

## Librarian's Report

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Circulation of Books	10,460
Books bought	160
Books donated	192
Magazines bought	22
Magazines donated	139

Donors of Books: City Library Association, 52; Division of Public Libraries, 31; W. P. Prickett, 28; W. E. Burleigh, 24; F. M. Jones, 22; Miss Elizabeth Sessions, 14; Edward Kronvall, 10; William Isham, 3; Commissioner of Education, 2; Mrs. W. D. Thomas, 2; Mrs. N. Stalker, 2; Mrs. N. Gottsche, 1; Mrs. Edwin Stacy, 1.

Donors of Magazines: Mr. and Mrs. N. Stalker, 58; C. A. P. Thomas, 52; Miss Althea McCray, 12; Mrs. Winthrop Kibbe, 5; George D. Fisher, 2 and other not wanting them listed but which we appreciated just the same.

The total circulation was divided as follows: Magazines, 2405; Adult Fiction, 4475; Non-fiction, 778; Juvenile Fiction, 2055; Non-fiction, 735. The total attendance was 5598 making an average of 44 a day, not including the days when large numbers of visitors came in nor when the school children came in too large groups. Our records show 315 borrowers for the year. We have borrowed from the State and other libraries 126 books. Eighty-seven books were read and reviewed by the school children for State Certificates. Twelve small and two large certificates were issued.

On May 1 Miss Burrage of Lancaster brought us some pictures from Miss Chandler's estate, which, added to what we have makes a very good collection. These may be loaned for use in the schools or any society or club wishing to illustrate a subject.

In July we received from the Commission a gift of 21 children's books and in December a set of World Histories in ten volumes.

The Librarian attended the Library Institute at the North Adams Teachers College July 12-16 as a guest of the Commission.

Each year we try to arrange a program to stimulate interest for our readers. Beginning June 14 and continuing until September 1 we held an exhibition of dolls. There were 28 ranging in size from a life size doll of a 2 year old child to a tiny china jointed one of  $\frac{3}{4}$  inch in height. In age they were from present day character dolls to one 150 years old. Some of the furniture that was loaned to us was made by the pioneers of the town. Many visitors came to see the exhibit telling us it was as fine a collection for its size that ever was seen.

In September we exhibited a collection of garden books and pamphlets at the Horticultural Show. The poster for the occasion was made by a pupil in the schools.

At North Adams, the Alice M. Jordan traveling library was on exhibition and was offered to be sent to any library asking for it. It contains a set of children's books covering a wide range of reading and many lovely illustrations for the different ages. These books are now at our library for a time and we would like you all to see them.

The Subscription Books Bulletin has been added to our library this year. This bulletin is issued quarterly by the American Library Association and covers a review of the different books sold by agents. It also states whether the work is recommended or not and should be a help to the people of this community who are considering purchases of this kind at any time.

Respectfully submitted,

MRS. HAZEL M. BURLEIGH,

Librarian

Hampden, December 31, 1937

## Cemetery Commissioner's Report

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### PERPETUAL CARE

William Gardner, labor		\$74.25
Arthur Jones, labor		2.00
William E. Burleigh, labor		5.20
D. L. McCray, labor	\$14.40	
D. L. McCray, miscellaneous	6.50	20.90
E. W. Howlett, labor		3.60
Lawrence Peronto, labor		20.00
Tennis Rock, labor		7.20
Norman Canedy, soil		1.00
Blair Manufacturing Co., lawn mower		6.05
William D. McCray, trucking		4.50
Louis Claing, labor		10.80
Frank Claing, labor		5.40
		\$160.90

### PROSPECT HILL CEMETERY

Appropriation		\$35.00
Warren Dickinson, labor	\$22.50	
D. L. McCray, labor	4.50	
Anton Waska, soil	8.00	
		\$35.00

Respectfully submitted,

**D. LINCOLN McCRAY**  
**GEORGE S. FERGUSON**  
**ERNEST W. HOWLETT**  
 Cemetery Commissioners

**SOLDIERS' AND SAILORS' GRAVES**

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Appropriation		\$50.00
Raymond Dunlea, labor	\$34.20	
William Gardner, labor	3.60	
D. Lincoln McCray, labor	5.40	
Norman Canedy, soil	\$1.00	
	<hr/>	\$44.20
Unexpended Balance		<hr/> \$5.80

