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STATEMENT

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Selectmen's Report

September 1, 1922 to September 1, 1923

BUDGET

Selectmen's Estimate of Expenses for Year Ending August 31, 1924

| | |
|----------------------------------|-------------|
| Borrowed Money | \$6,500 00 |
| Highways and Bridges | 6,000 00 |
| State Aid Highways | 50 00 |
| Election Expenses | 100 00 |
| State Military Tax | 275 00 |
| State Tax | 1,275 00 |
| County Tax | 820 00 |
| Interest | 845 00 |
| Surety Bonds | 45 00 |
| Town Officers | 1,550 00 |
| Health Officer | 150 00 |
| Clerical Work | 400 00 |
| Road Equipment, Tools, etc. | 200 00 |
| Tractor | 200 00 |
| Schools | 30,000 00 |
| Poor | 3,500 00 |
| Miscellaneous | 700 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$52,610 00 |

Estimated Receipts for Year Ending August 31, 1924

| | |
|---|----------|
| Balance in Treasury August 31, 1923 | \$310 99 |
| Tax on Bank Stock | 400 00 |
| Dog Fund | 150 00 |
| Pool License | 10 00 |
| Rent of Town Hall | 15 00 |
| Support of Schools Grant | 6,450 50 |
| Enumeration Grant | 1,000 00 |

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

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|---|----------|-------------|
| Library Grant | 60 00 | |
| High School Tuition Grant | 2,100 00 | |
| High School Transportation | 1,400 00 | |
| Special Grant | 1,000 00 | |
| Personal Taxes | 1,488 00 | |
| Probable collection of Back Taxes | 4,000 00 | |
| State of Connecticut, Town Poor Account | 200 00 | |
| | | \$18,584 49 |
| Amount to be raised by taxation | | \$34,025 51 |

HIGHWAYS AND BRIDGES

| | |
|--------------------------|----------|
| William Maynard | \$134 00 |
| Domiano Manica | 3 75 |
| Lafayette Gladwin | 39 25 |
| Wilbur Smith | 16 50 |
| E. S. Spencer | 25 50 |
| R. S. Stebbins | 100 75 |
| Elmer Treadwell | 1 40 |
| Giacomo Donatoni | 85 00 |
| Frank Albert | 44 00 |
| John Delemarre | 42 42 |
| John Traskos | 6 00 |
| R. E. Thayer | 24 40 |
| Richard Johnson | 46 50 |
| A. A. Towner | 42 00 |
| John C. Knowles | 11 00 |
| J. Jacob Johnson | 154 00 |
| Henry Smith | 40 50 |
| Carl Andeen | 40 50 |
| W. P. Skinner | 237 00 |
| M. W. Merchant | 27 00 |
| John Sallak | 9 00 |
| Eugene O. Burr | 33 00 |
| Smith Spencer | 153 50 |
| William L. Spencer | 279 00 |
| Ellis Spencer | 26 75 |
| A. R. Shailer | 2 50 |
| Henry Clark | 114 50 |
| Roger Spencer | 18 00 |
| Leonard Johnson | 41 25 |
| W. R. Chapman | 12 00 |

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| | |
|-------------------------|--------|
| H. D. Peck | 54 35 |
| John Ostergren | 177 75 |
| Julius B. Schutte | 13 00 |
| Edward Burr | 21 00 |
| William Quanstrom | 9 00 |
| E. C. Brainard | 10 50 |
| Axel Johnson | 5 25 |
| John Guagnini | 21 00 |
| Chauncey Clark | 6 00 |
| Neils Neilson | 5 00 |
| Harold Sandin | 2 25 |
| Tracy Neff | 18 50 |
| Anson Strong | 35 00 |
| Clayton Harlow | 5 33 |
| Selden Brothers | 6 00 |
| John Millinese | 16 25 |
| J. Olsen | 2 50 |
| Harvey Brainerd | 111 05 |
| Arthur Brooks, Sr. | 71 00 |
| Fred Brookes | 281 70 |
| T. J. Selden | 1 50 |
| Edward Skinner | 35 00 |
| James Flood | 30 00 |
| Chauncey Brookes | 10 00 |
| C. B. Brookes | 30 00 |
| W. S. Bowen | 27 50 |
| David Flood, Jr. | 18 00 |
| F. A. House | 7 02 |
| David Flood, Sr. | 38 75 |
| George Spencer | 6 00 |
| Dondoglio | 12 00 |
| Charles Jones | 42 00 |
| C. Freeman | 4 50 |
| R. Clement | 7 20 |
| Guy Matthews | 1 20 |
| Clarence Ball | 150 50 |
| M. Waters | 20 70 |
| Joseph Brookes | 49 50 |
| John Bertelinna | 9 00 |
| Dudley Stone | 12 00 |
| Joseph Mazanek | 16 23 |
| W. E. S. Burr | 37 00 |
| John Lolla | 54 00 |
| Thomas Rogan | 84 00 |
| C. E. Hubbard | 45 50 |

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

| | | |
|----------------------|--------|-------------------|
| Gus Swanson | 6 00 | |
| Arthur Skinner | 109 50 | |
| John Cochran | 15 00 | |
| | | <u>\$3,563 00</u> |

EQUIPMENT

| | | |
|----------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| Blade for road machine | \$7 80 | |
| Railroad plow and share | 45 20 | |
| Stone crusher | 1,471 96 | |
| Freight on crusher | 65 07 | |
| Rubber belting and hammers | 58 80 | |
| Plank | 155 25 | |
| Culverts | 108 48 | |
| Governor for tractor | 18 50 | |
| Road scraper | 12 50 | |
| Shovels, nails, etc. | 15 87 | |
| | | <u>\$1,959 43</u> |

TRACTOR

| | | |
|---|---------|-----------------|
| A. C. Michaelson, gas, oil, etc. | \$13 35 | |
| Harry W. Arnold, gas | 13 05 | |
| Elmer Company, oil, parts, etc. | 66 42 | |
| Arthur Brooks, Jr., repair work, gas, etc. | 31 20 | |
| Felix Petrofsky, dry cells, gas, etc. | 36 98 | |
| | | <u>\$161 00</u> |

STATE AID HIGHWAYS

| | |
|--|---------|
| State Treasurer, Town's share of repairs | \$21 68 |
|--|---------|

TAXES

| | | |
|--|------------|-------------------|
| State Treasurer, general state tax | \$1,294 66 | |
| State Treasurer, militia | 143 34 | |
| County Treasurer, County Tax | 764 01 | |
| | | <u>\$2,202 01</u> |

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

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INTEREST

At Middletown National Bank \$350 80

ELECTION EXPENSES

| | |
|----------------------------------|----------|
| First District | \$82 00 |
| Second District | 100 10 |
| Third District | 74 00 |
| Advertising | 2 25 |
| L. T. Treat, moving booths | 3 00 |
| Ballots | 71 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$332 35 |

