

Library Trustees Report

MRS. GRACE M. CAREW	Term expires 1935
MRS. ELEANOR B. PARSONS	Term expires 1936
MISS ELIZABETH SESSIONS	Term expires 1937
Appropriated by the Town	\$ 400.00
Dog Fund	255.12
Available from Holt Fund	15.11
	\$ 670.23

Expended

Librarian	\$ 246.00
Assistant Librarian	133.75
Books, Magazines and Periodicals	278.79
Incidentals	11.69
	\$ 670.23

DAY FUND

Balance in Fund, Dec. 18, 1934	\$ 507.98
Int. to July 1935	15.34
	\$523.32
Dec. 31, 1935 withdrew \$15.00 and paid for Christian Heralds	15.00
	\$ 508.32

We recommend for the maintenance of the Library for the following year \$400.00 and the Dog Fund.

Respectfully submitted,

GRACE M. CAREW, Sec.
ELEANOR B. PARSONS
ELIZABETH SESSIONS

Library Trustees

Librarian's Report

Circulation of Books	11,800
Books bought	114
Books donated	494
Magazines bought	25
Magazines donated	193

Donors of Books: Dr. Goodell, 233; Mr. Samuel Viggers, 100; Mr. A. L. S. Wood, 80; Mr. F. M. Jones, 39; Mr. Frank Sessions, 14; Mrs. M. J. Gottsche, 13; Miss Gertrude Lyons, 4; Charles Carder, 4; Mrs. Archibald, 1; Mr. H. L. Hatch, 1; Mr. C. A. P. Thomas, 1; Rev. Geo. W. Solley, 1; Rev. C. B. Bliss, 1; Miss Althea McCray, 1; Mrs. Florence Rock, 1.

Donors of Magazines: Mr. F. M. Jones, 108; Miss Gertrude Lyons, 22; Mr. B. F. Libby for the Garden Club, 9; Miss Mata L. Edgerton, 7; Mrs. Neil Stalker, 3; Mrs. W. L. Kibbe, 2; Mr. C. A. P. Thomas, 2; Mrs. M. J. Gottsche, 2; Miss Althea McCray, 1; John Hayes, 1.

It will be noted that the number of magazines listed does not agree with the number of gifts. We have some friends who do not want their gifts published. However we thank you all.

Our circulation has dropped. It may be as some librarians say that more people are working and have less time to read. Attendance was taken 123 days with a total of 5662 making an average attendance of 46.298 registered as readers during the year.

We have borrowed from the Division of Public Libraries and through them from other libraries 104 books this year. These included two collections of twenty-five each loaned to us for three months at a time, books on teaching, books in foreign languages and some of the more popular recent non-fiction.

The children read from library lists through the spring and summer and reported on their books to make cards for the catalog. Each child having an index card with his or her name on it filed a colored card in front of it for each book read and reported on.

A summer reading plan was carried out with Mrs. Gottsche by 12 children during the vacation period. A city or village skyline was appliqued by the children on a poster and the sky above marked off into horizontal spaces. Red paper circles represented balloons, as each child read one book from a specified list his name was placed on a balloon and it went up one space. Eight books took him to the top. The children completing in the allotted time were taken to the Natural History Museum, the Pynchon Memorial Building of Fine Arts and the Forest Park Zoo.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HAZEL M. BURLEIGH

Librarian

Hampden, December 31, 1935.

Cemetery Commissioners' Report

PERPETUAL CARE

D. L. McCray, labor	\$ 36.00	
D. L. McCray, misc.	31.63	\$ 67.63
Homer L. Hatch and Son, misc.		8.21
Arthur Jones, sharpen lawn mower		1.25
Wm. A. Pease, fence posts and boards		4.45
Wm. D. McCray, soil	\$ 4.00	
Wm. D. McCray, cinders for driveway	9.00	
Wm. D. McCray, 20 ft. 8 in. tile	7.00	
Wm. D. McCray, trucking	4.00	24.00
Labor:		
Wm. Isham		7.20
Fred Davis		3.60
Frank Claing		7.20
George Ferguson		2.50
Tennis Rock		4.95
Clifford Ross		3.60
Frederick King		3.60
W. D. Thomas		14.40
Ted Strahan		19.80
G. W. Bassett		5.40
		\$177.79

PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation		\$ 30.00
Warren Dickinson, labor	\$ 22.50	
American Tar Company	7.50	30.00

Respectfully submitted,

D. LINCOLN McCRAY

GEORGE S. FERGUSON

ERNEST W. HOWLETT

Cemetery Commissioners.

SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES

Appropriation		\$ 50.00
Wm. D. McCray, soil	\$ 4.00	
Raymond Dunlea, labor	39.15	
Ted Strahan, labor	3.60	
Wm. Isham, labor	1.80	
D. L. McCray, labor	1.65	\$ 50.20

Respectfully submitted,

RAYMOND DUNLEA

Care of Soldiers and Sailors Graves

Report of Assessors

Number of persons, partnerships and corporations assessed		
Number on real estate		292
Number on personal estate		114
	Total	406
Number of male polls assessed		296
Value of assessed stock in trade		\$ 4,425.00
Value of assessed live stock		27,536.00
Value of assessed machinery		1,325.00
Value of all other assessed tangible personal property		16,250.00
Value of assessed tangible personal estate		\$ 49,536.00
Value of assessed real estate		
Building excluding land	\$376,865.00	
Land excluding buildings	230,930.00	
	Total	\$607,795.00
Total valuation of assessed estate		
January 1, 1935		\$657,331.00
Tax for state, county and town purposes including overlayings		
Personal	\$ 2,130.06	
Real estate	26,135.23	
Polls	592.00	
		\$ 28,857.29

Rate of total tax per \$1,000	\$ 43.00	
Omitted Assessment		
Value of Assessed Real Estate		\$ 1,050.00
Tax	\$ 45.15	
Number of horses assessed	90	
Number of cows assessed	362	
Number of sheep assessed	11	
Number of neat cattle, other than cows assessed	156	
Number of swine assessed	65	
Number of dwelling houses assessed	277	
Number of acres of land assessed	12,175	
Number of fowls assessed	3,732	
Value of fowls assessed	\$2,998.00	
Taxes abated during 1935		
Committment of 1933	40.92	
Committment of 1934		
Committment of 1935	8.17	
Number of Motor Vehicles taxed	363	
Value	\$56,080.00	
Motor Vehicle Excise Tax	\$1,619.40	
Abatements		
Committment of 1933	13.05	
Committment of 1934	2.00	
Committment of 1935	144.66	

TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

General Government

Legislative	\$ 5.00
Selectmen	225.00
Accounting	250.00
Treasurer	300.00
Collector	450.00
Assessors	250.00
Town Clerk	75.00
Law	100.00
Elections and Registrations	75.00
Town Hall	10.00
Town House Maintenance	800.00
Certifying notes	15.00
	\$ 2,555.00

Protection of Persons and Property

Police	\$ 100.00
Forest Fire Equipment	150.00
Sealer	35.00
Forest Fires	100.00
Forest Warden	25.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Moth Eradication	257.38
Fire House	75.00
	\$ 842.38

Health and Sanitation

Tuberculosis Hospital	\$ 106.00
Meat Inspection	100.00
Animal Inspection	100.00

Dental Clinic	100.00	
Health	300.00	
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		\$ 706.00

Highways

Street Lighting	\$ 340.00	
Chapter 81 Maintenance	1,700.00	
Chapter 90 Construction	2,500.00	
Snow and Ice removal	750.00	
Bridges and Railings	500.00	
Road Machinery	1,500.00	
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		\$ 7,290.00

Charities and Soldiers Benefits

Old Age Assistance	\$2,000.00	
Public Welfare	1,500.00	
State Aid	48.00	
Soldier's Relief	400.00	
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		\$ 3,948.00
Schools		19,195.00
Library		400.00

Unclassified

Aid to Agriculture	\$ 15.00	
Memorial Day	40.00	
Soldiers and Sailors Graves	50.00	
Town Common	25.00	
Printing Town Reports	182.00	
Insurance	960.20	
Census	34.16	
Reserve	2,500.00	
Tent Caterpillar Relief	25.00	

