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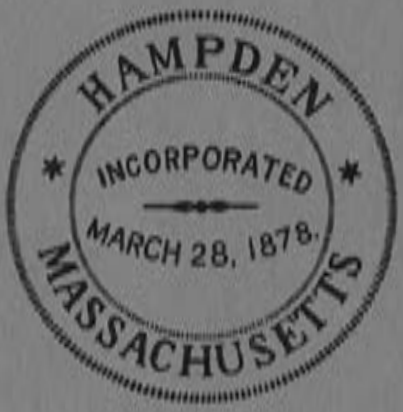
OF THE

Town of Hampden



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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

In Memoriam

Charles Spellman Ballard

1923 — Town Counsel — 1944

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THE PALMER REGISTER, Inc.

Palmer, Mass.

1945

Town Officers --- 1944

Moderator

HERBERT L. BURNHAM

Clerk and Treasurer

GRACE L. KIBBE

Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

NEIL S. KIBBE, Chairman, 1945
WILLIAM BURNS, 1946 JOHN J. FLYNN, 1947

Assessors

HOMER L. HATCH, Chairman, 1945
GEO. A. CHAPIN, 1946
PERCY FULLER, 1947

School Committee

WILLIAM HARRY BURNS, Chairman, 1947
CATHERINE RANSOM, 1946
WILFRED R. BRECK, 1945

Trustees for Public Library

MIRIAM P. BRYANS, 1945
ELEANOR B. McCRAY, 1946
ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN, 1947

Collector of Taxes

CARL P. LARSON

Constables

ARTHUR H. GERRISH AUSTIN HARRIS
EARLE DICKINSON

Cemetery Commissioners

EARL E. DICKINSON, 1947
ERNEST W. HOWLETT, 1946
JOHN B. ISHAM, 1945

Town Bookkeeper

HAZEL FISHER

Planning Board

E. NORTON DAVIS, Chairman, 1947
MARION WELLS GERRISH, 1948
C. KILBOURNE BUMP, 1945
HELEN E. LARSON, 1946
ALLEN R. PHILLIPS, 1949

Auditor

FLORENCE SCHNEELOCH

Tree Warden

LEROY O. HOWLETT

Forest Fire Warden

BERNARD ACKERMAN

Inspector of Animals

PERCY FULLER

Inspector of Slaughtering

EDWARD THRESHER

Sealer of Weights and Measures

BERNARD ACKERMAN

Moth Superintendent

CHARLES LEMON

Superintendent of Streets

LEROY O. HOWLETT

Pound Keeper and Field Driver

PERCY FULLER

Fence Viewers

D. RALPH ISHAM WALTER BARTLETT
E. NORTON DAVIS

Voters Liable for Jury Duty for the Year Beginning August 1, 1944

GEORGE A. CHAPIN
CARL P. LARSON
JOHN J. FLYNN
WILLIAM ENSLIN
HAROLD J. BENNETT
GERALD WITKOP
MARCUS GOTTSCHE
HOMER L. HATCH
CHARLES LEMON
RAYMOND KIBBE

Town Bookkeeper's Report

RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS FOR 1944

Balance January 1, 1944			$36,866.20
General Revenue			
TAXES			
Current year:			
Poll	$ 654.00		
Personal Property	4,053.57		
Real Estate	27,403.74	$32,111.31	
Previous Years:			
1942 Real Estate	10.75		
1943 Real Estate	5,999.65		
1943 Personal Prop.	782.58	6,792.98	38,904.29
From State:			
Income Tax (Mass. School Fund Part 1, Included)	4,587.00		
Corporations Taxes	2,057.63	6,644.63	6,644.63
LICENSES AND PERMITS:			
Liquor License	500.00		
Milk Licenses	2.50		
Junk Licenses	9.00		
Auctioneers Licenses	10.00		
Gasoline and Oil Licenses	8.75	530.25	530.25

DOG TAXES:			
Collected for County	434.40	434.40	434.40
UNITED STATES GRANTS:			
Old Age Assistance	5,042.84		
Aid Dependent Children	108.00		
Old Age Assist. Administration	168.03		
Aid Dependent Child. Adm.	7.12		
Temporary Aid & Transportation	543.28	5,869.27	5,869.27
GRANTS AND REIMBURSEMENTS FROM STATE:			
Schools:			
Vocational or Trade	843.55		
Mass. Sch. Fund, Part II	1,637.20		
High School Tuition	5,472.28		
High School Transp.	2,968.15		
Union Sch. Superintendency	214.81		
Dept. Pub. Wel. Tuition	399.06	11,535.05	
Highways:			
Highway Fund Chapt. 569	2,659.18		
Chapter 81	3,559.27		
Chapter 90	400.00	6,618.45	18,153.50
Forest Fire Equipment		16.83	16.83
Total receipts General Government			$70,553.17

COMMERCIAL REVENUE — Grants:			
Dog Taxes from County		417.25	
MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAX:			
Current year	1,855.01		
Previous year	45.60	1,900.61	
Total Commercial Receipts from Grants			2,317.86
COMMERCIAL REVENUE — DEPARTMENTAL:			
Town House Rentals	125.00		
Phone Tolls	3.22	128.22	
Sealer's Fees		9.22	
School Dental Payments		118.25	
Advertising		2.00	
Voting List		1.25	
Division of Livestock		10.00	
Highway Reimbursements from County		650.00	
From Town:			
Road Machinery Fund		36.00	
Welfare — Reimbursement from State and Other City			
Old Age Assistance			
(State)	3,942.24		
(City)	103.35		
Aid Dependent Children	164.05		
Meal Tax	266.64	4,476.28	

Petty Cash Return Tax Collector		25.00	
Library Book Fines		11.74	
War Allowance		50.00	
Total Departmental Reimbursements and Collections			5,517.96
Commercial Revenue:			
Cemetery Sale of Lots		2.00	
Total			7,837.82
INTEREST:			
Current Taxes	10.31		
Deferred Taxes	148.51		
Poll Demands	8.40		
Motor Vehicle Ex. Tax	1.32		
1943 Motor Vehicle Ex. Tax	.17		
Cemetery Trust Funds	169.64		
Holt Library Fund	10.05		
Bond	21.87	370.27	
Total Interest Collections			370.27
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:			
Union Trust Co. Loan in Anticipation of Reimbursement			5,050.00
Payroll Deduction for Federal Tax Withholdings		2,097.43	2,097.43

Refunds:			
City of Springfield Schools	20.62		
Old Age Assistance	12.50		
Library	10.00		
Road Machinery	20.13		
Cemetery	2.64		
Court Fines	25.00	90.89	90.89
Total Receipts for 1944			$85,999.58
Cash Balance as of Jan. 1, 1944			36,866.20
Total			122,865.78

RECAPITULATION OF EXPENDITURES FOR 1944

Legislative:			
Moderator			$ 5.00
General Government:			
Selectmen	$250.00		
Printing, stationery	19.26		
Checking Town Lines	20.00		
Dues	9.00	$298.26	
Accounting:			
Auditor	$ 15.00		
Bookkeeper	300.00		
Printing, stationery, postage	16.81	331.81	
Treasurer	300.00		
Stationery	7.74		
Bond and Insurance	90.50	398.24	
Tax Collector	300.00		
Petty Cash	25.00		

Bond	40.50	
Printing, stationery, postage	76.33	441.83
Assessors	275.00	
Traveling	25.00	
Printing, stationery, postage	53.76	
School of Instruction	12.50	
Dues	6.00	372.26
Other Finances:		
Road Petition	3.00	
Cut. Note	2.00	5.00
Law:		
Ballard & Weston		150.00
Town Clerk:		
Bond	5.00	
Fees	141.12	
Ink	3.30	149.42
Elections and Registrations:		
Election Officers	160.06	
Ballots and Forms	103.00	
Street List	71.68	
Cards	9.34	344.08
Town Hall:		
Lights		12.00
Town House Maintenance:		
Lights	398.84	
Telephone	61.84	
Repairs	174.74	
Supplies	51.46	

Janitor	432.00		
Removing Ashes	156.00		
Handling Coal			
Insurance	353.78	1,628.66	
Total General Government			$4,136.56

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police Officers	$107.75	
Special Officers	35.00	
Fees	3.90	$146.65

Fire Truck Maintenance:

Sunday Watch	$100.00	
Changing Hose	20.46	
Truck Repairs	35.88	
Batteries and Cables	32.75	
Alcohol	6.30	
Gasoline	13.37	
Grease and Oil	2.50	
Insurance	73.80	
Asbestos	.50	
License	2.00	
Lanterns and Batteries	10.46	
Rewinding Coil	6.50	$304.52

Fire House:

Telephone	$ 34.16	
Lights	12.79	
Janitor	90.00	
Repairs	21.22	
Fuel	110.40	$268.57

Forest Fire Equipment:

S. O. Austin, hose	$ 89.50	
Buffalo Fire Appliance	47.88	$137.38

Tree Warden:

Howlett, L. O.	$ 30.00	
Gerrish, A. H.	30.00	
Harris, A. K.	30.00	$90.00

Planting Trees on Highways:

Howlett, L. O.	$ 12.00	
Gerrish, A. H.	12.00	
Harris, A. K.	12.00	$36.00

Forest Warden		$25.00
Forest Fires		$107.19
Sealer	$ 25.00	
Transportation	4.00	$ 29.00

Moth Eradication:

Bondoski, A.	$ 45.00	
Goodrich, Wm.	5.00	
Isham, Wm.	95.00	
Leddy, Edward	137.50	
Traveling	17.50	$300.00

