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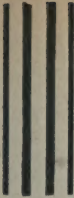


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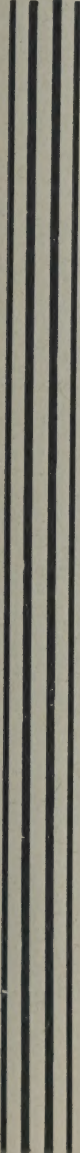
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

CHARLES L. BLAKE

Clerk and Treasurer

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK

Selectmen

J. U. NICOLSON (Deceased) CHARLES L. BARNES
STANLEY A. FLAGG (Deceased)
CURTIS V. DUNN FRANCIS J. COYNE (Appointed)

Tax Collector

HERMAN O. SCHULZE

Auditor

THERESA S. COYNE (Appointed)

Highway Agents

HAROLD C. MILLER ARTHUR WILLIAMS
Section 1 and 3 Section 2

Supervisors of Checklist

SAMUEL H. DAVIS ALICE B. DIMOCK
HAROLD C. MILLER

Ballot Clerks

CONRAY WHARFF DELMORE P. NOBLE
LILLIAN VALOU GEORGE P. MERRIAM

Library Trustees

ALICE S. BERRY GERTRUDE F. HOUGHTON
C. W. ANDERSON

Trustees of Trust Funds

J. U. NICOLSON (Deceased) CONRAY G. WHARFF
FRANCIS J. COYNE

Trustees of Cemeteries

GUY F. WASHBURN CONRAY G. WHARFF
ALFRED L. ELLIOT

Police Chief

STANLEY A. FLAGG (Deceased)
WILLIAM F. BOWES (Appointed)

Special Officers

WILLIAM F. BOWES HAROLD C. MILLER

Health Officer

CONRAY G. WHARFF

Librarian

DORIS M. FLAGG (Resigned)
DOROTHY B. WHITAKER (Appointed)

Fire Warden

CHARLES L. BARNES

Deputy Wardens

STANLEY A. FLAGG (Deceased) JAMES BELL
FRED L. BROWN GUY P. WASHBURN
WALTER I. BARNES

Janitor

STANLEY A. FLAGG (Deceased)
CONRAY G. WHARFF (Appointed)

Sexton

CONRAY G. WHARFF

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Mason in the County of Hillsborough in said State, qualified to vote in Town Affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said town on Tuesday, the 13th day of March next, at nine of the clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose all necessary Town Officers for the year ensuing.

2. To raise such sums of money as may be necessary to defray town charges for the ensuing year, and make appropriations for the same.

3. To choose one Trustee of Trust Funds for one year.

4. To choose one Trustee of Trust Funds for three years.

5. To choose one trustee of the cemeteries for three years.

7. To choose one Trustee of the Mason Public Library for three years.

8. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for library purposes.

9. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for repairs of highways and bridges.

10. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for care of cemeteries.

11. To see what sum of money the town will raise and appropriate for Memorial Day purposes.

12. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

13. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for street lighting.

14. To see if the town will vote a discount on full or partial payments of taxes and fix the date of payment of same, or take any action relating thereto.

15. To see if the town will raise and appropriate a sum of money to insure employees of the town or take any action relating thereto.

16. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$200.00 to be spent in cooperation with the State Forestry Department for White Pine Blister Rust Control.

17. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell real estate bought by the town at tax sale, provided they sell it only to the last former owner, and provided the sale price is sufficient to reimburse the town for all taxes and for all expense to which it has been put: or will take any action relating thereto.

18. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to sell real estate owned by the town at prices which, in their judgment, are fair and equitable; or will take any action relating thereto.

19. To see if the town will vote to appropriate the sum of \$25.00 for the Monadnock Region Association of Southern New Hampshire; or will take any action relating thereto.

20. To hear the reports of agents, auditors and committees, and officers heretofore chosen and pass any vote relating thereto.

21. To see if town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Mu-

nicipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

22. To see if the town will vote to support United States membership in a general system of international cooperation, such as that proposed at the Dumbarton Oaks Conference, having police power to maintain the peace of the world.

23. To see if the town will raise and appropriate the sum of \$300 to reshingle one side of the town hall roof.

24. To see if the town will vote to purchase adequate snow handling equipment, and to authorize the Selectmen to borrow funds necessary to finance the purchase thereof by serial notes or bonds, said purchase not to exceed the sum of \$7500.

CHARLES L. BARNES
CURTIS V. DUNN
FRANCIS J. COYNE
Selectmen of Mason

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CHARLES L. BARNES
CURTIS V. DUNN
FRANCIS J. COYNE
Selectmen of Mason

BUDGET OF THE TOWN

ESTIMATES OF REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES FOR THE WITH ACTUAL REVENUE AND EXPENDITURES OF THE

SOURCES OF REVENUE	Actual Revenue Previous Year 1944	Estimated Revenue Ensuing Year 1945	Increase	Decrease
FROM STATE:				
Interest and Dividends				
Tax	111.18	111.18		
Railroad Tax	273.41	273.41		
Savings Bank Tax	152.78	152.78		
Reimbursement a/c State & Federal Forest Lands	38.62	38.62		
FROM LOCAL SOURCES EXCEPT TAXES:				
Rent of Town Hall	50.00	25.00		25.00
Motor Vehicle Permit Fees	208.42	208.42		
Sale of Town Property ac- quired by Tax Deeds	225.00			225.00
Cash Surplus	2,334.76			2,334.76
FROM LOCAL TAXES OTHER THAN PROPERTY TAXES:				
Poll Taxes—Regular @ \$2.00	240.00	240.00		
TOTAL REVENUES FROM ALL SOURCES EXCEPT PROP- ERTY TAXES	3,634.17	1,049.41		2,584.76
AMOUNT TO BE RAISED BY PROPERTY TAXES	9,344.16	12,474.16		
	12,978.33	13,523.57		

OF MASON, N. H.

ENSUING YEAR, JAN. 1, 1945 TO DEC. 31, 1945 COMPARED
PREVIOUS FISCAL YEAR, JAN. 31, 1944 TO DEC. 31, 1944

PURPOSES OF EXPENDITURES	Actual Expend- itures Previous Year 1944	Estimated Expend- itures Ensuing Year 1945	Increase	Decrease
CURRENT MAINTENANCE EXPENSES:				
GENERAL GOVERNMENT				
Town Officers' Salaries	1,031.00	1,000.00		31.00
Town Officers' Expenses	409.32	425.00	15.68	
Election and Registration Expenses	257.73	85.00		172.73
Expenses Town Hall	56.28	100.00	43.72	
PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:				
Police Department	8.00	25.00	17.00	
Fire Department	50.45	50.00		.45
HEALTH:				
Vital Statistics	8.50	8.50		
HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES:				
Town Maintenance— Summer	874.91	1,200.00	325.09	
Town Maintenance— Winter	1,076.51	4,000.00	2,923.49	
Street Lighting	69.30	75.60	6.20	
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	139.30	200.00	60.70	
Town Road Aid	367.50	378.00	10.50	
Workmen's Insurance	231.81	275.00	43.19	
LIBRARIES	100.00	100.00		
PUBLIC WELFARE:				
Town Poor	132.60	150.00	17.40	
Old Age Assistance	566.63	700.00	133.37	
PATRIOTIC PURPOSES:				
Memorial Day and other Celebrations	29.93	10.00		19.93
RECREATION:				
Parks and Playgrounds	10.20	10.00		.20
PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES:				
Cemeteries	51.55	100.00	48.45	
INTEREST				
On Temporary Loans	23.75	50.00	26.25	
PAYMENTS TO OTHER GOV- ERNMENTAL DIVISIONS:				
County Taxes	1,181.47	1,181.47		
School Districts	3,111.40	3,400.00	288.60	
	9,788.14	13,523.57	3,970.14	224.31