ERA Work	200.00	
		\$ 4,031.36
Cemeteries		30.00
Interest and Debt		
Interest	\$ 800.00	
Debt	400.00	
		\$ 1,200.00
Total amount raised and appropriated at Town Meeting, Feb. 4, 1935		\$ 40,197.74

Dog Fund of \$255.12 to be added to Library Fund
Appropriated from Excess and Deficiency Fund the sum
of \$318.58 to pay Ballard and Weston

Nov. 3 1934

ERA Work	\$500.00
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The selectmen were authorized to use their discretion in the use of the Road Machinery Fund of \$1,250.00 for the purchase of a snow plow, a truck, and a dump body.

Nov. 28, 1934

Voted to take up to \$4,000.00 if needed from the Excess and Deficiency Fund to be used to bid on the Old Town Hall Note (\$500.00 was used to bid in the property and it was purchased by the Town).
Material for enlarging Fire House as ERA work, small amount of above sum for a supervisor

	\$ 250.00
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April 9, 1935

From Excess and Deficiency Fund to be added to amount already raised for Chapter 81 work	\$850.00
ERA account	\$500.00

HOMER L. HATCH

WALTER R. BARTLETT

EDWARD J. THRESHER

Board of Assessors

Tax Collector's Report

EXCISE TAX OF 1934

Balance due Dec. 31, 1934	\$165.89
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	119.76
Balance due Dec. 31, 1935	46.13
Interest paid Town Treasurer	2.51

POLL TAX OF 1934

Balance due Dec. 31, 1934	\$ 52.00
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	24.00
Balance due Dec. 31, 1935	28.00
Interest paid Town Treasurer	1.08

TAX OF 1934

Balance due Dec. 31, 1934	\$8298.84
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	6307.12
Balance due Dec. 31, 1935	1991.72
Interest paid Town Treasurer	230.94

EXCISE TAX OF 1935

Commitment	\$1571.20
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$1292.31
Abatements	55.44 1347.75
Balance due Dec. 31, 1935	223.45
Interest paid Town Treasurer	4.35
Demands paid Town Treasurer	1.05

POLL TAX OF 1935

Commitment	\$ 592.00
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	558.00
Balance due Dec. 31, 1935	34.00
Interest paid Town Treasurer	1.43
Demands paid Town Treasurer	2.80

TAX OF 1935

Commitment	\$28902.44
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	17773.90
Balance due Dec. 31, 1935	11128.54
Interest paid Town Treasurer	7.88

Respectfully submitted,
D. LINCOLN McCRAY,
Collector

**SEALER OF
WEIGHTS AND MEASURES**

During the year 1935 the following have been sealed:

- 4 platform scales, 100 to 5,000 lbs.
- 1 counter scale, under 100 lbs.
- 2 beam scales, under 100 lbs.
- 1 spring scale, 100 lbs. or over.
- 3 spring scales, under 100 lbs.
- 3 computing scales, under 100 lbs.
- 8 gasoline pumps.
- 2 gasoline meters.

Paid Town Treasurer fees collected	\$ 8.40
Salary	\$25.00

Respectfully submitted,
AUSTIN K. HARRIS, Sealer

GYPSY MOTH REPORT

1935

Egg clusters found	3825
Colonies found	75
Four largest colonies, egg clusters	800

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. LYONS

Moth Superintendent

REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN FOR 1935

We have had the following fires during 1935

4 Chimney Fires
6 Forest Fires
1 Barn Fire

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD P. LYONS

Report of Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampden:

Early in 1935 the Selectmen and State Engineers made out a budget for the maintenance of various high-ways of the Town, under Chapter 81. The following represents the work done during the year.

