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ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
OFFICERS
OF THE
TOWN OF
MOUNT WASHINGTON
MASSACHUSETTS



FOR THE
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TOWN OFFICERS 1943

SELECTMEN

Gilbert Isaacson Russell Whitbeck H. B. McLain

CLERK AND TREASURER

William A. Hunt

ASSESSORS

Gilbert Isaacson Russell Whitbeck Hiram B. McLain

CONSTABLE

Russell Whitbeck

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Mary Porter Howard Porter Russell Whitbeck

ROAD COMMISSIONER

Gilbert Isaacson

TAX COLLECTOR

William A. Hunt

REPORT OF SELECTMEN

CHAPTER 90 MAINTENANCE

Paid Ira Markham, Jr., labor	\$ 5.63
Ira Markham, truck	14.40
Angelo Balestro, truck	43.05
Andrew Maro, truck	12.80
Mt. Sand & Gravel, truck	16.80
Gilbert Isaacson, Supt.	9.00
Norman Melius, labor	7.50
Earl Van Deusen, labor	7.50
H. B. McLain, labor	5.00
Barrett Division, tar	371.25
Town of Richmond, sander	9.00
Town of Sheffield	4.50
Mountain Sand & Gravel Co., grits	88.00
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	\$ 594.43

BONDS FOR TOWN OFFICER

Paid John L. Robbins \$ 43.50

WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION

Paid Richard C. Brusie \$ 103.13

CARE OF CEMETERIES

Paid Russell Whitbeck \$ 18.00

CHAPTER 81

Paid Gilbert Isaacson, Supt.	\$ 811.28
Russell Whitbeck, labor	155.28
Ezra Whitbeck, labor	244.65
Norman Melius, labor and trucking	1,022.68
H. B. McLain, labor	125.30
Machinery Fund, tractor	378.00
Andrew Maro, trucking	9.60
Angelo Balestro, trucking	23.10
Earl Van Deusen, labor	7.50
William Laragh, labor	27.50
Russell Whitbeck, gravel	33.30
Barrett Division, tar	55.83
Mountain Sand & Gravel Co., sand and grits	15.66
Henry Veronia, labor	1.88
Clark Wilcox Corp., parts	6.50
T. B. Keating & Co., tools	5.65
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	\$2,923.71

MACHINERY FUND

Balance Dec. 31, 1942	\$ 522.31
Received from Chapter 81	378.00
Received from Snow	260.00
Received from Winter Rutting	68.00

\$1,228.31

Expenses for gas & oil and payment on tractor note	439.63
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Balance Dec. 31, 1943 \$ 788.68

TOWN OFFICERS

Paid Gilbert Isaacson, Selectman	\$ 60.00
Russell Whitbeck, Selectman	50.00
H. B. McLain, Selectman	50.00
Mary Porter, School Committee	15.00
Howard Porter, School Committee	15.00
Russell Whitbeck, School Committee	15.00
Russell Whitbeck, Dog Officer	5.00
H. B. McLain, Fire Warden	5.00
H. B. McLain, Assesor	47.50
Russell Whitbeck, Assessor	50.00
Gilbert Isaacson, Assessor	50.00
Earl McLain, Moderator	2.00
W. A. Hunt, Tax Collector	125.00
W. A. Hunt, Town Treasurer	75.00
W. A. Hunt, Town Clerk	75.00
W. A. Hunt, Sealer of Weights & Measures	5.00
W. A. Hunt, Meat Inspector	5.00
Howard Porter, Constable	2.00

\$ 651.50

WINTER RUTTING

Paid Gilbert Isaacson, Supt.	\$ 24.65
Norman Melius, labor	20.40
Machinery Fund, tractor	68.00
Russell Whitbeck, labor	15.60
Ezra Whitbeck, labor	15.60

\$ 144.25

EMERGENCY ACCOUNT

Paid Wheeler & Taylor	\$ 21.25
Merchants National Bank	16.00
Harvey Roberts	1.16
Hobbs & Warren, Inc.	10.17
Peter Hagen, town reports	100.45
Hobbs & Warren, Inc., Assessors' books	15.78
Harvey Roberts	2.50
Clinton Foster, Selectmen's Assn.	6.00
Peter Hagen	15.24
Merchants National Bank	12.00
Clark Wilcox Corp.	.20
Berkshire County Selectmen's Assn.	3.00
Sadie Culver, garage rent	5.00
Gilbert Isaacson, express & postage	9.15
Russell Whitbeck, Town Hall wood	8.00
W. A. Hunt, postage & town officer sworn	6.05
Ecclesiastical Society	3.50

