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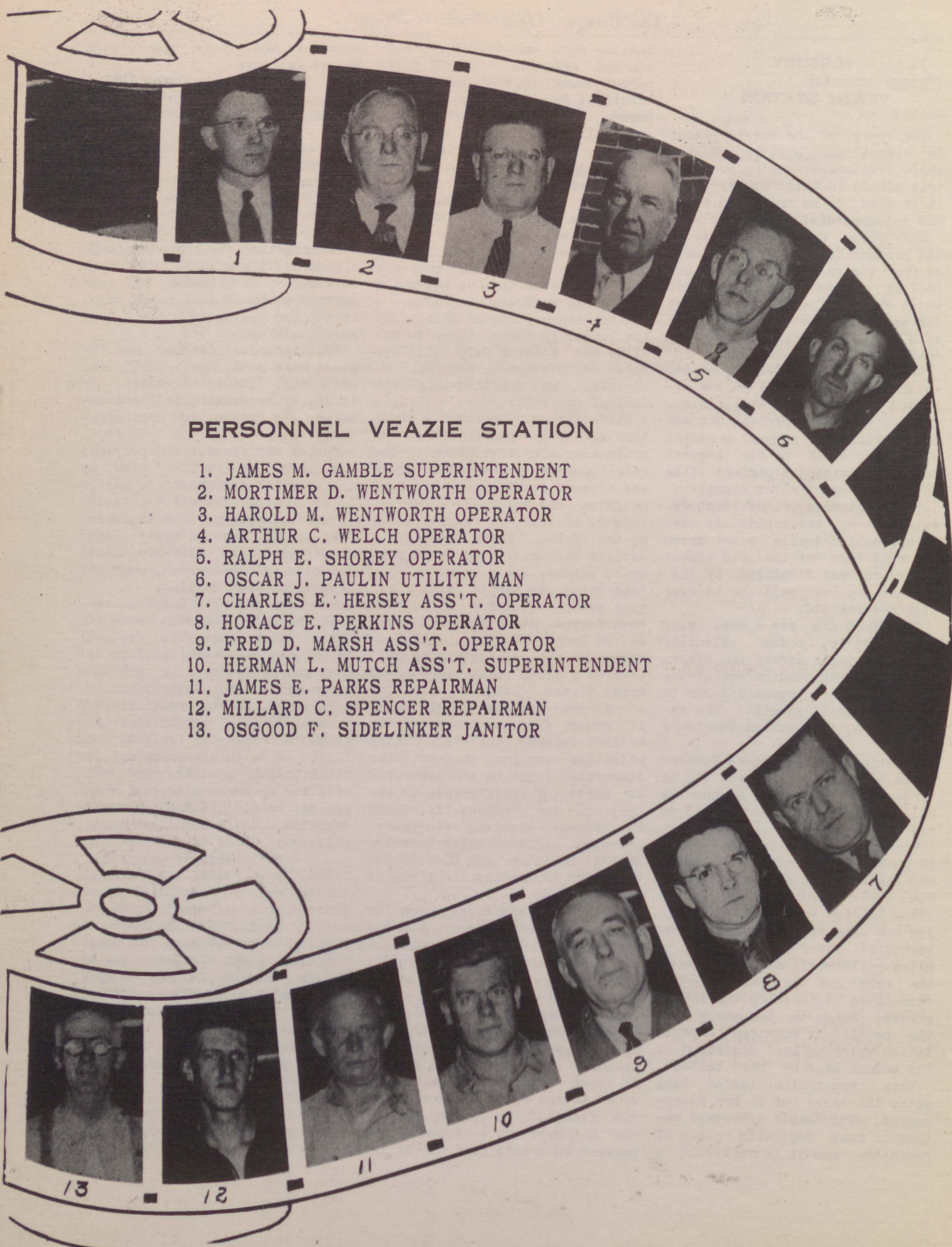


AERIAL VIEW VEAZIE

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## PERSONNEL VEAZIE STATION

1. JAMES M. GAMBLE SUPERINTENDENT
2. MORTIMER D. WENTWORTH OPERATOR
3. HAROLD M. WENTWORTH OPERATOR
4. ARTHUR C. WELCH OPERATOR
5. RALPH E. SHOREY OPERATOR
6. OSCAR J. PAULIN UTILITY MAN
7. CHARLES E. HERSEY ASS'T. OPERATOR
8. HORACE E. PERKINS OPERATOR
9. FRED D. MARSH ASS'T. OPERATOR
10. HERMAN L. MUTCH ASS'T. SUPERINTENDENT
11. JAMES E. PARKS REPAIRMAN
12. MILLARD C. SPENCER REPAIRMAN
13. OSGOOD F. SIDELINKER JANITOR

in a bad condition he had faith in Bangor and in the future of the hydro-electric business, and had that far-sightedness that made him one of the most valuable and progressive citizens that Bangor had ever had. He immediately took steps to combine the existing companies, and to rehabilitate the properties.

Under his able leadership money was raised, the tracks were re-laid, new cars purchased, lines revamped, and new machinery installed and the foundations were laid for the structure which has now grown under the direction of Mr. John R. Graham's son, Edward M. Graham, to be one of the strongest public utility properties in New England, our Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, of which we are all so proud. As the business increased, the question of additional power became important and in 1912 it was decided to rebuild the Veazie dam, which had fallen into such bad condition that more water leaked through the dam than was retained, and a large steam engine had been installed to supplement the shortage in water power.

