

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

TOWN OFFICERS

OF THE

Town of Hampden

AND OF THE

Receipts and Expenditures for the
Year Ending December 31, 1929

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

**Treasurer, Assessors, School Committee,
Superintendent of Schools and
Trustees of Public Library**

OF THE

Town of Hampden

FOR THE

YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1929

PALMER REGISTER, INC.

Town Officers

Clerk and Treasurer

WILLIE M. PEASE

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

NEIL S. KIBBE, Chairman

NELSON M. CAREW

J. J. FLYNN

Assessors

HOMER L. HATCH, Chairman

WALTER TEMPLE

WALTER BARTLETT

School Committee

CHARLES F. MEDICKE, Chairman

ELIZABETH SESSIONS

L. H. GUPTILL

Trustees for Public Library

GRACE P. CAREW

ELIZABETH SESSIONS

ELEANOR BURLEIGH PARSONS

Collector of Taxes

D. LINCOLN McCRAY

Constables

ARTHUR H. GERRISH

EDWARD P. LYONS

HAROLD RYDER

Cemetery Commissioners

D. L. McCRAY, Chairman

GEORGE FERGUSON

D. RALPH ISHAM

Town Bookkeeper

MABELLE S. KIBBE

Auditor

NANCY A. LIBBY

Tree Warden

LEROY O. HOWLET

Superintendent of Streets

LEROY O. HOWLETT

Forest Fire Warden

JOHN SWENSON

Inspector of Animals

CHARLES N. WHITAKER

Inspector of Slaughtering

LOUIS R. FISHER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

JOHN SWENSON

Moth Superintendent

EDWARD P. LYONS

Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year Beginning
August 1, 1929

D. RALPH ISHAM
D. LINCOLN McCRAY
E. J. THRESHER
A. H. NEWMAN
W. D. THOMAS
LUCIAN H. GUPTILL

MATTHEW WITKOP
W. E. TEMPLE
ROBT. S. PEASE
EDW. P. LYONS
C. F. MEDICKE
AMOS A. MERRILL

Town Warrant

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

Hampden, ss.

To ARTHUR H. GERRISH, Constable of the Town of Hampden:

GREETING:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden, qualified to vote in elections and Town affairs, to meet at the Town Hall, on Monday, the Third day of February, A. D., 1930, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, then and there to act on the following articles:—

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

Article 2. To choose a Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, three Selectmen, who shall be The Board of Public Welfare, one School Committee for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Collector of Taxes, three Constables, one Cemetery Commissioner for three years, one Tree Warden for one year, one Library Trustee for three years,

and one Auditor for one year. All to be on one ballot. Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers. The polls open at ten-fifteen A. M. and may close at 6 P. M.

Article 3. To hear the annual report of the Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare, Town Clerk, Town Treasurer, School Committee, Town Bookkeeper, Assessors, Tax Collector, Library Trustees, Cemetery Commissioners, Auditor, and any committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting and act thereon.

Article 4. To determine the method of collecting taxes and direct in regard to the payment of same.

Article 5. To fix the compensation of all Officers elected by the Town, in accordance with Section 8, Chapter 591, Acts 1920.

Article 6. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund, now in hands of the Treasurer.

Article 7. To see if the Town will appoint an agent or agents to institute or prosecute or defend suits and actions at law to which the Town may be a party.

Article 8. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 for the repair and maintenance of Town roads, and instruct the Selectmen to petition and contract with the Commissioners of the Department of Public Works, under the provisions of Chapter 81, Section 28, General Laws.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$50.00 to be expended by the Trustees for

the County Aid to Agriculture for the County of Hampden, in accordance with provisions of Sections 40 to 45, Chapter 128 of the General Laws of Massachusetts.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate \$1,527.60 for Street Lights.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money in accordance with Chapter 218, Acts of 1920, an act relative to the care of graves of soldiers and sailors.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$273.15 for the suppression of gypsy and brown tail moths.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for Forest Fire fighting equipment.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to co-operate with the County and State for construction and surfacing a part of Hampden-Wilbraham Road, work to begin at end of 1928 construction.

Article 15. To see if the Town will accept the sum of \$100.00 for the perpetual care of the George West Cemetery Lot.

Article 16. To see if the Town will accept the sum of \$40.00 for the perpetual care of the Jackson Dickey Cemetery Lot.

Article 17. To see if the Town will accept the sum of \$200.00 for the perpetual care of the Marcus Beebe Cemetery Lot.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Tractor Earnings Account, and also vote to appropriate a sum of money from the Excess and Deficiency Account for the purchase of a new tractor.

Article 19. To see what action the Town will take to establish a dental clinic in accordance with provisions of Section 50 of Chapter 111 of the General Laws, and make an appropriation therefor.

Article 20. To see what action the Town will take concerning the granting of a 10 year exemption from taxes on a small warehouse and manufacturing plant to be erected on land now held at option on the East Longmeadow Road.

Article 21. To see if the Town will change the method of electing the Selectmen so that one man will be elected each year to serve for a term of three years.

Article 22. To see if the Town will authorize the Treasurer with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1929, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, any debt or debts incurred under these notes to be paid from the revenue of said financial year.

Article 23. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges the ensuing year and carry into effect any vote or votes passed under the preceding articles, and to appropriate the same, also to vote how such money shall be raised.

And you are directed to served this Warrant by posting an attested copy therof at each of the four places designated by the Town. Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon, to the Town Clerk at or before the time of meeting aforesaid.

Given under our hands this eighteenth day of January, A. D., 1930.

N. S. KIBBE,
N. M. CAREW,
J. J. FLYNN,

Selectmen of Hampden.

Report of Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampden:—

Early in 1929 the Selectmen and State Engineers made out a budget for the maintenance of various highways of the town, under Chapter 81. The following represent the work done during the year 1929.

Chapter 81

Springfield Road	\$201.10
E. Longmeadow Road	80.05
Wilbraham Road	82.00
Somers Road	361.46
Ludlow Road	27.40
Isaac Bradway Road	57.65
Mill Road	373.05
Main Street	588.00
South Road	322.75
Chapin Road	417.95
Rockadundee Road	156.84
Scantic Road	178.45
So. Monson Road	167.70
Thresher Road	99.20
Howlett Hill Road	74.50
Stafford Road	242.10
No. Monson	307.19

Bennett	169.46	
Ames	135.65	
Glendale	314.59	
North	288.65	
McCray	122.90	
General Work	5.61	
Culverts	293.23	
Tools	34.01	
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		\$5,101.49

Under Chapter 90, construction work, 4250 feet of asphalt bound macadam was constructed at a total cost of \$14,008.90. With the same amount of money appropriated for 1930, it is expected the new construction would be completed to the end of Wilbraham Road.

A new steel ceiling was put into the Selectmen's room during the year.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1929

I GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

Legislative	\$5.00
Selectmen	225.00
Accounting	225.00
Treasurer	225.00
Collector	175.00
Assessors	250.00
Clerk	100.00
Law	100.00
Election and Registration	125.00
Town Hall	200.00

II PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

Police	75.00
Fire Equipment	300.00
Sealer	50.00
Forest Fires	100.00
Forest Warden	25.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Moth	273.15

III HEALTH AND SANITATION:

Tuberculosis Hospital	
Meat Inspector	50.00
Animal Inspector	50.00

IV HIGHWAYS:

Chapter 81, Maintenance	1,700.00
Chapter 90, Construction	2,800.00
Tractor Maintenance	250.00
Snow and Ice Removal	400.00
Street Lights	1,527.60
Bridges and Railings	200.00

V CHARITIES AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:

Charities	300.00
State Aid	48.00
Soldiers' Relief	150.00

VI SCHOOLS 19,500.00

VII LIBRARY 400.00

VIII UNCLASSIFIED:

Aid to Agriculture	50.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Soldiers and Sailors Graves	25.00
Printing Town Reports	

	Town Common	25.00
	Insurance	
	Reserve	400.00
IX	CEMETERIES:	
	Prospect Hill Cemetery	30.00
X	INTEREST	800.00
XI	TOWN DEBT	450.00

Respectfully submitted,

NEIL S. KIBBE,
NELSON M. CAREW,
JOHN J. FLYNN,

Selectmen of Hampden.