\$ 235.45

SNOW FENCE

Paid Gilbert Isaacson, Supt.	\$ 10.88
Russell Whitbeck, labor	10.20
Ezra Whitbeck, labor	10.20
H. B. McLain, labor	12.60
Norman Melius, labor & truck	29.75
T. B. Keating Co., wire	2.75

\$ 76.38

SNOW AND SANDING

Paid Gilbert Isaacson, Supt.	\$ 127.07
Machinery Fund, tractor	260.00
Norman Melius, labor & trucking	24.50
Mervin Whitbeck, labor & trucking	121.50
Russell Whitbeck, labor	41.03
Ezra Whitbeck, labor	17.05
Stevens Grain Co., salt	8.00
W. A. Hunt, labor	1.25

\$ 600.40

NEW SNOW PLOW AND TRACTOR NOTE

Paid Merchants National Bank of Boston \$ 800.00

OLD AGE ASSISTANCE

Paid Town of Gt. Barrington \$ 110.32
 City of Wellesley 308.23

 \$ 418.55

LIBRARY

Paid Nellie Hunt for salary and books \$ 34.89

TOTAL ORDERS DRAWN ON TREASURER

Chapter 81 \$2,923.71
 Chapter 90 Maintenance 594.43
 Town Officers' Salaries 651.50
 Schools 2,281.85
 Emergency Account 235.45
 Snow and Sanding 600.40
 Old Age Assistance 418.55
 Machinery Fund 139.63
 Library 34.89
 Note on Tractor and Plow 800.00
 Compensation Insurance 103.13
 Snow Fence 76.38
 Winter Rutting 144.25
 Dog Tax 36.00
 Town Officers' Bonds 43.50
 Cemeteries 18.00
 County Tax 251.19
 State Tax 150.00
 State Park & Reservations 3.68
 Auditing Town Accounts 161.33
 Income Tax 36.55
 Transfer from Reserve 227.05
 Victory & Withholding Tax 52.70

Total Expenses for 1943 \$9,984.17

RECEIPTS AND CASH ON HAND

Chapter 81—1942 Contract \$1,054.34
 Chapter 81—1943 Contract 1,761.81
 Director of Standards 6.00
 School Fund, part 11 647.50
 Income Tax 616.15
 Corporation Tax 269.81

School Superintendent Small Towns 193.36
 Loss of Taxes 99.18
 Chapter 90 Maintenance, State 198.14
 Dog Tax Refund 46.18
 Chapter 90 Maintenance, County 198.14
 Tax Collector:
 1943 Real Estate Tax 4,045.62
 1943 Personal Property Tax 513.46
 1943 Excise Tax 189.36
 1943 Poll Tax 38.00
 1942 Real Estate Tax 497.15
 1942 Personal Property Tax 48.30
 1942 Excise Tax 2.00
 1941 Real Estate Tax 70.10
 1941 Personal Property Tax 4.14
 1940 Real Estate Tax 41.70
 1940 Personal Property Tax 4.80
 1939 Real Estate Tax 1.75
 Interest on taxes 40.17
 Machinery Fund 706.00
 Town Clerk, dog licenses 36.00
 Gasoline Licenses 1.00
 Inn Keepers' Licenses 7.50
 Camp Licenses .50
 Town Hall Rent 3.00
 Sealer of Weights & Measures 1.00
 High School Transportation 251.13
 Old Age Assistance, transfer from Reserve 218.55
 Town Officers' Bond, transfer from Reserve 8.50
 Victory & Withholding Tax 52.70

Total Receipts \$11,873.04
 Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1943 6,639.92

Total Balance \$18,512.96
 Total Expenses for 1943 9,984.17

Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1944 \$ 8,528.79
 Due on Chapter 81 from State 738.19

Working Balance for 1944 \$ 9,266.98

Respectfully submitted,
 GILBERT ISAACSON,
 RUSSELL WHITBECK,
 H. B. McLAIN,
 Selectmen of Mt. Washington, Mass.