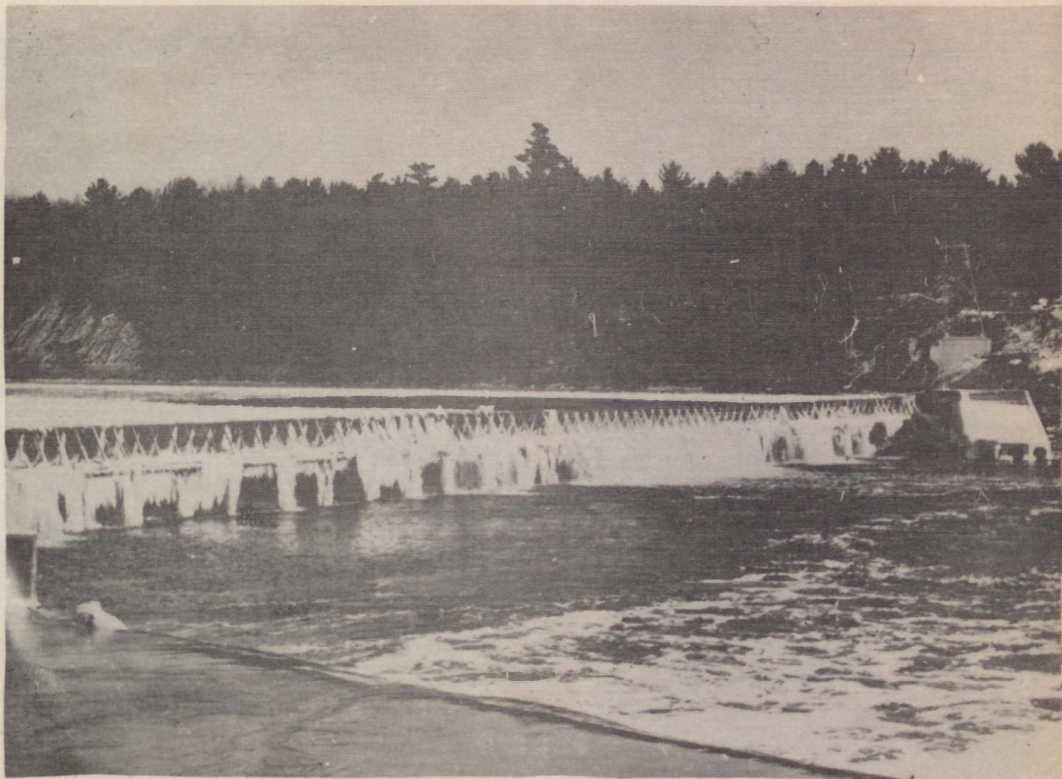
The design and construction of the dam was entrusted to J. A. Leonard, work was begun in May, 1912.

The dam was notable for two items: First it carried hinged flashboards, 4 feet high, operated from an overhead cableway, the first device of this kind so far as we know; second, the length of the dam was materially shortened by the employment of two radial type gates, known as Taintor gates. This was the first use of these gates in the East, and they were considered at the time as very large, being 31 feet long and 12 feet high, although larger gates of this type have since been used. These gates are still notable for their size.

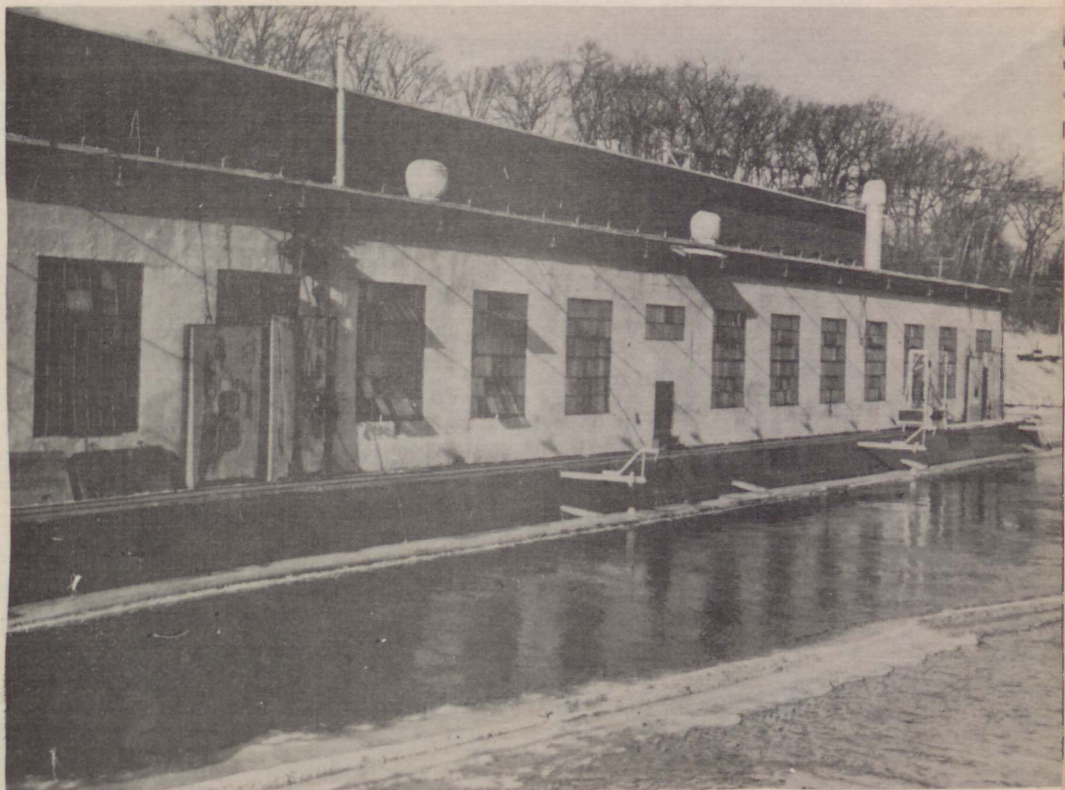
The Veazie dam was completed in 1913, after many vicissitudes from floods and storms, 1912 and 1913 being years of very high water and the Penobscot River on the rampage being to other streams as a grizzly bear is to a kitten.