TOWN OFFICERS (Salaries and Compensations)

| | |
|---|------------|
| William L. Spencer, First Selectman | \$300 00 |
| Harvey Brainerd, Second Selectman | 60 00 |
| J. Jacob Johnson, Third Selectman | 60 00 |
| George A. Dickinson, Town Clerk | 100 00 |
| Albert H. Hubbard, Town Treasurer | 100 00 |
| Myron G. Skinner, Assessor | 80 00 |
| Walter E. Kingsland, Assessor | 60 00 |
| John Collins, Assessor | 36 00 |
| Robert S. Bailey, Board of Relief | 12 00 |
| Elmer S. Hubbard, Board of Relief | 15 00 |
| George A. Dickinson | 21 00 |
| Leonard Selden, Auditor | 15 00 |
| Eugene Burr, Auditor | 15 00 |
| Richard Johnson, Auditor | 15 00 |
| Richard Johnson, Registrar | 6 00 |
| Rutherford Chalker, Registrar | 6 00 |
| Paul A. Priest, Tax Collector | 756 43 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$1,657 43 |

BORROWED MONEY

| | |
|---|------------|
| Middletown National Bank, Sept. 26, 1922 | \$5,000 00 |
| Paid Middletown National Bank, May 31, 1923 | 5,000 00 |

POOR

| | | |
|--|------------|------------------|
| State of Connecticut, care of patients at Connecticut Hospital | \$1,054 29 | |
| Aid to Anna Docar's family | 512 68 | |
| Board for William Buell | 240 00 | |
| Aid to Anna Lungar | 36 00 | |
| Board for Grace Buell | 308 22 | |
| Raymond Magnusen, Hartford Hospital | 428 60 | |
| Aid to Arland Rose family | 21 10 | |
| Care of John Anderson at Middletown | 24 50 | |
| Care of Paul Rebut family at Middletown | 152 19 | |
| Care of Augustine family at Middletown | 49 65 | |
| Care of Mrs. Spencer at Middletown | 265 98 | |
| Care of Ann Smith at Middletown | 272 25 | |
| Care of Odell Stevens at Middletown | 299 55 | |
| Aid to John Jason family | 56 00 | |
| Aid to David Long | 107 50 | |
| | | <hr/> \$3,828 51 |

CLERICAL WORK

| | | |
|--|------------|------------------|
| Indexing of land records | \$1,878 95 | |
| Enumeration of persons liable to personal and military tax | 36 55 | |
| Registrar of vital statistics | 57 60 | |
| Grand List | 20 00 | |
| Recording tax liens | 43 25 | |
| Rate Book | 25 00 | |
| Town Report | 20 00 | |
| | | <hr/> \$2,081 35 |

MISCELLANEOUS

| | |
|---|---------|
| Adkins Printing Co., land index, etc. | \$78 58 |
| Connecticut Power & Light Co. | 32 20 |
| Surety Bonds | 42 00 |
| Pelton & King, Assessor's blanks, binding tax lists, Tax Collector's supplies, etc. | 76 85 |
| Dr. LeRoy Smith, Health Officer | 20 80 |
| Dr. M. W. Plumstead, acting Health Officer | 32 50 |
| Dr. LeRoy Smith, examinations, working certificates | 9 00 |

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|--|--------|----------|
| Town Reports | 148 00 | |
| Dog license tags | 12 74 | |
| Wood for Town Hall | 18 00 | |
| Advertising | 19 48 | |
| Expenses, three assessors | 9 05 | |
| Expenses, First Selectman | 15 35 | |
| Expenses, Town Treasurer | 18 23 | |
| George Smith, Dog Warden | 11 60 | |
| Dr. Lawson, returns of births and deaths | 1 00 | |
| J. A. Broatch, Index books | 2 00 | |
| Damage done to sheep by dogs | 26 00 | |
| Postage, Tax Collector | 15 00 | |
| Cleveland Blank Office, Tax Collector's supplies | 24 00 | |
| Flags for soldiers' graves | 14 56 | |
| Traveling expenses | 39 00 | |
| Rent of land for stone crusher | 10 00 | |
| | | \$675 94 |

RECAPITULATION

| | | |
|---------------------------------|------------|-------------|
| Town Highways and Bridges | \$3,563 00 | |
| Equipment | 1,959 43 | |
| Tractor | 161 00 | |
| State Aid Highways | 21 68 | |
| Taxes | 2,202 01 | |
| Interest | 350 80 | |
| Election Expenses | 332 35 | |
| Town Officers | 1,657 43 | |
| Clerical Work | 2,081 35 | |
| Poor | 3,828 51 | |
| Miscellaneous | 675 94 | |
| | | \$16,833 50 |
| Borrowed money | | 5,000 00 |
| Amount paid on orders | | 5,000 00 |
| | | \$26,833 50 |
| Total Town Orders drawn | | |

ABATEMENTS

| | |
|-----------------------------|----------|
| Abatements, Levy 1922 | \$116 88 |
|-----------------------------|----------|

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

Inasmuch as in October, 1922 the town began to borrow money on notes instead of on town orders, as heretofore, the Selectmen's Report does not contain a detailed account of borrowed money. It will be noticed at the beginning of the town year that \$9,000 had been borrowed, in September 1922 \$5,000 more was borrowed, making a total of \$14,000 borrowed previous to the October election, 1922. The Treasurer's Report shows \$21,500 was borrowed during the year; \$24,000 was paid out, leaving a balance of \$6,500 borrowed money. Town orders have been drawn covering interest charges of \$350.80 and Treasurer's Report shows discounts in town notes of \$830.83, making total interest for the year \$1,181.63, with a refund of \$14.60, making net interest charges of \$1,167.03.

Respectfully submitted,

W. L. SPENCER,

J. JACOB JOHNSON,

Selectmen.

Personally appeared before me the above Selectmen, and verified by oath the foregoing report.

ELWYN T. CLARK,

Justice of the Peace.

Haddam, Conn., Sept. 28, 1923.

We hereby certify that we have examined and verified the accounts of the Selectmen, Town Treasurer, Tax Collector and Town School Committee, and found them correct.

RICHARD J. JOHNSON,

THOMAS J. RILEY,

Auditors.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this 27th day of September, 1923.

EUGENE O. BURR, Notary Public.