ASSESSORS' REPORT

Real Estate Valuation	\$214,771.00
Personal	\$27,433.00
Number of polls	20
Tax Rate 1943 on \$1,000.00	\$20.00
Number of acres of land	12,471
Number of dwelling houses	78
Number of motor vehicles	38
Motor Vehicles Excise Tax	\$194.08
Number of fowl	278
Number of horses	11
Number of cows	28
Number of yearlings	15
Number of sheep	17
Number of swine	3

Respectfully submitted,

GILBERT ISAACSON,
RUSSELL WHITEBECK,
HIRAM McLAIN,

Assessors of Mt. Washington, Mass.

LIBRARY REPORT

Paid Nellie Jo Hunt, salary	\$10.00
Subscription to Omnibook	3.50
Subscription to National Geographic	3.50
Womrath's for 19 books	5.64
Hunting's for 5 children's books	6.67
Bookshop for 20 books	5.00
Stamping pad	.25
Postage	.33
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	\$34.89
Appropriation	\$35.00

The circulation for 1943 was 652 of which 85 were magazines and 35 were children's books. Because of the gasoline situation most of the circulation was taken care of at the home of the librarian where a collection of books and magazines was kept for distribution.

NELLIE JO HUNT, Librarian.

Committee:

LUCY HUNT, Chairman, 1946.
HARRIET MILES, 1944.
KATHERINE McLAIN, 1945.

TREASURER'S REPORT

RECEIPTS

From State Treasurer:	
1942 Chapter 81	\$1,054.34
1943 Chapter 81	1,761.81
Director of Standards	6.00
School Fund, part 11	647.50
Income Tax	616.15
Corporation Tax	269.81
School Superintendent Small Towns	193.36
High School Transportation	251.13
Loss of Taxes	99.18
Chapter 90 Maintenance	198.14
County Treasurer—Dog Tax Refund	46.18
County Treasurer—Chapter 90 Maintenance	198.14
Tax Collector:	
1943 Real Estate Tax	4,045.62
1943 Personal Property Tax	513.46
1943 Excise Tax	189.36
1943 Poll Tax	38.00
1942 Real Estate Tax	497.15
1942 Personal Property Tax	48.30
1942 Excise Tax	2.00
1941 Real Estate Tax	70.10
1941 Personal Property Tax	4.14
1940 Real Estate Tax	41.70
1940 Personal Property Tax	4.80
1939 Real Estate Tax	1.75
Interest on Taxes	40.17
Machinery Fund	706.00
Town Clerk—Dog Licenses	36.00
Licensing Board:	
Gasoline License	1.00
Inn Keepers' Licenses	7.50
Camp License	.50
Town Hall Superintendent—Rent	3.00
Sealer of Weights & Measures	1.00
Old Age Assistance—Transfer from Reserve	218.55
Town Officers—Transfer from Reserve	8.50
Victory & Withholding Tax	52.70
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	\$11,873.04
Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1943	6,639.92
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	\$18,512.96

TRUST FUNDS

Ministerial Fund	
On Deposit Jan. 1, 1943	\$1,195.04
Interest 1 year	24.02
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On Deposit Jan. 1, 1944	\$1,219.06
School Fund	
On Deposit Jan. 1, 1943	\$ 112.07
Interest 1 year	2.25
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On Deposit Jan. 1, 1944	\$ 114.32

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. HUNT,
Town Treasurer.

PAYMENTS

Emergency Account	\$ 235.45
Snow & Sanding	600.40
School Payroll	2,281.85
Machinery Fund	139.63
Snow Plow & Tractor Note	800.00
Town Officers' Bond	43.50
Compensation Insurance	103.13
Snow Fence	76.38
Roads—Chapter 81	2,923.71
Roads—Chapter 90 Maintenance	594.43
Support of Library	34.80
County Treasurer—Dog Tax	36.00
Old Age Assistance	418.55
Town Officers' Salaries	651.50
Cemeteries	18.00
County Tax	251.19
State Tax	150.00
State Parks & Reservations	3.68
Auditing Town Accounts	161.33
Income Tax	36.55
Transfer from Reserve	227.05
Winter Rutting	144.25
Victory & Withholding Tax	52.70
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	\$9,984.17
Bank Balance	8,514.45
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	\$18,498.62
Cash on Hand	14.34
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	\$18,512.96

ASSETS

Balance in Treasury Jan. 1, 1944	\$8,528.79
Due from State—Chapter 81 Contract 3720	738.19
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	\$9,266.98

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

BIRTHS RECORDED IN 1943
Peter Hopper Post, Jr.—June 18.
DEATHS RECORDED IN 1943
William L. Boyce of Chatham, N. J.
Lewis Houghtaling died in Sharon Hospital, Sharon, Ct.
Fred Porter died in Gt. Barrington, Mass.