VALUATION OF THE TOWN APRIL 1, 1944

Land and Buildings	\$188,976.75
Growing Wood and Timber	49,231.75
Electric Plants	6,100.00
20 horses	2,230.00
70 cows	6,425.00
3 neat stock	180.00
1792 Fowls	1,522.00
6 fur bearing animals	90.00
37 rabbits	24.00
9 vehicles	665.00
Wood and lumber	1,379.00
1 gasoline pump and tank	25.00
Stock in trade (2)	675.00
	257,523.50
Less for soldiers' exemptions	5,000.00
Net valuation	252,523.50

APPROPRIATIONS

Town officers' salaries	900.00
Town officers' expenses	425.00
Election and registration expenses	150.00
Town hall and other town buildings	200.00
Police department	35.00
Fire department	50.00
Vital statistics	5.00
General expenses of highway dept.	150.00
Town road aid	184.50
Workmens' insurance	218.39
Town poor	150.00
Old age assistance	500.00
Interest	50.00

County taxes	1,181.47
Winter maintenance	2,000.00
Parks and playgrounds	10.00
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Total for town charges	6,209.36

Town maintenance—summer	1,200.00
Library	100.00
Cemeteries	100.00
Memorial Day	10.00
Street lighting	75.60
Increase—Tax collector's salary	50.00
Salary—Treasurer of Trust Funds	20.00
Deficit from sale of Bond	52.04
School Tax	2,700.00
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	4,307.64

Total town and school appropriations	<hr/> <hr/> \$10,517.00
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TAXES AND RATES

Tax rate per \$100.00 valuation, \$3.70	
Assessors' valuation, \$252,523.50	
Appropriations	\$10,517.00
Less estimated revenue and credits:	
Interest and dividends tax	\$ 118.50
Railroad Tax	275.59
Savings Bank Tax	137.96
Reimbursement account:—	
State and Forest lands	42.46
Motor vehicle permit fees	264.25
Rent of Town Property	75.00

Sale of tax deeded property	225.00	
	<u> </u>	\$ 1,138.76
		<u> </u>
		9,378.24
Plus overlay		205.11
		<u> </u>
Net amount to be raised by taxation		\$ 9,583.35
Less regular poll taxes at \$2.00		240.00
		<u> </u>
Amount to be raised by property taxes on which tax rate is to be figured		\$ 9,343.35
Taxes committed to Collector:		
Property taxes	\$ 9,344.16	
Regular Poll Taxes @ \$2.00	240.00	
Total Town taxes	9,584.16	
Special Poll taxes @ \$3.00	390.00	
	<u> </u>	
		\$ 9,974.16

COMPARATIVE STATEMENT OF APPROPRIATIONS AND EXPENDITURES
FISCAL YEAR ENDING DECEMBER 31, 1944

Title of Appropriation	Appropriations	*Receipts and Reimbursements	Total Amount Available	Expenditures	Unexpended Balances	Overdrawn
Town Officers' Salaries	900.00		900.00	1,031.00		131.00
Town Officers' expenses	425.00		425.00	409.32	15.68	
Election & Registration Expenses	150.00		150.00	257.73		107.73
Town Hall and other Town Bldgs.	200.00		200.00	56.28	143.72	
Police Department	35.00		35.00	8.00	27.00	
Fire Department	50.00		50.00	50.45		.45
Vital Statistics	5.00		5.00	8.50		3.50
General Expenses of Highway Dept.	150.00		150.00	139.30	10.70	
Town Road Aid	184.50		184.50	367.50		183.00
Workmen's Insurance	218.39		218.39	231.81		13.42
Town Poor	150.00		150.00	132.60	17.40	
Old Age Assistance	500.00		500.00	566.63		66.63
Interest	50.00		50.00	23.75	26.25	
County Taxes	1,181.47		1,181.47	1,181.47		
Winter Maintenance	2,000.00		2,000.00	1,076.51	923.49	
Parks and Playgrounds	10.00		10.00	10.20		.20
Total for Town Charges	6,209.36					
Town Maintenance—Summer	1,200.00	*2,334.20	3,534.20	3,209.11	325.09	
Library	100.00		100.00	100.00		
Cemeteries	100.00		100.00	51.55	48.45	
Memorial Day	10.00		10.00	29.93		19.93
Street Lighting	75.60		75.60	69.30	6.30	
Increase—Tax Collector Salary	50.00		50.00		50.00	
Salary—Treas. of Trust Funds	20.00		20.00		20.00	
Deficit From Sale of Bond	52.04		52.04	52.04		
	7,817.00	2,334.20	10,151.20	9,062.98	1,614.08	525.86
					525.86	
					1,088.22	

Net Unexpended Balance 1,088.22
*From State of New Hampshire for Class V Roads

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE TOWN OF MASON IN HILLSBOROUGH COUNTY

For the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1944

CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that the information contained in this report was taken from the the official records and is complete to the best of our knowledge and belief.

CHARLES L. BARNES
CURTIS V. DUNN
FRANCIS J. COYNE, Selectmen

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK

Feb. 19, 1945

Treasurer

ASSETS

Cash in bank, January 1, 1945	\$3,900.74
Uncollected Taxes:	
Levy of 1943	119.49
Levy of 1944	1,020.12
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Total assets	5,040.35
Grand total	5,040.35

LIABILITIES

Accounts owed by the Town:	
Due to School District:	
Dog Licenses	103.80
Balance of 1944-45:	
Appropriation (\$2,700.00)	2,200.00
Unexpended State Aid Construction	
Town's share for Highways	381.79

Due Treas. of Trustees of Trust Funds:
 March 1944 Appropriation, not paid 20.00

Total Liabilities	2,705.59
Excess of Assets over Liabilities (surplus)	2,334.76
Grand total	5,040.35

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Description	Value
1. Town Hall, land and buildings	3,500.00
Furniture and equipment	1,000.00
2. Libraries, furniture and equipment	1,000.00
3. Fire Department, equipment	100.00
4. Highway department, land and bldgs.	300.00
5. Equipment	500.00
6. Schools, lands and buildings	5,000.00
7. Equipment	1,000.00
8. All lands and buildings acquired through Tax Collector's deeds:	
8 acres Hall land	50.00
20 acres Walter Robbins lot	50.00
12 acres Henry Barrett lot	25.00
5 acres Shattuck lot	15.00
150 acres Upton pasture	450.00
125 acres Mitchell pasture	400.00
15 acres part of Farwell farm	30.00
180 acres part of S. M. Barrett place	750.00
60 acres Hunt & Proctor lot	150.00
9. All other property and equipment:	
22 acres Lucy J. Lawrence lot	100.00
Total	14,420.00

REPORT OF TOWN CLERK

Licensed Dogs:

No. of dogs licensed 59

Gross receipts 130.00

Paid Town Treasurer 130.00

Payments:

Town clerk's fees 11.80

Dog tags 4.40

Services, conservation officer 10.00

Total 26.20

Balance due School Board 103.80

Auto Permits:

Auto permits, 1943 (1) 0.50

Auto permits, 1944 (99) 207.92

Total (100) 208.42

Paid Town Treasurer 208.42

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK

Town Clerk

DOG TAX REPORT

60 taxes submitted for collection

59 taxes collected

1 tax abated

Report of Receipts

4 female dogs 20.00

6 Spayed female dogs 12.00

49 male dogs 98.00

Total Collected 130.00

Respectfully submitted

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK

Town Clerk

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

John W. Jones
1943 Levy

DR.

Uncollected taxes	636.45	
Interest collected	2.61	
	<hr/>	639.06

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer	163.58	
Uncollected taxes	475.48	
	<hr/>	639.06

JOHN W. JONES
Tax Collector

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Herman O. Schulze
1943 Tax

DR.

Uncollected tax	475.48	
Interest collected	18.85	
	<hr/>	494.33

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer for:		
Property tax	343.99	
Poll taxes	12.00	
Interest collected	18.85	
Uncollected taxes	119.49	
	<hr/>	494.33

1944 Tax

DR.