Total Protection Persons and Property $1,444.31

Health and Sanitation:

Treasurer, Hampden County, board and care	$100.50
Tuberculosis Hospital	79.74

Well Child Clinic	112.50		
Animal Inspection	20.00		
Dental Clinic	350.00		
Meat Inspection	130.00		
Total Health and Sanitation			$792.74

Highways:

Town Garage:

Howlett, L. O., Supt.	$ 12.00	
Gerrish, A. H.	12.00	
Harris, A. K.	12.00	
Sazama, Robert	5.00	
Morin, E., sawing wood	15.00	
Lights	23.27	
Telephone	46.79	
D. A. Gladding, oil	4.73	
D. Conti	.30	$131.09

Chapter 81:

Howlett, L. O., Supt.	$876.00
Gerrish, A. H.	840.00
Harris, A. K.	876.00
Larson, A.	287.50
Harris, King	58.75
Perkins, F.	1.25
Fisher, G.	1.25
Delehanty, P.	2.50
Dennis	10.00
Leddy, Edw.	320.00
Battige, F.	2.50
Maxwell, E.	2.50
Dickinson, E.	4.38
Pease, R.	7.00
Greeny	10.00

Dowbrava, John	9.00	
Moore, Walter	8.00	
Town of Ludlow	8.00	
Martin, team	36.00	
Dickinson, E., tractor	10.00	
Lane Construction Co.	167.88	
Edw. Christianson	1,127.33	
Moulton Asphalt Co.	391.86	
American Tar Co.	1,253.53	
A. E. Gleason	31.00	
Mrs. Carl Hatch	31.30	
New England Culvert	20.11	$6,393.64

Chapter 90:

Howlett, L. O., Supt.	$ 60.00	
Gerrish, A. H.	60.00	
Harris, A. K.	60.00	
Larson, A.	45.00	
Perkins, F.	2.25	
Delehanty, P.	1.88	
Harris, King	20.00	
Moulton Asphalt Co.	623.31	
A. E. Gleason	16.00	
Lane Construction Co.	218.85	
Edw. Christianson, gravel	46.71	
Edw. Christianson, trucks	30.00	
Town of Hampden	36.00	$1,220.00

Bridges, Railings and Highways:

Howlett, L. O., Supt.	$282.80
Gerrish, A. H.	276.00
Harris, A. K.	282.00
Larson, A.	15.00

Morin, E.	45.00	
Pease, R.	3.50	
Gleason, A. E.	4.00	
Chas. C. Lewis Co.	8.00	
Community Feed Stores	4.50	
American Tar Co.	18.75	
Construction Service	156.00	
Chapin, Geo.	1.70	
Edw. Christianson	174.90	
P. D. Thibert	7.35	
H. L. Hatch & Son	6.49	
D. Conti	1.25	
Newman, A. H.	8.00	$1,295.24

Snow and Ice:

Howlett, L. O., Supt.	$274.50	
Gerrish, A. H.	273.00	
Harris, Austin	270.00	
Harris, King	25.00	
Sazama, Robt.	5.00	
Isham, Wm.	1.88	
Perkins, F.	7.50	
A. E. Gleason, sand spreader	17.00	
Edw. Christianson	38.63	
Columbian Steel Co.	73.56	$986.07

Street Lights $591.96

Ames Road:

Howlett, L. O., Supt.	$204.00
Gerrish, A. H.	204.00
Harris, A. K.	204.00
Larson, A.	132.50
Balser, R.	25.00

Harris, King	10.00	
Pease, R.	59.00	
H. L. Hatch & Son	6.35	
Edw. Christianson	645.34	
New England Pipe	10.35	$1,500.54

Road Machinery:

Tyler Tractor	$113.63
Holcomb	20.72
Sinclair Refining Co.	497.94
International Harvest.	26.78
D. A. Gladding	8.93
Tide Water Oil	55.39
E. F. Edson	317.22
Auto Gear and Parts	23.79
E. B. Atmus	21.00
Victoria Tire	35.40
H. L. Hatch & Son	13.09
Homer L. Goodrich	5.50
L. O. Howlett	5.00
Registry of Motor Veh.	6.00
Tarbell Watters	13.97
West Side Auto Body	40.94
Krohnes	26.53
Genden Bros.	19.19
Collins & Smith	11.75
Ferrara Spring	4.95
Springfield Mach.	4.50
Newhouse Auto Service	66.67
W. J. Foss Co.	4.57
Superior El. Ser.	27.50
Stacy Supply	1.53
W. A. Riddle Corp.	22.24
Hampden Garage	20.00
Olney W. Woodard	58.40
Community Feed Stores	1.97
Chas. Millar	1.88

Carlisle Hardware	.60		
Lewis Boiler & Iron Works	20.30		
Lester Kibbe	1.00		
L. O. Howlett, labor	84.00		
A. H. Gerrish, labor	84.00		
A. K. Harris	84.00	$1,750.88	
Total Highways			$13,869.42

BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

Welfare:

Town cases	$596.99	
State cases	260.00	
Paid other cities	121.50	$978.49

Old Age Assistance:

From Town appropriation for aid	$5,475.84	
From Federal Grants for aid	5,280.02	
From Town appropriation for admin.	243.23	
From Federal Grants for administration	121.98	$11,121.07

Aid to Dependent Children:

From Town appropriation for aid	$244.75
From Federal Grants for aid	174.25

From Town appropriation for admin.	8.50	$427.50	
Soldiers' Relief		$ 73.96	
Total Welfare			$12,601.02
SCHOOLS:			
School Committee		120.00	
Edmund R. Sawyer, Salary	633.94		
Traveling Expenses	88.68		
Printing Stationery	16.29		
Emily Condon, Clerk	265.20	1,004.11	
Health			
Signe L. Polson Salary	266.56		
Supplies	16.16		
Physician	185.00		
Fred Perkins, Travel Expense	17.46	485.18	
Operating Expense			
Fred A. Perkins, Custodian	1,476.00		
Fuel	619.69		
		2095.69	
Elementary School Transportation		2,955.00	
High School Transportation		3,357.00	
Tuition			
High School	9,129.25		
Vocational	1,340.57		
		10,469.82	

Repairs		144.36
Textbooks		113.82
Supplies		724.74
Mis. Operating		144.43
Mis. Auxiliary		42.57
Supervision		
Helen B. Tower, Art	250.00	
Cecelia C. Seymour, Music	200.00	
Wm. L. Rinehart	125.00	575.00

Teachers		Retirement Dues	Salary
Eleanor P. McCray	$1,679.80	$ 90.40	$1,770.20
Helen C. Flynn	1,432.60	75.40	1,508.00
Lucy S. Jefferey	1,432.60	75.40	1,508.00
Stacia Lavoie	1,356.60	71.40	1,428.00
Mary Adams	672.60	35.40	708.00
Mary Teehan	1,337.60	70.40	1,408.00
Grace M. Rodin	600.00	32.00	640.00
Miriam Bryans	32.50		32.50
Esther Clever	45.50		47.50
Lucy B. Kerr	5.00		5.00
			$9,055.20

Total School Expenditure $31,286.65

LIBRARY

Librarian	117.50	
Assistant Librarians	428.00	
Supplies	30.46	
Books	366.89	
Magazines	94.45	1,037.30
Unpaid Magazine Bill 1943 Mrs. Z. A. Kenfield		62.00

UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS

Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves		57.50	
Memorial Day		71.70	
Town Common		22.00	
Printing Town Reports		260.00	
Insurance		455.35	
Aid to Agriculture		50.00	
Planning Board		10.00	
Building Inspector			
C. R. Melville	25.00		
Traveling Expenses	25.00		
Printing Building Code	15.00		
Typing Building Laws	15.00		
Misc.	3.40	83.40	
Defense Telephone		34.50	
Edw. Babbs Co., Unpaid 1943 School Bill		332.28	
Paid Collector of Internal Revenue		2,161.44	
War Bond		5,000.00	
Honor Roll Names		6.02	
TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS			$8,544.19
Cemetery, Prospect Hill		226.29	
Trust Funds		150.00	
TOTAL CEMETERY			376.29
Davis Cemetery Fund			100.00
REFUNDS			
Motor Vehicle 1944		18.34	
Real Estate 1944		44.00	62.34
Dog Taxes paid to County			434.40

AGENCY		
County Tax	1,441.04	
State Audit	311.51	
State Parks and Reservations	40.51	
State Tax	1,936.00	3,729.06
INTEREST		
On Bond	1.56	
Reimbursement	11.29	
Town House Note	48.00	60.85
MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS		
Town House Note	400.00	
Loan in Anticipation of Reimbursement	5,050.00	5,450.00
Total Payments for 1944		83,987.13
Cash on Hand Dec. 30, 1944		38,878.65
Total		$122,865.78

Amounts to be taken from Reserve Account to balance overdrawn accounts 1944

Town Treasurer	$23.24
Town Clerk	24.42
Town House Maint.	428.66
Fire Truck Maint.	4.52
Forest Fire Equip.	12.38
Town Garage	6.09
Chapt. 81	18.64
Chapt. 90	20.00
Road Machinery	80.75

Ames Road	.54	
Schools	86.65	
Memorial Day	6.70	
Town Reports	10.00	
Insurance	55.35	
Building Inspector	58.40	
Prospect Hill Cemetery	23.65	$859.99

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS AND EXPENDITURES

RECEIPTS

Cash January 1, 1944	$36,866.20	
General Revenue	70,553.17	
Commercial Revenue	7,837.82	
Interest	370.27	
Municipal Indebtedness	5,050.00	
Payroll Deduction, 20% Withholding	2,097.43	
Refunds	90.89	
Total Receipts		$122,865.78

