Pelham Holds Election, Annual Town Meeting

G. P. Wood Named Clerk for 16th Consecutive Term—C. W. Hobbs Wins Out in Three-Cornered Fight for Selectman

Pelham, N. H., March 10.

The annual town meeting was augmented today by the direct primary election of delegates to the national convention. The meeting was opened at 10 a.m. with Henry M. Currier, moderator, presiding.

The primary election warrant and the annual town warrant were read and presented for action jointly. The check list showed 466 registered voters, the largest number on record and the final tally of those voting was declared by the moderator to be 324 ballots cast.

On the town, ballot, contests developed for one member, the Board of Selectmen for a three year term, this was a triangular contest among Elmer E. Combs, retiring member and Charles W. Hobbs and Charles C. Richardson, former selectman. Also the office of highway agent was sought for by five candidates with two to be elected. The candidates were Richard H. Currier, Chester S. Donovan, present incumbents, and Albert K. Hirsch, Frederick Gariepy and Eliot G. Pearson also aspirants.

32 Articles in Warrant.

The town warrant contained 32 articles and Article 4, the election of town officers, resulted as follows: Town clerk, George P. Wood, elected to his 16th consecutive term; selectmen for three years, Charles W. Hobbs, receiving 169 votes, Elmer E. Combs 92, Charles C. Richardson 59; town treasurer, Carl M. Mansfield elected to his 12th consecutive term; tax collector, Lucy A. Koecher, 8 years previous tax collector by appointment; trustees of the trust funds for 3 years, George P. Wood; town auditors, Henry M. Currier and Ernest G. Sherburne; highway agents, Richard H. Currier, 109, Chester S. Donovan 104, Frederick Gariepy 142, Albert Hirsch 97, Eliot Pearson 42; cemetery trustees for 3 years, Forrest E. Kelley, Ernest G. Sherburne; road wardens, Daniel S. Atwood, Frank C. Foiles, Charles H. Koecher, John W. Smith, Shirley R. Vining; budget committee for three years, George W. Harris, Carl M. Mansfield, John W. Peabody; superintendent of police, Arthur H. Peabody.

from where construction was discontinued last fall to converge with Bridge street at the North side of the common and also to continue March road as the highway now runs to connect with Bridge street at the southern fork of the Gage Hill road in the common.

$500 for WPA. Article 18. voted $500 for WPA construction in Muldoon avenue; article 19, voted $501.76 as town's share of TRA construction of Class V. roads; article 20, voted $212.50 to apply to rental charge of same amount to complete purchase of V type snow plow used under contract the past winter.

Article 21, voted $200 for snow fence; article 22, voted $1500 for snow removal; article 23, voted to accept the bequest of real estate situated in the Town of Pelham given said town under the will of the late Miss Martina A. Gage of Lowell, Mass.

Accept Gage Land.

Article 24, on motion voted; that a joint committee consisting of the members of the Board of Selectmen and the members of the budget committee be appointed and authorized to adopt and execute a plan deemed advisable to the majority of said joint committee to carry out the sale or rental of any of all property that shall become possessed by the town through the acceptance of the provisions of the will of the late Miss Martina A. Gage of Lowell, Mass., insofar as the same shall apply to the Town of Pelham, N. H., and that said committee shall make full report of all sales, rentals and holdings of said property in whole and in part as shall have been made during the fiscal year ending Jan. 31, 1897. Such report to be printed in the next annual town report. A suitable plot was voted to be reserved by the town for use of the Boy Scouts and the 4-H clubs as camping grounds.
32 Articles in Warrant.

The town warrant contained 32 articles. Article 1, the election of town officers, resulted as follows: 

Town clerk, George P. Wood, elected to his 18th consecutive term; selectman for three years, Charles W. Hobbs, receiving 190 votes; Elmer E. Combs, 92; Charles C. Richardson, 89; town treasurer, Carl M. Mansfield elected to his 12th consecutive term; tax collector, Lucy Keohler, 8 years previous tax collector by appointment; trustee of the trust funds for 3 years, George F. Wood; town auditors, Henry M. Currier and Ernest G. Sherburne; highway agents, Richard H. Currier, 126; Chester S. Donovin 154; Frederick Garepy 142; Albert Hirsch 97; Elliot Pearson 42; cemetery trustees for 3 years, Forest E. Kelley, Ernest G. Sherburne; fire wardens, Daniel S. Atwood, Frank C. Folks, Charles H. Keohler, John W. Smith, Shirley R. Vining; budget committee for three years, George W. Harris, Carl M. Mansfield, John W. Peabody; superintendent of police, Arthur H. Peabody.

Officers Chosen by Ballot.

Other officers elected by open ballot were: Surveyors of wood and lumber, Charles W. Hobbs, Forest E. Kelley, Samuel A. Richardson; library trustees for 3 years, Alice M. Overlook; fence viewers. Voted that the Board of Selectmen should act.

Approval was not given the report of the budget committee as a whole, the majority voting preferring to act separately on the various articles of the warrant for reason of some discrepancy in amounts recommended by the budget committee as compared with the amounts incorporated for the same in two articles of the warrant and also for the small amount that had been approved by a 6-4 vote of the committee in relation to the police department. The vote taken of the various articles follows:

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Article 25, voted that a fine of 20 cents be imposed on each poll tax not paid on or before Dec. 31 of the year of levy; article 26, voted that the fire trucks, pumps and equipment be used at the discretion of the board of fire wards; article 27, voted to authorize the selectmen and town treasurer to borrow on the notes of the town money necessary for current expenditures in anticipation of taxes; article 28, voted $743.38 to make up deficit caused by over-drawing of 1935 appropriations; article 29, voted to have printed in the town report, an itemized account of labor and materials used in every department of the town, specifying where spent; article 30, voted to allow a discount of 3 per cent on the 1966 tax list paid on or before June 1, 1936; 2 per cent if paid on or before Aug. 1, 1936; 1 per cent if paid on or before Oct. 1, 1936.

Article 31 was passed over. This article related to the distribution of inventory blanks by the selectmen at the time of taking annual inventory in April. This will necessitate mailing such blanks to all taxpayers both resident and non-resident before March 20.

**Amounts Voted.**

Article 3, voted $2600 to defray town changes; article 4, voted $300 to repair and shingle the town hall; article 5, voted $2600 town maintenance of highways and bridges; article 6, voted $500 Police department; article 7, voted $500 Fire department; article 8, voted $240 street lighting; article 9, voted $1500 town poor; article 10, voted $500 old age assistance; article 11, voted $360 public library; article 12, voted $50 cemeteries; article 13, voted $25 Memorial day; article 14, voted $2600 on town debt; article 15, voted $855 interest on town notes; article 16, voted $1800 construction in Marsh road to meet legislative special appropriation of 1935. The amount to be raised by three notes of the town.

Article 17, by vote of the town it was decided to continue the road, straight across the cut...