Report of the Town Treasurer

Fiscal Year Ending August 31, 1923

RECEIPTS FOR YEAR

| | |
|---|------------|
| Balance in Treasury August 31, 1922 | \$2,820 69 |
| From Paul A. Priest, Tax Collector | 37,947 20 |

| Levy | Tax | Lien | Interest | Total |
|------|--------------------|----------------|-----------------|--------------------|
| 1922 | \$31,239 81 | | \$68 98 | \$31,308 79 |
| 1921 | 4,682 80 | \$9 50 | 341 88 | 5,034 18 |
| 1920 | 668 76 | 5 00 | 100 49 | 774 25 |
| 1919 | 194 32 | 2 50 | 45 87 | 242 69 |
| 1918 | 207 19 | 2 00 | 76 34 | 285 53 |
| 1917 | 2 59 | | 1 40 | 3 99 |
| 1916 | 1 19 | | 82 | 2 01 |
| | <u>\$36,996 66</u> | <u>\$19 00</u> | <u>\$635 78</u> | <u>\$37,651 44</u> |

| | |
|---|--------------------|
| Undistributed at closing of books | 295 76 |
| | <u>\$37,947 20</u> |

From Middletown National Bank, borrowed money \$21,500 00

From State of Connecticut:

| | |
|--|----------|
| Support of Schools Grant | 6,635 21 |
| Enumeration Grant | 1,041 75 |
| Department Agencies and Institutions | 181 69 |
| Bureau of Child Welfare | 270 63 |
| Distribution Dog License Funds | 110 00 |
| Estate Penalty Tax | 32 00 |
| Stock Tax Distribution | 363 87 |

From Higganum Savings Bank:

| | |
|--|----|
| Dividend of Susan P. Freeman Account | 80 |
|--|----|

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

| | | |
|---|--------|--------------------|
| From Middletown City School Dist., tuition refund | 39 00 | |
| From Town Clerk, Dog License Funds | 330 94 | |
| From Middletown Nat. Bank, refund on discounts | 14 60 | |
| Court Fees and Fines | 333 71 | |
| Pool License | 10 00 | |
| School Bus Insurance Refund | 20 55 | |
| Sale of barrels and cement bags | 4 55 | |
| Total Receipts | | <u>\$71,657 19</u> |

DISBURSEMENTS FOR YEAR

| | | |
|---|-------------|--------------------|
| Selectmen or Town Orders paid | \$26,833 50 | |
| School Orders paid | 29,173 56 | |
| Dog License Funds—paid to State | 304 22 | |
| Court Fees | 204 09 | |
| Loans paid Middletown Nat. Bank, money borrowed on Notes—an additional \$10,000 is included under Selectmen or Town Orders paid | 14,000 00 | |
| Discount on Notes | 830 83 | |
| Total Disbursements | | <u>\$71,346 20</u> |
| Balance in Treasury August 31, 1923 | | \$310 99 |
| Amount money borrowed August 31, 1922 | \$9,000 00 | |
| Amount money borrowed during year 1922-1923 | 21,500 00 | |
| | | <u>\$30,500 00</u> |
| Loans paid during year 1922-1923 | | 24,000 00 |
| | | <u>\$6,500 00</u> |

Respectfully submitted,

ALBERT H. HUBBARD, Treasurer.

Haddam, Conn., Sept. 19, 1923.

Personally appeared before me, Albert H. Hubbard, Treasurer of the Town of Haddam, and verified by oath the foregoing report.

EUGENE O. BURR, Notary Public.

Uncollected Taxes

| | |
|-------------------------|-------------|
| Levy 1904 to 1911 | \$47 13 |
| 1912 | 129 40 |
| 1913 | 263 11 |
| 1914 | 143 80 |
| 1915 | 127 02 |
| 1916 | 179 23 |
| 1917 | 210 70 |
| 1918 | 256 46 |
| 1919 | 496 88 |
| 1920 | 2,194 46 |
| 1921 | 2,515 61 |
| 1922 | 5,868 56 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$12,432 36 |

ASSETS

| | |
|---|-------------|
| Balance in Treasury August 31, 1923 | \$310 99 |
| Frederick Wilcox, mortgage note | 90 00 |
| Amount due from State on School Grant | 4,565 00 |
| Uncollected Taxes | 12,432 36 |
| Two school busses | 2,000 00 |
| Fordson Tractor, pulley and governor | 300 00 |
| Unused plank | 160 00 |
| Two road drags | 40 00 |
| Three road machines | 350 00 |
| Small tools | 50 00 |
| Plow | 40 00 |
| Stone crusher | 1,500 00 |
| Culverts | 90 00 |
| Road hand scraper | 12 00 |
| Rubber belting | 40 00 |
| Two hundred ton of crushed stone | 200 00 |
| Amount due from Masonic Lodge, one-half amount of lighting Town Hall | 16 10 |
| Rent of Town Hall | 40 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| | \$22,236 45 |
| Liabilities | 6,500 00 |
| | <hr/> |
| Surplus | \$15,736 45 |

Grand Levy of the Town

| | |
|---|----------------|
| 603½ dwelling houses | \$592,710 00 |
| 586 barns, sheds, garages, etc. | 87,645 00 |
| 25 stores, shops, halls, etc. | 18,655 00 |
| 27 mills, manufactories, water power, etc. | 153,550 00 |
| 24,742 acres of land | 311,348 00 |
| 2 quarries | 7,000 00 |
| 186 horses and mules | 11,895 00 |
| 676 neat cattle | 24,685 00 |
| 60 sheep, swine and poultry | 2,795 00 |
| Carriages and wagons | 950 00 |
| 240 automobiles and motors | 64,120 00 |
| Watches and jewelry | 2,265 00 |
| Furniture and musical instruments | 7,060 00 |
| Farm produce | 50 00 |
| Farming implements and mechanical tools | 1,600 00 |
| Goods of merchandise, traders and manufacturers | 58,750 00 |
| Cable and wires | 4,100 00 |
| Boats | 2,200 00 |
| Money at interest on hand or on deposit | 15,760 00 |
| Taxable property not mentioned | 200 00 |
| Ten per cent. additional | 15,343 00 |
| | \$1,382,676 00 |

| | |
|--|--------------|
| Final Grand List as corrected by Board of Relief | 1,367,393 00 |
| Twenty-eight mill tax will raise | 38,287 00 |

School Committee's Report

At the beginning of the year, of the ten teachers employed, only one was a beginner, and the total salaries were the lowest for several years. Changing conditions have resulted in numerous changes in the system and have added considerably to the expense, but expenditures have been kept well within the adopted budget.

The total orders drawn for the year on account of the school busses was \$5,729.05, and \$20.55 of this amount was returned as a rebate on insurance. Aside from the cost of the new bus, \$2,200, the total cost of the service was \$3,508.50, to which should be added the depreciation of 40% on the new bus, or \$880, and the depreciation of 20% on the old bus, or \$440. Thus the total cost of the bus service for the year is found to be \$4,828.50. This amount is apportioned, on the number of miles travelled, \$3,027.86 for high school and \$1,800.64 for in-town transportation.

There were forty-two Middletown High School pupils who used the school busses at a cost of \$1.94 each per week, which is considerably less than hired conveyance would have cost. It should be noted in this connection that the busses were probably more suitable and more comfortable and convenient than hired busses would have been, and that, in order to render the service required by law, they went out beyond the school houses in the Candlewood Hill and Burr districts.