Respectfully submitted,

**RAYMOND DUNLEA**

Care of Soldiers and Sailors Graves

## Report of Assessors

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Number of persons, partnerships and corporations assessed		
Number on real estate	307	
Number on personal estate	125	
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Total		432
Number of male polls assessed		281
Value of assessed stock in trade		\$6,325.00
Value of assessed live stock		38,075.00
Value of assessed machinery		19,575.00
Value of other assessed tangible personal property		2,200.00
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Value of assessed tangible personal estate		\$66,175.00
Value of assessed real estate		
Buildings excluding land	\$395,295.00	
Land excluding buildings	234,925.00	
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Total		\$630,220.00
Total valuation of assessed estate January 1, 1937		\$696,395.00
Tax for state, county and town purposes including overlayings		
Personal	\$ 2,514.64	
Real Estate	23,948.36	
Polls	562.00	
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Total		\$27,025.00

Rate of total tax per \$1,000		\$38.00
Omitted Assessment		
Value of assessed		
personal property	\$575.00	
Tax		\$21.85
Number of polls	1	
Tax		\$2.00
Number of horses assessed		84
Number of cows assessed		411
Number of sheep assessed		7
Number of neat cattle other than		
cows assessed		124
Number of swine assessed		166
Number of dwelling houses assessed		276
Number of acres of land assessed		11,984
Number of fowls assessed		5,732
Value of fowls assessed	\$5,732	
Taxes abated during 1937		
Commitment of 1937	\$364.23	
Number of Motor Vehicles taxed		386
Value of Motor Vehicles	\$74,960	
Tax		\$2,034.77
Motor Vehicle Tax Abatements		
Commitment of 1934 —		
Chap. 58 Sec. 8		\$ 8.67
Commitment of 1937		\$122.75

## TOWN APPROPRIATIONS

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The following are the sums raised and appropriated at the Annual Town Meeting held at Hampden February 1, 1937.

### General Government:

Legislation	\$ 5.00	
Selectmen	225.00	
Accounting	250.00	
Treasurer	275.00	
Collector	300.00	
Collector's salary	150.00	
Assessors	250.00	
Town Clerk	100.00	
Law	100.00	
Election and registrations	75.00	
Town Hall	15.00	
Town House Maintenance	900.00	
Certifying notes	15.00	\$2,660.00

### 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	282.48	
Fire House	100.00	842.48

**Health and Sanitation**

Meat Inspection	75.00	
Animal Inspection	35.00	
Dental Clinic	200.00	
Health	426.61	736.61

**Highways**

Chapter 81 Maintenance	2,550.00	
Chapter 90 Construction	1,200.00	
Snow and Ice Removal	500.00	
Bridges and Railings	750.00	
Street Lighting	579.59	
Road Machinery	800.00	
Chapter 81 Maintenance or W. P. A.	500.00	
Chapter 90 Maintenance	400.00	7,279.59

**Charities and Soldiers Benefit**

Old Age Assistance	3,000.00	
Public Welfare	2,500.00	
State Aid	48.00	
Soldiers' Relief	300.00	
Mothers' Aid	375.00	6,223.00
Schools		19,400.00
Library		400.00

**Unclassified**

Aid to Agriculture	50.00	
Memorial Day	50.00	
Soldiers' and Sailors' Graves	50.00	
Town Common	50.00	
Printing Town Reports	182.00	
Insurance	800.00	1,182.00

**Cemeteries**

Prospect Hill and Chaffee Lot	35.00	35.00
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**Interest and Debt**

Interest	450.00	
Debt	400.00	850.00
Fire Truck and Equipment		800.00
Zoning Scheme		250.00
Tent Caterpillar		35.00
W. P. A. Projects		500.00
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Total amount raised and appropriated		\$41,193.68
Appropriated from overlay to reserve		\$1,450.00
Appropriated from Excess and Deficiency to reduce 1937 taxes		2,000.00
Dog Fund to be used in Library Fund		276.35

HOMER L. HATCH

EDW. J. THRESHER

CARL P. LARSON

Board of Assessors

## REPORT OF MEAT INSPECTOR

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December 31, 1937

Slaughter inspections for year 1937.