Town Bookkeeper's Report

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS FOR 1929

GENERAL REVENUE

Balance Jan. 1, 1929	3,618.77
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TAXES:

Current Year (1929)

Poll	410.00	
Personal	1,198.90	
Real Estate	12,805.44	
Motor Vehicle		
Excise	1,548.42	15,962.76

Previous Years:

Poll	144.00	
Personal	836.74	
Real Estate	5,030.61	6,011.35

From State:

National Bank	8.93	
Income	3,828.63	
Business	26.10	
Public Service	74.02	
Veterans' Exemption	20.14	3,957.82

LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Pastuerizing License	10.00	10.00
FINES	49.50	49.50

GRANTS AND GIFTS

From State:

Union Superin-		
tendency	216.20	
Mass. School Fund	1,687.47	
High School Transp.	3,176.07	
High School Tuition	4,173.29	
Vocational Education	1,226.96	
Animal Inspection	25.00	10,504.99

From County:

Dog Tax	188.95	188.95
From Individuals:		
Miss E. Sessions	30.00	30.00

Total Receipts from
General Revenue

\$36,715.37

Commercial Revenue, Departmental

GENERAL GOVERNMENT

Town Hall Rent	12.00	12.00
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PROTECTION

Forest Fires	8.25	
Sealers Fees	8.10	16.35

HIGHWAYS

Tractor	400.00	
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Comm. of Mass.	9,000.00	
Co. of Hampden	5,600.00	15,000.00

SCHOOLS

Tuition of State		
Wards	439.92	439.92

SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

State Aid	168.00	168.00
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Total Receipts from Commercial		
Revenue, Departmental		\$15,636.27

CEMETERIES

Care of Endowed Lots	174.05	174.05
Sale of Lots	3.00	3.00

Total for Cemeteries		\$ 177.05
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Interest

Bank Deposit	211.88	
Taxes	241.45	
Holt Library Fund	25.30	478.63

Total from Interest		\$ 478.63
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Municipal Indebtedness

TEMPORARY LOANS

Anticipation of		
Revenue	15,000.00	
Anticipation of		
Reimbursement	4,911.40	19,911.40

Total from Municipal		
Indebtedness		19,911.40

Trust and Investment

Henry C. Dickinson			
P. C. Fund	100.00		
Jackson Dickey			
P. C. Fund	40.00		
George West, P. C. Fund	100.00	240.00	
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Total from Trust		\$	240.00

Refunds**SCHOOLS**

Town of Monson	24.00		
City of Springfield	69.00	93.00	
Old Checks	38.05	38.05	
Former Treasurer's Cash			
Overage	16.76	16.76	
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Total from Refunds		\$	147.81
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Total Receipts for 1929			\$76,925.30

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1929**I. GENERAL GOVERNMENT****LEGISLATIVE**

W. J. Sessions	5.00	5.00	5.00
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SELECTMEN**Salaries:**

Neil S. Kibbe	100.00		
Nelson M. Carew	30.00		
John J. Flynn	30.00	160.00	

Printing, Postage, Telephones:

Springfield Printing & Binding Co.	5.75		
Hobbs & Warren	3.05		
Neil S. Kibbe	12.00	20.80	

Perambulating Town Lines:

Neil S. Kibbe	5.00		
Nelson M. Carew	5.00		
John J. Flynn	10.00	20.00	

Miscellaneous:

Director of Accounts	4.00		
Hampden Co. Treasurer	3.00		
Arthur A. Jones	15.00		
William Gardner	2.00	24.00	224.80

AUDITING

Bookkeeper:

Mabelle S. Kibbe	200.00	200.00	
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Auditor:

Nancy A. Libby	15.00	15.00	
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Printing:

Comm. of Mass.	7.18	7.18	222.18
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TREASURER

Salary:

W. M. Pease	200.00	200.00	
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Bond:

S. B. Brooslin	15.50	15.50	215.50
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COLLECTOR

Salary:

D. L. McCray	125.00	125.00	
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Bond, Printing, Postage:

S. B. Brooslin	31.00		
The Valley Press	7.35		
Davol Printing Press	3.00		
D. L. McCray	5.50	46.85	171.85

ASSESSORS

Salaries:

Homer L. Hatch	110.00		
Walter E. Temple	30.00		
Walter R. Bartlett	30.00	170.00	

Printing, Stationery,

Postage:

Hobbs and Warren	9.74		
Davol Printing House	16.50		
Carl Hatch	1.20		
Ellis Title and Con- veyancing Co.	8.80		
Homer L. Hatch	3.00	39.24	

Express, Miscellaneous:

Carl Hatch	1.50		
Homer L. Hatch	16.00	17.50	226.74

TOWN CLERK

Bond, Printing, Postage:

S. B. Brooslin	5.00		
W. M. Pease	26.69		
The Valley Press	11.53		
A. H. Bartlett Co.	2.42		
Carter's Ink Co.	2.75		
R. H. Smith Mfg. Co.	4.63		
Carl Hatch	1.26		
W. M. Pease, Fees and Permits	27.50	81.78	81.78

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Election Officers:

Walter Lyons	3.00		
Thomas Mahar	3.00		
William D. McCray	3.00		
James O'Brien	3.00		
Mrs. Mabel Rutherford	3.00		
John Swenson	3.00		
Cecil Thomas	3.00		
C. N. Whitaker	3.00	24.00	

Posting Warrants and Services at Polls:

Arthur H. Gerrish	6.00	6.00	30.00
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TOWN HALL

Janitor:

Edward Leddy	38.63	38.63	
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Lights and Fuel:

Cent. Mass. Elec. Co.	20.65	
Nelson M. Carew	13.50	34.15

Repairs and Miscellaneous:

Elmer G. Wellman	77.60		
W. G. Clum	17.05		
John Avery	.50		
Harry E. Temple	5.81	100.96	173.74
Total for General Government			<u>\$ 1,351.59</u>

II PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY

POLICE

Lockup fees:

City of Springfield	3.90	3.90
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Wages:

Eugene Corey	4.00		
Louis Clang	2.00		
Arthur H. Gerrish	36.00		
James Haley	2.00		
Edward Leddy	2.00		
Austin Harris	5.00		
Harold Ryder	6.00		
Paul Thresher	1.00		
Samuel C. Viggers	5.00		
John Swenson	5.00	68.00	71.90

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Salary:

John Swenson	25.00	25.00	
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Supplies:

W. and L. E. Gurley	2.83	2.83	27.83
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FORESTRY

a. Moth Extermination

Wages:

Edward P. Lyons	10.00		
Edwin Brennan	96.00		
Walter Lyons	24.00	130.00	

Insecticides:

Fitzhenry-Guptill Co.	1.76	1.76	131.76
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b. Trimming Trees

Wages:

Nelson M. Carew	16.00		
Arthur H. Gerrish	22.50		
Donald Howlett	4.50		
Leroy O. Howlett	27.00		
Charles Lemon	4.00		
George Pond	4.00	78.00	

Truck:

L. O. Howlett	14.00	14.00	92.00
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c. Forest Fires**Forest Warden:**

John Swenson	25.00	25.00	25.00
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Fighting Fires:

Mrs. Kate Bandoski	.50
Mrs. Marjory Battige	.50
Fred Battige	1.00
Albert Bradway	.50
Edwin Brennan	2.00
George Chapin	1.00
David Duteau	1.00
William Donahue	1.00
Francis Eldridge	.50
Arthur H. Gerrish	1.50
Harry Goodwill	1.25
Austin Harris	4.75
Carl Hatch	1.00
Leroy Howlett	1.50
Dan Isham	3.00
John Isham	3.00
Ralph Isham	3.00
Arthur Jefferson	1.00
Fred Knox	.50
John Lunden	1.25
Edward Mayer	2.00
Mrs. Bertha Medicke	1.00
Charles F. Medicke	1.00
James O'Brien	5.00
Henry Quinlivan	1.25
Herbert Reilly	1.00
Harold Ryder	1.50
Fred Samble	1.00
Theodore Samble	1.50
Stiles Stevens	1.00

John Swenson	4.75		
Thomas Welch	1.00		
Gerald Witkop	1.50		
Stanley Witkop	1.50	53.75	

Gas for Engine:

Harry Temple	1.80	1.80	55.55
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d. Fire Equipment

Fire Equipment Co.	90.24		
Harry Temple	4.00		
Austin Harris	10.00	104.24	104.24

Total for Protection of

Persons and Property		\$	508.28
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III. HEALTH

TUBERCULOSIS

Hampden Co.