But it is in the matter of in-town transportation that the greatest economy has been effected by the operation of the busses. As stated above, this service cost \$1,800.64, and resulted in a saving of teachers' salaries in the Tylerville, Shailerville and Candlewood Hill districts for the full year and in the Burr, Brainerd Hill and Turkey Hill districts for a little more than half the year. The minimum salary at the opening of the school year was \$1,050, and on this basis the saving in teachers' salaries alone was over \$4,500. Further savings were effected in supplies, fuel, janitors' services, up-keep, etc. Thus the economy of the busses, even though not used to capacity, is very evident this year as it was last.

In figuring the cost of the bus service 40% was allowed for depreciation on each bus for the first year and 20% for the second year. Thus it may be noted that already the entire cost of one of the busses has

been absorbed in the transportation allowance of \$2,448.65 last year, and \$3,508.50 for this year. Of the former amount, the state paid \$762.67 and of the latter amount \$1,576.22, as its share of high school transportation, a total of \$2,338.89, leaving the cost to the town for the two years of \$3,618.26.

During the past year eight pupils graduated from the Middletown High School and one from Deep River. As was the case last year, so this year, high school pupils have been permitted to select which school they wished to attend. This year the busses are conveying thirty-seven high school and three trade school pupils, as against forty-two last year. The total attendance in Middletown High School this year is forty-one, against fifty last year; in Deep River two this year, against four last year; and in trade school five this year, against two last year, a total of forty-eight this year, as against fifty-six last year, forty the year previous, and for the years immediately preceeding, thirty-three, twenty-four, twenty and sixteen respectively. So it is possible that the peak of high school attendance has been reached and, if so, the two busses should accommodate them for several years.

From the financial tables it will be seen that the cost for the fifty-six pupils who attended high and trade schools was \$10,322.45, while the cost for the 341 registered in the elementary schools was \$17,911.56. The committee feels that to justify this large expense all high school pupils should be expected to do faithful work, and to that end a high school committee has been appointed for the present year. The schedule and standing of each pupil will be examined and tuition and transportation will be denied any who fails to do satisfactory work.

Mention should be made of the loss to this committee of its senior member, Eugene O. Burr, who has served faithfully since 1910, and also Edward W. Hazen, who has served as its courteous, competent, conscientious chairman since 1916.

A recent tour of the various districts by the entire committee showed the need of better lighting in several schools. Aside from this the schools have been put in good repair and are in charge of competent teachers.

Respectfully submitted,

LEONARD J. SELDEN, Secretary.

SCHOOL INCOME FOR 1922-1923

From State Grants:

| | |
|--|-------------------------------|
| Enumeration | \$1,041 75 |
| Support of Schools Grant 1922-23 | 5,891 08 |
| High School Tuition 1922-23 | 2,535 00 |
| High School Transportation 1922-23 | 1,960 00 |
| Library Grant | 70 00 |
| *Total from State | <u> </u> \$11,497 83 |

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

From the Town:

| | | |
|---|----------|--------------------|
| Miscellaneous Receipts | \$4 55 | |
| A six mill tax raises | 8,204 36 | |
| Amount drawn from Treasury above six mill tax | 8,527 27 | |
| **Total from Town | | <u>\$16,736 18</u> |
| | | \$28,234 01 |

*This amount will be increased by the amount of the special aid grant not yet received; and

**This amount will be correspondingly decreased.

SCHOOL EXPENDITURES FOR 1922-1923

General Control:

| | | |
|--|----------|-----------------|
| Telephone, office expense, salary of Secretary | \$107 12 | |
| Supervisor's expense, postage, travel, telephone | 39 46 | |
| Teachers' meetings | 45 78 | |
| | | <u>\$192 36</u> |

Instruction:

| | | |
|--|-------------|--------------------|
| Teachers' salaries | \$13,091 29 | |
| Text books | 303 60 | |
| Supplies of instruction | 470 53 | |
| High School tuition (54 pupils) | 5,924 00 | |
| Tuition Grant children in Middletown | 142 12 | |
| | | <u>\$19,931 54</u> |

Operation School Plant:

| | | |
|--|----------|-------------------|
| Salaries of janitors | \$607 40 | |
| Fuel, light and janitor's supplies | 706 15 | |
| | | <u>\$1,313 55</u> |

Maintenance of School Plant:

| | | |
|-----------------|----------|-----------------|
| Repairs | \$274 24 | |
| Insurance | 10 80 | |
| | | <u>\$285 04</u> |

Auxiliary Agencies:

| | | |
|-------------------------------------|----------|-------------------|
| School Library | \$73 16 | |
| *High School transportation | 4,398 45 | |
| *In Town bus transportation | 1,800 64 | |
| Transportation Grant children | 116 70 | |
| Miscellaneous expenses | 85 16 | |
| | | <u>\$6,474 11</u> |

Capital Outlay:

| | | |
|---------------------|--|----------------|
| New equipment | | <u>\$37 41</u> |
|---------------------|--|----------------|

| | |
|--|-------------|
| Total expense for schools for year | \$28,234 01 |
|--|-------------|

*These figures include 40% of cost of new bus and 20% of cost of old bus.

FINANCIAL SUMMARY, SCHOOL YEAR 1922-1923 EXPENSES EACH SCHOOL

| Districts | Teachers Salaries | Fuel, Lighting, Janitor Salaries, and Supplies | Repairs | New Equipment Buildings and Grounds | Office Supplies and Secretary | High School and In Town Transportation | High School Tuition | School Library Text Books and Supplies | Other Expenses | Totals |
|----------------|-------------------|--|----------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------|--|---------------------|--|----------------|---------------|
| Haddam Center | 2,500 00 | 109 92 | 59 40 | 4 98 | | | | | | \$2,674 30 |
| Higganum | 6,081 86 | 931 02 | 106 73 | 32 43 | | | | | | 7,152 04 |
| Ponsett | 1,138 00 | 65 16 | 10 58 | | | | | | | 1,213 74 |
| Turkey Hill | 450 00 | 24 00 | | | | | | | | 474 00 |
| Burr | 472 23 | 27 30 | 82 | | | | | | | 500 35 |
| Brainerd Hill | 427 50 | 13 00 | 87 51 | | | | | | | 528 01 |
| Haddam Neck | 1,100 00 | 27 75 | 6 00 | | | | | | | 1,133 75 |
| Ponsett Center | 921 70 | 80 15 | 3 20 | | | | | | | 1,005 05 |
| All Districts | | 35 25 | | *1,320 00 | 146 58 | 6,315 79 | 5,924 00 | 847 29 | 283 86 | 14,872 77 |
| Total | \$13,091 29 | \$1,313 55 | \$274 24 | \$1,357 41 | \$146 58 | \$6,315 79 | \$5,924 00 | \$847 29 | \$283 86 | **\$29,554 01 |

*60% of cost of new bus, the remaining 40%, together with 20% of cost of old bus, being included in the above cost of transportation.

**60% of cost of new bus or \$1,320.00 should be deducted from this amount to obtain the actual expense of operating the schools for the year, or \$28,234.01.