EXPENDITURES

General Government:	
Moderator	$ 5.00
Selectmen	298.26
Accounting	331.81
Treasurer	398.24
Tax Collecting	441.83
Assessors	372.26
Other Finances	5.00
Law	150.00

Town Clerk	149.43	
Elections and Registrations	344.08	
Town Hall	12.00	
Town House	1,628.66	
Total General Government		$4,136.56

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police	$146.65	
Fire Truck Maintenance	304.52	
Fire House	268.57	
Forest Fire Equipment	137.38	
Tree Warden	90.00	
Planting Trees on Highways	36.00	
Forest Warden	25.00	
Forest Fires	107.19	
Sealer	29.00	
Moth Eradication	300.00	
Total Protection of Persons and Property		$1,444.31

Health and Sanitation:

Tuberculosis Hospital	$ 79.74	
Health	100.50	
Dental Clinic	350.00	
Well Child Clinic	112.50	
Animal Inspection	20.00	
Meat Inspection	130.00	
Total Health and Sanitation		$792.74

Highways:

Town Garage	$131.09	
Chapter 81	6,393.64	
Chapter 90	1,220.00	
Bridges, Railings and Highways	1,295.24	

Snow and Ice	986.07	
Street Lights	591.96	
Road Machinery	1,750.88	
Ames Road	1,500.54	
Total Highways		$13,869.42
Welfare:		
Town Aid to Dependent Children	$253.25	
Federal Aid to Dependent Children	174.25	
Town Old Age Assistance	5,719.07	
Federal Old Age Assistance	5,280.02	
Federal Old Age Assistance Admin.	121.98	
Soldiers' Relief	73.96	
Town Welfare	978.49	
Total Welfare		$12,601.02
Schools		$31,286.65
Library		1,037.30
Library—Unpaid bill—1943		62.00
Unclassified Accounts:		
Soldiers and Sailors	$ 57.50	
Memorial Day	71.70	
Town Common	22.00	
Town Reports	260.00	
Insurance	455.35	
Defense	34.50	
Aid to Agriculture	50.00	
Planning Board	10.00	
Building Inspector	83.40	
Unpaid Bills of 1943	332.28	
20% Withholding	2,161.44	
War Bond	5,000.00	
Honor Roll	6.02	
Total Unclassified		$8,544.19

Cemeteries:		
Prospect Hill	$226.29	
Trust Funds	150.00	
Total Cemetery		$376.29
Interest	$ 60.85	
Debt	5,450.00	
Agency	3,729.06	
1944 Real Estate Rebate	44.00	
1944 Excise Tax Rebate	18.34	
Dog Taxes to County	434.40	
Excess and Deficiency, Davis Fund Cemetery	100.00	
Total Payments		$83,987.13
Cash December 30, 1944		38,878.65
Total Expenditures		$122,865.78

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

BALANCE SHEET, JANUARY 1, 1945

ASSETS

Cash Balance	$38,878.65	
1944 Personal Property Taxes	288.57	
1944 Real Estate Taxes	5,612.98	
Tax Title	236.47	
Tax Possessions	473.51	
1944 M. V. Excise Taxes	25.55	
State Aid to Highways	886.79	
War Bond	5,000.00	
Total Assets		$51,402.52

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Library Receipts Received	$ 11.74
20% Withholding — Collector of Internal Revenue	630.32
Tax Title Revenues	756.53
Overlay Reserve	1,057.02
1944 Overlay	301.38
Motor Vehicle Ex. Tax Revenue	534.68
Road Machinery Fund	64.14
Aid to Dependent Children	87.54
Aid to Dependent Children, Administration	9.77
Old Age Assistance	443.51
Old Age Assistance, Administration	16.19
Sale of Real Estate Revenue	1,200.00
Chas. S. Ballard	1,000.00
Loan in Anticipation of Reimbursement	5,050.00
Trust Funds, Cemetery Income	19.64

Survey — Pease Park	50.00	
Clean Out Water Holes	100.00	
Honor Roll	43.98	
Excess and Deficiency	40,026.08	
Total Liabilities and Reserves		**$51,402.52**

DEBT ACCOUNT

Net Funded or Fixed Debt	$800.00
Community Building Loan	800.00

TRUST FUNDS ACCOUNT

Trust Funds, Cash and Securities	8,918.66	
Day Library Fund	501.50	
Holt Library Fund	500.00	
Cemetery, Bumstead Fund	2,110.24	
Cemetery, Perpetual Care Funds	5,806.92	
		$8,918.66

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL T. FISHER,

Bookkeeper

AUDITOR'S REPORT

The Town Books have been examined and to the best of my knowledge and belief, they are correct.

FLORENCE L. SCHNEELOCH

Town Auditor

Treasurer's Report --- Trust Funds

Name of Fund	Balance Jan. 1, 1944	Interest to Jan. 1, 1945	Withdrawn July 1, 1944 & Dec. 31, 1944	Balance Jan. 1, 1945
Day, Library	$511.45	$10.05	$20.00	$501.50
Holt, Library	500.00	10.05	10.05	500.00
Bumstead, Cemetery	2,123.58	42.40	55.74	2,110.24

PERPETUAL CARE FUNDS

Henry M. Davis, 3/24/44	$100.00	$ 1.50		$101.50
Helen E. Stacy	150.52	3.00	$ 3.00	150.52
Holt, Burleigh	202.58	4.04	4.04	202.58
Anna Leonard	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
John R. Stoddard	51.00	1.01	1.01	51.00
Twitchell, Burt	201.06	4.02	4.02	201.06
Marcus Beebe	152.29	3.04	3.04	152.29
Lydia Morris	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Orrin Goodwill	202.58	4.04	4.04	202.58
John Q. Adams	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Thompson, Chaffee	303.13	6.06	6.06	303.13
William Johnson	127.98	2.54	2.54	127.98
Calvin Stebbins	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Milo Chapin	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Elsie M. Hills	1,018.58	20.36	20.36	1,018.58
S. Stacy Hunt	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02

Henry C. Dickinson	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Jackson Dickey	41.36	.82	.82	41.36
George West	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Holmes, Beebe	202.58	4.04	4.04	202.58
Flora Carlton	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Wm. J. Sessions	51.00	1.01	1.01	51.00
Davis, Weeks, Pease	202.58	4.04	4.04	202.58
John Kenworthy	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Mortimer Pease	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
John S. Beebe	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
David Stebbins	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
John F. Whitaker	101.72	2.02	2.02	101.72
Orcutt	51.66	1.02	1.02	51.66
Beebe, Stanton	152.29	3.04	3.04	152.29
Charles N. Whitaker	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Bennett, Kenworthy	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Rose Corey	102.04	2.04	2.04	102.04
Joseph Stimson	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
N. and E. Langdon	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
Jennie Shaw	51.00	1.02	1.02	51.00
Davis Pease	101.02	2.02	2.02	101.02
George Pond	50.69	1.00	1.00	50.69
Martha E. Edson	51.15	1.02	1.02	51.15
John Bartlett	208.74	4.16	4.16	208.74
Charles I. Burleigh	50.83	1.00	1.00	50.83
D. L. McCray	153.58	3.06	3.06	153.58
Balance January 1, 1944		$8,840.45		
Henry M. Davis, March 24, 1944		100.00		
Interest to January 1, 1945		177.88		
				$9,118.33
Withdrawn in 1944				199.67
Balance January 1, 1945				$8,918.66

Treasurer's Report

Balance Jan. 1, 1944	$36,866.20	
Receipts for 1944	85,999.58	
		$122,865.78
Expenditures for 1944	$83,987.13	
Balance Dec. 31, 1944	38,878.65	$122,865.78
War Bond Series A 1945 ⅞% Certificate		$5,000.00

Town Clerk's Report

DECEMBER 31, 1944

Births recorded January, 1944 to December, 31, 1944

Males	11
Females	11
Marriages for 1944	12
Documents recorded	24

Deaths:

Male	7
Female	5
Foreign Born Parentage	3
American Born Parentage	9

Dog Licenses for 1944

Receipts:

109 Males	@ $2.00	$218.00	
29 Females	@ 5.00	145.00	
55 Spayed	@ 2.00	110.00	
			$473.00

Expenditures:

Paid County Treasurer, June 1, 1944	$143.40	
Paid County Treasurer, December 1, 1944	289.20	
Paid County Treasurer, December 31, 1944	1.80	
Clerk's Fees at 20¢	38.60	
		$473.00

Library Trustees' Report

MRS. MIRIAM P. BRYANS	Term expires 1945
MRS. ELEANOR B. McCRAY	Term expires 1946
MRS. ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN	Term expires 1947

Appropriation by the Town	$600.00
Dog Fund from County	417.25
Available from Holt Fund	10.05
Refund	10.00
	$1,037.30

Expended:

Librarian	$117.50	
Assistant Librarians	428.00	
Books	366.89	
Magazines	94.45	
Incidentals	30.46	
	$1,037.30	

DAY FUND

Balance in Fund December 31, 1943	$511.45
Withdrawn for Christian Herald Subscriptions	11.00
	$500.45
Interest January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944	10.05
Balance	$510.50

We recommend for the maintenance of the Library for the coming year an appropriation of $650.00 and the Dog Fund. We ask also for the reappropriation of the money turned in for fines.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM P. BRYANS, Chairman

ELIZABETH Q. MORGAN

ELEANOR B. McCRAY

Library Trustees

Librarian's Report

Circulation of Books	10,555
Books Bought	249
Books Donated	219
Magazines Bought	30
Magazines Donated	128

Donors of Books: Clara Fuller, 1; Mrs. George Tower, 1; R. Soucy, 5; Gretchen Baker, 9; Mr. George Tower, 1; A. L. S. Woods, 49; Elizabeth Soper, 20; Mrs. F. Rock, 4; Miss G. Lyons, 4; Mrs. C. Medicke, 49; Mr. F. Letellier, 47; Mrs. W. Kibbe, 10; Mr. and Mrs. J. J. Moriarty, 1; Prof. W. V. Sessions, 10; Mrs. Alton Wakefield, 3; Mrs. R. Sazama, 5.