DOGS REGISTERED IN 1943	
19 Males @ \$2.00 ea.	\$38.00
1 Spayed Female @ \$2.00	2.00
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	\$40.00
20 Fees @ \$.20 ea.	4.00
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Paid County Treasurer	\$36.00

HUNTING LICENSES ISSUED

9 Series No. 2 @ \$2.00 each	\$ 18.00
15 Series No. 3 @ 3.25 each	48.75
3 Series No. 4 @ 1.25 each	3.75
1 Series No. 6 @ 5.25 each	5.25
2 Series No. 7 Free	Free
5 Series No. 8 @ 1.50 each	7.50
1 Series No. 10 @ 5.25 each	5.25
26 Series No. 11 @ 10.25 each	266.50
1 Series No. 12 @ 15.25 each	15.25
1 Series No. 13 @ .50 each	.50
2 Series No. 15 @ 2.00 each	4.00
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	\$374.75
63 Fees @ \$.25 each	15.75
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Amount Paid Fish & Game	\$359.00

LIST OF APPROPRIATIONS

Chapter 81 (roads)	\$1,000.00
Railings & Bridges	250.00
Snow & Sanding	700.00
Snow Fence	200.00
Support of Library	35.00
Support of Cemeteries	18.00
Emergency Account	300.00
Winter Rutting	200.00
Support of Schools	2,975.00
Town Officers	700.00
Welfare	100.00
Old Age Assistance	200.00
Aid to Dependent Children	25.00
Reserve Fund	700.00
Compensation Insurance	300.00
Town Officers' Bond	35.00
Chapter 90 Maintenance	250.00
Voted to divert \$200.00 from Machinery Fund to Tractor Expenses.	
Voted \$300.00 from Machinery Fund to meet Tractor Note.	
Balance to be raised by Taxation \$500.00	

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. HUNT, Town Clerk.

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

Two Gasoline Pumps Tested @ \$.50 each	\$1.00
Paid Town Treasurer	\$1.00

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. HUNT, Sealer.

REPORT OF MEAT INSPECTOR

Nothing to report.

Respectfully submitted,
W. A. HUNT, Meat Inspector.

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

Warrant for 1943 Real Estate Tax	\$4,295.42
Warrant for 1943 Real Estate Tax Omitted	10.00
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	\$4,305.42
Collected	4,045.62
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Balance to Collect	\$ 259.80
Warrant for 1943 Personal Property Tax	\$ 548.66
Collected	513.46
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Balance to Collect	\$ 35.20
Warrants for 1943 Motor Excise Tax	\$ 170.52
	23.56
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\$194.08

Collected 189.36

Balance to Collect	\$ 4.72
Balance of 1942 Real Estate Tax to Collect	\$ 601.35

Mervin Whitbeck Collected	\$226.10
W. A. Hunt Collected	271.05
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	497.15

Balance to Collect	\$104.20
Warrant for 1943 Poll Tax	\$40.00
Collected—\$38.00 Rebate—\$2.00	40.00
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Balance of 1942 Personal Property Tax to Collect	\$ 64.00
Mervin Whitbeck Collected	\$22.40
W. A. Hunt Collected	25.90
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	48.30

Balance to Collect	\$ 15.70
Balance of 1942 Motor Excise Tax to Collect	\$ 5.28
Amount Collected	2.00
Rebated William Laragh Tax	3.28
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Balance of 1941 Real Estate Tax to Collect	\$ 70.10
Collected	70.10
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Balance of 1941 Personal Property Tax to Collect	\$ 4.14
Collected	4.14
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Balance of 1940 Real Estate Tax to Collect	\$ 41.70
Collected	41.70
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Balance of 1939 Real Estate Tax to Collect	\$ 1.75
Collected	1.75
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Collected Interest on Taxes	\$ 40.17
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Respectfully submitted,
W. A. HUNT, Tax Collector.