HADDAM TOWN REPORT

SCHOOL BUDGET FOR 1923-1924

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|---|-------------|
| Estimated total expense | \$27,800 00 |
| Estimated grants from the State | 12,017 50 |
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| Balance to be raised by town taxation | \$15,782 50 |

TOWN SCHOOL COMMITTEE 1922-1923

Charles B. Carlson, John C. Russell, Mrs. Mabel D. Porter, 1920-1923.

Elmer S. Hubbard, Miss Ella V. Burr, Leonard J. Selden, 1921-1924.

Charles W. Scovill, Fred E. Brookes, Daniel S. Brooks, 1922-1925.

Chairman: Charles B. Carlson.

Secretary and Treasurer: Leonard J. Selden.

State Supervisor: Edwin I. Arthur, Cromwell, Conn.

Property Committee: Fred E. Brookes, John C. Russell, Leonard J. Selden.

Transportation Committee: Elmer S. Hubbard, Mabel D. Porter, Leonard J. Selden.

Teachers' Hiring Committee: Charles B. Carlson, Leonard J. Selden, Edwin I. Arthur.

Finance Committee: Chairman and Secretary.

Text Book and Library Committee: John C. Russell, Ella V. Burr, Leonard J. Selden.

Report of State Supervisor of Schools

REGISTER DATA

| Building | Net Regis- tration | Left during Year | Year-end Member- ship | Promo- tions | Av. Attend- ance |
|----------------------------|-----------------------|------------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------------|
| Higganum: | | | | | |
| Julia A. Castelli | 34 | 7 | 27 | 27 | 26.37 |
| Hazel P. Brown | 28 | 8 | 20 | 18 | 26.37 |
| Grace M. Stafford | 44 | 6 | 38 | 33 | 38.07 |
| Maude E. Stevens | 40 | 6 | 34 | 31 | 32.05 |
| Beatrice E. Neff | 27 | 4 | 23 | 18 | 22.05 |
| Center: | | | | | |
| Ursula H. Brainard | 35 | 10 | 25 | 24 | 25.54 |
| Mrs. W. W. Pike | 34 | 10 | 24 | 20 | 22.78 |
| Ponsett Center: | | | | | |
| Rosalie Marshall | 32 | 8 | 24 | 22 | 25.48 |
| Little City: | | | | | |
| Anna Lundgren | 22 | 5 | 17 | 15 | 17.60 |
| Brainerd Hill: | | | | | |
| T. Agnes McCarthy | 16 | 2 | 14 | 13 | 11.24 |
| Burr: | | | | | |
| H. Dorothy Johnson | 10 | 0 | 10 | 9 | 8.45 |
| Turkey Hill: | | | | | |
| Mrs. E. H. Gildersleeve | 8 | 0 | 8 | 8 | 7.57 |
| Haddam Neck: | | | | | |
| Vivian Taylor | 9 | 2 | 7 | 7 | 6.98 |
| Totals, 13 teachers | 339 | 68 | 271 | 245 | 266.17 |

TOTAL ATTENDANCE

| | Aggregate | Average |
|------------------------------|-----------|---------|
| In town schools (elementary) | 46315.5 | 266.17 |
| Middletown (elementary) | 336. | 1.81 |
| New Britain Trade School | 196.5 | .98 |
| Meriden Trade School | 141. | .70 |
| Deep River High School | 699. | 3.81 |
| Middletown High School | 8373. | 44.07 |
| Totals | 56061.0 | 317.54 |

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MEMBERSHIP—JUNE 22, 1923

| District | Grade | | | | | | | | Room | Bldg. |
|-------------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
| Higganum: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
| Julia A. Castelli | | | | | | | 7 | 20 | 27 | |
| Hazel P. Brown | | | | | | 14 | 6 | | 20 | |
| Grace M. Stafford | | | | 24 | 14 | | | | 38 | |
| Maude E. Stevens | | 11 | 23 | | | | | | 34 | |
| Beatrice E. Neff | 19 | 4 | | | | | | | 23 | |
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| | 19 | 15 | 23 | 24 | 14 | 14 | 13 | 20 | 142 | 142 |
| Center: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ursula H. Brainard | | | | 6 | 11 | 2 | 6 | | 25 | |
| Mrs. W. W. Pike | 11 | 4 | 9 | | | | | | 24 | |
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| | 11 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 11 | 2 | 6 | | 49 | 49 |
| Ponsett Center: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rosalie Marshall | 5 | 2 | 2 | 5 | 3 | 4 | 3 | | 24 | 24 |
| Little City: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anna Lundgren | 4 | 1 | 1 | 4 | 1 | 3 | 3 | | 17 | 17 |
| Brainerd Hill: | | | | | | | | | | |
| T. Agnes McCarthy | 2 | 1 | 3 | 4 | 2 | 2 | | | 14 | 14 |
| Burr: | | | | | | | | | | |
| H. Dorothy Johnson | 3 | 3 | 1 | | 3 | | | | 10 | 10 |
| Turkey Hill: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Mrs. E. H. Gildersleeve | 2 | 2 | | 1 | 2 | | 1 | | 8 | 8 |
| Haddam Neck: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Vivian Taylor | 2 | 1 | | | 1 | | 3 | | 7 | 7 |
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| | 48 | 29 | 39 | 44 | 37 | 25 | 29 | 20 | 271 | 271 |

MEMBERSHIP—SEPTEMBER 1923

| District | Grade | | | | | | | | Room | Bldg. |
|--------------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
| Higganum: | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | | |
| Julia A. Castelli | | | | | | | 6 | 17 | 23 | |
| Bertha Meyers | | | | | | 16 | 8 | | 24 | |
| H. Dorothy Johnson | | | | 22 | 20 | | | | 42 | |
| Louise E. Brainard | | 16 | 16 | | | | | | 32 | |
| Beatrice Neff | 21 | | | | | | | | 21 | |
| | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> | <hr/> |
| | 21 | 16 | 16 | 22 | 20 | 16 | 14 | 17 | 142 | 142 |
| Center: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Ursula H. Brainard | | | | 9 | 6 | 9 | 3 | | 27 | |
| Mrs. W. W. Pike | 7 | 8 | 4 | | | | | | 19 | |
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| | 7 | 8 | 4 | 9 | 6 | 9 | 3 | | | 46 |
| Ponsett Center: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Rosalie Marshall | 2 | 5 | 3 | | 5 | 4 | 4 | 2 | 25 | 25 |
| Little City: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Anna C. Lundgren | | 4 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 2 | 3 | 3 | 17 | 17 |

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|-----------------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|----|------------|
| Brainerd Hill: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Regina A. Marsh | 2 | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 1 | 1 | 14 | 14 | |
| Burr: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Frances Emily | 4 | 2 | 3 | 1 | | 3 | | 13 | 13 | |
| Turkey Hill: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Irene C. Coen | | 1 | 2 | | | 2 | | 5 | 5 | |
| Haddam Neck: | | | | | | | | | | |
| Elsie Sandin | 1 | 2 | 1 | | | | 1 | 2 | 7 | 7 |
| | <u>37</u> | <u>39</u> | <u>32</u> | <u>36</u> | <u>38</u> | <u>37</u> | <u>26</u> | <u>24</u> | | <u>269</u> |

CONTEST WINNERS

Speaking—Town. First, Cornelia Ryon; second, Donald Riley.