Donors of Magazines: Mrs. Althea Woods, 63; F. M. Jones, 10; Mrs. A. Wakefield, 1; Mrs. M. Sargent, 9; Mrs. N. Fitzgerald, 24; Mrs. D. L. Moody, 6; Adele King, 15; Mr. A. Hayes, 5; Mrs. F. Battige, 1.

We are receiving the "American Legion", "Hampden", and "Christian Herald", as gifts and from outside sources copies of "Soviet Russia Today" and Read Magazines.

The circulation was divided as follows: Magazines, 1613; Adult Fiction, 3427; Juvenile Fiction, 3415; Adult Non-Fiction, 614; Juvenile Non-Fiction, 1486. The total attendance was 7189 and the average attendance for each day 46. Borrowers registered 348, from the schools 188, others 160. We have borrowed books from the

Division of Public Libraries. Books reviewed by the school children, 443; 23 large certificates and 117 small certificates were issued. Money collected for the loss or damage to books and paid to the Town Treasurer, $11.74.

For Book Week we had a display of antique school books, as well as new children's books.

Mrs. Hazel M. Burleigh resigned as librarian and the two assistant librarians have tried to fill her place. Mrs. Margery Battige has assisted in the mending and filing. The non-fiction shelves were weeded out and books discarded so as to have room for the newer books.

Respectfully submitted,

MIRIAM BRYANS

ARLINE HOWLETT

Assistant Librarians

Hampden, Mass., Dec. 31, 1944.

CEMETERY COMMISSIONERS REPORT

PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY

A. Gerrish	$ 12.00	
A. Harris	12.00	
King Harris	1.25	
L. O. Howlett	12.00	
Alex Larson	10.00	
Edw. Leddy	17.00	
T. Rock	5.00	
American Tar	99.00	
Gravel	21.40	
Gleason, Sand Spreader	5.00	
Mowing, Earl Dickinson	25.00	
C. Howlett, Flowers	2.00	
J. Isham	2.00	
		$223.65

TRUST FUND

PERPETUAL CARE

Tennis Rock, labor	130.00
R. Pease	20.00
	$150.00

Respectfully submitted,

EARL E. DICKINSON

JOHN B. ISHAM

ERNEST W. HOWLETT

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

Jan. 9, 1945

Upon completing the Gypsy Moth work I find there were approximately 7000 clusters of Gypsy Moth found and destroyed.

Some sections of the town have shown a large increase in Moth clusters over the preceeding years.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON,
Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

I have inspected and reported to Boston on three herds brought in from out of State.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY A. FULLER,
Animal Inspector

Report of Assessors

TABLE OF AGGREGATES OF POLLS, PROPERTY, AND TAXES, AS ASSESSED JANUARY 1, 1944

Number of Persons Assessed	Individuals	All Others	Total
On Personal Estate only	23	5	28
On Real Estate only	284	12	296
On both Personal and Real Estate	96	1	97
Total Number of Persons Assessed			421

Number of Poll Assessed		419
Value of Assessed Personal Estate		
Stock in Trade	$ 17,000.00	
Machinery	13,960.00	
Live Stock	35,088.00	
All other Tangible Personal Property	31,762.00	
Total Value of Assessed Personal Estate		$97,810.00
Value of Assessed Real Estate		
Land exclusive of Buildings	$250,545.00	
Buildings exclusive of Land	502,425.00	
Total Value of Assessed Real Estate		$752,970.00
Total Valued of Assessed Estate		$850,780.00
Tax Rate per $1,000	$44.00	

Taxes for State, County and Town Purposes, Including Overlay		
On Personal Estate	$ 4,303.64	
On Real Estate	33,130.68	
On Polls	838.00	
Total Taxes Assessed		$38,272.32

Number of Live Stock Assessed	
Horses	47
Cows (Milch)	377
Bulls, 18; Yearlings, 63; Heifers 46	127
Swine	56
Goats	13
Fowls	7220
All Others (Minks)	60
Number of Acres of Land Assessed more or less	12,310
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	394

(Each building used as a dwelling counted as one without regard to the number of families housed)

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

General Government:		
Legislative	$ 5.00	
Selectmen	325.00	
Accounting	350.00	
Treasurer	375.00	
Collector	150.00	
Collector's Salary	300.00	
Assessors	400.00	
Town Clerk	125.00	
Law	175.00	
Elections and Registrations	350.00	
Town Hall	15.00	
Town House Maintenance	1,200.00	
Certifying Notes	15.00	
Building Inspector	25.00	$ 3,810.00
Protection of Persons and Property:		
Police	150.00	
Forest Fire Equipment	125.00	
Sealer	35.00	
Forest Fires	250.00	
Forest Warden	25.00	
Tree Warden	100.00	
Moth Eradication	300.00	
Fire House	300.00	
Fire Truck Maintenance	300.00	1,585.00
Health and Sanitation:		
Meat Inspector	150.00	
Animal Inspector	50.00	
Dental Clinic	350.00	
Health	400.00	
Well Child Clinic	300.00	1,250.00

Highways:		
Chapter 81	2,125.00	
Snow and Ice Removal	1,000.00	
Bridges, Railings and Highways	1,300.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	400.00	
Street Lighting	606.99	
Road Machinery	1,200.00	
Garage Maintenance	125.00	
Ames Road	1,500.00	8,356.99
Charities and Soldiers' Benefits:		
Old Age Assistance	$ 6,000.00	
Public Welfare	2,000.00	
Soldiers' Relief	250.00	
Aid to Dependent Children	600.00	$ 8,850.00
Schools		31,200.00
Library		600.00
Unclassified:		
Aid to Agriculture	50.00	
Memorial Day	65.00	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	75.00	
Town Common	30.00	
Printing Town Reports	250.00	
Insurance	400.00	
Reserve	1,000.00	
Planning Board	30.00	1,900.00
Cemeteries:		
Prospect Hill	200.00	200.00
Interest and Debt:		
Interest	300.00	
Debt	400.00	700.00

Article 13	Planting Trees	50.00	
Article 18	Local Defense Work	100.00	
Article 20	Survey Pease Park	50.00	
Article 21	Cleaning Water Holes	100.00	
Article 22	Unpaid Bill Ed. W. Baab & Co.	332.28	
Article 28	Honor Roll	50.00	682.28

Article 12 Voted to transfer $450.00 from the Road Machinery Fund to the Road Machinery Account and to raise and appropriate $1,200.00 for same.

Article 15 Voted to authorize the Assessors to use $4,000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for the purpose of reducing the Tax rate.

Article 24 Voted to use $5,000.00 from Free Cash to purchase a War Bond 7/8% certificate Series A 1945

Article 26 Voted to transfer $1,000.00 from the Real Estate Revenue Account to purchase from Charles S. Ballard land on the East Side of the Old Cemetery to Chapin Road and on the North Side to the Bradway line.

Total Appropriations as Certified by Town Clerk	$59,034.27
Total Appropriations voted to be Taken from Available Funds	10,450.27
State Tax	$1,936.00
State Parks and Reservations	40.51

Auditing Town Accounts			311.51
County Tax			1,441.04
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment			79.74
County Tax underestimated in 1943			129.78
Overlay of Current Year			672.78
Gross Amount to be raised			$70,095.29
Total Estimated Receipts		$21,371.75	
1943 Overestimate on State Parks		1.22	
Amounts Voted to be Taken from Available Funds (Approved by Commissioner Long)		10,450.00	
Total Estimated Receipts and Available Funds			$31,822.97
Net Amount to be raised by Taxation on Polls and Property			$38,272.32
Number of Polls, 419 @ $2.00 each		$838.00	
Total Valuation	Value	Tax	
Personal Property	$ 97,810.00	$ 4,303.64	
Real Estate	752,970.00	33,130.68	
Total Taxes Levied on Polls and Property			$38,272.32
(Tax Rate $44.00 per $1,000)			
Omitted Assessments:			
Polls		$ 6.00	
Personal	$900.00	39.60	
Real Estate	1,000.00	44.00	
Re-assessment of Real Estate		24.20	$83.80
Total Taxes Committed on Polls and Property			$38,356.12

Taxes Abated during 1944:

Commitment 1944	Polls	190.00
	Property	181.06

Number Motor Vehicles Assessed	474
Commissioner's Value	$56,350.00
Motor Vehicle Excise	1,941.64

ABATEMENTS:

Commitment 1943	$26.52
Commitment 1944	73.46

The Town owns the following Real Estate:

Long Hill	11 acres	$100.00
North Rd.	¼ acre	50.00
Wilbraham Mt.	25 acres	600.00
Wilbraham Mt.	6 acres	100.00
Ames Rd.	6 acres	60.00
Bumpstead Hill	40 acres	400.00

Respectfully submitted,

HOMER L. HATCH

GEORGE A. CHAPIN

PERCY A. FULLER

Board of Assessors

Tax Collector's Report

1942 REAL ESTATE

Balance due January 1, 1944	$10.75
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	10.75
Interest paid Town Treasurer	.52