Property taxes	9,344.16	
Poll taxes, regular @ \$2	240.00	
130 special taxes @ \$3	390.00	
		<u>9,974.16</u>
Total Warrant		9,974.16
Interest collected		1.64
		<u>9,975.80</u>

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer for:		
Property taxes	8,451.97	
Poll taxes	502.07	
Interest collected	1.64	
		<u>8,955.68</u>
Less discount allowed	81.56	
		<u>8,874.12</u>
Amount remitted		8,874.12
Discount allowed		81.56
Uncollected taxes		1,020.12
		<u>9,975.80</u>

Tax Sales Redeemed

DR.

1941—Carlton Farrar	49.33	
1942—Carlton Farrar	34.16	
		<u>83.49</u>

CR.

Remitted to Treasurer		83.49
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Respectfully submitted

HERMAN O. SCHULZE
Tax Collector

UNCOLLECTED TAXES

Levy of 1943

William Butler	1.95
Alice Berry	58.50
Paul Berry	3.90
A. Lakschewitz	2.00*
Irving Spear	15.60
O. D. Fessenden Heirs	6.83
W. B. Fessenden Heirs	7.31
Paul Richenberg	11.70
Effie Sawtelle	11.70

Levy of 1944

RESIDENT

Florence Barnes	5.00
Wm. Butler	3.70
Paul Berry	18.50
Alice Berry	55.50
Edmund Clap	118.41‡
Vera Clap	5.00‡
Eardley Crosscup	29.93
Mary P. Davis Heirs	40.70
Samuel Davis	5.00‡
Alfred Elliott	22.58
Charles E. Emerson	29.60
Irving Flagg	3.70
Anna Helstein	5.00‡
Enio Helstein	6.48‡
August Helstein	96.58‡
Aina Kivimaki	5.00*
Lempi Koivula	5.00*
William Moore	5.00*
Earl D. Oulton	112.16
Mary Oulton	5.00
Nellie Perkins	14.80

John Phillips, Jr.	5.00
Charles Ruckstuhl	5.00
Robert Rossley	19.80
Gertrude Rossley	5.00
Sanna Rajala	5.00*
Frank Reynolds	5.00*
Harry Sluman	5.00*
Annie Sluman	5.00*
Harry Spear	21.08
Alice Spear	5.00
Richard and Irving Spear	48.10
Katherine Stuart	23.50
Harry Tighe Heirs	37.00
Harriet Wharf Wright	5.00

NON-RESIDENT

Arthur P. Brown	5.55
Frances Boucher	3.70
Joseph Beck	3.70‡
Clark Lumber Co.	3.70
Alfred Chouinard	2.78
O. D. Fessenden Heirs	7.40
E. C. Fessenden	1.11
W. B. Fessenden	9.26
Nelson Graves Heirs	7.40
Elina M. Johnson	1.85
Dennis F. Lorden	20.72
Louis Murphy	14.80
Charles A. Nickerson	10.18
H. I. Pittman	7.40
E. B. Richardson Heirs	11.10

Paul Richenburg	11.10
Effie Sawtelle	11.10
John Swen	29.60
John Somero	.93‡
J. P. Thompson Heirs	2.78
Gertrude Wilson	8.70
Grace Wright	6.11‡
Marion Zeller	7.40‡
Arthur B. Davis	44.40

* Have been abated since end of fiscal year.

‡ Have been paid since end of fiscal year.

HERMAN O. SCHULZE

Tax Collector

REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

Cash on hand February 1, 1944	3,354.48
Tax Collector, 1941 taxes, redemption	49.33
Tax Collector, 1942 taxes, redemption	34.16
Tax Collector, 1943 taxes	538.42
Tax Collector, overpayment of 1943 taxes	.01
Tax Collector, 1944 taxes	8,874.12
Selectmen, temporary loans,	
Townsend National Bank	3,500.00
Selectmen, sale of land, Tracy A. Eaton	25.00
Selectmen, sale of land, R. I. Harry	200.00
Selectmen, reimbursement, forest fire,	
from Fessenden Co.	26.00
Selectmen, reimbursement from forest	
fire, State of New Hampshire	31.70
Selectmen, reimbursement forest fire,	
B & M Railroad	4.50
Selectmen, rent of hall, Fruitdale Grange	50.00
State of New Hampshire, State tax	
on State land	38.62
State of New Hampshire, interest and	
dividend, tax	111.18
State of New Hampshire, Savings Bank	
tax	152.78
State of New Hampshire, railroad tax	273.41
State of New Hampshire, class V roads	2,334.20
Town Clerk, filing fees	3.00
Town Clerk, auto permits	208.42
Town Clerk, dog taxes	130.00
Town Clerk, overpayment of dog taxes	2.00
	16,586.85
Total receipts during year	16,586.85
Total receipts to date	19,941.33
Less Selectmen's vouchers paid	16,040.59
Cash on hand January 1, 1945	3,900.74

Respectfully submitted

DWIGHT L. DIMOCK

Town Treasurer

SUMMARY OF RECEIPTS

1941 Tax Redemption	49.33
1942 Tax Redemption	34.16
1943 Taxes, Property, Poll and Interest	538.42
1943 Taxes, overpayment	.01
1944 Taxes, Property, Poll and Interest	8,874.12
Temporary Loans, Townsend National Bank	3,500.00
Sale of property from tax deeds	225.00
Reimbursements for forest fires:—	
Fessenden Co's, Inc.	26.00
State of New Hampshire	31.70
B & M Railroad	4.50
	62.20
Rent of Town Hall, Fruitdale Grange	50.00
State of New Hampshire:—	
Tax on State land	38.62
Interest and dividend tax	111.18
Savings bank tax	152.78
Railroad tax	273.41
Class V Roads	2,334.20
	2,910.19
Town Clerk, Filing fees	3.00
Town Clerk, Auto permits	208.42
Town Clerk, Dog taxes	130.00
Town Clerk, overpayment taxes	2.00
	16,586.85
TOTAL RECEIPTS DURING YEAR	16,586.85

DETAIL OF PAYMENTS

Town Officers' Salaries	
Stanley A. Flagg, selectman	127.50
Curtis V. Dunn, selectman	48.75
Charles L. Barnes, selectman	226.75

John U. Nicolson, selectman	377.25	
Francis J. Coyne, selectman	11.25	
Charles L. Blake, auditor	13.50	
Herman O. Schulze, tax meeting	6.00	
G. S. Proctor, dog warden	10.00	
D. L. Dimock, Town Clerk & Treasurer	150.00	
John W. Jones, tax collector	60.00	
		1,031.00

Town Officers' Expenses

N. H. Tax Collectors Ass'n, dues	2.00
D. L. Dimock, postage and supplies	19.00
C. L. Blake, expenses	.80
J. U. Nicolson, telephone	.80
" postage	17.15
" trip to Manchester, exp.	.75
" mileage	4.00
" supplies	.40
" supplies, trustee of	
trust funds	1.40
" revenue stamps	1.10
Mason Village Savings	
Bank, safe deposit box	3.60
Edson C. Eastman Co., dog tags	4.40
" legal seals	.24
" report forms	2.29
" property record	
cards	1.09
" U. S. tax cards	2.09
" dog licenses	2.35
Tracy A. Eaton, postage	2.13
Times-Free Press, town reports	122.40
Times-Free Press, printing	21.75
Stanley A. Flagg, mileage, (and Doris M. Flagg, admx.)	14.40
H. O. Schulze, trips to Manchester and Concord	20.25
H. O. Schulze, registered mail	2.40

