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MAJOR JOHN DEMERRITT

TOWN OFFICERS FOR 1933

Moderator

HENRY L. FELKER

Selectmen

ELOI A. ADAMS,	Term expires March, 1934
EDWARD L. MILES,	Term expires March, 1935
LEMAN WORMHOOD,	Term expires March, 1936

Town Clerk

JOHN DEMERRITT

Treasurer

EVELYN V. PRICE

Collector of Taxes

FRED E. GERRISH

Auditors

AUSTIN HOPEY, JR.

D. A. HAYES

School Board

ELOI A. ADAMS,	Term expires March, 1934
CLARENCE FELKER,	Term expires March, 1935
JENNIE M. DEMERRITT,	Term expires March, 1936

JOHN DEMERRITT, *Treasurer*

Trustees of Jenkins Trust Fund

LEVI HAMEL,	Term expires March, 1934
WILFRED CLARK,	Term expires March, 1935
HAROLD HAYES,	Term expires March, 1936

Supervisors of the Check List

ERNEST COLPRIT

JOHN HANSCOM

GEO. T. DAILEY

WARRANT FOR TOWN MEETING

March 13, 1934

To the inhabitants of the Town of Madbury, County of Strafford and State of New Hampshire, qualified to vote in Town affairs:

You are hereby notified to meet at the Town Hall in said Madbury on Tuesday, the thirteenth day of March, A. D., 1934, at ten o'clock in the forenoon, to act upon the following subjects:

ART. 1. To choose a Town Clerk for the ensuing year.

ART. 2. To choose a Selectman for the ensuing three years.

ART. 3. To choose a Town Treasurer for the ensuing year.

ART. 4. To choose a Collector of Taxes for the ensuing year.

ART. 5. To choose two Auditors for the ensuing year.

ART. 6. To choose a Trustee of Trust Funds for the ensuing three years.

ART. 7. To choose all necessary town officers.

ART. 8. To see if the town will authorize the Selectmen to administer or dispose of any real estate acquired by the town through Tax Collector's deeds. (As suggested by State Tax Commission.)

ART. 9. To see whether beer or other lawful alcoholic beverages shall be manufactured or sold legally.

ART. 10. To see if the Town will raise \$200 00 for the interior improvement of the Town Hall.

ART. 11. To see if the Town will authorize the Selectmen to borrow money in anticipation of taxes.

ART. 12. To see what action the Town will take on the proposed budget for the current year.

ART. 13. To transact any other business that may legally come before the meeting.

Given under our hands and seal, this twentieth day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and thirty-four.

E. A. ADAMS,
E. L. MILES,
L. B. WORMHOOD,

Selectmen of Madbury

True Copy Attest

(SEAL)

E. A. ADAMS,
E. L. MILES,
L. B. WORMHOOD,

Selectmen of Madbury

TOWN BUDGET FOR THE YEAR 1934

Estimated Receipts

Railroad tax.....	\$ 450.00
Savings Bank tax.....	450.00
Auto permits.....	450.00
Outstanding taxes.....	778 64
Cash on hand.....	767 75
To be raised by taxation	8,141 11
	\$11,037 50

Estimated Expenditures

Town officers' salary.....	\$ 300 00
Town officers' expenses.....	150 00
Town Hall.....	400.00
Police	5.00
Fire	100.00
Health	25 00
Vital statistics.....	1.00
State aid construction.....	523.50
Town maintenance.....	1,400.00
Snow fences.....	200.00
Town poor.....	25.00
County poor.....	125.00
Interest	150.00
Schools	4,000.00
County taxes.....	832.00
State taxes.....	1,000.00
Due the schools.....	800.00
Note	1,000.00
	\$11,037 50

INVENTORY 1933, TOWN OF MADBURY

Real estate.....	\$331,715.00
Horses	4,680.00
Mules	30.00
Oxen	50.00
Cows	4,085.00
Sheep	93.00
Fowl	2,348.00
Total	\$343,001.00

Tax rate \$2.05 per \$100.00 valuation.

STATEMENT OF ASSETS

Cash on hand, Feb. 14, 1934	\$ 767 75
Outstanding taxes, Feb. 14, 1934	778 64
Total Assets.....	————— \$1,546 39

STATEMENT OF LIABILITIES

Due the schools.. . . .	\$ 800 00	
Due the Strafford National Bank	1,000 00	
Total Liabilities.....	—————	\$1,800 00

Balance shows indebtedness of the town to be.....	\$ 253 61
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TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Number of dog licenses issued.....	40
Amount collected.....	\$104 00
Clerk's fee.....	\$ 8.00
Paid the schools.....	\$96 00
Number of auto permits issued.	
1933 permits.....	89
1934 permits.....	102

REPORT OF TAX COLLECTOR

1932 TAX LIST

All taxes outstanding as listed in 1932 Town	
Report	\$ 160.95
Extra Amount due by accounts in Tax Book	2.00
Total due.....	\$ 162.95
Amount paid by cash	\$ 160.95
	\$ 2.00
Abatements listed	\$ 2.00

1933 TAX LIST

Total tax committed to Collector.....	\$7,427.10
Paid Town Treasurer.....	\$6,624.96
Abatements as listed.....	22.00
Outstanding taxes as listed	778.64
Discount allowed.....	1.50
	\$7,427.10

FRED E. GERRISH,

Tax Collector

ABATEMENTS

1933 Abatements

Florence Bond	\$	2 00	
Mabel Canney		2 00	
Beatrice Daudelin		2 00	
Thomas Knight		2 00	
Thomas Picitto		2 00	
Chester Richardson		2 00	
Mildred Richardson		2 00	
Cecil Rand		2 00	
Marion Rand		2 00	
Charles Viola		2 00	
Mrs. Charles Viola		2 00	
Mary A. Norman		10 25	
		\$	32 25

1932 Abatements

Edith Knox	\$	2 00	
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OUTSTANDING TAXES

Paid before printing town reports	\$	162.53
Geo. B. Clarke.....		53.25
Catherine Clarke.....		2.00
Nettie Colprit.....		41.00
Ernest Colprit.....		3.08
Helen Colprit.....		2.00
Saraphine DeCitto.....		2.00
John DeCitto.....		2.00
Thos. Fernald, Heirs.....		92.25
Henry L. Felker.....		58.68
Addie Felker.....		2.00
Perley Hoyt.....		51.25
Austin Hopey.....		47.65
Order on Schools.....		43.05
Mrs. H. F. Kent.....		2.00
Harry Locke.....		17.06
Lavina Murphy.....		2.00
Frank Newhall.....		12.25
Ellen A. Newhall.....		2.00
Wm. B. Sanders.....		28.31
Ernest Theodore.....		86.63
Bennie Viola.....		2.00
Marina Viola.....		2.00
Frank Wiggin.....		2.00
Lillian Wiggin.....		2.00
Bushfield Oil Co.....		2.05
John Dame.....		14.35
Llewelyn Lothrop.....		20.50
Lewis E. Tibbetts.....		20.50
		\$ 768.39