1.	Springfield Road	\$ 113.53
2.	Longmeadow Road	30.60
3.	Wilbraham Road	164.41
4.	Somers Road	12.60
5.	Ludlow Road	69.08
6.	Isaac Bradway Road	17.70
7.	Mill Road	293.97
8.	Carmody Road	18.45
9.	Main Street	317.68
10.	South Road	1,319.95
11.	Chapin Road	611.49
12.	Rockadundee Road	313.00
13.	Scantic Road	1,110.55
14.	South Monson Road	140.10
15.	Thresher Road	200.25
16.	Hendee Road	26.90
17.	Howlett Hill Road	36.75

18. Stafford Road	100.00
19. North Monson Road	512.45
20. Bennett Road	442.56
21. Ames Road	213.00
22. Glendale Road	242.50
23. North Road	895.99
24. McCray Road	178.53
Machinery and tools	54.20
Culverts	193.99
Signs	20.07
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Total	\$ 7,650.30
Allotments:	
State	\$ 5,100.00
Town	2,550.00
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Total	\$ 7,650.00

At the annual meeting of last February the Town voted to raise and appropriate the sum of \$1,700.00 for Chapter 81, but some time after this we received word that in order for the State to aid on this work we would be required to raise \$2,550.00. Accordingly the Selectmen called a Special Town Meeting and raised the required amount. With part of this money Scantic Hill on the South Road was tarred and the North Road from the junction of the Burleigh Road and North Road to the foot of the hill.

Under Chapter 90 the East Longmeadow Road was widened to 20 feet, an increase of 4 feet from the original width of 16 feet. This work started at the "Point of Rocks" and continued for 5200 feet towards East Longmeadow at a cost of approximately \$1 per foot. There still remains about 3400 feet of this road

to be widened. The State granted \$2,550.00, the County \$1,530.00 and the Town raised \$1,200.00 for this work under Chapter 90.

On the North Monson Road about 1100 feet of asphalt bound macadam was constructed at a cost of \$3,400.39. The Town raised \$800, the County granted \$1020 and the State \$1700 on this Road, under Chapter 90.

Sections of Wilbraham Road and Main Street were given a coat of tar at a cost to the town of \$500.46, the State contributing \$425.00 and the County the same amount as the State, making a total of \$1,350.46.

The Selectmen hesitated to take up the "Farm to Market" Road Program without a vote of the Town because of the fact that outside labor would have to be used to a great extent, due to the fact that this town has an allotment of only 18 men for WPA labor. As there are quite a few men in town who need the work but are not eligible because of the fact that they have not been on the welfare rolls the Selectmen felt that the only way to determine the feeling of the Townspeople was to call a Special town meeting, which they did, and this program was voted down. However, there were some who felt that this matter should be put before the voters at the Annual Meeting and asked that the Article concerning this program be inserted in the Warrant, so the Selectmen have inserted an article pertaining to this in the Warrant.

As the Board of Public Welfare the following report is submitted:

Public Welfare

Total number of families aided in 1935		24
Town cases	13	no. of persons 24
State cases	7	no. of persons 26
Other towns and cities	4	no. of persons 11
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Total	24	61

Mothers Aid

Total number of families aided in 1935		1
Other cities and towns	1	no. of persons 3
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Total	1	3
Total number of families being aided Dec. 31, 1935		12
Town cases	9	no. of persons 18
State cases	1	no. of persons 1
Other cities and towns	2	no. of persons 3
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Total	12	22

During the year 1935 there were 24 cases listed for welfare. Of these 13 cases were town charges, 7 were State charges and 4 belonged to other cities and towns. For the Town charges \$1,521.65 was expended, for the State and city charges for which we receive partial reimbursement \$1,792.62 was expended. One case of Mothers Aid for which the town will receive total reimbursement amounted to \$210.00. Other miscellaneous items amounting to \$135.60 caused the cost of the Welfare Department to total \$3,659.87.

From the cost of the town charges of \$1,521.65, the sum of \$616.74 was paid to the City of Springfield for 3 families who have a settlement in Hampden. Out of this sum was paid the State \$312.86 for care of a child whose parents have a Hampden settlement. This leaves the actual cost for Welfare for people residing in the town \$592.05.

There has been a great deal of illness during the year, \$585.49 being paid for hospital care, \$120.00 for funerals and \$238.67 for medical care and medicines.

The outlook for the Welfare Department for 1936 at present is not very promising, as we have received during the month of January 4 new applications.

From the FERA the Welfare Department received during 1935 the following:

- 45 cases or 1,080 cans of beef
- 48 2-lb. boxes of rice
- 48 cans mutton
- 36 lbs. butter
- 10 100-lb. bags potatoes
- 144 cans milk
- 50 lbs. cheese

All kinds of clothing were also given out, including 22 comforters, and 30 sheets.

