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**Two Hundred and Eighty-seventh**  
**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OFFICERS**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER**



For the Year 1943

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BRIDGEWATER, MASSACHUSETTS

# TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

Incorporated - June 1656

Ninth Congressional District

First Councillor District

Plymouth Senatorial District

5th Plymouth Representative District

## REPRESENTATIVE IN CONGRESS

Charles L. Gifford of Barnstable

## COUNCILLOR

Clarence A. Barnes of Mansfield

## SENATOR

Charles G. Miles  
26 Spring Street, Brockton

## REPRESENTATIVE

Michael J. McCarthy  
East Bridgewater

Annual Town Meeting — First Monday in March



## TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1943

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### MODERATOR

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Joseph W. Keith	1943	1944

### SELECTMEN

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Leo F. Nourse, Chairman	1942	1945
Arthur E. Pratt, Clerk	1943	1946
William T. Flynn	1941	1944

### ASSESSORS

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Leo F. Nourse, Chairman	1942	1945
Arthur E. Pratt, Clerk	1943	1946
William T. Flynn	1941	1944

### BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Leo F. Nourse, Chairman	1942	1945
Arthur E. Pratt, Clerk	1943	1946
William T. Flynn	1941	1944

### TOWN CLERK

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Edwin Keith, 180 Main Street	1943	1944



## TOWN TREASURER

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Edward F. McGinn	1943	1946

## TOWN COLLECTOR

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Edward F. McGinn	1943	1946

## SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
John F. Sweeney, Chairman	1943	1946
Fred P. Turner, Secretary	1942	1945
Hermon F. Wheeler	1942	1945
Albert F. Hunt	1941	1944
George H. Maxfield	1943	1946
Francis E. Bromley	1941	1944
Superintendent, Albert F. Hunt, Jr.		

## TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Henry J. Strann	1943	1946
Albert F. Hunt, Jr.	1943	1946
Ruth E. Davis	1943	1946
Hermon F. Wheeler	1942	1945
Mary T. Coleman	1942	1945
Miriam R. Wheeler	1942	1945
James J. Gorman	1941	1944
M. Katherine Hill	1941	1944
Charles P. Sinnott	1941	1944

## BOARD OF HEALTH

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Albert F. Hunt, M. D.	1943	1946
Charles W. Hayes, Secy.	1942	1945
Henry A. Gow	1941	1944

## WATER COMMISSIONERS

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Samuel B. Cholerton	1941	1944
Henry J. Strann	1942	1945
James F. Laker	1943	1946

## SEWER COMMISSIONERS

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Edward P. Joyce	1941	1944
Eldon M. Thompson	1942	1945
Bernard B. Cole	1943	1946

## TREE WARDEN

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Francis C. Worthen	1943	1944

## PLANNING BOARD

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Duncan Lothrop	1941	1944
James M. Cummings	1941	1944
H. Charles Graebe	1942	1945
No election of other member		
Arthur E. Pratt	1943	1946
Frances Whittaker	1943	1946



## PLAYGROUND COMMISSION

	ELECTED	EXPIRES
Richard Kimball	1942	1945
William H. Johnson	1941	1944
Cecil V. Hayes	1943	1946

## CONSTABLE

No election

ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
(Appointed by the Moderator)

Orran D. Libby, George C. Richmond, Wayne E. Clark	1944
Rosario Wood, Robert G. Clark, Jr., Fred N. Gasset	1945
Warren F. Barnes, Roger G. Whithed, Fred L. Glavin	1946

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**Officers Appointed by the Selectmen**

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

	APPOINTED	EXPIRES
Miss A. Evelyn Keith	1941	1944

## INSPECTOR OF BUILDINGS

	APPOINTED	EXPIRES
Foster P. Parsons, 47 Plymouth St.	1943	1944

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS &amp; MEASURES

	APPOINTED	EXPIRES
Glenn S. Matteson, 400 Plymouth St.	1943	1944

## FIRE ENGINEERS

	APPOINTED	EXPIRES
Arthur F. Rhoades, Chief	1943	1944
Charles A. MacKinnon	Wilfred H. LaGarde	

## DOG OFFICER

Francis R. Copeland	655 South St.
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## REGISTRARS OF VOTERS

Louistone H. Dyke, Chairman	Elmer Donati
Edward F. Coleman	Edwin Keith, Town Clerk

## SURVEYORS OF WOOD AND LUMBER

Rosario Wood	74 Titicut St.
Howard L. Metcalf	450 Plymouth St.

## FENCE VIEWERS

Leo F. Nourse	Arthur E. Pratt
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## SUPERINTENDENT OF MOTH WORK

Francis C. Worthen	725 Conant St.
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## FOREST FIRE WARDENS

Arthur F. Rhoades, Chief	Francis C. Worthen, Deputy
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## BURIAL AGENT

Russell L. Soule



## INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

Ernest Leach

684 South St.

## INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

Ernest Leach

## SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

Roscoe W. Sanders

204 Summer St.

## SPECIAL POLICE

August R. F. Silva

Stanley Woloszyn

Charles Chisholm

Francis R. Copeland

Edward P. Joyce

Joseph J. Moruzzi

Henry R. Wragg

Ralph Gardner

Leon Carroll

David F. Sweeney

Jas. H. Folsom

Ernest Pickett

## SWORN WEIGHERS

Charles P. Lewis

Annie J. Devine

Robert A. McNeeland

Florence MacDonald

Natalie McNeeland

Warren D. Harding

M. Christine O'Donnell

Nellie K. O'Brien

Robert F. King

Raymond L. Seaver

Wallace F. Pratt

Charles Barnes

Luther L. Hayden

## SUPERVISOR OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE

James R. Moore, Chief of Police

## CHAIRMAN OF MEMORIAL DAY COMMITTEE

Wendell H. Simpson

## TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

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### WARRANT

### TOWN MEETING

#### COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS

#### PLYMOUTH SS.

To either of the Constables in the Town of Bridgewater, in the County of Plymouth. Greetings:

In the name of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, you are hereby directed to notify and warn the inhabitants of the Town of Bridgewater qualified to vote in Elections and Town Affairs to meet at the

WASHBURN BLOCK, CENTRAL SQUARE,  
BRIDGEWATER

MONDAY, THE 1st. DAY OF MARCH, 1943

at 9 o'clock in the forenoon and at said Town Hall

SATURDAY, the 6th DAY OF MARCH, 1943

at 1:30 o'clock in the afternoon in accordance with the Town By-Laws,

Then and there to act on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To choose one Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Overseer of Public Welfare for three years, one member of the Board of Health for three years, three Trustees of Public Library for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, two members of the School Committee for three years, one Tree Warden for one year, one Constable for one year, two members



of the Planning Board for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Moderator for one year, one Playground Commissioner for three years, and all minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Polls will open at 9 A. M. and unless otherwise determined by the meeting will close at 7 P. M.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the report of the Town Accountant, School Committee, Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare, Trustees of Public Library and Board of Health.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the report of any Committee chosen by the Town.

Article 4. To raise, appropriate and vote into a tax to be assessed upon the polls and estate according to law such sums of money as may be thought necessary for the Department of Public Welfare, Support of Schools, Town Library, Repairs to Roads and Bridges, Lighting the Streets, Police Department, Fire Department, Tree Warden, Pensions, Town Officers and for incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the unexpended balance of the Unemployment Fund appropriation the sum of \$1,000.00 to the Soldiers Benefits appropriation.

Article 6. To see if the Town will vote to transfer from the unexpended balance of the Unemployment Fund appropriation the sum of \$2,648.01 to the Employers Liability Insurance Reserve Fund.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money



in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1943, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 8. To see what action the Town will take in relation to instructing the Collector of Taxes.

Article 9. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance to be expended in conjunction with other money to be allotted by the Commonwealth of Massachusetts and the County of Plymouth.

Article 10. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

Article 11. To see what action the Town will take in relation to voting to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) for rent of quarters of Post No. 203, American Legion, as provided in Section 9, Chapter 40, of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 122 of the Acts of 1923.

Article 12. To see what action the Town will take in relation to voting to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) for rent of quarters of James A. Oliver Post 2125, V.F.W., as provided in Chapter 40, sec. 9 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 122, Acts of 1923.

Article 13. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for the support of High School Athletics or take any other action relative thereto. (Request of School Committee).



Article 14. To see what action the Town will take to have the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate school building inadequacies and make a report at a town meeting in order that the necessary post-war construction may be planned in conjunction with the Public Work Reserve program of the Federal Government; and to see what action the Town will take to raise and appropriate a sufficient sum of money for this committee to function effectively. (Request of School Committee).

Article 15. To see if the Town will accept as a gift from Mr. Paul Revere and others, two lots of land on the easterly side of Main Street in Bridgewater, comprising two and one half acres, more or less.

The first lot situated between the present home of Mr. Revere and property owned by Mrs. Elsie Carr. The second lot situated between the property of Mrs. Elsie Carr and the Trinity Episcopal Church parsonage. Both lots fronting on Main Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 16. To see if the Town will accept the provisions of Chapter 710 of the Acts of 1941 entitled "An Act Relative to the Registration and Operation of Certain Bicycles". To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money therefor.

Article 17. To see if the Town will accept as a gift from the Lions Club a deed of the premises on the westerly side of Bedford Street in said Bridgewater, measuring approximately 150 feet on the Street and extending back the same width a distance of 100 feet, surrounded on three sides by the Children's Playground previously presented by the Lion's Club to the Town. The premises will be conveyed subject to a lease held by the Producers Dairy Company expiring December 31, 1946,



and subject to all the terms and conditions contained therein, including the provision that the building thereon is the property of the Producer's Dairy Company.

Article 18. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the purpose of public safety under the Defense Program; said money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 19. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Rationing Board; said money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 20. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of the Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture and choose a Town Director as provided in Sections 41 and 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws.

And you are directed to serve this Warrant, by posting attested copies thereof seven days at least before the time of said meeting.

Hereof fail not, and make due return of this Warrant, with your doings thereon to the Town Clerk, at the time and place of meeting, aforesaid.

Given under our hands and seal this Eleventh day of February in the year of Our Lord one thousand nine hundred and forty-three.

Leo F. Nourse

Bart F. Casey

Selectmen of Bridgewater.

Bridgewater, February 20, 1943



## PLYMOUTH SS.

I have this day served the within Warrant by posting an attested copy of the same at the main entrance of the Town Hall, one copy at the State Farm, one copy at at least seven of the public meeting houses of the Town seven days before the time appointed for said meeting.

Frank Williams, Constable  
of Bridgewater, Mass.  
February 26, 1943

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The Selectmen appointed the following to serve as Election Officers at the Annual Town Election to be held March 1, 1943.

Warden— Leo F. Nourse

Checkers, At the Entrance—

Mrs. Mary T. Coleman, Mrs. Anne M. Dorr

At the Ballot Box—

Miss Sarah Devine, Mrs. A. Louise Nash

Gate Tender— John W. Dowd

Tellers: to begin at 1:00 p. m.

George C. Richmond, Peter Panza, F. Wallace Harden, Bart Flynn

to begin at 5:00 p. m.

James J. Gorman, Lloyd F. Rand, Frank W. Burrill, James E. Flynn

## ANNUAL TOWN MEETING

MARCH 1, 1943

The Meeting was called to order by the Town Clerk at 8:45 a. m.

After the reading of the Warrant by the Town Clerk the Election Officers were sworn to the Faithful performance of their respective duties.

At 9:00 a. m. the Moderator declared the polls open.

On a motion by Mr. Francis E. Bromley, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the polls be kept open until 8:00 p. m.

At 8:00 p. m. the Moderator declared the polls closed.

Whole number of ballots cast 1119, men 592; women 527.

The tellers completed their duties at 8:30 p. m. and the following results of the balloting were announced by the Moderator:

For MODERATOR for one year:

Joseph W. Keith had	860
Blanks	259

Mr. Joseph W. Keith was declared elected

For SELECTMAN for three years:

Francis E. Bromley had	356
Arthur E. Pratt had	590
Embert Sturtevant had	159
Blanks	14

Mr. Arthur E. Pratt was declared elected



For ASSESSOR for three years

Francis E. Bromley had	352
Arthur E. Pratt had	572
Embert Sturtevant had	165
Blanks	30

Mr. Arthur E. Pratt was declared elected

For Overseer of PUBLIC WELFARE for three years:

Francis E. Bromley had	357
Arthur E. Pratt had	567
Embert Sturtevant had	170
Blanks	25

Mr. Arthur E. Pratt was declared elected

For TOWN CLERK for one year:

Edwin Keith had	959
Blanks	160

Mr. Edwin Keith was declared elected

For TOWN TREASURER for three years:

Edward F. McGinn had	988
Blanks	131

Mr. Edward F. McGinn was declared elected

For TOWN COLLECTOR for three years:

Edward F. McGinn had	981
Blanks	138

Mr. Edward F. McGinn was declared elected

For SCHOOL COMMITTEE for three years

George H. Maxfield had	747
John F. Sweeney had	755
Blanks	122

Mr. John F. Sweeney and Mr. George H. Maxfield were declared elected

For TRUSTEES OF PUBLIC LIBRARY for three years:

Ruth E. Davis had	801
Albert F. Hunt, Jr., had	871
Henry J. Strann had	748
Blanks	158

Miss Davis, Mr. Hunt and Mr. Strann were declared elected

For BOARD OF HEALTH for three years:

Albert F. Hunt had	897
Scattering and blanks	222

Albert F. Hunt was declared elected

For WATER COMMISSIONER for three years:

James F. Laker had	883
Blanks	236

Mr. James F. Laker was declared elected

For SEWER COMMISSIONER for three years:

Bernard Cole had	5
F. Wallace Harden had	4
Edgar E. Cushman had	2
James F. Laker had	2

Mr. Bernard Cole was declared elected

For TREE WARDEN for one year:

Francis C. Worthen had	911
Blanks	208

Mr. Francis C. Worthen was declared elected

For PLANNING BOARD for three years:

Arthur E. Pratt had	4
Frances Whittaker had	5
Francis M. Hall had	3



Anthony Andre had	2
Blanks	1105

Arthur E. Pratt and Frances Whittaker were declared elected

For PLAYGROUND COMMISSIONER for three years:

Cecil V. Hayes had	16
William Olive had	5
Richard Kimball had	4
Blanks	1084

Mr. Cecil V. Hayes was declared elected

For CONSTABLE for one year:

Christopher J. O'Leary had	6
Walter Bodge had	6
Elmer Shaw had	2
Blanks	1105

There being no choice, there was none elected

After the result of the balloting had been declared the Moderator announced that the meeting was adjourned until Saturday afternoon at 1:30 o'clock at the Town Hall.

According to the provision in Town By-Laws the meeting was called to order by the Moderator at 1:30 p. m.

Article 1. The Selectmen Reported the following Minor Town Officers:

Surveyors of Wood & Lumber:

Rosario Wood and Howard L. Metcalf

Fence Viewers: Leo F. Nourse and Arthur E. Pratt

## Sworn Weighers:

Charles P. Lewis, Annie J. Devine, Robert A. McNeeland, Florence MacDonald, Warren D. Harding, Edward Rice, Charles Barnes, Nellie K. O'Brien, Robert F. King, Raymond L. Seaver, Wallace F. Pratt, James Burke, Walter Adamidc, Luther L. Hayden, Natalie McNeeland, M. Christine O'Donnell.

Article 2. On a motion by Mr. Leo F. Nourse it was VOTED to accept the reports of the Town Accountant, School Committee, Board of Health, Board of Public Welfare, Trustees of Public Library as printed in the Town Report.

Article 3. There being no Committees to report the article was passed.

Article 4. The following appropriations were moved by various persons and duly voted:

Selectmen .....	salaries	\$750.00	other	\$500.00
Accounting .....	salaries	2,400.00	other	500.00
Treasurer .....	salaries	550.00	other	766.70
Other Finance Accounts ..		10.00		
Town Collector .....	salaries	2,090.00	other	1,525.50
Assessors .....	salaries	1,300.00	other	600.00
Town Clerk .....	salaries	1,650.00	other	100.00
Election & Registration .....		550.00		
Law Department .....		200.00		
Town Hall Dept. ....		2,000.00		
Police Department .....		11,206.68		
Fire Department .....		14,407.56		
Sealing W'ghts & M'sures		450.00		
Moth extermination .....		2,500.00		
Improvement & Protection Trees .....		1,500.00		



Prevention &			
Extinguishment Fires..	1,000.00		
Inspector Buildings .....	200.00		
Other Protection inc.			
Dog Officer .....	100.00		
Board of Health .....	salaries 350.00	total	4,800.00
Public Health Nurse .....	1,420.00		
Maintenance of Sewers .....	50.00		
Street Department .....	17,689.40		
Road Machinery Account..	4,500.00		
Lighting Streets .....	6,645.36		
Public Welfare Adm. ....	salaries 600.00	other	645.00
Support of Poor .....	9,000.00		
Aid to Dependent Ch'dren	5,500.00		
Admin. Aid to Dependent			
Children .....	100.00		
Old Age Assistance Adm...	976.00		
Old Age Assistance .....	32,000.00		
State & Mil. Aid & Sol. Rel.	1,000.00		
School Department .....	120,199.08		
School Dept. Coal 1944 .....	1,000.00		
Public Library .....	5,260.00		
Care Common &			
Lighting Tablets .....	120.00		
Pension for E. F. LeBaron	750.00		
Rent & Maintenance			
Garage .....	625.00		
Town Reports & Order			
Books .....	500.00		
Insurance Buildings &			
Contents .....	1,228.99		
Liability Insurance .....	100.70		
Reserve Fund .....	2,500.00		

Interest on temp. loans .....	300.00
Athletic Field & Playgr'nd	1,680.00
Care Old Cemeteries .....	200.00
Water Dept.	
(from revenue) .....	10,633.46
Observat'n Armistice Day	75.00

Article 5. On a motion by Mr. Wayne E. Clark, duly seconded it was

VOTED: That the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$1,000.00 from the unexpended balance of the Unemployment Fund appropriation to the Soldiers Benefits Appropriation.

Article 6. Upon a motion by Mr. Orrin D. Libby, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town transfer the sum of \$2,648.01 from the Unemployment Fund Appropriation to the Employers Liability Insurance Reserve Fund.

Article 7. Upon a motion by Mr. Arthur E. Pratt, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, be, and hereby is authorized to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1943, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 8. On a motion by Mr. Arthur E. Pratt, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town Treasurer be, and hereby is, authorized to act as Town Collector, and in that capacity of Town Col-



lector, he be instructed to use all means for collecting taxes which a Town Treasurer may use when appointed a Collector.

Article 9. Upon a motion by Mr. Warren Barnes, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$2,000.00 for Chapter 90 Maintenance; said money may be used with any money which may be allotted by the State or County, or both for this purpose.

Article 10. Upon a motion by Mr. Rosario Wood, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$275.00 for the proper observance of Memorial Day, said sum to be expended under the direction of the Selectmen, as follows; Music \$125.00, Other \$150.00.

Article 11. Upon a motion by Mr. Wayne E. Clark, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$180.00 for rent of quarters for Post 203, American Legion, under the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 40 of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 122 of Acts of 1923.

Article 12. Upon a motion by Mr. Orrin D. Libby, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$180.00 for rent of quarters for James A. Oliver Post No. 2125, Veterans of Foreign Wars, under the provisions of Section 9, Chapter 40, of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 122, Acts of 1923.

Article 13. Upon a motion by Mr. Warren Barnes, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of



\$400.00 for the support of High School Athletics; said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

Article 14. Upon a motion by Mr. John F. Sweeney, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Moderator appoint a committee to investigate school building inadequacies and that said committee make a report and recommendation of remedy at a subsequent town meeting in order that the necessary post-war construction may be planned in conjunction with the Public Work Reserve program of the Federal Government; and that the sum of \$150.00 be raised and appropriated for the expenses of this committee, said sum to be expended under the direction of the School Committee.

By request of the School Committee.

Article 15. On a motion by Mr. Leo F. Nourse, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town accept as a gift from Mr. Paul Revere and others the two lots on the easterly side of Main Street.

Article 16. On a motion by Mr. Rosario Wood, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town accept the provisions of Chapter 710 of the Acts of 1941 in relation to the registration of Certain Bicycles and an appropriation of \$50.00 was made for the purchase of Registration Plates.

Article 17. On a motion by Mr. Leo F. Nourse, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town accept as a gift from the Lion's Club the land on the westerly side of Bedford Street adjacent to the Children's Playground subject to the lease held by the Producers Dairy Company.



Article 18. On a motion by Mr. Wayne E. Clark, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the purpose of Public Safety under the Defense Program; said money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 19. On a motion by Mr. Orrin D. Libby, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$400.00 for the Rationing Board; said money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

Article 20. On a motion by Mr. Warren Barnes, duly seconded, it was

VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate \$100.00 for Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture and that Mr. Harry A. Grant be chosen as Town Director as provided in Section 41 and 45 of Chapter 128 of General Laws.

On a motion duly seconded it was

VOTED: That the meeting stand adjourned without date.

On March 15, 1943 the Moderator made the following appointments:

Committee to investigate School Accommodations.

Albert F. Hunt Jr., Chairman

John F. Sweeney, Leo F. Nourse, Arthur E. Pratt,  
Nelson N. Marshman, Mrs. Edward F. McHugh,  
Mrs. William F. Flint.

Advisory Committee to expire in 1946

Warren F. Barnes, Roger Whithed, Fred L. Glavin.

Advisory Committee to expire in 1944  
George C. Richmond.

The above appointees were duly notified.

EDWIN KEITH,  
Town Clerk.