REPORT OF TREASURER

Summary of Receipts

From Local Taxes

1933 taxes	\$6,624.96
Strafford Nat'l Bank stock tax ..	27.00
Manchester Nat'l Bank stock tax ..	6 00
Somersworth Nat'l Bank stock taxes	4 00
1932 taxes	160.95
1932 interest on taxes	4.40

From State

E. R. U.	1,616.90
State Aid Construction	1,139.38
Forest fire	26.02
Balance due town from Railroad tax and Savings Bank tax after State tax had been deducted ..	94.99
Railroad tax	\$438.78
Savings Bank tax	488.21
	\$926.99
State tax	832 00
	\$ 94 99

Tax on interest and dividends...	153.08
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From County

For groceries sent to J. Adam- opoulos	17.49
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From local sources except taxes

1933 auto permits.....	\$	167.15	
1934 auto permits.....		329.90	
Literary Fund interest.....		7.74	
Cash on hand Feb. 10, 1933....		243.80	
Sale of gravel.....		104.73	
E. L. Miles, 3½ M shingles....		17.67	
Receipts other than Current Revenue temporary loans		4,000.00	
Total Receipts.....	—————		\$14,746.16

Summary of Payments

General Government

(1) Town Officers' Salaries.....	\$	274.89
(2) Town Officers' Expenses		145.80
(3) Town Hall.....		445.94

Protection of persons and Property

(4) Police		7.36
(5) Fire		102.04

Health

(6) Health Department.....		16.96
(7) Vital Statistics.....		1.00

Highways and Bridges

(8) E. R. U.....		1,616.90
(9) Town Maintenance (Summer)		1,741.38
(10) Town Maintenance (Winter)		579.50

Charities

(11) County Poor.....	\$ 42 25
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Interest

(12) Interest	113 17
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State Aid Construction

(13) Lee Road Construction....	1,706.52
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Indebtedness Payments

(14) Temporary Loans.....	3,000 00
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Payments to other Governmental Divisions

(15) County Tax.....	974.75	
(16) School District.....	3,207.74	
(17) Tax Refund.....	2.21	
Total Payments.....	—————	\$13,978.41

Balance between Receipts and Payments or Cash on hand Feb- ruary 14, 1934	\$ 767.75
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Detailed Statement of Payments*Detail 1. Town Officers' Salaries*

February 9

Austin Hopey, auditor.....	\$ 5.00
D. A. Hayes.....	5.00
October 23	
Benjamin Drew, ballot clerk....	2.00
John Hanscom, supervisor.....	8.00

January 31

Evelyn V. Price, Treasurer.	\$ 15 00
Leman Wormhood, selectman.	25 00
E. L. Miles, selectman	25 00
E. A. Adams, selectman.	40.00
John DeMerritt, salary and fees	57.75
Ernest Colprit, supervisor.	8 00
Fred Gerrish, salary.	84.14
	\$ 274.89

Detail 2. *Town Officers' Expenses*

February 13

L. B. Wormhood, auditor's lunch	2 20
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February 17

John Rowe, stamps.	2 00
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March 30

J. B. Page, town reports.	74 80
John Rowe, stamps.	1.00

April 8

A. W. Powell, N. H. Tax Asso.	2.00
N. H. Supply Co., dog tags.	1.65
Edson B. Eastman, tax collector's book	7.10

May 22

Edwin M. Carr, officer's bonds.	16.50
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Sept. 18

E. V. Price, stamps.	.50
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November 4

Edson B. Eastman, inventory book	21.30
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December 2

Roscoe Simpson, lunch for town meeting	\$	10 50
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January 31

J. B. Page, tax bills.....	5.00	
E. V. Price, stationery.....	1.00	
Fred Gerrish, stamps.....	.25	
		\$ 145.80

Detail 3. Town Hall

March 30

Twin State Company, lights.....	\$	30 63
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July 7

E. J. York, 30 M shingles.....	158.76	
E. J. York, nails.....	9.60	
F. F. Davis, bulbs.....	1.00	
R. H. Hayes, repairs.....	1.30	
Fred Gerrish, labor.....	36.50	
V. L. Johansen, tuning piano....	3.00	
Elmer E. Davis, supplies.....	4.23	
J. Herbert Seavey, hardware....	6.53	
E. J. York, supplies.....	46.69	
Hall's Bible Class, moving piano	7.00	
Special detail for kitchen		
Rochester Lumber Co., lumber..	22.50	
E. L. Miles, windows, etc.....	17.60	
H. K. Parshley, lumber.....	40.80	
Seth W. Sherburne, lumber.....	46.00	
E. L. Miles, pine lumber, finish	13.80	
		\$ 445.94

Detail 4. *Police*

September 18

Iver Johnson Co., police equipment	\$ 7.36	
		\$ 7 36

Detail 5. *Fire*

March 13

William H. Knox, conference....	\$ 3 50
Raymond Gerrish, conference....	4 30

May 29

William H. Knox, Cote fire....	2 78
Raymond Gerrish, Cote fire....	6 24
Victor Mason, Cote fire.....	3 36
George Varney, Cote fire.....	2 40
Fred Gerrish, Cote fire.....	2.10
Levi Hamel, Cote fire.....	.60
Walter Hopey, Cote fire.....	.60
Austin Hopey, Cote fire.....	.60
Austin Hopey, Jr., Cote fire....	.60
Daniel Hoyt, Cote fire.....	.60
James Clark, Cote fire.....	.60
Albert Hamel, Cote fire.....	.60
Wm. H. Knox, locating fire May 2nd	1.30

June 8

Wm. H. Knox, DeMerritt woodlot	1 00
Raymond Gerrish, DeMerritt woodlot	4 00

Nehemiah Snell, DeMerritt wood-		
lot	\$	60
John Fernald, DeMerritt woodlot		.60
Claude Rice, DeMerritt woodlot		.60
Kenneth Tibbetts, DeMerritt		
woodlot		.60
James Tibbetts, DeMerritt wood-		
lot		.90
Geo. Tibbetts, DeMerritt woodlot		.90
Geo. Sargent, DeMerritt woodlot	1	.50
Fred Tibbetts, DeMerritt woodlot	3	00
Frank Wiggin, DeMerritt woodlot		.30
Rob't Wiggin, DeMerritt woodlot		.30
Joseph Cole, DeMerritt woodlot..		.30
Albert Clements, DeMerritt wood-		
lot		.30
John Clements, DeMerritt wood-		
lot		.30
Mr. McAlpine, DeMerritt woodlot		.30
James Locke, DeMerritt woodlot		.30
Clarence Felker, DeMerritt wood-		
lot		.30
Milton Baxter, DeMerritt woodlot		.30
Archie Davis, DeMerritt woodlot		.30
George Varney, DeMerritt wood-		
lot		.30
Alden Baxter, DeMerritt woodlot		.30
Victor Mason, DeMerritt woodlot		.30

July 20

Wm. H. Knox, Hall's woodlot..	1	.32
Raymond Gerrish, Hall's woodlot	1	.12
Fred Gerrish, Hall's woodlot....		.60
Verne Caverly, Hall's woodlot...		.90
Verne Caverly, automobile.....		.32

January 31

Carroll Nash, Dover Fire Dept.	\$	25.00	
H. Loveren, Durham Fire Dept.		25.00	
			\$ 102.04

Detail 6. *Health*

February 13

John Rowe, lime.....	\$	.50
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April 5

John Rowe, supplies for D. A.		
Hayes during quarantine.....		12.93

May 22

A. E. Grant, Md., visit to Basten-		
elli's		2.50

January 31

Dover Drug, Inc., supplies.....	1.03	
		\$ 16.96

Detail 7. *Vital Statistics*

February 1

A. E. Grant, Estate, recording..	\$	1.00	
			\$ 1.00

Note—On E. R. U. and Town Maintenance road work the following wage scale was used.

