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# Plantation Officers

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Moderator

ELMER BLACKWELL

Clerk

DONELLA DYER

Treasurer

KIRK PAINE

Assessors

ETHEL BACHELDER

ODELL DYER

JAMES BACHELDER

Collector and Constable

EARL BACHELDER

School Committee

EARL BACHELDER

DONELLA DYER

ETHEL BACHELDER

Superintendent of Schools

ARTHUR IRISH

Road Commissioner

Money to be worked out under supervision of Assessors

Health Officer

DONELLA DYER

Surveyors of Wood, Bark and Lumber

ELMER BLACKWELL

ODELL DYER



# Assessors' Report

The following is the same as submitted to State Assessors.

No. of Polls taxed	9
No. of Polls not taxed	2
Rate of Poll tax	\$3.00
Rate of Taxation	.041

## VALUATION 1947

Real Estate, Resident	\$ 9,354	
Real Estate, Non-Resident	64,442	
Total Real Estate		\$73,796
Personal Estate, Resident	\$1,490	
Personal Estate, Non-Resident	2,590	
Total Personal Estate		4,080
Grand Total Amount		\$77,876
Total Value of Land	\$64,046	
Total Value of Buildings	9,750	
		\$73,796

## TAXABLE LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Kind	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Horses	39	\$81 41	\$3,175 00
Cows	22	20 00	440 00
Steers & Bulls	3	15 00	45 00
Heifers, over 2 yrs.	10	12 50	120 00
Heifers, 18 mos. to 2 yrs.	13	7 30	95 00
Domestic Fowl, over 50 in no.	50	50	25 00
Total amount			\$3,900 00



## EXEMPT LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

Kind	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Cattle, 18 mos. and younger	25	\$ 5 00	\$125 00
Sheep, to the no. of 35	26	8 00	208 00
Swine, to the no. of 10	5	10 00	50 00
Domestic Fowl, to the no. of 50	138	50	69 00
Total amount			<hr/> \$452 00

## OTHER PERSONAL PROPERTY

Kind	No.	Av. Value	Total Value
Radios	8	\$10 00	\$ 80 00
Tractors	2	50 00	100 00
			<hr/> \$ 180 00
Amt. Taxable Livestock and Poultry			3,900 00
Total amount Personal Property			<hr/> \$4,080 00

## ASSESSMENTS FOR 1947

Elementary School tuition	\$20 00
High School tuition	15 00
Total for School	<hr/> \$ 35 00
Plantation Officers' Bills	482 00
Public Health Nurse	20 00
Plantation Roads in Summer	350 00
Plantation Roads in Winter and Snow Fence	400 00
Third Class Road Maintenance	34 00
State Highway Maintenance	679 00
State Aid Highway Maintenance	40 50
Discount on Taxes	30 00
	<hr/> \$2,070 50
State Tax	659 89
Dist. Tax	204 75
County Tax	236 60
Overlay	48 21
Committed to Tax Collector	<hr/> \$3,219 95



## PLANTATION OFFICERS' BILLS

## RESOURCES

Appropriation	\$482 00
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## EXPENDITURES

Arthur Irish, Supt. of Schools	\$110 99
Elmer Blackwell, Moderator	5 00
Donella Dyer, Clerk	40 00
Kirk Paine, Treasurer	52 00
Ethel Bachelder, 1st Assessor	100 00
Odell Dyer, 2nd Assessor	25 00
James Bachelder, 3rd Assessor	20 00
Earl Bachelder, Tax Collector and Constable	75 00
Earl Bachelder, School Committee	20 00
Donella Dyer, School Committee	20 00
Ethel Bachelder, School Committee	20 00

Total	\$487 99
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Overdraft to Summary	\$5 99
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## SCHOOL ACCOUNT

## RESOURCES

1946 Balance	\$2,087 03
Appropriation	35 00
Interest on Reserve Land	1,123 27
State School Fund	249 23

	\$3,494 53
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## EXPENDITURES

Town of Eustis, Elementary tuition	\$238 23
Town of Eustis, High School tuition	322 65
Treasurer of State, conveyance	814 00
Arthur Irish, supplies	5 00

