

ANNUAL REPORTS
of the
Town of Litchfield
New Hampshire



For the Year Ending
December 31, 1946

ANNUAL REPORTS

OF THE

Officers and Committees

OF THE

Town of Litchfield

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1946



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LITCHFIELD, N. H.
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TOWN OFFICERS

Moderator

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Town Clerk

ELIZABETH REPMAN

Treasurer

STERLING S. COLBY

Selectmen

CYRUS E. WILSON ARTHUR H. MORRILL
SYLVESTER A. REID

Highway Agent

ARNOLD CAMPBELL

Auditors

ELOISE BARLOW CLARA E. LYNCH

Supervisors

ELOISE BARLOW CLARA E. LYNCH
ELIZABETH C. MORRILL

Ballot Clerks

FRED McQUESTEN JOHN A. REID
DOROTHY B. REID MARY E. WILSON

Tax Collector

JOHN A. REID

Chief of Police

DAVID A. CAMPBELL

Constable

JOHN A. REID

Overseer of the Poor

SYLVESTER A. REID

Police Officers

ARNOLD CAMPBELL CHARLES B. CAMPBELL
FRED McQUESTEN SYLVESTER A. REID

Forest Fire Warden

FRED McQUESTEN

Deputy Fire Wardens

SYLVESTER A. REID DAVID A. CAMPBELL
ROY H. CAMPBELL JOHN A. REID
HERBERT C. LEACH

Health Officer

HERBERT C. LEACH

Library Trustees

HELEN M. PARKER REBECCA G. BLODGETT
JOHN A. REID LILLA G. COPP
DAVID A. CAMPBELL CORA B. COLBY

Librarian

FLORENCE C. CENTER

Moderator School District

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL

Treasurer School District

ELIZABETH C. MORRILL

School Board

LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD J. WESLEY FRENCH
CLARA HILL

Auditors School District

EDWIN B. HILL HELEN M. PARKER

Trustees Town Trust Funds

JOHN A. REID DAVID A. CAMPBELL

Fence Viewers

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL JOHN A. REID

Surveyors Wood and Lumber

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL JOHN A. REID

Fire Wards

CHIEF: J. WESLEY FRENCH

ASSISTANTS: SYLVESTER A. REID

HENRY J. PLOUF, Jr.

TOWN WARRANT

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

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

You are hereby notified to meet at Town Hall in said Litchfield on Tuesday, the 11th day of March, next at one of the clock in the afternoon 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 of the same.

3. To see what sum of money the Town will vote to raise or appropriate for the Public Library.

4. To see if the Town will vote to accept Town Road Aid for permanent improvement of highways.

5. To see if the town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum not exceeding \$47.77 (1/100th of one per cent of the town's valuation based on the 1946 assessment) to the Merrimack Valley Region Association for the purpose of publicizing and promoting the natural advantages and resources of the town in cooperation with the other 37 communities in the Merrimack Valley Region.

6. To see what action the Town will take in regard to Memorial Day and make appropriation for the same.

7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Selectmen to borrow in anticipation of Taxes for the year 1947.

8. To see what action the Town will take toward paying Overdraft in 1946 T. R. A. account.

9. To see if the Town will vote to continue the Town Survey, make provision for same and pass any vote relating thereto.

10. To see what action the Town will take in regard to a Memorial to the Veterans of World War 2.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

12. To see if the town will authorize the selectmen to secure the assistance of the State Tax Commission in reappraising the taxable property in the town in order to secure greater equality as between taxpayers, and to insure the assessment of all property in the town on the same standard of value, and to raise and appropriate money to pay for the same.

13. To see if the town will vote to petition the State Tax Commission to have an audit made by the Division of Municipal Accounting, and to make an appropriation to cover the expense of such audit.

Given under our hands and seal, this 14th. day of February, in the year of our Lord nineteen hundred and forty-seven.

CYRUS E. WILSON,
ARTHUR H. MORRILL
SYLVESTER A. REID,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

CYRUS E. WILSON,
ARTHUR H. MORRILL
SYLVESTER A. REID,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

BUDGET

ESTIMATED EXPENDITURES FOR 1947

Town Officers' Salaries	\$618.00
Town Officers' Expenses	500.00
Election & Registration	50.00
Town Hall	50.00
Police Dept.	50.00
Fire Dept.	500.00
Town Maintenance, Summer	400.00
Town Maintenance, Winter	800.00
General Expense Highway Dept.	100.00
Survey Map	100.00
Library	37.50
Town Poor	25.00
Old Age Assistance	100.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Cemeteries	25.00
County Tax	2,000.00
School District	6,800.00
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	\$12,205.50

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

SUMMARY INVENTORY

Land and Buildings	\$331,349.00
Growing Wood & Lumber	15,552.00
Electric Plants	85,947.00
Horses—12	885.00
Cows—111	10,965.00
Neat Stock—7	450.00
Hogs—35	700.00
Fowls—6085	6,195.00
Portable Mills & Machinery	8,650.00
Gasoline Pumps & Tanks—3	405.00
Stock in Trade	100.00
Morre's Falls Corporation	20,000.00
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	\$481,198.00
Less Soldiers' Exemptions and Exemptions to Blind	3,450.00
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	\$477,748.00

Revenue From:

Savings Bank Tax	\$ 31.23
Interest and Dividend Tax	57.24
National Bank Tax	63.00
Motor Vehicle Permits, Fees 1946	327.21
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	\$478.68
Total Amount of Taxes	\$10,176.88
Total Amount of Property Tax	9,793.88
Poll Tax @ \$2.00	320.00