Treasurer	90.87	90.87	
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ANIMAL INSPECTION

Charles N. Whitaker	50.00	50.00	
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MEAT INSPECTOR

George Shaw	8.50		
Louis R. Fisher	17.00	25.50	166.37

Total for Health		\$	166.37
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IV. HIGHWAYS

Highway Construction, Chap. 90

Wages:

Town of Hampden, tractor	96.00
William Bonner	160.00
Henry Bradway	1.25
Warren Dickinson	24.00
Joseph Dubraw	58.00
David Duteau	273.00
Arthur Gerrish	468.75
Austin Harris	12.00
Ralph Hatch	116.00
Henry Heredeen	225.50
L. O. Howlett	570.00
Robert Hyde	2.50
Dan Isham	367.50
Wesley Isham	240.00
Dewitt Lamson	6.50
Edward Leddy	206.00
Charles Lemon	349.50
William McCray	4.00
James O'Brien	125.50
Donald Paquette	113.50
Harold Paquette	235.50
Robert Pease	407.40
George Pond	308.00
Harry Robinson	162.00
John W. Russell & Sons	3.05
John Swenson	15.35
Robert Southwick	2.00
W. D. Thomas	17.50
M. Witkop	39.00

Roller	573.57	5,182.87
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Trucks:

Edward Christianson	219.30	
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Dearden Trucking		
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Co.	1,857.57	
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Arthur H. Gerrish	9.77	
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Austin K. Harris	15.00	
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L. O. Howlett	368.00	
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Edward P. Lyons	278.75	
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W. D. Thomas	72.00	
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W. D. McCray	768.75	3,589.14
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Total for Wages and Trucks		\$ 8,772.01
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Material

Trap Rock:

John S. Lane		
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& Son	1,757.08	1,757.08
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Asphalt:

Moulton & Crown-		
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ingshield	2,023.40	2,023.40
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Stone and Gravel:

John Isham	17.70	
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Ralph Isham	11.70	
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W. D. Thomas	166.90	
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Charles Worth-		
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ington	140.30	336.60
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Miscellaneous:

Belcher Bros.	110.40	
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New Eng. Metal		
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Culvert Co.	441.59	
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F. W. Nash	50.75	
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Ralph Isham	35.00	
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John Isham	135.25	
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Edwin C. Gerrish	12.00	
Arthur H. Gerrish	2.75	
Hedge & Mattheis	13.65	
L. E. Whitaker		
Stores	27.51	
Harry E. Temple	83.40	
Carl Hatch	1.55	
Buffalo Springfield		
Roller Co.	50.36	
P. D. Thebert		
Lumber Co.	135.90	
L. O. Howlett	11.90	
Charles Worthington	7.80	1,119.81

Total for Material and		
Miscellaneous		\$ 5,236.89
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Total for Chapter 90		\$14,008.90

Highway Maintenance, Chap. 81

Wages:

William Bonner	140.00
Milton Carder	8.00
Warren Dickinson	54.00
Charles Driscoll	20.00
Arthur Gerrish	505.63
Henry Heredeen	195.00
L. O. Howlett	742.50
Daniel Isham	54.00
Wesley Isham	.75
Raymond Kibbe	2.00
Edward Leddy	246.00
Charles Lemon	186.00
Robert Pease	150.30
George Pond	411.00

John Swenson	14.90	
Edward Thresher	2.00	
Town of Hampden, Tractor	304.00	3,036.08

Trucks:

Fred Battige	6.00	
L. O. Howlett	433.61	
W. D. McCray	327.50	
E. P. Lyons	290.00	
R. S. Pease	45.57	
Austin K. Harris	22.50	1,125.18

Total for Wages

Trucks

\$ 4,161.26

Material

Stone and Gravel:

George Fergerson	24.30	
Edward Lyons	16.05	
S. J. McCarthy	55.35	
Howard Wilson	22.50	
Edward Christianson	61.65	
John Twohig	33.45	
B. Ackerman	19.50	
Elizabeth Sessions	13.65	
J. C. Bradway	1.80	248.25

Miscellaneous

Equipment and Repairs:

N. E. Metal Culvert Co.	293.23	
Harry Temple	28.66	
F. W. Nash	127.98	

E. W. Maynard	2.00	
R. S. Pease	2.66	454.53

All Other:

L. E. Whitaker	1.75	
Carl Hatch	2.60	
American Tar Co.	222.60	
Hedge & Mattheis	5.50	
Leroy O. Howlett	5.00	237.45

Total for Material and
Miscellaneous

\$ 940.23

Total for Chapter 81

\$ 5,101.49

Tractor

Wages:

Austin Harris	29.50	
Arthur Gerrish	20.00	49.50

Number Plates:

Arthur Gerrish	2.00	2.00
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Oil and Gas:

Anton Woska	10.07	
W. A. Pease	5.80	
Harry Temple	122.81	
Austin Harris	55.60	194.28

Parts, Express, Rent,
Miscellaneous:

L. O. Howlett	4.34	
Geo. E. Adams, Inc.	12.97	
Austin Harris	46.15	
N. E. Implement Co.	61.85	

Harry Temple	14.30	
Collins and Smith	1.90	
Arthur Gerrish	1.30	
Ferrarra Spring Works	2.50	
Carl Hatch	1.00	146.31

Total for Tractor \$ 392.09

Bridges and Railings

Wages:

L. O. Howlett	18.00	
Arthur H. Gerrish	35.00	
Charles Lemon	8.00	
George Pond	8.00	69.00

Truck:

L. O. Howlett	12.00	12.00
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Lumber and Miscellaneous:

John Isham	18.25	
Harry Temple	4.84	
Carslisle Hardware Co.	3.20	
Nelson M. Carew	64.60	
Edward Christianson	5.00	95.89

Total for Bridges and Railings \$ 176.89

STREET LIGHTING

Cent. Mass. Elec. Co.	1,527.60	1,527.60
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Total for Lights \$ 1,527.60

SNOW AND ICE REMOVAL

Wages:

Leroy O. Howlett	77.75	
Arthur H. Gerrish	60.63	
Charles Lemon	4.00	
Donald Howlett	1.50	
John Swenson	3.00	146.88

Trucks and Sand:

Austin Harris	147.00	
Louis R. Fisher	9.50	
Leroy O. Howlett	18.50	
Robert Pease	1.50	176.50

Total for Snow and Ice		\$ 323.38
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Total for Highways		\$21,530.35
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V. PUBLIC WELFARE AND SOLDIERS' BENEFITS

PUBLIC WELFARE

Harry E. Temple,		
provisions	15.85	
Nelson M. Carew, fuel	3.00	
Dr. W. D. Berry,		
medical aid	50.00	65.85

STATE AID

Sundry Persons	144.00	144.00
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Total for Public Welfare and Soldiers' Benefits		\$ 209.85
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VI. EDUCATION

a. General Expense

School Committee:

Charles F. Medicke	60.00	
Lucien Guptill	30.00	
Elizabeth Sessions	30.00	120.00

Supt's. Salary and Expense:

