 3 days.

At Amherst, Oct. 19, Mary L. Roberts, aged 77 years, 7 months, 13 days.

V. G. BRIDGES, Town Clerk.

DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

Year 1944, Hazel Haynes	\$2 82
Year 1942, Robert Adams	3 00
Year 1940, heirs of Vesta Bragg	7 75

MORTGAGE TAX LIENS

Right of redemption expires eighteen months from date of filing in registry of deeds.

	Amount	Date of Filing
Kate Lawrence	\$5.72	June 16, 1944
Kate Lawrence	3.18	June 16, 1944

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF CONDITION

	Mar 6, 1944	Mar 6, 1945
Cash on hand	\$1,880 49	\$807 89
Cemetery trust funds	1,100 00	100 00
Bond investment		1,000 00
1943 taxes	18 16	
1943 tax liens		8 90
1942 tax	3 00	3 00
1940 tax	7 75	7 75
1944 tax		2 82
Accounts receivable	389 83	802 72
Porcupine bounty	25 25	25 25
Overdraft on state-aid	7 95	7 95
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	\$3,432 43	\$2,761 28
LIABILITIES		
Trust fund	\$2,288 80	\$1,288 80
Unexpended balance, school money..	690 82	163 68
Unexpended bal., school repair money	58 89	55 64
Note of R B Jordan		2,500 00
Surplus	393 92	
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	\$3,432 43	\$4,007 12

G. B. SUMNER,
R. B. JORDAN,
A. R. HANSCOM, JR.,
Selectmen.

TREASURER'S REPORT

March 5, 1945

Receipts for the Year

Taxes 1943	\$ 10 76	
Taxes 1944	3,348 02	
Excise	106 80	
Tax liens	21 24	
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Town charges:		
Viola Bridges, dog tax	\$15 30	
Bank stock	8 55	
R R and tel tax	15	
	<hr/>	24 00
Highways:		
State, snow removal		279 87
Education:		
State school fund	\$721 79	
Dog tax refund	4 41	
R B Jordan, int on school fund....	71 33	
	<hr/>	797 53
Miscellaneous:		
Liberty Nat Bank, loan	\$2,500 00	
State, bear bounty	30 00	
Bangor Savings Bank, int	16 15	
G B Sumner, sale of pails	1 80	
Evelyn Dunham, refund	14 62	
Merle Foster, refund	17	
	<hr/>	2,562 74
Total receipts		\$7,150 96
Cash balance March 6, 1944		\$1,880 49
Total available		9,031 45
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		EXPENDITURES
Paid selectmen's warrants	\$8,185 58	
Bear bounties	30 00	
Service charge, Liberty Nat Bank..	7 98	
	<hr/>	8,223 56
Cash balance March 5, 1945		\$807 89
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MERLE FOSTER, Treas.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

Milbridge, Maine,
March 8, 1945.

Board of Selectmen
Amherst, Maine
Gentlemen:

At your request we have completed an examination of the accounts of the Town of Amherst for the municipal year ended March 6, 1944.

From the records available to us, we have prepared exhibits and schedules as noted on the next following page, and subject to any qualifications made, we believe them to be without material error.

In our opinion, based upon such examination, this report fairly presents the financial condition of your municipality as of March 6, 1944, and summarizes its fiscal transactions during the year then ended.

Respectfully submitted,
SAWYER & SAWYER,
By A. F. Sawyer,
Accountants and Auditors.

SCHOOL REPORT

To the Members of the Superintending School Committee and
Citizens:

Following is my annual report as superintendent of schools. Mrs. Evelyn Dunham has taught the entire year. There are twenty-one pupils attending the McKinley school. Paul Archer is attending Higgins' Classical Institute, Geraldine Hanscom is attending Brewer high school, Ada Hanscom is attending Bar Harbor high school. Your attention is called to the total expenditures which are only a very little higher than last year but the resources are smaller, consequently a smaller balance. It is expected that there will be a larger amount from the state next year and the school appropriation need not be increased.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

SCHOOL ACCOUNT

Teachers' Wages:		
Evelyn Dunham	\$814 40	
Withholding tax	43 60	
		\$858 00
Janitors and Cleaning:		
E M Dunham	\$13 00	
McKinley School League	5 00	
H O Dunham	28 88	
		46 88
Fuel: H O Dunham	3 72	
Lights: Union River Electric Co-op	18 00	
Conveyance:		
E A Hardy	361 00	
O W Tapley Co, Ins on Hardy's car	14 56	

High School Tuition:	
Lee Academy—Barbara Watts	\$100 00
Higgins Classical Institute	
Paul Archer	100 00
Charles Dunham	60 00
Brewer High School	
Geraldine Hanscom	122 20
Fairfield High School	
Elizabeth Archer	80 00
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	462 20
Bar Harbor	
Ada Hanscom	70 00
Text-books:	
Benton Review Pub Co	\$ 4 24
Scott, Foresman Co	47 28
Webster Pub Co	6 66
Houghton, Mifflin Co	1 68
American Education Press	5 60
Continental Press	1 60
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	67 06
Supplies:	
J L Hammett Co	\$13 81
G C Orcutt	1 08
E M Dunham	1 00
H P Snowman	1 90
Merle Goodwin	2 10
Maine Public Health Assoc	10
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	19 99
Total expenditures	\$1,921 41

RESOURCES

Unexpended last year	\$690 82
Appropriation	600 00
State school fund	721 79
R R and Tel tax	15
Interest on reserved land fund	71 33
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Total resources	2,084 09
Unexpended balance	\$162 68
Add 1942-1943 error	1 00
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	\$163 69
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REPAIR ACCOUNT

Unexpended balance		\$58 89
Paid Herbert Dunham	\$2 25	
Dorothy Watts	2 00	
D W Archer	1 00	
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Total expenditures		5 25
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Unexpended balance		\$53 64
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SUPERINTENDENCE ACCOUNT

Paid Merle S Goodwin		\$56 67
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Respectfully submitted,

MERLE S. GOODWIN,

Superintendent of Schools.