**COMPARITIVE LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS
AND EXPENDITURES**

	Actual Expendi- tures	Estimated Expendi- tures	In- crease	De- crease
Town Officers Salaries	\$618.00	\$618.00	\$	\$
Town Officers Expenses	524.73	500.00		24.73
Election & Registration	132.00	50.00		82.00
Town Hall Expenses	34.63	50.00	15.37	
Police Department	11.00	50.00	39.00	
Fire Dept.	1,275.27	500.00		775.27
Town Maintenance, Summer	377.90	400.00	22.10	
Town Maintenance, Winter	1,452.02	800.00		652.02
General Expenses, Highway Dept.	39.86	100.00	60.14	
Town Road Aid, T. R. A.	979.50	167.89		811.61
Survey Map	100.00	100.00		
Library	37.50	37.50		
Town Poor		25.00	25.00	
Old Age Assistance	102.81	100.00		2.81
Memorial Day	50.00	50.00		
Cemeteries	15.00	20.00	5.00	
County Tax	1,972.89	2,000.00	27.11	
School District	6,340.93	6,800.00	459.07	
Abatements Refunded	112.75	50.00		62.75
County Poor	29.70	25.00		4.70
Merrimack Valley Regional Association	25.00	47.77	22.77	
Interest	45.00	45.00		
	<u>\$14,276.49</u>	<u>\$12,536.16</u>	<u>\$675.56</u>	<u>\$2,415.89</u>

BALANCE SHEET

Assets	
Cash on Hand, Dec. 31, 1946	\$2,020.46
Uncollected Taxes, 1946	\$1,422.60
Uncollected Taxes, 1945	41.65
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	\$1,464.25
Total Assets	\$3,484.71

Liabilities	
Due School District, 1946 Appropriation ..	\$1,881.49
Due School District, Dog Licenses	27.00
State Highway Dept. 1946 T. R. A. Acct.	
Over-draft	655.19
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	\$2,563.68
Excess of Assets over Liabilities	921.03

SCHEDULE OF TOWN PROPERTY

Town Hall & Lot	\$5,000.00
Furniture & Equipment	175.00
Library Building and Lot	22,200.00
Furniture and Equipment	500.00
Fire Dept. Equipment	125.00
Highway Equipment	200.00
School Building and Lot	17,000.00
School Equipment	1,000.00
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	\$46,200.00

VITAL STATISTICS

Marriages

Lewis Center Goffe, Litchfield, N. H. and Ruth Smith Colby, Litchfield, N. H., were married in Litchfield, N. H. on July 13, 1946.

William Medill McCord, Pittsburg, Pa. and Gladys Irene Colby, Litchfield, N. H., were married in Litchfield, N. H. on Dec. 14, 1946.

Deaths

Isaac Newton Center died at Nashua, N. H. on Feb. 28, 1946, aged 82 years, 5 months, 8 days.

Clinton Ernest Leach died at Nashua, N. H. on March 14, 1946, aged 71 years, 8 months, 28 days.

Charles Willis Leach died at Nashua, N. H. on Sept. 22, 1946, aged 84 years, 8 months, 4 days.

Gerry Flint Parker died Dec. 10, 1946, aged 67 years, 4 months, 19 days.

Hortense Y. Smith died Aug. 23, 1946, aged 25 years, 2 months, 14 days.

John Alfred Wilson died Nov. 2, 1946, aged 71 years, 3 months, 2 days.

Births

William Michael Carrigan born in Nashua, N. H. on Sept. 4, 1946, to Mr. & Mrs. Albert Carrigan.

Ronald Benjamin Lafond born in Nashua, N. H. on April 7, 1946 to Mr. & Mrs. Albert H. Lafond.

ELIZABETH REPMAN,

Town Clerk.

TREASURER'S REPORT

Receipts

Balance on hand, Dec. 31, 1945	\$3,745.00
Received from:	
John A. Reid, Collector	
1943 Tax	13.48
1943 Interest90
1944 Tax	149.42
1944 Interest	7.21
1945 Tax	1,329.64
1945 Interest	15.98
1946 Tax	8,473.28
1946 Interest92
Taxes Redeemed, 1942	19.00
Interest Redeemed Taxes	3.00
National Bank Tax	63.00
Poll Tax, Regular 1944	14.00
Poll Tax, Regular 1945	48.00
Poll Tax, 1946	218.00
Poll Tax, Special 1944	21.00
Poll Tax, Special 1945	72.00
State Treasurer:	
Use of Equipment, 1944	15.60
State Forestry Department (Forest Fires)	421.38
Savings Bank Tax	31.23
Interest and Dividends Tax	57.24
State Forest Land Tax	6.15
Training Session, Merrimack, N. H. ..	10.75
Recovery on Old Age Assistance	2.50
Elizabeth C. Repman, Town Clerk:	
1946 Motor Vehicle Permits	327.21
1946, Dog Licenses	30.00
Two Declarations of Candidacy	2.00
Other Sources:	
Unused from Memorial Day, 1945	17.00
Fred McQuesten, Putting out fire	5.00
Town Trustees, Loan	3,000.00

Town Trustees, State Road	
Appropriation	300.00
John A. Reid, Land sold for Town ...	391.00
Appropriation	679.50
Total Receipts	<u>\$19,490.39</u>

Payments

Paid Selectmen's Orders	\$17,469.93
Balance on Hand, Dec. 31, 1946	2,020.46
	<u>\$19,490.39</u>

Audited and Approved, January 15, 1947

ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA E. LYNCH,

Auditors.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Selectmen, Warrant	\$10,176.88
Paid Sterling Colby, Treasurer	\$8,754.28
Uncollected, Dec. 31, 1946	1,422.60

	<u>\$10,176.88</u>
1943 Interest90
1943 Taxes	13.48
1944 Interest	7.21
1944 Taxes	184.42
1945 Interest	15.98
1945 Taxes	1,449.64
1946 Interest92
1946 Taxes	<u>\$8,754.28</u>

Total paid to Treasurer . \$10,426.83

JOHN A. REID,

Tax Collector.