## VITAL STATISTICS

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### Births Recorded in Bridgewater in 1943

Date	Name of Child	Name of Parents
January		
11,	Paulette Norton	Owen J. & Olivia Maynard
12,	Ralph Edwin Atkinson	Ralph M. & Faith F. Allison
21,	Thomas Kenneth Hall	Kenneth W. & Charlotte E. Keith
23,	Donna Elaine Mola	Augustine E. & Gertrude M. Edson
24,	Linda Ann Levy	Roger F. & Pearl V. Luther
26,	William Primo Ferioli	William & Alice R. Resmini
27,	Winifred Clair Gill	Clement J. & Winifred Bunn
27,	Geraldine Irene Maloney	Frances B. & Stacia Malewicz
February		
1,	Robert Joseph Kopczyk	Anthony & Bertha E. Smith
2,	Eleanor Marie Zanellato	Marcello & Marie Cortese
5,	Margaret Francis Homer	Peter L. & Evangeline Ventura
8,	Diane Louise Souza	Manuel T. & Louise A. Mondeau
10,	Nancy Patience Boggs	Lee H. & Marjorie E. Manning
16,	Ronald Lewis Wagman	Henry N. & Laura V. Lewis
18,	Richard Arthur LeVangie	William A. & Loretta A. Kublicke
21,	Bertram Louis Wilson Jr.	Bertram L. & Gwendolyn G. Finch
25,	Linda Mae Smith	Linwood J. & Edith M. Fellows
March		
1,	Kathleen Irene Krukonis	Alphonse J. & Elvira L. Woronicz
2,	Priscilla Douzanis	George N. & Gula Tsiatsios
9,	Karen Ann Hazard	Richard S. & Josephine F. Daley
12,	Allan David Baker	Robert C. & Gladys H. Agnew
15,	Clare Kilbridge	Thomas J. & Mary C. O'Leary
16,	Edward Patrick Lewis	Warren B. & Catherine M. Bastian
17,	Richard Patrick LaCroix	Percy J. & Angelia D. Moretti
20,	Pamela Alice Crawshaw	Benjamin W. & Jessie M. Martin
20,	Albert Louis Ghelfi	Mario J. & Helen T. Valente
21,	Robert Bradford Nickerson	William E. & Irene W. White
30,	Eleanor Gail Abbott	Everett M. & Eleanor M. Webster



## April

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| 3,  | Michael David Flammia  | Michael P. & Stacia B. Chimbur    |
| 10, | Carolyn Ann Joyce      | Edward P. & Laura A. Tassinari    |
| 13, | Susan Louise Lockyer   | Russell L. & Florence M. Harris   |
| 14, | Ronald Joseph Ferioli  | Aldo J. & Mary G. Tassinari       |
| 15, | Randall Lee Skorzewski | Longin J. & Elsie M. Bentley      |
| 17, | Mary Ann Patynok       | Russell & Virginia F. Allison     |
| 18, | Gloria Ellen Post      | Howard V. & Marian L. Parris      |
| 20, | Stephen Howard Prophet | William C. & Eleanor M. Rodman    |
| 21, | Margaret Ann Jardullo  | Dominic & Angelina R. Chiocca     |
| 24, | William Fred Cowgill   | Russell J. & Ruth M. Snow         |
| 24, | Sheila Elizabeth Dumas | Wilfred C. & Pauline A. Mazzoleni |
| 27, | Robert John Malkosky   | John A. & Blanche A. Chambers     |

## May

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| 3,  | Beverly Anne Abati           | Erminio & Anna Rogue           |
| 5,  | Alfred Merton Rountry Jr.    | Alfred M. & Marjorie L. Hazard |
| 9,  | Roger Allen Irving           | William A. & Hazel M. Tranmer  |
| 10, | Donald Francis Gomm          | Raymond M. & Ruth E. Estes     |
| 10, | David James Leach            | James H. & Barbara D. Small    |
| 11, | Maurine Emerson Stigh        | Maurice & Beatrice M. Boucher  |
| 12, | Charles Alfred Raposa Jr.    | Charles A. & Rose A. Ribeiro   |
| 30, | John Celeste Giacomo Ferrari | John & Lena Ralli              |

## June

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|-----|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1,  | Geraldine Della Andre       | Anthony & Inez A. Abati         |
| 2,  | Richard Vincent Bonfiglioli | Henry & Amelia Mazzoli          |
| 3,  | Rachel Frances Dunham       | Harry M. & Lillian M. Brazil    |
| 6,  | Alton Kenneth Smith Jr.     | Alton K. & Gladys Wirtanen      |
| 6,  | Richard Arthur Gay          | Melvin & Clara I. Richardson    |
| 7,  | Nancy Ann Soderbom          | Lawrence A. & Anita Tassinari   |
| 11, | Andrea Mary Giovannini      | Albert J. & Lucy F. Andre       |
| 11, | John Edward Marzelli        | Albert & Lucy Taylor            |
| 16, | Donald Joseph Lacerda       | Joseph A. & Angelina A. Paiva   |
| 16, | Robert David Grigg          | Harold W. & Doris G. Keith      |
| 17, | Dorothy Rose Poloski        | Stanley & Dorothy M. Sturtevant |
| 20, | Edward Allen Hall           | Ray M. & Dorothy E. Cambridge   |
| 23, | Edward Frank Forcier Jr.    | Edward F. & Mabel A. Harlow     |
| 24, | Gwendolyn Beverly Wood      | Lester W. & Agnes Lesperance    |
| 25, | Carolyn Laraine Bresciani   | Albert P. & Dorothy F. Jones    |
| 25, | Joanne Kublicke             | Joseph & Lillian A. Kozlowski   |



## July

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| 2, Sheila Marie Tynan            | John P. & Marguerite C. Roach   |
| 3, Edwin Payton                  | Edwin F. & Rita M. Brady        |
| 5, Paul Eugene Pallatroni        | Leo A. & Mary Resmini           |
| 8, George Bradford Barney        | Franklin & Dorothy M. Kent      |
| 12, Howard Calderwood Proule Jr. | Howard C. & Jeannette A. Dubord |
| 17, Charles Douglas Hill         | Charles L. & Ellen B. Lindquist |
| 17, Judith Ann Rice              | Eugene & Agnes E. Carpenter     |
| 18, Virginia Vail Kirmayer       | Francis D. & Frances Jones      |
| 24, Lillian Evelyn DeArruda      | Augustus E. & Elsie C. Irving   |
| 25, Diane Louise Messaline       | Victor J. & Emma Resmini        |
| 25, David Joseph Messaline       | Victor J. & Emma Resmini        |
| 28, Patricia Louise Dubord       | Claude E. & Ruth G. Dougan      |
| 30, Wilfred Joseph Mason Jr.     | Wilfred J. & Aurore R. Provost  |
| 30, Valerie Evangeline Verdon    | Franklyn E. & Myrtle A. Zeliff  |
| 31, Donald Harold Bergstrom      | Harold L. & Caryl Wheaton       |
| 31, Carol Judith Osborne         | Francis A. & Alice M. Smith     |

## August

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| 1, David Howell Lambert        | Joseph L. & Marie D. Isaacs       |
| 1, Robert David Vernon Staneck | Charles R. W. & Dora M. Jerrett   |
| 5, Elsie LaMerle Bois          | John C. & Mildred L. Taber        |
| 9, Joan Gray                   | Edward & Helen M. Zamon           |
| 23, Ernest Albert Dimond       | Clarence A. & Frances M. Phillips |
| 23, John Michael Clements      | David M. & Alma Peterson          |
| 28, Barbara Helene Costa       | Henry & Helen Marmish             |

## September

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|----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1, Clifton Mitchell Colby  | Fred E. & Alice Rainey          |
| 17, Albert Henry Duplissey | Albert H. & Doris N. Lewis      |
| 19, John Albert Malinsky   | Albert J. & Ida M. Picchi       |
| 24, James Alfred Smith     | Lawrence M. & Lucille M. Taylor |
| 26, Richard John Silvia    | Walter J. & Irene Rosa          |

## October

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| 3, Geraldine Joanne Enos   | William & Pauline E. Ferreira |
| 4, David Allen Ventura     | John J. & Helen P. Zion       |
| 5, Paul Edward Pierce      | Irving T. & Alice I. Caldwell |
| 7, Joyce Elizabeth Harlow  | Richard A. & Helen E. Post    |
| 8, Mario Moretti Jr.       | Mario & Julia M. Pedro        |
| 14, Ronald Manual Carreira | Joseph D. & Ann T. Ponte      |



- 25, Bruce Victor Harlow  
 28, Connie Marie Cooper  
 31, Patricia Anne LaCrosse

## November

- 2, Nancy Rose  
 2, Jacquelin Belle Fenning  
 14, Donna Lee Brooks  
 16, Carol Elaine Moruzzi  
 19, Sandra Ruth Lees  
 20, Janet Elizabeth Cox  
 21, Beverly Ann Irving  
 21, Richard Noel Craig  
 22, Roberta Pauline Ginn  
 26, Arthur Howard Grant  
 26, Francis Martini Ferioli  
 27, Martha Ann Matavia  
 28, Mary Margaret O'Brien

- Victor E. & Viola H. Buron  
 Leonard P. Jr. & Marie A. Lariviere  
 Roger T. & Alyce Cummings

- Joseph F. & Emma Gracia  
 Glenden W. & Mary M. Keogh  
 John W. III & Beryl R. White  
 Alphonse A. & Tecla M. Rubelli  
 Arthur E. & Ruth D. Phinney  
 Henry R. & Elvira J. Lowel  
 Percy A. & Lenora M. Springer  
 Clifford B. & Loretta D. Noel  
 Edward D. & Barbara Dexter  
 Harry A. & Katherine Packard  
 Frank & Esther E. Resmini  
 Eugene E. & Mary A. Carroll  
 William H. & Margaret J. McFadden

## December

- 4, Mark Mordecai Berenson  
 5, Charles Gustavus Pratt Jr.  
 5, Mary Frances Balboni  
 6, Joseph Pedro  
 11, Frederick Standish Brady  
 21, Claire Muriel Oldham  
 23, Stephen Carl Poe'Sepp Jr.  
 24, John Steven Gedutis  
 24, Joanne Rego  
 24, Evelyn Rose Baker  
 27, Barbara Mary Giovanini

- Louis & Fannie Stavisky  
 Charles G. & Ella M. Larkin  
 Preston P. & Susan J. Kiernan  
 Thomas Jr. & Lila Westgate  
 Thomas W. & Elsie L. Desrosier  
 Ernest L. & Mary Smith  
 Stephen C. & Barbara L. Freeman  
 Edward T. & Julia Matutis  
 Louis P. & Mary J. Reardon  
 Charles A. & Kathryn Mitchell  
 Henry A. & Esther M. Tassinari

Whole Number of Births — 130



## Marriages Recorded in Bridgewater in 1943

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### January

3. Abraham Horace Michaud of Halifax, Mass. and Muriel Lillian Elliott of Bridgewater, Mass.
3. Anthony Almeida of Bridgewater, Mass. and Elizabeth Celia of Brockton, Mass.
17. Wilfred Charles Dumas and Pauline Ada Mazzoleni, both of Bridgewater.
23. James Giovanoni of Bridgewater, Mass. and Phyllis Ferrini of Brockton, Mass.
24. Roy Leslie Chadwick and Mildred Hallett Metcalf, both of Brewster O'Neil of Duxbury, Mass.
24. Robert Dudley Welch and Helen May Walker, both of Bridgewater, Mass.
24. Kenneth Alton Wood of Bridgewater, Mass. and Nancy Bridgewater.

### February

13. George H. Berry of Hanover, Mass. and Marion Wilbur Bullock of East Bridgewater, Mass.
14. Rosario Wood and Marion Augusta Hunt, both of Bridgewater Mass.
20. William Thomas Flynn of Bridgewater, Mass. and Isabelle Jean Diamond of North Easton, Mass.
21. Edwin Mello of Taunton, Mass. and Lena Constance Rea of Bridgewater, Mass.
22. Edward Nicholas Martin of Taunton, Mass. and Mary Ellen Buckley of Bridgewater, Mass.
23. Gerard Gauthier of Middleboro, Mass. and Mary Cruz of Bridgewater, Mass.
26. Avery Edward Johnson of Brockton, Mass. and Rose Esther Rowe of Bridgewater, Mass.

27. William Hayward Penney of Revere, Mass. and Edith Geraldine Adams of Bridgewater, Mass.

#### March

22. George Nicholas Dascoulias of Middleboro, Mass. and Mina Rose Resmini of Bridgewater, Mass.  
 27. John Peter Righini of Bridgewater, Mass. and Adeline Raposa of East Taunton, Mass.  
 30. Arthur Phillips Case and Elisabeth Bassett, both of Bridgewater, Mass.

#### April

22. Frank Wood Gifford of Somerset, Mass. and Mary Rita Tinsley of Bridgewater, Mass.  
 25. Mario Motta of Brockton, Mass. and Augustina Medeiros of Bridgewater, Mass.  
 26. Paul Bagas of Bridgewater and Pothyne Aivalis of Brockton, Mass.  
 26. Charles Richardson Moore and Evelyn Francis Richmond, both of Bridgewater.  
 30. Lionel Neault of Bridgewater and Anna Chruniak of Bridgewater.

#### May

12. Roscoe Walter Sanders and Elizabeth Agnes Dame, both of Bridgewater.  
 13. Leno Henry Tassinari of Bridgewater, Mass. and Lena Urbano of Brockton, Mass.  
 21. Donald Cameron Bulman and Eileen Mary King, both of Bridgewater, Mass.  
 22. Clyde Thayer Meserve and Sadie Valentine Alley, both of Bridgewater.

#### June

6. Augustino Mozzone of Taunton, Mass. and Blanche Oleskiewicz of Bridgewater, Mass.  
 6. William Kenneth Nicholas of San Francisco, Calif. and Ethel Lillian Krueger of Bridgewater, Mass.



7. Harold Garde Maxfield of Bridgewater, Mass. and Ruth Catherine Leonard of Taunton, Mass.
11. Felix Edmond Sney of Rockland, Mass. and Cecelia Anne Hourahan of Bridgewater, Mass.
12. Joseph David Perry of Bridgewater, Mass. and Mary Charlotte Carreira of Middleboro, Mass.
16. Roy Merton Wiggin, Jr., of Needham, Mass. and Margaret Jessie Deane of Bridgewater, Mass.
17. Raymond Edward Grady of Bridgewater, Mass. and Helen Margaret Field of Taunton, Mass.
20. Louis Peter Bianchini and Olga Mita Martelli, both of Bridgewater.
21. Robert Francis White of Randolph, Mass. and Geraldine May Ferbert of Bridgewater, Mass.
25. Clayton August Washburn of Cambridge, Mass. and Helen Constance Watters of Beverly, Mass.
26. Michael Gerald Farrell and Rose Della Balboni, both of Bridgewater.
26. Frederick John Bator of Taunton, Mass. and Anne Zablow-ski of Bridgewater, Mass.

#### July

1. Mario Moretti of East Bridgewater, Mass. and Julia Mercy Pedro of Bridgewater, Mass.
3. Clarence Edward Gill and Rose Alda Armanetti, both of Bridgewater.
6. Ernest Leo Oldham of Stoughton, Mass. and Mary Lillian Benson of Bridgewater, Mass.
11. Manuel Joseph Carriero of Middleboro, Mass. and Palmera Souza of Bridgewater, Mass.
20. Nicholas George Butler of Hartford, Conn. and Helen Regina McDermott of Bridgewater, Mass.
25. Samuel Murray and Helen Anne Travares, both of Bridgewater, Mass.



25. John Vete Sharcunas, Jr., of Bridgewater, Mass. and Virginia Rose Skar of Brockton, Mass.
27. Louis Gonsalves DeGrace and Mary Theresa Maralia, both of Bridgewater.
28. Godfrey Adolph Wiksten of Middleboro, Mass. and Mary Rose Kopcych of Bridgewater, Mass.

## August

5. Raymond Edgar Allen of East Bridgewater, Mass. and Madeline Louise Braddock of Bridgewater, Mass.
8. Paul J. Andrews of Bridgewater, Mass. and Pauline A. Porazzo of Norwood, Mass.
9. Joseph Francis Mozzone of Taunton, Mass. and Olga Ann Selivonchik of Bridgewater, Mass.
9. Albert Daniel Noel, Jr., of Brockton, Mass. and Grace Pearl Fortier of Bridgewater, Mass.
9. Thomas Neilson Thomson and Hazel Ella Chamberlain, both of Bridgewater, Mass.
14. George Joseph Buron, Jr., and Ida Adelina Battista, both of Bridgewater, Mass.
15. David Amaral of Bridgewater, Mass. and Amelia Marie Clerici of Walpole, Mass.
21. Joseph M. Enos of Bridgewater, Mass. and Dorothy E. Treptow of Whitman, Mass.
22. Joseph A. Retucci of Brockton, Mass. and Mary L. Filipini of Bridgewater, Mass.
22. John Monroe Shea of Framingham, Mass. and Lois Carpenter of Worcester, Mass.
30. Esrom J. Morse and Anna G. Henry, both of Bridgewater, Mass.

## September

2. Edward M. Keith of Bridgewater, Mass. and Phyllis M. Simon of Braintree, Mass.
4. Richmond W. Watson of Fairfax, Va., and Roberta Copeland of Bridgewater, Mass.



4. Anthony Souza and Elizabeth C. Tinsley, both of Bridgewater, Mass.
5. Wilfred J. Mendosa of Brockton, Mass. and Mary M. Mello of Bridgewater, Mass.
9. John H. Filosa of Waltham, Mass. and Amelia Rudis of Bridgewater, Mass.

## October

7. Donald K. Howard and Myrtle M. Soderbom, both of Bridgewater, Mass.
18. Edward Leon Hall and Stella M. Wager, both of Bridgewater, Mass.
22. Donald F. Eldredge of Whitman, Mass. and Caroline J. Cutter of Bridgewater, Mass.
23. Richard H. Kimball, Jr., of Bridgewater, Mass. and Barbara Watkins of Cambridge, Mass.
24. Alfons Usowicz of East Bridgewater, Mass. and Julia Kaval of Bridgewater, Mass.
24. Manuel Menasian of Malden, Mass. and Eva M. Stone of Brockton, Mass.
31. Benjamin Crawshaw of Bridgewater, Mass. and Mary Binczek of East Bridgewater, Mass.

## November

2. George W. Whittaker of Scituate Mass. and Theresa D. Canessa of Bridgewater, Mass.
4. Joseph F. McCann of Allston, Mass. and Ruth M. Smith of Bridgewater, Mass.
6. Harry W. Jordan of Bridgewater, Mass. and Doris E. Freeman of Brockton, Mass.
20. Charles J. Jacobs of Bridgewater, Mass. and Evelyn L. Patriarca of Bridgewater, Mass.
27. William R. Brennan of Bridgewater, Mass. and Winifred E. Doyle of Stratford, Conn.

## December

6. Francis B. Harrison of Milwaukee, Wis. and Catherine M. Wood of Bridgewater, Mass.
9. John W. Brooks III of Middleboro, Mass. and Beryl R. White of Bridgewater, Mass.
18. Joseph A. Paluga of Taunton, Mass. and Marguerite M. Bentley of Bridgewater, Mass.
30. Raymond Rogers of Middleboro, Mass. and Mildred White of Bridgewater.

Whole number of Marriages recorded — 80



## Deaths Recorded in Bridgewater in 1943

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death	Parents
		Y	M	D		
January						
1.	Ida Frances Hayward	69	11	24	Coronary occlusion	Leonard Mitchell and Mary Wilbur
4.	Alexandria H. Karasiewicz	25	4	15	Pulmonary tuberculosis	Michael and Anna Kunceviz
5.	Amelia B. Tavares	55	5	11	Brights disease	Manuel Bettencourt and unknown
10.	Ralph Borsari	58	11	14	Carcinoma of lung	Domenico and Rose Bencivinni
20.	William M. Carroll	73	1	14	Cardiac failure	Robert and Elizabeth Cholerton
24.	Margaret Teresa O'Connor	67	—	7	Hypertensive heart disease	John McMakin and Maria Dunn
30.	James J. English	71	7	—	Coronary occlusion	Philip and Mary Cleary
24.	Fannie Glazier Barton	73	—	28	Myocardial failure	Francis P. Ashby and Sarah Weston
7.	Fannie May Bois	50	8	11	Virus pneumonia	Ira P. Cutting and Margaret Walsh
21.	Laura E. Smith	78	8	27	Hypertensive heart disease	Franklin Jones and Eunice Hayward
28.	William R. Drinkwater	68	—	—	Fractured skull, accident	Edward and Susan Drinkwater
February						
1.	Walter Reed	38	—	—	Acute Oedema of Brain	Cannot be learned
2.	Addie M. Simmons	85	9	17	Cerebral hemorrhage	Carmi Drake and Dolly M. Gay
10.	Chester F. Miller	61	6	12	Chr. Brights disease	Henry J. and Catherine Lynch
21.	Joe Selivonchik	59	—	—	Acute Oedema of Larynx	Dagny and Annie Marmish
21.	Katherine Mary Cripps	20	—	19	Virus pneumonia	Edward and Helen Haviland
24.	Peter Luke Provasi	64	—	14	Acute Cardiac Dilation	Carlo and Adele Columbo
14.	John J. Eagan	78	2	11	Arteriosclerosis	Daniel and Elizabeth McNeeland
7.	James O'Connell	60	—	—	Tuberculosis	William and Ellen White
20.	Fred Leon Welch	73	9	26	Staphylococcus aureus	Thomas and Mary Washburn
27.	Genevieve Bevis	62	9	10	Myocardial failure	Donald Campbell and Sarah Maxwell

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death	Parents
		Y	M	D		
March						
1.	Nellie M. Leach	83	10	8	Senile dementia	Nathan Hayward and Caroline Andrews
7.	Gustavus J. Lowe	85	11	24	Hypostatic pneumonia	Lewis G. and Joanna Jackson
7.	Helen Perkins	66	4	22	Paralysis agitans	Ralph and Elizabeth Melanson
9.	Nettie V. Reynolds	48	4	3	Carcinoma left breast	Joseph and Mary E. Dinsmore
8.	John Kublicki	63	—	—	Cardiac failure	John and unknown
21.	Stella Koen	63	5	29	Cardiac decompensation	Allen Williams and Mary Wilbar
22.	Mary West	66	2	14	Heart failure	Joseph Zill and unknown
30.	Joseph L. Silvia	77	—	—	Uraemia	Manuel and unknown
April						
3.	John W. Thompson	64	5	29	Coronary occlusion	James and Catherine Burns
4.	Mary Spakowski	54	—	—	Carcinoma of stomach*	Anthony Zanczewski and Agatha Mackiewicz
12.	Harriet I. Handy	97	9	23	Arteriosclerosis	Lewis T. Weeks and Lydia C. Sansbury
18.	Susan Jordan Littlefield	78	6	—	Cerebral hemorrhage	John Jordan and Margaret Delaney
22.	James B. Claffey	70	9	11	Lobar pneumonia	Kerin and Margaret Curley
24.	Bertram L. Wilson, Jr.	—	2	3	Meningitis	Bertram L. Wilson and Gwendolyn Finch
March						
28.	John Glass	77	4	4	Terminal bronchopneumonia	John and Ellen Galvin
May						
8.	Margaret Church	73	6	2	Cerebral hemorrhage	John Valiant and Ann J. Bricknell
17.	Thomas English	69	1	17	Coronary thrombosis	Philip and Mary Cleary
18.	Anna W. Gassett	91	3	15	Cerebral hemorrhage	Thomas Keith and Julia A. White
18.	William J. Gorman	72	9	6	Coronary thrombosis	William and Hanorah ———
16.	Barbara Kushlika Bush	68	1	17	Myocarditis	John Kushlika and Lucia Shukas



Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death	Parents
		Y	M	D		
January						
28.	Owen Francis Bouldry	75	—	—	Retention of urine	Nathaniel S. and Zilpha A. Maxim
June						
11.	Alice Conlon Gill	68	5	6	Heart failure	Frank Conlon and Eliza Enwright
16.	Belle Alger Logue	75	—	11	Bronchial pneumonia	Cyrus Alger and Sarah Haywood
21.	Kenneth R. Brown	24	9	22	Pulmonary tuberculosis	Fred W. Brown and Marion Ripley
21.	Vincent H. Wood	28	—	—	Chronic Nephritis	Carlston H. and Harriet Hazard
25.	Eliza Perkins	86	—	—	Coronary occlusion	William Williams and Elizabeth Ross
26.	Vieno S. Hyvonen	48	—	—	Tuberculosis of Lungs	Aleck Javebli and unknown
27.	Frank Mortimer Duckworth	76	—	26	Congestive heart failure	George and Abbie Simmons
7.	William Russell Sarkisian	—	—	18	Infectious diarrhoea	Herbert A. and D. Harriette Siranossian
26.	William Francis Copeland	55	11	23	Coronary occlusion	William and Sophronia Copeland
July						
4.	Ellen M. Anderson	87	—	—	Arteriosclerotic heart disease	Philip Finnegan and Rose A. Keer
7.	Jean Baptiste Augerot	85	2	19	Arteriosclerosis	Cannot be learned
8.	James Stanton	92	2	18	Arteriosclerosis	Hiram Stanton and unknown
17.	Ermin W. Gowell	54	10	22	Coronary occlusion	Lorenzo W. and Helen Russell
22.	Colin Morrison	64	10	16	Cerebral hemorrhage	Donald and Catherine McLeod
22.	Joanne Kublicke	—	—	27	Premature birth	Joseph and Lillian Kozlowski
22.	Thomas Henry Gorman	77	6	22	Prostate and bronchopneumonia	Thomas and Eliza Casey
31.	Amanda L. Mellen	88	3	—	Chr. valvular héart disease	Jonathan T. Loring and Margaret Briggs
31.	Henry A. Barker	91	2	24	Cerebral hemorrhage	George and Julia Thayer
August						
4.	Aubrey Mountford Soule	77	3	1	Cerebral hemorrhage	Oscar and Sarah A. Bryant
13.	Susanna Kaercher Hawkes	81	—	19	Diabetes mellitus	Franklin Benjamin and Susanna