Trucks hauling 1.5 yds.,	90c per hour
Man	30c per hour
Horses	35c per hour

Detail 8. *Emergency Relief for Unemployment*

August 12—For work on Hayes Road

E. L. Miles, truck.....	\$ 22.50	
John Clement, truck.....	34.20	
Ernest Colprit, truck.....	34.20	
Harold Jones, truck.....	34.20	
Raymond Gerrish, labor.....	12.30	
Wm. Freeman, labor.....	11.40	
Geo. Tibbetts, labor.....	11.40	
Warren Cluff, labor.....	11.40	
Alden Baxter, labor.....	6.60	
Daniel Hoyt, labor.....	4.20	
Arthur Mayo, labor.....	1.80	
Albert Clement, labor.....	6.00	
Verne Caverly, labor.....	.90	
Walter Hopey, labor.....	.90	
James Locke, foreman.....	18.00	
James Locke, gravel 274 yds.....	27.40	
		\$ 237.40

November 4—Work on Hayes Road

E. L. Miles, truck.....	\$ 32.40	
Ernest Colprit, truck.....	32.40	
Harold Jones, truck.....	32.40	
James Locke, foreman.....	14.40	
Arthur Mayo, labor.....	10.80	
James Clark, labor.....	10.80	
Wm. Freeman, labor.....	10.80	
Walter Hopey, labor.....	10.80	
Arthur Guptill, labor.....	10.80	
Geo. MacGunnigle, labor.....	10.80	
		\$ 176.40

November 11—Work on Hayes Road

E. L. Miles, truck.....	\$ 9.90	
Ernest Colprit, truck.....	9.90	
Harold Jones, truck.....	9.00	
James Locke, foreman.....	4.40	
Arthur Mayo, labor.....	3.30	
James Clarke, labor.....	3.30	
Wm. Freeman, labor.....	2.70	
Walter Hopey, labor.....	3.30	
Arthur Guptill, labor.....	2.70	
Geo. MacGunnigle, labor.....	3.30	
Verne Caverly, labor.....	.60	
James Locke, 361 yds. gravel....	36.10	
		\$ 88.50

November 11—Felker Road

E. L. Miles, truck.....	\$ 24.30	
Ernest Colprit, truck.....	24.30	
Arthur Price, truck.....	24.30	
James Locke, foreman.....	10.80	
Arthur Mayo, labor.....	2.70	
James Clarke, labor.....	8.10	
Wm. Freeman, labor.....	8.10	
Walter Hopey, labor.....	8.10	
Geo. MacGunnigle, labor.....	8.10	
Verne Caverly, labor.....	2.70	
Arthur Guptill, labor.....	5.40	
		\$ 126.90

November 18—Drew Road

E. L. Miles, truck.....	\$ 32.40
Ernest Colprit, truck.....	32.40
Arthur Price, truck.....	32.40
Joseph Cole, truck.....	32.40
Harold Jones, truck.....	32.40

James Locke, foreman.....	\$ 14.40	
Arthur Guptill, labor.....	8.10	
Geo. MacGunnigle, labor.....	3.90	
Walter Hopey, labor.....	5.40	
James Clarke, labor.....	10.80	
Wm. Freeman, labor.....	10.80	
C. Varney, labor.....	7.50	
Verne Caverly, labor.....	2.40	
Geo. Tibbetts, labor.....	5.40	
Ernest Hall, labor.....	2.40	
		\$ 233.10

November 18—Felker Road

E. L. Miles, truck.....	\$ 13.50	
Ernest Colprit, truck.....	8.10	
Arthur Price, truck.....	8.10	
James Locke, foreman.....	3.60	
Arthur Guptill, labor.....	2.70	
Geo. MacGunnigle, labor.....	2.70	
Walter Hopey, labor.....	2.70	
James Clarke, labor.....	2.70	
C. Varney, labor.....	2.10	
Verne Caverly, labor.....	2.10	
James Locke, gravel.....	21.20	
		\$ 69.50

November 25—Colprit Road

E. L. Miles, truck.....	\$ 8.10	
Arthur Price, truck.....	8.10	
Joseph Cole, truck.....	8.10	
James Locke, foreman.....	3.60	
Arthur Guptill, labor.....	2.70	
J. Clarke, labor.....	2.70	
Alfred Canney, labor.....	2.70	

Geo. MacGunnigle, labor.....	\$ 2.70	
Harry Locke, labor.....	2.70	
Arthur Mayo, labor.....	2.10	
Wm. Freeman, labor.....	2.10	
Fred Tibbetts, labor.....	2.10	
Town of Madbury, gravel.....	5.70	
C. Varney, labor.....	2.70	
		\$ 56.10

November 25—Hopey Road

Edward L. Miles, truck.....	\$ 27.90	
Ernest Colprit, truck.....	16.20	
Arthur Price, truck.....	40.50	
Joseph Cole, truck.....	40.50	
Harold Jones, truck.....	34.20	
Levi Hamel, truck.....	32.40	
James Locke, foreman.....	18.00	
Arthur Guptill, labor.....	13.50	
Geo. MacGunnigle, labor.....	13.50	
James Clarke, labor.....	13.50	
Wm. Freeman, labor.....	10.80	
C. Varney, labor.....	13.50	
Arthur Mayo, labor.....	2.70	
Austin Hopey, truck.....	16.20	
Harry Locke, labor.....	5.40	
Alfred Canney, labor.....	5.40	
James Locke, gravel.....	43.20	
Verne Caverly, labor.....	2.70	
		\$ 350.10

December 2—Colprit Road

E. L. Miles, truck.....	\$ 8.10
Joseph Cole, truck.....	16.20
Arthur Price, truck.....	16.20
Austin Hopey, truck.....	16.20