H. O. Schulze, postage	9.00
C. L. Barnes, trips to Manchester and Concord	14.25
Charles E. Sawyer, printing ballots	4.16
Henry P. Gainey, bond premiums	15.00
Henry P. Gainey, drawing deeds	1.00
Donat Corriveau, deeds and mortgages	5.86
Donat Corriveau, tax titles	1.50
Donat Corriveau, list of unredeemed tax sales	10.20
Wilfred J. Boisclair, furnishing registered name	.10
Rhea Williams, supplies	.45
D. L. Dimock, auto permits	25.00
Transcript Printing Co., tax bills	6.75
D. L. Dimock, 59 dog tags	11.80
J. W. Jones, postage	2.71
C. L. Barnes, overseer of poor, telephone	.60
C. V. Dunn, time and expenses, assessors' meeting	13.50
C. V. Dunn, mileage, assessors' meeting	15.00
Priscilla Wharff, writing tax book	12.00
D. L. Dimock, membership and expense, Town Clerks' Association	13.65

409.32

Election and Registration

C. L. Blake, moderator	18.00
J. U. Nicolson, selectman	6.00
C. L. Barnes, selectman	12.00
S. A. Flagg, selectman	6.00
S. H. Davis, supervisor	39.00
H. C. Miller, supervisor	30.00
Alice B. Dimock, supervisor	32.00
D. P. Noble, ballot clerk	18.00
Lillian Valyou, ballot clerk	18.00
C. G. Wharff, ballot clerk	18.00
George Merriam, ballot clerk	18.00

D. L. Dimock, town clerk	12.00	
William Bowes, police	18.00	
E. C. Eastman Co., printing check lists	7.61	
C. E. Sawyer Co., printing ballots	5.12	
	<hr/>	257.73

Town Hall

Greenville Electric Lighting Co.	22.00	
S. A. Flagg, janitor	18.75	
C. G. Wharff, janitor	5.25	
F. Conley, repairs	10.28	
	<hr/>	56.28

Police Department

W. F. Bowes,	8.00	
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Fire Department

Greenville Fire Department		
Clap fire	8.50	
Jackson bridge fire	26.50	
Helstein fire	3.25	
Townsend Fire Department		
Jackson bridge fire	24.00	
State of New Hampshire, repairs	5.40	
Total for labor	45.00	
Total cash outlay	<hr/>	112.65
Reimbursements		
Fessenden Co.	26.00	
State of New Hampshire	31.70	
Boston & Maine Railroad	4.50	
	<hr/>	62.20
Net Fire Expense	<hr/>	50.45

Bounties

Alice Blake	.50
John Gilmore	.50

H. O. Schulze	1.00	
D. Witte	1.00	
C. Barnes, Jr.	.50	
H. C. Miller	.50	
C. L. Barnes	.50	
Barbara Schulze	1.00	
D. P. Noble	.50	
Robert Dunham	.50	
H. Spear	1.00	
P. Berry	1.00	
G. Merriam	.50	
E. H. Whitaker	1.00	
M. Dunn	3.00	
J. Wiik	.50	
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Vital Statistics

Dwight L. Dimock, town clerk		8.50
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Town Maintenance

Summer

Arthur Williams, road agent, Sect. 2	1,178.06	
Harold C. Miller, road agent, Sect. 1 & 3	2,031.05	
	<hr/>	3,209.11

Winter

Arthur Williams, road agent, Sect. 2	389.41	
Harold C. Miller, road agent, Sect. 1 & 3	687.10	
	<hr/>	1,076.51

Street Lighting

Greenville Electric Lighting Co.		69.30
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General Expenses of Highway Department

John Tessier, repairs to snow plow	22.00
John Tessier, welding	10.50
A. Williams, truck hire, bolts and repairs	2.35
A. Williams, repairs to scraper	11.70
C. G. Wharff, repairs to scraper	9.00

Rhea Williams, supplies	.90	
D. M. Dillon Steam Boiler Works		
repair plow shoes	13.96	
Consolidated Steel Syndicate, scraper rep.	36.56	
" " snow plow repairs	32.33	
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		139.30

Libraries

C. W. Anderson, Treasurer Library		
Trustees		100.00

Town Poor

Dr. Karr, Services to Mrs. Butler	3.00	
C. L. Barnes, overseer	39.60	
Albert J. Lavery, burial for		
Wm. Moore	90.00	
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		132.60

Old Age Assistance

State of New Hampshire		566.63
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Patriotic Observances

C. S. Bourgeois & Son, paint		
for honor roll	5.63	
Rhea Williams, supplies	.30	
W. F. Bowes, making honor roll	15.00	
D. L. Dimock, Flags for Memorial Day	9.00	
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		29.93

Parks and Playgrounds

J. U. Nicolson, mowing Common	1.20	
Robert Dunham, mowing Common	1.20	
C. G. Wharff, mowing Common	1.80	
C. V. Dunn, mowing Common	6.00	
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		10.20

Cemeteries

H. M. Spear, labor	17.40	
Robert Dunham, labor	9.60	
Robert Farrar, labor	4.80	
H. M. Spear, truck hire	1.00	
C. G. Wharff, labor	12.75	
C. V. Dunn	6.00	
	<hr/>	51.55

Workmen's Insurance

Henry P. Gainey, Agent	231.81
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Unclassified

Trustees of Trust Funds, town meeting vote	52.04	
D. L. Dimock, dog tax reimbursement	2.00	
D. L. Dimock, adjust J. W. Jones tax report	.01	
	<hr/>	54.05

Interest

Townsend National Bank	23.75
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Temporary Loans

Townsend National Bank	3,500.00
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Payments to Other Governmental Divisions

Treasurer, State of New Hampshire		
Town Road Aid	367.50	
Special Poll Taxes	312.00	
Arthur O. Phaneuf, County Treasurer		
County Tax	1,181.47	
Collector of Internal Revenue		
Federal Withholding Tax	58.50	
	<hr/>	1,919.47

School District

Harriet E. Whitaker, District Treasurer

1943 Dog Tax 111.40

Balance of 1943 appropriation 2,500.00

Proportion paid of 1944 appropriation 500.00

3,111.40

ROAD AGENTS' REPORTS

REPORT OF HAROLD C. MILLER

Summer—Sections 1 and 3

April, 1944

H. Miller, truck, 10 days @ 6.00	60.00	
H. Miller, labor, 14½ days @ 6.00	87.00	
R. Elliott, gravel, loaded, 192 yds. @ .40	76.80	
P. Berry, labor, 6 days @ 4.80	28.80	
E. Crosscup, labor, 6 days @ 4.80	28.80	
A. Crosscup, labor, 6 days @ 4.80	28.80	
H. Miller, tractor, 5 days @ 10.00	50.00	
A. Williams, truck, 2 days @ 6.00	12.00	
A. Williams, labor, 2 days @ 4.80	9.60	
R. Elliott, gravel, delivered 192 yds. @ .80 yd.	153.60	
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Total		535.40

May

H. Miller, tractor, 7 days @ 10.00	70.00	
H. Miller, truck, 1 day @ 6.00	6.00	
H. Miller, labor, 7 days @ 6.00	42.00	
A. Williams, truck, 1 day @ 6.00	6.00	
A. Williams, labor, 1 day @ 4.80	4.80	
P. Berry, labor, 8 days @ 4.80	38.40	
E. Crosscup, labor, 8 days @ 4.80	38.40	
A. Crosscup, labor, 8 days @ 4.80	38.40	
R. Elliott, gravel, delivered 108 yds @ .80	86.40	
R. Elliott, gravel, loaded 24 yds. @ .40	9.60	
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Total		340.00

June

H. Miller, truck, 1 day, 4 hrs. @ 12.00	18.00	
E. Crosscup, labor, 1 day, 4 hrs. @ 4.80	7.20	
A. Crosscup, labor, 1 day, 4 hrs. @ 4.80	7.20	
R. Elliott, gravel, 72 yds. @ .75	54.00	
R. Elliott, gravel, 24 yds. @ .40	9.60	
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Total		96.00