Frederic A. Wheeler,		
Salary	472.22	472.22
Emily Cormier	133.36	
Frederic A. Wheeler	20.94	154.30

Printing, Telephone, Stationery:

C. F. Medicke	3.00	3.00
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Total for General Expense		\$ 749.52
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b. Instruction Expense

Supervisors:

Helen B. Tower	255.60	
Ethel C. Morse	170.00	
Ralph L. Morse	35.00	460.60

Teachers:

Catherine L. Flynn	1,150.00	
Lucy A. Slight	1,050.00	
Louise M. Thayer	1,150.00	
Barbara Smith	920.00	
Dorothy Bodurtha	570.00	
Mary Haley, substitute	77.50	4,917.50

Text Books and Supplies:

Newson and Co.	20.08
Milton Bradley Co.	8.78
Laidlaw Bros.	10.08
American Book Co.	16.99
C. C. Birchard Co.	5.84
Johnson's Bookstore	3.44
C. S. Axtell Co.	3.01

Sackett's Typewriter

Exch.	10.50	
Iroquois Pub. Co.	39.43	
A. N. Palmer Co.	3.16	
A. L. Fredette	2.75	
Barnes and Noble	1.50	
Edw. E. Babb & Co.	128.29	
The Arlo Pub. Co.	11.25	
Public School Pub. Co.	6.55	
Ginn & Co.	22.75	
Webster Pub. Co.	15.02	
Wright and Potter	4.08	
Catherine L. Flynn	3.27	
Louise M. Thayer	1.25	
R. L. Studor	1.00	
J. L. Hammett	16.99	336.01

Total for Instruction Expense	\$ 5,714.11
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c Operating Expenses

Janitors:

Charles I. Burleigh	200.00	
Mrs. Julia O'Brien	200.00	
Mrs. Walter Temple	60.00	
James O'Brien	20.00	
Arthur Jefferson	4.50	
Richard Joyce	2.00	486.50

Fuel and Light:

Cent. Mass. Elec. Co.	22.63	
George Chapin	239.00	
Isadore Ricard	26.00	
L. E. Whitaker Stores	156.24	
Thresher Bros.	18.00	
N. M. Carew	16.00	477.87

Maintenance of Buildings:

Mrs. Bertha Medicke	1.20	
J. H. Miller Co.	4.00	
Carlisle Hardware Co.	2.99	
Richard Joyce	9.50	
William Gardner	26.00	
M. Witkop	111.00	
L. E. Whitaker Stores	74.23	
Harry Temple	3.65	
Geo. R. Estabrook	4.80	
Elmer G. Wellman	44.68	282.05

Total for Operating Expense \$ 1,246.42

d. Transportation and Tuition

Tuition:

City of Springfield	6,669.00	
Town of East Long- meadow	40.00	6,709.00

Transportation:

Edward P. Lyons	2,604.00
Samuel C. Viggers	1,488.00
Richard Joyce	900.00
Town of East Long- meadow	31.68
Raymond Pease	51.90

Mrs. Sophie Richards	22.20	
Mrs. T. Gunther	10.80	5,108.58
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Total for Tuition and Transportation		\$11,817.58

e. Miscellaneous Operating

Workshop for the Blind	7.62	
Carlisle Hardware Co.	1.61	
Emily Cormier	.60	
John Swenson	.35	
W. S. Champlin	.50	
Middlesex Co. House of Correction	3.65	
Mass. State Prison	2.18	
S. O. Co. of N. Y.	5.00	
Harry Temple	.40	
Mrs. Bertha Medicke	1.00	
Carl Hatch	.50	
L. E. Whitaker Stores	3.00	
Fire Equipment Co.	2.50	28.91

New Equipment:

Mass. Reformatory	4.62	
Springfield Office Supply Co.	7.86	
Reformatory for Women	3.22	
James S. Stephens	38.00	53.70

Total for New Equipment and Miscellaneous		<hr/>
		\$ 82.61

f. Health

Signe Polson, nurse	270.00
Signe Polson, supplies	1.91
Dr. W. D. Barry	39.00

Dentists and Surgeons		
Supply Co.	.50	
Mrs. Geo. A. Clark	2.25	
Dr. A. A. Starbuck	57.00	370.66
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Total for Health		\$ 370.66
Total for Education		\$19,980.90

VII. LIBRARY

Librarian:

Hazel M. Burleigh	258.00	258.00
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Janitor:

Edward Leddy	53.50	53.50
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Books, Periodicals, Incidentals:

Library Book House	202.04	
Mrs. Z. A. Kenfield	36.25	
Nat'l Geographic Soc.	3.00	
Nat'l Library Bindery		
Co.	49.50	
Hazel M. Burleigh	6.61	
Gaylord Bros.	5.35	302.75

Total for Library		\$ 614.25
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VIII. UNCLASSIFIED

Memorial Day

Wenks, Florists	18.00	18.00
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Printing Town Reports:

The Palmer Register	189.20	189.20
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Insurance:

W. S. Warriner	534.16	534.16
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Town Common:

E. J. Leddy	8.50		
Wenks, Florist	12.00	20.50	
Soldiers and Sailors:			
D. L. McCray	25.00		
Carl Hatch	1.00		
Vineng and Borrner	15.00	41.00	
County Aid to Agriculture:			
Trustees Co. Aid to			
Agr.	50.00	50.00	
Total for Unclassified			\$ 852.86

IX. CEMETERIES

a. Prospect Hill Cemetery

Wages:

George Ferguson	30.00		
Ralph Isham	30.00		
W. D. McCray	9.75		
Warren Dickinson	21.50		
D. L. McCray	3.00		
Dan Isham	3.00	97.25	

Miscellaneous:

Harry Temple	22.25		
George Ferguson	1.50		
Ralph Randall	9.00		
B. Ackerman	1.35	34.10	131.35

b. Perpetual Care Funds

Wages:

D. L. McCray	97.75		
Walter E. Temple	8.00		
C. N. Whitaker	8.50		

George Ferguson	3.00	
Ralph Isham	24.00	141.25

Miscellaneous:

D. L. McCray	25.20		
Geo. Chapin	2.50		
Harry Temple	5.10	32.80	174.05

Total for Cemeteries		\$	305.40
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X. INTEREST AND DEBT

Interest:

Springfield Inst. for Savings	656.21	
Union Trust Co.	88.60	744.81

Debt:

Springfield Inst. for Savings	19,950.00	
Union Trust Co.	4,911.40	24,861.40

Total for Interest and Debt		\$25,606.21
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XI. AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENT

Agency:

County Tax	1,107.07	
State Tax	850.00	
Auditing Tax	112.30	
Nat'l Bank Tax 1926	.72	2,070.09

Trust

Springfield Inst. for Savings: Henry Dickinson
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P. C. Fund	100.00	
Jackson Dickey		
P. C. Fund	40.00	
George West		
P. C. Fund	100.00	240.00
Total for Agency, Trust & Investment		\$ 2,310.09

XII. REFUNDS

On Excise Tax Abatements:

Claude Goodwill	6.45	
Carl Hatch	1.56	
W. H. Burns	10.23	
Arthur H. Gerrish	.75	
Emil Scheibler	2.94	
Walter J. Lyons	1.48	
H. Verne Thayer	.40	
Carl Hatch	2.50	
Irving Green	2.45	28.76

On Interest:

Charles I. Burleigh	27.65	27.65
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On Cash Overage:

Charles I. Burleigh	16.76	16.76
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Total Refunds	\$ 73.17
Total Expenditures for 1929	73,508.60
Balance Dec. 31, 1929	3,415.98
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	\$76,925.30

DEPARTMENTAL SUMMARY

JAN. 1, 1929 TO DEC. 31, 1929

Receipts

Balance Jan. 1, 1929
 General Revenue
 Commercial Revenue,
 Departmental
 Cemeteries
 Interest
 Municipal Indebtedness
 Trust
 Refunds