	\$1,379 88
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Unexpended Balance	\$2,114 65
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Special Appropriations Unexpended	
Repair Schoolhouse	\$157 88
School yard fence	25 00
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	\$182 88
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Total for School	\$2,297 53

## PLANTATION ROADS IN SUMMER

## RESOURCES

Appropriation	\$350 00
Unexpended 1946	59 66
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Available	\$409 66

## EXPENDITURES

James Bachelder and team on road machine	\$13 75
James Bachelder and truck, hauling gravel	27 20
Floyd Flagg, labor	6 75
Kirk Paine, labor	3 00
Earl Bachelder, labor	6 00
James Bachelder and truck on road machine	9 60
Kirk Paine, labor	3 00
James Bachelder and truck	132 90
Lester Hewett, labor	63 00
Lloyd Nile, labor	63 00
Lloyd Nile, gravel, 137 loads @ .15	20 55
Lloyd Nile, gravel, 107 loads	16 05
used on town road Improvement	
New England Metal Culvert Co.	22 40
W. A. Dill, road machine blade	8 13
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	\$395 33
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Unexpended	\$14 33

## TOWN ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND

## RESOURCES

Apportioned by State	\$281 00
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## EXPENDITURES

James Bachelder	\$56 00	
Lloyd Nile	42 00	
Lester Hewett	42 00	
James Bachelder's truck	47 60	
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		\$187 60
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Unexpended		\$93 40

## CUTTING BUSHES

## RESOURCES

Unexpended 1946	\$30 00
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## EXPENDITURES

James Bachelder, labor	\$ 6 00	
Kirk Paine	9 00	
James Bachelder and machine	16 00	
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		\$31 00
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Overdraft		\$1 00

## MAINTENANCE OF IMPROVED THIRD CLASS ROAD

## RESOURCES

Appropriated 1947	\$34 00	
Unexpended 1946	11 47	
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Total		\$45 47
No Expenditure		

## SNOW REMOVAL AND SNOW FENCE

## RESOURCES

Appropriation 1947	\$400 00	
Unexpended 1946	116 66	
Credit from State	231 26	
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Total available		\$747 92



## EXPENDITURES

Vance Bachelder, plowing town ways	\$106 98	
Vance Bachelder, plowing Coplin yards	51 77	
Roland Fotter, plowing Coplin yards	15 00	
Roland Fotter, plowing and sanding State Aid Road	222 12	
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		\$395 87
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		\$352 05

*Snow Fence*

Odell Dyer, spring	\$3 00	
James Bachelder and truck, spring	7 80	
Kirk Paine, fall	3 75	
Floyd Flagg, fall	3 75	
James Bachelder, fall	3 75	
Lester Hewett, fall	3 75	
Earl Bachelder and truck, fall	7 50	
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Total for Snow Fence		\$33 30
		<hr/>
Unexpended		\$318 75

## MAINTENANCE STATE AID AND STATE HIGHWAY

## RESOURCES

Appropriation, State Highway	\$679 00	
Appropriation, State Aid Highway	40 50	
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		\$719 50

## EXPENDITURES

Paid State Highway Commission		
Summer Maintenance	\$477 50	
Winter Maintenance	242 00	
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		\$719 50



FINAL STATEMENT OF JOINT FUND FOR CONSTRUCTION  
OF SOUTH BRANCH DEAD RIVER BRIDGE IN COPLIN  
PLANTATION, FRANKLIN COUNTY, MAINE

JOINT FUND

State of Maine	\$1,796 40
County of Franklin	1,080 00
Coplin Plantation	723 60
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	\$3,600 00

EXPENDITURES

Engineering and inspection	\$ 538 58
Labor and material, day-labor work	4,432 66
Town expenditures — maintaining traffic	66 25
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	\$5,037 49

DISTRIBUTION OF COST

		Share of Cost	Paid	Balance Due
State of Maine	54%	\$2,720 24	\$1,796 40	\$923 84
County of Franklin	30%	1,511 25	1,080 00	431 25
Coplin Plantation	16%	806 00	723 60	82 40
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		\$5,037 49	\$3,600 00	\$1,437 49