Audited and Approved, January 15, 1947

ELOISE BARLOW,

CLARA E. LYNCH,

Auditors.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

166 Motor Vehicle Permits	\$368.71
15 Dog Licenses	30.00
2 Declarations of Candidacy	2.00
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	\$400.71
Paid Treasurer	\$400.71

ELIZABETH REPMAN,
Town Clerk.

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ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA E. LYNCH,

Auditors.

STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS

CURRENT REVENUE FROM LOCAL TAXES

Property and Poll Tax committed to Collector for 1946	\$10,176.88
Property Tax, 1946	\$8,473.28
Interest, 1946 Tax92
Property Tax, 1945	1,329.64
Interest, 1945 Tax	15.98
Property Tax, 1944	149.42
Interest, 1944 Tax	7.21
Property Tax, 1943	13.48
Interest, 1943 Tax90
Taxes Redeemed, 1942	19.00
Interest on Redeemed Taxes, 1942	3.00
National Bank Tax	63.00
Poll Tax, 1944—Regular	14.00
Poll Tax, 1945—Regular	48.00
Poll Tax, 1946—Regular	218.00
Poll Tax, 1944 Special	21.00
Poll Tax, 1945 Special	72.00
From State Treasurer:	
Use of Equipment—1944 ..	15.60
State Forestry Dept.	421.38
Savings Bank Tax	31.23
Interest & Dividend Tax ...	57.24
State Forest Land, Tax-Refund	6.15
Training Session—Merrimack, N. H.	10.75
Refund Old Age Assistance	2.50
From Town Clerk:	
1946 Motor Vehicle Permits	327.21
1946 Dog Licenses	30.00
Filing Fees—2	2.00

Other Sources:

Unused Memorial Day, 1945	17.00
Fred McQuesten, Putting out Fire	5.00
Trustees Town Trust Funds, Temporary Loan	3,000.00
Trustees Town Trust Funds, T. R. A. account '46 ...	979.50
J. A. Reid, Sale Town Land	391.00
Cash on Hand, Jan. 1, 1946 ..	3,745.00
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Total	\$19,490.39

STATEMENT OF PAYMENTS

TOWN OFFICERS' SALARIES

Clerk, Elizabeth C. Repman	\$50.00
Treasurer, Sterling Colby	50.00
Selectman, Cyrus E. Wilson	150.00
Selectman, Arthur H. Morrill	100.00
Selectman, Sylvester A. Reid	100.00
Tax Collector, John A. Reid	100.00
Chief of Police, David A. Campbell	50.00
Auditor, Eloise Barlow	9.00
Auditor, Clara E. Lynch	9.00
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	\$618.00

TOWN OFFICERS' EXPENSES

McQuestens, Town Reports	\$130.00
Edson C. Eastman Co., Supplies	9.06
Eloise Barlow, Typing Reports	9.00
William G. Berry Ins. Co., Officers Bonds	97.50
Registry of Deeds and Mortgages	6.96
H & M French, Ins. of Employees	88.03
N. H. Assessors Association, Dues	4.00
N. H. Town Clerks' Association, Dues	2.00
J. Wesley French, Traveling Expenses	18.80
Sterling Colby, Treasurer, Postage	2.00
Cyrus E. Wilson, Mileage and Expenses ..	30.80
Arthur H. Morrill, Town Lines	6.00
Sylvester A. Reid, Selectmen's Expenses ..	19.43
Chief of Police, David A. Campbell, Expenses	28.00
John A. Reid, Tax Collector's Expenses ...	49.15
John A. Reid, Trustees Expenses	21.00
Elizabeth C. Repman, Clerk, Dog License Fee	3.00
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	\$524.73

ELECTION AND REGISTRATION

Charles B. Campbell, Moderator	\$9.00
Eloise Barlow, Supervisor	33.00
Clara E. Lynch, Supervisor	33.00

Elizabeth C. Morrill, Supervisor	33.00
Fred McQuesten, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Dorothy B. Reid, Ballot Clerk	6.00
Mary E. Wilson, Ballot Clerk	6.00
John A. Reid, Ballot Clerk	6.00
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	\$132.00

TOWN HALL EXPENSES

Public Service Co., Lights	\$12.00
C. W. Haight, Janitor Service	6.63
John A. Reid, Wood	16.00
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	\$34.63

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Charles B. Campbell	\$10.00
John A. Reid	1.00
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	\$11.00

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Johnson Electric Shop, batteries	\$2.40
Fred McQuesten, Burning Grass	14.70
W. A. Locke, Burning Grass	12.60
Robert Clarke, Burning Grass	7.80
David Campbell, Burning Grass	7.80
Arnold Campbell, Burning Grass	6.00
Frederick Goffe, Burning Grass	4.20
Roy H. Campbell, Burning Grass	5.60
Charles B. Campbell	2.40
Gerry Parker	1.80
Sylvester A. Reid, Burning Grass	8.35
Robert Jerry, Burning Grass	3.00
J. Wesley French, Truck	60.00
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	\$136.65

FOREST FIRE—DERRY ROAD

David Campbell	\$16.00
Roy H. Campbell	4.20
Sylvester A. Reid	29.40

Arnold Campbell	8.40
Walter Bishop	9.00
Wm. Bishop	3.60
Robert Bishop	7.20
Charles B. Campbell	12.00
Geo. Adams	11.40
Robert Clarke	19.20
Chester Repman	3.60
Frederick Goffe	8.40
Arthur Shepherd	11.40
Gardnar Griffin	13.80
Gerry Parker	2.40
Herbert Brettell	9.00
Phillip Labrie	2.40
Adrian Labrie	12.60
Clesson Leach	10.20
Donald Lynch	8.40
Laurence Olson	28.80
Charlotte Hayes	4.20
Richard Aldrich	22.80
Cyrus E. Wilson	3.00
Peter Lefreniere	3.00
Richard Hill	3.00
Frank Hayes, Jr.	2.40
Ovila Jackson	8.40
Leon Calawa, Jr.	23.40
Leon Calawa, Sr.	23.40
George Lavoie	5.40
Joseph Reed	6.00
Phillip Mercier	16.20
John Mercier	16.20
Jean Hill	8.40
Wm. Locke	23.40
Wilfred Allen	13.80
Harmon Leach	1.80
Sumner Philbrick	1.80
Arthur H. Morrill	3.00
Harry Tufts	8.40
Richard Salvail	2.40
George Winslow	2.40
John Baker	2.40
N. Pirog	2.40
Robert Corbin	2.40
Otis Norton	2.40
Robert Morrill	2.40