Expenditures

\$ 3,618.77	Legislative	\$ 5.00
36,715.37	Selectmen	224.80
	Accounting	222.18
15,636.27	Treasurer	215.50
177.05	Collector	171.85
478.63	Assessors	226.74
19,911.40	Town Clerk	81.78
240.00	Election and Registration	30.00
147.81	Town Hall	173.74
	Police	71.90
	Sealer	27.83
	Moth Extermination	131.76
	Tree Trimming	92.00
	Forest Warden	25.00
	Forest Fires	55.55
	Fire Equipment	104.24

Tuberculosis Hospital	90.87
Animal Inspector	50.00
Meat Inspector	25.50
Highway Maintenance	5,101.49
Highway Construction	14,008.90
Tractor	392.09
Bridges & Railings	176.89
Street Lighting	1,527.60
Snow and Ice	323.38
Dept. of Public Welfare	65.85
State Aid	144.00
Education	19,980.90
Library	614.25
Memorial Day	18.00
Printing Town Reports	189.20
Insurance	534.16
Town Common	20.50
Soldiers and Sailors	41.00
County Aid to Agriculture	50.00
Prospect Hill Cemetery	131.35

Perpetual Care Funds	174.05
Interest	744.81
Debt	24,861.40
Agency and Trust	2,310.09
Refunds	73.17
Balance Dec. 31, 1929	3,415.98
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	\$76,925.30
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	\$76,925.30

BALANCE SHEET DECEMBER 31, 1929

GENERAL ACCOUNTS

Assets		Liabilities	
Cash	\$ 3,415.98	Temporary Loans	\$ 500.00
Accounts Receivable:		Tractor Account	935.70
Taxes:		Overlays:	
Levy of 1928	\$ 947.95	Levy of 1928	\$.12
Levy of 1929	6,653.31	Levy of 1929	97.56
Motor Vehicle Excise	168.02		
			44
Departmental:		Overlay Reserve	97.68
From State:		Motor Vehicle Excise Revenue	967.37
State Aid	\$ 144.00	Departmental Revenue	168.02
Dept. of Public Welfare	65.85	Excess and Deficiency	209.85
			8,516.49
	\$ 209.85		
	\$11,395.11		\$11,395.11

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	\$450.00	Library Building Loan	\$450.00
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	\$450.00		\$450.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities		Day Library Fund	\$ 574.80
		Holt Library Fund	500.00
		Mowry Library Bldg. Fund	5,816.81
		Bumstead Cemetery Fund	2,172.50
	\$12,520.72	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds	3,456.61
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	\$12,520.72		\$12,520.72

Respectfully submitted,

MABELLE S. KIBBE,

Bookkeeper.

Assessors' Report

Number of Male polls assessed	233	
Number of Persons, Partnerships and Corporations assessed on Property	385	
Tax assessed on each male poll	\$2.00	
Value of Assessed Stock in trade		\$6,050.00
Value of assessed machinery		14,100.00
Value of assessed personal estate		61,776.00
Value of assessed real estate:		
Buildings excluding land	\$324,145.00	
Land excluding buildings	227,680.00	
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Total real estate		551,825.00
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Total valuation of assessed estate April 1, 1929		\$613,601.00
Tax for State, County and Town purposes including overlays:		
On personal Estate	\$2,075.67	
On Real Estate	18,541.32	
On Polls	466.00	
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Total		\$21,082.99
Plus fraction of cents		5.48
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Total committment		\$21,088.47
Rate of total tax per \$1000	\$33.60	
Number of Horses assessed	123	

Number of Cows assessed	397	
Number of Neat Cattle other than Cows assessed	142	
Number of Swine assessed	119	
Number of Dwelling Houses assessed	224	
Number of Acres of land assessed	12,155	
Number of Fowl assessed	4,048	
Value of Fowl assessed		\$4,048.00
State tax	\$850.00	
Auditing tax	112.30	
County tax	1,107.07	
Overlay (of current year)	118.38	
Estimated receipts	14,318.58	
Taxes abated during 1929		
Commitment of 1928	30.12	
Commitment of 1929	20.82	
Total		\$50.94
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	1,875.32	
Excise tax abatement	190.75	

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

Legislature	5.00
Selectmen	200.00
Accounting	225.00
Treasurer	250.00
Collector	135.00
Assessors	200.00
Clerk	100.00
Law	100.00
Election and registration	50.00
Town Hall	200.00
Police	50.00
Fire equipment	125.00
Sealer	50.00

Forest fires	100.00
Forest Warden	25.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Suppression of Gypsy Moth	272.15
Tuberculosis Hospital	90.87
Meat Inspector	50.00
Animal Inspector	50.00
Chapter 81 Maintenance (appropriated)	(1,700.00)
Chapter 90 Construction	2,800.00
Tractor	250.00
Snow and Ice Removal	400.00
Street Lights	1,527.60
Bridges and Railings	200.00
Charities	200.00
State Aid	168.00
Soldiers Relief	200.00
Schools	20,500.00
Library and dog fund	400.00
Aid to Agriculture	50.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Soldiers and Sailors Graves	25.00
Printing Town Reports	189.20
Town Common	20.00
Insurance	550.00
Reserve	300.00
Prospect Hill Cemetery	130.00
Interest	750.00
Town debt	450.00
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Total	\$33,213.82

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. HATCH
WALTER E. TEMPLE
WALTER R. BARTLETT
Assessors of Hampden

Report of the Sealer of Weights and Measures

I have sealed the following for year 1929:

10 Gas Pumps
2 Other Pumps
11 Sets of Scales

Fees collected and paid Town Treasurer		\$8.10
Appropriation		50.00
Supplies	2.83	
Salary	25.00	
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		\$27.83
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Balance Unexpended		\$22.17

Respectfully Submitted,

JOHN SWENSON
Sealer of Weights and Measures

Report of Forest Warden

Fire Fighting

We have had the following fires in year 1929:

7 Grass and Brush Fires

8 Chimney Fires

2 Barn Fires Totally Destroyed

1 House Fire Totally Destroyed

Town Appropriated for Fire Fighting	\$100.00
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Cost of Extinguishing Grass and Brush Fires	\$55.55
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3 Grass and Brush Fires were paid by parties
without permits and were out of
control by those starting same

123 Fire Permits Issued

Balance Unexpended	\$44.45
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Fire Equipment

Town Appropriated for Fire Equipment	\$125.00
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Paid for Extinguishers, Acid,.

Soda, Pails, Acid Bottles etc.	94.24
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Paid repairs on Equipment	10.00
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Expended	\$104.24
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Balance Unexpended	\$20.76
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Respectfully Submitted

JOHN SWENSON,

Forest Warden

Report of Cemetery Commissioners

D. L. McCray, Labor	\$95.75	
D. L. McCray, Soil	6.00	
D. L. McCray, cash paid for flowers	2.00	
D. L. McCray, cash paid for Lawn Mower	19.20	
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		\$122.95
D. Ralph Isham, Labor	24.00	
Geo. S. Ferguson, Labor	3.00	
W. E. Temple, Labor	8.00	
C. N. Whitaker, labor	8.50	
Geo. A. Chapin, Fertilizer	2.50	
Harry E. Temple, Grass Seed	5.10	
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		\$174.05

PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation		\$130.00
Harry E. Temple, Wire, Staples & Paint		22.25
Geo. S. Ferguson, Labor	30.00	
Geo. S. Ferguson, White Lead	1.50	
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		\$31.50
D. Ralph Isham, Labor	30.00	
Hill acres Fence Posts	9.00	
Wm. D. McCray, Trucking	9.75	
Warren Dickinson, Labor	21.50	

Daniel Isham, Labor	3.00
D. L. McCray, Labor	3.00
Bernard Ackerman, Gravel	1.35

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Expended above Apropriation		\$1.35

SOLDIERS AND SAILORS GRAVES

Appropriation		\$25.00
D. L. McCray, Labor	21.00	
D. L. McCray, Soil	4.00	
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Reprinting Honor Roll		16.00
Expended above Appropriation		16.00

The Cemetery Commissioners of the Town have, during the past year, caused a considerable improvement to be made at the entrance of The Old Cemetery. Heretofore, because of the contour of the land, it has been impossible for vehicles coming from the south to enter the driveway. The driveway has been graded in such a manner that entrance to the driveway can now easily be effected either direction. The cellar hole of the house that formerly stood just north of the entrance to the cemetery, on the Ballard property, had for a number of years been used as a public dumping ground, until the same was more than filled with refuse, and the spot had become unsightly. This has been cleaned up, and bushes growing thereabouts have been cut. The place has been graded to conform to the surrounding land.