James Locke, foreman.....	\$ 3 60
Geo. MacGunnigle, labor.....	5 40
Geo. Tibbetts, labor.....	5 40
Geo. Sargent, labor.....	5 40
James Clarke, labor.....	5 40
C. Varney, labor.....	5 40
Robert Wiggin, labor.....	5 40
Clifton Hall, labor.....	5 40
Harry Locke, labor.....	5 40
Alfred Canney, labor.....	5 40
Ernest Colprit, gravel.....	15 00
	\$ 123 90

December 2—Hopey Road

E. L. Miles, truck.....	\$ 16 20
Joseph Cole, truck.....	16 20
Levi Hamel, truck.....	16 20
Harold Jones, truck.....	16 20
Arthur Price, truck.....	16 20
Austin Hopey, truck.....	16 20
James Locke, foreman.....	7 20
Geo. Sargent, labor.....	2 70
Arthur Gupstill, labor.....	5 40
James Clarke, labor.....	5 40
Harry Locke, labor.....	5 40
Alfred Canney, labor.....	5 40
C. Varney, labor.....	5 40
Geo. MacGunnigle, labor.....	2 70
James Locke, gravel.....	18 20
	\$ 155 00

Total spent for E. R. U., paid in full by state \$1,616 90

Detail 9. *Town Maintenance—Summer*

February 9

John Rowe, spikes.....	\$.85
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February 14

D. Hoyt, repairing fence.....	\$ 1.75
J. Clark, repairing fence.....	1.75
February 20	

Wm. Sanders, culvert.....	.70
Milton Baxter, culvert.....	.70
A. Gupfill, bushes.....	5.00
D. Hoyt, burning bushes.....	2.70
J. Clark, burning bushes.....	2 70

April 4

Archie Cayer, dragging.....	9.75
J. Cole, truck, graveling.....	16 20
A. Price, truck, graveling.....	17.55
E. L. Miles, truck, graveling.....	17.10
D. A. Hayes, labor.....	5.40
I. Hayes, labor.....	5.40
D. Hoyt, labor.....	5.70
Alden Baxter, labor.....	5.40
Milton Baxter, labor.....	5.40
Wm. Sanders, team.....	6 50
A. Price, team.....	5 85

April 8

E. L. Miles, truck, graveling.....	27.00
V. Goodrich, labor.....	2 70
D. Hoyt, labor.....	9.00
A. Price, truck.....	16 20
J. Cole, truck.....	16 20
Irving Hayes, labor.....	5 40
R. Wiggin, labor.....	2.70
James Clark, labor.....	5.40

Albert Hamel, labor.....	\$ 7 20
Geo. Tibbetts, labor.....	5 10
Frank Wiggin, labor.....	2 70
J. Locke, gravel.....	3 30
Saul Cote, dragging.....	3 90
Archie Cayer, dragging.....	3 25

April 17

E. L. Miles, truck, graveling.....	8.10
J. Cole, truck, graveling.....	8.10
A. Price, truck, graveling.....	8.10
D. Hoyt, labor.....	2 70
G. Tibbetts, labor.....	2 70
James Locke, labor.....	2 70
F. Wiggin, labor.....	2 70
J. Clarke, labor.....	2 70
Irving Hayes, labor.....	2 70
James Locke, gravel, 69 yds.....	6 90
Fred Ullrich, D. T. road machine	3 15
A. Price, D. T. road machine....	5 85
E. L. Miles, man.....	2 70
Archie Cayer, dragging.....	7 15

April 24

A. Price, D. T. road machine....	5.20
F. Ullrich, D. T. road machine..	2 80
E. L. Miles, man.....	2.40
E. L. Miles, truck, graveling.....	5.10
D. Hoyt, labor.....	1.20
J. Clarke, labor.....	1 20
J. Locke, 9 yds. gravel.....	.90
Wm. Sanders, gravel bank road double team.....	2.60
A. Price, gravel bank road, double team.....	11.70

F. Ullrich, double team.....	\$	8.45
D. Hoyt, labor.....		5.40
J. Clark, labor.....		5.40
D. A. Hayes, labor.....		5.40
I. Hayes, labor.....		5.40
J. Locke, labor.....		5.40
Geo. Tibbetts, labor.....		1.20
Archie Cayer, scraping, etc.....		10.32
Wm. Sanders, scraping, etc.....		7.80
C. R. Caswell, sharpening picks		2.25

May 1

A. Price, D. T. gravel bank road	25.35
Wm. Sanders, D. T. gravel bank road	5.85
F. Ullrich, D. T. gravel bank road	20.15
James Locke, labor	11.70
D. Hoyt, labor.....	11.70
J. Clark, labor.....	11.70
D. H. Hayes, labor.....	11.70
J. Hayes, labor.....	11.70
Geo. Tibbetts, labor.....	11.70
L. Hamel, double team.....	11.70
Will Sanders, road machine.....	19.50
A. Cayer, dragging.....	1.43
E. L. Miles, truck.....	15.00
Frank Sanders, team.....	9.45
A. Guptill, team	2.40

May 6

A. Price, D. T. gravel bank road	9.10
F. Ullrich, D. T. gravel bank road	11.70
L. Hamel, D. T. gravel bank road	11.70
James Locke, labor.....	5.40

D. Hoyt, labor.....	\$ 5.40
J. Clark, labor.....	5.40
D. A. Hayes, labor.....	5.40
I. Hayes, labor.....	5.40
Geo. Tibbetts, labor.....	5.40
Wm. Sanders, D. T. road machine	17.55
F. Sanders, D. T. road machine	9.45
E. L. Miles, man, road machine	8.10

May 6

F. Sanders, dragging and breaking	10.73
A. Guptill, raking and hauling..	10.80
E. Cechetti, raking rocks.....	3.00
J. Locke, raking rocks.....	3.00
Harry Locke, hauling rocks.....	8.10
Wilbur Hodgdon, hauling rocks..	8.10
E. L. Miles, truck.....	24.30
Alden Baxter, man.....	8.10

May 13

J. Locke, gravel bank.....	3.90
Alden Baxter, gravel bank.....	3.90
J. Clarke, gravel bank.....	3.90
Geo. Tibbetts, gravel bank.....	3.90
E. L. Miles, truck.....	11.70
James Locke, removing rocks....	4.20
A. Baxter, removing rocks.....	4.20
A. Guptill, removing rocks.....	1.50
H. Locke, removing rocks.....	10.80
W. Hodgdon, removing rocks....	12.60
W. Cluff, removing rocks.....	4.80
H. A. Fuller, removing rocks.....	5.40
V. Caverly, removing rocks.....	2.70
E. L. Miles, truck.....	12.60
J. Herbert Seavey, tools.....	7.24

May 23

N. E. Metal Culvert Co., 2 culverts	\$	29.15
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May 29

E. L. Miles, culverts and rd. mach.	13.50
J. Clark, culverts.....	3.30
A. Baxter, culverts.....	.60
D. Hoyt, culverts.....	2.70
A. Hamel, culverts.....	2.70
A. Guptill, culverts.....	2.10
John Clements, culverts.....	3.90