\$923 84 is transferred from appropriation

\$431 25 is requisitioned from Franklin County

16 15 is requisitioned from Coplin Plantation

(\$82.40 less amount paid for maintaining traffic \$66.25)

PUBLIC HEALTH NURSE

RESOURCES

Appropriation	\$20 00
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EXPENDITURES

Health Nurse	\$20 00
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TAXES

1947 Commitment to Tax Collector	\$3,219 95
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## TREASURER'S RECEIPT TO ASSESSORS

1947 Tax collected	\$2,967 78	
1947 Tax uncollected	142 73	
Abated Tax	53 30	
Discount allowed	56 14	
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		\$3,219 95

## MISCELLANEOUS ACCOUNT

## RESOURCES

Received Excise tax	\$28 35	
Bounty on bear	65 00	
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		\$93 35

## EXPENDITURES

Knowlton & McLeary Co., printing reports	\$59 49	
H. A. Furbish Co., Treasurer's bond	10 00	
Maine Municipal	15 00	
Loring, Short & Harmon, Plt. books	6 75	
H. A. Furbish, Tax Collector's bond	12 50	
Loring, Short & Harmon, Tax Coll. blanks	90	
Donella Dyer, 1 set oaths	1 50	
State Treasurer, audit of book	38 32	
Bounty on bear	110 00	
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		\$254 46

Overdraft

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\$161 11

## SUMMARY OF ACCOUNTS

	Overdrawn	Unexpended
Plantation Officers' Bills	\$ 5 99	
Plantation Roads in Summer		\$14 33
Cutting Bushes	1 00	
Miscellaneous Account	161 11	
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	Overdraft \$168 10	Unex. \$14 33
Plantation Roads in Winter and Snow Fence —		
to be carried over		318 75
Town Road Improvement Fund —		
to be carried over		93 40



# Treasurer's Report

## RECEIPTS

Cash on hand		\$3,800 89
Received from		
State Treasurer, Interest on Reserved Land	1,123 27	
State Treasurer, Bounty on wildcat	15 00	
Louise Savage, Collector, Langtown Excise tax	14 24	
Louise Savage, 1946 Collector Excise tax 1947	20 85	
Louise Savage, 1946 Collector, 1946 Tax	102 02	
Louise Savage, 1946 Collector, 1946 Tax	27 88	
Interest on Tax	94	
Louise Savage, 1946 Collector, Chas. Piper tax		
1940-1941-1942-1943-1944-1945-1946	Total	40 50
State Treas., Snow Removal 1946-1947	231 26	
Earl Bachelder, 1947 Collector, Tax	2,760 13	
State Treasurer, Bounty on bear	10 00	
Earl Bachelder, 1947 Collector Tax	131 08	
State Treasurer, Bounty on bear	40 00	
Earl Bachelder, 1947 Collector Tax	18 98	
State Treasurer, Bounty on bear	15 00	
State Treasurer, Town Road Improvement	187 60	
State Treasurer, State School Fund	249 23	
Total		\$8,788 87

## PAYMENTS

State Treasurer, State Tax	\$ 659 89
State Treasurer, District Tax	204 79
County Treasurer, County Tax	236 60



Bounty on bear	\$ 110 00
Plantation Warrants	3,848 33
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	\$5,059 61
Cash on hand	3,729 26
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	8,788 87

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. PAINE, *Treasurer.*



# Tax Collector's Report

1947

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1947 Commitment		\$3,219 95
Paid to Treasurer, 1947 Tax	\$2,967 78	
Uncollected 1947 Tax	142 73	
Tax abated by Assessors (B. F. D.)	53 30	
Discount allowed	56 14	
	<hr/>	\$3,219 95
Paid to Treasurer, 1947 Excise tax	\$7 50	

## LIST OF DELINQUENT TAXPAYERS

E. L. Hinds	\$142 73
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Respectfully submitted,

EARL BACHELDER,

*Tax Collector.*



Bounty on bear  
Plantation Warrants

\$ 110 00  
3,848 33

Cash on hand

\$5,059 61  
3,729 26

8,788 87

Respectfully submitted,

J. K. PAINE, *Treasurer.*



# Coplin Plantation School Report

FISCAL YEAR 1947

## Report of Superintendent of Schools

### SUPERINTENDING SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Earl Bachelder

Term expires 1948

Donella Dyer

Term expires 1949

Ethel Bachelder

Term expires 1950

*To the Members of the School Board and Parents and Citizens of Coplin:*

Coplin does not have many financial worries about the Schools as the Timberland money comes in every year and can not be used for anything but Schools. The balance has to be carried in the Town Treasury from year to year.