Permission to use whatever land that was necessary to do the work was granted by Charles S. Ballard, and the expense connected therewith was born by George F. West, a former resident of the town, now residing in Washington, D. C.

Respectfully submitted,

D. L. McCray,
D. Ralph Isham,
Geo. S. Ferguson,

Cemetery Commissioners.

Town Auditor's Report

The books of the town officers have been examined and to the best of my knowledge and belief have been found correct.

NANCY LIBBY,

Auditor

Tax Collector's Report

Taxes of 1928

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1928		\$6,734.17
Collected and paid town Treasurer	5,756.08	
Abatements	30.12	
		5786.20

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1929	\$947.97
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Taxes of 1929

Committed for Collection		\$22,963.79
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	15,962.76	
Abatements	179.70	
		\$16,142.46

Uncollected Dec. 31, 1929	\$6,821.33
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Respectfully submitted,

D. L. McCRAY

Dec. 31, 1929

Collector

Library Trustees' Report

Mrs. Grace M. Carew	Term Expires 1929
Mrs. Eleanor B. Parsons	Term Expires 1930
Miss Elizabeth Sessions	Term Expires 1931
Appropriated by the Town	\$400.00
Dog Fund	188.95
Available from Holt Fund	25.30
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	\$614.25

Expended	
Librarian	\$258.00
Janitor	53.50
Books	202.04
Magazines	39.25
Rebinding Books and Incidentals	61.46
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	\$614.25

DAY FUND

Balance of Fund May 1928	\$588.05
Inter. to Jan. 1929	26.75
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	\$614.80

Withdrew Mar. 4, 1929 and paid for Christian Heralds	40.00
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	\$574.80
Balance in Fund	\$574.80

Any one wishing a free subscription to the Christian Herald notify the Librarian, Mrs. Hazel Burleigh, or Mrs. N. M. Carew before March 1, 1930.

As the Library will continue to be opened twice a week. We recommend for its maintainance for the following year \$400 and the Dog Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE M. CAREW
ELEANOR B. PARSONS
ELIZABETH SESSIONS

Library Trustees

Librarian's Report

Circulation of Books	8112
Books Bought	84
Books Donated	113
Magazines Bought	15
Magazines Donated	34

Donors of Books: Commission, 26; City Library, 50; Mrs Goodell, 29; Hampden Schools, 8.

Donors of Magazines: Commission, 2; C. C. Ramsdell, 25; Miss Elizabeth Sessions, 3; Miss Eunice Beebe, 1; John Lyons, 1.

The Librarian and Trustees appreciate the gifts of Magazines, which have given greater variety to our reading table the past year.

Mrs. Gerrish gave 15 copies of Town Reports, beginning with 1879 to add to our collection.

A large box of books were rebound in July.

Respectfully Submitted,

HAZEL M. BURLEIGH,

Librarian

REPORT

OF THE

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

OF THE

Town of Hampden

INCLUDING THE REPORT OF THE

SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

FOR THE YEAR ENDING, DECEMBER 31, 1929

Report of the School Committee of Hampden

School Committee

Lucien H. Guptill	1930
Elizabeth Sessions	1931
Charles F. Medicke	1932

Organization

CHARLES F. MEDICKE, Chairman

FREDERICK A. WHEELER

Superintendent of Schools and Secretary

The receipts on account of Education have been received by the Town for 1929.

General School Fund, Part I	\$1,543.57
General School Fund, Part II	1,687.47
Superintendent's Salary	216.20
State Wards	439.92
Other Tuition	40.00
High School Tuition	4,173.29
High School Transportation	3,176.07

Trade School Tuition	622.37	
Trade School Transportation	604.59	
Total		\$12,503.48

Summary of School Expenditures

School Committee	\$127.08	
Superintendence	639.00	
Supervisors Music and Drawing	460.60	
Teachers	4,917.50	
Text Books	120.87	
Supplies	213.22	
Janitors	460.00	
Fuel	455.24	
Miscellaneous Operating	75.57	
Repairs	322.23	
Health	370.66	
Elementary Transportation	900.00	
Elementary Transportation East Longmeadow	31.68	
Elementary Tuition East Longmeadow	40.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	1.35	
Total for Elementary Expense		\$9,135.00
High School Tuition	5,364.00	
Trade School Tuition	1,305.00	
High and Trade School Transportation	4,176.90	
Total for High and Trade Schools		\$10,845.90
Total for all Schools		\$19,980.90

Elementary Expense	9,135.00	
Reimbursements	3,927.16	
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Expense to Town		\$5,207.84
High School Expenditures	5,364.00	
Reimbursements	4,173.29	
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Expense to Town		\$1,190.71
Trade School Expenditures	1,305.00	
Reimbursements (1½)	652.50	
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Cost to Town		\$652.50
High School and Trade Transportation Expenditures	4,176.90	
Reimbursements	3,780.66	
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Cost to Town		\$396.24
All School Expenditures	19,980.90	
Reimbursements	12,503.48	
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Cost of all Schools to Town		\$7,477.42
Appropriation for 1929		\$20,500.00
Expended		19,980.90
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Unexpended		\$ 519.10

The School committee recommend an appropriation of \$20,000.00.

School Committee	125.00
Superintendence	630.00
Supervisors	400.00
Teachers	4,600.00
Text Books and Supplies	400.00
Janitors	420.00
Fuel	475.00

Miscellaneous Operating	100.00	
Repairs and Maintainance	300.00	
Health	400.00	
Miscellaneous Expense	25.00	
Elementary Transportation	1,250.00	
High and Trade School Tuition	7,000.00	
High and Trade School Transportation	3,875.00	
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Total		\$20,000.00

We recommend to the Town the consideration of the article in the Town Warrant regarding a dental clinic as per recommendation in the report of the Superintendent of Schools. This is a health measure and comes under the jurisdiction of the Board of Health.

Respectfully submitted

CHARLES F. MEDICKE
ELIZABETH SESSIONS
LUCIAN H. GUPTILL

School Committee.

Report of the Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of Hampden:

Madam and Gentlemen:

Herewith is submitted my report as superintendent of Schools for the year ending December 31st, 1929.

REORGANIZATION.

The outstanding matter for discussion in this report is the reorganization made by the closing of the Scantic school and the consolidation of grades. For several years the proposal to consolidate the schools by putting the upper grades in one of the two room schoolhouses of the town, and the lower grades in the orther, has been under discussion. At the annual town meeting in February, 1927, the citizens passed a vote approving of the plan; but, when the school board considered ways and means, difficulties appeared to make it inadvisable to carry out the wish of the citizens as expressed by that vote. I personally, doubted very much whether a consolidation as proposed could be made without incurring expense, inconvenience, and criticism.

At the close of the last school year conditions seemed to be favorable for putting into operation part of the plan as recommended at the town meeting. One circumstance that favored this was the loss in school enrolment. For some reason the total membership of the schools has dropped from 123 in 1926 to 96 at the present time. This has made it possible to bring together in one room without crowding all the pupils of the town in grades 7 and 8, and in the same way all the pupils in grades 5 and 6. It was found also that all pupils in the fourth grade could be assembled at the Center primary school, and all those in the third grade at the West Side primary school without any added expense for transportation.