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death	Parents
		Y	M	D		
21. Frederick Austin Aldridge July		69	10	3	Coronary thrombosis	John and Elizabeth Slingerland
23. Kenneth Johnson Harding August		37	2	6	Uraemia. Injury to brain	Roy V. and Mary A. MacDonald
2. Beatrice Znotin		61	10	24	Coronary occlusion	Peter Berzinas and unknown
14. Andrew Chuckran		63	—	5	Coronary heart disease	Daniel and Anna ———
17. Edward F. Forcier, Jr.		—	1	23	Septicaemia	Edward F. and Mabel Harlow
18. John J. Joyce		72	9	10	Fractures, accident	John and Mary Shea
21. Ralph J. Dalton, Jr. September		26	8	12	Cerebellar tumor	Ralph J. and Stella Hill
5. Arsenio Faria		54	—	—	Coronary heart disease	Prefiro and Carolina Augusta
10. Alfaetta C. P. Keith October		74	9	28	Organic heart disease	John E. Parry and Lydia A. Chase
3. Louis Joseph Cassiani		34	6	6	Myocardial failure	Peter and Sarah Ballistraci
7. Edwin S. Kingsley		80	9	29	Cerebral hemorrhage	Fesenden and Mary A. Parker
7. Edith Smith Prout		58	9	3	Cancer	Clarence Smith and Ada Lamson
16. Charles Peter Sinnott		84	1	28	Coronary occlusion	Peter A. and Lucia O. Marden
10. William Whelan		76	—	—	Bronchopneumonia	Edward and Mary McGowan
23. Roger B. Wheeler November		52	9	6	Coronary artery occlusion	George S. and Mary J. Draffin
1. Christina Klabe		60	5	28	No cause stated	Fred Seimen and unknown
5. Frederick LeBaron		77	—	29	Bronchopneumonia	Simon and Sarah Norton
10. Jessie M. Ford		87	8	24	Arteriosclerosis	Calvin Estes and Julia A. Sprague
17. Carlton Bouldry		82	6	7	Arteriosclerosis	Nathan and Zylpha Maxim
19. William G. MacLauchlan		82	8	23	Arteriosclerosis	David G. and Margaret Disbrow



Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death	Parents
		Y	M	D		
20.	Edith Stetson Copeland	85	8	26	Pulmonary Oedema	George A. and Ann J. Stetson
22.	Mary S. Condon	86	2	23	Uraemia, Senility	James Sullivan and not known
27.	Laura Anderson	81	—	—	Coronary thrombosis	Levi Oxner and Lucinda Croft
17.	John J. Barry	66	9	23	Heart disease	Edmund and Jane Hickey
19.	Charles W. Hayes	82	6	27	Bronchopneumonia	Charles F. and Maria M. Grant
19.	Levi Winfield Marshall	78	5	6	Coronary thrombosis	William H. and Ruhamah A. Walker
19.	Katon Souza	58	1	16	Hemorrhage of Brain	Manuel and not known
December						
2.	Josef Komoroski	67	2	17	Coronary occlusion	Victor and not known
4.	Annie M. O'Brien	86	9	—	Arteriosclerosis	Michael Flynn and Mary Fay
10.	Andrew Moruzzi, Sr.	84	5	25	Urinary retention	Andrew and Domenica Bardetti
15.	Ella F. Covington	92	—	17	Heart failure	Otis T. Simonds and Mary E. Unruh
16.	Edith I. Dyke	84	4	5	Coronary thrombosis	David Dean and Harriet B. Andrews
16.	Charles Burrill	93	9	12	Acute Bronchitis	William and Rachel Stevens
21.	August L. Cedergren	72	—	—	Coronary thrombosis	Not known
23.	Martin L. Coombs	70	10	23	Myocardial failure	William A. and Julia A. Bisbee
28.	Isabel M. Hartwell	57	9	—	Cancer of Liver	Joel Schidlofsa and unknown
June						
7.	Joseph Feriole	37	—	—	Visceral congestion	Gaetano and Mary Dozzi
14.	Edith F. Taylor	71	2	3	Carcinoma of Liver	Frederick G. Pratt and Ellen Washburn
September						
30.	Pauline Sneger	54	3	29	Suicide by hanging	Constantine Dubitski and Mary Sinkevitz
December						
9.	Ella Kaziluinas	52	—	—	Uremia, Pulmonary edema	Micheal Pradeczkas and unknown
14.	Arthur Staniford Davenport	74	5	23	Malignant disease of Liver	Edward L. and Sophronia Cross

Date	Name	Age			Cause of Death	Parents
		Y	M	D		
21.	Harry W. Alden	64	8	4	Heart disease	John and Abbie Washburn
21.	Margaret M. Cutting	76	—	—	Acute peritonitis	John G. Walsh and unknown
25.	John Antulonis	71	11	25	Acute <b>Hepatitis</b>	Alyosius and Rose Zinkevich
26.	Florence E. Gifford	62	—	23	Cerebral hemorrhage	Louis J. Tuck and unknown
27.	Mary G. Temprow	77	3	20	Chr. myocarditis	Wm. L. Taylor and Elizabeth McLeary
14.	Mary Thomas Carver	77	6	26	Chr. myocarditis	Joseph E. and Mary B. Pratt

Number of Bridgewater Deaths — 118

Number of State Farm Deaths — 54



ABSTRACT FROM CHAPTER 99 OF THE REVISED  
LAWS OF MASSACHUSETTS

Sec. 3 Physicians and midwives shall, within forty-eight hours after the birth of every child in cases of which they were in charge, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a notice stating the date and place of the birth giving the street and number if any, color and the family name. They shall within fifteen days after the birth, mail or deliver to the clerk or registrar of the city or town in which the birth occurred, a report of the birth, stating the date and place, the name, if any, of the child, its sex and color, and the names, ages, places of birth, occupations and residences of the parents, giving the street number, if there be any, and the number of the ward in the city, the maiden name of the mother, if the full return is not made within forty-eight hours.

The fee of the physician or midwife shall be twenty-five cents for each birth so reported. A physician or midwife who neglects to report each birth within forty-eight hours or fifteen days thereafter, shall for each offense forfeit a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars.

Sec. 6 Parents, within FORTY DAYS after the birth of a child, and every householder within FORTY DAYS after a birth in his house, SHALL cause notice thereof to be given to the CLERK of the city or town in which such child is born.

The facts required for record, as stated in section 3, shall, so far as known or obtainable, be included in every notice given under the provisions of this section.

Sec. 8 A parent, or other person who, by section 6, is required to give, or cause to be given notice of a birth or death, who neglects to do so for TEN DAYS after the time limit therefor, shall forfeit not more than five dollars, for each offense.

Sec. 24 The Town Clerk shall furnish blanks for returns of births to parents, householders, physicians and midwives who apply therefor.

## Sporting Licenses Issued by the Town Clerk

		GROSS	FEES	NET
Resident Fishing Licenses	206 @ \$2.00	\$412.00	\$51.50	\$360.50
Resident Hunting Licenses	167 @ 2.00	334.00	40.75	293.25
Resident Sporting Licenses	101 @ 3.25	328.25	25.25	303.00
Res. Fe. & Min. Fishing	49 @ 1.25	61.25	12.25	49.00
Res. Minor Trapping	3 @ 2.25	6.75	.75	6.00
Resident Trapping Licenses	12 @ 5.25	63.00	3.00	60.00
Free Licenses (over 70)	28 @ —	—	—	—
Service Men (free)	6 @ —	—	—	—
Duplicate Licenses	1 @ .50	.50	—	.50
	<hr style="width: 100%;"/>			
	573	\$1,205.75	\$133.50	\$1,072.25
Paid to Division of Fisheries & Game				\$1,072.25
Paid to Town Treasurer				\$133.50



## Dog Licenses Issued by the Town Clerk

		GROSS		FEES	NET
Male Dogs .....	402 @ \$2.00	\$804.00	less	\$80.40	\$723.60
Female Dogs .....	60 @ 5.00	300.00	less	12.00	288.00
Spayed Females .....	128 @ 2.00	256.00	less	25.60	230.40
		590		\$118.00	\$1,242.00

All of which was paid over to Town Treasurer.

## Other Receipts of Town Clerk's Office

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Marriage Intentions	\$144.00
Recording Mortgages, etc.	82.56
Recording Pole Locations	21.00
Junk Dealer's License	25.00
Auctioneer's License	4.00
Gasoline Registrations	3.50
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	\$280.06

All of which was paid to the Town Treasurer.

EDWIN KEITH,  
Town Clerk.



## STATE AUDITOR'S REPORT

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To the Board of Selectmen

Mr. Bartholomew F. Casey, Chairman  
Bridgewater, Massachusetts

Gentlemen:

I submit herewith my report of an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bridgewater for the year ending December 31, 1942, made in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 44, General Laws. This is in the form of a report made to me by Mr. Herman B. Dine, Assistant Director of Accounts.

Very truly yours,

THEODORE N. WADDELL

Director of Accounts

TNW:MC

Mr. Theodore N. Waddell  
Director of Accounts  
Department of Corporations and Taxation  
State House, Boston

Sir:

In accordance with your instructions, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Bridgewater for the year ending December 31, 1942, and submit the following report thereon:

The books and accounts in town accountant's office were examined, checked, and compared with the records of the several departments in which money is collected or bills are committed for collection, and with the records of the town treasurer.

The general and appropriation accounts in the ledger were analyzed, the appropriations and transfers being compared with the town clerk's record of financial votes passed in town meetings and with the finance committee's records of transfers from the reserve fund. A trial balance was taken off proving the accounts to be in balance, and a balance sheet, showing the financial condition of the town on December 31, 1942, was prepared and is appended to this report. This balance sheet indicates that the financial condition of the town is very good.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The cash book was footed throughout, the recorded receipts were compared with the departmental records of payments to the treasurer and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the records of disbursements were compared with the accountant's books and with the treasury warrants.

The treasurer's cash balance on February 3, 1943, was proved by actual count of the cash in the office, and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements furnished by the banks in which town funds are deposited.

The recorded payments on account of maturing debt and interest were checked with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file.

The records of tax titles held by the town were examined. The taxes added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the recorded redemptions were verified, and the tax titles on hand were listed and reconciled with the accountant's ledger.



The savings bank books and securities representing the investment of the several trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income and disbursements were proved and the balances were found to be as reported.

The books and accounts of the town collector were examined and checked in detail. The taxes and assessments outstanding according to the previous examination were audited and all subsequent commitments of poll, personal property, real estate, and motor vehicle excise taxes and of moth assessments were proved with the assessors' warrants. The collections as posted on the commitment books were compared with the cash book collections and with the recorded payments to the treasurer as shown by the treasurer's cash book. The abatements of taxes and assessments as entered were checked with the assessors' record of abatements granted, and the outstanding tax and assessment accounts were listed and proved with the controlling accounts in the accountant's ledger.

The departmental and water accounts committed to the town collector for collection were examined and checked. The commitments were proved, the recorded receipts were checked with the payments to the treasurer, the abatements were compared with the records in the departments authorized to grant abatements, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The outstanding tax, assessment, departmental, and water accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed are correct.

The financial records of the town clerk were examined and checked in detail. The receipts from dog licenses issued on behalf of the county, of sporting licenses, the proceeds of which



are paid to the State, as well as from licenses, permits, and fees, were checked and proved. The payments to the State were compared with the receipts on file and the payments to the town treasurer were checked to the treasurer's cash book.

The surety bonds of the financial officials bonded for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

The records of the sealer of weights and measures, as well as of all other departments collecting money for the town or committing bills for collection, were examined, checked and reconciled with the treasurer's recorded receipts and the town accountant's records.

There are appended to this report, in addition to the balance sheet, tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, assessment, tax title, departmental, and water accounts, together with tables showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit, cooperation was received from the officials of the town, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

HERMAN B. DINE,  
Assistant Director of Accounts.

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## REPORT OF TOWN ACCOUNTANT

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

In accordance with Chapter 41, Section 61 of the General Laws, I herewith submit my annual report for the year ending December 31, 1943.

I wish to thank your Board, the various Town Departments and all townspeople for the helpful cooperation received during the year.

Respectfully,

A. EVELYN KEITH,  
Town Accountant.

# I. GENERAL ACCOUNTS

## FINANCIAL CONDITION

December 31, 1943

### ASSETS

Cash:		
General Funds		\$93696.92
Accounts Receivable:		
Taxes:		
1939 Poll	\$20.00	
1940 Poll	32.00	
1941 Poll	34.00	
1942 Poll	84.00	
1943 Poll	64.00	
1940 Personal	22.30	
1941 Personal	21.75	
1942 Personal	86.34	
1942 Real Estate	4265.75	
1943 Personal	763.26	
1943 Real Estate	24983.93	
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		\$30377.33
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes:		
Levy of 1942	\$43.59	
Levy of 1943	169.14	
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		\$212.73
Special Assessments:		
Moth 1943	\$42.42	
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		\$42.42



Tax Titles:		
Tax Sales	\$5459.17	
Tax Title Possessions	2193.50	
	<hr/>	\$7652.67
Departmental:		
Selectmen's License	\$4.00	
Police Department	130.90	
Fire Department	5.00	
Forest Fires	22.20	
Health Department	98.20	
Highway Department	70.93	
Welfare Department	428.95	
Old Age Assistance	970.79	
Unemployment Fund	5.75	
	<hr/>	\$1736.72
Underestimated:		
County Tax		\$422.14
Water:		
Rates	\$2736.33	
Liens	343.95	
	<hr/>	\$3080.28
Net Funded or Fixed Debt		\$198000.00
Trust and Special Funds:		
Securities and Savings Bank Deposits		69908.57
		<hr/>
		\$405129.78

### LIABILITIES AND RESERVE

Trust Fund Income:		
Lorin Keith—H. S. Prize	\$10.10	
Virginia G. Jones—School Fund	20.20	
Virginia G. Jones—1943 Award	46.27	
Abbie Gammons—Library Fund	22.82	
Pamelia K. Wright—Library Fund	23.06	
Virginia G. Jones—Library Fund	44.94	
Mary C. Bryant—Library Fund	80.47	
	<hr/>	\$247.86

Proceeds of Dog Licenses—Due County		\$5.40
Tailings Account (Unclaimed Checks)		\$86.35
Reserve—Sale of Tax Possessions		\$831.07
Road Machinery Fund		\$4848.09
Deductions for Purchase of War Bonds		\$774.75
Federal Grants:		
Aid to Dependent Children	\$188.77	
Aid to Dependent Children—Administration	16.64	
Old Age Assistance	3353.39	
Old Age Assistance—Administration	170.13	
	<hr/>	\$3728.93
Overestimates 1942		
State Tax		\$9.71
Appropriation Balances:		
Survey of Sewer	\$150.00	
Land Damages—Beach Street	19.20	
Special Building Committee—School	150.00	
Christmas Decorations & Illumination	300.00	
Public Safety	1863.25	
Rationing Board	125.19	
Purchase of Mimeograph	115.00	
	<hr/>	\$2722.64
Reserve Fund—Overlay Surplus		\$1072.65
Overlay Reserved for Abatement of Taxes:		
Overlay of 1940	\$54.30	
Overlay of 1941	55.75	
Overlay of 1942	1197.83	
Overlay of 1943	678.51	
	<hr/>	\$1986.39
Revenue Reserved Until Collected:		
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$212.73	
Special Assessments	42.42	
Tax Title and Tax Possessions	7652.67	
Departmental	1736.72	
Water	3080.28	
	<hr/>	\$12724.82



Water Receipts Reserved		\$1085.35
Excess and Deficiency		\$107097.20
Loans:		
Water Loan		\$198000.00
Trust and Special Funds:		
School Funds	\$20179.50	
Library Funds.	22975.00	
Cemetery Funds	8182.22	
Buildings Insurance	6621.31	
Employers Liability	11950.54	
		<u>\$69908.57</u>
Total		\$405129.78

## REVENUE OF 1943

Revenue:		
Taxes Assessed on Property	\$195830.11	
Taxes Assessed on Polls	4618.00	
Corporations, State Land etc.	23680.47	
Income Taxes	27144.25	
Receipts from other sources	58652.78	
Unexpended balances of Appropriation	15385.09	
		<u>\$325310.70</u>
Charges against Revenue:		
Appropriations	\$270454.97	
State Taxes and Assessments	6007.45	
County Taxes and Assessments	14508.44	
Overlay Accounts	2777.45	
		<u>\$293748.31</u>
Balance reverting to Excess & Deficiency		\$31562.39

## ESTIMATED RECEIPTS

	ESTIMATES	ACTUAL
Income Taxes	\$25045.49	\$27144.25
Corporation Taxes	14718.95	18018.95
Land used for Public Purposes	4124.07	4124.07
Dog Refunds	802.48	802.48
Income—School & Library Funds	858.02	1158.02
Court Fines	1000.00	2891.80
Licenses and Permits	6069.33	5967.00
Excise Taxes	8000.00	8572.15
Moth Assessments	316.02	354.41
General Government	758.73	807.56
Police Department	138.75	224.10
Sealer	100.00	87.76
Forestry	225.91	247.28
Health Department	690.16	735.13
Highway Department		57.00
Public Welfare	1000.00	2237.28
Infirmary	30.00	108.00
Aid to Dependent Children	3200.00	4052.27
Old Age Assistance	20000.00	25348.01
Soldiers Benefits	175.00	162.00
School Department	2771.81	2335.38
Library	288.87	299.10
Interest on Taxes	1500.00	1299.45
Old Age Meal Tax	1033.76	1537.45
Unclassified	846.10	906.60
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	93693.45	109477.50
Actual in Excess of Estimates	15784.05	
	<hr/>	<hr/>
	\$109477.50	\$109477.50



## EXCESS AND DEFICIENCY

Surplus—January 1, 1943	\$74335.27
Tax Sales and Titles Redeemed	2501.77
Reimbursement after Exemption	84.93
Revenue of 1943 Balance	31562.39
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Tax Title Revenue	\$108484.36
	1387.16
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Surplus December 31, 1943	\$107097.20

## WATER REVENUE

Balance—January 1, 1943	\$550.51	
Uncollected	1926.48	
	<hr/>	\$2476.99
Charges to Consumers	\$38551.79	
Water Lien Redemptions	32.00	
	<hr/>	\$38583.79
Less:		
Abatements	\$35.06	
Liens	331.95	
	<hr/>	367.01
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		\$38216.78
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Total		\$40693.77

## EXPENSES

Operating Expenses	\$9605.84	
Interest on Debt	8266.25	
Maturing Debt	19000.00	
	<hr/>	\$36872.09
Balance	\$1085.35	
Uncollected	2736.33	
	<hr/>	3821.68
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Total		\$40693.77

## OVERLAY ACCOUNTS

	Balance Jan. 1, '43	Assessed in Tax Rate	Abatements 1943	Balance Dec. 31, '43
Levy of 1938	187.14		175.62	11.52
Levy of 1939	218.37	203.60	421.34	.63
Levy of 1940	437.14		301.07	136.07
Levy of 1941	1901.72		925.45	976.27
Levy of 1942	2259.78		1061.95	1197.83
Levy of 1943		2573.85	1895.34	678.51
Totals	\$5004.15	\$2777.45	\$4780.77	\$3000.83

## INSURANCE FUNDS

	Amount of Fund 1-1-43	Added to Fund 1943 from Un- employ. Fund	Income Earned 1943	Payments 1943	Balance 12-31-43
Employers Liability:					
	\$9553.05	\$2648.01	\$269.48	\$520.00	\$11950.54
Municipal Buildings:					
	6465.47		155.84		6621.31

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS

## TEMPORARY LOANS

Outstanding January 1, 1943	\$25000.00
Issued 1943 in Anticipation of Revenue:	
April 5, 1943—Brockton National Bank .417% due Dec. 3, 1943	50000.00
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	\$75000.00
Maturities paid during year	75000.00
Issued in Anticipation of Chap. 90 Funds	
July 19, 1943—Bridgewater Trust Co. .875% due Oct. 1, 1943	\$4000.00
Paid in 1943	4000.00
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	\$198000.00
INDEBTEDNESS OUTSIDE STATUTORY LIMIT	
Outstanding Jan. 1, 1943	\$217000.00
Maturities paid during year:	
Water Loan	19000.00
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Outstanding Dec. 31, 1943	\$198000.00



## II. RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

### RECEIPTS

#### GENERAL REVENUE

#### TAXES:

Real Estate, 1943	\$149226.33
Personal, 1943	20255.25

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 \$169481.58

Less County and State Taxes	20928.32
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For Municipal Purposes	148553.26
Real Estate, 1942	29437.00
Personal, 1942	1271.76
Real Estate, 1941	2966.87
Personal, 1941	8.70
Real Estate, 1940	72.24
Real Estate, 1939	.63
Real Estate, 1938	5.52
Reimbursement after Exemption of Taxes	84.93
Tax Title Redemptions	1870.77
Poll 1943	3260.00
1942	104.00
1941	28.00
1940	24.00
1939	16.00
1938	6.00

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 \$187709.68

#### FROM THE STATE:

Income	\$27144.25
Corporation	18018.95
Old Age Meal Tax	1537.45
Land Used for Public Purposes	4124.07

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 \$50824.72

#### LICENSES AND PERMITS:

Alcohol	\$5.00
Auctioneer	4.00
Bicycles	130.80
Common Victuallers	25.50
Dealers	30.00

Div. of Standards	29.00	
Gas and Fuel Oil	5.00	
Junk	25.00	
Liquors	5402.00	
Marriage	148.00	
Milk	18.00	
Oleo	2.50	
Pasteurizing	10.00	
Pedlars	28.00	
Plumbing	7.50	
Pool, Billiards, & Bowling	5.00	
Revolvers	12.70	
Sunday	45.00	
Taxi and Bus	30.00	
Undertakers	4.00	
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		\$5967.00
<b>FINES AND FORFEITS:</b>		
Court Fines:		\$2891.80
<b>GRANTS AND GIFTS:</b>		
From the State:		
Tuition in State aided Vocational Schools	\$128.88	
English Speaking Classes	118.25	
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		\$247.13
From the County:		
Dog Licenses		802.48
From Federal Grants:		
Old Age Assistance	\$27560.84	
Aid to Dependent Children	2375.61	
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		29936.45
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Total General Revenue		\$278379.26
	<b>PRIVILEGES</b>	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes, 1943	\$8371.93	
1942	169.74	
1941	17.38	
1940	13.10	
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Total Privileges		\$8572.15



## SPECIAL ASSESSMENTS

## FOR EXPENSES:

Moth Extermination, 1943	\$273.60	
1942	80.06	
1941	.75	
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Total Special Assessments		\$354.41

## DEPARTMENTAL

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

## Selectmen:

Sale of Postage Stamps	.50	
Town Collector:		
Charges for Collection	370.15	
Town Clerk:		
Fees paid to Treasurer	417.71	
Town Hall:		
Rental	59.25	
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		\$847.61

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

## Police:

Ambulance		\$224.10
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## Sealer:

1942 Tel Tolls	.85	
Fees for Sealing	86.91	
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		\$87.76

## Moth Department:

Services and Materials	78.52	
Tree Department:		
Services and Materials	41.72	
Forest Fires:		
Services and Materials	127.04	
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		\$559.14

## HEALTH AND SANITATION:

## Reimbursement on account of

Tuberculosis	\$734.63	
1942 Refund	.50	
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		\$735.13

## HIGHWAY DEPARTMENTS:

Labor and Materials	\$631.23	
Chapter 90 Maintenance:		
Reimbursement from County	1999.91	
Reimbursement from State	1999.91	
		<u>\$4631.05</u>