David Warrad	2.40
Francis Dupell	2.40
A. Penrod	2.40
R. Moore	3.00
Eugene Haight	3.00
David Bigwood	3.00
Francis Caron	2.40
Ralph Dwire	2.40
Colby Bros.	24.60
Fred McQuesten	74.90
J. Wesley French	37.60
J. A. Reid	29.40
Wilfrid Bilodeau	19.20
Treasurer Town of Milford	35.20
Dorothy B. Reid	15.62
Paul Pineault	12.60
William Allgier, Warden	42.30
State Forestry Dept.—Pump	34.50
Fred McQuesten—Burning Grass	7.80
Wm. Locke, Burning Grass	1.80
Leon Calawa, Jr., Burning Grass	1.80
Leon Calawa, Sr., Burning Grass	1.80
Sylvester A. Reid, Burning Grass	2.10
David A. Campbell, Burning Grass	5.90
J. Wesley French, Burning Grass	10.00
Fred McQuesten, Training Session	24.50
Town of Hudson, Fire, Talent Road	25.50
Fred McQuesten, Talent Road	69.15
Roger T. Robinson, Blasting Water-holes	125.00
Johnson Electric Shop, Batteries	1.10
J. Wesley French, Fire at Lapin's	5.00
David A. Campbell, Trucking Equipment ..	15.00
J. Wesley French, Trucking Equipment ..	41.55
Sylvester A. Reid, Painting Pumps and Tools	7.50
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	\$1,275.27

PROPERTY MAP

Charles B. Campbell	\$100.00
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T. R. A. ACCOUNT

State Treasurer	\$979.50
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TOWN MAINTENANCE

Arnold Campbell, Highway Agent	\$28.90
Hume Pipe, Culverts	65.00
Roy Avery, Cutting Brush	54.00
Walter Bishop, Cutting Brush	7.20
David A. Campbell, Truck	47.40
State Highway Dept., Grader	175.40
	\$377.90

SNOW REMOVAL

Merrimack Farmer's Exchange, 5 Tons Salt	\$92.50
Roy Avery, Truck and Helpers	708.88
David A. Campbell, Truck	400.44
Fred McQuesten, Salt and Sand	66.20
Robert Clarke, Labor	17.20
J. Harrington, Labor	28.50
W. Campbell	40.50
Wm. A. Locke	12.00
Richard Aldrich	2.40
Arnold Campbell	23.25
Sylvester A. Reid	21.75
Frederick Goffe	9.00
State Garage, Snow Truck Parts	29.40
	\$1,452.02

GENERAL EXPENSE, HIGHWAY DEPT.

Edmond Nadeau, Plow Repairs	\$5.75
Nashua Welding Co., Blade	4.75
R. C. Hazelton Co., Plow Parts	17.17
	\$27.67

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

State Welfare Dept.	\$115.00
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COUNTY POOR

Sylvester A. Reid, Overseer	\$29.70
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LIBRARIES

J. A. Reid, Treasurer	\$37.50
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MEMORIAL DAY

Frederick Goffe \$50.00

MERRIMACK VALLEY REGIONAL ASSOCIATION

Town of Litchfield, Donation \$25.00

CEMETERIES

Roy Avery, Mowing Grass \$15.00

ABATEMENTS REFUNDED

J. A. Reid, Collector \$112.75

SCHOOL DISTRICT

1945 Budget \$2,540.93

1946 Budget 3,800.00

\$6,340.93

INTEREST

Temporary Loan \$45.00

PAYMENT TEMPORARY LOAN

J. A. Reid, Trustees Town Trust Funds ... \$3,000.00

SPECIAL POLL TAX

State Treasurer \$193.44

COUNTY TAX

Treasurer, Hillsborough County \$1,972.89

\$17,469.93

Respectfully submitted,

CYRUS E. WILSON,
ARTHUR H. MORRILL,
SYLVESTER A. REID,
Selectmen of Litchfield.

Audited and Approved, January 15, 1947

ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA E. LYNCH,

Auditors.

SUMMARY OF PAYMENTS

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Old Age Assistance	115.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Cemeteries	15.00
Abatements	112.75
School District	6,340.93
Interest	45.00
Special Poll Tax	193.44
Temporary Loan	3,000.00
County Poor	1,972.89
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	\$17,469.93

REPORT OF HIGHWAY AGENT

TOWN MAINTENANCE

Arnold Campbell, Truck	\$28.90
State Treasurer, Grader & Laying Culverts	175.40
Hume Pipe Co., Pipe	65.00
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William A. Locke	12.00
Richard Aldrich	2.40
Sylvester A. Reid	21.75
Frederick Goffe	9.00
Arnold Campbell, Agent	23.25
N. H. State Garage Snow Fence Posts	29.40
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	\$1,452.02

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD CAMPBELL,
Road Agent.

Audited and Approved, January 15, 1947

ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA E. LYNCH,
Auditors.

**Report of the Committee Authorized by the Town of
Litchfield To Purchase Fire Equipment**

2 Trailer pumps with equipment
1 Skid pump with equipment
1200 feet, more or less, of 2½ inch hose
600 feet, more or less, 1½ inch hose
6 10 foot lengths of suction hose
3 Extension ladders
3 Roof ladders
900 Gas masks
Numerous first aid equipment

70, more or less, hand pumps to be assigned to different homes for emergency use and for forest fires. 50 of these pumps have already been placed in different homes in town.