With the exception of 106 cans of beef and 74 cans of milk this food was all distributed by December 31, 1935.

The largest number of recipients at one time amounted to 154 persons, in 37 families. At present

there are only 6 cases of 15 persons receiving supplies as the WPA workers are not eligible any longer.

From January 1, 1935 to January 1, 1936 there has been an increase from 5 to 10 Old Age Assistance cases, with a certainty of 4 more to come and possibly more. At present the cost per week amounts to \$51.00. The State reimburses $\frac{1}{3}$ and other cities and towns $\frac{2}{3}$ of the cost of 3 cases, while the other 7 cases are reimbursed $\frac{1}{3}$ by the State and the town stands the remaining $\frac{2}{3}$.

Soldiers Benefits. During the year 1935 the following received Soldiers Relief and State Aid.

State Aid, number of cases	1
Soldiers Relief, number of cases	2

On December 31, 1935 there were no cases of Soldiers Relief.

APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1936

General Government:

Legislative	\$ 5.00
Selectmen	225.00
Accounting	250.00
Treasurer	275.00
Collector	300.00
Collector's Salary	300.00
Assessors	250.00
Town Clerk	75.00
Law	100.00
Elections and Registrations	125.00
Town Hall	15.00
Town House Maintenance	800.00
Certifying Notes	15.00

Protection of Persons and Property:

Police	\$ 100.00
Forest Fire Equipment	100.00
Sealer	35.00
Forest Fires	100.00
Forest Warden	25.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Moth Eradication	257.38
Fire House	100.00

Health and Sanitation:

Tuberculosis Hospital	\$ 105.95
Meat Inspection	75.00
Animal Inspection	60.00
Dental Clinic	100.00
Health	300.00

Highways:

Chapter 81, Maintenance	\$2,550.00
Chapter 90, Construction	2,000.00
Snow and Ice Removal	500.00
Bridges and Railings	500.00
Street Lighting	457.08
Road Machinery	1,250.00

Charities and Soldiers Benefits:

Old Age Assistance	\$3,000.00
Public Welfare	2,500.00
State Aid	48.00
Soldiers Relief	400.00
Unemployment Relief	500.00
Mothers Aid	375.00

Schools: \$19,195.00

Library: \$ 400.00

Unclassified :

Aid to Agriculture	\$ 50.00
Memorial Day	25.00
Soldiers and Sailors Graves	50.00
Town Common	25.00
Printing Town Reports	
Insurance	
Census	34.16
Reserve	2,500.00

Cemeteries :

Prospect Hill Cemetery	\$ 30.00
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Interest and Debt :

Interest	450.00
Debt	400.00

Respectfully submitted,

NEIL S. KIBBE

NELSON M. CAREW

WALTER E. TEMPLE

Selectmen of Hampden

REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

During the year 1935 I have inspected 73 barns.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. THRESHER

Animal Inspector

REPORT OF MEAT INSPECTOR

Dec. 30, 1935

Slaughter Inspections from

January 1, 1935 to January 1, 1936.

9 beef, 2 calves, 56 pigs.

EDWARD J. THRESHER

ERA ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT

Report of ERA Projects undertaken by
Town of Hampden, Jan. 1, 1935 to Nov. 21, 1935

8 projects were submitted to FERA and approved, 6 of which were completed, with the Glendale Road and New Cemetery projects transferred to WPA.

1. Excavating rear of Old Town Hall for the purpose of constructing Town garage and storage of tools.
2. Removing debris, stone, etc., from under Assembly Hall of Town House, constructing tile drain to driveway, concreting floor, for the purpose of storage for Town House and school paraphernalia.
3. The addition of a second story to Fire House.
4. Gypsy Moth and Caterpillar control.
5. Improving Chapin Road Cemetery, turning approximately 20% of old sod, reseeding, straightening head stones and monuments, grading and the rebuilding of the fence surrounding the cemetery.
6. A survey was made of the New or Scantic Road Cemetery and a map drawn showing the locations and boundaries of individual lots, roads and a record of all burials.