After the dam was completed, conditions were very much improved but still the cry for more

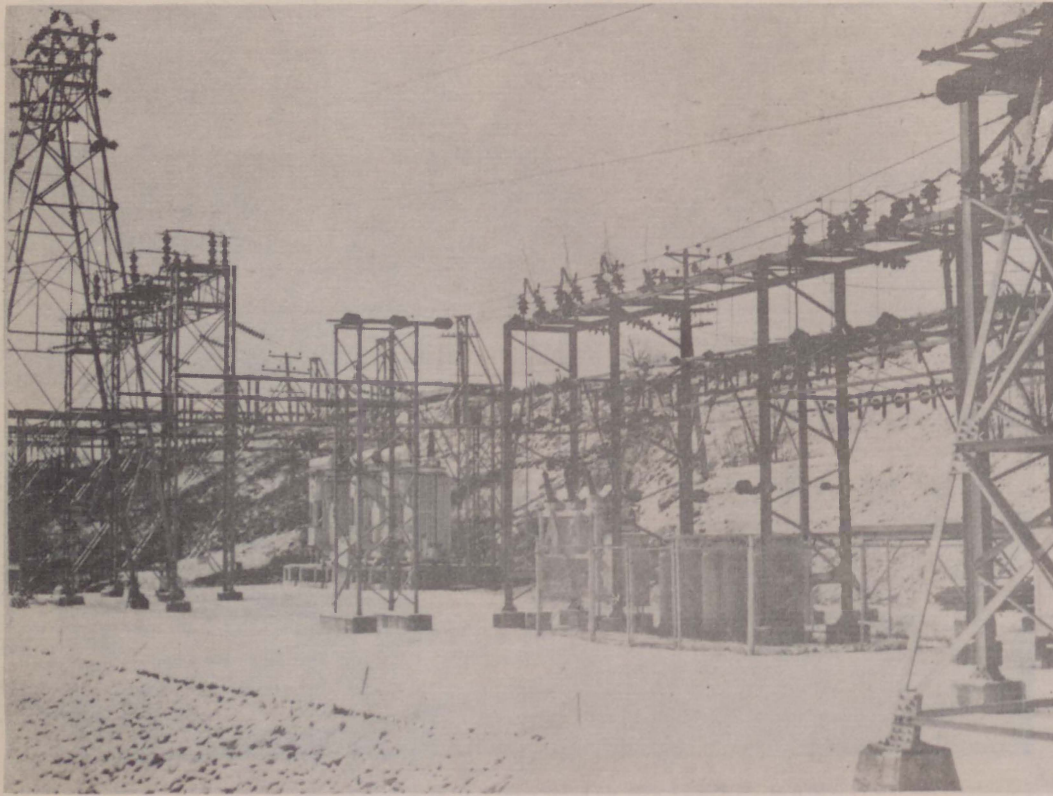
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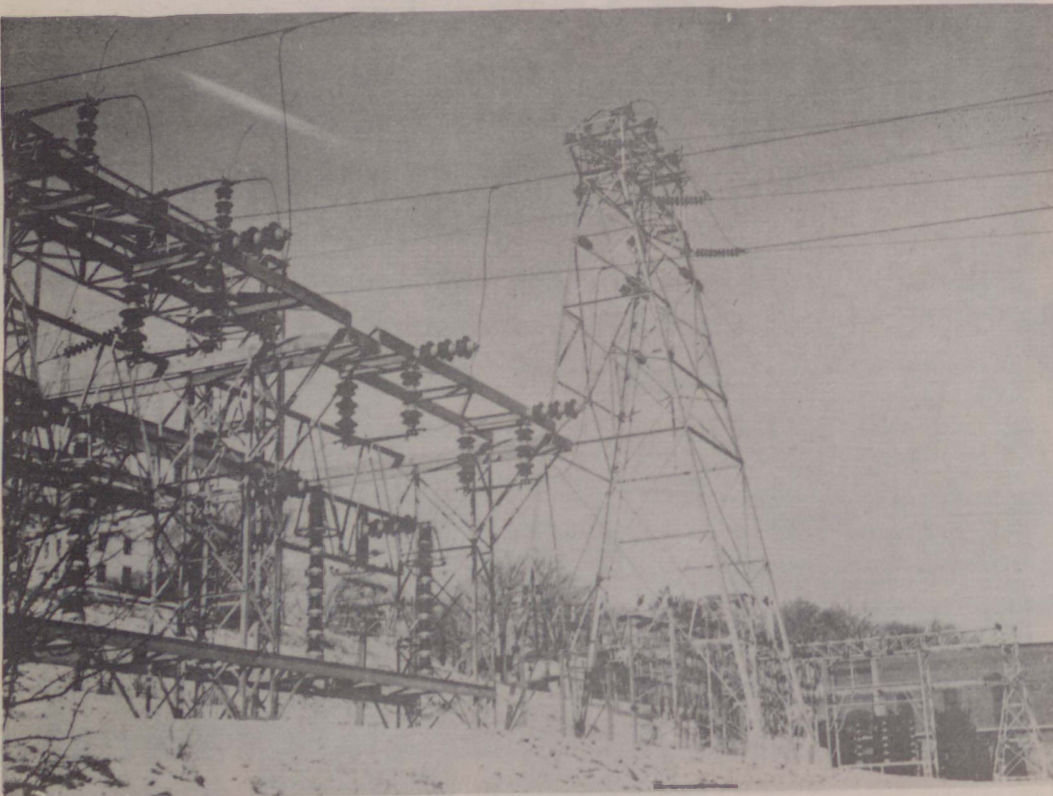
VEAZIE DAM NEW FISHWAY AT EXTREME RIGHT



FOREBAY AND RACKS AT VEAZIE



VEAZIE SWITCH YARD, EDDINGTON LINE TRANSFORMERS IN CENTER



VEAZIE END OF BUCKSPORT AND ELLSWORTH LINES

power arose. The water wheels were in bad condition and of antiquated design and were connected to the generators through bevel gears and belts driving a counter shaft; from the counter shafts the generators were driven by other belts, a very cumbersome and wasteful combination.