24, more or less, rubber coats to be used by fire department.

This equipment was bought under the direction of the Selectmen by the Chief of the Fire Department for the sum of five hundred fifty dollars (\$550.)

This equipment was formally loaned to the Town of Saugus, Mass., and purchased through a release issued by the War Assets Administration to J. W. French with the instruction that the said French acting for the Town of Litchfield make payment to none other than the Treasurer of the United States, when said Treasurer sees fit to render said bill.

This equipment now belongs to the Town of Litchfield, covered by this release.

J. WESLEY FRENCH,
Chief of Fire Department.

Help Your Forest Fire Warden Prevent Fires—It Pays!

Prevention is one of the most important phases of all fire effort. This is particularly true of forest fire control work. Preventing forest fires preserves valuable forest growth and other property, conserves man power and permits their use in productive channels, saves taxpayers' money and conserves fire fighting equipment.

The prevention of forest fires is the most important and difficult part of the work of your forest fire warden who heads a local organization set up primarily for the security of your community's forest property. Appointed by the State Forester, upon recommendation of the Selectmen, he is charged by law with the responsibility of local administration of forest fire laws, fire prevention and suppression. In his work he is aided by deputy forest fire wardens who, in emergency, may assume his power and authority. The warden is guided in his work by instructions received from the State Forester and by the District Fire Chief who represents the State Forester.

The importance and value of the work of the forest fire warden and his deputies is, perhaps, best appreciated during hazardous periods when fire danger is greatest. The public, however, looks to him at all times for speedy and economical suppression of going fires.

To properly fulfill his mission, the warden needs the generous and understanding cooperation of the public at large. He attempts to secure this cooperation by the posting of caution notices, news items and by word of mouth, always carefully explaining the necessity of restrictions imposed. In the matter of giving cooperation, however, the public often fails. The record shows that an average of 7,300 acres of woodland are burned over by forest fires in New Hampshire each year. Analysis of fire causes reveal the fact that more than 98 percent of all forest fires are, consistently, the result of human carelessness and are preventable.

The careless smoker fails to properly extinguish his cigar, cigarette or pipe ashes or thoughtlessly throws them from the car window; the debris burner fails or refuses to consult the warden, as the law requires when the ground is not covered with snow, before attempting to burn; campers fail to properly extinguish their fires or frequently build fires when conditions are unfavorable.

The elimination of human causes from the forest fire problem is the answer. This is not as difficult of accomplishment as it might appear at first glance. Let each one who reads this—

1. Use ordinary common sense with fire in and near woodland.

2. Comply with requirements on the use of fire in and near woodland and when the ground is not covered with snow, secure written permission to burn from the forest fire warden.

3. Be careful when smoking in or near woodlands. Don't throw lighted material from moving vehicles.

4. Cooperate with and assist the warden and urge others to do so.

5. HELP YOUR FOREST FIRE WARDEN PREVENT FIRES—his efforts are only as effective as is the cooperation you give him!

Your forest fire warden is Fred McQuesten.

CHARLES F. YOUNG,
District Chief.

N. H. Forestry & Recreation Dept.

REPORT OF TRUSTEES OF TOWN TRUST FUNDS

Litchfield, N. H. Dec. 31, 1946

BANCROFT HIGHWAY FUND

January 31, 1946, Balance in Manchester Savings Bank ..	\$1,925.51
December 31, 1946, Interest	112.41
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	\$5,037.95
Expenditures	300.00
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December 31, 1946, Balance on hand	\$4,737.95

AMOSKEAG SAVINGS BANK

January 31, 1946, Balance on hand	\$1,202.73
December 31, 1946, Interest	38.59
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	\$1,241.32
Expenditures	679.50
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December 31, 1946, Balance on hand	\$561.82
Total Fund	\$5,299.77

AARON CUTLER LIBRARY FUND

January 31, 1946, Balance in Manchester Savings Bank ..	\$7,489.89
December 31, 1946, Total Receipts	1,468.82
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	\$8,958.71
December 31, 1946, Expenditures	\$1,233.96
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December 31, 1946, Balance on hand	7,724.75
Government Bonds	4,200.00
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	\$11,924.75
Estimated Value of Stock, Dec. 31, 1946	\$13,000.00

SELAH BIXBY LIBRARY FUND

January 31, 1946, Balance in Manchester Savings Bank ...	\$91.50
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December 31, 1946, Interest	2.10
December 31, 1946, Balance on hand	<u>\$93.60</u>

JOHN KENNARD LIBRARY FUND

January 31, 1946	
Balance in Amoskeag Savings Bank	\$624.64
December 31, 1946, Interest	12.54
	<u>\$637.18</u>

MARY L. MARSH CEMETERY FUND

January 31, 1946	
Balance in Manchester Savings Bank	\$107.31
December 31, 1946, Interest	2.69
	<u>\$110.00</u>
Expenditures	3.00
December 31, 1946, Balance on hand	<u>\$107.00</u>

ZOE WHITTEMORE CEMETERY FUND

January 31, 1946	
Balance in Manchester Savings Bank	\$101.93
December 31, 1946, Interest	2.55
	<u>\$104.48</u>
Expenditures	1.50
December 31, 1946, Balance on hand	<u>\$102.98</u>

ALPHONSE POWERS CEMETERY FUND

January 31, 1946	
Balance in Manchester Savings Bank	\$100.46
December 31, 1946, Interest	2.51
	<u>\$102.97</u>
Expenditures	1.50
December 31, 1946, Balance on hand	<u>\$101.47</u>

SELAH BIXBY CEMETERY FUND

January 31, 1946	
Balance in Manchester Savings Bank ..	\$1,500.00
December 31, 1946, Interest	37.73
	\$1,537.73
Expenditures	17.00
December 31, 1946, Balance on hand	\$1,520.73

CHARLES PARKER CEMETERY FUND

January 31, 1946	
Balance in Manchester Savings Bank ...	\$ 142.24
December 31, 1946, Interest	3.58
	\$145.82
Expenditures	5.00
December 31, 1946, Balance on hand	\$140.82

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN A. REID,
DAVID A. CAMPBELL,
Trustees of Trust Funds,
Town of Litchfield, N. H.