94 pigs, 10 beef, 1 calf

Respectfully submitted,

EDWARD J. THRESHER

Meat Inspector

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## REPORT OF ANIMAL INSPECTOR

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During the year 1937 I have inspected 77 barns, 15 goats and 160 swine.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY A. FULLER

## Tax Collector's Report

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### PROPERTY TAX OF 1934

Balance due Dec. 31, 1936	\$28.56
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	7.88
Balance due Dec. 31, 1937	20.68

### EXCISE TAX OF 1935

Balance due Dec. 31, 1936	\$38.89
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	12.00
Balance due Dec. 31, 1937	26.89

### PROPERTY TAX OF 1935

Balance due the Town Dec. 31, 1936	\$2,583.49
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$2,427.34
Transferred to Tax Title	66.65
Balance due Dec. 31, 1937	89.50
Interest paid Town Treasurer	233.09
Demands paid Town Treasurer	6.65

### EXCISE TAX OF 1936

Balance due Dec. 31, 1936	\$400.19
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	358.60
Balance due Dec. 31, 1937	41.59
Interest paid Town Treasurer	7.67
Demands paid Town Treasurer	18.55

### POLL TAX OF 1936

Balance due Dec. 31, 1936	\$44.00
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	28.00
Balance due Dec. 31, 1937	16.00
Interest paid Town Treasurer	.97
Demands paid Town Treasurer	2.10

**PROPERTY TAX OF 1936**

Balance due Dec. 31, 1936		\$9,641.75
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$7,770.41	
Transferred to Tax Title	68.20	7,838.61
Balance due Dec. 31, 1937		1,803.14
Interest paid Town Treasurer		318.96
Demands paid Town Treasurer		7.35

**POLL TAX OF 1937**

Commitment		\$564.00
Collected and paid Town Treasurer		544.00
Balance due the Town Dec. 31, 1937		20.00
Interest paid Town Treasurer		.12
Demands paid Town Treasurer		5.60

**EXCISE TAX OF 1937**

Commitment		\$2,045.22
Collected and paid Town Treasurer	\$1,854.57	
Abatements	37.38	1,891.95
Balance due the Town Dec. 31, 1937		153.27
Interest paid the Town Treasurer		5.48
Demands paid Town Treasurer		5.95

**PROPERTY TAX OF 1937**

Commitment		\$26,484.85
Collected and paid Town Treas.	\$16,930.05	
Transferred to Tax Titles	222.30	
Abatements	323.19	17,475.54
Balance due Dec. 31, 1937		9,009.31
Interest paid Town Treasurer		8.21

Respectfully submitted,

D. LINCOLN McCRAY

Collector

## SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

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During the year of 1937 the following have been sealed:

- 1 Platform scale over 5000 lbs.
- 5 Platform scales under 5000 lbs.
- 1 Counter scale under 100 lbs.
- 2 Beam scales under 100 lbs.
- 4 Spring balances under 100 lbs.
- 2 Computing scales under 100 lbs.
- 1 Kerosene pump
- 4 Gasoline meters
- 6 Gasoline pumps

Paid town treasurer		\$10.90
Salary	\$25.00	
Equipment	3.33	

Respectfully submitted,

CHAS. D. FISKE

Sealer

# Report of Selectmen and Board of Public Welfare

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To the Inhabitants of the Town of Hampden:

Early in 1937 the Selectmen and State Engineers made out a budget for the maintenance of various highways of the Town, under Chapter 81. The following represents the work during the year.

## 1937 CHAPTER 81 EXPENDITURES ON ROADS IN TOWN OF HAMPDEN

1	Springfield Road	\$19.70
2	Longmeadow Road	4.00
3	Wilbraham Road	188.60
4	Somers Road	26.80
5	Ludlow Road	335.60
6	Isaac Bradway Road	87.40
7	Mill Road	358.18
8	Carmody Road	178.00
9	Main Street	286.95
10	South Road	651.91
11	Chapin Road	621.27
12	Rockadundee Road	108.40
13	Scantic Road	713.49
14	Cross Street	12.10
15	So. Monson Road	431.25
16	Thrasher Road	164.40
17	Isador Record Road	00.00

18	Hendee Road	59.24
19	Howlett Hill Road	73.80
20	Stafford Road	390.98
21	North Monson Rd.	330.65
22	Bennett Road	1,231.49
23	Ames Road	136.75
24	Glendale Road	156.90
25	North Road	656.03
26	McCray Road	213.60
27	Burleigh Road	3.60
	Culverts	130.53
	Machinery and tools	19.39
	Signs	59.76
	Totals	<u>\$7,650.77</u>

## ALLOTMENTS:

State	\$5,100.00
Town	2,550.00
	<u>\$7,650.00</u>

Under Chapter 90 Maintenance, \$1200 was expended on resurfacing 1½ miles of Wilbraham Road, ½ mile on North Monson Road and ½ mile on Scantic Road.