## WELFARE:

## Reimbursements from Relief Given:

From Individuals	\$384.75	
From Cities and Towns	792.53	
From State	1060.00	
		<u>\$2237.28</u>

## TOWN INFIRMARY:

Sale of Tools, etc.	\$108.00	
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## AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN:

## Reimbursements from:

The State	\$4052.27	
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## OLD AGE ASSISTANCE:

## Reimbursements from:

Other Cities and Towns	\$1187.54	
State	24160.47	
		<u>25348.01</u>

## Total Welfare

\$31745.56

## SOLDIERS' BENEFITS:

State Aid	120.00	
War Allowance	54.50	
		<u>\$174.50</u>

## SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:

## Tuition and Transportation of Non-Resident Pupils

From the State	1612.53	
From Other Cities and Towns	153.89	
Sale of Books and Supplies	286.83	
Rent of Junior High School	35.00	
		<u>\$2088.25</u>



## PUBLIC LIBRARY:

Fines	\$297.85	
Sale of Old Books	1.25	
		<u>\$299.10</u>

## UNCLASSIFIED:

Lease of Real Estate	\$50.00	
Reimbursement—Public Safety	10.00	
Reimbursement—State Guard	746.10	
Reimbursement—Scrap Drive	100.00	
		<u>\$906.10</u>

Total Departmental		<u>\$41986.44</u>
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## PUBLIC SERVICE ENTERPRISES

## WATER DEPARTMENTAL:

Water Rates	\$36848.18	
Meter Rentals	181.50	
Materials	144.40	
Labor	200.85	
Water Liens	32.00	
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Total		<u>\$37406.93</u>
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## INTEREST

Taxes	\$1162.90	
Tax Titles	204.65	
		<u>\$1367.55</u>

## TRUST FUNDS:

Schools	\$423.29	
Library	871.41	
Employers Liability	520.00	
		<u>\$1814.70</u>

Total		<u>\$3182.25</u>
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## NON-REVENUE RECEIPTS

## MUNICIPAL INDEBTEDNESS:

Anticipation of Revenue	\$50000.00	
Anticipation of Chap. 90 Funds	4000.00	
		<u>\$54000.00</u>

## AGENCY, TRUST AND INVESTMENTS

## AGENCY:

State Tax	\$5997.74	
County Tax	14930.58	
County Dog Tax	1240.20	
		<u>\$22168.52</u>

## TRUST:

Cemetery Funds:		
Withdrawn for use		140.10

## INVESTMENT:

New Cemetery Funds		200.00
Reserved for Purchase of Bonds for Employees:		4400.75
Withholding & Victory Tax		7350.50

## REFUNDS:

Taxes	\$857.84	
Motor Vehicle Excise Taxes	47.90	
Departmental	465.87	
Public Enterprises	12.20	
		<u>\$1383.81</u>

Total Non-Revenue		\$89643.68
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## RECAPITULATION OF RECEIPTS

General Revenue		\$278379.26
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## Commercial Revenue:

Special Assessments	\$354.41	
Privileges	8572.15	
Departmental	41986.44	
Water Department	37406.93	
Interest	3182.25	
		<u>\$91502.18</u>

Total Revenue		\$369881.44
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Total Non-Revenue		89643.68
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Cash on hand January 1, 1943		\$459525.12
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		78565.94
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Grand Total		<u>\$538091.06</u>
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## PAYMENTS

## EXPENSES:

## GENERAL GOVERNMENT:

## Selectmen:

Salaries	\$750.00	
Clerical	411.40	
Other Expenses	64.92	
	<hr/>	\$1226.32

## Accounting Department:

Salary	\$2400.00	
Clerical	317.20	
Other Expenses	153.19	
	<hr/>	\$2870.39

## State Audit and Special Forms:

(State Assessment)		\$281.12
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## Treasurer:

Salary	\$550.00	
Official Bond	162.50	
Clerical	345.09	
Other Expenses	247.01	
	<hr/>	\$1304.60

## Other Finance Accounts:

Certification of Town Notes		4.00
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## Collector:

Salary	\$2090.00	
Official Bond	338.00	
Clerical	690.16	
Other Expenses	473.55	
	<hr/>	\$3591.71

## Assessors:

Salaries	\$1299.98	
Clerical	459.80	
Other Expenses	113.06	
	<hr/>	\$1872.84

## Town Clerk:

Salary	\$1650.00	
Other Expenses	87.01	
	<hr/>	\$1737.01

## Election and Registration:

Registrars	\$12.00	
Election Officers	56.50	
Street Lists	289.92	
Other Expenses	123.63	
	<hr/>	\$482.05

## Law Department:

Printing Jury Lists	\$6.50	
Attorney's Fees	34.81	
Recording	2.00	
	<hr/>	\$43.31

## Town Hall:

Salary of Janitor	\$566.66	
Repairs	638.66	
Other Expenses	966.94	
	<hr/>	\$2172.26

Total General Government

\$15585.61

## PROTECTION OF PERSONS AND PROPERTY:

## Police Department:

Salary of Chief	\$2200.00	
Salary of Patrolmen	5610.00	
Salary of Clerk	635.25	
Special Police	1311.59	
Care of Prisoners	5.00	
Painting Streets	18.25	
Automobile	1101.43	
Equipment	241.25	
Maintenance of Building	20.28	
Other Expenses	424.48	
	<hr/>	\$11567.53

## Fire Department:

Chief	\$400.00
Deputy Chiefs	300.00
Permanent Men	4363.04
Callmen	2587.56
Watching after Fire	67.25
Protecting Boxes	136.40
Equipment and Repairs	1186.25
Hydrant Service	3555.00



Fuel and Lights	382.12	
Other Expenses	52.47	
Building and Grounds	765.05	
	<hr/>	\$13795.14
Sealer of Weights and Measures:		
Salary	\$225.00	
Other Expenses	143.08	
	<hr/>	\$368.08
Building Inspector:		
Salary		\$200.00
Moth Extermination:		
Superintendent	\$545.92	
Labor	501.36	
Other Expenses	51.04	
	<hr/>	\$1098.32
Improvement of Shade Trees:		
Superintendent	\$641.77	
Labor	500.43	
Other Expenses	36.37	
	<hr/>	\$1178.57
Forest Fires:		
Superintendent	\$105.93	
Labor	429.86	
Other Expenses	193.18	
	<hr/>	\$728.97
Dog Officer:		
Services		\$77.66
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Total Protection of Persons and Property		\$29014.27

## HEALTH:

Health Department:	
Salaries	\$333.32
Administration Expenses	80.47
Quarantine & Contagious Diseases	462.42
Tuberculosis	1270.90
Inspections	402.00
Refuse and Garbage	1752.12

Vital Statistics	16.00	
Other Expenses	7.10	
	<hr/>	\$4324.33
Public Health Nurse:		
Salary	\$1320.00	
Transportation	100.00	
	<hr/>	\$1420.00
County Hospital Maintenance: (County Assessment)		\$4184.63
Sewer Maintenance:		\$63.00
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Total Health		\$9991.96

## HIGHWAYS:

## Highway Department:

Superintendent	\$2294.27	
Clerk	521.40	
Administration Expenses	103.06	
General	4022.93	
Sprinkling with Tarvia	3510.18	
Sidewalks and Curbings	50.44	
Snow and Ice Removal	2209.85	
Care of Dump	1126.00	
Drainage	1378.71	
Street Cleaning	1454.60	
Other Expenses	70.60	
	<hr/>	\$16742.04
Highway Road Machinery		3488.81
Chapter 90 Maintenance		5999.72
Street Lighting		6645.36
	<hr/>	\$32875.93

## WELFARE:

## Public Welfare:

Relief Outside Infirmary	\$7658.34	
Relief by other Cities & Towns	1912.48	
Town Infirmary	30.94	
	<hr/>	\$9601.76
Public Welfare Administration:		
Salaries of Overseers	\$600.00	



Salary of Clerk	395.26	
Salary of Social Worker	231.00	
Printing, Stationery & Postage	8.44	
		<u>\$1234.70</u>
Aid to Dependent Children:		
Cash		\$8487.35
Aid to Dependent Children Administration:		
Salary of Clerk	\$38.50	
Social Worker	132.00	
Other Expenses	11.95	
		<u>\$182.45</u>
Old Age Assistance:		
Cash Aid	\$54887.62	
Other Cities and Towns	1096.31	
		<u>\$55983.93</u>
Old Age Assistance Administration:		
Clerk	\$241.75	
Social Worker	1364.00	
Other Expenses	186.62	
		<u>\$1792.37</u>
<b>Total Welfare</b>		<u>\$77282.56</u>
<b>SOLDIERS BENEFITS:</b>		
Soldiers Relief		\$416.00
State Aid		120.00
War Allowance		432.50
		<u>\$968.50</u>
<b>Total</b>		<u>\$968.50</u>
<b>SCHOOL DEPARTMENT:</b>		
Salary of Supt.	\$907.52	
Clerk	1446.50	
Other Administration Expenses	654.70	
Salaries of Teachers	75600.96	
Books and Supplies	4968.45	
Tuition—Training School	6367.12	
Vocational Tuition	208.11	
Transportation	8033.45	
Janitors' Services	4341.52	

Fuel and Lights	4256.37	
Maintenance of Buildings and Grounds	4109.45	
Furniture & Furnishings	118.39	
Rent	2408.50	
Other Expenses	354.96	
	<hr/>	\$113776.00

High School Athletics		\$399.68
Purchase of Coal 1943 & 1944		1045.64
Lorin Keith H. S. Prize		20.10
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Total School Department \$115241.42

**PUBLIC LIBRARY:**

Librarian	\$1210.00	
Assistants	1204.62	
Janitor	396.00	
Books and Periodicals	1510.81	
Binding	121.73	
Fuel and Lights	585.72	
Building & Grounds	50.09	
Other Expenses	155.84	
	<hr/>	\$5234.81

Purchase of Books from:

P. K. Wright Fund		\$5.50
M. C. Bryant Fund		10.01
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Total Library \$5250.32

**RECREATION:**

Care of Common	\$493.21	
State Parks and Reservations (State Assessments)	216.62	
	<hr/>	\$709.83

**PENSION:**

\$750.00

**ATHLETIC FIELD & PLAYGROUND:**

Labor and Supervision	\$1179.23
Equipment and Supplies	243.93



Lime, Fertilizer and Seeds	9.07	
Building	187.61	
	<hr/>	\$1619.84
UNCLASSIFIED:		
Municipal Garage:		
Rent	\$420.00	
Other Expenses	160.37	
	<hr/>	\$580.37
Miscellaneous Printing		\$414.76
Memorial Day:		
Band	\$75.00	
Other Expenses	105.88	
	<hr/>	\$180.88
Bicycle Registration		\$47.92
Armistice Day		\$60.00
American Legion Rent		\$180.00
Veterans Foreign Wars Rent		\$180.00
Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture		\$100.00
Municipal Buildings Insurance		\$1226.21
Liability Insurance		\$100.70
Public Safety:		
General Committee	\$92.15	
Report Center	27.30	
Telephones	297.91	
Medical	7.18	
Rescue Squad	153.31	
Auxiliary Police	30.96	
Decontamination	2.75	
Food Preservation	18.57	
Evacuation	1.75	
Air Raid Wardens	17.43	
Blood Plasma	30.75	
Auxiliary Fire	272.51	
Women's Division	62.25	
State Guard	244.50	
	<hr/>	\$1259.32
Rationing Board:		
Stationery and Printing	\$77.81	
Telephone	140.06	
Other Expenses	106.58	
	<hr/>	\$324.45

Abandoned Cemeteries		\$95.78
Employers Liability Insurance:		
Payments		\$520.00
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Total Unclassified		\$5270.39

## WATER DEPARTMENT:

Salary of Clerk	\$1207.80	
Other Administration Expenses	340.00	
	<hr/>	\$1547.80
General:		
Labor	\$2258.73	
Meters and Fittings	369.71	
Equipment	11.07	
Hydrants	23.08	
Truck	208.69	
	<hr/>	\$2871.28
Defense:		
Guards	\$422.00	
Sleeves	85.65	
	<hr/>	\$507.65
Service Connections:		
Labor	\$121.40	
Pipe and Fittings	294.68	
	<hr/>	\$416.08
Pumping Station:		
Engineer	\$1725.43	
Labor	10.50	
Electric Power	2284.50	
Equipment and Repairs	189.73	
Coal	46.80	
Repair to Buildings	6.07	
	<hr/>	\$4263.03
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Total Water Department		\$9605.84

## INTEREST:

Temporary Loans:		
Anticipation of Revenue	\$140.16	



Chapter 90 Maintenance	7.29		
		<u>\$147.45</u>	
Water Loan:		\$8266.25	
			<u>\$8413.70</u>
MATURING DEBT:			
Water Loan			\$19000.00
			<u>\$331580.17</u>
Total Expenses			
OUTLAYS FROM REVENUE:			
Highway Equipment		\$311.30	
		<u></u>	
Total Outlays from Revenue			\$311.30

## PAYMENTS FROM NON-REVENUE

INDEBTEDNESS:			
Anticipation of Revenue	\$75000.00		
Anticipation of Chapter 90 Maintenance	4000.00		
		<u></u>	\$79000.00
AGENCY:			
State Tax	\$5500.00		
County Tax	10745.95		
County Dog Tax	1234.80		
		<u></u>	\$17480.75
Purchases of War Bonds for Employees		\$4299.25	
Victory and Withholding Taxes		\$7350.50	
TRUST FUNDS:			
Income from Cemetery Funds	\$140.10		
New Funds	200.00		
		<u></u>	\$340.10
TAILING ACCOUNT:			\$0.25
INVESTMENT:			
Employers Liability Fund			\$2648.01

## REFUNDS:

Taxes	\$857.84	
Motor Vehicle Excise	47.90	
Departmental	465.87	
Public Enterprises	12.20	
	<u>          </u>	\$1383.81
Total Non-Revenue		\$112502.67

## RECAPITULATION OF PAYMENTS

From Revenue:		
Expenses	\$331580.17	
Outlays	311.30	
	<u>          </u>	
Total from Revenue		\$331891.47
Total from Non-Revenue		112502.67
		<u>          </u>
Total Payments		\$444394.14
Cash on hand December 31, 1943		93696.92
		<u>          </u>
Grand Total		\$538091.06



### III. SUMMARY OF APPROPRIATION ACCOUNTS

Balance Jan. 1, 1943	Appropriation 1943	Transfers from Reserve Fund	Name of Account	Expenditures 1943	Balances Closed to Revenue Acct.	Balances Forwarded to 1944
	\$1250.00		Selectmen	\$1226.32	\$23.68	
	2900.00		Accounting Dept.	2870.39	29.61	
	1315.70		Treasurer	1304.60	11.10	
	10.00		Other Finance Accounts	4.00	6.00	
	3615.50		Collector	3591.71	23.79	
	1900.00		Assessors	1872.84	27.16	
	1750.00		Town Clerk	1737.01	12.99	
	550.00		Election & Registration	482.05	67.95	
	200.00		Law Department	43.31	156.69	
	2000.00	\$200.00	Town Hall	2172.26	27.74	
	11206.68	365.68	Police Dept.	11567.53	4.83	
	14407.56		Fire Department	13795.14	612.42	
	450.00		Sealer of Weights & Measures	368.08	81.92	
	200.00		Building Inspector	200.00		
	2500.00		Moth Extermination	1098.32	1401.68	
	1500.00		Improvement of Shade Trees	1178.57	321.43	
	1000.00		Forest Fires	728.97	271.03	
	100.00		Dog Officer	77.66	22.34	
	4800.00		Health Department	4324.33	475.67	
	1420.00		Public Health Nurse	1420.00		
	50.00	13.00	Maintenance of Sewers	63.00		
		150.00	Survey of Sewers			\$150.00

Balance Jan. 1, 1943	Appropriation 1943	Transfers from Reserve Fund	Name of Account	Expenditures 1943	Balances Closed to Revenue Acct.	Balances Forwarded to 1944
	17689.40		Highway Department	16742.04	947.36	
	2000.00		Chapter 90 Maintenance	1999.90	.10	
	4500.00		Road Machinery	3488.81	1011.19	
\$19.20			Land Damages—Beach Street			19.20
1329.44			Highway Equipment	311.30	1018.14	
	6645.36		Street Lighting	6645.36		
	9000.00	800.00	Public Welfare	9601.76	198.24	
	1245.00		Public Welfare Administration	1234.70	10.30	
	5500.00		Aid to Dependent Children	5500.00		
	100.00		Aid to Depend. Child. Admin.	92.48	7.52	
897.21	2278.91		Aid to Depend. Child.—Federal Grant	2987.35		188.77
9.91	96.70		Aid to Depend. Child. Admin.—F. G.	89.97		16.64
	32000.00		Old Age Assistance	31976.70	23.30	
688.79	26674.83		Old Age Assistance—F. G.	24010.23		3353.39
	976.00		Old Age Assistance—Admin.	921.57	54.43	
151.92	889.01		Old Age Assistance—Admin. F. G.	870.80		170.13
	2000.00		Soldiers Benefits	956.00	1044.00	
	120199.08		School Department	113776.00	6423.08	
45.64	1000.00		School Dept.—Purchase of Coal	1045.64		
	400.00		High School Athletics	399.68	.32	
	150.00		Special—School Building Committee			150.00
	5260.00		Public Library	5234.81	25.19	
	120.00	380.00	Recreation—Care of Common	493.21	6.79	
	1680.00		Athletic Field & Playground	1619.84	60.16	



Balance Jan. 1, 1943	Appropriation 1943	Transfers from Reserve Fund	Name of Account	1943 Expenditures	Revenue Acct. Balances Closed to	to 1944 Balances Forwarded
	750.00		Pension	750.00		
	625.00		Municipal Garage	580.37	44.63	
	500.00		Miscellaneous Printing	414.76	85.24	
	275.00		Memorial Day	180.88	94.12	
	75.00		Armistice Day	60.00	15.00	
	100.00		Plymouth County Aid to Agriculture	100.00		
	180.00		American Legion Rent	180.00		
	180.00		Veterans Foreign Wars Rent	180.00		
	1228.99		Municipal Buildings Insurance	1226.21	2.78	
	100.70		Liability Insurance	100.70		
300.00			Christmas Decorations & Illumination			300.00
2722.57	400.00		Public Safety	1259.32		1863.25
49.64	400.00		Rationing Board	324.45		125.19
	50.00		Bicycle Registration	47.92	2.08	
	200.00		Abandoned Cemeteries	95.78	104.22	
		115.00	Purchase of Mimeograph			115.00
	2500.00		Reserve Fund	2023.68	476.32	
	300.00		Interest	147.45	152.55	
	8266.25		Interest on Water Loan	8266.25		
	19000.00		Maturing Debt	19000.00		
	10633.46		Water Department	9605.84	1027.62	
\$6214.32	\$339294.13	\$2023.68	TOTALS	\$324667.85	\$16412.71	\$6451.57

## IV. BONDED INDEBTEDNESS

## WATER SUPPLY

Date of Maturity	3 ½ % Bonds Issued	4% Bonds Issued	3% % Bonds Issued	4 ¼ % Bonds Issued	Total	Interest
	July 1, 1931	Mar. 1, 1925	May 1, 1927	May 1, 1929		
1944	\$2,000.00	\$12,000.00	\$3,000.00	\$2,000.00	\$19,000.00	\$7,518.75
1945	2,000.00	12,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	19,000.00	6,771.25
1946	1,000.00	11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	17,000.00	6,061.25
1947	1,000.00	11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	17,000.00	5,388.75
1948	1,000.00	11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	17,000.00	4,716.25
1949		11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	16,000.00	4,061.25
1950		11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	16,000.00	3,423.75
1951		11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	16,000.00	2,786.25
1952		11,000.00	3,000.00	2,000.00	16,000.00	2,148.75
1953		11,000.00		2,000.00	13,000.00	1,567.50
1954		11,000.00		2,000.00	13,000.00	1,042.50
1955		11,000.00		2,000.00	13,000.00	517.50
1956				2,000.00	2,000.00	212.50
1957				2,000.00	2,000.00	127.50
1958				2,000.00	2,000.00	42.50
	\$7,000.00	\$134,000.00	\$27,000.00	\$30,000.00	\$198,000.00	\$46,386.25



## V. PUBLIC TRUST FUNDS

Name of Fund	How Invested	Amount of Fund	Invested Income Jan. 1, '43	Income Earned	Income Used	Invested Income Dec. 31, '43	Total Amount
<b>SCHOOL FUNDS</b>							
Daniel Dyer	Bridgewater Savings Bank	\$4,162.50		\$83.66	\$83.66		\$4,162.50
Daniel Dyer	East Bridgewater Sav. Bank	2,000.00		40.20	40.20		2,000.00
Edson	Bridgewater Savings Bank	300.00		6.03	6.03		300.00
Samuel P. Gates	Bridgewater Savings Bank	3,717.00		74.71	74.71		3,717.00
Samuel P. Gates	East Bridgewater Sav. Bank	3,500.00		70.35	70.35		3,500.00
Samuel P. Gates	Whitman Savings Bank	3,500.00		88.04	88.04		3,500.00
Lorin Keith H. S. Prize	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00		20.10	20.10		1,000.00
Virginia G. Jones	East Bridgewater Sav. Bank	2,000.00		40.20	40.20		2,000.00
		<u>\$20,179.50</u>		<u>\$423.29</u>	<u>\$423.29</u>		<u>\$20,179.50</u>

### LIBRARY FUNDS

Sarah L. Alden	Bridgewater Savings Bank	\$500.00		\$10.05	\$10.05		\$500.00
Sarah F. Bates	Bridgewater Savings Bank	500.00		10.05	10.05		500.00
Mary C. Bryant	Bridgewater Savings Bank	2,000.00		40.20	40.20		2,000.00
Mary A. Dunbar	Bridgewater Savings Bank	500.00		10.05	10.05		500.00
Abbie F. Gammons	Bridgewater Savings Bank	500.00		10.05	10.05		500.00
Samuel P. Gates	Bristol County Sav. Bank	3,450.00		69.34	69.34		3,450.00
Harriet M. Gilbert	N. Y., N. H. & H. Ry. Bonds	5,000.00		500.00	500.00		5,000.00
Harriet M. Gilbert	Bridgewater Savings Bank	562.50		11.30	11.30		562.50

Susan A. Goodrich	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00	20.10	20.10	1,000.00
Virginia G. Jones	East Bridgewater Sav. Bank	1,000.00	20.10	20.10	1,000.00
Lorin Keith	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00	20.10	20.10	1,000.00
Lewis G. Lowe	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00	20.10	20.10	1,000.00
Ellen Markham	Abington Savings Bank	1,000.00	30.23	30.23	1,000.00
Francis A. Parker	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00	20.10	20.10	1,000.00
Anna C. Thompson	East Bridgewater Sav. Bank	1,000.00	20.10	20.10	1,000.00
Mary H. Wilbar	Bridgewater Savings Bank	500.00	10.05	10.05	500.00
Pamelia K. Wright	Bridgewater Savings Bank	300.00	6.03	6.03	300.00
Theodore F. Wright	Bridgewater Savings Bank	162.50	3.26	3.26	162.50
Theodore F. Wright	East Bridgewater Sav. Bank	2,000.00	40.20	40.20	2,000.00
		<u>\$22,975.00</u>	<u>\$871.41</u>	<u>\$871.41</u>	<u>\$22,975.00</u>

#### CEMETERY FUNDS

Henry M. Bosworth	Bridgewater Savings Bank	\$100.00	\$5.71	\$2.11	\$1.50	\$6.32	\$106.32
Caroline W. Braley	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00					100.00
Melissa Chandler	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	19.34	2.39	1.50	20.23	120.23
Margaret Conway	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	4.71	2.09	3.00	3.80	103.80
Susan L. Cushman	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	33.34	2.67		36.01	136.01
Grace Donovan	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	29.98	2.60		32.58	132.58
Thomas Frawley	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	.26	2.01	2.27		100.00
George N. Gammons	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	.39	2.01	2.00	.40	100.40
Jacob A. & Wm. D. Hall	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	3.10	2.07	1.50	3.67	103.67
Benjamin F. Hayward	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	9.57	2.19		11.76	111.76
Ziba Hayward	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	1.95	2.03	1.50	2.48	102.48



Name of Fund	How Invested	Amount of Fund	Invested Income Jan. 1, '43	Income Earned	Income Used	Invested Income Dec. 31, '43	Total Amount
Avery F. Hooper	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	36.07	2.73		38.80	138.80
Margaret Keneally	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	11.34	2.23		13.57	113.57
Annie Keith Lot	Bridgewater Savings Bank	200.00	7.09	4.16		11.25	211.25
Samuel D. Keith	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	38.99	2.78		41.77	141.77
Catherine Killoran	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	60.06	3.21	8.00	55.27	155.27
Madden Lot	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	.32	2.01	2.33		100.00
Chester F. Miller	Bridgewater Savings Bank	200.00	239.62	8.83	8.00	240.45	440.45
Oreb & Ellen Mitchell	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	1.62	2.03	1.50	2.15	102.15
Patrick O'Connor	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	4.42	2.09	6.00	.51	100.51
Lucretia A. Oldham	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	54.00	3.09	4.00	53.09	153.09
Henry G. Prophett	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,000.00	.08	20.10	20.00	.18	1,000.18
Robbins & Osborne	Bridgewater Savings Bank	200.00	41.13	4.84	1.50	44.47	244.47
Shaw & Harlow	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	9.83	2.19	1.50	10.52	110.52
Frank E. Sweet	Bridgewater Savings Bank	200.00	30.30	4.62	5.00	29.92	229.92
Benjamin Washburn	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	88.11	3.77	1.50	90.38	190.38
Edmond L. Weston	Bridgewater Savings Bank	100.00	26.25	2.53	1.50	27.28	127.28
Harlow Cemetery	Bridgewater Savings Bank	300.00	3.11	6.09	6.12	3.08	303.08
Hillside Cemetery	Bridgewater Savings Bank	641.73	6.55	13.02	12.92	6.65	648.38
Jennings Hill Cemetery	Bridgewater Savings Bank	620.00	6.24	12.58	12.29	6.53	626.53
Orange Street Cemetery	Bridgewater Savings Bank	1,069.94	10.77	21.71	21.52	10.96	1,080.90
Vernon Street Cemetery	Bridgewater Savings Bank	740.00	6.63	12.99	13.15	6.47	746.47
		<b>\$7,371.67</b>	<b>\$790.88</b>	<b>\$159.77</b>	<b>\$140.10</b>	<b>\$810.55</b>	<b>\$8,182.22</b>

## REPORT OF CHIEF OF POLICE

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith respectfully submit the annual report of the Police Department for the year ending December 31, 1943.