June 5

Fred Gerrish, gravel, Cote road..	2.70
Ray Gerrish, gravel, Cote road..	8.10
Arthur Mayo, Cote road.....	8.10
W. Cluff, gravel, Cote road.....	8.10
Geo. Isaksen, gravel, Cote road..	8.40
L. Robie, gravel, Cote road.....	8.10
Benny Percheto, gravel, Cote road	8.10
J. Cole, truck.....	24.30
E. L. Miles, truck.....	24.30
Jos. Gardiner, gravel 180 yds....	18.00

June 10

E. L. Miles, gravel, truck.....	48.60
J. Cole, gravel, truck.....	24.30
J. Clements, gravel, truck.....	32.40
A. Mayo, man.....	13.50
Lloyd Robie, man.....	11.10
B. Percheto, man.....	10.80

W. Cluff, man	8	10.80
Ray Gerrish, man		10.80
A. Guptill, man		2.10
V. Caverly, man		2.70

June 17

E. L. Miles, Dube road, truck		22.50
L. Robie, man		7.80
R. Gerrish, man		5.70
W. Hopey, man		7.20
V. Caverly, man		.90
A. Mayo, man		3.30
W. Hodgdon, man		4.20

June 24

R. Gerrish, burning brush		2.70
Geo. Tibbetts, burning brush		2.70
Fred Tibbetts, burning brush		2.70
W. Hodgdon, burning brush		2.70
A. McCormack, burning brush		2.70
E. L. Miles, truck, road machine		3.60
D. Hoyt, truck, road machine		1.20

July 1

E. L. Miles, truck, Dube road		48.60
F. Conway, labor (40c per hour)		10.80
W. Hopey, labor		14.40
V. Caverly, labor		15.00
R. Gerrish, labor		8.40
W. Cluff, labor		8.40
J. Rowe, gasoline		1.70

July 8

E. L. Miles, truck, Dube road		8.10
Ray Gerrish, man		2.70
V. Caverly, man		3.45

H. Locke, burning brush.....	\$ 3.30
G. Tibbetts, burning brush.....	4.65
W. Hodgdon, burning brush.....	4.80
R. Gerrish, burning brush.....	4.80
A. Guptill, cutting bushes.....	10.00
J. Rowe, kerosene, matches.....	.95
J. Herbert Seavey, dynamite.....	13.50
U. of N. H., blasting help.....	7.60

August 19

E. L. Miles, road machine, truck.....	9.00
V. Goodrich, man.....	3.00
V. Caverly, man.....	.60
A. Baxter, man.....	.60
W. Hopey, man.....	.60
L. Hamel, truck.....	2.70

September 2

V. Goodrich, man.....	1.50
E. L. Miles, truck.....	8.10
V. Caverly, man.....	1.20
A. Guptill, man.....	6.30
W. Hodgdon, man.....	12.60
F. Tibbetts, man.....	2.70
G. Tibbetts, man.....	4.20
Wm. Freeman, man.....	6.00
W. Cluff, man.....	2.70
A. Baxter, man.....	9.90
Wm. Sanders, man.....	4.50
Austin Hopey, man.....	4.50
Levi Hamel, truck.....	.90
Wm Sanders, D. T.....	3.90

September 18

E. L. Miles, recording deed.....	1.28
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E. L. Miles, repairing blocks . . .	\$ 2 00
F. Clyde Keefe, writing deeds . . .	6 00

November 11

F. W. Neal Co., tools	4 95
W. Hodgdon, cutting bushes	14.70
H. A. Fuller, cutting bushes	10.00

December 2

Roscoe Simpson	11.95
Archie McCormack, burning bushes	2.70

January 3

Austin Calef	1 75
F. F. Davis, pail and 2 dippers	1.58
J. H. Seavey, supplies	4 18

January 31

Strafford Savings Bank for credit to Rollins Norman account payment, for land damages	165.00
J. Herbert Seavey, supplies	7 07

Total Town Maintenance \$1,741.38

Detail 10. *Snow Removed*

February 10

E. L. Miles, snow plow	\$ 47 00
F. Tibbetts, man	8 23

February 12

Archie Cayer, snow.....	\$	8.40
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March 4

E. L. Miles, snow plow.....	92.00
F. Tibbetts, man.....	18.38
F. Gerrish, man.....	3.15
J. Kimball, man.....	3.15
A. Hopey, Jr., man.....	3.15
W. Sanders, man.....	3.50
Alden Baxter, man.....	3.15
M. Baxter, man.....	2.45
A. Guptill, man.....	3.68
V. Goodrich, man.....	7.35
Elmer Canney, man.....	1.05
J. Clark, man.....	2.45
F. Ullrich, man.....	.70
Ray Gerrish, man.....	.35

April 17

Archie Cayer, snow.....	6.10
Earle Jones, snow.....	3.25
E. L. Miles, snow.....	32.00
D. Hoyt, snow.....	5.70
V. Goodrich, snow.....	6.00
A. Guptill, snow.....	1.50

April 24

Wm. Sanders, snow.....	6.50
A. Baxter, snow.....	3.00
M. Baxter, snow.....	3.00

May 29

John Clements, April snow.....	\$ 1.63
Albert Clements, April snow.....	1.33
R. Wiggin, April snow.....	1.20
T. Percheto, April snow.....	1.20
Saul Cote, April snow.....	3.15
Joseph Cote, April snow.....	3.15
Alphonse Cote, April snow.....	.90
S. W. Isaksen, April snow.....	3.15
E. G. Isaksen, April snow.....	.90

September 2

Geo. Clarke, April snow.....	4 50
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December 6

E. L. Miles, putting up snow fence	12 60
Verne Caverly, putting up snow fence	4 20
Geo. Tibbetts, putting up snow fence	4 20

January 3

E. L. Miles, Dec. snow removal..	117 60
F. Tibbetts, man.....	3 30
A. Price, truck sanding	3 60
J. Rowe, man.....	.30
V. Goodrich, man	17 25
Geo. Tibbetts, man	4 80
D. A. Hayes, man.....	3 00
Geo. Sargent, man.....	1 50
Wm. Freeman, man	1 50
Valmond Dube	1 50

January 31

E. L. Miles, Jan. snow bill.....	\$	78.00	
V. Goodrich, Jan. snow bill.....		14.25	
Arthur Hayes, Jan. snow bill....		.60	
Arthur Price, sanding.....		12.60	
F. Tibbetts, sanding.....		1.50	
W. Hopey, sanding.....		.30	
A. Baxter, sanding.....		.30	
Wm. Sanders, sanding.....		.30	
Total Snow Bill.....	\$	579.50	

Detail 11. *Charities*

County Poor

March 13

John Rowe, groceries for J. Adamopoulos	\$	10.37
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December 2

County of Strafford, O. A. A. for Peter Nelson.	15.00
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January 31