Speaking—District (Intertown.) Second, Cornelia Ryon.

Spelling—Town. First, Thomas Quinn; second, Barbara Carpenter, Haddam Neck.

Spelling—State. Second, Thomas Quinn.

Athletics for boys—Town. First, Edward Adametz; second, Harold Parmelee.

Athletics for boys—District. Third, Edward Adametz.

Athletics for girls—Town. First, Mary Knowles, Ponsett; second, Winifred Carlson.

W. C. T. U. Essay Contest. First, Julia Kazimir, Ponsett; second, Arthur Nelson; third, Edward Adametz.

PERFECT ATTENDANCE FOR YEAR 1922-23

Miss Castelli's Room: Emil Planeta.

Miss Steven's Room: William Todeschini.

Miss Taylor's Room: Eleanor Johnson.

ELEMENTARY GRADUATES 1923

Thomas James Quinn, Catherine Clark Williams, Leon Craft Nelson, Stanley Joseph Traskos, Loy Donald Riley, Arthur Gotfried Nelson, Herbert Scovill Johnson, Edward Joseph Adametz, Emil Joseph Planeta, Josie Agnes Nosal, Marguerite Egan Graves, Charlotte Elizabeth Graham, Winnifred Edna Carlson, Clifford Francis Maynard, Gilbert William Doyle, Grace Evelyn Mellish, Harold Edward Fredrickson, Anna May Muzik, John Chatfield Russell, Harold Leon Parmelee.

HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES 1923

At Deep River. Mary Arnold.

At Middletown. Dorothy E. Brainerd, Ella C. Gillette, Harriette L. Gillette, Dorothy E. Hall, Dolly B. Hubbard, Julia A. Russell, Ruby M. Thompson, Anna M. Nilsen.

CHANGES IN TEACHING STAFF DURING YEAR 1922-23

Higganum. Grades VIII-VI, Estella Brown, principal, resigned; followed by Julia A. Castelli. Grades VII-VI, Julia A. Castelli, transferred; followed by Hazel P. Brown. Grades V-IV, Hazel P. Brown, transferred; followed by Grace M. Stafford.

ADDITIONS TO TEACHING STAFF DURING YEAR 1922-23

Brainerd Hill: T. Agnes McCarthy.

Burr: H. Dorothy Johnson.

Turkey Hill: Mrs. E. H. Gildersleeve.

CHANGES IN TEACHING STAFF FOR 1923-1924

Teachers resigned: Mrs. E. H. Gildersleeve, and Misses Brown, Stevens, Stafford, McCarthy and Taylor.

Teachers transferred: H. Dorothy Johnson from Burr to Higganum.

New Teachers. For Higganum: Grades, VII-VI, Bertha Meyers, graduate of Woodstock Academy and attended at full course of 1921 State Summer School, three years' teaching experience; Grades III-II, Louise E. Brainard, graduate of Northfield Seminary, two years' teaching experience. For Burr: Frances Emily, graduate of Deep River High School and attendant at full course of 1923 State Summer School. For Brainerd Hill: Regina A. Marsh, graduate of Middletown High School and attendant at full course of 1923 State Summer School. For Turkey Hill: Irene C. Coen, graduate of Naugatuck High School and one year at New Haven Normal, attendant at full course of 1923 State Summer School. For Haddam Neck: Elsie Sandin, who has had two years' experience in that school.

SCHOOLS OPENED DURING YEAR 1922-1923

Three schools, in accordance with action of the school committee, were re-opened during the year—Turkey Hill on January 22, Burr on January 23 and Brainerd Hill on February 6.

ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF THE YEAR

The earnest work of the teachers and their disposition to recognize and endorse such improved methods of teaching as are supported by scientific evidence were factors during the year for some substantial developments. The teachers moved conservatively but agreeably and progressively with reference to certain types of teaching.

The teaching of handwriting improved somewhat in some schools. A more general use, by the teachers, of handwriting scales, which indicate what standard ought to be attained by each grade, will be a further step in the teaching of handwriting.

Definite advance was made in some instances in the selection of words and arrangement of the selected words for spelling lessons. As in the case of handwriting, the business of teaching pupils to spell will be further developed by greater use of scales which measure the results of spelling instruction.

The work in silent reading is becoming more effective each year. Increased emphasis is being given to the subject.

The teachers are endeavoring to teach pupils to write as well as they will need to write; to spell as well as they will need to spell and to comprehend and remember what they read. Likewise, in arithmetic, the teachers are acquiring more and more skill in emphasizing those topics and operations that are in common use.

In the teaching of geography, history and civics, continued progress marked the efforts of the teachers, particularly in presenting the subjects with a view to the growth of the pupils' understanding of every day experiences.

Briefly, the schools of the town made well balanced progress during the year toward those objectives upon which they would have the pupils concentrate their energies. All statutory subjects were taught as required by law—reading, including phonics, writing, arithmetic, language and grammar, spelling, history, geography, citizenship, humane education, physiology and hygiene and physical education.

In the Higganum School thirty minutes per week was given to the study of agriculture, grades VI-VIII; thirty minutes per week to general science, grades VI-VIII; thirty minutes per week to mechanical drawing, grades VI-VIII; and thirty minutes per week each to free-hand drawing, music and sewing. Miss Castelli taught general science and mechanical drawing; Miss Brown taught agriculture and sewing; Miss Stevens taught free-hand drawing. Each teacher instructed her own pupils in music. In the other schools of the town instruction was given in two or more of the special subjects.

EXTRA-CURRICULUM ACTIVITIES

The importance of a study of current events in the upper grades has been firmly established. The publication, "Current Events," was regularly read and studied in both the Higganum school and the rural schools, excepting two.

The demonstration school, held by the principal of the Higganum building, was so well attended as to indicate the desirability of more frequent work in this direction.

The Parent-Teacher Association is another avenue through which demonstration classes functioned—Miss Castelli conducting such a class at the March meeting in Higganum.

The special field day exercises held by Miss Brainard and Mrs. Pike at the Haddam Center School indicates the value of music as a means of instruction in physical education. The good marching and co-ordination of effort in the drills was due, in large measure, to the daily practice of using the piano to accompany the marching drills.

The schools of the town endeavored so to observe some of our national holidays as to realize educational benefit from the observance.

Through the Parent-Teacher Association school lunches were served during the winter months in the Higganum, Center and Ponsett schools.