Life at the Veazie Station in those days was as peaceful and quiet as a position in the front line trenches during the wildest battle of the war. No one ever knew when one of the gears or pulleys would break or when one of the enormous leather belts would part. When the former happened, peaces of iron weighing from a few hundred pounds to a ton or so would fly through the air, usually taking a portion of the side of the power house with it; and when a belt broke loose, no sixty foot Indian Python ever thrashed about in its death throes as did these belts. The only reason that many casualties were not reported was that a cyclone cellar had been established in the room formerly occupied as a filter chamber, and at the slightest noise every station attendant rushed for the cellar. Of course many casualties resulted from these mad rushes, but these were of a minor nature.

Due to these conditions and incidentally also to a shortage of power, our humane and progressive management decided to provide more modern equipment, and under the direction of Mr. James A. Leonard the present No. 15 Unit was installed. Afterward under the able advice of Mr. Streiff as Consulting Engineer and of Mr. Bjerregaard, fourteen more units were installed, so that the present capacity of Veazie station is 7000 H.P. or 5200 K.W.

The one great drawback of Veazie is the loss of head, due to anchor ice and to back water caused by anchor ice. To counteract these troubles we have installed 7 foot flashboards on the dam, operated by an overhead cableway. This cableway is unusual inasmuch as two cables are employed, one to carry the power hoist for lifting the flashboards and the other to carry the men operating the raising of the boards.

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This arrangement was suggested by our former Superintendent Mr. George Elliott, and while it adds largely to the cost of the installations it gives a larger margin of safety to the operators, and for this reason Mr. Graham authorized the extra expense.

In closing I want to add that while the Veazie station is one of the earliest installations of hydro-electric power, it also had some of the most up-to-date ideas and when the present improvements are completed it will produce power even when King Anchor Ice is rampant.

One word more (as the old ministers used to say when they had talked their audiences deaf, dumb and blind - they were usually all asleep). The Veazie station in spite of the fact that it served the public faithfully forty-seven years, is, under the hawk-like eyes of Superintendent Gamble and the zeal of his able assistants the neatest and best-kept station that one could wish to see. New England housewives are noted for their neatness and cleanliness, but the best of them would throw fits of envy when they gaze on the immaculate way Mr. Gamble and his assistants keep the Veazie station.

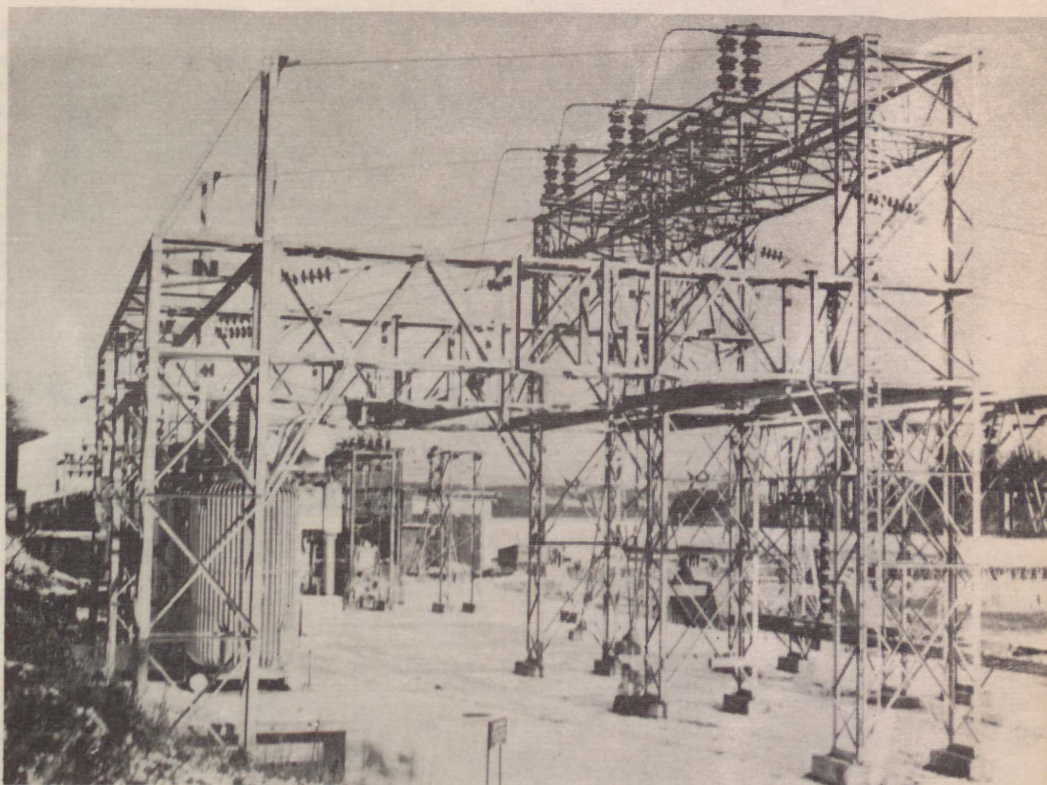
#### BRIEF SKETCHES OF VEAZIE EMPLOYEES

MORTIMER D. WENTWORTH, Station Operator, was born in Veazie, and educated in the Veazie school. He worked for twelve years as brakeman on the Maine Central Railroad and came to work for the Company at Veazie Station on Oct. 7, 1898 "Mort" is our oldest employee in length of service and relates some hair-raising experiences of the old days of steam operation here, when "Annie Laura" and "Ben Bolt" were the most dependable(?) sources of power.