July

H. Miller, tractor, 4 days, 3 hrs. @ 10.00	43.75	
H. Miller, labor, 4 days, 3 hrs. @ 6.00	26.25	
R. Dunham, labor, 6 days @ 4.80	28.80	
C. Dunn, labor, 4 days, 3 hrs. @ 4.80	21.00	
A. Crosscup, labor, 4 days, 3 hrs. @ 4.80	21.00	
E. Crosscup, labor, 4 days, 3 hrs. @ 4.80	21.00	
H. Spear, labor, 1 day, 3 hrs. @ 4.80	6.60	
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Total		168.40

August

H. Miller, tractor, 9 days @ 10.00	90.00	
H. Miller, labor, 9 days @ 6.00	54.00	
H. Spear, labor, 9 days @ 4.80	43.20	
R. Dunham, labor, 8 days @ 4.80	38.40	
A. Crosscup, labor, 9 days @ 4.80	43.20	
E. Crosscup, labor, 9 days @ 4.80	43.20	
C. Dunn, labor, 3 days @ 4.80	14.40	
Hume Pipe Co., 61 ft. pipe	35.05	
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Total		361.45

September

H. Miller, tractor, 10 days @ 10.00	100.00
H. Miller, labor, 11 days @ 6.00	66.00
A. Crosscup, labor, 11 days, 5 hrs. @ 4.80	55.80
E. Crosscup, labor, 11 days, 5 hrs @ 4.80	55.80
H. Spear, labor, 11 days, 5 hrs. @ 4.80	55.80
C. Dunn, labor, 6 days @ 4.80	28.80
R. Dunham, labor, 5 days, 5 hrs. @ 4.80	27.00
H. Miller, truck, 1 day @ 6.00	6.00

	395.20
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October

H. Miller, truck, 7 days @ 6.00	42.00
H. Miller, labor, 7 days @ 6.00	42.00
H. Spear, 7 days, 1 2-3 hrs. @ 4.80	34.60
R. Elliott, gravel, 40 yds. @ .40	16.00

	134.60
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Total for year—Summer Roads	2,031.05
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Winter Roads

Sections 1 and 3

H. Miller, truck, 89 hrs. @ 2.00	178.00
H. Miller, truck, 111 hrs. @ .75	83.25
H. Miller, labor, 199 hrs @ .75	149.25
C. Dunn, labor, 108 hrs. @ .60	64.80
F. Conley, labor, 8 hrs. @ .60	4.80
P. Berry, labor, 33 hrs. @ .60	19.80
W. Wiik, labor, 6 hrs. @ .60	3.60
R. Emerson, labor, 10 hrs. @ .60	6.00
C. Emerson, labor, 5 hrs. @ .60	3.00

E. Crosscup, labor, 80 hrs @ .60	48.00
A. Crosscup, labor, 80 hrs. @ .60	48.00
F. Brown, labor, 22 hrs. @ .60	13.20
L. Brown, labor, 6 hrs. @ .60	3.60
R. Elliott, sand, 12 yds. @ .75	9.00
R. Spear, labor, 16 hrs. @ .60	9.60
H. Spear, labor, 48 hrs. @ .60	28.80
C. Tyler, labor, 5 hrs. @ .60	3.00
C. Wright, labor, 3 hrs. @ .60	1.80
R. Dunham, labor, 16 hrs. @ .60	9.60

Total for year—Winter Roads

687.10

REPORT OF ARTHUR WILLIAMS

Summer—Section II

April

A. Williams, tractor, 2 days, 1/2 hr.	20.63
A. Williams, truck, 2 days, 5 hrs.	15.75
A. Williams, labor, 4 days, 5 1/2 hrs.	28.13
E. LaRoche, labor, 4 days, 3 hrs.	21.00
Bill Butler, labor, 4 days, 1 hr.	19.80
Ray Wharff, labor, 2 days, 1/2 hr.	9.90
Bob Dunham, labor, 7 hrs.	4.20
Harry Spear, gravel	2.00

121.41

May

Ed Elliott, shovel, 26 hrs.	130.00
A. Williams, tractor, 9 days, 3 1/2 hrs.	94.38
A. Williams, truck, 1 day, 2 hrs.	7.50
A. Williams, labor, 14 days, 1/2 hr.	84.38
Ray Wharff, labor, 9 days	43.20
Bill Butler, labor, 8 days, 3 hrs.	40.20
E. LaRoche, labor, 10 days, 6 hrs.	51.60
Bob Dunham, labor, 8 days, 1 hr.	39.00

490.26

June

R. Elliott, gravel, 456 yds. @ .70 per yd	319.20
A. Williams, tractor, 3 days	30.00
A. Williams, truck, 1 day, 5 hrs.	9.75
A. Williams, labor, 7 days, 5 hrs.	45.75
Bill Butler, labor, 1 day	4.80
Charlie Butler, labor, 3 days	14.40
Eddie LaRoche, labor, 2 days, 7 hrs.	13.80

437.70

September

A. Williams, truck, 3 days, 1/2 hr.	18.37
A. Williams, labor, 3 days, 1/2 hr.	18.37
R. Wharff, labor, 3 days, 1/2 hr.	14.70
C. Butler, labor, 1 day, 5 1/2 hrs.	8.10

59.54

October

A. Williams, truck, 3 days, 6 1/2 hrs.	22.88
A. Williams, labor, 3 days, 6 1/2 hrs.	22.87
C. Dunn, labor, 1 day, 6 hrs.	8.40
C. Butler, labor, 2 days, 1/2 hr.	9.90
E. LaRoche, labor, 1 day, 1/2 hr.	5.10

69.15

Total summer maintenance

\$1,178.06

Winter Roads—Section II

A. Williams, plowing, 8 days, 3 hrs.	134.00
A. Williams, truck, 6 days, 6 hrs	40.50
A. Williams, labor, 16 days, 2 hrs.	97.51
W. Butler, labor, 4 days, 1 hr.	19.80
E. LaRoche, labor, 8 days, 6 1/2 hrs.	42.30
C. Butler, labor, 4 days	19.20
E. Crosscup, labor, 2 days, 5 hrs.	12.60
A. Crosscup, labor, 1 day, 7 hrs.	9.00
C. G. Wharff, labor, 2 days, 6 1/2 hrs.	13.50
H. Spear, gravel	1.00

Total winter maintenance

389.41

REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF TRUST FUNDS

For the Year Ending Dec. 31, 1944

(1) Stearns Common School Bequest

Income Received

Interest from Mason Village Savings Bank	51.98	
Interest from U. S. Govt. Bond	77.25	
Total income received		129.23
Paid to District Treasurer		129.23

The Bequest is invested as follows:

Deposited in Mason Village Savings Bank	5,469.36	
U. S. Government Bond, 2¼%	5,000.00	
		10,469.36

(2) Boynton Common School Fund

Income Received

Interest from Keene Savings Bank	53.88	
Interest from Dartmouth Savings Bank	25.00	
Interest from Mason Village Savings Bank	59.08	
Interest from Nashua Trust Co. Savings Bank	14.63	
Total income received		152.59
Paid to District Treasurer		152.59

The Fund is invested as follows:

Dartmouth Savings Bank	2,000.00	
Keene Savings Bank	2,155.70	
Nashua Trust Co. Savings Bank	1,951.14	
Mason Village Savings Bank	4,956.83	
		11,063.07

(3) Perpetual Care Fund of Cemeteries

Principal of Fund as of January 31, 1944:

Deposited in Mason Village Savings Bank	2,360.30	
Atlantic Ice Mfg. Co. Bond, par value	1,000.00	
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		3,360.30
Feb. 1, 1944—Sale of Atlantic Ice Mfg. Co. Bond		
Par value	1,000.00	
Sale yield	834.00	
Loss on sale	166.00	
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		166.00
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		3,194.30
Mar. 18, 1944—From Selectmen		
Vote of Town Meeting, March 14, 1944		52.04
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		3,246.34
July 17, 1944—Interest received		
Mason Village Savings Bank		42.04
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		3,288.38
Dec. 23, 1944—Withdrawal		80.85
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Dec. 31, 1944—Deposited in Mason Village Bank	3,207.53	
Principal of Fund	3,100.00	
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Surplus available to Cemetery Trustees		107.53

List of Perpetual Fund Donors same as that reported in Town Report Jan. 31, 1944.