Audited and Approved, January 15, 1947

ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA E. LYNCH,

Auditors.

REPORT OF LIBRARIAN

SUPPLEMENTARY CATALOG

December 31, 1945—December 31, 1946

GENERAL

Baker, Out on a Limb	5228
Barber, Wall Between	5230
Butcher, My Three Years with Eisenhower	5148
Carter, Samuel Morey	5192
Corbett, Maneaters of Kumaon	5147
Drepperd, Primer of American Antiques	5166
Gould, Yankee Storekeeper	5155
Graham, Maine Charm String	5164
Halsey, Color Blind	5239
Hannum, Spin a Silver Dollar	5224
Harkness, Brook of Our Own	5161
Hersey, Hiroshima	5197
Holbrook, Lost Men of American History	5186
Hughes, No Time for Tears	5226
James, Cherokee Strip	5183
Jennison, Maine Idea	5167
Lewis, Screwtape Letters	5169
Liebman, Peace of Mind	5225
Lincoln, Library of Essential Information	5159
MacDonald, Egg and I	5149
Mantle, ed., Best Plays of 1944-1945	5173
New Hampshire Laws, 1945	5165
New Hampshire Reports, Vol. 93	5158
New Hampshire Report of Agriculture	5160
Oliver and Hatch, Back to the Smoky Sea	5240
Orwell, Animal Farm	5194
Pearson, Country Flavor	5156
Poole, Great White Hills of New Hampshire	5207
Rich, Happy the Land	5231
Richmond, Right as Rain	5215
Roget's Thesaurus	5233
Roosevelt, As He Saw It	5243
Seagrave, Burma Surgeon Returns	5223
Sedgwick, Happy Profession	5177
Smith, The Housatonic	5179

Smith, Into Siam	5180
Stewart, Names on the Land	5172
Stimpson, Book about a Thousand Things	5151
Teale, Lost Woods	5189
White, W. A. Autobiography	5144
White, T. H., Thunder Out of China	5198
Willoson, Saints and Strangers	5145
Quill, Bermuda Journey	5178

FICTION

Aldrich, Lieutenant's Lady	5157
Baldwin, Woman on Her Way	5170
Basset, The Beacon	5213
Beach, World in His Arms	5206
Bishop, By Way of Wyoming	5193
Caldwell, This Side of Innocence	5184
Cannon, Mighty Fortress	5201
Castle, Deborah	5153
Christe, The Hollow	5204
Corbett, Lady with Parasol	5235
Dela Roche, Return to Jalna	5236
Doner, Blue River	5162
Eberhart, Five Passengers from Lisbon	5212
Gardner, Case of the Backward Mule	5171
Gay, Bride Was Late	5205
Godden, The River	5242
Grey, Shadow of the Trail	5188
Hendryx, Courage of the North	5229
Hillyer, Time Remembered	5168
Jennings, Salem Frigate	5176
La Farge, Sudden Guest	5195
Laxness, Independent People	5185
Longstreth, Two Rivers Meet in Concord	5187
Macardle, The Unforeseen	5152
MacInnes, Horizon	5222
Marquand, B. F.'s Daughter	5234
Moore, Spoonhandle	5154
O'Hara, Green Grass of Wyoming	5241
Ozaki, The Cuckoo Clock	5203
Page, Wilderness Adventure	5181
Priestly, Bright Day	5238
Rhode, Death in Harley Street	5190
Sedges, The Townsman	5202
Sharp, Britannia Mews	5150

Shepherd, Holdfast Gaines	5232
Ullman, White Tower	5140
Wakeman, The Hucksters	5190
Ward, Snake Pit	5146
White, Mistress Masham's Repose	5196
Wodehouse, Joy in the Morning	5237

JUVENILE

Anderson, Fairy Tales	5142
Arabian Nights	5174
Bennett, Shawneen and the Gander	5221
Bone and Adshead, Little Boy and His Name ..	5209
Bonner, Suprize Place	5208
Bourgeois, Peter, Peter, Pumpkin Grower	5220
Defoe, Life and Adventures of Robinson Crusoe	5216
Estes, The Moffats	5175
Graham, Paul Robeson	5214
Grimm, Fairy Tales	5143
Hartwell, Animals of Friendly Farm	5100
Lenski, Strawberry Girl	5218
Means, The Moved Outers	5163
Nast, Farm Story	5217
North, Greased Lightning	5211
Patton, Little Rivers of Gold	5227
Salten, Bambi	5141
Sperry, One Day with Tuktu	5210
Sterling, Horse That Takes The Milk Around ..	5200
Stevenson, George Carver, Boy Scientist	5219

DONATIONS

- Magazines: Mrs. Wilfred Allan
 Dr. D. W. Bradt
 Mr. G. B. L. Hill
 Mrs. C. A. Repman
- Historical Papers: Mrs. C. A. Repman
 Mrs. Edith Marsh Barker

RESOURCES

Number of volumes at beginning of year	5139
Number added by purchase	101
State Documents	3
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Number of books at end of year	5243

SERVICES

Number of Volumes loaned to Adults	697
Number loaned to Children	261
Magazines, pamphlets, etc., loaned	101
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Total Circulation	1059

Respectfully submitted,

FLORENCE C. CENTER,
Librarian.