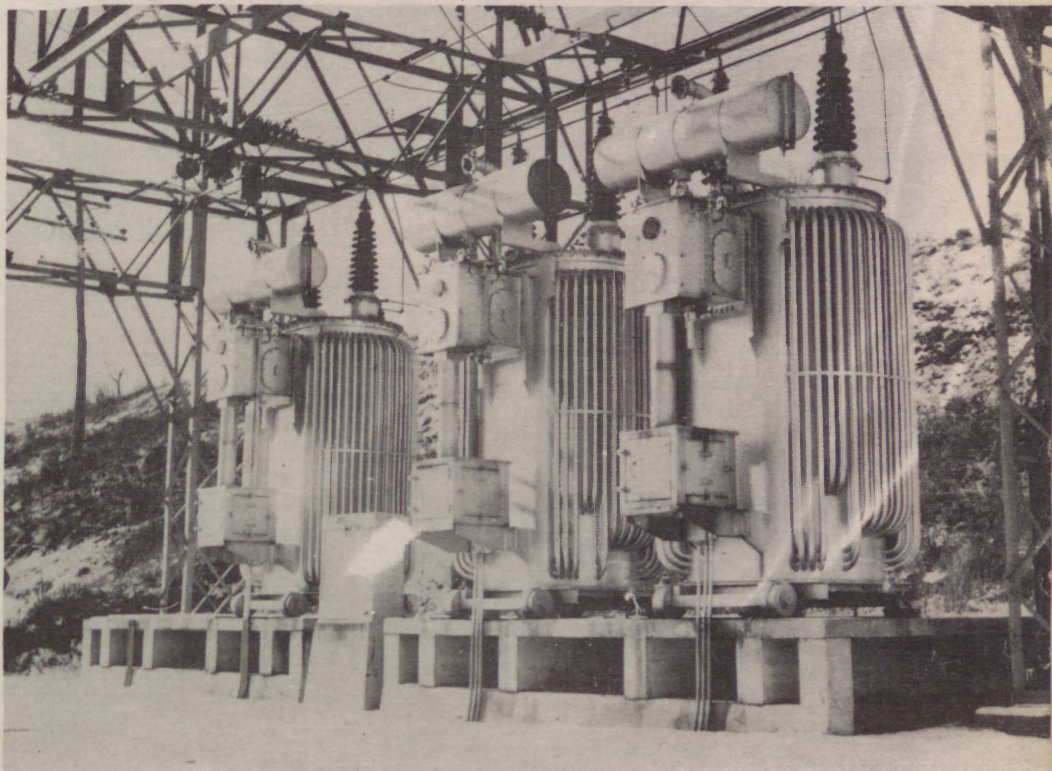
Mr. Wentworth has always made his home in Veazie. He is married and has three grandchildren which he thinks are just about all right.

He is a member of the Quarter Century Club, the I.O.O.F. Penobscot Lodge #7 for the past forty years, and the N.E.O.P Lodge of Veazie.

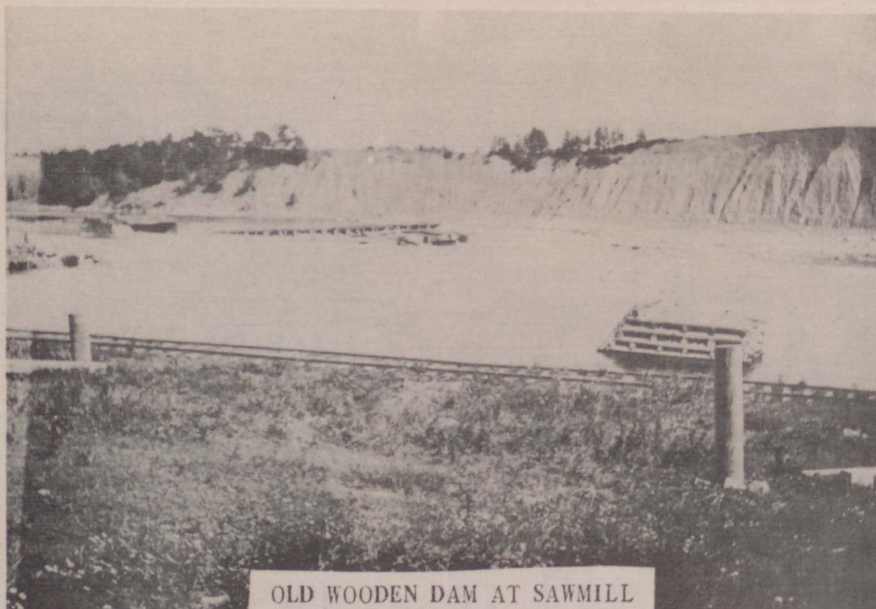
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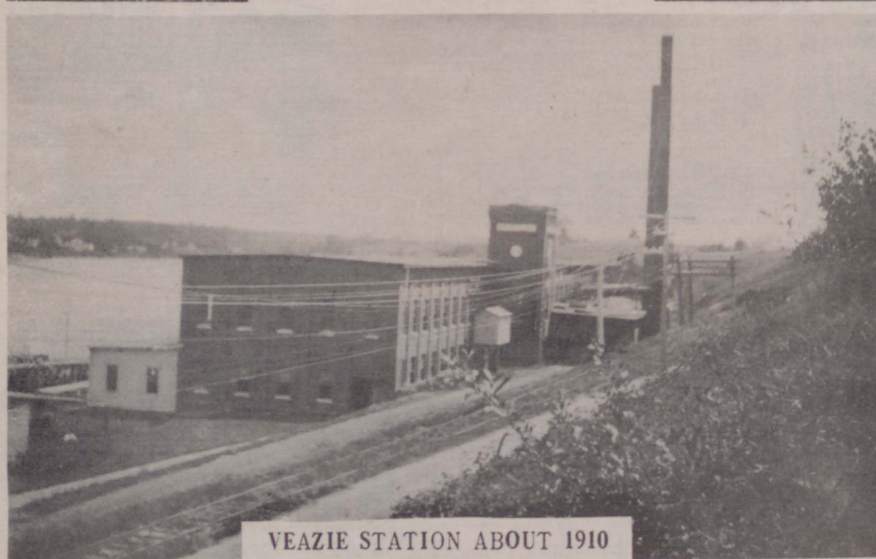
110 Kv. STEEL STRUCTURE



