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YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944
In Memoriam

Charles Spellman Ballard

1923 — Town Counsel — 1944
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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    GERALD WITKOP
CARL P. LARSON      MARCUS GOTTSCHE
JOHN J. FLYNN       HOMER L. HATCH
WILLIAM ENSLIN      CHARLES LEMON
HAROLD J. BENNETT   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  4,063.57
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  4,587.00
(Mass. School Fund
Part 1, Included)
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
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<td>Withholdings</td>
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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
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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   |
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**Protection of Persons and Property:**

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**Fire Truck Maintenance:**

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<td>Batteries and Cables</td>
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<td>Grease and Oil</td>
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<td>Insurance</td>
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<td>License</td>
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<td>Lanterns and Batteries</td>
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<td>Rewinding Coil</td>
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**Fire House:**

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### Forest Fire Equipment:

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### Tree Warden:

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### Planting Trees on Highways:

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<td>Forest Warden</td>
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<td>Forest Fires</td>
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<td>Sealer</td>
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### Moth Eradication:

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<td>Isham, Wm.</td>
<td>95.00</td>
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<td>Leddy, Edward</td>
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<td>Traveling</td>
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### Health and Sanitation:

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<td>Treasurer, Hampden County, board and care</td>
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<td>Tuberculosis Hospital</td>
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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
Delechanty, 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
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Snow and Ice:

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Street Lights

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Road Machinery:

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Lester Kibbe  1.00
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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  

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  266.56
      Salary
      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  2,095.69

Elementary School Transportion  2,955.00

High School Transportation  3,357.00

Tuition
   High School  9,129.25
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Total School Expenditure $31,286.65

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Mrs. Z. A. Kenfield
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**TOTAL UNCLASSIFIED ACCOUNTS** | $8,544.19

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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  

<p>| Total Unclassified | $8,544.19 |</p>
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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

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Balance January 1, 1944     $8,840.45
Henry M. Davis, March 24, 1944 100.00
Interest to January 1, 1945 177.88

Withdrawn in 1944

Balance January 1, 1945

Total: $9,118.33
199.67

Total: $8,918.66
# Treasurer's Report

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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¢ 88.80

$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. Medlecke, 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**

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**$223.65**

**TRUST FUND PERPETUAL CARE**

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**$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 preceding years.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LEMON,
Moth Superintendent

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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

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**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:

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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
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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
County Tax
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment
County Tax underestimated in 1943
Overlay of Current Year

Gross Amount to be raised

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

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 $88.80

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) 32.00
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:**

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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:

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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

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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

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
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.
2. Platform scales under 5,000 lbs.
3. Spring scales
4. Computing scales
5. Liquid measures
6. 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:

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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, High 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     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      761.59
   Transportation
State Wards                   300.00

$ 16,320.15

Respectfully submitted,

WM. HARRY BURNS
CATHARINE 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.
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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:

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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 bus-load 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 pre-arranged 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

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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.

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Number of Pupils in Elementary Schools by Grades
Five-Year Period 1939-1944
(As of October in each year)

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

High and Trade School Honor Roll, 1944

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

Hampden, as

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 $1174 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.


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 preceding 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 preceding 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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