**AARON CUTLER MEMORIAL LIBRARY
TREASURER'S REPORT**

Receipts

On hand	\$174.31
Town	37.50
Cutler Library Fund	1,188.00
	\$1,399.81

Expenditures

Florence C. Center, Librarian ...	\$150.00
Clarence W. Haight, Janitor	178.00
Book of the Month Club	58.48
Merrimack Farmers Exchange, Coal	50.09
John A. Reid, Wood	35.00
Public Service Co., Lights	15.22
H. W. Wilson, Books	10.20
National Slate Roofing Co.	125.00
Margaret M. Hickey, Books	32.80
Yankee Magazine	2.00
Philip Morris Co., Supplies	13.25
National Baseball Club50
Frontier Press Co.	15.91
New England News Co.	114.86
Lovejoy and Smith, Furnace	495.33
Osgood Co., Wax	5.96
Goodman Book Store	13.12
Postage and Telephone	1.91
N. H. Library Association	5.00
	\$1,322.63
	\$77.18

JOHN A. REID,
President and Treasurer.

Audited and Approved, January 15, 1947.

ELOISE BARLOW,
CLARA E. LYNCH,

Auditors.

THE STATE OF NEW HAMPSHIRE

To the Inhabitants of the School District in the Town of Litchfield, qualified to vote in district affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said district on the 8th day of March 1947, at eight o'clock in the evening 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.
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 raise and appropriate the sum of Three Hundred Sixty (360) Dollars to raise the teachers salaries at the rate of \$300.00 per year from January 1, 1947 to June 30, 1947.
10. To see if the District will sponsor the development of a recreational area on the school property through donated services. Projects proposed include a skating rink for winter and a croquet ground for summer.

11. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands at said Litchfield this 11th day of February 1947.

LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,
J. WESLEY FRENCH,
CLARA W. HILL,
School Board.

A true copy of Warrant—Attest:

LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,
J. WESLEY FRENCH,
CLARA W. HILL,
School Board.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL BOARD

To the Citizens of Litchfield:

The school was carried on by the same efficient staff of teachers as was in charge the year before, Mrs. Rebecca Blodgett and Miss Florence Center, with Mr. John Priske as instructor of music.

Margaret Cronin has again looked after the health of the school which lost a lot of time, with measles and mumps, last year.

Mr. Barrett, our Superintendent, was taken ill and resigned and later died. Mr. Herbert Canfield, of Hudson, took over the work and is carrying on very efficiently.

The hot lunches are again under the supervision of Mrs. Mary Haight. The price was advanced this winter on account of the higher price of supplies.

The inside of the school house was cleaned and painted and put in first class shape during the summer vacation.

We are very grateful to Mrs. Rebecca Blodgett and Mrs. Bertha Campbell for their services with the 4-H Club work last year. Also to Sylvester Reid and Mrs. Blanche Clark for their work this year.

LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,
J. WESLEY FRENCH,
CLARA W. HILL,

School Board.

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1947-1948

School District of Litchfield

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1947.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools:

Teachers' Salaries	\$3,300.00	
Text Books	100.00	
Scholars' Supplies	100.00	
Flags and Appurtenances ...	5.00	
Other Expenses of Instruction	70.00	
Janitor Service	500.00	
Fuel	385.00	
Water, Light,		
Janitors' Supplies	75.00	
Minor Repairs and Expenses	200.00	
Health Supervision		
(Medical Inspection)	135.00	
Transportation of Pupils ...	1,650.00	
Other Special Activities	250.00	
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		\$6,770.00

Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers ..	\$182.00	
Truant Officer & School Census	16.00	
High School Tuition	2,300.00	
Superintendent's Excess Salary	75.00	
Per Capita Tax	126.00	
Teacher's Retirement Fund .	132.50	
Other Obligations	250.00	
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		\$3,081.50

Total amount required to meet School
Board's Budget \$9,851.50

Estimated Income of District

Balance June 30, 1947 \$150.00

State Aid 1,000.00

Dog Tax 40.00

1,190.00

Assessment required to balance

School Board's Budget \$8,661.50

LIZZIE D. SHEPHERD,

J. WESLEY FRENCH,

CLARA W. HILL,

School Board.

REPORT OF THE SCHOOL DISTRICT TREASURER

For the Fiscal Year Ending June 30, 1946

SUMMARY

Cash on hand June 30, 1945 (Treasurer's bank balance)	\$2,523.83
Received from Selectmen: Appropriations for current year	\$5,340.93
Received from State Treasurer	1,555.07
Received from all other sources	107.00
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Total Amount Available for Fiscal Year (Balance & receipts)	\$9,526.83
Less School Board Orders Paid	8,024.28
Balance on Hand as of June 30, 1946 (Treasurer's bank balance)	\$1,502.55

ELIZABETH C. MORRILL,

July 15, 1946

District Treasurer.

AUDITOR'S CERTIFICATE

This is to certify that we have examined the books, vouchers, bank statements and other financial records of the treasurer of the School District of Litchfield, of which the above is a true summary for the fiscal year ending June 30, 1946 and find them correct in all respects.

HELEN M. PARKER,
EDWIN B. HILL,

July 15, 1946

Auditors.