Number of arrests:		358
Male	346	
Female	12	
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### CAUSES OF ARREST

#### Crimes Against the Person:

Assault and Battery	3	
Rape	1	
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#### Crimes Against Property:

Larceny	4	
Larceny of Automobile	2	
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#### Crimes Against Public Order:

Deserter from Army	1
Disturbing the Peace	8
Driving Motor Vehicle to Endanger Lives	12
Driving Motor Vehicle while Intoxicated	22
Drunkenness	115
False Alarm of Fire	1
Liquor Laws,—Violating	1
Motor Vehicle Laws,—Violating	152
Neglect or Desertion of Family	10
Peddling,—Unlicensed	1



Traffic Rules,—Violating	14
Weapon Carrying	1
Keeping Child from School	2
Defaults	2
Setting Fires Without Permit	1
Violation—Milk Control Law	2
Violation—Probation	3
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## Recapitulation:

	MALE	FEMALE	TOTAL	
1. Against Person	4	0	4	
2. Against Property	6	0	6	
3. Against Public Order	336	12	348	
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	346	12	358	358

## DISPOSITION

Appeals	9
Continued	42
Committed Insane	2
Filed	51
Fined	143
Grand Jury	6
House of Correction	14
Massachusetts Reformatory	1
Not Guilty	2
Other Police	36
Probation	15
Released	3
Sherborn Reformatory For Women	1

Suspended Sentence	25	
State Farm	8	
	<hr/>	358
Amount of Fines Imposed		\$3,235.00
Amount Reverting to Credit of the Town		2,891.80

## MISCELLANEOUS

Accidents	5
Accidents (Auto)	61
Air Raid Practice	1
Articles Reported Lost	117
Articles Reported Found	64
Assault and Battery Reported	5
Auto Violations Reported to Registry	1192
Automobiles Reported Stolen	2
Automobiles Reported Stolen—Recovered	4
Bicycle Registrations	541
Bicycles Reported Lost or Stolen	2
Bicycles Recovered	6
Black-out Practice	3
Black-out Violations	8
Breaking and Entering Reported	17
Cows—Lost	2
Complaints Received and Investigated	1897
Disturbance Reported	8
Dogs—Barking	6
Bites	10
Chasing Cows	1
Hit by Cars	30
Killing Chickens	15
Lost	20
Found	21
Neglected	2



Stray	17
Seizures	1
Doors Found Open	33
Dim-out Violations	38
Escaped Insane Patient	3
Escaped Insane Patient Located	2
Escaped Prisoner	5
Escaped Prisoner Located	3
Fire Alarms Answered	37
Fire Alarms (False)	3
Hit and Run Reported	2
Hospital Cases (Ambulance)	64
Horses Reported Lost	5
Horses Recovered	5
Larceny Reported	28
Lights Out	32
Street Lights Out	15
Licenses Suspended (Auto)	19
Licenses Revoked (Auto)	4
Messages Delivered (Emergency)	63
Missing Persons Reported	22
Missing Persons Located	16
Notice of Sale or Transfer	201
Non-Support and Neglect Cases	
Investigated	10
Sales Reported—Class 1	79
Sales Reported—Class 2	164
Registrations Suspended (Auto)	9
Registrations Revoked (Auto)	2
Right to Operate Suspended	4
Suicide	1
Attempted Suicide	1
Telephone Calls	5044
Windows Found Open*	40

Windows Broken	71
Wires Reported Down	4

#### AUTO ACCIDENTS

Number of Accidents	61
Number of Pedestrians Injured	7
Number of Occupants of Autos Injured	27
Accidents where Persons were Injured	32
Number of Persons Killed	2

#### LOCATION OF ACCIDENTS

Bedford Street	11
Broad Street	11
Central Square	6
Center Street	2
Cross Street	1
Hale Street	1
High Street	1
Laurel Street	1
Main Street	5
Oak Street	1
Plymouth Street	3
Pond Street	1
South Street	4
Walnut Street	1
Summer Street	7
Pleasant Street	5

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#### WEATHER CONDITIONS

Clear	40
Cloudy	6
Foggy	1



Mist	2	
Rain	6	
Sleet	3	
Snow	3	
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## CAUSE

Hit and Run	1	
Inattention	36	
Operating to Endanger	5	
Operating Influence	8	
Operating Left of Center	1	
Sleep	1	
Speed	8	
Tire Blow-out	1	
	<hr/>	61

## TRAFFIC

Despite war-time restrictions, traffic has increased to a considerable degree, due largely to the Defense Workers going thru Town and also to the large Army Convoys.

## ACCIDENTS

Sixty-one Accidents with two fatalities were reported in 1943 as compared with forty in 1942. This increase was due to the higher traffic rate and also to the dim-out. Both fatalities were Adult Pedestrians.

## AMBULANCE

The Police Ambulance made Sixty-four Hospital trips during the year, including Welfare and Old Age Assistance Cases.

The Cruiser was also used to carry Inductees to the Middleboro Selective Service for Induction, when other means of transportation were not available.

### DEFENSE

The Auxiliary Police Corps continues to hold regular Meetings every two weeks under the leadership of Chief Rosario Wood. At several Meetings moving pictures of the War and Defense has been shown, also instructive speakers have been present. These Meetings have been well attended, and the same spirit of cooperation which characterized the Unit in its early days is still present in a large degree.

During the year I have attended the quarterly Meetings of the Federal Bureau of Investigation in New Bedford and the various Meetings of the Mass. Chiefs of Police Association and the Southeastern Mass. Chiefs Association. These Meetings were held in different Towns and Cities throughout the District, also at Camp Edwards and Camp Myles Standish. The latter two were held in conjunction with the Provost Marshall's office.

### JUVENILES

This year we were unfortunate in having to take three Juveniles before the Court. This is a difficult period for young people and this Department feels that if a closer cooperation between the parents and the Churches and Schools were maintained such procedures would be unnecessary.

### JUNIOR POLICE

Owing to the loss of Student Assistance at the Teachers College we have been unable to use the Gym this year for Junior Police Meetings. However, we hope to be able to resume our regular activities in the near future. As usual, this Junior Organization has been of great assistance in helping out with the



Defense program at various times through the year.

During the summer and early fall, employment was obtained for many of the boys in Town through the co-operation of the farmers and dairymen.

### BICYCLE REGISTRATION

541 Bicycles were registered during the year. This registration has proved of great assistance to the Department in keeping track of lost and stolen bicycles.

### CONCLUSION

In conclusion, I wish to thank the Honorable Board of Selectmen, fellow-employees and Townspeople for their assistance and cooperation during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

JAMES R. MOORE  
Chief of Police

## REPORT OF THE FIRE DEPARTMENT FOR THE YEAR 1943

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To the Honorable Board of Selectmen:

I herewith respectfully submit the following report of the conditions and operations of the Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1943.

### HYDRANTS

There are 237 hydrants in good condition, the same number as last year.

### FIRE ALARM SYSTEM

The Fire Alarm System is in good condition and there have been no alterations or additions during the past year.

### FIRE FIGHTING EQUIPMENT

No major repairs to the various trucks have been necessary during the past year.

The international truck that was purchased and fitted up for the use of the Auxiliary Fire Department by the Public Safety Committee was turned over to the Fire Department during the past year in exchange for the White Combination that was purchased in 1915.

A quantity of equipment has been recieved from the Office of Civilian Defense for the use of the Auxiliary Fire Department in case of emergency.



## PERSONNEL

The personnel of the department consists of a permanent chief, one permanent deputy chief, one call deputy chief, thirty call men and an auxiliary force of thirty-two men, a number of the Auxiliary Firemen having enlisted since the last report.

The permanent force at the fire station consists of only two men at present as Mr. Cripps resigned last May and due to the fact that there are so many other positions available at higher pay and shorter hours there have been no applications for the position up to the present time.

## REPORT OF FIRES

During the year the Department responded to 37 Box Alarms as follows;

Building Fires	24	Bonfires	1
Grass Fires	3	Fire in Smoke Pipe	1
False Alarms	3	Mattress Fire	1
Automobiles	2	Chimney Fire	1
Missing Person	1		

They also responded to 55 Still Alarms, 47 3 Blow Calls, 39 4 Blow Calls and 3 4-3 Blow Calls a total of 144 calls as follows;

Grass and Woods Fires	58	Electrical Wiring	4
Chimney Fires	22	Fires in Blower Pipe	3
Dump Fires	7	Leak in Refrigerators	2
Flooded Oil Burners	8	Persons Locked Out	2
Emergency Calls	3	Automatic ADT	1
Automobile Fires	7	Building Fires	6
Rubbish Fires	4	Miscellaneous	15

## BUILDINGS

Repairs were made to the roof of the Hose Tower and the Fire Station and both buildings were given a coat of paint.

The room used for sleeping quarters by the permanent men was also painted the past year.

#### REMARKS

Drills have been held through the year as usual for both the regular and auxiliary fire departments.

Although more box alarms were received for building fires than during the previous year many of them were for fires that caused but little damage.

In conclusion we wish to thank all the Town Officials and Citizens of the Town who have helped us during the past year.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR RHOADES

Chief.



## REPORT OF ASSESSORS

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Rate of Taxation - \$38.50 - Per Thousand	
Value of Real Estate	\$4,533,310.00
Value of Personal Estate	543,732.00
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Total	\$5,077,042.00
Number of Polls Assessed	2,294
Number of Horses Assessed	87
Number of Cows Assessed	675
Number of Neat Cattle other than Cows	101
Number of Swine Assessed	151
Number of Fowl Assessed	44,198
Number of Other Livestock Assessed	295
Number of Dwelling Houses Assessed	1,447
Number of Acres of Land Assessed	14,906
Property exempt from Taxation:	
Churches, Cemeteries and other Organizations	\$174,850.00
State Teachers College	832,550.00
State Farm	1,314,725.00
Soldiers', Sailors', Wives', Widows, Clause 17	49,575.00
Commonwealth of Massachusetts	292.00
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	\$2,371,992.00

### MOTOR VEHICLE EXCISE TAXES

Rate of Taxation, - \$36.33 - Per Thousand	
Number of Vehicles registered in 1943	1,784
Value of Vehicles registered in 1943	\$269,060.00

## ASSETS OF TOWN

School Houses and Land	\$235,000.00
School Department Equipment	30,450.00
Public Library and Equipment	27,000.00
Town Hall and Equipment	22,000.00
Public Land	40,000.00
Engine House and Land	5,500.00
Fire Department and Equipment	22,000.00
Lockup and Police Equipment	1,000.00
Town Farm	7,000.00
Highway Department Equipment	11,000.00
Moth Department Equipment	2,500.00
Health Department	300.00
Sewer Department	32,000.00
Weights and Measures	500.00
Water Department and Real Estate	107,500.00
Water Department Personal	401,000.00
Gravel Beds	650.00
Playground	30,000.00
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	\$975,400.00

LEO F. NOURSE  
Chairman

ARTHUR E. PRATT  
Clerk



## REPORT OF BOARD OF HEALTH

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### CONTAGIOUS DISEASES

Chicken Pox	7
German Measles	28
Measles	95
Whooping Cough	6
Scarlet Fever	5
Pneumonia	2
Tuberculosis	8
Meningitis	2
Dog Bite	19
Cat Bite	1

There were 20 cases of tuberculosis and 10 cases of pneumonia reported from the State Farm.

Deaths in town 95. Deaths at State Farm 54. There was 1 death at Tewsbury State Hospital, 4 at Taunton State Hospital and 1 at Metropolitan State.

There were 130 births,

### LICENSES GRANTED

Milk	35
Plumbers Permits	16
Oleomargarine	10
Pasteurization	1
Alcohol	5
Undertakers	4

ALBERT F. HUNT, Chairman

HENRY A. GOW, Agent

Following is the Report of the Public Health Nurse.

I made 112 Board of Health home visits. There were 50 chest examinations, re-examinations and X-rays done for us at Plymouth County Hospital.

414 employees of 4 industries in Bridgewater were X-rayed.

A large number of pupils had the tuberculin test and some were X-rayed. A few younger children who are contacts also were done. The annual Toxoid Clinic was held.

There were 3 children at the Bailey Health Camp during the summer.

At present there are 2 cases at the South Hanson Hospital. There were 4 deaths at this hospital. One patient was discharged against advice. One patient was re-admitted.

Respectfully,

MILDRED L. MACLEOD, R. N.



## REPORT OF TOWN TREASURER

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A Summary of the financial transactions of the Town Treasurer for the financial year ending December 31, 1943 is given below. Detailed statements, outstanding indebtedness and investment funds are contained in the report of the Town Accountant.

### RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS

#### Receipts

Cash on hand and on deposit:		
January 1, 1943		\$78,565.94
Receipts:		
Revenue Receipts	\$369,881.44	
Non-Revenue	89,643.68	
	459,525.12	
		\$538,091.06

#### Payments

From Revenue	\$331,891.47	
Non-Revenue	112,502.67	
	\$444,394.14	
Cash on hand December 31, 1943	\$636.02	
Bridgewater Trust Co.	89,666.50	
Merchants National Bank	3,394.40	
	\$93,696.92	
		\$538,091.06

EDWARD F. MCGINN,  
Town Treasurer.

## REPORT OF COLLECTOR OF TAXES

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### THE COLLECTOR OF TAXES IN ACCOUNT WITH THE TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER

1938

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1942:

Real Estate	\$84.60	
Poll	6.00	
		\$90.60
Interest	.60	
Charges	1.05	
		1.65
		\$92.25

Cr.

Collections:

Real Estate	\$5.52	
Poll	6.00	
		11.52
Interest	.60	
Charges	1.05	
		1.65

Abatement:

Real Estate		79.08
		\$92.25



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1939

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1942

Real Estate	\$70.85	
Poll	36.00	
	<hr/>	\$106.85
Interest	1.60	
Charges	2.80	
	<hr/>	4.40
		<hr/>
		\$111.25

Cr.

Collections:

Real Estate	.63	
Poll	16.00	
	<hr/>	\$16.63
Interest	\$1.60	
Charges	2.80	
	<hr/>	\$4.40

Abatement:

Real Estate \$70.22

Outstanding:

Poll \$20.00

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\$111.25

1940

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1942:

Real Estate	\$150.31	
Personal	22.30	
Poll	56.00	
Excise	100.76	
	<hr/>	\$329.37





Interest	177.80	
Charges	16.85	
	<hr/>	194.65
		<hr/>
		\$4,254.61
	Cr.	
Collections:		
Real Estate	\$3,728.12	
Personal	8.70	
Poll	28.00	
Excise	17.38	
Moth	.75	
	<hr/>	\$3,782.95
Interest	\$177.80	
Charges	16.85	
	<hr/>	194.65
Abatements:		
Real Estate	\$164.20	
Excise	57.06	
	<hr/>	221.26
Outstanding:		
Poll	34.00	
Personal	21.75	
	<hr/>	55.75
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		\$4,254.61

1941

Dr.

Reimbursement for 1941 Taxes after exemption		
Uncollected December 31, 1942:		
Real Estate	\$27.18	
Interest	.72	
	<hr/>	\$27.90

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Cr.

Collections:

Real Estate	\$27.18	
Interest	.72	
	<hr/>	\$27.90

1942

Dr.

Uncollected December 31, 1942:

Real Estate	\$36,124.27	
Personal	1,385.69	
Poll	188.00	
Excise	291.86	
Moth	81.46	
Water Liens	31.00	
	<hr/>	\$38,102.28
Interest	889.58	
Charges	150.70	
	<hr/>	1,040.28
		<hr/>
		\$39,142.56

Cr.

Collections:

Real Estate	\$29,437.00	
Personal	1,271.76	
Poll	104.00	
Excise	169.74	
Moth	80.06	
Water Liens	31.00	
	<hr/>	\$31,093.56
Interest	889.58	
Charges	150.70	
	<hr/>	1,040.28



Abatements:			
Real Estate	1,034.36		
Personal	27.59		
Excise	78.53		
Moth	1.40		
		<hr/>	1,141.88
Tax Titles:			
Real Estate			1,387.16
Outstanding:			
Real Estate	\$4,265.75		
Personal	86.34		
Poll	84.00		
Excise	43.59		
		<hr/>	4,479.68
			<hr/>
			\$39,142.56

1943  
Dr.

Committed for Collection:			
Real Estate	\$174,698.11		
Personal	21,132.00		
Poll	4,618.00		
Excise	9,194.07		
Moth	316.02		
		<hr/>	\$209,958.20
Interest	89.64		
Charges	129.65		
		<hr/>	219.29
			<hr/>
			\$210,177.49

Cr.

Collections:		
Real Estate	\$149,232.11	
Personal	20,304.92	

Poll	3,266.00	
Excise	8,419.10	
Moth	273.60	
	<hr/>	\$181,495.73
Interest	89.64	
Charges	129.65	
	<hr/>	219.29
Abatements:		
Real Estate	\$482.07	
Personal	63.82	
Poll	1,288.00	
Excise	605.83	
	<hr/>	2,439.72
Outstanding:		
Real Estate	\$24,983.93	
Personal	763.26	
Poll	64.00	
Excise	169.14	
Moth	42.42	
	<hr/>	\$26,022.75
		<hr/>
		\$210,177.49

Reimbursement for 1943 Taxes after exemption:

	Dr.	
Committed for Collection:		
Real Estate		57.75
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Collected:		
Real Estate		57.75

EDWARD F. McGINN,  
Collector of Taxes.



## REPORT OF BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

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The Board of Public Welfare herewith submits its annual report for the year 1943.

The activities of this department have not changed materially during the year. There were approximately twenty cases on the rolls as of December 31st.

These are made up of persons unable to work and not eligible for relief under state or federal aided programs.

### OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

At the beginning of 1943, 131 cases were being cared for. Due to certain changes in the law with reference to the responsibility of children, whose earnings exceed an amount set up by law, the passing of elderly persons by death and some who have secured employment in light work, the number was reduced to 111 at the end of 1943.

### AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN

Eleven cases were being aided at the beginning of 1943 under this program. The case load fluctuated during the year and at times was somewhat greater. On December 31st however we had twelve cases, one more than a year ago.

## CONCLUSION

At the present time all persons able to work are employed either locally or in nearby defense plants.

It would seem that we are now at the low point in relief expenditures of all types and that this situation will probably exist for some time, at least, during the coming year.

LEO F. NOURSE

ARTHUR E. PRATT

Board of Public Welfare.



## REPORT OF WATER DEPARTMENT

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The regular routine work of the Water Department was carried on and four new services were installed.

The repair work has been kept up with difficulty on account of the shortage of labor and materials.

The system is in very good condition with the exception of some repairs to the pumps at the Pumping Station, which will be completed as soon as the delayed parts are procured.

SAMUEL B. CHOLERTON,  
HENRY J. STRANN,  
JAMES F. LAKER,

Water Commissioners

## REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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	Adjusted	Scaled
Platform scales over 10,000 lbs.	2	5
Platform scales over 100 lbs.	9	30
Counter scales over 100 lbs.		5
Counter scales under 100 lbs.	1	20
Beam scales over 100 lbs.		1
Beam scales under 100 lbs.	2	6
Spring scales over 100 lbs.		4
Spring scales under 100 lbs.	3	30
Computing scales over 100 lbs.		3
Computing scales under 100 lbs.	7	22
Personal Weighing		5
Prescription	1	3
Avoirdupois Weights	24	210
Apothecary Weights		11
Vehicle Tanks		3
Liquid—1 gal. and under		31
Liquid—over 1 gal.		3
Gasoline Meters—1 in. inlet	4	33
Gasoline Meters—over 1 in. inlet		2
Gasoline Measuring Pumps		11
Oil Measuring Pumps	7	23
Grease Measuring Pumps		6
Quantity Measure on Pumps		4
Yard Sticks		19
Sealing Fees		\$78.11
Adjusting Fees		8.80
		\$86.91

**GLEN S. MATTESON,**  
Sealer.



## REPORT OF BOARD OF SELECTMEN

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Your Board of Selectmen herewith submits for your approval its annual report for the year 1943.

### HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT

Due to war conditions as in the previous year, no new construction work on roads has been done. The department has taken care of the most needed repairs and maintenance work as far as labor and materials permitted.

Co-operative work under Chapter 90 with the State and County participating to the amount of \$2000 each was completed on portions of Summer and Plymouth Streets.

Drainage work started on Park Avenue in 1942 was completed early in the year and a troublesome situation which has existed for several years in that vicinity has, we hope, been permanently corrected.

We realize that much needed work just can't be taken care of until after the war. It will therefore be necessary at that time, when labor and materials are again obtainable, to carry on an extensive program for a few years to bring the condition of our highways back to a safe and satisfactory condition.

### POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Chief, Mr. James R. Moore, has made a report of the activities of this department in detail which is also printed in this report.

## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Chief Arthur F. Rhoades also submits a report of the year's activities in his department which is also printed.

## TOWN ACCOUNTANT

The reports of the State Auditor year after year bear witness to the efficiency with which the accounts of the Town are handled. Miss Keith is a conscientious and hard working town official, ever ready to be helpful and of assistance to all departments and town employees.