Mention should be made of the disposition aroused in the boys of the Ponsett School by Miss Marshall to participate enjoyably in such practical activities as making bird houses, a school garden; and in the girls to make useful articles such as aprons, handkerchiefs, etc.

An instructive stereopticon lecture for the pupils of Little City School should be mentioned as one of the things accomplished by Miss Lundgren for the profit and pleasure of her pupils. The individual folders in which the pupils kept work representative of each stage of development during the year was another good feature of Miss Lundgren's work.

The accumulation and utilization of pictures as a means of enjoyable and useful indirect observation of the things in which pupils have an interest was carried on quite effectively in several schools.

The large number of certificates of accomplishment in library and home reading issued, indicates the effective guidance being given in the matter of the formation of reading habits.

MATERIAL CONDITION OF SCHOOLS

Higganum. There are things to be desired at the Higganum school. It is unfortunate that the play ground is one on which the pupils cannot play properly. The assembly hall is not attractive. An assembly hall should be attractive. A flag pole should be erected.

Center. The building itself is in good condition. A furnace will

probably be installed some day. This is the greatest single need in the Center School.

Ponsett. Building adequate for its purposes. The boulders should be removed from the yard.

Little City. Building not suitable. Interior now in usable condition.

Burr. Adequate for present enrollment.

Turkey Hill. Adequate for present enrollment. Interior and exterior of building in good condition.

Brainerd Hill. Adequate for present enrollment. Interior and exterior of building in good condition.

Haddam Neck. Adequate for present enrollment. Interior and exterior of building in good condition.

Neither in the case of the Higganum building, nor the Ponsett building, nor the Center building were the needed repairs and changes as indicated above, asked for at this time by the Supervisor. In all instances such repairs as were asked for were made.

TEACHER TRAINING

Such training has included, visitation of approved schools, attendance at institute and convention, teachers' meetings once each month, regular reading of school publications, and summer school for several teachers.

PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

The bearing of a Parent-Teacher Association on the work of public schools; the relation of such an association to the progress of school life and a workable schedule for such an organization are matters to which the officers and members of the association gave considerable thought last year. To be an effective factor in helping toward school efficiency, the association felt that the programmes should be such as to meet with certain and wide approval. To this end the committee worked. It succeeded. It is earnestly hoped that the organization may be so fortunate as to again hear those who spoke last year. At some of the coming meetings such topics as the following will be discussed:

The period of the teens—its needs and problems.

What the community has a right to expect of its schools.

What the school has a right to expect of the community.

The individual child.

The above subjects may serve to indicate somewhat the positive force which the association will continue to be in the school affairs of Haddam.

NEED OF A SCHOOL NURSE

The school nurse, by co-operation with the health officer, the teachers and the parents can sometimes prevent epidemics. School nurses have done it. She can go to the homes of pupils with help and suggestions; she can assist the health officer by treating many pupils directly at a time when they need prompt attention; she can save time for the doctor when time is valuable. Reliable statistics are available showing the effective work of school nurses in times of special need.

But the school nurse would be in the schools every day. She would see and assist children every day with sores, headache, nervous trouble, bad tonsils, catarrh, fatigue. Children with such ailments are in school every day. The cost for a school nurse is not large. She may be classified as a teacher and the town may receive back from the state the same percent. of her pay as of the pay of the regular teachers.

PROCEDURE FOR SECURING EMPLOYMENT CERTIFICATE

The following data is necessary in order to receive a certificate permitting employment in a mechanical, manufacturing or mercantile establishment.

1. **A birth certificate.** Blue form No. 9 is preferred, though certain other forms may be accepted, e. g., a priest's certificate of baptism or a passport showing child's date and place of birth. This certificate must show that the child is at least 14 years old.

2. **On yellow form No. 16.**

(a) **Promise of a job signed by prospective employer.**

(b) **Consent signed by parent or guardian.** This consent should be signed in the presence of the Supervisor.

(c) If the parent or guardian cannot conveniently come to the supervisor he may sign his consent in the presence of some other school officer, e. g., principal, teacher or school committee member; in which case have such school officer sign the statement that parent or guardian signed consent in his presence.

(d) **Recommendation by supervisor** will be signed when he has received all necessary papers properly filled or executed.

3. **Medical certificate form No. 54.** The child presents this to the physician whose name is written thereon, for a free physical examination as provided by law. Get the physician to fill in the blank spaces and see that the certificate is returned to the supervisor promptly.

4. **Employment form No. 4 called "information card."** On this be sure to tell the color of the hair, eyes and complexion. The supervisor can fill in all the other spaces.

5. **Employment form No. 8 "Transcript from Registrar."** This paper

is to be filled in by the person holding the register in which the applicant's attendance is last recorded. During the school year the teacher has the register, but during the summer the supervisor has it. Therefore during the summer the supervisor will attend to filling the above mentioned card, form 8. It must show that the child has passed Grade VI.

When all the above papers are in the Supervisor's hands, correctly filled out, he will immediately forward them to the office of the State Board of Education.

The foregoing forms may be obtained from the principal or supervisor.

SCHOOL CALENDAR FOR 1923-1924

FIRST TERM—16 weeks.

Teachers' meeting Tuesday, Sept. 4, A. M., at Higganum.

Schools open Wednesday, A. M., September 5.

Days out:

Labor Day, September 3.

Teachers' meeting as above, September 4.

Institute, 1 day, Oct. 10, Middletown High School building.

Visitation, 2 days.

Thanksgiving, 2 days, November 29 and 30.

Schools close Thursday, Dec. 20, after a 4 hour session.

CHRISTMAS VACATION—1 week.

SECOND TERM—13 weeks.

Schools open Wednesday, A. M., January 2.

Days out:

December 31 and January 1.

State Convention, 1 day.

Visitation, 1 day.

February 22, Washington's Birthday.

Good Friday.

Schools close Thursday, March 27.

EASTER VACATION—1 week.

THIRD TERM—11 weeks.

Schools open Monday, April 7.