Another thing that favored the plan was a falling off in the membership at the Scantic school. Like so many of the one teacher schools in our rural districts, the membership in that school during the past few years has been subject to considerable fluctuation. The moving into or out of the district of a family with several children would nearly double or cut in two the total membership. At the close of school in June, 1927, the school board voted to close the school, but the coming of one or two families during the summer vacation so increased the prospective membership that the vote was rescinded. A similar vote was passed last June, and the pupils from the Scantic neighborhood are now enrolled in the Center and West Side schools. At present one conveyance is able at a single trip to bring in all the pupils from the Newall and Scantic districts.

As finally worked out, the schools are now organized so that the primary room at the West Side has grades 1, 2, and 3, and the grammar room at the West Side, grades 5 and 6; while the primary room at the Cen-

ter has grades 1, 2, and 4, and the grammar room, grades 7 and 8. The elementary school transportation is furnished by Mr. Richard Joyce. Mr. Joyce's morning route starts at the fork of the road just beyond the Newell schoolhouse, and runs first to the Buffington home beyond the Scantic school, then to the Center school, to the West Side school, and back to the Center. On this trip he leaves at the Center school all pupils entitled to transportation in grades 1, 2, 4, 7, and 8, from Scantic, the Newell, and the West Side districts. At the West Side school he leaves all pupils in grades 3, 5, and 6 entitled to transportation from the Scantic, the Newell, and the Center neighborhoods. The afternoon trip is the reverse of the morning trip. Before the opening of school last September Mr. Joyce purchased a new bus of larger capacity and better equipment than the one that he had previously used for the transportation of the Newell district children.

The closing of one school and the consolidation of grades made it necessary and advantageous to shift about the teachers of the town. But four teachers are employed this year, while five were required last year. The resignation of Miss Bodurtha, teacher of the West Side Primary school, made necessary by sickness at her home, freed the school board from the embarrassing problem of dismissing one of the five. As Mrs. Flynn had expressed a preference for grades 5 and 6, as Mrs. Thayer had moved to the village within easy walking distance of the Center school, as Miss Slight, by being transferred to the West Side primary, would be saved daily the drives past the West Side school to the Center, and as Miss Smith, placed in the Center primary school, would still be within walking distance of her boarding place of the year before, every teacher on the force was relocated for her own convenience, or according to her own wishes. So it hap-

pens that the town has no new teachers this year and has no teacher in the classroom in which she taught last year. Perhaps it will do no harm to add that the teachers are all normal graduates, that the four teachers represent three different normal schools of the state, and that it would be difficult to replace them at the salaries paid with teachers who would render equally as good service.

Educationally the reorganization seems to be an entire success. The teachers are unanimous in their endorsement of it. Especially the upper grade teachers, who have been accustomed to four grades in a room, and, at times, classes of only two or three pupils, find it much to the advantage of their pupils to have but two grades each. Each class is larger and has more class morale, more momentum, yet no class is so large as to be unwieldy. The teachers do not have as many grades and subjects for which to prepare work. This does not mean that they work less hard, but rather that they are able to make more thorough preparation. The length of the recitation periods, especially in the upper rooms, has been substantially lengthened, giving more time for instruction, discussion, drill, and review. All this tends to improve the quality of the work done in the schools.

Especially in those subjects which are taken by schools rather than by classes, the advantage of consolidation is apparent. The law requires the teaching of indoor and outdoor games. It was always difficult for the teacher at the Scantic school, with classes of one, two, three, or perhaps more, in grades from the first to the eighth, to plan outdoor sports that would meet the needs of both primary and grammar school children. She could have nothing to compare with the daily outdoor game which the pupils in grades 7 and 8 have had this fall. The same difficulty was present in the teaching

of music, of art, and penmanship. In these subjects, the practice often was for the teacher to present material of different grades of difficulty during the same period, and to divide her time during the period among the several groups, working with each according to the degree of its advancement. The present organization has largely done away with this plan.

The question may be asked whether the present arrangement is more or less expensive than the old. At first thought it might seem that the plan would mean a substantial saving in expenditures to the town, and it does. The town is paying at the rate of \$600 a year for transportation for the Scantic school children. The Scantic school teacher last year was paid \$900, and, according to the practice of the school board, would have been paid \$950 this year. The expenditures for janitor service, fuel, and repairs would amount to about \$150 more, making the total cost of maintaining the Scantic school \$1,100.00. That means a decrease in expenditures of \$500. But, because of the provisions of State Law under which the town receives grants from the state treasury on account of education, the closing of the Scantic school will make practically no difference in the amount of money that must be raised by local taxation for support of schools. The additional \$500 would have come from the state treasury rather than from the pockets of the citizens of Hampden.

For years it has been the practice in the Hampden schools to dismiss the first grade from both morning and afternoon sessions earlier than the upper grades. When first grade children are brought to school with children of other grades and are carried home at the same time as the other children, if they are "let out early", they must stay around on the playground until the transportation

bus comes, but in cold and stormy weather they ought not to be sent outdoors. Because of this situation, after the opening of school in the fall, it was thought best to change the schedule so that all grades should remain at school the same length of time. This arrangement seems to be entirely satisfactory to parents, is well liked by teachers, and has proved to be no hardship for the children. In fact, the modern primary school with its various activities, its recesses, its rest periods, its dances and games offer such a varied program of physical and mental activity that the strain which used to be imposed upon children who were required to stand in line or sit in order with folded hands has been very largely removed.

TWO POSSIBLE HEALTH MEASURES.

Nearly all the pupils in our schools eat their noon day lunches at the schoolhouses. This was true before the consolidation of grades went into effect. A check up made last year by the teachers showed seventy-four of the children bringing their lunches. Probably the number is greater this year. At the East Longmeadow Center school for several years a plan has been carried out under which, *beginning with Monday after Thanksgiving* and continuing during the winter months, the children have been able to buy for a few cents a bowl of hot soup at noon. A similar plan has been put in operation at the Wilbraham Street school this winter under the auspices of the Parent-Teacher Association of that school. Without a doubt the same service in the Hampden schools would be a good thing for the children. It would be easy to make a canvass of the parents to find out whether they would favor such an enterprise. It might not be as easy to provide satisfactory arrangements for carrying it out. There would be a small initial expense for equipment,

but the chief difficulty would be in finding women who would have time available and would be disposed to go to the school buildings shortly before noon to prepare and serve the soup. It should not be expected that this would be unpaid service.

A project which has the endorsement of the school nurse and is worthy of consideration of the citizens is to make some arrangement whereby the children of the Hampden schools can have the benefits of a dental clinic. The town is too small to justify the establishing of a clinic in either of our school buildings. So far as that is concerned, there is no room in either of the buildings that would be available for a clinic. I believe that it might be possible to arrange with the town of East Longmeadow for the use of its dental clinic equipment by the schools of Hampden for one or two half days a month at a price that would seem fair to both towns and not prohibitive to the town of Hampden. The East Longmeadow dental clinic has been of very great benefit to the children in the schools, and its cost to the town has been small. During 1928 this clinic was open thirty-nine half days. It gave treatment to two hundred and sixty-nine pupils. Eighty-six children had their teeth cleaned, one hundred and thirty teeth were extracted, two hundred and ninety fillings were put in. Of the teeth extracted, ninety-seven were found to be abscessed; the children were well rid of them. During the year the town expended \$277.65 on its clinic, and received back in fees \$197.50, making the net cost for maintaining the clinic for the year but \$80.15. As Hampden is not nearly as large a town as East Longmeadow, it is to be expected that if it can arrange for the use of the East Longmeadow equipment, the net annual cost will be even less for Hampden than it has been for East Longmeadow,

With regret I record the fact that Mrs. Ethel C. Morse, for six years the popular and efficient supervisor of music in the Hampden schools, because of the condition of her health, has had to give up her work. The school department has been fortunate in being able to secure her husband, Mr. Ralph L. Morse, also a music supervisor, to take up and carry on the work which she had to relinquish.