Chapter 90 Construction completed 2600 feet of 20 foot wide mixed in place road, bringing the completed road to the junction of Ames and Glendale Roads. 800 feet of cable guard rail was erected on this road.

Bids were called for all construction materials, as directed by the State, and the contracts were awarded to the lowest bidder.

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

## PUBLIC WELFARE

Total number of families aided in 1937	
Town Cases	13
State Cases	3
Other City and Town Cases	5

### Aid to Dependent Children

Total number of families aided in 1937	2
No. of children	3

### Old Age Assistance

Total number of cases aided in 1937	29
Town cases	24
State cases	1
Other City and Town Cases	4

### Soldiers Benefits

State Aid	1 case
Soldiers Relief	2 cases

On Dec. 31, 1937 there were on the Welfare rolls:

- 5 Town Cases
- 2 State Cases
- 4 Other City and Town Cases

There are 2 Aid to Dependent Children cases, 1 State Aid case, and no Soldier's Relief cases.

During the year 5 of our Old Age Assistance cases died and at the end of the year there were:

- 20 Town Cases
- 1 State Case
- 3 Other City and Town Cases

The present bi-monthly payroll of O. A. A. is \$304.50 and even with the Government Grants we will be obliged to ask for a larger appropriation to cover needs for 1938.

The following list of appropriations for 1938 is recommended.

### APPROPRIATIONS RECOMMENDED FOR 1938

#### General Government:

Legislative	\$ 5.00
Selectmen	225.00
Accounting	250.00
Treasurer	275.00
Collector	200.00
Collector's Salary	150.00
Assessors	275.00
Town Clerk	100.00
Law	100.00
Elections and Registrations	150.00
Town Hall	15.00
Town House Maintenance	900.00
Certifying Notes	15.00

#### Protection of Persons and Property:

Police	\$150.00
Forest Fire Equipment	100.00
Sealer	35.00
Forest Fires	100.00
Forest Warden	25.00
Tree Warden	100.00
Moth Eradication	282.48
Fire House	175.00
Tent Caterpillar	50.00

#### Health and Sanitation:

Meat Inspection	\$100.00
Animal Inspection	50.00
Dental Clinic	200.00
Health	300.00
Tuberculosis Hospital	_____

**Highways:**

Chapter 81, Maintenance	\$2,550.00
Chapter 90, Construction	1,400.00
Snow and Ice Removal	750.00
Bridges and Railings	750.00
Chapter 90, Maintenance	250.00
Street Lighting	579.60
Road Machinery	1,000.00

**Charities and Soldiers Benefits:**

Old Age Assistance	\$4,000.00
Public Welfare	2,500.00
State Aid	48.00
Soldiers Relief	300.00
Mothers Aid	375.00
W. P. A.	500.00

**Schools:** \$19,400.00

**Library:** \$500.00

**Unclassified:**

Aid to Agriculture	\$75.00
Memorial Day	50.00
Soldiers and Sailors Graves	50.00
Town Common	30.00
Printing Town Reports	182.00
Insurance	1,200.00
Reserve	1,200.00
Planning Board	10.00

**Cemeteries:**

Prospect Hill Cemetery	\$30.00
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**Interest and Debt:**

Interest	400.00
Debt	1,200.00

**Respectfully submitted,**

**NEIL S. KIBBE**

**NELSON M. CAREW**

**WALTER E. TEMPLE**

Selectmen of Hampden

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The Town Books have been audited and to the best of my knowledge and belief they are correct.

**NANCY A. LIBBY**

**Town Auditor**

## REPORT OF W. P. A.

The W. P. A. had a crew of ten men at the commencement of the year and had been reduced to six men by June 30 when all W. P. A. projects in Hampden, on instructions from the State W. P. A. were discontinued.