110 Kv. LOAD RATIO CONTROL TRANSFORMERS, LINE 1 TO BUCKSPORT



OLD WOODEN DAM AT SAWMILL



VEAZIE STATION ABOUT 1910



LATER VIEW OF VEAZIE

HORACE E. PERKINS, Station Operator was born in Bangor and educated in Bangor schools. He came to work for the Company on June 27th, 1928, as operator of the cableway across the river during the installation of the 7 ft. flashboards. After completion of this work, he worked in the repair crew and then went on the Operating Staff as Oiler, or Assistant Operator and later advanced to operating.

Mr. Perkins had previously worked for the Company in various capacities in construction work, as "handy man" around the station and as fireman during the hectic days of steam. He has had some three years of seafaring experience as fireman, sailor and quartermaster. He is married, lives in Bangor and is a member of the N.E.O.P. Lodge of Veazie.

HERMAN L. MITCH, Assistant Superintendent was born in New Brunswick, Canada. His family moved to Greenville Junction, Maine when he was eight years old, and he was educated there. He worked most of his earlier manhood in the Lumbering Industry in the Northern Maine woods. He served in the U. S. Army during the World War, and followed up lumbering for some years afterward.

Mr. Mitch came to work for this Company at Veazie Station as general repair man on January 11th, 1928. Since that time he has worked in the station crew at repair and maintenance work. He is married and has one boy whom I think he will educate into as much of a hunter and fisherman as his father.

OSCAR J. PAULIN, Utility Man, was born in Pouck Mouche, N. B. Canada, and was educated there. He moved to Maine in 1908 and was naturalized. He worked in the lumbering woods for several years and came to work for the Company at Veazie Station on December 15, 1919, and since then has been truly a Utility Man, working as spare assistant operator, painting, cement spraying, form and concrete work, waterwheel installation and repair work, and in fact has had a hand in almost every kind of work connected with the installation, operation and

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maintenance of most of the various Hydro-Electric Stations thru-out the system.

Ocsar is married, lives in Bangor and has two children.

JAMES E. PARKS, Repairman and rack tender, was born in Bridgewater, Maine, and educated there. He worked for this Company as a lineman from 1900 to 1915. Then for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company as lineman and block signal man for some ten years. He went to work then for the General Railway Signal Company of Rochester, N. Y. as lineman, installing block signal systems. He came to work for this Company again on February 9th, 1929, in the Electrical Department, specialty, conduit work. After about one and one-half years there, he was transferred to the Veazie Station crew as repair man and has worked at general repair work and cleaning racks since.

"Jim" is married and lives in Veazie. He has seven children, five of which are married. He also has twelve grandchildren.

HAROLD M. WENTWORTH, Station Operator, was born in Veazie, Me. and received his education in Veazie and Orono schools.

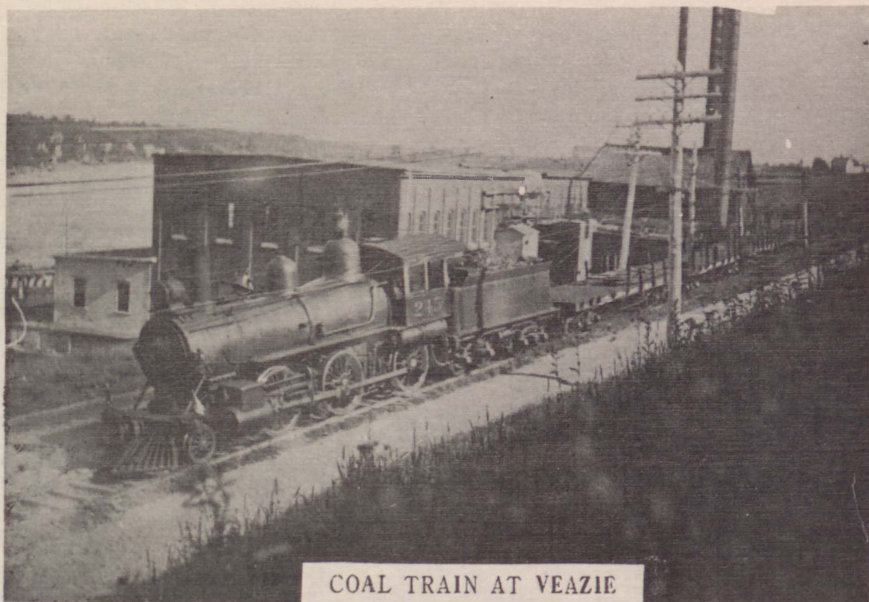
He came to work for the Company at Veazie Station December 10th, 1911, and is another one of this crew's Old Timers. He worked at first in the Old Fire Room, then in the office on the various records which were mostly kept at that station in those days. Then he went to the Maintenance Crew and from that to the job of oiler or assistant operator, as they are termed today. From there he graduated to Operator.