1943 EXCISE TAX

Balance due January 1, 1944	$66.12	
Committed January 12, 1944	6.00	$72.21
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	45.60	
Abatements	26.52	72.12
Interest paid Town Treasurer		.17

1943 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Balance due January 1, 1944	$782.58
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	782.58
Interest paid Town Treasurer	18.17

1943 REAL ESTATE

Balance due January 1, 1944	$5,999.65
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	5,999.65
Interest paid Town Treasurer	129.82

1944 POLL TAX

Total Commitment		$844.00
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	$654.00	
Abatements	190.00	844.00
Interest paid Town Treasurer		.61
Demands paid Town Treasurer		8.40

1944 EXCISE TAX

Total Commitment		$1,935.64
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	$1,855.01	
Abatements	55.08	1,910.09
Interest paid Town Treasurer		1.32
Balance due December 30, 1944		25.55

1944 PERSONAL PROPERTY

Total Commitment		$4,343.24
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	$4,053.57	
Abatement	1.10	4,054.67
Interest paid Town Treasurer		2.12
Balance due December 30, 1944		288.57

1944 REAL ESTATE

Total Commitment		$33,198.88
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	$27,403.74	
Abatements	135.96	
Transferred to Tax Title	46.20	27,585.90
Interest paid Town Treasurer		7.58
Balance due December 30, 1944		5,612.98

Respectfully submitted,

CARL P. LARSON

Collector of Taxes

Report of Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampden:

Early in 1944 the Selectmen and State Engineers made out a budget for the Maintenance of the various highways of the Town, under Chapter 81. The following represents the work done during the year:

1944 Chapter 81 Expenditures on Roads

1	Springfield Road	$139.23
2	East Longmeadow Road	8.00
3	Wilbraham Road	239.31
4	Somers Road	49.10
5	Ludlow Road	64.00
6	Isaac Bradway Road	18.00
7	Mill Road	292.75
8	Carmody Road	23.00
9	Main Street	466.74
10	South Road	239.30
11	Chapin Road	150.63
12	Rockadundee Road	56.00
13	Scantic Road	305.56
14	Cross Road	10.00
15	South Monson Road	1,438.22
16	Thresher Road	59.00
17	Isadore Ricard Road (abandoned)	
18	Hendee Road	32.00
19	Howlett Hill Road	23.00
20	Stafford Road	32.00
21	North Monson Road	1,212.23

22	Bennett Road	323.75	
23	Ames Road	564.49	
24	Glendale Road		
25	North Road	308.13	
26	McCray Road	213.65	
27	Burleigh Road	23.00	
28	Riverside Drive	0.00	
	Total		$6,391.29

ALLOTMENTS:

State	$4,250.00
Town	2,125.00
Total	$6,375.00

The new work for this past year with Town money on Ames Road was the widening and gravelling for 1600 feet, with considerable blasting and ledgework done.

Under Chapter 90 Maintenance 7900 feet were sealed with asphalt.

Under Chapter 81, 13,800 feet were sealed with asphalt and tar.

The abutments of the bridge on Mill Road were reinforced, using 20 cubic yards of cement at a cost of $500.00.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1945

General Government:

Legislative	$ 5.00
Selectmen	325.00
Accounting	350.00
Treasurer	375.00
Collector	150.00
Collector's Salary	300.00
Assessors	400.00
Town Clerk	125.00
Law	175.00
Building Inspector	25.00
Elections and Registrations	200.00
Town Hall	15.00
Town House Maintenance	1,400.00
Certifying Notes	15.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police	$150.00
Forest Fire Equipment	125.00
Sealer	35.00
Forest Fires	200.00
Forest Warden	25.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Moth Eradication	300.00
Fire House	300.00
Fire Truck Maintenance	500.00

Health and Sanitation:

Meat Inspection	$150.00
Animal Inspection	50.00
Dental Clinic	350.00
Health	300.00
Tuberculosis Hospital	? ??

Highways:

Chapter 81, Maintenance	$2,125.00
Snow and Ice Removal	1,000.00
Bridges and Railings and Highways	1,300.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	400.00
Street Lighting	608.40
Road Machinery	1,700.00
Garage Maintenance	125.00

Charities and Soldiers Benefits:

Old Age Assistance	$6,000.00
Public Welfare	1,250.00
Soldiers' Relief	250.00

Aid to Dependent Children	300.00
Schools	31,200.00
Library	650.00

Unclassified:

Aid to Agriculture	$50.00
Memorial Day	65.00
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	75.00
Town Common	30.00
Printing Town Reports	
Insurance	400.00
Reserve	1,000.00
Planning Board	30.00

Cemeteries:

Prospect Hill Cemetery	$200.00

Interest and Debt:

Interest	$300.00
Debt	400.00

Respectfully submitted,

NEIL S. KIBBE

WILLIAM BURNS

JOHN J. FLYNN

Selectmen of Hampden

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

During the year 1944, I have inspected 128 pigs and 2 beef.

Respectfully submitted,

E. J. THRESHER

Inspector of Slaughtering

Report of the Board of Public Welfare

WELFARE

During the year 1944, 11 persons living in Hampden were aided at a cost of $856.99. The pro rata cost will be as follows:

State's share	$260.00
Other cities	257.44
Town's share	339.55

The Town of Hampden paid to other cities for cases living elsewhere but having Hampden Settlements, $121.50.

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

On January 1, 1944, there were 27 persons on the payroll. During the year 3 cases were closed and 3 new cases were added.

The cost of Old Age Assistance aid was $10,755.86. It is estimated that the pro rata costs will be as follows:

Federal Grants	$5,106.58
State's share	4,001.25
Other cities' share	61.17
Town's share	1,586.86

AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

On January 1, 1944 the Town had one case. This case has been closed and no new cases have been added.

The cost of Aid to Dependent Children aid for 1944 was $419.00 and it is estimated that the pro rata cost will be as follows:

Federal Grants	$ 99.00
State's share	139.66
Town's share	180.34

REPORT OF TREE WARDEN

During the past year 30 rock maples were planted on the highways. Trees that obstructed the highways were removed and the usual amount of tree trimming was done.

Respectfully submitted,

LEROY O. HOWLETT
Tree Warden

REPORT OF FOREST FIRE WARDEN FOR 1944

15 Brush fires.
160 Fire Permits issued.

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD ACKERMAN
Forest Warden

1944 REPORT
of the
Trustees For County Aid To Agriculture
and the
Hampden County Improvement League

TOWN OF HAMPDEN

AGRICULTURAL WORK

During the year the service of the County Agricultural Agent has returned to more regular extension work. However, war time developments are still important in shaping the agricultural program. This past year saw an increase in subject matter meetings for the county farmers.

All farmers have been kept informed by circular letters and published articles regarding special crop and livestock developments and recommended practices, spray bulletins, pest control calendars, tips on poultry range management, bee-keeping and so forth. Assistance to individuals in connection with their agricultural production and marketing problems has been given when requested.

HOME BUREAU WORK

During the year 220 women attended 12 meetings or demonstrations conducted by 12 local leaders assisted by the County and State Agents. There were 6 different projects undertaken during the year, a few of which included Christmas Gift Kit, Slip Covers, Salad Making

and Clothes Clinic. The following local leaders incurred expenses amounting to $11.29: Mrs. Wells Carver, Mrs. E. E. Dickinson, Mrs. Warren Dickinson, Mrs. Alexander Larson, Mrs. Francis Jones, and Mrs. Ben Libby.

4-H CLUB WORK

There were 63 young people enrolled in 4 different 4-H Club projects under the direction of 5 local leaders and the County Agents. Outstanding awards for excellence in their projects were given to several members. The following local leader incurred expenses amounting to $16.49: Mr. Ben F. Libby.

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

1944 Appropriation	$ 50.00
Balance carried over from 1943	17.49
	$ 67.49
Expended in 1944	27.78
Balance available for 1945	$ 39.71

Amount Recommended for 1945 $ 50.00

Note: All payments to local leaders as listed above received checks directly from the County Treasurer. All Town Appropriations are spent within the town to local town people.

Respectfully submitted,

L. B. BOSTON, Clerk

Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture

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12/27/44

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

For the Year Ending December 31, 1944

To the inhabitants of the Town of Hampden:

The Planning Board has held monthly meetings during which the building inspector has presented the permits of the current month.

Many requests for liberalizing restrictions on side and rear lot lines relative to the erection of accessory buildings have been received and, as a result, the board is recommending certain modifications to be acted upon at the next town meeting.

One case of violation of the zoning by-laws and failure to take out a permit for the erection of poultry houses was brought before Superior Court and a verdict secured upholding the town's zoning by-laws.

In general, the Board has sought to maintain a high standard through the town's building and zoning by-laws with a vision of a desirable post-war expansion.

E. NORTON DAVIS

MARION W. GERRISH

HELEN E. LARSON

ALAN R. PHILLIPS

C. KILBOURNE BUMP

BUILDING INSPECTOR'S REPORT

January 10, 1945

For the year ending December 31, 1944, there were ninety permits issued and one hundred and fifty-one inspections made.