ANNUAL REPORT
OF THE
SCHOOL COMMITTEE
AND THE
SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS
OF THE
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REPORT OF THE SCHOOL COMMITTEE

To the Citizens of the Town of Mount Washington:

The expenditures incurred by the School Department, a statement of the various reimbursements, together with the budget for 1944 are submitted herewith.

Respectfully submitted,

MARY PORTER, Chairman

RUSSELL WHITBECK, Secretary

HOWARD PORTER

COMMITTEE ORGANIZATION

Mary Porter, Chairman, 1944	Copake Falls, N. Y., R.F.D
Russell Whitbeck, Secretary, 1945	Copake Falls, N. Y., R.F.D.
Howard Porter, 1946	Copake Falls, N. Y., R.F.D.

ATTENDANCE OFFICER

Howard Porter

SCHOOL PHYSICIAN

Dr. Robert L. Bowerhan

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the School Committee and the Citizens of Mount Washington:

I submit herewith my third annual report which differs from others in that the North School was not opened in August because there were no pupils of compulsory school age to attend.

Miss Marcelle Leverault completed a very satisfactory school year in June. She resigned to accept a teaching position in Chicopee.

A new teacher was hired for the school year 1943-44 but she was released when it was found that there would be no pupils in attendance at the school in August.

The State Department of Education granted the town exemption for the school year 1943-44 at the request of the School Committee.

Assistance was given the town officials in conducting the rationing program.

The budget for 1944 is submitted as usual in the event that the school is re-opened during the year.

I wish to express my appreciation for the many courtesies shown me by the School Committee and the citizens.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM R. LORING

EXPENDITURES		
Teacher's salary	\$710.00	
Supervision	330.00	
General Administration	79.91	
Supplies	1.19	
Janitors	5.00	
Fuel	36.80	
Miscellaneous	32.22	
Repairs	9.53	
Transportation, elementary	342.00	
Transportation, high	275.20	
Tuition	460.00	
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EXPENDITURES CLASSIFIED		
Teacher's salary:		
Marcelle Leverault	\$600.00	
Mrs. Jansen Hall	110.00	
	<hr/>	\$710.00
Supervision:		
William R. Loring, salary	\$289.98	
William R. Loring, expense	40.02	
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General Administration:		
Mary T. Wallace	\$ 78.72	
Wright & Potter Printing Co.	1.19	
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Supplies:		
J. L. Hammett Co.		1.19
Janitors:		
Anna Isaacson		5.00
Fuel:		
Charles W. Agar		36.80
Miscellaneous:		
Copake Telephone Co.	\$ 28.82	
Postage	1.90	
John Keating Co.	1.50	
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Repairs:		
Rodney deR. Combes	1.53	
Hammer Plumbing Company	8.00	
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Transportation, elementary		342.00
Mervin Whitbeck		
Transportation, high		
Ann Melius	\$139.20	
Bernice Van Deusen	136.00	
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Tuition:		460.00
Roeliff Jansen Central School		
We recommend the following budget for 1944 to be expended approximately as follows:		
General Control		\$ 350.00
Superintendent		95.00
General administration		
Expenses of Instruction		1,100.00
Teacher's salary		15.00
Text-books		20.00
Supplies		
Operating School Plant		25.00
Janitor		100.00
Fuel		35.00
Miscellaneous		
Maintenance		25.00
Repairs and replacements		
Auxiliary Agencies		300.00
Transportation, high		700.00
Transportation, elementary		
Other Expenses		200.00
Tuition		
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TOTAL		\$2,965.00

REIMBURSEMENTS		
Total expense for 1943		\$2,281.85
General School Fund	\$100.00	
Mass. School Fund, Part II	647.50	
Superintendent of Schools	193.36	
High School Transportation	251.13	
Dog Tax	46.18	
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Total Reimbursements		
Net Cost to the Town		\$1,043.68

SCHOOL CENSUS					
	5-7	7-14	14-16	16-21	Total
Boys		1			3
Girls	1		1	1	
Children in other schools:					3