The first four months the crew worked, under Mr. E. P. Lyons, on Moth Control; removing old apple trees, cutting brush, burning and creosoting gypsy moth nests.

During May and June the W. P. A. work was continued on Chapin road which project was for the widening, sloping of banks, removing trees and brush, and the grading of the roadway. A good start had been made when instructions were received to discontinue the work.

The Board of Selectmen received a communication in December that an application from Hampden would be considered to continue W. P. A. work. The State W. P. A. Director assigned the Town eight men and the project approved was the continuing of the Chapin Road.

If the Town wishes to continue this W. P. A. project an appropriation will have to be made for trucks, gravel and tools. Other projects may be submitted for consideration, also.

C. F. MEDICKE

WPA Co-Ordinator

## **GYPSY MOTH REPORT**

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During 1937, 5000 egg clusters were found and destroyed.

We find the Northern section of the town very badly infected.

Respectfully submitted,  
E. P. LYONS  
Moth Superintendent

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## **REPORT OF FIRE WARDEN FOR 1937**

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The fire department responded to 19 calls—7 grass fires, 7 chimney fires and 5 burning buildings.

Respectfully submitted,  
EDWARD C. LYONS  
Forest Warden

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## **REPORT OF FIRES FOR 1937**

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The Hampden Volunteer Fire Department attended the following fires:

7 grass fires  
7 chimney fires  
4 house fires  
1 barn fire

VERNE THAYER, Capt.

# Report of the School Committee of Hampden

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## ORGANIZATION

Robert S. Pease, Chairman	1939
Mrs. Grace L. Kibbe	1938
Fred L. Beebe	1940

Burr F. Jones, Secretary and Superintendent

During 1937 reimbursements on account of schools were received as follows:

General School Fund, Part I	\$1,543.57
General School Fund, Part II	1,722.50
Superintendence	203.65
High School Tuition	3,846.74
High School Transportation	1,736.30
Trade School Tuition	311.63
Trade School Transportation	216.88
Massachusetts Training School	42.32
State Wards	678.42
Total	\$10,302.01

## FINANCIAL STATEMENT FOR 1937

Appropriation	\$19,400.00
Expenditures:	
School Committee	\$120.00

Superintendent's Salary	390.02	
Other Expenses	243.85	
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Total for General Control		\$753.87
Supervisors' Salaries	396.00	
Teachers' Salaries	5,048.50	
Textbooks	358.25	
Supplies	384.32	
Janitor	1,200.00	
Fuel	1,048.72	
Miscellaneous Operating	158.44	
Repairs	329.14	
Health	497.27	
Local Transportation	1,406.80	
Miscellaneous Auxiliary	4.49	
New Equipment	7.50	
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Total for Elementary Schools		10,839.43
High School Tuition	5,195.45	
Trade School Tuition	483.75	
High and Trade School Transportation	1,947.35	
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Total for High and Trade School		7,626.55
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		\$19,219.85
Less than Appropriation		\$180.15

#### NET COST OF SCHOOLS TO THE TOWN

Expenditures, General Control	\$753.87	
Reimbursement	203.65	
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		\$550.22
Expenditures, Elementary Schools	10,839.43	
Reimbursements	3,986.81	
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		6,852.62

Expenditures, High and Trade School	7,626.55	
Reimbursements	6,111.55	
		1,515.00
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Total net cost to town		\$8,917.84

#### APPROPRIATIONS NEEDED FOR 1938

The school committee recommends a budget for 1938 as follows:

School Committee	\$125.00	
Superintendence	610.00	
Supervisors	420.00	
Teachers	5,380.00	
Textbooks	220.00	
Supplies	300.00	
Janitor	1,200.00	
Fuel	1,000.00	
Miscellaneous Operating	100.00	
Repairs	100.00	
Health	490.00	
Transportation	3,250.00	
Tuition	6,195.00	
Miscellaneous Auxiliary	10.00	
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		\$19,400.00

#### ESTIMATE OF CREDITS ON ACCOUNT OF EDUCATION FOR 1938

It is estimated that the receipts on account of education during 1938 will be approximately as follows:

General School Fund, Part II	\$1,752.66
General School Fund, Part I	1,493.57
Superintendent's Salary	214.81