Except for about two years in the U. S. Army during the World War, one year of which he was in France, he has worked for this Company almost since his first job.

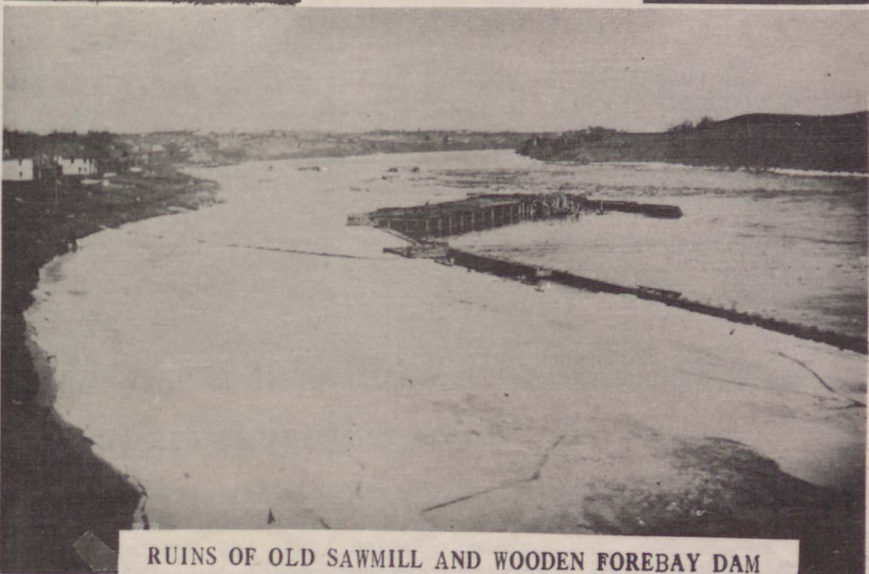
Harold is a lover of sports, being an enthusiastic fight fan and a Great Hunter. He is married, lives in Veazie, and has two children. He is a member of the Quarter Century Club.

FRED D. MARSH, Assistant Operator was born in Greenville, Maine and was educated there.

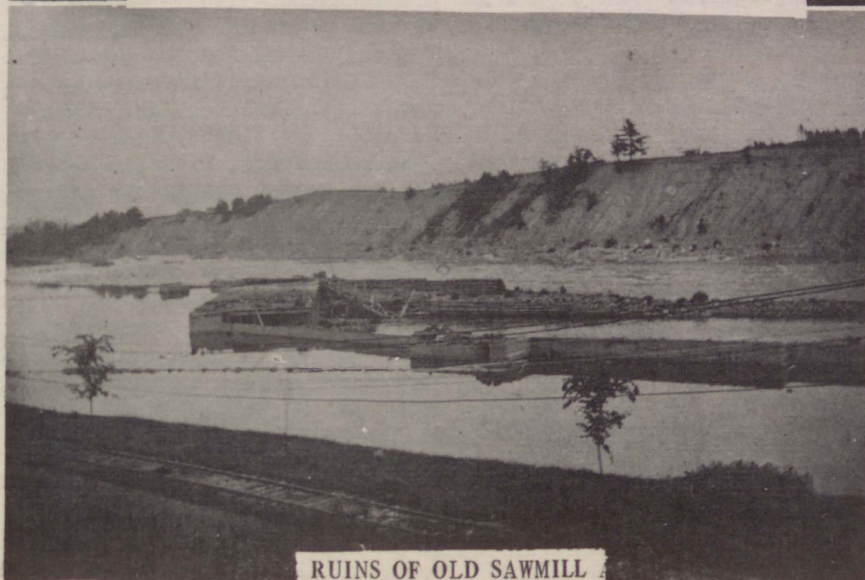
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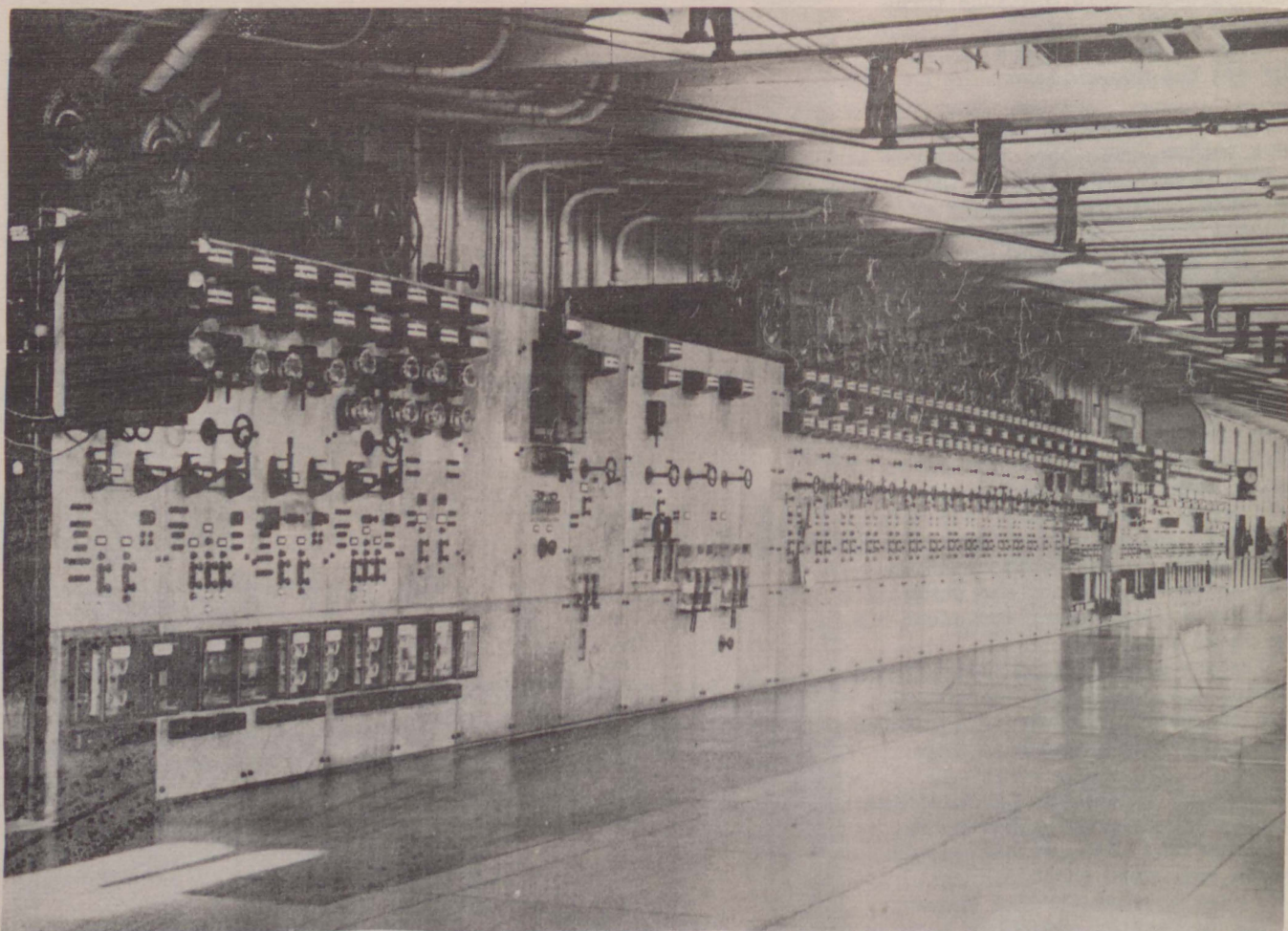
COAL TRAIN AT VEAZIE