The permits are as follows:

New houses	5
Additions	9
Alterations	12
Garages	5
Barns	4
Chicken houses	2
Storage building	1
Plumbing Permits	12
Electrical Permits	39
Barn demolished	1

The estimated cost of these permits was $27,457.00.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES R. MELVILLE

Building Inspector

SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

During the year of 1944 the following have been sealed:

1	Platform scale over 5,000 lbs.
3	Platform scales under 5,000 lbs.
3	Spring scales
5	Computing scales
15	Liquid measures
8	Oil measuring pumps

Total collected	$ 9.22	
Salary	$25.00	
Transportation	4.00	
		$29.00

Respectfully submitted,

BERNARD ACKERMAN,

Sealer

Report of the School Committee

ORGANIZATION

Wm. Harry Burns, Chairman	1947
Catherine E. Ransom	1946
Wilfred R. Breck	1945

Edmund R. Sawyer, Secretary and Superintendent

During 1944 reimbursements on account of schools were received as follows:

From the Commonwealth:		
General School Fund, Part II	$1,637.20	
General School Fund, Part I	1,915.00	
Superintendent's Salary Reimbursement	214.81	
High School Tuition	5,472.28	
High School Transportation	2,968.15	
Trade School Tuition and Transportation	843.55	
Tuition and Transportation, State Children	399.06	
		$13,450.05
From other sources:		
Tuition refund	20.62	
Miscellaneous credits	2.80	
		23.42
Total		$ 13,473.47

FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1944

Appropriation		$ 31,200.00
Expenditures:		
School Committee	$ 120.00	
Superintendent's Salary	633.94	
Other Expenses	370.17	
Total for General Control		$ 1,124.11
Supervisors' Salaries	575.00	
Teachers' Salaries	9,055.20	
Textbooks	113.82	
Supplies	724.47	
Janitor	1,476.00	
Fuel	619.69	
Miscellaneous Operating	144.43	
Repairs	144.36	
Health	485.18	
Local Transportation	2,955.00	
Miscellaneous Auxiliary	42.57	
Total for Elementary Schools		16,335.72
High School Tuition	9,129.25	
High and Trade School Transportation	3,357.00	
Trade School Tuition	1,340.57	
Total for High and Trade School		13,826.82
Total expenditures		$ 31,286.65
Less tuition refund		20.62
Net expenditures		$ 31,266.03

NET COST OF SCHOOLS TO THE TOWN

Expenditures, General Control	$ 1,124.11	
Reimbursement	214.81	
Net cost		$ 909.30
Expenditures, Elementary Schools	16,335.72	
Reimbursement	3,951.26	
Net Cost		$12,384.46
Expenditures, Hogh and Trade School	13,826.82	
Reimbursement	9,283.98	
Net cost		4,542.84
Total net cost to town		$ 17,836.60

APPROPRIATIONS NEEDED FOR 1945

The school committee recommends a budget for 1945 as follows:

School Committee	$ 125.00
Superintendent's Salary	840.00
Expenses of Superintendence	590.00
Supervisor's Salaries	575.00
Teachers' Salaries	10,410.00
Textbooks	250.00
Supplies	650.00
Janitor	1,440.00
Fuel	1,450.00

Miscellaneous Operating	250.00	
Repairs and Replacements	200.00	
Health	520.00	
Transportation	6,342.00	
Tuition	13,250.00	
Miscellaneous Auxiliary	40.00	
Plans for School Building Addition	500.00	
		$ 37,432.00

ESTIMATE OF CREDIT ON ACCOUNT OF EDUCATION FOR 1945

It is estimated that the receipts on account of education during 1945 will be approximately as follows:

General School Fund, Part II	$ 2,913.65	
General School Fund, Part I	1,550.00	
Superintendent's Salary	386.66	
High School Tuition	7,478.25	
High School Transportation	2,930.00	
Trade School Tuition and Transportation	761.59	
State Wards	300.00	
		$ 16,320.15

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HARRY BURNS

CATHERINE E. RANSOM

WILFRED R. BRECK

Report of Superintendent of Schools

To the School Committee of the Town of Hampden:

My fourth annual report as superintendent of schools in the town of Hampden is submitted herewith.

Change In Teaching Staff

Only one change was necessary in our teaching staff last September. This was necessitated by the election of Miss Mary Adams to a position in the West Springfield school system. We were very fortunate in being able to acquire the services of Mrs. Grace I. Rodin. Mrs. Rodin is a resident of Springfield, a graduate of Westfield Normal School, and has had the advantage of having taken several courses at Clark University and Hyannis Teachers' College Summer School. She has taught in Westfield, East Hartford, and Springfield. Mrs. Rodin is proving to be a most worthwhile addition to our corps of teachers.

Enrolment

While there has been but a slight decrease in enrolment this year, indications point to a decidedly larger number of children who will enter school in the near future. Serious thought should be given to the consideration of additional classrooms. It would be wise to consider the advantages of retaining our ninth grade pupils in town.

Visual Education

Our motion picture program this year lists the following: This is New England, Americans All, Hand in Hand (Junior Red Cross film), Secret Weapon, Jungle Giants, Bosko's Easter Egg, Keyboard Concerts, Overture to Oberon, Trees for Tomorrow, Jack and the Beanstalk, Brazil's Fishing School, The Flag speaks, Sons of the Plains, High Over the Border, New England Yesterday and Today, South of the Border, Freedom Rides on Rubber.

It is recommended that plans be made to buy an inexpensive projector for slides and filmstrips which can be purchased from time to time. In this manner a library of still films can be started and expanded yearly. These films do not cost very much and can be used year after year to enrich our teaching of art, biography, character education, communication, first aid, geography, health, history, language, literature, music and reading.

No School Signal

There is none. Parents are requested not to call teachers, principals, or the superintendent to ask whether there is to be school when there is inclement weather. For the past few years the no school signal has been eliminated. Schools are open each school day regardless of weather conditions. Parents and others responsible for the children are to decide whether or not the weather is sufficiently bad to warrant keeping children at home. Children living near bus stops and near the school building may be able to get to school without undue hardship. Those who cannot do this should stay at home. Since there are no attendance contests in our schools, no child will be the object of criticism.

Yearly more cities and towns are adopting the no "No School Signal" plan and are finding it to work out very satisfactorily.

Report Cards

Last May a questionnaire regarding report cards was sent to all parents. The returns revealed that slightly more than half of our parents were not interested in any drastic changes. However, a close study of the answers indicate that many more than 50% would welcome certain improvements; 60% would like to see a second mark in spelling indicating how well pupils are spelling in all written work other than the formal spelling lesson; 85% want to be informed as to possible reasons for unsatisfactory marks. Many parents feel that there should be an increase in the number of points used in the rating of citizenship qualities. At present there are only two; namely Satisfactory and Unsatisfactory. Many of us are of the opinion that a five point rating scale here is fully as important as that which now obtains in the scholarship section. Tentative new report card forms have been submitted for the consideration of the members of the school committee and soon there will be meetings of the teachers who will be given the opportunity for discussion.

Honor Pupils in High and Grade Schools

Hampden is proud of the high rating achieved by so many of its secondary school pupils. Again this year the percentage of those listed on the honor rolls of the Springfield high and trade schools remains high.

Year	Total Pupils	Honor Pupils	Per Cent
1939	48	14	29
1940	40	12	30
1941	48	16	33
1942	44	18	41
1943	51	17	33
1944	62	20	32

Achievement Tests

The annual achievement testing was done again as in past years and the results in all grades indicated achievement above the test norms. The results for the Wilhameadow Union are as follows:

Grade	Average	Norm
1	2.1	1.9
2	3.0	2.9
3	4.2	3.9
4	5.2	4.9
5	6.1	5.9
6	7.2	6.9
7	8.2	7.9
8	9.5	8.9

In explanation of this table, attention is called to the fact that 8.9, for instance, means ninth month of school in the eighth grade; 2.1 means the first month of school in the second grade and so on. Since the tests this year were given in May, the norm of achievement for any grade is indicated by the decimal .9.

Health

Dr. Harry J. Corwin was appointed school physician to replace Dr. Schneider of Monson who was called in the United States War Service.

Acknowledgements

The schools of Hampden and East Longmeadow during the past year were presented with recordings of "The Dramatization of the Star Spangled Banner" by the American Legion Junior Auxiliary. We acknowledge with thanks these worthwhile gifts. We also appreciate the American Legion Auxiliary's sponsoring of the essay contest, the subject of which was "A Pioneer Pattern for the Nation of Tomorrow." Much interest was shown by the pupils of the seventh and eighth grades.

Professional Organizations

Your superintendent of schools is proud to announce that the entire teaching staff is enrolled in the local, county, state, and national professional education organizations. These are the Wilhameadow Teachers' Association (comprising the towns of Wilbraham, Hampden, and East Longmeadow), the Hampden County Teachers' Association, the Massachusetts Teachers' Federation, and the National Education Association. Each teacher, by virtue of her membership, receives two monthly magazines, The Massachusetts Teacher and the Journal of the National Education Association. Several teachers are enrolled in courses in education offered by various institutions of higher learning.

Conclusion

Please note that included in this report are individual reports of the school nurse, school dentist, handwriting, art, and music supervisors, and also, for the first time, a report of the principal. All merit your attention and interest.

My thanks and appreciation are extended to the school committee, pupils, teachers, principal, parents, and all who are cooperating so splendidly to make our schools friendly, efficient, and successful.

"The good education of youth has been esteemed by wise men of all ages as the surest foundation of the happiness both of private families and commonwealths."

—Benjamin Franklin

Respectfully submitted,

EDMUND R. SAWYER,

REPORT OF SCHOOL PRINCIPAL

To Mr. Edmund R. Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools:

There is always something of interest going on in a school, but, because of lack of space, we will mention just a few of the activities of the past year.

Highlights of the Year by Classrooms

Grades 1 and 2, Mrs. Jeffrey

In January the pupils made a fascinating Mother Goose poster for the corridor bulletin board. Everyone in the class participated. Many a pudgy little finger pointed out "That's what I made," and many a little heart sang with happiness in the joy of accomplishment.