Most of the School troubles are due to the fact that there are not teachers enough to go around. 101,612 emergency certificates have been issued for this School year. 625,872 new teachers must be found during the next five years to supplement the regular supply.

Farmington Normal has only 24 teachers graduating this year and that will not fill the needs for this section of the State.

In spite of the fact that teachers' salaries have been raised they are in reality getting less than in 1939. The cost of living has gone up 60 per cent. As for the Superintendent of Schools, in spite of the fact his salary has been raised in reality his money will buy 30 to 40 per cent less than in 1939. Where this inflation will go to it is hard to tell. One thing sure we will all be broke if it goes much higher.

The Coplin people are very friendly and good to work with.

The average town raised for Schools .022. Coplin only raised .00038. Quite a difference. All to the good though.

Respectfully submitted,

ARTHUR IRISH,

*Superintendent of Schools.*



# Financial Statement

SCHOOL DEPARTMENT — COPLIN PLANTATION

Fiscal Year Ending December 31, 1947

## STATE SCHOOL FUND ACCOUNT

### RESOURCES

Unexpended balance Jan. 1, 1947	\$2,087 93
Appropriation	35 00
Interest on Reserved Land	1,123 27
State School Fund Account	249 23
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	\$3,495 43

### EXPENDITURES

Conveyance	\$814 00
Elementary Tuition	238 23
High School Tuition	322 65
Supplies	5 00
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	\$1,379 88
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Balance Dec. 31, 1947	\$2,115 55

## REPAIRS ACCOUNT

Balance forward	\$157 88
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## County Health Nurse Annual Report

COPLIN — DECEMBER 1947

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It is always a pleasure to be able to report the completion of another year of successful public health service. As in years past new problems have arisen, old problems have been solved, and, of course, there are those which remain as a challenge for our future efforts.

Conferences have been held with the teachers and physicians of your families. Plans for maintaining the optimum in physical well-being have been discussed and efforts have been directed toward this end. When all persons work together in close cooperation it is possible to bring about a more complete understanding of the health needs of each person within the community. Home visits have been made to expectant mothers, new mothers, infants, preschool, school and crippled children.

As we plan for the year to come we must keep in mind the importance of a well-rounded health program. It is our responsibility to help prevent the handicaps of ill health and to assist in providing opportunities for the development of a good healthful environment for all.

As always it is a pleasure to work with the people of Coplin and to feel so much "at home" in your town.

Respectfully submitted,

HAZEL J. HOYT, R. N.,

*Public Health Nurse.*



## REPORT OF AUDIT

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### COMMENTS

Re: Audit of Accounts — Coplin Plantation  
January 1, 1946 to December 31, 1946

#### CASH

The cash receipts were checked and found to be correctly recorded and promptly deposited.

The cash balance of \$3,800.89 was reconciled, and found to be in agreement with the depository.

All expenditures were made by check from properly authorized warrants.

#### ACCOUNTS RECEIVABLE

There was no change in the accounts receivable totaling \$14.83, representing differences in the 1941-42-43 Tax Collector's accounts during the year under review.

#### TAXES RECEIVABLE

The 1946 tax commitment book was added and found to be in agreement with the records of the Assessors.

Approximately 97% of the current commitment was collected. Outstanding taxes were checked and listed.

All transactions affecting prior years' taxes were checked, and the outstanding taxes, according to the records of the Collector, listed.

#### INVESTMENTS

Investments in the amount of \$74.00 were examined and listed.

#### SURPLUS

The unappropriated surplus of \$1,835.20 at the beginning of the fiscal year was reduced by \$409.74 as a result of current operations.



## GENERAL

The Tax Collector and Treasurer furnished local surety bonds. However, the statements of financial ability, as prescribed by Chapter 81, Section 81, and Chapter 80, Section 28, of the Revised Statutes of 1944, were not filed.