In addition to the regular work of this department Miss Keith has done an admirable work in connection with the boys and girls from town who are serving in the armed forces. It has been outstanding as a means of keeping the service men and girls informed as to what is going on at home and where their friends in the service are. They have very forcefully and adequately expressed their appreciation of it also. The board and the citizens of the town express to her their most sincere thanks.

## NATIONAL DEFENSE

Although the activities of the defense organization are not as strenuous at the present time as they were a year ago, the same spirit of co-operation exists and the various groups are being kept on the alert by their leaders.

Chairman Herbert K. Pratt is having meetings periodically with interesting speakers in order that the local groups may be kept familiar with current activities in other communities and the country and state in general.

Very interesting meetings are being held by the Auxiliary Fire and Police departments. The State Guard still maintains a full quota of men who turn out faithfully every Monday night for drill.



## RATIONING BOARD

This board, while working under direct supervision of the Federal Government, is more or less a part of our local governmental activities in as much as the town appropriates money for maintenance of the offices and partial equipment. The members of the boards are to be commended for their faithful and untiring efforts in this war activity with no compensation but that of doing their bit in the time of a national emergency.

## CONCLUSION

We wish to thank all town officers and employees as well as citizens of the town for their kind and generous co-operation during the past year.

It is a pleasure at this time to acknowledge the gift of a Servicemen's Flag which was presented to the town by the Women's Auxiliary of The American Legion.

The town was also presented an American Flag by Mrs. Gayle Montgomery which was a present to her father about thirty years ago. Mrs. Montgomery gives the flag to the town in memory of her parents, Mr. & Mrs. Edward Myles Alden.

At the present time Bridgewater has about 720 boys and girls in the service of our country. These young people are missed by us all and we look forward eagerly to the time when they can safely return to their home town and their families again. Meanwhile we are proud of their courage and sacrifice. It has been a source of great pride to us all to hear from time to time of the fine records which they have made and the many promotions which have been conferred upon them for outstanding service in their country's cause.

We can best show our appreciation of their efforts by a continued diligent use of our time and effort in backing them up at home. We should ever be mindful of the fact that the sacrifice

which we are called upon to make here is small indeed when compared to theirs. Let us carry on here at home in a manner that will preserve for them, the home town from which they are now temporarily away, as they knew and loved it and as much better as it is possible for us to do.

LEO F. NOURSE

ARTHUR E. PRATT

Selectmen of Bridgewater.



## REPORT OF THE TRUSTEES OF THE PUBLIC LIBRARY

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The Librarian's report that follows shows the results brought about by the Second World War.

For the past several years there has been a drop in the circulation statistics and in the number of readers. The Library, however, still continues to provide for the needs of the many persons who use it. Outstanding among these are the pupils of the Junior and Senior High Schools.

The Library staff has given another year of efficient service and this has been accomplished without the usual additional help. The Trustees wish to record here their appreciation of this good service.

During the year the Library met with a great loss in the death of the President of the Board of Trustees, Mr. Charles P. Sinnott. Mr. Sinnott had been a member of the Board and its President for more than twenty years. During this period he gave good judgment and careful consideration to its needs. He was an inspiring leader of the Board and his loss is keenly felt by his associates.

To fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Sinnott a joint meeting of the members of the Board of Selectmen and the Trustees of the Library was held on January 3, 1944 in the office

of Selectmen and Harold S. Wonson was selected by unanimous vote to serve until the regular election in March.

JAMES J. GORMAN, Acting President.

HERMON F. WHEELER, Treasurer.

MARY T. COLEMAN, Secretary.

M. CATHERINE HILL.

HENRY J. STRANN.

RUTH E. DAVIS.

MIRIAM T. WHEELER.

ALBERT F. HUNT, JR.

HAROLD S. WONSON.



## Librarian's Report

To the Trustees of the Bridgewater Public Library:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1943.

The work of the Library has been carried on along the line of former years. For the third year, now, the Library has been open Fridays at 12:15 for the bus pupils of the Junior High and Senior High Schools. This period has occasionally been used by the students for study assignments. The circulation of books in this group has been good.

Collections of books have been prepared by the Librarian for the McElwain, Flagg and Blackstone Schools. These books were delivered through the cooperation of Mr. Hunt, Supt. of Schools.

Three important additions have been made to the Reference Department. The Encyclopedia Americana—1943 edition; The World Book Encyclopedia—1942 ed., and the Encyclopedia Britannica World Atlas. We have added new Careers Monographs as they were published, and these have been used freely by the High School students.

In July it seemed advisable to reregister borrowers. In the six months ending December 31st, 971 persons were registered.

Since July we have had no help in the Stack Room. We are not satisfied with conditions there, but the necessary routine work of cataloging and preparing books for circulation, together with work at the Loan Desk, keeps the Staff fully occupied.

Like most Libraries throughout the country our circulation has not been as large as in other years, due to a greater degree of employment, and transportation difficulties. We are pleased to note, however, a very satisfactory increase in the Children's Room circulation during the last three months.

It would not be fitting to close this report without mention of the passing away of Mr. Charles P. Sinnott, whose kindly interest in the Library evidenced by his Chairmanship of the Board of Trustees for over twenty years, is a great loss to the Library and to the Staff.

I wish to thank the Trustees and the Staff for their fine co-operation.

#### CIRCULATION STATISTICS

Adult non-fiction	7,946
Adult fiction	26,988
Adult total	34,934
Adult Readers	2,211
Juvenile non-fiction	1,921
Juvenile fiction	3,400
Juvenile total	5,321
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**ANNUAL REPORT**  
OF THE  
**SCHOOL COMMITTEE**  
AND  
**SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS**  
OF THE  
**TOWN OF BRIDGEWATER**

For the Year 1943



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CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR  
1943 — 1944

Fall term begins September 8, 1943  
 Senior and Junior High  
 Fall term begins September 13, 1943  
 Elementary  
 Fall term ends December 23, 1943  
 Winter term begins January 3, 1944  
 Winter term ends February 18, 1944  
 Spring term begins February 28, 1944  
 Spring term ends April 14, 1944  
 Summer term begins April 24, 1944  
 Summer term ends June 16, 1944  
 Elementary  
 Summer term ends June 23, 1944  
 Senior and Junior High

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DAYS OUT

October 12, 1943 ..... Columbus Day  
 October 22, 1943 ..... Teachers' Convention  
 November 11, 1943 ..... Armistice Day  
 November 25, 1943  
           to ..... Thanksgiving Recess  
 November 29, 1943  
 April 7, 1944 ..... Good Friday  
 May 30, 1944 ..... Memorial Day

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CALENDAR FOR SCHOOL YEAR  
1944 — 1945

Fall term begins September 6, 1944  
 Fall term ends December 22, 1944  
 Winter term begins January 2, 1945



## REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

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To the Citizens of Bridgewater:

The School Committee presents its report for 1943. At the annual organization meeting John F. Sweeney was elected chairman, Hermon F. Wheeler, vice-chairman, and Fred P. Turner, secretary. Included in the report are statistics of the school system, the report of the superintendent of schools, and reports of the various school officials as submitted to the Committee.

The Committee feels that the school system was fortunate in that no serious disruption of school activities occurred during the year despite the seriousness of the war situation. A minimum of teacher replacements in key positions has occurred in comparison with some district systems.

The School Committee met twice in joint session with the special building investigation committee appointed as a result of the vote at the last annual town meeting. The Committee also met in a joint session with the special committee and A. Russell Mack, Supervisor of Secondary Education in the State Department of Education. The matter of school building facilities was discussed.

The School Committee has furnished the special investigating committee with available data pertaining to building matters. Committee members conveyed to the special investigating group their ideas on the matter of present facilities.

The School Committee would like to recommend to voters that present action on school building facilities be carried further to the extent of appointing a group to investigate possible sites for any addition to the present school building facilities that the town meeting may deem necessary.

Your Committee would like to call attention to the fact that it has been necessary to curtail the High School Victory Corps physical program, as it has not been possible to use the Teachers College Gymnasium this year. Last year a schedule was drawn up whereby both boys' and girls' High School classes were able to use the college gym during the school day.

College authorities were not at liberty to continue the arrangement for the present school year. Inasmuch as 22 boys out of 36 in last June's graduating class at the High School have already entered active service units, it can be seen that less of physical groundwork to fit boys for service work is another severe blow to an already inadequate physical education program.

The school department has turned back to the town from its salary account about \$6200. This money will go to the excess and deficiency fund. Most of this amount was accrued by the committee's action in shifting teachers' payrolls from a 20 payment per year schedule to 24 payments per year. Thus, teachers now get pay checks during the summer months.

The payroll change was deemed advisable at the time the withholding tax went into effect nationally. If some future school committee should decide to go back to the former method of paying teachers when war emergencies are over, it probably would be necessary for town meeting to make an appropriation in the neighborhood of \$5,000 to offset the amount which was not used this year. The change makes no difference in salary appropriations for the coming year.

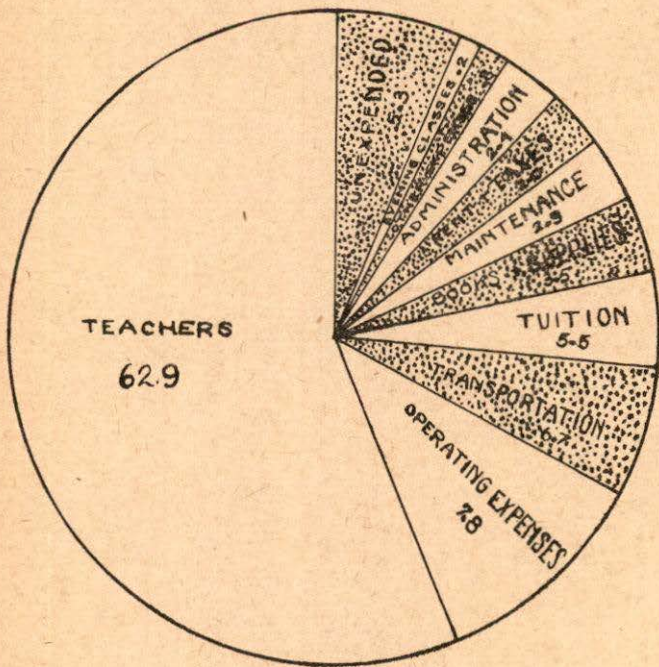


The Committee has submitted an estimated budget of \$120,294.80. Last year's appropriation was \$120,199.08. Without the special salary increase voted to town employees at last year's town meeting, the department's budget would be in the vicinity of \$111,478. Expenditures in 1942, the last normal year, were \$111,589.48.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN F. SWEENEY  
HERMON F. WHEELER  
FRED P. TURNER  
ALBERT F. HUNT  
FRANCIS E. BROMLEY  
GEORGE H. MAXFIELD  
School Committee of Bridgewater

# HOW THE SCHOOL DOLLAR WAS SPENT IN 1943





## REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

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To the School Committee of Bridgewater:

I am submitting for your consideration my report for the year 1943. I am also including the reports from the school principals, school nurse and supervisors of art and music.

### ENROLLMENT

The following table shows the enrollment as of October in the different schools of the town for the past five years.

	1939	1940	1941	1942	1943
Senior High School	275	271	212	208	197
Junior High School	333	285	279	282	282
McElwain School	237	247	258	270	274
Training School	306	303	302	280	280
Flagg School	16	18	22	23	24
Blackstone School	19	20	14	10	
Prospect School	48	39	31		
Dyer School	38	18			
Total	1,272	1,201	1,118	1,073	1,057

There has been a drop in enrollment of 16 pupils during the past year—11 in the Senior High School and 5 in the elementary grades. A dwindling enrollment made possible the closing of the Blackstone School in June and the transfer of pupils and teacher to the McElwain School in September.

It is probable that the Senior High School student body will

continue to be small until the war is over. However, the elementary school membership may shortly show an increase, as the figures for births in Bridgewater indicate an upward trend.

Over the same five-year period expenditures for all schools from all sources have been as follows:

1939 .....	\$113,444.21
1940 .....	113,076.84
1941 .....	110,969.85
1942 .....	111,589.48
1943 .....	113,776.00

### TEACHERS

Compared to many surrounding towns we have had few changes in our teaching staff during the past year. However, six teachers left us during 1943. Miss Iva Handy of the High School faculty and Miss Ruth Gould of the Flagg School resigned to be married. Mrs. Harry Grant, principal of the Training School, resigned in September. Miss M. Louise Buckley, second grade teacher at the McElwain School, left in June. Percy L. Rowe, for thirteen years principal of the McElwain School, received a richly deserved advancement when he was elected superintendent of the Bellingham-Mendon Union in August. Elliott A. Diggle of the High School teaching staff was granted a leave of absence in September prior to his induction into the U. S. N. R. Miss Marie Williams requested a leave of absence from her teaching duties at the High School. She entered the Waves early in January. All of these teachers have given splendid service to our schools, and the best wishes of this department go with them in their new endeavors.

Miss Mary L. Carleton of East Bridgewater, a teacher in the Whitinsville schools for several years, was appointed to the position of teacher of English at the High School to succeed Miss



Handy. Mrs. Mary Coffin, the former Mary Metcalf of this town, was elected for the duration to take Miss Gould's place at the Flagg School. Mrs. Coffin formerly taught in Fayette and North Bridgton, Maine. George C. Roy was elected to the principalship of the McElwain School. Mr. Roy is a graduate of Providence College and has a master's degree in education from Boston University. He has taught and held the position of principal in the towns of Bellingham and West Bridgewater before coming here. Miss Evelyn R. Lindquist was elected to succeed Mrs. Grant as principal of the Training School. Her sixth grade duties have been filled to date by substitutes. Mrs. George McMullen of Hyannis taught this grade until her appointment to the Teachers College staff in November. Since then, Mrs. Florence Raymond of this town has filled the position. Miss Lindquist is a graduate of the Bridgewater Teachers College and holds a master's degree in education from Boston University. Prior to her appointment to the Training School faculty she taught social studies in the North Quincy Junior High School. Miss Helen J. Chesnolevich of Nashua, New Hampshire, has been appointed duration teacher at the High School and has taken over the classes formerly taught by Mr. Diggle. All of the new appointments to our school system should prove to be real assets, and I feel that we are unusually fortunate to secure such well-qualified persons in these days of big pay in other fields.

#### OTHER RESIGNATIONS

Fred A. McFarlin resigned in March as janitor at the Junior High School because of ill health. He had given the schools of this town faithful and efficient service for more than 37 years. The school department, teachers and pupils extend their best wishes to Mr. McFarlin. This position was filled by the appointment of Arthur Holbrook, who has proved to be a fine addition to the janitorial staff.



Mrs. Oliver J. Lyman, duration public health and school nurse who substituted for Lt. L. Gladys Farren of the armed forces since July, 1942, resigned her position in June. This vacancy has been filled by Mrs. Mildred MacLeod, R. N.

### EVENING CLASSES

Conforming to Section 18, Chapter 71, of the General Laws Relating to Education, the school department has continued evening classes which were established in 1940 for adult aliens interested in obtaining United States citizenship. The classes are held twice a week on Tuesday and Thursday evenings in the Junior High School with Miss Alice Clark in charge. Although the enrollment has dropped due to the war, the classes continue to offer a valuable education to those who are able to attend. The town is reimbursed for one-half the cost by the Commonwealth.

### REPAIR AND MAINTENANCE

Among the major items of maintenance during the past year were painting of all the classrooms at the Junior High School, the assembly hall, stairway walls and lower front hall in the Senior High School, the roof and exterior of the Flagg School; painting and waterproofing the parapet; painting the boiler room, teachers' room, office and lunchroom at the McElwain School. Considerable work was also done on the plumbing and heating systems in the various schools to improve their efficiency.

The Junior High School redecorating was done during the summer months by a corps of school department employees which included John A. Hall, maintenance man, assisted by the three full-time janitors—Mr. Carroll, Mr. Bernier, and Mr. Holbrook. Plans for the coming year call for painting the outside of the Junior High School and the classrooms at the McElwain School, relaying of the Junior High assembly hall floor, in addition to the



numerous daily repair and maintenance jobs that are constantly calling for attention. We feel that much improvement has taken place in the efficiency and attractiveness of our buildings through the efforts of Mr. Hall and the school janitors.

### SURVEY

The school committee held several meetings during the year with the survey committee appointed by the moderator following the last town meeting. The matter of inadequacies in the Senior High School building were given major consideration, and the school committee has asked the State Department of Education to conduct a survey to determine what is needed to give Bridgewater boys and girls facilities comparable to those afforded youth in other towns of our size. Commissioner Warren has appointed the following to this assignment: Robert O. Small, Division of Vocational Education; A. Russell Mack, Supervisor of Secondary Education; and Warren Benson, Division of Occupational Guidance. It is expected that the department survey will be made sufficiently soon to permit a report of the findings at the annual town meeting in March.

This High School building question is perhaps the most important matter for the townspeople to deal with involving our school system. For the past twenty-five years, High School principals in their annual reports have pointed out the handicaps under which Bridgewater labors on the high school level. Spasmodic efforts and temporary adjustments have been made to help alleviate this situation. Nothing but a bold step, however, will effect a real cure. Such a step means the erection of a new high school building which will incorporate facilities for a proper physical education program, shopwork for boys, household arts for girls, adequate laboratories, music rooms, library, art room, auditorium, cafeteria, and all the other provisions necessary for the conduct of a modern high school.



Until such a major move is made, Bridgewater will necessarily lag behind other communities in educational advantages for its high school pupils.

In passing it might be well to note that Bridgewater's future may lie as much in becoming a residential town as an industrial area. Other communities have discovered that nothing looms larger in attracting desirable residents and substantial citizens than a first-rate educational system. This includes the buildings which are, after all, the most prominent aspect so far as the eye is concerned.

The newest of the town-owned school buildings is the Junior High School, and this structure is more than twenty-five years old. Many communities feel that thirty years of life fulfills the term of service that a school building is expected to render if effective and progressive use is to be forthcoming. The Bridgewater Academy was built in 1799 and added to in 1897.

If serious attention is given to planning for a new high school now, we should be able to launch into a building program without delay when the war is over or sooner if conditions are favorable.

## HEALTH

Health is named as a major, if not the first, objective in education. We are woefully lacking in this program in our schools. We teach health in our classes and to good advantage. However, in the physical education aspect of health we are wanting. We pay \$100.00 per year for the services of a school physician. This sum is much too small and necessarily limits the time and effort the school physician can put into his work. Bridgewater, I believe, should pay enough to make it possible to examine each pupil annually and to otherwise carry on a thorough health pro-



gram, including necessary follow-up work. A school dental program would also be a step forward. State laws are constantly demanding more and more physical examinations of school children. To be done properly, they should be carried out by trained persons. We have a nurse who is available for school service and who gives generously of her time and talents. However, we also need more of the school physician's time and could very profitably use the services of a school dentist.

### SCHOOLS AT WAR

Continuing the war activities we started in 1942, the schools backed the victory effort just as vigorously during the past year. Pupils and teachers carried on a systematic and successful war stamp and bond buying program. Salvage drives were entered into with enthusiasm. The teachers conducted registrations for the issuance of War Book II and IV in an efficient and wholehearted manner. The school buildings have been available for the use of the various defense groups and home nursing classes. The High School boys and girls are filling vital out-of-school jobs and more than 22 boys in the class of 1943 are now serving in the armed forces.

War has made demands on the time and strength of High School pupils that have brought about many school problems. Tardiness, requests for dismissals, and absences have all increased. Some of these irregularities in attendance are necessary and unavoidable. Others are unnecessary. Home and school should both cooperate in keeping attendance as regular as possible. Outside work many times interferes with normal progress in school even though we have made an effort to gear our educational offering to the demands of war.

Regular attendance and strict application to work in classes are necessary if satisfactory school progress is to be achieved during these days. We all realize the additional pressure under



which our youth work today. However, a high school education still remains one of the most important and vital requirements for effective living today and for the future.

The demand for employment certificates continues to be heavy. Many who would ordinarily be in school are working at important war jobs. Others are continuing their education and are working after school. Numerous requests for work cards have been refused because of the age of the applicant or the nature of the work to be done. Boys and girls between 14 and 16 years of age are greatly restricted in the out-of-school tasks they may perform for pay. General work may be engaged in by youth over 16 years of age. However, certain hazardous occupations are not open to them until they reach 18. Time and effort could be saved if applicants for educational certificates would bring a copy of their birth certificates with them when they first apply. Cards are issued until the age of 21 years and must be secured from the superintendent of schools in the community in which the applicant resides regardless of where he may work.

Bridgewater is fortunate in the calibre of its school committee, the quality and effectiveness of its teaching force and other department personnel. To these and to the parents of our pupils who have worked most cooperatively with us we owe the growth of our youth to responsible and effective citizenship in a democracy which is now fighting for freedom and equal opportunity for all men. We are proud of the job our boys and girls are doing on the home front as well as in all branches of military service. They have met the tremendous challenge of these times with intelligence, determination and training that can only come from those who have been nurtured as free men.

Sincerely yours,

ALBERT F. HUNT, JR.  
Superintendent.



## Report of the High School

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Dear Mr. Hunt:

So much emphasis has been placed upon pre-induction courses in the secondary schools of the country during the past year or more, a report of our efforts in this direction in the Bridgewater High School would seem to be in order. Prior to the opening of the second semester of last year, the program of studies was revised and rearranged as authorized by the School Committee. Numerous courses in mathematics to meet every need were introduced with each pupil in school enrolled to his best possible advantage. Courses in specialized fields of interest in physics for boys of the general group were started at the same time, including fundamentals of machines, fundamentals of electricity, and aeronautics. The work of the college preparatory section of physics continued as usual. Third year French, comprising a very small number of pupils, was discontinued, and in its place a beginners' course in Spanish was introduced. It is expected that this will develop into a two-year course. Of greater interest, perhaps, was the work done in physical education. Through the generous cooperation of the Bridgewater Teachers College, a program in physical education was offered to the girls. A very large majority of the girls accepted the opportunity and enjoyed the privileges of the Boyden Gymnasium and received instruction under the supervision of Miss Decker two periods per week for the remainder of the year. During the hours given to this work, the boys were introduced to a course in basic military training given by Mr. Lane assisted by Mr. Walsh. Unfortunately, it has not been possible to continue this work this year.

This bit of work in physical education afforded a glimpse of what should be done in that field if the town could provide



suitable facilities. The benefits of a complete program in health and physical education are immeasurable and should no longer be denied to the youth of our town.

Our pre-induction program this year includes all of the work as outlined above with the exception of the work in physical education and military drill which we were forced to discontinue. Enrollment in third year Latin was too small to warrant a full-time class period each day; therefore, Mrs. Cook is covering the work of this course with two pupils at such times as she is able to find. Similarly, there was only one senior who wished to take French III. No provision was made for this isolated case.

Our total enrollment for the year ending last June was substantially reduced by enlistments. First to leave school from the graduating class was James Wylie, popular and genial "Jim", and he was followed by classmates Joseph Amaral, James Cummings, Carleton Johnson, Clyde Meserve, Anthony Souza, and Calvin Waitkus. Each of these was awarded a diploma in June—Johnson, Souza, and Wylie receiving theirs in person. Many other members of the class have since joined the colors, total enlistments as of record to date numbering twenty-two out of a total of thirty-six boys in the class, a most creditable representation.

The demands of industry during the spring and summer were such as to raise grave doubts as to what the male enrollment of the school would be at the opening in September. Fortunately, there was practically no loss attributable to this reason. The school was small, numbering only 191 pupils on the opening day distributed thus: seniors, 48; juniors, 62; sophomores, 81.