J. J. Topham, M. D., 5 visits to J. Adamopoulos.....	10.00	
E. J. York, coal for Adamopoulos	6.88	
		\$ 42.25

Detail 12. *Interest*

Strafford Nat'l Bank, interest....	\$113.17	
		\$ 113.17

Detail 13. *State Aid Construction*

Lee Road

Wage Scale

Trucks hauling 2 yds.	\$1.25
Trucks hauling 1.5 yds.	.90
Foreman, per hour	.40
Man, per hour	.30
James Locke, foreman.....	\$ 96.00
E. L. Miles, truck.....	306.15
Joseph Cole, truck.....	272.90
John Clements, truck.....	260.40
E. Colprit, truck.....	41.40
Harold Jones, truck.....	28.80
Ray Gerrish, man.....	30.30
Geo. Tibbetts, man.....	74.70
W. Cluff, man.....	46.80
C. Varney, man.....	39.30
Alden Baxter, man.....	58.80
Wm. Freeman, man.....	67.50
W. Hodgdon, man.....	21.30
Geo. MacGunnigle, man.....	24.30
V. Caverly, man.....	1.35
Rob't. Wiggin, man.....	19.80
A. Mayo, man.....	30.30
D. Hoyt, man.....	10.80
Wm. Sanders, man.....	27.00
J. Clark, man.....	20.10
F. Tibbetts, man.....	15.60
D. A. Hayes, man.....	1.80
Irving Hayes, man.....	1.80
Walter Hopey, man.....	1.80
Frank Wiggin, man.....	1.80

Town of Madbury, gravel.....	\$	79.68	
James Locke, gravel.....		24.10	
Martha Caldwell, gravel.....		19.60	
Seth Sherbourne, lumber.....		16.32	
D. Chesley and Co., lumber.....		30.00	
E. J. York, lumber.....		20.87	
Fred Gerrish, carpenter, 45c per hour		12.15	
			\$1,706.52

STATEMENT OF JOINT ACCOUNTS

Details 9 and 13.

Emergency Relief Unemployment

Total apportionment.....	\$	1,800.95	
Total expended to Jan. 31, 1934 ..		1,616.90	
Balance available.....	\$	184.05	

State Aid Construction

Apportionment

1931 Town House Road Balance \$	92.05	
1931-1932 Lee Road Balance...	34.68	
1933 Lee Road amount.....	1,578.50	
Total amount available.....	\$	1,705.23
Town to pay.....	\$	565.85
State to pay.....		1,139.38
		\$1,705.23

Expended on Lee Road 1933

State	\$1,139 38
Town	567 14
Total expended . .	\$1,706 52

Detail 14. *Indebtedness Payments*

January, 1934

Paid Strafford Nat'l Bank—3	.
notes	\$3,000.00

Detail 15. *Schools*

John DeMerritt, School Treasurer	\$3,200.00	
John DeMerritt, interest on fund	7 74	
		\$3,207 74

Detail 16. *Refund*

Austin Hopey, refund of 1932 overtax	\$ 2 21
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Detail 17 *County Tax*

County tax	\$ 974 75
Total receipts	\$14,746 16
Total payments	13,978 41
	\$ 767 75
Balance or cash on hand	\$767 75

EVELYN V. PRICE,

Treasurer

E. A. ADAMS,
E. L. MILES,
L. B. WORMHOOD

Selectmen

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

DAVID A. HAYES,
AUSTIN M. HOPEY, Jr.

Auditors

STATEMENT OF TRUST FUNDS

Literary Fund deposited in Strafford Savings Bank

Principal, Jan. 22, 1934	\$258 61	
Interest, Jan. 22, 1934	7 74	
		\$266 35
Interest withdrawn Jan. 22	7 74	
Balance on deposit		\$258 61

E. V. PRICE,
Treasurer

Sarah F. and Nathaniel Jenkins' Cemetery Trust Fund

Strafford Savings Bank

Principal	\$288 55	
Interest at 3%	8 66	
		\$297 21
Expended—1933-1934		000 00
Balance on deposit		\$297 21

HAROLD HAYES
LEVI HAMEL
WILFRED CLARK

Trustees of Trust funds

FINANCIAL REPORT OF THE MADBURY SCHOOL DISTRICT

July 1, 1932 to June 30, 1933

Cash on hand July 1, 1932.....	\$	44.27	
Literary Fund.....		9.03	
State Treasurer—reimbursement..		2.00	
Dog tax.....		52.00	
Town Treasurer.....		4,380.00	
Clerk and Treasurer salaries....	\$	15.00	
Superintendent's excess salary...		83.33	
Expenses of administration.....		35.74	
Teacher's salaries.....		1,962.00	
Text books.....		47.27	
Scholar's supplies.....		25.86	
Flags		4.50	
Fuel		139.00	
Janitor's supplies.....		4.41	
Minor repairs and expenses.....		137.61	
Medical inspection.....		74.12	
Transportation of pupils.....		324.00	
High school tuition.....		993.00	
Elementary school tuition.....		55.00	
Per capita tax.....		156.00	
Payment of debts—old bills....		300.00	
		\$4,487.30	\$4,356.84
Balance on hand July 1, 1933 ..			130.46
		\$4,487.30	\$4,487.30

We, the undersigned, have examined the foregoing accounts and have found them correctly cast and properly vouched.

AUSTIN M. HOPEY, JR.
DAVID A. HAYES

SCHOOL BOARD'S ESTIMATE FOR 1934-1935

School Board's statement of amounts required to support public schools and meet other statutory obligations of the district for the fiscal year beginning July 1, 1934.

Detailed Statement of Expenditures

Support of Schools

Teacher's Salaries.....	\$1,800.00	
Text Books.....	65.00	
Scholar's Supplies.....	60.00	
Flags and Appurtenances.....	5.00	
Other Expenses of Instruction...	5.00	
Fuel	150.00	
Water, Light, Janitors' Supplies ..	10.00	
Minor Repairs and Expenses....	111.00	
Health Supervision (Medical Inspection)	40.00	
Transportation of Pupils.....	324.00	
Payment of Elementary Tuitions	72.00	
Other Special Activities—Expense of Administration	40.00	
		\$2,682.00

Other Statutory Requirements

Salaries of District Officers (Fixed by District) ..	\$ 15.00
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Truant Officer and School Census (Fixed by District)	\$ 1.00	
Payment of Tuitions in High Schools and Academies (Esti- mated by Board)	1,500.00	
Superintendent's Excess Salary (Fixed by Supervisory Union)	117.00	
Per Capita Tax (Reported by State Treasurer)	160.00	
		\$1,793.00
Total Amount Required to Meet School Board's Budget		\$4,475.00
<i>Estimated Income of District</i>		
Dog Tax (Estimate)	\$ 96.00	
Income from Trust Funds Es- timate)	7.74	
		\$ 103.74
Deduct Total Estimated Income (Not Raised by Taxation)		\$ 103.74
Assessment Required to Balance School Board's Budget		\$4,371.26
Total Assessment Required to Cover Budget and Appropria- tions		\$4,371.26

CLARENCE FELKER
JENNIE M. DEMERRITT
ELOI A. ADAMS

School Board

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS IN MADBURY, N. H.