Vouchers and payrolls were examined to the extent deemed necessary, and so far as could be determined from this examination, all charges appeared to be reasonable and proper and correctly recorded.

The excise tax receipts were checked and added, and all collections had been deposited with the Treasurer.

EXHIBIT A

COPLIN PLANTATION  
COMPARATIVE BALANCE SHEET

	December 31, 1946	December 31, 1945
GENERAL FUND		
ASSETS		
Cash on Hand and in Bank	\$3,800 89	\$4,122 81
Accounts Receivable (Schedule A-1)	14 83	14 83
Taxes Receivable:		
Current Year (Sch. A-2)	\$139 35	\$38 34
Prior Years (Sch. A-2)	34 05	28 71
	<u>173 40</u>	<u>67 05</u>
Investments (Schedule A-3)	74 00	74 00
TOTAL ASSETS	<u>\$4,063 12</u>	<u>\$4,278 69</u>
SURPLUS		
Appropriated (Exhibit D)	\$2,637 66	\$2,443 49
Unappropriated (Exh. E)	1,425 46	1,835 20
TOTAL SURPLUS	<u>\$4,063 12</u>	<u>\$4,278 69</u>

The complete report of the audit, as required by Chapter 80, Section 119, Revised Statutes of 1944, and amended by Chapter 84, Public Laws of 1945, is on file in the office of the Selectmen.



# Plantation Warrant

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STATE OF MAINE

COUNTY OF FRANKLIN

*To Earl Bachelder, a Constable in the Plantation of Coplin in said  
County of Franklin:*

GREETINGS:

In the name of the State of Maine, you are hereby required to notify and warn the inhabitants of Coplin Plantation, qualified to vote in the Plantation affairs, to assemble at the Schoolhouse in said Plantation, on the first day of March, 1948, at one o'clock in the afternoon, to vote on the following articles, to wit:

Article 1. To elect a Moderator to preside at said meeting.

Art. 2. To elect a Clerk for the ensuing year.

Art. 3. To see if Plantation will vote to accept the reports of Municipal Officers as printed.

Art. 4. To elect all necessary Plantation Officers for the ensuing year.

Art. 5. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate to pay Plantation Officers' bills for the ensuing year. Estimate \$495.00

Art. 6. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Elementary tuition for the ensuing year. Estimate \$20.00

Art. 7. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for High School tuition for the ensuing year. Estimate \$15.00



Art. 8. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Public Health Nurse. They ask for \$20.00.

Art. 9. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Plantation Roads in summer for the ensuing year.

Art. 10. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for cutting bushes on Plantation roads for the ensuing year. Estimate \$40.00

Art. 11. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for Plantation Roads in winter and snow fence for the ensuing year.

Art. 12. To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$719.50 for Summer and Winter maintenance of State Highway for the ensuing year. \$477.50 for Summer, \$242 for Winter.

Art. 13. To see if the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$54 for maintenance of State Aid Highway for the ensuing year.

Art. 14. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for State Aid Road construction (in addition to the amount regularly raised for care of ways, highways and bridges) under the provision of Sections 25 and 29, Chap. 20, R. S. 1944 as amended.

Art. 15. To see what sum of money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate for discount of taxes for the ensuing year.

Art. 16. To see whether or not the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate the sum of \$25.00 to be paid to the State of Maine Publicity Bureau to be expended and used for advertising the natural resources, advantages and attractions of the State of Maine in accordance with provision of Chap. 80, Sec. 95 of the Revised Statutes of Maine.



Art. 17. To see whether or not the Plantation will vote to buy an adding machine for use of the Plantation Officers, and how much money the Plantation will vote to raise and appropriate to pay for the same.

Art. 18. To transact any other business that may legally come before said meeting.

The Assessors give notice that they will be in session at the School-house for the purpose of revising and correcting the list of voters, at 12.30 o'clock in the afternoon on the day of said meeting.

Given under our hands the 9th day of February, 1948.

ETHEL BACHELDER,  
ODELL L. DYER,  
JAMES A. BACHELDER,

*Assessors of Coplin Plantation.*