The vacancy caused by the resignation of Miss Iva L. Handy was filled in due time by the election of Miss Mary L. Carleton of East Bridgewater as senior English teacher and head of the



department. Her work and service in the school will, I am certain, be of the highest order. It was with regret that we learned a few weeks ago that Miss Marie Williams, French and English teacher, had been accepted for service in the WAVES and would soon leave us. This, she has now done within the current week. The sharp sense of loss at her leaving is tempered only by the hope that she will return in a short time to resume the work in which she has been highly successful during her year and a half in the school.

Mr. Elliott Diggle, on leave of absence last year, returned in the fall but for only a very short time. After only ten days with us, he answered the call to the Navy and on September 22 took his leave. Fortunately, the arrangement with Miss Helen Chesnolevich, appointed to serve during the leave of absence last year, was such that she was immediately available to take the place of Mr. Diggle; hence, there was no interruption in the work in these classes.

The demands of labor and industry and the very legitimate response of boys in High School to the call for help sets up a situation probably without precedent. The schools are expected to see that the education program functions properly, and at the same time they are expected to supply substitutes for man power gone to war. A boy cannot be in two places at the same time, neither can he do justice to two full-time jobs. One or the other must suffer. Acting on the belief that school work continues to be of first importance, the school takes the stand that in the event of too great conflict of demands on a pupil's time and energy the outside work must give way to school work. Work lost by reason of cooperating with an employer in time of emergency must not be permitted to become a total loss, hence, must be made up by whatever make-up plan best suits the pupil's need. This may and undoubtedly will in many cases mean returning to school for special help at afternoon session.



Our plans for basketball this winter will be limited to two interschool games with West Bridgewater here and at West Bridgewater and inter-class games at the Brotherhood Gymnasium. All other schools refuse to play here; hence, a full schedule with schools of this area is out of the question. It is with reluctance that we sanction inter-class games in a place so poorly suited to meet the needs of a satisfactory health and physical education program.

Additions are being made, with some regularity, to our school library, and there is a consequent growth in interest in books and in good reading. If the school can attain some degree of success in establishing the reading habit with a certain type of pupil who has been too long neglected, that, in my opinion, will be a real achievement, particularly in a time not too conducive to learning and with a type of individual not too much given to the habit.

Additional improvements in our building made during the summer vacation are greatly appreciated. The assembly hall completely redecorated is a much more attractive room both for use during the regular school sessions and for evening gatherings of a social nature. Shades in all rooms have improved the appearance of the building from the outside and make it possible to control the light during sessions. Double shades in the assembly hall make for much better results when moving pictures are shown.

Individual and group conferences with our teachers lead me to believe that each and everyone is rendering conscientious **service to the town**, that they are thoroughly alive to changed and changing conditions under which we are all working and that they are doing their best to meet the needs of the changes which are **taking place**.



In conclusion, I express my appreciation of your friendly cooperation and helpful suggestions which have helped greatly in carrying on the work of the High School.

Very truly yours,

MEREDITH G. WILLIAMS

Principal.

## GRADUATING CLASS

1943

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|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Sadie V. Alley            | Helen B. Deknes              |
| Pauline A. Almeida        | Pearl L. Desnoyer            |
| Anthony P. Anacki         | Camilla Dunn                 |
| *Joseph Francis Amaral    | John Flynn                   |
| Phyllis Reed Bailey       | Audrey Marvin Forbes         |
| Louis A. Baroni           | Robert H. Frost              |
| Beverly F. Bassett        | John Hanson                  |
| Rita M. Bessette          | Edward J. Haviland           |
| Alfred J. Bevis           | Charles F. Hickey            |
| Dorothy M. Bevis          | Richard F. Huffington        |
| Althea Frances Blackwell  | Helen Jackowchuk             |
| Marjorie Louise Blackwell | Arthur F. Jamison            |
| James Leo Brennan, Jr.    | *Carleton C. Johnson         |
| Theresa L. Brouillard     | Theodore James Lyman         |
| Alice E. Broderick        | Constance Josephine Malewicz |
| Thomas R. Browne          | Jean Powell Marshman         |
| Pearl May Buck            | John Patrick Medeiros        |
| Raymond D. Burke          | *Clyde Thayer Meserve        |
| E. James Butler           | Zaven Minassian              |
| Frank Cabral              | Wesley Joseph Miskinis, Jr.  |
| William Alger Carroll     | Kathryn Bourne Moore         |
| Barbara Merrial Chassey   | Francis Parker Mullen        |
| Richard L. Chiappini      | Nellie Geneva Naviskas       |
| Doris Madeline Church     | Fredérick Healy Nelson       |
| Joan Coe                  | Eliza Paltsios               |
| Constance E. Copeland     | Virginia Elizabeth Pistone   |
| Jean E. Crane             | Mary A. Poltorick            |
| Grace Anne Cummings       | Aileen Raymond               |
| *James M. Cummings        | Louise Rose Rudolphi         |



Albert Thomas Saccocia  
Henry Alden Sinnott, Jr.  
Russell Lawrence Soule, Jr.  
\*Anthony Francis Souza  
Barbara Gertrude Sprague  
Florence Violet Sturtevant  
Doris R. Trocchi  
Helen Edna Tuniewicz

Lula Mae Wager  
\*Calvin Joseph Waitkus  
Ruth Bailey Walsh  
Nathan Thomas Patric Whitman  
Donald James Watters  
Barbara Bodman Williams  
Edmund John Woronicz  
\*G. James Wylie

\*In armed forces at time of graduation

## GRADUATION PROGRAM

Class of 1943

Selections	High School Orchestra
Processional	<i>Gounod</i>
Invocation	Rev. Earl W. Gardner
"The Lord's Prayer"	<i>Luther Churchill</i>
Girls of the Graduating Class	
First Honor Essay—"Libraries, A Lasting Heritage"	Jean E. Crane
Essay—"Chemistry at War"	Raymond D. Burke
"America Forever Free"	<i>Gibb</i>
The Class	
Essay—"Microbes and Man"	Jean P. Marshman
Essay—"...But the Greatest of These Is Love"	Nathan Thomas Patric Whitman
Presentation of the Class Gift	Arthur F. Jamison
Acceptance for the School	Ernest Mazzoli
Award of Prizes	
Presentation of Diplomas	Mr. John F. Sweeney
The Class Ode	
"America"	Class and Audience
Benediction	
Recessional	



## Report of Junior High School

Dear Mr. Hunt:

The work of painting the inside of the Junior High School which was started in 1942 was completed during the summer. Pupils returned in the fall to work in thoroughly clean, attractive surroundings. Our new custodian, Mr. Arthur Holbrook, has worked diligently to keep the building in excellent condition. Mr. John Hall is building bookcases that will be a welcome addition to the classrooms.

Attractive Cape Cod style fences were constructed by the boys in the shop and placed at the corners of the walks to make the general appearance of the grounds more attractive and to protect the grass. These fences were pulled up and partly destroyed when school was not in session. They were repaired and replaced, only to be removed again. This was done several times until it was decided not to replace them. It is hoped that sometime in the future it will be possible to use them again.

A baseball team was organized during the spring under the leadership of Mr. Smith. Several fine games were played at Legion Field. During the fall basketball posts were made and set up in the rear of the school. It is hoped that the boys may be able to use these baskets for practice sessions during the mild weather rather than hire a gymnasium. However, during a good part of the year, the play area is covered with water and mud and cannot be used. We do feel the need of a suitable gymnasium of our own where both boys and girls could have an adequate health and physical education program.

With the advent of rationing, classes in nutrition have taken on a new meaning. The need of well-balanced meals in spite of food shortages is stressed. During the fall term there was an



increased emphasis on proper canning procedures. In our assemblies, speakers sent out by the county and state have discussed the need of raising and preserving foods. Motion pictures have been employed to further emphasize the proper food needs. Trips were made to the college greenhouse by some of the classes where they were instructed in proper methods of planting gardens.

In the lunch room, pupils have been encouraged to buy milk and sandwiches rather than sweets. Since milk has been made available for two cents a bottle, the sale of it has increased by 300%.

In classes, assemblies and clubs much has been done toward aiding the war effort. Art classes, sponsored by the Junior Red Cross, made several hundred menu covers for the Navy. Signs have been constructed before each rationing period to aid in that program. Money has been saved by the pupils in making some of their own Christmas presents. Over 100 cribbage boards were made in the shop for army camps. Several large chicken feeders were made by boys who live on farms. Girls in the domestic science classes made brownies that were sent to Camp Standish.

All eighth grade classes are now required to take the standard first aid course. This course runs through the year and is excellent training for these young people, valuable in peace time as well as in war.

The entire school has taken part in all of the various drives to collect tin, scrap paper, scrap metals and clothing. The buying of stamps and bonds has been carried on with increased interest during the past year. The school has passed the 90% mark many times and during one week reached 100%, with every pupil in the school buying stamps or bonds. The school received a



citation from the Treasury Department for its part in the Jeep Drive during which a \$3000 Flying Jeep was paid for by collections from September to December 8.

Cases of absence were less, but tardiness and requests for dismissals have been on the increase. Parents have been requested to assist their children and the school in improving these conditions.

There have been few pupils leave the Junior High School for full-time jobs, but there are many who are working part time during out-of-school hours. To these pupils is continually stressed the need of keeping the quality of their school work on a high level. Time after time, high officials of the Army and Navy, government and industry, have urged youth to use the years up to eighteen to build the foundations of a broad education. That way, they have affirmed, lies the greatest national service.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD T. WELCH

Assistant Principal.

## Report of the McElwain School

My dear Mr. Hunt:

The following is my first report as principal of the McElwain School for the period from September 13, 1943, to December 31, 1943. In this report it is my purpose to show evidence of the effectiveness of the educational program for the above-mentioned period.

### CHANGES IN PERSONNEL

Percy L. Rowe, former principal of the McElwain School, is now superintendent of the Bellingham-Mendon Union. Pupils who attended the Blackstone School, which is now closed, are transported to the McElwain School. Miss Phyllis Hennessey, former teacher at the Blackstone School, is now teacher of grade two, having replaced Miss M. Louise Buckley, who resigned to accept a position in Attleboro, Massachusetts.

### WAR EFFORT DIRECTED

School administrators, teachers, and pupils have been called upon to adapt their regular services and programs to war needs for the third year. There are some things which must be given up or curtailed because of the war, but our educational system must be retained and strengthened.

It is surprising to note how quickly young children react to war atmosphere. Social studies are more interesting. Regardless of the places studied, many have relatives who are located in these areas or who have been in these sections. Many times pupils have supplementary material in the form of post cards and first-hand descriptions by relatives. Where possible, films in connection with the work are arranged. Children love activity and naturally attempt to give expression to those things of which



they are certainly aware. This expression is being guided into enthusiasm to intensify the activities associated with the drives for salvage and war stamp sales.

### READING

It is admitted that in many activities which pupils carry on in school and practically all after leaving school reading occurs. In September, 1943, as a result of careful study by the school department, it was decided to adopt the "Basic Curriculum Series" published by Scott, Foresman Company. This series will be built up as the present grade one pupils progress from grade to grade.

### TESTING

Tests were given to all first graders to help determine their mental abilities. The results were used to group the pupils of the grade at the outset of the year. Both achievement and intelligent tests will be given to all before June. In this way we will determine whether or not pupils are working up to their mental capacities.

### ATTENDANCE, TARDINESS, DISMISSALS

There has been a gradual decline in attendance since September. In the majority of cases, reasons for absences are reasonable; e. g., illness or serious misfortune at home. I feel that in many cases pupils are absent without due cause; e. g., to purchase clothing. This latter should be done after-school hours and on Saturdays. Only in the case of emergency should pupils be absent or dismissed.

Pupils who walk to school sometimes are late unnecessarily. The first bell rings at 8:15, and pupils are allowed in the building at that time, although the session does not begin until 8:30.

At 11:45, twenty-five minutes are allowed for lunch. Pupils who have had difficulty in going home for lunches during this



time have been advised to carry lunches or to purchase same in the lunch room. We are running on an emergency schedule necessitating the above. It is my contention that we shall return to a two-session day as soon as this war is over.

### MILK AND LUNCH PROJECTS

We are fortunate in having the services of Mrs. Muriel Kent, a dietitian, who is in charge of the lunch room.

Advantage of the federal assistance in both milk and lunch makes it possible to do the following: one, sell milk to pupils for two cents a bottle; two, increase the quality and quantity of lunches while keeping them at the regular price of fifteen cents.

Menus are prepared a week in advance, and suitable lunches are served daily. A typical lunch includes a meat or fish dish, potato, vegetable, bread, rolls or muffins with butter or oleomargarine, and dessert.

To save teachers more time for pupil aid, pupils pay on the last day of a school week for the next week. In this way, the teachers regularly handle the money in 20% of the former time. Credit is given for both lunch and milk when pupils are absent.

Five teacher-supervised lunch rooms are used daily including our cafeteria. In case of necessity pupils can get out of the building quickly.

### REPAIRS MADE

A left-hand side rail extending from floor two to the first landing of our fire escape has been installed. This enables pupils going down on the left side of the fire escape to grasp the rail and get support, whereas previously only a right-hand rail was present. These supports also enable the pupils to pass more quickly and safely in time of necessity.



A platform is being made for our auditorium. It is my belief that group activities offer several advantages. Pupils acquire confidence appearing before groups, and the audience, pupils in this case, learn how to conduct themselves in a group.

In some of the rooms, closets and bookcases are at a premium. In order to facilitate storage, three bookcases have been built and distributed and others will be ordered in the near future.

### REPAIRS NEEDED

A direct water supply is needed seriously at our school. The original water system which is thirty-two years old still remains. When basement facilities are under pressure, the water system is inadequate. Under the present conditions, it is also difficult to determine leaks. The water meter must be checked daily to discover possible leaks, and, when such occur, much time and energy are consumed in rectifying them. This improvement has been needed for some time and, I trust, will be attended to soon.

Five classrooms, three corridors, and two stairways should be painted.

The lighting system throughout the building could be modernized so that uniform candle power will be distributed throughout the classroom. By this is meant that pupils sitting next to the inside wall of a classroom will have the same advantages of light as the pupils sitting in the row next to the windows.

In any school there is always much to be done, and in no school is the educational program ever completed. Whatever progress has been made this year has been possible because of the cooperation of Mr. Hunt, our superintendent, a fine staff of professional and nonprofessional employees and because of the basic educational work done in the past years.

I wish to express my sincere gratitude to you, Mr. Hunt; to all teachers; to Mrs. MacLeod, the school nurse; to Miss Merle S. Wilder, supervisor of art; to Luther Churchill, supervisor of music; to Mrs. Muriel Kent, our dietitian; and to Clifford Bernier, our janitor; who have labored so diligently for the educational welfare of the pupils of the McElwain School.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE C. ROY

Principal



## Report of Training School

Dear Mr. Hunt:

During the year of 1943 there have been fewer changes in the program of our school than those which arose in the early days of the war, when the necessity for defense activities demanded many changes and reorganization of the school routine. Certain influences which were less apparent at that time are now being felt in problems of attendance, tardiness, and adequate supervision of a larger noon group.

Interest in professional growth and the needs of a changing curriculum prompted seven members of our faculty to attend professional classes during the summer and the school year. Several teachers participated in conducting reading institutes and extension courses.

Numerous salvage drives have been actively supported, and the sale of war stamps and bonds has continued as one part of our work in the war effort. In December the children collected 5½ tons of scrap paper in four days. Some of the money realized from the sale of the paper was given to the Junior Red Cross and to the Save the Children Federation. The total sale of stamps and bonds for the year amounted to about \$5000.00.

We believe that the Science Fair which was held in November in connection with American Education Week served as an illustration of our philosophy of education. As a culmination of the fall science program, all classes participated in a fair. Demonstrations and experiments were given by the children; exhibits of class, group, and individual activities were explained; and a reel of colored film was shown of the children at work in the classroom and on field trips. In carrying on these science activities, which emphasized one center of interest, the children



discovered for themselves the need for skills in reading, language, spelling, penmanship, art, and arithmetic. In planning and participating in the activities, they also developed such qualities as leadership, initiative, cooperation, appreciation and respect for the work of other children. The necessary and useful phases of drill were maintained at all times. We feel that this organization of the curriculum, together with the democratic set-up of the classroom, is the best way to provide for complete child growth.

Through the year the Teachers College has continued its services to the Training School in many ways. The physical education program, under the supervision of Miss Lois Decker, has provided for important aspects of the children's physical growth. Further enrichment of the curriculum has come through music, under the supervision of Miss Frieda Rand, and through art, supervised by Miss Mary Crowley and Miss Dorothy Nutter. The testing program carried on by Mr. Brenelle Hunt continues to give valuable information to the teachers in helping the pupils to achieve the maximum growth in their work.

Recognizing that child growth also depends upon a close relationship between the home and the school, we feel fortunate in having an active parent-teacher organization. In June, Mrs. Fred Colby, president, and Mrs. Morris Gotshalk, secretary-treasurer, retired from office after two years of faithful and efficient service. The present officers are Mrs. George Chassey, president, Mrs. Harold Flood, secretary-treasurer, and Mrs. George Jenkins, program chairman.

Respectfully submitted,

EVELYN R. LINDQUIST

Principal.



## Report of Supervisor of Music

Dear Mr. Hunt:

It is a pleasure for me to present herewith my annual report as supervisor of music. Inasmuch as my work is divided into widely separated spheres of school music, I shall divide my report accordingly.

### VOCAL MUSIC

Regular supervision of the vocal music in the grades continues as in previous years. All of the teachers have been provided with a course of study covering the work to be accomplished in their grade. This course states definite aims and also the method of attaining desired results.

Vocal music in the Junior High School needs the attention of a teacher that can be assigned to teach six periods each week in addition to my regular classes. Miss Alice Holmes has been doing excellent work with the combined seventh grades. However, better results could be attained if each of the seventh grades could have their music period separately. The eighth grade vocal music class presents a very difficult problem. Only one of the three eighth grade classes is given an extra period of music. This class is ably taught by Miss Margaret Keith. This situation is definitely serious, and I sincerely hope that the other two eighth grade classes will soon be given an extra period of music.

Music in the High School continues to attract a large number of pupils. The glee clubs meet regularly and sing various types of songs. While the youth of America definitely lean toward the popular type of music, it is not difficult to teach them songs of a more serious nature providing them with an opportunity to sing in parts. Service songs and some of the popular songs are a part of every glee club meeting.



The high light of the year is the annual minstrel show which brings out much talent and causes no end of excitement. Last year the minstrel show was presented in the Junior High School auditorium on April 8 and 9, playing before two very enthusiastic audiences. A large sum of money was realized. A portion of the proceeds was donated to the Lions Club to be used for the purpose of sending a copy of the "Bridgewater Independent" to each Bridgewater man in the service.

### INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC

This phase of our school music program is definitely showing the results of the war. Instruments are not being made, and teachers have been taken into the armed forces, making it difficult for beginners to obtain proper instruction. We are fortunate in having Mr. Donald Leach of Whitman and Mr. Donald Hayward of Easton available for private instruction. Mrs. Marion Belmont of Middleboro, who has taught violin classes for several years, found it impossible to continue due to transportation. Miss Esther Kelley, who has taught piano classes, resigned in order to take a position in Boston.

Respectfully submitted,

LUTHER CHURCHILL

Supervisor.



## Report of Supervisor of Art

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I herewith submit my annual report as supervisor of art for the Bridgewater schools.

This year in the elementary schools' emphasis was placed on simplicity of design and clarity of color. This was done in carrying out seasonal programs as well as correlating nature study, health and geography. Large posters were made for the scrap drive and the bond drive. Good health rules, cleanliness, safety and courtesy posters were also made.

In the Junior High School, lettering was stressed, and the knowledge gained was applied to fire prevention posters and lettering bond and stamp sales banners and charts. The ninth grade made two groups of menu covers for the armed forces to be distributed by the Junior Red Cross. The first group, made in the spring, used subjects which could be used at any time of the year. The second group, made in the early fall, was for use at Navy Christmas dinners.

The seventh and eighth grades began a study of the history of painting and made illustrated notebooks. The seventh grade studied the early painters, and the eighth grade studied the moderns.

At the end of this study, the students had an assembly portraying ten of the more popular "famous paintings". A frame was built, 4' x 6', and living pictures portrayed by seventh and eighth grade students were reproduced complete with spot lights and music. Before each picture was shown, the story of the picture and its painter was explained by one of the pupils. **The background for each picture was a large chalk drawing made by ninth grade pupils.**



The High School classes made posters for many of the school activities. They also entered a poster contest sponsored by the State Guard, made fire drill regulation signs for each room, posters for Art Week, Education Week and Book Week. Stencil posters for a victory garden rally were made by the stencil and spray gun process. Plaster of Paris plaques were drawn and carved for use as Christmas presents.

This fall there were some changes made necessary by the closing of the Blackstone School. The work at the McElwain School takes fifteen periods to complete a visit to each room, and this was made possible by having the periods adjusted at the High School to allow time at both schools. This in no way interferes, as all High School pupils who wish may still have art two periods per week, and it has the advantage of allowing one trip per week to the elementary grades instead of every other week as in other years.

Many of the design principles learned in the art classes have been applied to actual problems this year. Designs were made for the following articles, and all were used on appropriate materials; kerchiefs, hangers for pot holders, notebook covers, plaster plaques, linoleum and wooden pancho belts, and linoleum tea tiles. Several linoleum cuts were made for the "Periscope". Decorative Christmas paper, covered boxes and cards were made by all pupils. Posters stimulating reading and the care of books were made for the library.

Several of the mechanical drawing students have found their knowledge has given them opportunity to advance in their jobs outside of school—enlarging working drawings and reading blueprints.

In these days of rush and unrest it is increasingly important to have a definite tie-up between art principles and their applica-



tion. I have tried, with the cooperation of the teachers, to apply the rules of good taste, practicality, and appropriate choice to as many lessons as possible. It is hoped that in the coming year we may do even more.

In closing, may I take this opportunity to thank the teachers, principals and others who have helped in many little ways for their cooperation.

Sincerely yours,

MERLE S. WILDER  
Supervisor.



## Report of School Nurse

Dear Mr. Hunt:

I hereby submit my report as school nurse for the year 1943. Mrs. Lyman resigned on July 31, 1943, and I am doing my best to "carry on".

During the school year, the usual visits were made to the schools. First aid was given at times, and children were taken home.

There were 857 home visits made on behalf of the children, for advice to the parents in cases of illness, and for the correction of physical defects.

Children were taken to South Hanson, tonsil clinics, orthopedic, child guidance, and toxoid immunization clinics.

The examination of the children (weight, height, eyes, teeth) has been done and defects detected. Children and parents have been advised of these defects, but I feel that an annual thorough physical examination by a physician is urgently needed. We are trying to educate the children concerning the great importance of dental care during the school years but progress is slow. Compulsory regular examination by a dentist would greatly help.

The examination of retarded children has been started by Dr. Atkinson of Foxboro.

Contact has been made with the S. P. C. C. on behalf of certain children.

Miss Higgins, of the State Department of Health, gave 94 children the Massachusetts vision test. High School students were examined for football and military physical education.

Two Red Cross Home Nursing courses have been given.



A good percentage of the children in the ninth, tenth, eleventh, and twelfth grades received the tubercular test given by the Plymouth County Health Association. A few were X-rayed.

The communicable diseases, especially upper respiratory infectious diseases, have caused many pupils to be absent.

I wish to thank the members of the school department, teachers, and pupils for their cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

MILDRED L. M<sub>Ac</sub>LEOD, R. N.