TO THE SCHOOL BOARD AND CITIZENS OF MADBURY:

I have the honor to submit my fifth annual report. We considered ourselves fortunate to retain at lower salaries the services of the same well-trained teachers. They are carrying on with the same zeal and accomplishing good results.

During the summer your School Board renovated the interiors of each school, they now present a clean comfortable appearance. I recommend that next summer the toilets receive attention, as these were overlooked in the renovations of last summer.

The superintendent has five rural schools within his jurisdiction and teachers are obliged to keep temperature records. Three of these schools are heated with coal and the two in your town with wood. The temperature charts show a much more even heat in those schools heated with coal. During the recent cold snaps the only children who suffered with cold were in the Madbury Schools. This was because it was impossible to bring a temperature of ten degrees below zero up to sixty-nine degrees before nine o'clock with a wood fire built in the morning. In those schools heated with coal, fires are run all night and no such low temperatures as ten degrees below zero are ever reported by the teachers. We find it no more expensive to use coal and I strongly recommend that at least one of the Madbury schools be supplied with coal next year.

The Madbury Center schoolroom door opens directly out of doors and very much cold comes in around the

frame. This condition could be remedied by the expenditure of a few dollars to build a closed-in portico. A tight fitting double door would help.

The local cost of running your schools this year has been reduced because of State Aid. Next year your State Aid will be less because of a lowered budget this year. It is a mistake to lower your budget below the State average because by doing so you reduce your amount of State Aid. At least as much money will be needed next year to keep your schools at their present efficient level which only meets the minimum requirements.

Federal funds, received through the office of the State Department of Education, have enabled free milk to be supplied to those children, who were selected by the School Nurse, as being in need of milk. Twelve half-pints are being furnished to each school daily. Your attention is called to the report of the School Nurse.

The following statistics are comparative for the last five years:

	1929		1930		1931		1932		1933	
	C.	N.	C.	N.	C.	N.	C.	N.	C.	N.
Different pupils enrolled	29	21	27	28	34	30	31	33	36	30
No. of tardy marks....	41	15	38	12	48	32	9	11	15	13
Per cent of attendance	91	93	96	92	94	86	96	96	94	96
Visits of superintendent	25	27	27	24	30	30	30	27	36	35
Visits of school nurse	20	14	15	12	17	13	14	17	18	18

During the five years I have been connected with the schools of Madbury I came to know and regard very highly Major John Demeritt. The schools of Madbury have lost a real friend. I hope that those children of the Center School, who met him almost daily, will remember his fine chivalry. We mourn the passing of a cultured and courteous gentleman.

Respectfully submitted,

HOWARD L. WINSLOW

PUPILS PERFECT IN ATTENDANCE—1932-1933

For the year of 3 terms, no one was perfect.

Clara Bastainelli, Center.....	2 terms
Catherine Theodore, North.....	2 "
Peter Theodore, North.....	2 "
Albert Viola, Center.....	2 "
Emma Viola, Center.....	2 "
Angelo Viola, Center.....	2 "
Mildred Wiggim, North.....	2 "
Georgiana Adams, North.....	1 term
Powana Adams, North.....	1 "
Nancy Bastainelli, Center.....	1 "
Sherman Baxter, North.....	1 "
Loretta Belmont, Center.....	1 "
Irene Canney, Center.....	1 "
Marjorie Canney, Center.....	1 "
Ruth Canney, Center.....	1 "
Etalo Cechetti, Center.....	1 "
Antoinette DeCico, Center.....	1 "
Abagail Hayes, Center.....	1 "
Priscilla Hayes, Center.....	1 "
Helen Osepchhook, North.....	1 "
Ogla Osepchhook, North.....	1 "
Violet Sinclair, North.....	1 "
James Tibbetts, Center.....	1 "
Josephine Viola, Center.....	1 "
Annie Wiggim, North.....	1 "

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

TO THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS, MEMBERS OF THE
SCHOOL BOARD, AND CITIZENS OF MADBURY:

I wish to submit my report as school nurse from January 1933 to June 1933.

Physical Inspections	60
School Treatment	4
Talks on Health and Hygiene.....	10

Communicable diseases:

Scarlet Fever	9
Pediculosis	8
Skin Eruptions	4

For six weeks during the winter milk was furnished by the State Department of Education for needy children which proved very beneficial. It was also very much enjoyed and appreciated by the pupils.

I wish to thank the School Board, Superintendent, Teachers and Parents for their helpful cooperation.

Respectfully submitted,

EULLA M. ULLRICH, R. N.

BIRTHS, MARRIAGES AND DEATHS

BIRTHS

April 7, 1933

MABELLE ESTHER CANNEY, daughter of Herman C. Canney and Cora May James.

May 21, 1933

ALBERTO DiCicco, son of Batista DiCicco and Diana Pauliho.

May 23, 1933

MARIA ASSUNTA DiCicco, daughter of John DiCicco and Donata Angelosanto.

June 27, 1933

JOANE PACITTO, daughter of Thomas B. Pacitto and Bernice P. Wiggin.

MARRIAGES

December 5, 1932 (Intention filed)

SIGAMOND OLSON, Madbury N. H., and BEATRICE H. NICHOLS, Dover, N. H.

January 24, 1933

LORENZO E. BAER, Rollinsford, N. H., and CLARA C. HAYES, Madbury, N. H. By the Rev. Leon Morse, Methodist Episcopal, Dover, N. H.

April 8, 1933

WALTER E. WARREN, Wolfeboro, N. H., and LOUISE M. CANNEY, Madbury, N. H. By the Rev. Leon Morse, Methodist Episcopal, Dover, N. H.

October 21, 1933

JOHN HAYES SANDERS, Madbury, N. H., and MINNA MILDRED FORREST, Dover, N. H. By the Rev. Leon Morse, Methodist Episcopal, Dover, N. H.

DEATHS

April 29, 1933

WILLIAM S. LORD, Madbury N. H., son of James K. Lord, Lebanon, Maine and Felina Smith, Conway, N. H. Aged 75 years, 22 days.

January 3, 1934

ELIZA EVANS CHASE, (widow of Josiah W. Chase) daughter of Charles M. Evans, Seabrook, N. H., and Abbie Merrill, Salisbury, Mass. Aged 77 years, 2 months, 17 days.

February 1, 1934

JOHN DEMERRITT, Madbury, N. H., son of Ezra Edrie DeMerritt, and Louisa Maria DeMerritt, Madbury, N. H. Aged 77 years, 5 months, 23 days.

WILLIAM S. LORD

William S. Lord, whose death occurred at his home in Madbury, April 29, 1933, was born in Great Falls, now Somersworth, April 7, 1857, the son of James K. and Phelena Smith Lord.