Grades 2 and 3, Miss Teahan

In March the pupils made an elaborate poster, depicting the life of the people of Holland. The background was painted with water colors, a new experience for second graders.

In May the pupils took part in a Music Festival, singing songs of "Imagination."

Grades 3 and 4, Mrs. Rodin

Because the news of today is the history of tomorrow, the children in the third and fourth grades have been keeping a "News of the Week" record. They not only bring in war news, but also articles pertaining to nature study, health, and safety, thereby correlating reading, language, geography, science, health, and safety. The children enjoy collecting these news items and refer to them often.

Grades 4 and 5, Mrs. Lavoie

In February the fifth grade pupils presented a play in the auditorium as part of their literature for the year. This play was entitled "Proud Princess," adapted by Katherine Duncan Morse. The play was enjoyed by all.

As part of the social studies work both fourth and fifth grades made interesting history notebooks. They included pictures, drawings, poems, and test papers concerning the events studied.

Grades 6 and 7, Miss Flynn

During the year grades six and seven have been using activities for each month furnished free of charge by the Coca-Cola Company. In connection with this the pupils built a typical lumber mill exhibit in miniature. There was a sawmill which actually could be operated. All this entailed much work on the children's part plus the cooperation of Mr. Perkins in taking several of the youngsters to Somers to view a sawmill in operation.

In social studies the sixth grade made two scenic borders around their room, one depicting the creation of the earth to modern times, the other, a border on New England industries.

Grades 7 and 8, Mrs. McCray

In February pupils of grades seven and eight wrote essays on the subject, "Pioneer Pattern for the Nation of Tomorrow." This essay contest was sponsored by the Junior Auxiliary of the Gunther-Rowley Post of the American Legion, which offered money awards as first, second, and third prizes.

This would be a difficult subject even for adults. However, the children's essays were excellent, and as such, were gratifying to all concerned. Jeneva Asher of grade eight won first prize; Leanna King, seventh grade, second prize; and James Lemon, eighth grade, third prize.

At our Christmas Assembly grades seven and eight presented a play, "Christmas in Storybook Land," by Ruby Bindley. This correlated well with our work for reading certificates as all characters in this play were famous in literature, including Tom Sawyer, Heidi, Alice in Wonderland, Jo March of "Little Women" and many others.

Junior Red Cross

The Hampden Consolidated School is enrolled 100% in the Junior Red Cross. The officers of the Hampden Council are as follows: President, Sherwood Carver; Vice-President, Clara Fuller; Secretary, Joan LaNaois; Treasurer, Carl Lemon.

The Juniors have worked on many projects since their organization. They have collected books for service men, made sunshine boxes, made place cards and decorated match folders for valentines for the Veterans' Hospitals in Leeds and in Bedford, filled a Christmas box for the children in Baldwinsville Hospital, filled gift boxes for children in Guatemala and other foreign countries.

Used Turkish towels were brought to cut down, and made into face cloths for service men.

This Christmas we made seventy-five hand decorated place mats for sick bed trays for use in veterans' hospitals.

Under the leadership of Mrs. Jeffrey, faculty adviser, the Hampden Junior Red Cross is doing its bit to help bring Victory nearer.

Christmas Operetta

At Christmas a very pleasing operetta entitled "When Christmas Comes" with words and music by Otis M. Carrington was presented by the pupils of grades one through five. It was the story of an elderly couple alone on Christmas Eve, who were royally entertained by a busload of school children who were stranded near their home and sought shelter in their humble dwelling.

Reading Certificates

Last June we had seventeen graduates; sixteen received honor certificates in reading. Honor certificates are awarded by the Library Commission of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts for reading twenty books from the state-approved reading list. Five, at least, of these twenty books must be non-fiction.

Penmanship Certificates

Each graduate last June received a Junior High School certificate for excellence in the Rinehart Method of Functional Handwriting. This speaks well for the teaching of penmanship throughout the grades as this proficiency is cumulative.

Milk

For several years we have been serving milk in our school. We are pleased to report that 110 small bottles are served to our pupils daily.

War Stamps and Bonds

War stamps and bonds are sold daily in our building. The total sales for our school for the year were

$2,909.05. This entails a great deal of work which is done entirely by pupils under the supervision of the principal. This work, besides being a worthy war effort, provides splendid training for the pupils.

Reader's Digest Club

A club of thirty-five pupils from grades six, seven, and eight subscribe to the school edition of the Reader's Digest. This edition contains true and false tests, tests of rate and comprehension of reading, paragraph patterns, and other suggestions for getting the most out of the magazine in addition to the ordinary Reader's Digest we all know.

Gift to School

In April the Junior Auxiliary of the Gunther-Rowley Post of the American Legion presented our school with victrola records of "The Story behind the Star Spangled Banner" featuring Lucy Monroe and Arthur P. Sewell, Curator of the Flag House at Baltimore, Maryland.

Assemblies

We are having frequent assemblies in the auditorium this year. In addition to the regular assemblies in observance of legal holidays, we meet for community singing of patriotic songs and hymns. At each assembly we first have unison singing of several songs and hymns by the entire school, then each room presents a prearranged program of songs, recitations, or whatever the teacher cares to present.

These assemblies have been most interesting and inspiring.

Respectfully submitted,

ELEANOR B. McCRAY

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF ART

To Mr. Edmund R. Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools:

A child is born—"and the glory of the Lord shone round about them." That light is still shining in children's eyes—not only at Christmas, but all through the year.

We, in the schools, are working with these children. They are the peace materials and the leaders of tomorrow. Some of us who have seen them come into the first grades and march out at graduation cannot help but wonder whether we have done all we could to help them. We want to see our children go out confident and competent.

All departments are necessary. We do not expect to make so-called artists of all children. We wouldn't want to; but they can be artists in any line. There is beauty in any good work well done. Art is like seasoning in life —it is vital for happiness.

We have had a busier year than usual in our schools. Our classes, besides doing their regular work, have been busy helping with bond drives, stamp sales, making posters, decorations, invitations, and many items have been made and shipped to the soldiers overseas and to wounded veterans at home. This year nearly 7,500 trees were distributed in our schools.

In one way or another the art classes are tied up with nearly every activity in the schools and that is as it should be.

Much credit for the art work is due the teachers for their patience and cooperation. No one who is not

directly connected with the schools can realize what classroom teachers are doing today. Their work is harder than ever before as they work with our children—children with shining eyes.

May we keep the light shining—that light of beauty and hope. The world needs it.

Respectfully submitted,

HELEN BARTLETT TOWER

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF HANDWRITING

To Mr. Edmund R. Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools:

I am pleased to submit the following report on the operation of the handwriting program in your schools for the school year of 1943-44.

In the initial handwriting test administered in the Hampden schools in September 1938, 18.4% made "A" (Excellent); 18.4% made "B" (Good); and 63.1% made a score of less and "B". In the test administered in June, 1944, 93% of the pupils were scored "A" (Excellent); 6% made "B" (Good) and no pupils were scored less than "B".

During the last school year we graded approximately 1,240 formal and 3,720 informal handwriting papers for your pupils.

We furnished the following materials for you teachers and pupils:— teacher monthly outlines, pupil folder outlines, room motivation certificates, monthly and term envelopes, individual handwriting certificates for pupils in the eighth grade who qualified, term testing papers, seals, etc.

I should like to express my appreciation for the excellent effort on the part of your teachers and pupils and I assure you that we are grateful for the fine cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

W. L. RINEHART

REPORT OF THE SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC

To Mr. Edmund R. Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools:

From present indications there is a boom in music education. Boys and girls of all ages are taking to music. Men and women in business are studying in their leisure time and for their own pleasure. The returning veteran decides that he, too, must make music.

To us in the music profession this is a challenge. Old methods no longer satisfy. Music instruction must be alive. It must have for the pupil a purposeful meaning. It must satisfy his urge for self-expression and create a tolerant love for all good music. The victrola and radio have brought all types of music to every part of the country, and have kept up high standards of performance.

In Hampden the graduating class sang a patriotic cantata by Chadwick "With All Our Hearts." It proved to be an exacting work performed creditably by the group. Christmas was observed by the artistic presentation of an operetta called "Christmas Comes Again."

Our music program this past year has been made possible through the splendid support of Mr. Sawyer and the school committee, the hard work and initiative of the teachers, and the willingness and interest of the children. For all of these I express my appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

CECILIA C. SEYMOUR

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL NURSE

To Mr. Edmund R. Sawyer, Superintendent of Schools:

Again there was an interruption of the work when Dr. Schneider was called to serve his country. Dr. Corwin has taken up the work where Dr. Schneider left off and we have carried on the work as in the past, vaccinating, immunizing, weighing, and making physical examinations.

The cooperation of the parents is quite gratifying. However, many were handicapped last summer, some having made arrangements for tonsil operations only to have them cancelled because of the prevalence of infantile paralysis and some scarlet fever in Springfield. Ever so many have had the work done this fall and winter.

While a great number of the children have been immunized against diphtheria, there are still some who have not been made immune by this treatment. I would recommend that parents avail themselves of this opportunity and sign up for the October clinic or have this work done by their family physician. Let's work for one hundred per cent immunization.

We distribute posture and feet literature recommending exercises which help to improve posture and others which help to strengthen the arches. Parents are urged to help bring about better posture by seeing that the children are more conscious of it.

We should strive for physical fitness, which means that the organs of the body are physically sound and capable of working efficiently. This means the practice of good personal hygiene. It means the kind of abundant

and buoyant health that gives one the drive and energy that is necessary for happiness under modern conditions of work and living.