## APPENDIX

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### Registration of Minors (ages as of October 1, 1943)

	Males	Females	Total
Persons not attending—5 to 7 years	9	11	20
Persons 5 years of age or over and under 7	73	66	139
Persons 7 years of age or over and under 14	318	293	611
Persons 14 years of age or over and under 16	96	80	176
Persons attending private schools or state institutions	4	1	5
Persons not attending	5	1	6
	Total	Elementary including Junior High	Senior High School
Total enrollment of pupils for year ending June, 1943	1094	882	212
Average daily attendance	952	771	181
Average number of days public schools are in session	161 - Elementary		
	172 - Sr. & Jr. High		
Number of teachers Jan. 1, 1943	50	40	10
Average membership	1040	843	197
Number of pupils attending from other towns, including state wards	22	21	1
Aggregate attendance	157,755	126,683	31,072



COMPARATIVE STATEMENT FOR THE LAST  
TEN SCHOOL YEARS

June	Enrollment	Boys	Girls	Membership	Average Attendance	% of Attendance
1934	1,562	789	773	1,481	1,406	94.9
1935	1,535	764	771	1,452	1,376	97.7
1936	1,437	734	703	1,387	1,308	97.3
1937	1,390	692	698	1,343	1,246	92.7
1938	1,361	663	698	1,336	1,279	95.7
1939	1,304	646	658	1,272	1,206	94.8
1940	1,248	621	627	1,198	1,137	94.9
1941	1,209	609	600	1,166	1,097	94.1
1942	1,141	589	552	1,109	1,044	94.1
1943	1,094	562	532	1,040	952	91.5

## Teachers in the Bridgewater Public Schools

NAME	POSITION	BEGAN TEACHING	ADDRESS	COLLEGE OR NORMAL
<b>SENIOR HIGH</b>				
Meredith G. Williams	Principal	Sept. 1931	80 Union St.	Bates
Maurice K. Walsh	Physics, Math.	Sept. 1927	60 Crescent St.	Holy Cross, B. C.
Frank L. D. Weymouth	Science	Sept. 1942	105 Union St.	Clark Univ.
Lester M. Lane	Social Studies, Athletic Coach	April 1929	15 South St.	Bridgewater
Helen J. Chesnolevich	Social Studies	Oct. 1942	95 Porter Place	Regis
Charlotte Rich	Com., Eng	Sept. 1935	28 Mt. Prospect	B. U., Bry. & Strat.
Margaret L. Gates	Commercial	Sept. 1936	15 South St.	Salem
Mary L. Carleton	English	Sept. 1943	East Bridgewater	Boston Univ.
Ethel G. Cook	Math., Latin	Sept. 1926	Taunton	Boston Univ.
Marie J. Williams	French, Span. English	Sept. 1942	Rockland	Boston Univ.
<b>JUNIOR HIGH</b>				
Donald T. Welch	Math., Bus. Tr.	Jan. 1943	Middleboro	Bridgewater
Roland Smith	Manual Training	Sept. 1942	884 South St.	Gorham
Edward Sawicki	Science	Sept. 1942	Middleboro	Bridgewater
Elizabeth Carroll	Geography	Sept. 1922	21 Main St.	Bridgewater
Katherine O'Donnell	Arithmetic	Jan. 1913	400 High St.	Bridgewater
Margaret Keith	Home Economics	Sept. 1932	180 Main St.	Y. W. C. A.
Mary Moore	English	Feb. 1941	44 Clarence Ave.	Bridgewater



Alice Wood	History	Sept. 1924	State Farm	Bridgewater
Alice Holmes	Eng., Drawing	Sept. 1928	827 High St.	Bridgewater
Mary Toomey	Eng., Civics, Hist., Gen. Lang.	Sept. 1928	43 Fremont St.	Bridgewater
Audrey E. Scheffler	English	Sept. 1937	22 Clarence Ave.	Brown, B'water

#### McELWAIN SCHOOL

George C. Roy	Principal	Sept. 1943	West Bridgewater	Providence, B. U.
Caroline C. Sample	Grade 1	Oct. 1919	60 Park Ave.	
Elizabeth McHale	Grades 1 & 2	Jan. 1929	130 Center St.	Bridgewater
Phyllis Hennessey	Grade 2	Sept. 1922	Middleboro	Bridgewater
Bertha Mekkelsen	Grade 3	Sept. 1920	152 Main St.	Fitchburg
Mary E. Thompson	Grades 3 & 4	Sept. 1902	97 Broad St.	Bridgewater
Helen A. Powers	Grade 4	Sept. 1929	84 Center St.	Bridgewater
Doris MacDonald	Grade 5	Sept. 1930	Brockton	Lesley
Veronica Freeman	Grade 5	Sept. 1928	288 Bedford St.	Bridgewater
Ines M. Smith	Grade 6	April 1922	Brockton	Keene
Catherine Hart	Grade 6	Sept. 1920	Central Sq.	Bridgewater
Grace McElroy	Ungraded	Mar. 1929	34 Hale St.	Bridgewater

#### TRAINING SCHOOL

Evelyn R. Lindquist	Principal	Sept. 1932	Woodward Hall	Bridgewater, B. U.
Grace E. Smith	Grade 1	Sept. 1924	Rockland	Symonds
Gertrude M. Rogers	Grade 1	Sept. 1924	49 South St.	Pratt, B. U.
Gladys L. Allen	Grade 2	Sept. 1925	Woodward Hall	Machias
Grace E. Riddell	Grades 2 & 3	Feb. 1941	Woodward Hall	Worcester
Charlotte Thompson	Grade 3	Sept. 1919	25 Grove St.	Fitchburg, B. U.

NAME	POSITION	BEGAN TEACHING	ADDRESS	COLLEGE OR NORMAL
Helen E. Sleeper	Grade 4	Sept. 1926	37 Church St.	Eastern State
Louise H. Borchers	Grades 4 & 5	Dec. 1919	15 Clarence Ave.	Fitchburg, B. U.
A. Mabelle Warner	Grade 5	Sept. 1927	140 Maple Ave.	Salem
Neva I. Lockwood	Grade 6	Sept. 1907	12 Maple Ave.	Bridgewater, B. U.
Florence J. Raymond	Grade 6	Substitute	318 Summer St.	Bridgewater
Mary L. Marks	Kindergarten	Sept. 1930	37 Church St.	Wheelock
FLAGG SCHOOL				
Mary Coffin	Grades 1-4	Sept. 1943	450 Plymouth St.	Bridgewater
SUPERVISOR OF SPECIAL CLASSES				
George C. Roy		Sept. 1943	West Bridgewater	Providence, B. U.
SUPERVISOR OF ART				
Merle S. Wilder		Sept. 1939	15 South St.	Mass. Art
SUPERVISOR OF MUSIC				
Luther Churchill		Sept. 1930	East Bridgewater	Boston Univ.
SUPT. OF SCHOOLS & PRIN. OF JR. HIGH				
Albert F. Hunt, Jr.		Sept. 1927	28 School St.	Brown, N. Y. U.



## Total Membership in Public Schools, October 1, 1943

School	Un- graded	Kinder- garten	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total
Senior High												81	64	52	197
Junior High									101	95	85				281
McElwain	11		45	45	35	47	43	47							273
Training		38	37	38	45	37	39	41							275
Flagg			6	6	6	6									24
	11	38	88	89	86	90	82	88	101	95	85	81	64	52	1,050

## SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

Albert F. Hunt, Jr., 28 School Street, Telephone 447  
Office—Junior High School—Telephone 914  
Hours—3:30 to 5:00 on school days  
Secretary—Helen Kuronis—Telephone 2553  
Office open 8:30 to 12:00 and 1:00 to 5:00 each school day

## SUPERVISOR OF ATTENDANCE

James R. Moore, 145 Park Avenue, Telephone 2311

## SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

William E. Hunt, M. D., 120 Main Street, Telephone 711

## SCHOOL NURSE

Mrs. Mildred MacLeod, R. N., Pond Street

## JANITORS

Leon J. Carroll, 367 Pleasant Street, Senior High School  
Arthur Holbrook, 155 Auburn Street, Junior High School  
Clifford Bernier, 990 Summer Street, McElwain School  
Eldon Thompson, 940 Summer Street, Flagg School

AGE OF ENTERING FIRST GRADE  
AND KINDERGARTEN

Pupils must be five years old on or before the first of April before the opening of school in September to be eligible to first grade; they must be four years old on or before the first of April before the opening of school in September to be eligible to kindergarten.



### NO-SCHOOL SIGNAL

The no-school signal will not be employed for the duration of the war, as the number of parents, mothers as well as fathers, who are working make it imperative that the schools remain open regardless of weather conditions. The only circumstance under which the no-school signal will be sounded until further notice is in the event that the busses are unable to make their scheduled trips.

### TUITION PUPILS

Non-resident pupils shall not be admitted to the Bridgewater schools except when authorized by the School Committee. The tuition for non-resident pupils is payable semi-annually in advance at the rates in the published report of the State Department of Education.

## REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE

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The Advisory Committee herewith submits its report and its recommendations on the 1944 budget and warrant.

Several meetings of the Committee were held subsequent to the town meeting during 1943 for consideration of current expenditures and requests for transfers from the reserve fund made necessary by unforeseen needs of several departments.

It is worthy of note that the financial condition of the Town at the close of 1943 was very good as shown by the report of the Town Accountant.

A number of meetings have been held during January and February for consideration of departmental budgets as submitted. Interviews were had with the heads of Departments and Town Committees.

Based on the 1943 valuation of \$5,081,327., a tax rate of \$38.95 will produce the amount of \$197,917.69 as recommended by the Committee with an overlay of \$2,238.11.

Respectfully submitted,

ROSARIO WOOD, Chairman  
ORRAN D. LIBBY, Secretary  
WARREN F. BARNES  
ROBERT G. CLARK, JR.  
WAYNE E. CLARK  
FRED N. GASSETT  
FREDERICK L. GLAVIN  
GEORGE C. RICHMOND  
ROGER G. WHITED



## ANNUAL BUDGET, 1944

	Appropriation 1943	Expenses 1943	Recommended 1944
<b>GENERAL GOVERNMENT — \$17,284.98</b>			
Selectmen .....	\$1250.00	\$1226.32	\$1331.10
Accounting Dept. ....	2900.00	2870.39	3200.00
Treasurer .....	1315.70	1304.60	1301.00
Other Finance Accounts .....	10.00	4.00	10.00
Collector .....	3615.50	3591.71	3726.30
Assessors .....	1900.00	1872.84	1956.10
Town Clerk .....	1750.00	1737.01	1800.00
Election & Registration .....	550.00	482.05	1260.48
Law Department .....	200.00	43.31	200.00
Town Hall .....	2000.00	2172.26	2500.00
	\$15491.20	\$15304.49	\$17284.98
<b>POLICE DEPARTMENT — \$11,778.50</b>			
Salaries & Wages .....	\$9795.25	\$9780.09	\$10428.00
Automobile .....	776.00	1101.43	945.00
Equipment .....	257.50	241.25	21.00
Maintenance of Building .....	15.00	20.28	20.00
Other Expenses .....	362.93	424.48	364.50
	\$11206.68	\$11567.53	\$11778.50
<b>FIRE DEPARTMENT — \$13,609.77</b>			
Salaries & Wages .....	\$9246.40	\$7854.25	\$8778.40
Equipment and Repairs .....	1022.40	1186.25	751.59
Hydrant Service .....	3555.00	3555.00	3555.00
Fuel and Lights .....	401.57	382.12	379.69
Maintenance of Bldgs. & Grounds .....	97.75	765.05	81.00
Other Expenses .....	84.44	52.47	64.09
	\$14407.56	\$13795.14	\$13609.77

	Appropriation 1943	Expenses 1943	Recommended 1944
SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES — \$450.00			
Salary .....	\$300.00	\$225.00	\$300.00
Other Expenses .....	150.00	143.08	150.00
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	\$450.00	\$368.08	\$450.00
 BUILDING INSPECTOR .....	 \$200.00	 \$200.00	 \$200.00
FORESTRY DEPARTMENTS — \$4,000.00			
Moth Extermination .....	\$2500.00	\$1098.32	\$2000.00
Improvement of Shade Trees .....	1500.00	1178.57	1200.00
Forest Fires .....	1000.00	728.97	800.00
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	\$5000.00	\$3005.86	\$4000.00
 DOG OFFICER .....	 \$100.00	 \$77.66	 \$100.00
HEALTH DEPARTMENT — \$4,234.00			
Administration .....	\$410.00	\$413.79	\$394.00
Quarantine & Contagious Diseases ..	313.00	462.42	313.00
Tuberculosis .....	1892.00	1270.90	1892.00
Vital Statistics .....	20.00	16.00	20.00
Inspections .....	400.00	402.00	300.00
Refuse & Garbage Disposal .....	1750.00	1752.12	1300.00
Other Expenses .....	15.00	7.10	15.00
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	\$4800.00	\$4324.33	\$4234.00
 PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE — \$1,420.00			
Salary .....	\$1320.00	\$1320.00	\$1320.00
Transportation .....	100.00	100.00	100.00
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	\$1420.00	\$1420.00	\$1420.00
 SEWER MAINTENANCE .....	 \$50.00	 \$63.00	 \$100.00



	Appropriation 1943	Expenses 1943	Recommended 1944
HIGHWAY DEPARTMENT — \$19,043.40			
Administration .....	\$2899.40	\$2918.73	\$2899.40
General .....	6000.00	4022.93	5000.00
Sprinkling with Tarvia .....	3000.00	3510.18	5000.00
Sidewalks & Curbings .....	500.00	50.44	250.00
Snow & Ice Removal .....	2000.00	2209.85	2000.00
Surface Drainage .....	500.00	1378.71	1000.00
Care of Dump .....	1040.00	1126.00	1144.00
Street Cleaning .....	1500.00	1454.60	1500.00
Other Expenses .....	250.00	70.60	250.00
	\$17689.40	\$16742.04	\$19043.40
CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE .....	\$2000.00	\$1999.90	\$2000.00
ROAD MACHINERY ACCOUNT .....	\$4500.00	\$3488.81	\$4000.00
PURCHASE OF HIGHWAY EQUIPMENT .....			\$2000.00
STREET LIGHTING .....	\$6645.36	\$6645.36	\$6645.36
PUBLIC WELFARE .....	\$9000.00	\$9601.76	\$9900.00
PUBLIC WELFARE ADMIN .....	\$1245.00	\$1234.70	\$1446.10
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN..	\$5500.00	\$5500.00	\$7000.00
AID TO DEPENDENT CHILDREN ADMIN. ....	\$100.00	\$92.48	\$150.00

	Appropriation 1943	Expenses 1943	Recommended 1944
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE .....	\$32000.00	\$31976.70	\$28000.00
OLD AGE ASSISTANCE ADMIN. ....	\$976.00	\$921.57	\$650.00
SOLDIERS BENEFITS .....	\$1000.00	\$956.00	\$1500.00
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT — \$120,116.05			
Administration .....	\$2975.35	\$3008.72	\$3231.75
Salaries of Teachers .....	81835.25	75600.96	80708.00
Books and Supplies .....	4458.50	4968.45	3992.48
Tuition .....	6732.12	6575.23	6073.66
Transportation .....	8264.85	8033.45	8579.41
Janitors Services .....	4587.00	4341.52	4575.00
Fuel & Lights .....	4093.77	4256.37	4540.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	3687.84	4109.45	4295.99
Furniture & Furnishings .....	520.60	118.39	400.00
Rent .....	2519.80	2408.50	2400.00
Other Expenses .....	524.00	354.96	1319.76
	<hr/> \$120199.08	<hr/> \$113776.00	<hr/> \$120116.05
SCHOOL DEPARTMENT — PURCHASE OF COAL .....	\$1000.00	\$1000.00	None
RETIREMENT — MEMBERS IN MILITARY SERVICE — SCHOOL DEPT. ....			\$157.25
HIGH SCHOOL ATHLETICS .....	\$400.00	\$399.68	\$400.00
SPECIAL BUILDING COMMITTEE — SCHOOLS .....	\$150.00		\$1350.00



	Appropriation 1943	Expenses 1943	Recommended 1944
<b>PUBLIC LIBRARY — \$5,260.00</b>			
Salaries & Wages .....	\$2795.00	\$2810.62	\$2795.00
Books and Periodicals .....	1500.00	1510.81	1500.00
Binding .....	140.00	121.73	140.00
Fuel and Lights .....	600.00	585.72	600.00
Buildings & Grounds .....	50.00	50.09	50.00
Other Expenses .....	175.00	155.84	175.00
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	\$5260.00	\$5234.81	\$5260.00
RECREATION (Care of Common) ....	\$120.00	\$493.21	\$120.00
<b>ATHLETIC FIELD &amp; PLAYGROUND — \$1,800.00</b>			
Administration .....	\$5.00		\$5.00
Labor & Supervision .....	1350.00	1179.23	1350.00
Equipment & Supplies .....	100.00	243.93	150.00
Lime, Fertilizer & Seeds .....	50.00	9.07	25.00
New Equipment .....	25.00		150.00
Building .....	150.00	187.61	120.00
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	\$1680.00	\$1619.84	\$1800.00
PENSION .....	\$750.00	\$750.00	\$750.00
MUNICIPAL GARAGE .....	\$625.00	\$580.37	\$600.00
MISCELLANEOUS PRINTING .....	\$500.00	\$414.76	\$500.00
MEMORIAL DAY .....	\$275.00	\$180.88	\$250.00
ARMISTICE DAY CELEBRATION ..	\$75.00	\$60.00	\$60.00

	Appropriation 1943	Expenses 1943	Recommended 1944
PLYMOUTH COUNTY AID TO AGRICULTURE .....	\$100.00	\$100.00	\$100.00
AMERICAN LEGION RENT .....	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
VETERANS OF FOREIGN WARS RENT .....	\$180.00	\$180.00	\$180.00
MUNICIPAL BUILDINGS INS. ....	\$1228.99	\$1226.21	\$1195.49
LIABILITY INSURANCE .....	\$100.70	\$100.70	\$100.70
BOILER INSURANCE .....			\$223.12
PUBLIC SAFETY .....	\$400.00	\$1259.32	
RATIONING BOARD .....	\$400.00	\$324.45	\$125.00
BICYCLE REGISTRATIONS .....	\$50.00	\$47.92	
RESERVE FUND .....	\$2500.00		\$2500.00
INTEREST .....	\$300.00	\$147.45	\$150.00
ABANDONED CEMETERIES .....	\$200.00	\$95.78	\$100.00
TOTAL APPROPRIATIONS .....	<u>\$270454.97</u>	<u>\$257456.79</u>	<u>\$271729.72</u>
STATE TAX .....	\$5500.00		\$12500.00
STATE AUDIT .....	\$281.12		\$281.12
STATE PARKS & RESERVATIONS ..	\$226.33		\$226.33



	Appropriation 1943	Expenses 1943	Recommended 1944
COUNTY TAX .....	\$10323.81		\$12058.21
COUNTY HOSPITAL .....	\$4184.63		\$4324.12
OVERLAY DEFICITS — PREVIOUS YEARS .....	\$203.60		
OVERLAY — CURRENT YEAR .....	\$2573.85		\$2238.11
TOTAL TO BE RAISED .....	\$293748.31		\$303357.61
Less Poll Taxes .....	\$4588.00		\$3200.00
	\$289160.31		\$300157.61
Less Estimated Receipts .....	\$93693.45		\$102239.92
TOTAL TO BE RAISED ON PROPERTY .....	\$195466.86		\$197917.69

## REPORT OF ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ARTICLES IN TOWN WARRANT

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Article 1. To choose one Town Clerk for one year, one Selectman for three years, one Assessor for three years, one Overseer of Public Welfare for three years, one member of Board of Health for three years, one member of Board of Health for one year, three Trustees of Public Library for three years, one Sewer Commissioner for three years, two members of School Committee for three years, one Tree Warden for one year, one Constable for one year, two members of Planning Board for three years, one Water Commissioner for three years, one Moderator for one year, one Playground Commissioner for three years and all minor Town Officers for the ensuing year.

Polls will open at 9:00 A.M. and unless otherwise determined by the meeting, will close at 7:00 P.M.

Article 2. To hear and act upon the report of the Town Accountant, School Committee, Selectmen, Board of Public Welfare, Trustees of Public Library and Board of Health.

Article 3. To hear and act upon the report of the Special Committee appointed to investigate school building inadequacies.

Article 4. To raise, appropriate and vote into a tax to be assessed upon the polls and estate according to law such sums of money as may be thought necessary for the Department of Public Welfare, Support of Schools, Town Library, repairs to roads and



bridges, lighting the streets, Police Department, Fire Department, Tree Warden, Pension, Town Officers and for incidental expenses of the Town for the ensuing year.

Article 5. To see if the Town will vote to authorize the Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1944, and to issue a note or notes therefor payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44 of the General Laws.

Article 6. To see what action the Town will take in relation to instructing the Collector of Taxes.

Article 7. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate, or transfer from unappropriated available funds in the treasury, a sum of money for Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance, or take any action relative thereto.

**Article 7. Recommended an appropriation of \$2000. and is included in the budget.**

Article 8. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate money for the proper observance of Memorial Day.

**Article 8. Recommended an appropriation of \$250.00 and is included in the budget.**

Article 9. To see what action the Town will take in relation to voting to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) for rent of quarters of Post No. 203, American

Legion, as provided in Section 9, Chapter 40, of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 122, Acts of 1923.

**Article 9. Recommended and included in the budget.**

Article 10. To see what action the Town will take in relation to voting to raise and appropriate the sum of one hundred eighty dollars (\$180.00) for rent of quarters of James A. Oliver Post No. 2125, V.F.W., as provided in Section 9, Chapter 40, of the General Laws, as amended by Chapter 122, Acts of 1923.

**Article 10. Recommended and included in the budget.**

Article 11. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate the sum of four hundred dollars (\$400.00) for the support of High School Athletics or take any other action relative thereto. (By request of the School Committee).

**Article 11. Recommended and included in the budget.**

Article 12. To see if the Town will raise and appropriate a sum of money for the Rationing Board; said money to be expended under the direction of the Board of Selectmen.

**Article 12. Recommended an appropriation of \$125.00 and is included in the budget.**

Article 13. To see what amount the Town will vote to raise and appropriate for the use of Plymouth County Trustees for County Aid to Agriculture, and choose a Town Director as provided in Sections 41 and 45 of Chapter 128 of the General Laws.

**Article 13. Recommended an appropriation of \$100. and is included in the budget.**



Article 14. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate a sum of money for the proper observance of Armistice Day.

**Article 14. Recommended \$60.00 and included in the budget.**

Article 15. To see if the Town will accept the Cemetery Trust Fund Bequests made in 1943.

Article 16. To see if the Town will accept as a gift from Mr. Paul Revere and others, a lot of land Northeasterly from Main St. and Southwesterly from Stetson Street, containing 1.60 acres, more or less, as shown on a plan entitled "Plan of Land in Bridgewater surveyed for Town of Bridgewater, Scale 40 feet to an inch, July 30, 1943, Hayward & Hayward, Surveyors", or take any other action relative thereto.

Article 17. To see if the Town will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$8000.00 for the extension of water mains on Whitman Street from the corner of Plymouth Street to number 235 on said Whitman Street, or take any other action relative thereto.

**Article 17. Not recommended.**

Article 18. To see if the Town will vote to instruct the Moderator to appoint a Committee. This Committee to make a survey of locations for a new school building, secure the services of an architect to prepare tentative plans, obtain approximate costs of a suitable building and make a full and complete report at a subsequent Town Meeting; that the Town raise and ap-

propriate a sum of money therefor or take any other action relative thereto. (By request of the School Committee).

**Article 18. Recommended an appropriation of \$1350.00 to be used in conjunction with the \$150.00 unexpended appropriation of 1943.**

Article 19. To see if the Town will vote to accept the addition to the William Henry Conant Hospital Fund referred to in an agreement made March 20, 1926 between William Henry Conant and William A. Conant relating to the same, or take any other action with respect thereto.

Article 20. To see if the Town will vote to appoint a Committee to consider the application for hospital purposes of the William Henry Conant Trust Funds, together with any additions thereto and generally to consider plans for the establishment of a hospital, or take any other action with respect thereto.



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