Trustees of Trust Funds:

FRANCIS J. COYNE, Trustee

CONRAY G. WHARFF, Trustee

REPORT OF CEMETERY TRUSTEES

Care of Cemeteries ending December 31, 1944

Receipts

1944			
Feb.	1	Cemetery Fund	65.50
		Balance income on hand	4.05
June	2	Mrs. E. H. Whitaker, Lot No. 23	5.00
Oct.	30	Mrs. J. U. Nicolson, Lot No. 76A	5.00
Dec.	29	Mason Village Savings Bank, int.	.98
		From Selectmen April 14 to December 31	51.55
			132.08

Payments

Apr.	14	Harry Spear, 13 hours	7.80
		Harry Spear, truck	1.00
		Robert Dunham, 16 hours	9.60
		Robert Farrar, 8 hours	4.80
		C. G. Wharff	10.50
Oct.	20	Harry Spear, 16 hours	9.60
Nov.	3	Curtis Dunn	6.00
		C. G. Wharff	2.25
		D. Dimock	1.00
Dec.	30	C. G. Wharff, labor postage and stationery	4.03
			56.58
Feb.	1	Cemetery Fund	65.50
Dec.	30	Sale of lots	10.00
			75.50
			132.08

PERPETUAL CARE FUND

Feb. 1, 1944 to Dec. 31, 1944

Receipts

Feb.	1	Balance on hand	19.15	
Dec.	29	From Trustees of Trust Funds	80.85	
			<hr/>	100.00

Payments

Dec.	29	C. G. Wharff, care of lots	100.00
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Respectfully submitted

C. G. WHARFF, Treasurer

ALFRED ELLIOTT

G. F. WASHBURN

C. G. WHARFF

Trustees

REPORT OF TREASURER OF LIBRARY TRUSTEES

For the Fiscal Year Ending Dec. 31, 1944

Receipts

Balance from last year	4.23	
Town Appropriation	100.00	
	<u> </u>	104.23

Expenditures

Salary of Librarian	50.00	
For janitor service	5.00	
To New England News for books	15.07	
	<u> </u>	70.07
Balance on hand, January 1, 1945		<u>34.16</u>

C. W. ANDERSON
Treasurer

ALICE S. BERRY
GERTRUDE F. HOUGHTON
C. W. ANDERSON
Trustees

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

One hundred and fifty-five books have been added to the Library in the past year. Twenty-six were purchased by the town; nineteen were gifts of the State Aid Fund Extension Division and one hundred and ten were donated by interested patrons.

A need for larger quarters was realized by the trustees and townspeople and a special school meeting was called on April 28th to discuss the possibility of moving the library into the vacant school room. The motion was carried authorizing the school board to grant temporary use of this room, but wartime conditions have made it inadvisable to make the change at this time. However, the room is used for storage purpose; books which are not in active demand being kept there.

Mrs. Doris Flagg, who has been librarian for 23 years, resigned June 1st. This is an appropriate place to express the appreciation of the townspeople for her many years of faithful service. August 1st, the library trustees appointed Mrs. Dorothy Whitaker to fill the vacancy, while re-cataloguing, classifying and other changes are being made.

The library hours were re-arranged for the convenience of the high school students, and the response is gratifying. An evening hour was tried and proved popular during the summer. There was no demand for it in the winter.

A number of books have been borrowed from the State Extension Division through the local library. It is hoped this service will increase in popularity as it becomes better known.

Materials for recording and filing of all books have been donated, also a center light. These materials and books have amounted to far more than the yearly appropriation, and grateful acknowledgment is made to the donors.

Respectfully submitted,
DOROTHY BLAKE WHITAKER,
Librarian

AUDITOR'S REPORT

I hereby certify that I have examined the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Trustees of Trust Funds, Trustees of Cemeteries, Town Treasurer, Town Clerk, Tax Collector and Library Trustees, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

THERESA S. COYNE
Auditor

February 20, 1945.

SCHOOL DISTRICT OFFICERS

	Term Expires
Moderator	
CHARLES L. BLAKE	March, 1945
Clerk	
DOROTHY B. WHITAKER	March, 1945
Treasurer	
HARRIET E. WHITAKER	June, 1945
School Board	
MRS. HARRIET L. WRIGHT	March, 1945
MRS. ALICE B. DIMOCK	March, 1946
MRS. IDA MAY NICOLSON	March, 1947

Superintendent
 VERNON S. AMES
 Wilton, N. H.

Teachers for 1944-1945
 Miss Priscilla Wharff
 Miss Elsie F. Wheeler, Music

SCHOOL CALENDAR

1944-1945

January 8 to March 16 10 weeks

April 2 to June 15 11 weeks

Holidays: February 22, May 30

March vacation dates subject to change, according to
 weather and road conditions.

1945-1946

September 5 to November 20 11 weeks

November 26 to December 19 3½ weeks

January 2 to March 15 10½ weeks

April 1 to June 14 11 weeks

Holidays: February 22, May 30.

March vacation dates subject to change, according to
 weather and road conditions.

SCHOOL WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School district in the town of Mason, County of Hillsborough, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 13th day of March, 1945, at two o'clock in the afternoon, to act upon the following subjects:

1. To choose a Moderator for the coming year.
2. To choose a Clerk for the ensuing year.
3. To choose a Member of the School Board for the ensuing three years, also one for two years.
4. To choose a Treasurer for the ensuing year.
5. To determine and appoint the salaries of the School Board and Truant Officer and fix the compensation of any other officers or agent of the district.
6. To hear the reports of Agents, Auditors, Committees, or Officers chosen, and pass any vote relating thereto.
7. To choose Agents, Auditors and Committees in relation to any subject embraced in this warrant.
8. To see if the district will vote to make any alteration in the amount of money required to be assessed for the ensuing year for the support of public schools and the payment of the statutory obligations of the district, as determined by the school board in its annual report.

9. To see if the district will vote to authorize the School Board to amend the tuition contract with Townsend High School to provide for an increase in the rate of tuition from \$100 to \$115 per pupil, notice having been received from the Townsend School Board that \$115 will be their tuition rate beginning in September, 1945.

Given under our hands at said Mason this 24th day of February, 1945.

HARRIET L. WRIGHT
ALICE B. DIMOCK
School Board

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

HARRIET L. WRIGHT
ALICE B. DIMOCK
School Board

FINANCIAL REPORT OF SCHOOL BOARD

Fiscal Year July 1, 1943 to June 30, 1944

SALARIES OF DISTRICT OFFICERS

Myrtie B. Adams	25.00	
Harriet L. Wright	25.00	
Alice B. Dimock	25.00	
Harriet Whitaker, Treasurer	25.00	
	<hr/>	100.00

SUPERINTENDENT'S EXCESS SALARY

Doris Bassett, treas. Dist. No. 63	85.28
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SCHOOL CENSUS

Harriet L. Wright, 1943 Census	5.00
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EXPENSES OF ADMINISTRATION

Edson C. Eastman	9.46	
H. P. Gainey	7.50	
Doris Bassett (treas. Dist. No. 63)	57.44	
H. L. Wright	1.50	
M. B. Adams	4.07	
H. E. Whitaker	2.68	
V. S. Ames	2.61	
	<hr/>	85.26

TEACHERS' SALARIES

Helen M. Stone	1,025.00	
Elsie F. Wheeler	175.00	
	<hr/>	1,200.00

TEXT BOOKS

L. W. Singer	9.19	
Scott Foresman	10.10	
Arlo Publishing Co.	3.07	
Ginn & Co.	11.08	
Beckley-Cardy Co.	3.86	
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SCHOLARS' SUPPLIES