He received his education in the public schools in that town. As a young man he went to Sanford, Maine, where he learned the trade of harness making, which he followed through life. He was engaged in business in Sanford for a number of years and also conducted a business in Dover, N. H. Later he did business in Durham, N. H., retiring a few years ago to his home in Madbury.

Mr. Lord was a skilled workman and his services were sought near and far. He was kind-hearted, a good neighbor and was loved and respected by all who knew him. Mr. Lord was married to Miss Fannie M. Gowell of Sanford, Maine, to whom one son was born, Mr. Fred E. Lord, now a resident of Somersworth, N. H. Mrs. Lord died March 7, 1887 and later Mr. Lord married Miss Sarah J. Gillis of Dover, N. H., who survives him.

Funeral services were held at the Ricker Memorial Chapel in Dover, services being conducted by the Rev. Buell Maxfield, pastor of the Dover Baptist Church. Interment took place in the family lot in Evergreen cemetery at Berwick, Maine.

MRS. JOSIAH W. CHASE

Mrs. Josiah W. Chase passed away after a brief illness at the home of her daughter, Mrs. John S. Elliot, early Wednesday morning, January third, at the age of seventy-seven years.

During the years of 1932 and 1933 there came to live in our midst, Mrs. Chase, this lady of unusual qualities of mind and heart. As the mother of Mrs. Elliott she was happy and content in spending what proved to be the last days of her life in her daughter's home in Madbury. She grew to love, and feel a part of the quiet scenes about her, and to enjoy the country-side as if it were her own.

Mrs. Chase was a woman of high ideals, an ardent reader and a lover of nature. She learned more to the side of life that was ethical and religious, finding there the more optimistic turn than in the sterner qualities, and took her chief pleasure in the joy of others. To the few who were with her during this time, she was the embodiment of the ideal mother and friend—mellowed and sweetened with the years.

"Life's a clearing in the wood
Where pauses mid-flight the soul—a thrush
Bathes in the beam and finds it good
Peoples with song the solitude
Then soaring dares the dark—the hush."

MAJOR JOHN DEMERRITT

Our town has suffered a great loss in the death of Major John DeMerritt. From early life he was interested and took part in all town affairs, and although his interests and ambition sometimes took him far afield to other states and climes, his love for his native town never grew dim or obscured.

He was born in Madbury, August 8, 1856, the son of Ezra Edrie and Louisa M. (DeMerritt) DeMerritt. Thus on both the paternal and maternal lines he was a direct descendant of Elie deMerit, the emigrant, who took his first grant of land in Madbury, then old Dover, on April 11, 1694.

On the paternal side, coming down from the first son of the emigrant, Eli DeMerritt, who was born March 1, 1696, and on the maternal side from the second son, John DeMerritt, who was born June 19, 1698. From this latter line he had the distinction of being the sixth John DeMerritt in direct descent, and the third in direct descent to bear the military title of Major John. The first major was appointed by the Fourth Provincial Congress convened at Exeter, N. H., who voted November 9, 1775, that "Captain John DeMerritt be First Major in the Second Regiment". This was in honor of his services in assisting in taking the ammunition from William and Mary in December, 1774, secreting it at his home in Madbury from whence it was taken to Charlestown and used in the battle of Bunker Hill. (N. H. Provincial Papers Vol. 7, page 655.)

The second Major John, son of the above "Powder Major" as he was familiarly called, received his commission as First Major of the twenty-fifth Regiment from Gov. John Langdon in 1808 (N. H. State Papers).

After leaving the public schools he was sent to Coe's Academy in Northwood, N. H.; thence to Philip's Acad-

emy, Andover, Mass., 1875-77, and to Colby Academy, New London, N. H., 1878.

In 1879 he entered the service of the Boston and Maine Railroad as station agent at Madbury. During this time he built up the station from a common target station to a new building equipped with freight department, ticket-office and express, and a business center of some importance as the years went on. Besides holding minor town offices he was elected to the State Legislature in 1887 as Representative, and proved a valuable member, not only for the town, but for the Boston and Maine interests in the memorable Railroad contest which took place during that session. His activities gained state-wide attention and many friends throughout the state.

In the following sessions of 1889-1896 he was retained in the Legislative interests of the Boston and Maine. He was Sergeant-at-Arms of the State Senate in 1897 and 1901. In 1892 Major DeMerritt had gained the position of City Passenger and Ticket Agent at Boston, Mass., which he held until 1897, when he resigned.

In May 1898 Major DeMerritt was appointed and commissioned Paymaster of U. S. Volunteers, 'Spanish American War by President McKinley, with the rank of Major. He was assigned to the Department of the Pacific, and was on duty at Camp Merritt, San Francisco, during the organization of that Department, and from August, 1898 to February, 1899 at Manila, Philippine Islands. On account of illness he returned to the States in May, 1899.

Again we find Major DeMerritt in the home duties of his native town, when health had been partially regained, interested and taking part in all town observances, and local military affairs, and at the time of his death, just completing his fifteenth year as School Treasurer and twentieth year as Town Clerk. It is worthy of notice that this last office gained for him a place in the line of

his forbears as the Town Clerkship, with the exception of two short terms, was held consecutively in the DeMerritt family from 1755, in which year Madbury was set off from Dover as a Parish, until 1867 when Major DeMerritt's father, Ezra Edric DeMerritt, completed his twentieth year.

EULOGY OF MAJOR JOHN DEMERRITT

By Reverend Raymond L. Hall

As pastor to Major John DeMerritt, and minister of this church which he attended as his physical health would permit; and as minister to this community in which he lived; I want to express so far as words of mine may do so, the deep love, which you, who are assembled here, felt for our brother. Of all men in this community, he has been the most greatly loved; he was indeed, our chief citizen.

I think I know the reason why he has through the years, held so deep a place in the affections of this community. We love him for more than the fact of the splendid community service which he has rendered to the town. The cause for our affection is rather in the way in which he has rendered service: in the quality of the man himself.

The outstanding characteristic of Major DeMerritt was his Christ-like gentleness. It was John Ruskin, the English author and philosopher, who said that "Cruelty is the chief sin". Cruelty, or any harshness of manner, never entered into the heart of our Major friend. Always gentle, always wonderfully courteous and thoughtful, he walked among us as one of earth's noblemen, demonstrating in his own life, the character of the man who lives the religion we profess. He becomes for us, a shin-

ing example of community loyalty, of personal integrity, and of true gentleness and nobility of character.

Today we are all bereaved. We all will miss his friendly handclasp, and his kindly smile. Yet we must not say that we are utterly bereft. Christian faith forbids it. We still have cherished memories that will become increasingly precious. We have the Christian assurance that we shall see him again, and in the conviction of Christian faith, we know that earth's loss is Heaven's gain. We are satisfied that the parting from us involves the Father's welcome: "Well done, thou good and faithful servant; enter thou into the joy of thy Lord".

NIGHTFALL

Fold up the tent!
 The sun is in the west.
 Tomorrow my untented soul will range
 Among the blest.
 And I am well content,
 For what is sent, is sent,
 And God knows best.