Respectfully submitted,

FREDERIC A. WHEELER

SCHOOL CALENDAR,

Fall Term:

Tuesday, September 3, to Friday, December 20.

Winter Term:

Thursday, January 2, to Friday, February 21.

Spring Term:

Monday, March 3, to Friday, April 25.

Summer Term:

Monday, May 5, to Tuesday, June 24.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

Children in the School Census and their Distribution.

October 1, 1929

	5 to 7 years	7 to 14 years	14 to 16 years
Boys,	15	33	14
Girls,	10	40	14
Total,	25	73	28
Distribution:			
In public school,	12	73	21
In Trade School,	0	0	5
In private school,	0	0	1
Not enrolled in any school,	13	0	1
Total,	25	73	28

School Membership and Attendance, 1928-1929

Name of School	Aggregate Attendance	Av. Daily Attendance	Total Membership	Average Membership	Per cent of Attendance	Cases of Tardiness	Cases of Dismissal
CENTER:							
Grammar	4,677.	25.8	34	27.7	92.2	81	23
Primary	3,865.5	21.3	26	23.1	92.	89	16
WEST SIDE:							
Grammar	3,492.5	19.31	26	21.05	91.63	20	14
Primary	3,451.5	19.01	31	21.61	87.61	37	8
Scantic:	2,341.5	12.8	14	13.54	94.46	48	12
	17,828.	98.22	131	107	90.91	275	73

Membership by Schools and Grades, December, 1929.

Name of School	Number of Grade								Total
	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	
Center	4	6		8			19	9	46
West Side	5	4	14		16	11			50
	9	10	14	8	16	11	19	9	96

Grammar School Graduates, June, 1929

Cecile Blanche Duquette	William Newton Isham
Reginald Henry Isham	Charles Webber

Number of Pupils Attending Springfield Schools December, 1929

Central High School,	2
High School of Commerce,	11
Technical High School,	9
State Street Junior High School,	9
Trade School,	7
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Total,	38

HONOR ROLL

On Honor Roll of Springfield High Schools One or More
Times During 1929

(No Mark Lower Than B)

John Cone	Stanley Hooker
Cecile Duquette	Wesley Isham
Madeline Gunther	Edwin Luippold
	Muriel Pease

Awarded Final Certificate by the A. N. Palmer Co.,
1928-1929 for Excellence in Penmanship

Cecile Duquette

Perfect Attendance, 1928-1929

Robert Isham
Theodore Viggers

Awarded Physical Efficiency Buttons During 1929

Walleo Balsar	Howard Jones
Julia Bandoski	Audrey McCray
Valentine Bandoski	Lew H. Morse
Frank Ciang	Charles Webber
Bertha Gill	Robert Witkop
Eric Granroos	Dorothea Young
Dorothy Helm	

CORPS OF TEACHERS, JAN. 1, 1930

Center School

Mrs. Louise M. Thayer, Hampden, Grades 7 and 8
Barbara D. Smith, Hampden, Grades 1, 2, and 4

West Side School

Mrs. Catherine L. Flynn, Hampden, Grades 5 and 6
Lucy A. Slight, Agawam, Grades 1, 2, and 3

Supervisor of Music

Ralph L. Morse, 122 Fort Pleasant Ave., Springfield

Supervisor of Drawing

Mrs. Helen B. Tower, 23 Haskins St., Springfield

Superintendent of Schools

Frederic A. Wheeler, East Longmeadow

Superintendent's Clerk

Emily O. Cormier, East Longmeadow

School Physician

Dr. A. A. Starbuck, 20 Maple Street, Springfield

School Nurse

Signe L. Polson, 36 Summit Street, Springfield

Attendance Officer

Arthur H. Gerrish, Hampden

Town Clerk's Report

Births recorded Jan. 1, 1929 to Dec. 31, 1929	8
Males	4
Females	4
American born parentage	8
Foreign born parentage	0

Marriages recorded Jan. 1, 1929 to Dec. 31, 1929	4
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Deaths recorded Jan. 1, 1929 to Dec. 31, 1929	15
Males	10
Females	5
American born	11
Foreign born	4
Documents recorded	7

Dog licenses issued	95
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Receipts

67 Male dog licenses at \$2 each	\$134.00
13 Females dog licenses at \$5 each	65.00
15 Spayed dog licenses at \$2 each	30.00

\$229.00

Expenditures

Clerk's fees, 95 at 20 cents each	\$19.00
Paid County Treasurer	210.00
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	\$229.00

WILLIE M. PEASE

Town Clerk

Treasurer's Report

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

Trust Funds

1929

Bequest of Cemetery fund of Josiah Bumstead deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 143425	\$2,000.00
Amount of interest to Jan., 1930	246.10
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	73.60
Balance of interest	\$172.50

Bequest of Cemetery Fund of Helen E. Stacy deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book 199108	\$150.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	24.95
Paid approved bills of Selectmen	7.00
Balance of interest	\$17.95

Bequest of Cemetery fund of Johanna B. Holt deposited with the Springfield Institution for savings, Book No. 206606	\$200.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	36.10
Paid approved Bills of Selectmen	6.20
Balance of interest	\$29.90

Bequest of Library Fund of Johanna B. Holt deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 206726	\$500.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	25.30
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	25.30
Balance Principal	<hr/> \$500.00
Bequest of Cemetery fund of Catherine B. Twitchell, deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Bk. No. 271344	\$200.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	29.46
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	5.00
Balance of interest	<hr/> \$24.46
Bequest of Cemetery fund of Rev. D. H. Stod- dard, deposited with the Springfield Insti- tution for Savings, Book No. 216868	\$50.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	1.75
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	1.00
Balance Interest	<hr/> .75
Bequest of Cemetery fund of Anna S. Leonard deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 208607	\$100.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	7.73
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	3.50
Balance of interest	<hr/> 4.23

Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of Orrin Goodwill lot, deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 287710	\$200.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	28.90
Paid approved bills of Selectmen	6.00
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Balance of interest	22.90

Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of Marcus Beebe lot, deposited with the Spring field Institution for Savings, Book No. 283671	\$150.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	12.80
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	4.50
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Balance Interest	8.30

Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of lot of John Q. Adams, deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 289157	\$100.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	9.10
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	3.25
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Balance Interest	\$5.85

Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of lot of Lydia Morris, deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 284691	\$100.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	13.80

Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	4.50
Balance Interest	9.30
Bequest of Cemetery fund of Almira C. Thompson for perpetual care of lot of Betsey Chaffee Heirs, in the New Ceme- tery, deposited with the Springfield In- stitution for Savings, Book No. 309197	\$300.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	35.16
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	12.50
Balance Interest	22.66
Town Library Building fund deposited with Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 328488	\$2,000.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	\$345.75
William Mowry Library Building fund depos- ited with Springfield Institution for Sav- ings, Book 327305	\$3,000.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	\$471.06
Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of William Johnson lot, deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 319216	\$125.06
Interest to Jan., 1930	14.92
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	6.00
Balance Interest	8.92

Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of Calvin Stebbins lot deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 331240	\$100.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	9.65
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	3.25
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Balance of interest	6.40

Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of Milo Chapin lot, deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 332730	\$100.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	7.75
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	2.50
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Balance of interest	5.50

Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of Sessions lots, deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 338129	\$1,000.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	97.77
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	31.00
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Balance of interest	66.77

Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of S. Stacy Hunt lot, deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 339804	\$100.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	5.80

Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	2.00
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Balance of interest	3.80
Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of Henry C. Dickinson lot, deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 341313	\$100.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	5.03
Drew from Bank to pay approved bills of Selectmen	2.50
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Balance of interest	2.53
Bequest of Cemetery fund for perpetual care of Jackson Dickey lot, deposited with the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 346062	40.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	.50
Bequest of Cemetery fund for the perpetual care of the George P. West lot, deposited the Springfield Institution for Savings, Book No. 346506	\$100.00
Interest to Jan., 1930	.83

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Treasurer