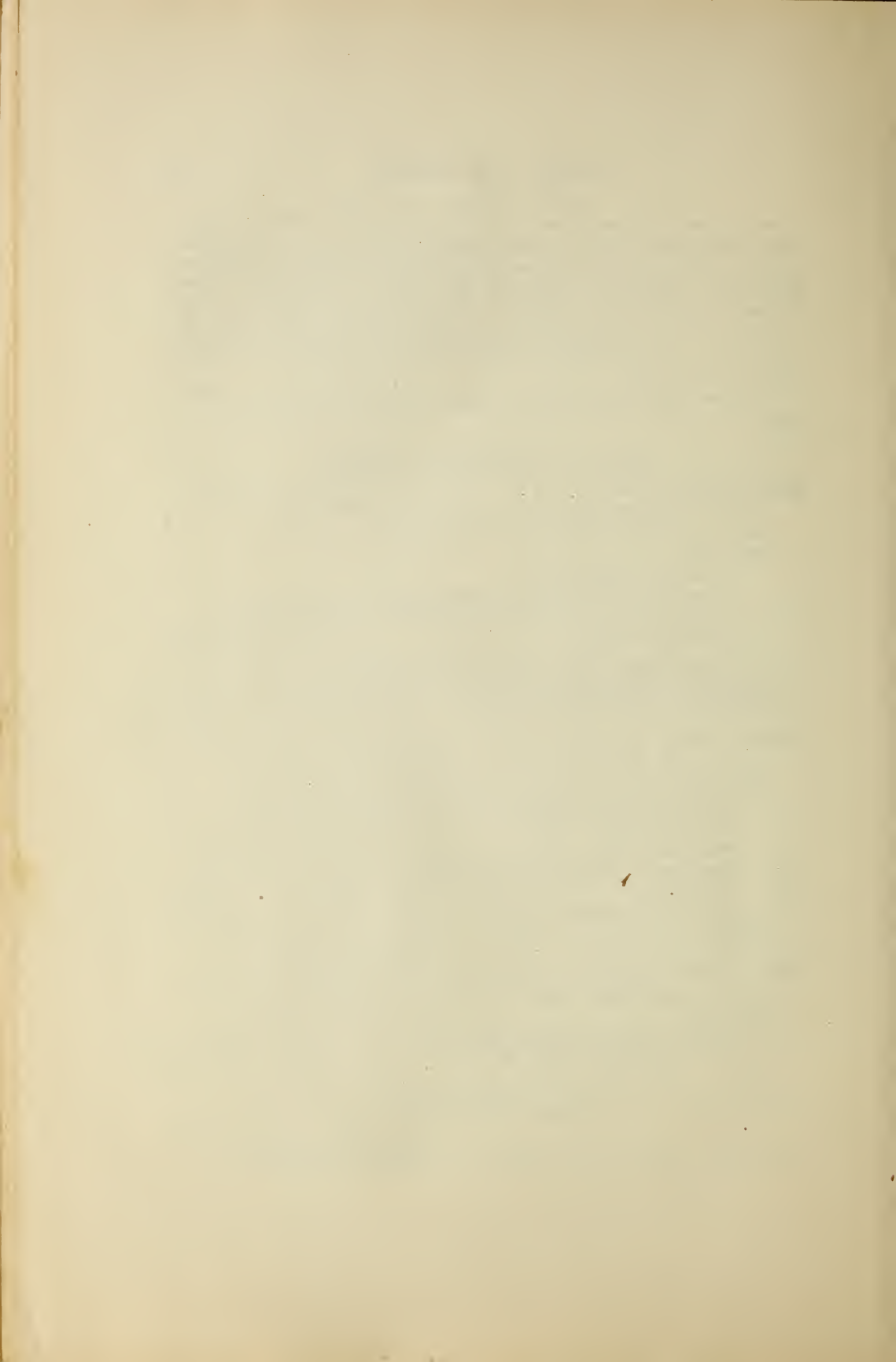
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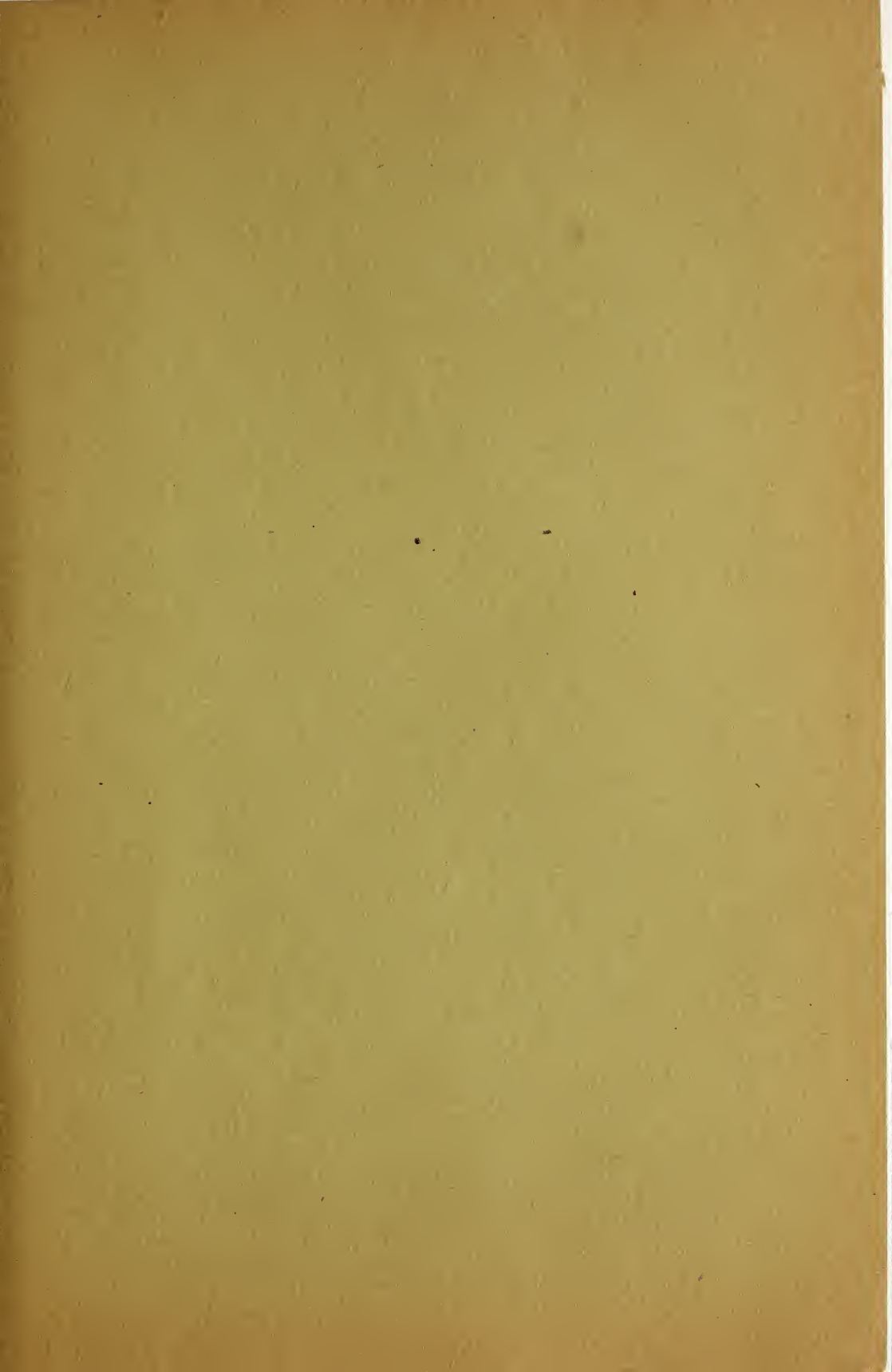
Friday, May 30, Memorial Day.

Schools close Friday, June 20.

Respectfully submitted,

EDWIN I. ARTHUR.









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