J. L. Hammett Co.	14.97	
Ed E. Babb Co.	8.95	
Gledhill Bros.	6.56	
Bostitch Northeast, Inc.	1.27	
Dowling School Supply	6.40	
Junior Scholastic	4.20	
American Ed. Press	3.60	
Scott Foresman	5.68	
Lyons and Carnahan	.65	
Ginn & Co.	.35	
Laidlaw Bros.	5.36	
	<hr/>	57.99

OTHER EXPENSES OF INSTRUCTION

O. H. Toothaker	2.08	
Doris Bassett	5.02	
Hall & McCreary	1.60	
Allyn & Bacon	1.14	
Beckley-Cardy	1.22	
Rand, McNally	.27	
Otis L. Wakefield	.30	
Est. of J. Melyer	2.25	
Webster Publishing Co.	.79	
Ed. E. Babb	1.95	
	<hr/>	16.62

JANITOR SERVICE

Stanley Flagg, 8 months	80.00	
Helen M. Stone, 2 months	20.00	
	<hr/>	100.00

FUEL

7 cds, wood, 1943-44	112.00	
7 cds. wood, 1944-45	126.00	
	<hr/>	238.00

WATER, LIGHT AND JANITOR SUPPLIES

E. E. Babb Co., 2 drums Kaustine	7.82	
West Disinfecting Co., 1 gal Coro-Noleum	3.07	
Greenville Electric Lighting Co.	24.00	
Stanley Flagg, oil	1.17	
	<hr/>	36.06

MINOR REPAIRS AND EXPENSES

A. Williams, flag rope	1.25	
E. E. Clap, painting school room	65.00	
R. F. Powell, paint, oil, etc.	32.01	
	<hr/>	98.26

MEDICAL INSPECTION

Dr. Karr, exam. of pupils	10.00	
E. J. Gilbert, school nurse	39.97	
	<hr/>	49.97

TRANSPORTATION

Curtis Dunn (108 days at \$3.00)		
(70 days at \$5.00)	674.00	
Stanley Flagg (145 days at \$1.80)		
(1 H.S. pupil 29 wks. at \$1)		
(1 H.S. pupil 8 4-5 wks. at \$1)	298.80	

Leon Russell 176 days at \$1.00	176.00	
Conray Wharff (29 days at \$1.80)		
(1 H.S. pupil 6 wks. at \$1)	58.20	
George Schulze, 88 days at 20c	17.60	
Mrs. Wm. Welch, 39 days at \$1.60	62.40	
	<hr/>	1,287.00

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

Townsend, Mass. High School		
11 pupils, 1 year	1,100.00	
2 pupils, half year	100.00	
	<hr/>	1,200.00

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TUITION

Greenville School District:		
1 pupil, 1 year		36.00

PER CAPITA TAX

F. Gordon Kimball, State Treasurer		52.00
Total	<hr/>	4,684.74

SCHOOL EXPENSES JUNE 30 TO DECEMBER 31, 1944

Salaries of Dist. Officers	77.00
Superintendent's excess salary	86.69
Expense of administration	65.35
Teachers' salaries	510.00
Text books	24.76
Scholars' supplies	59.52

Flags	6.92	
Other expenses of instruction	9.93	
Janitor service	40.00	
Water, light and janitor supplies	23.60	
Minor repairs and expenses	3.06	
Medical inspection	10.00	
Transportation	507.00	
(C. Dunn, \$5 a day)		
(C. Wharff \$2 a day)		
Other special activities	3.83	
Per Capita Tax	48.00	
		1,475.66

Respectfully submitted

HARRIET L. WRIGHT

ALICE B. DIMOCK

IDA M. NICOLSON

School Board

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined the books and other financial records of the School Board of Mason, of which this is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and find them correctly cast and properly vouched.

THERESA S. COYNE

July 6, 1944

AUDITOR

REPORT OF TREASURER OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1944

Cash on hand June 30, 1943	793.02	
Received from Selectmen:		
Appropriation for Current year	3,100.00	
Dog tax (1942—\$121.20; 1943—\$111.40)	232.60	
Received from Trustees of Trust Funds:		
Income from funds	575.06	
Received from State Treasurer:		
State Aid	690.21	
Received from all other sources:		
Sale of No. 6 School House and Stove	40.00	
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		5,430.89
Less School Board orders paid		4,684.74
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Balance on hand as of June 30, 1944		746.15

Respectfully submitted

HARRIET E. WHITAKER

District Treasurer

July 5, 1944

AUDITORS' CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that I have examined books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the school district of Mason, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1944, and find them correct in all respects.

THERESA S. COYNE

Auditor

July 6, 1944

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1945-1946

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public school and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1945.

DETAILED STATEMENT OF EXPENDITURES

Support of schools:

Teachers' salaries	1,400.00	
Textbooks	35.00	
Scholars' supplies	65.00	
Flags and appurtenances	5.00	
Other expenses of instruction	20.00	
Janitor service	100.00	
Fuel	125.00	
Light and janitor's supplies	50.00	
Minor repairs and expenses	100.00	
Health supervision	25.00	
Transportation of pupils	1,200.00	
	<hr/>	3,125.00

Other statutory requirements:

Salaries of district officers (fixed by District)	102.00	
Truant officer and census (fixed by District)	5.00	
Payment of tuition in high schools and academies (estimated by S. B.)	1,265.00	
Superintendent's excess salary (fixed by Supervisory Union)	90.00	
Per capita tax (reported by State Treas.)	36.00	
Insurance	66.00	
Expenses of administration	85.00	
	<hr/>	1,649.00

Total amount required to meet School Board's budget	<hr/>	\$4,774.00
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ESTIMATED INCOME OF DISTRICT

State Aid	650.00	
Dog tax	110.00	
Income from trust funds	400.00	
Estimated balance June 30, 1945	214.00	
Total estimated income	<u> </u>	1,374.00
Assessment required to balance School Board's Budget.		<u> </u> 3,400.00

HARRIET L. WRIGHT
ALICE B. DIMOCK
IDA M. NICOLSON
School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Board and Citizens of Mason:

I respectfully submit my twenty-second annual report as Superintendent of Schools.

THE SCHOOLS AND THE WAR EFFORT

Schools are participating in the war effort, as are all loyal citizens. Most high schools offer some form of pre-induction training, such as a course in Aeronautics, and high school students are giving substantial aid in harvesting perishable crops as well as taking employment in essential industries during vacation periods. Schools of all grades are taking part in drives to collect waste paper, other scrap, and milk weed floss, and in buying war stamps and bonds. Many older boys and girls have left school with the mistaken idea that they should enter industry to make their contribution to the war effort,—and some are merely attracted by the opportunity to make good wages. School attendance until graduation is the best contribution school age youth can make to the war effort; society in general, as well as the individual pupil, will profit most by his continuance in the pursuit of an adequate education.

POST WAR SCHOOLS

Universal free public education has been the ideal of America from its beginning; establishing schools was one of the first concerns of the earliest colonial leaders, and with ups and downs, but always moving toward greater opportunity for all, the American school system has developed. That it is short of the ideal is freely acknowledged; the 1940 census revealed that 13½% of adults had only fourth grade education or less, and Selective Service has found several millions physically unfit.

After every crisis in the life of a nation, revealing weaknesses or new opportunities, educational procedures have been revised and upgraded. Nation after nation has proven the power of education when applied to a specific purpose. Germany used a totalitarian education to develop in its people a blind urge to conquest. Russia has made tremendous progress, both culturally and technically, by educating its people of all ages. Britain is now developing a bold program, doubling its expenditures for schools, realizing that every human talent is necessary for holding her place in the world. If this nation values its own future, it must awaken to the power of education and direct it toward desirable ends.

There are three kinds of would-be planners of post-war education—those who would completely destroy or radically revise what we have; those who hold tenaciously to the policies and practices that have been; and those who see need for certain changes but insist that they can and should be made without the loss of the best of what has been. Doubtless the first or second group will prevail here and there, but by and large the third group will succeed in making wise changes in one or more of the following (and other) ways:—

Improvement in programs furthering the growth of a strong and healthy body.