I want to take this opportunity to thank the school committee and teachers for their cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

SIGNE L. POLSON, R. N.

1944 SCHOOL CLINIC REPORT

Visits	130
Patients	161
Examinations	161
Cleanings	137
P. teeth filled	149
T. teeth filled	60
P. teeth Ex.	14
T. teeth Ex.	78
Amalgam fill.	230
Cement fill.	146
Porcelain fill.	22
Abscessed teeth	57
Teeth treated	10
Operations	940
Certificates	60

Respectfully submitted,

DR. H. I. FISKE

SCHOOL CALENDAR, 1944-1945

First Term:
Wednesday, September 6, to Friday, December 22

Second Term:
Tuesday, January 2, to Wednesday, February 21

Third Term:
Monday, March 5, to Friday, April 27

Fourth Term:
Monday, May 7, to Friday, June 22

The schools are closed on Friday, October 20, annual meeting of the Hampden County Teachers' Association; Wednesday noon, November 22, to Friday, November 24, inclusive, Thanksgiving recess; Friday, March 30, Good Friday; and on all legal holidays.

TABLE OF STATISTICS

Number of Pupils in Elementary Schools by Grades
Five-Year Period 1939-1944

(As of October in each year)

	Grade								
Year	I	II	III	IV	V	VI	VII	VIII	Total
1939	18	25	13	14	24	21	18	12	145
1940	25	15	27	17	16	25	16	20	161
1941	21	23	20	29	18	19	24	17	171
1942	31	17	25	19	27	16	18	20	173
1943	25	35	19	26	20	28	16	17	186
1944	24	22	30	17	20	22	25	10	170

Number of Pupils in the Several High and Trade Schools

Five-Year Period 1939-1944

(As of December in each year)

Year	Junior High School	Classical High School	High School Commerce	Technical High School	Trade School	Total
1939	13	2	11	17	5	48
1940	9	1	7	16	7	40
1941	13	3	7	13	12	48
1942	15	1	4	17	7	44
1943	18	5	6	17	5	51
1944	11	7	10	24	10	62

Graduation Program, Hampden School, June 20, 1944

Processional: "Soldiers' Chorus" from Faust Gounod

Mary Elizabeth Hones and Norman Hatch

Invocation

Rev. Glenn W. Douglass

Hymn: "The Heavens Resound" Beethoven

Chorus

Essay: "America—Our Heritage"

Lois Tower

Piano Solo: "Tales from the Vienna Woods" Strauss
(Re-arranged by Wallis)

Gretchen Baker

Essay: "America—Our Challenge"

James Lemon

Cantata: "Land of Our Hearts" Ingham and Chadwick

Chorus

Song: "Farewell" Queen Liliwokalani

Graduates

Presentation of Certificates to Graduates

Mr. William H. Burns

Chairman of School Committee

Credo: "The Graduate's Creed"

Jeneva Asher

Songs: "The Call of America" Raiguel

Chorus

The Star-Spangled Banner

(First stanza and chorus)

Chorus and Audience

Elementary School Graduates, June, 1944

Jeneva Ruth Asher
Gretchen Elizabeth Baker
Angela Marie Baldger
Mary Helen Battige
Edward Burleigh Breck
Marjorie Adella Brehaut
Helen Ardelle Dunsmoor
Winifred Wilma LaBelle
Real John Leduc
James Jensen Lemon
Roger Arthur Morin
Warren Edward Rodimon
Theodore Nicholas Samble
Barbara Marion Sloat
Lois Bartlett Tower
Ruth Elizabeth Wheelden
Merle Jean Willard

High and Trade School Honor Roll, 1944

Viola Albrecht
Raymond Balser
Edward Breck
Wilfred Breck
Barbara Burleigh
Betty Burleigh
Audrey Cowles
Jane Dayton
Roberta Dickinson
Willard Flynn
Stanley Hamel
Rollyn Hatch
Edith Isham
Franklin Kibbe
Theresa LaBelle
Edythe Lemon
Florence Marceluk
Lucille Temple
Raymond Temple
Lois Tower

SCHOOL DIRECTORY, JAN. 1, 1945

Superintendent of Schools

Edmund R. Sawyer, Residence: 25 North Main Street, East Longmeadow
Office: Town Hall, East Longmeadow

Superintendent's Secretary

Mrs. Emily Condon, 54 Fairfield Street, Springfield

Teachers

Mrs. Eleanor B. McCray, Principal, Hampden	Grades	7-8
Helen C. Flynn, Hampden	"	6-7
Mrs. Stasia K. Lavoie, 35 Stebbins St., Ludlow	"	4-5
Mrs. Grace I. Rodin, 121 Blaine St., Springfield	"	3.4
Mary M. Teahan, 30 White Street, Westfield	"	2-3
Mrs. Lucy S. Jeffrey, 358 South St., Agawam	"	1-2

Supervisor of Art

Mrs. Helen B. Tower, Allen Street, Hampden
(P. O. Address East Longmeadow)

Supervisor of Handwriting

William L. Rinehart, Weston, Massachusetts

Supervisor of Music

Mrs. Cecilia C. Seymour, 26½ Crown Street, Westfield

School Physician

Dr. Harry J. Corwin, East Longmeadow

School Nurse

Signe L. Polson, 36 Summit Street, Springfield

School Dentist

Dr. Harold I. Fiske, Hampden

Supervisors of Attendance

Fred A. Perkins, Hampden
Walter Lyons, Hampden

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 said Town who are qualified to vote in Town Affairs and Elections, to meet at the Town House on Monday, the fifth day of February, A.D., 1945, at 10 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 and Town Treasurer for one year. To choose one Selectman for three years who shall also be on the Board of Public Welfare. To choose one Collector of Taxes, three Constables, one Tree Warden, one Auditor, for the term of one year; and one Cemetery Commissioner, one School Committee

Member, one Assessor, and one Library Trustee, all for the term of three years; one member of the Planning Board, for the term of five years. All to be on one ballot. Also to choose all other necessary Town Officers. The polls open at 10:15 A.M. and may close at 7 P.M.

Article 3. To hear the annual reports of all officers of the Town and any committee whose duty it may be to report at said meeting and act thereon.

Article 4. To fix the compensation of all officers and other employees of the Town, in accordance with Section 8, Chapter 591, Acts of 1920.

Article 5. To see what disposition the Town will make of the Dog Fund, now in the hands of the Treasurer.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the Library Receipts Reserved to the Library Account the amount of $11.74 for use in the Library. These funds are now in the hands of the Town Treasurer and are fines collected by the Librarian.

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 $591.96 for Street Lights.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 to be expended in the Town by the Hampden County Trustees for Aid to Agriculture, in accordance with the provisions of the laws of the Commonwealth.

Article 10. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $2,125.00 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 of the General Laws.

Article 11. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $400.00 to be used in conjunction with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both, or take any other action thereto.

Article 12. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for widening and surfacing a part of Ames Road.

Article 13. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for surfacing a part of Bennett Road.

Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for surfacing a part of North Road.

Article 15. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for surfacing a part of South Road.

Article 16. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for surfacing a part of South Monson Road.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $50.00 for planting trees along the highways.

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Assessors to use $7000.00 from the Excess and Deficiency Fund for the purpose of reducing the tax rate.

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to amend paragraphs 2 and 3 of Section VIII of the Zoning By-Laws to read:

2. Rear Yards.

In Residence Districts and Business Districts no building shall be built within twenty-five (25) feet of a rear lot line or within fifty (50) feet of any other building. The two exceptions are:

1. That a one-story detached building of accessory use may be built up to twenty (20) feet from a rear lot line or any other building, and

2. That pig houses and pig pens may not be built nearer than fifty (50) feet and chicken houses nearer than twenty-five (25) feet from a dwelling for human occupancy.

3. Side Yards.

In Residence Districts and Business Districts no building shall be built within twenty-five (25) feet of a side lot line or within forty (40) feet of any other building. The two exceptions are:

1. That a one-story detached building of accessory use may be built up to twenty (20) feet from a side lot line or from any other building, and

2. That pig houses and pig pens may not be built nearer than fifty (50) feet and chicken houses nearer than twenty-five (25) feet from a dwelling for human occupancy.

In this, and the two preceeding paragraphs, a detached one-story building of accessory use is defined as any building which is not more than five hundred (500) square feet in area, nor more than one story high.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to allow use of the Town House by town organizations, Churches, and children for meetings, suppers, and parties free of charge, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 21. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $300.00 for Gypsy Moth Control.

Article 22. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the maintenance of a Dental Clinic, in accordance with provisions of Section 50, Chapter 111, General Laws, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 23. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to be used for local Defense Work.

Article 24. 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 Soldiers and Sailors graves.

Article 25. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of $100.00 for constructing and cleaning out water holes for fire protection.

Article 26. To see if the Town will vote to accept the sum of $100.00 for the perpetual care of the Julius L. Gottsche Cemetery lot.

Article 27. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for the purchase of war bonds or other bonds that are legal investments for saving banks, for a postwar rehabilitation fund, in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 5, Acts of 1943.

Article 28. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money to maintain and add names to the Honor Roll.

Article 29. To see if the Town will vote to 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, 1945, and to issue a note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year, in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, of General Laws.

Article 30. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray Town charges for the ensuing year and carry into effect any vote or votes passed under the preceeding articles; and to appropriate the same, also how such money shall be raised.

And you are directed to serve this warrant by posting an attested copy thereof at each of the three 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, 1945.

NEIL S. KIBBE

WILLIAM BURNS

JOHN J. FLYNN

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