REPORT OF SCHOOL DISTRICT

June 30, 1945—July 1, 1946

RECEIPTS

Balance on hand, June 30, 1945	\$2,523.83
I. N.Center, Treasurer	3,800.00
Josiah Henderson	37.00
J. A. Reid	70.00
State Treasurer	1,555.07
Sterling Colby, Treasurer	1,540.93
Total Receipts	
	\$9,526.83

EXPENDITURES

Rebecca Blodgett, Salary	\$1,162.00
Florence Center, Salary	938.10
Colby Bros., Transportation ..	1,650.00
Newell Carney, Janitor	500.00
Newell Carney, Supplies & extra labor	58.22
City of Manchester, Tuitions ..	228.00
City of Nashua, Tuitions	1,200.00
School District of Hudson, Tuitions & expenses	211.05
Mary Haight, Salary	171.00
Guin & Co., books	10.04
Webster Pub. Co., books	59.49
MacMillan Co., books	1.87
J. Wesley French, chimney repairs	27.95
J. Wesley French, Tissues	1.25
Mrs. E. G. Sherbourne, diplomas	.75
Manchester Paper Supply Co. .	4.50
Wm. G. Parker, bond	25.00
Jerry's Radio Shop, repairs ...	10.20
Public Service Co. of N. H., lights	37.16
John Priske, salary	200.00
Margaret Cronin, nurse	102.68
Lizzie D. Shepherd, graduation expenses	25.00
Philip Morris & Co., equipment	17.81
Percey J. Callaghan, supplies ..	2.32
L. R. Dufault, Inc., fuel oil	196.34
New England Tel & Tel Co. phone	38.68
Osgood Cons. Co., supplies	14.71

John B. Varick Co., supplies . . .	9.81	
Geo. D. Park, oil	78.46	
Am. Ed. Press, Inc., supplies . .	9.00	
M. Fuller, Treas., Supt. excess .	116.67	
Hammar Hardware Co., supplies	9.00	
Joe Miller, labor	7.00	
Joe Miller, fuel	6.50	
Wm. L. Nutting, tuning pianos	8.00	
Bertha Crowell, Ins. rider50	
Internal Revenue Tax	130.50	
L. R. Dufault, oil burner complete	305.00	
D. H. Toothaker, books	3.36	
Chas. W. Homeyer & Co., Inc., books	9.85	
Edward E. Babb & Co., books .	5.97	
Gledhill Bros., Inc., supplies . .	32.12	
State Treasurer, Tax	140.00	
G. W. Burque, clock	2.00	
World Book Co., books	2.42	
Scott, Foresasan & Co., books .	6.27	
H. L. Shepherd, pump	9.00	
H. L. Shepherd, repairs	19.02	
Fitch Murray Co., supplies	2.11	
Tolles, Bickford Co., Inc., wood	7.00	
Mrs. Bete, lunches	14.00	
Dorothy Reid, salary	72.00	
Clara W. Hill, salary & expenses	32.00	
Lizzie D. Shepherd, salary	25.00	
J. Wesley French, salary & expenses	26.00	
Elizabeth C. Morrill, salary . . .	25.00	
Treasurer's Expenses	4.60	
Edwin Hill, Auditor	6.00	
Helen Parker, Auditor	6.00	
		\$8,024.28
Total Receipts		\$9,526.83
Total Payments		8,024.28
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Balance on Hand		\$1,502.55

Audited and Approved, July 15, 1946

HELEN M. PARKER,
EDWIN B. HILL,

Auditors.

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

February 17, 1947

To the School Board and citizens of Litchfield:

I submit to you my first report as superintendent of your school.

In these days when there is a definite scarcity of trained teachers, it is a pleasure to find that no vacancies exist. We can most certainly assure the continuance of this condition by offering payment in proportion to the service rendered. No greater service can be rendered than the adequate training of our children for useful and pleasurable living.

The brightness and cleanliness of appearance brought about by the interior paint job really makes better school work possible. A further move in pleasantness of surroundings may lead to some development of the grounds for play purposes.

The lunch program operated by Mrs. Haight deserves notice and commendation. Proper lunch adds to study ability.

I am grateful for the readiness of cooperation of all who are related to the school program.

Respectfully submitted,
HERBERT W. CANFIELD,
Superintendent of Schools.

Enrollment February 1, 1947

Grade I	11
Grade II	4
Grade III	4
Grade IV	6
Grade V	9
Grade VI	5
Grade VII	4
Grade VIII	2
Total	45

ROLL OF PERFECT ATTENDANCE

School Year 1945-1946

Everett Aldrich	Grade 6
Bertha Bilodeau	Grade 8

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE FOR LITCHFIELD

Litchfield school health report from September 1945 through June 1946.

Defects Found	No.	Rec. Treat	No. Corrected
Underweight	3		3
Defective Vision	1		
Defective Hearing	1	1	
Defective Teeth	22		8
Defective Tonsils	0		
Defective Speech	1	1	
Cases of Communicable Diseases:			
Chicken Pox	22		
Scarlet Fever	1		
Measles	19		
Mumps	6		
Whooping Cough	2		
Diphtheria Toxoid given to 14 pupils.			

62 School Visits 41 Home Visits

Respectfully submitted,

MARGARET E. CRONIN, R. N.
School Nurse.

RETURN OF DISTRICT REVENUE, 1946

School District of Litchfield

Support of Schools:

School Board budget of necessary expenses of Instruction, Operation and Special Activities	\$6,384.00
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Other Statutory Requirements:

Salaries of District Officers ..	\$182.00	
Truant Officer and School Census	16.00	
Superintendent's Excess Salary	70.00	
\$2 per capita tax for Supervision	130.00	
Teacher's Retirement Fund .	100.00	
Tuition in high schools and academies	1,800.00	
Other obligations imposed by law	225.00	2,523.00

Total amount of School Board's budget ..	\$8,907.00
Deduction for estimated income of district from sources other than current taxation	3,225.51
Amount to be raised by taxation for budget and appropriations	\$5,681.49

CERTIFICATES

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the obligations authorized, and the amounts to be assessed to meet statutory requirements and appropriations made at the annual meeting of the Litchfield School District held March 16, 1946.

CHARLES B. CAMPBELL,
Clerk of the School District

March 18, 1946

To the State Board of Education:

I certify that the above is a correct statement of the financial proceedings of the district for 1946, and that copies of this statement have been filed with the chairman of the board of selectmen and entered in the records of the school board.

CLARA W. HILL,
Chairman of the School Board

March 18, 1946