Strengthening the foundations of emotional health and of moral and ethical behavior, in closer coordination with home and community efforts.

Provision for practicable means of learning through work experience, coordinating vocational training with part-time work in various occupations.

Better adaptation of teaching methods and content to individual and social needs. (The Army and Navy training programs have provided the greatest laboratory ever offered for experiment and research in education and we should see

that the best possible use of it is made in the civilian education of the future.)

Broader cultural background and greater technical knowledge and skill on the part of teachers and supervisory officers.

Reorganization of local school district units in the interest of more economical and at the same time broader and more effective school programs.

Possibly the extension of compulsory school attendance to include ages sixteen and seventeen with adequate provision for a worth-while program for all, including the fields of cultural and technical or vocational education, human relationships, civic responsibilities, economic efficiency, increasing emphasis on physical strength and endurance, including military training.

INCREASING COSTS

The White House Conference on Rural Education in October, 1944, brought together and emphasized many interesting and pertinent facts, such as:

48% of all public school pupils are in rural schools (that is, schools in towns under 2500 population).

52% of all public school teachers are in rural schools.

BUT:—

Only 38% of all school funds are spent on rural schools.

Average salary of rural teachers is \$959.00, while that of urban teachers is \$1,995.00.

Average annual expenditure per rural pupil is \$86.00, and per urban pupil is \$124.00.

60% of rural elementary teachers have less than two years of education beyond high school as compared with 10% of urban elementary teachers.

A significant paragraph in the Report of the White House Conference reads:

“The cost of living during the war has increased 25 percent in cities and 47 percent in rural areas. Teachers’ salaries have increased an average of 8 *percent. Teachers by the tens of thousands have left teaching for better paying positions in industry and government. Other thousands have entered the armed forces. Of the nation’s 900,000 teachers, 360,000 are new to their jobs. Fifty thousand are teaching on emergency certificates. City school systems have maintained staffs because their salaries, nearly double those of rural schools, have enabled them to recruit many of the best rural teachers. Country schools are therefore bearing the brunt of the current crisis.”

Money expended for sound education is not to be regarded as a burdensome cost, but as a productive investment. The greatest waste we can make is to spend too little on Education. Every community needs to study its School Budget, not with a view to reducing it, but with a view to making its schools as effective as possible.

In order to attract and hold good teachers, the people of rural areas need to consider three factors:

1. The salaries of rural teachers must compare favorably with the incomes of other persons of the cultural and social status that teachers are expected to maintain.

2. Teachers have an obligation to contribute to community life, and the people of the community have an equal obligation to encourage teachers to participate in community life and to protect them in the exercise of the privilege.

3. The community has an obligation to provide satisfactory living conditions for the teachers, even to the extent of providing a furnished house for a teachers’ home either as school district property or leased by the district.

* More recent reports give this figure as 15%.

SHORTAGE OF TEACHERS

Last year I reported in some detail regarding the shortage of trained teachers. The difficulties of this situation have increased within the year and indications are that it will grow more and more serious until some time after the end of the war. The enrollment at teacher training institutions is still falling off, and we have nearly exhausted the list of available former teachers willing to return to teaching during the emergency. It is plain that salaries will be still further increased in the country areas, to meet the competition of larger towns and cities.

In New Hampshire the average salary of high school men teachers in 1942-43 was \$2,035 and last year it was \$2,208; that of women high school teachers in 1942-43 was \$1,462, and last year \$1,586; that of elementary women teachers in 1942-43 was \$1,204, and last year \$1,244.

HIGH SCHOOL TUITION

The Townsend School Board has notified us that their tuition charge next year will be at the rate of \$115 per pupil. Since this requires an amendment to the contract between the Mason and Townsend School Boards, such amendment must be ratified by vote of the School District Meeting under the special article in the School Warrant. The proposed increase is a modest one compared with the general increase in the cost of High School instruction, which in New Hampshire has increased in a period of five or six years from an average of approximately \$75 to more than \$107 last year, and this year's cost will be even higher. If Mason pupils attended a New Hampshire High School the district would be liable under the law for the average cost of instruction, which may well be \$115 or even more next year.

MEDICAL INSPECTION

The school nurse, Mrs. Edna J. Gilbert, reports the following data for the period January 30, 1944 to January 30, 1945. The routine physical examination was completed in December by Dr. Karr and the nurse:

Number examined	16
Defective Vision	4
Enlarged Glands	2
Defective Teeth	9
Tonsils	2
Cardiac	1
Underweight	1
Absent	1

In May 1944 six children were treated at a Dental Clinic; one pupil has been provided with glasses. The Audiometer tests for hearing in May 1944 revealed no defects.

In closing this report I should like to express my appreciation of the work Mr. Anderson has done in the past several years in contributing his time and talents to giving instruction in Art. His work with the children has been highly successful and has been much appreciated by all.

Respectfully submitted,

VERNON S. AMES,
Superintendent of Schools

February 5, 1945.

BUDGET

The total assessment required to balance the School Board's estimated budget is \$3,400, which is approximately \$700 more than last year for the following reasons: we are paying more this year for teachers' salaries than last year's budget estimate and salaries are still going up; the tuition rate at Townsend High School as noted above; our cash balance next June will probably be \$300 less than it was last June. The State Aid estimate of \$650 is based upon the amount received this year; the exact amount will not be known until after the Legislature has passed its appropriation bill.

STATISTICS FOR SCHOOL YEAR ENDING JUNE 30,
1944

Census: Boys 9; Girls 17. Total 26.

Attending School in Mason: Boys 8; Girls 10. Total 18.

Enrollment by Grades

Grades	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Center	4	2	3	1	1	1	3	3	18
Elsewhere:—Townsend High School									13
Greenville Public									1

Attendance

School	Average Member- ship	Average Attend- ance	% of Attend- ance	Tardinesses Total Per Pupil
Center	13.39	12.57	93.88	4 .22
State Averages			93.12	1.44
Visits:				
By School Board Members				9
By Superintendent				29
By Citizens				17

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

Two Terms: Murdock Dunn, Lillian Koivula, Joyce Williams.

One Term: Ellen Koivula, Martha Farrar.

STATISTICS FOR FIRST EIGHTEEN WEEKS OF 1944-45

Census: (Ages 5-16) Boys 9; Girls 16. Total 25.

Attending School in Mason 19

Attending Townsend High School 11

Enrollment by Grades

School	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	Total
Center	4	2	3	3	3	1	1	2	19

ATTENDANCE

Schools	Average Member- ship	Average Attend- ance	% of Attend- ance	Tardinesses
Center	17.31	16.15	93.30	25

VITAL STATISTICS

January 1, 1944 to December 31, 1944, Inclusive

BIRTHS

Paul John Koivula—January 26, 1944.
Iola Stella Clarice Williams—June 7, 1944.
Charles Anthony Ouellette—July 2, 1944.
Evelyn Virginia Rines—December 31, 1943*

MARRIAGES

John Phillips, Jr. and Lenora White—March 26, 1944.
Clarence William Anderson and Madeleine Cecelia Ruck-
stuhl—December 24, 1944.

DEATHS

Annie Jane Butler—January 19, 1944.
Mary Louise Ouellette—March 10, 1944.
Emily Agnes Vatcher Brown—April 22, 1944.
Lempi Koivula (Nee Wiik)—April 27, 1944.
Stanley America Flagg—May 4, 1944.
Agnes Theresa Bowes—June 13, 1944.
William Moore—June 22, 1944.
James T. Berry—July 6, 1944.
Isabella Eisenbise Tighe—September 21, 1944.
Harry O. Allyn—October 1, 1944
John Urban Nicolson—October 27, 1944.

*Reported too late for entry into 1943 Vital Statistics Report.