Note: The auditors found an error of one dollar in the balance of the school account for the municipal year, 1942-1943 and I have added it to the unexpended balance this year.

NURSE'S REPORT

To the Selectmen of the Town of Amherst:

I herein submit a brief report of services rendered the town of Amherst by the Hancock County Tuberculosis and Health Association for the year February 1, 1944, to February 1, 1945.

Pamphlet and posters emphasizing the Early Diagnosis Campaign for the prevention of tuberculosis were distributed through the schools and placed in public places. The slogan for this year was "Follow the Example of the Armed Forces, Get a Chest X-ray Now - In War, a Patriotic Duty - In Peace, Plain Common Sense."

Five visits have been made to the McKinley school during

the school year at which time classroom inspection was given and a check-up made of the Seven-Point pupils. Individual inspection was given those absent when the annual inspection was given.

The annual individual physical inspection was given the pupils on October 17, and consisted of the usual routine weighing and measuring, the Snellen test for vision, the whisper test for hearing, inspection of the teeth, throat and scalp, for postural defects, the skin for rashes and sores, for personal cleanliness as well as for infectious diseases. The results are as follows: Defective vision, 2; decayed teeth, 7; abnormal throat, 1; obstruction of nose, 1; 20 pounds or more overweight, 1; with swollen glands, 1.

Seven pupils have temporary decay and one permanent decay of the teeth. Of the twenty pupils inspected, fifteen were found with defects, and five were eligible for the Seven-Point Pin and Certificate. Since previous inspection, the following corrections have been made: Vision, 2; teeth, 6.

The Bureau of Health cooperated by providing a vaccination and Patch Test clinic. Dr. Crowe, assisted by the State nurse, vaccinated forty-two school pupils, pre-school and adults. The Tuberculin Patch Test was given to twenty-one pupils and adults; all proved to be negative reactors.

The service rendered the many towns of Hancock county is financed through the sale of Christmas Seals and by town appropriations. We wish to express our thanks and appreciation to all who have made the work possible.

Respectfully submitted,

HANCOCK COUNTY TUBERCULOSIS AND
HEALTH ASSOCIATION.

By: WINIFRED L. DUNPHY, R. N.

Public Health Nurse.

WARRANT

To A. C. MacDonald, a Constable of the Town of Amherst, in
the County of Hancock, and the State of Maine,

GREETING:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Amherst, qualified by law to vote in town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, in said town, on Monday, the twenty-sixth day of March, 1945, at one o'clock in the afternoon, and then and there to act on the following articles, namely:

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

- 2 To choose a town clerk.
- 3 To see what action the town will take on the report of the selectmen.
- 4 To choose three or more selectmen and overseers of the poor.
- 5 To choose three or more assessors of taxes.
- 6 To choose a town treasurer.
- 7 To choose a collector of taxes and fix his compensation.
- 8 To choose a road commissioner and fix his compensation.
- 9 To choose one or more constables.
- 10 To choose one member of the superintending school committee for a term of three years.
- 11 To choose a sexton.
- 12 To choose one or more surveyors of wood bark and lumber.
- 13 To choose a fire warden and fix his compensation.

- 14 To choose a sealer of weights and measures and fix his compensation.
- 15 To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for State--Aid Construction (in addition to the amounts regularly raised for the care of ways, highways, and bridges) under the provisions of section 19, chapter 28, Revised Statutes of 1930, or under the provisions of chapter 213, Public Laws of 1941.
- 16 To see what sum of money the town will raise for town charges.
- 17 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair of bridges.
- 18 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the repair of highways.
- 19 to see if the town will vote to raise \$85.00 for third-class road maintenance.
- 20 To see what sum of money the town will raise for cutting bushes.
- 21 To see what sum of money the town will raise for road patrol.
- 22 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the support of schools.
- 23 To see what sum of money the town will raise for school repairs.
- 24 To see what sum of money the town will raise for superintendent of schools.
- 25 To see what sum of money the town will raise for snow removal.
- 26 To see what sum of money the town will raise for cemeteries.

- 27 To see what sum of money the town will raise for the Public Health Nurse.
- 28 To see what action the town will take regarding payment of note which was given by the town for the purpose of providing funds to pay for the cost of the forest fire.
- 29 To see what action the town will take in regards to number of hours and wages per day for labor on ways, highways and bridges, for men, teams and trucks.
- 30 To see if the town will vote to authorize the selectmen, on behalf of the town, to sell and dispose of any real estate acquired by town for non-payment of taxes thereon, on such terms as they deem advisable and to execute quit-claim deeds for such property.
- 31 To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to procure a temporary loan or loans in anticipation of taxes for the purpose of paying obligations of the town; such loan or loans to be paid during the current municipal year by taxes.
- 32 To see whether or not the town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of twenty-five dollars 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 5, section 82, of the Revised Statutes of Maine.
- 33 To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.
- 34 To adjourn.

G. B. SUMNER,
R. B. JORDAN,
A. R. HANSCOM, Jr.
Selectmen.

True Copy, Attest.