RUINS OF OLD SAWMILL AND WOODEN FOREBAY DAM



RUINS OF OLD SAWMILL



MAIN SWITCHBOARD AND CONDUITS TO SWITCH CELLS

He worked for the Bangor and Aroostook Railroad Company as fireman and locomotive engineer for twenty years. He then went back to the Farm at Greenville for eight years.

He came to work for this Company May 27th, 1923, as trolley car operator and transferred to Veazie Station to his present position in September 1933.

He is married and lives in Bangor. He is a member of the I.O.O. F. Taratine Lodge of Old Town, and a member of Masonic, Columbia Lodge, #200, at Greenville.

OSGOOD F. SIDELINKER, Janitor, and messenger, was born in Newburg, Maine, and went to school there.

He came to work for the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company at Veazie Station on August 16th, 1929, as general handy man, and in his capacity as errand boy, I think

he will deliver to Veazie any article ordered, that can be loaded into a trolley car or dragged behind it. "Ozzie" (not the one pictured on the Safety Poster) worked for the Mount Hope Corporation for fifteen years and for the Eastern Maine General Hospital for eight years.

He is married, lives in Veazie, and has eight children living, and eight grandchildren. He has one son now in the U. S. Navy at Newport, R. I. and one in the U.S. Army in the Hawaian Islands.

ARTHUR C. WELCH, Operator, was born in Veazie, Maine, and educated in the Veazie schools. As a young man he did river work, such as dam building and river driving in the lumbering industry. He worked as motorman on the old B. O. & O. trolley cars for some years and then went to work for Morse and Company in Bangor.

On October 10th, 1911, he came

back to work for the Electric Co. at Veazie Station in the repair crew, and later went to oiling and then graduated to operating.

"Art" can tell some very interesting stories of his early experiences in Veazie Station during the days of steam power.

He is married, has eight grandchildren. He is a member of the Quarter Century Club.

JAMES M. GAMBLE, Superintendent was born in Summerville, Georgia, and was graduated from a school near there, later studying radio and electrical engineering.

In 1912, he enlisted in the U.S. Army and for the first time left his native southland, being stationed in Portland, Maine during his four years of army service, except for seven months in France and five months in the Army Radio School at Ft. Monroe, Virginia.

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TAKEN FROM THE ODD WING DAM, SHOWING THE BRIDGE TO THE LUMBER MILL, AND THE MILL COMPANY HOUSES, ON THE SHORE ABOVE THE POWER STATION.

He then tried potato farming in Aroostook County for two years, having married an Aroostook girl. Then he worked two years as machinist helper in the B. & A. R. Shops at Oakfield, Maine.

He came to work for this Company in December 1924, in the Electrical Department, but left in November 1926 for a winter in his old home town in Georgia. He returned to work as electrician, in April 1927, and was later Electrical Foreman in charge of installation of the 13.2 KV bus structure and switching at Veazie Station. After this, and considerable other additions to the switching and apparatus at Veazie Mr. Gamble was appointed Superintendent in 1931.

He likes hunting and fishing and ties his own trout flies( and sometimes catches fish on them). He lives in Veazie and has three children.

RALPH E. SHOREY, Station Operator, was born in Enfield, Maine and was educated there. He came to work for the Company in the repair crew at Veazie Station on February 15th, 1923. After about two years at this work, he started in oiling and later became an Operator.

Previous to his employment here he was light tender for block signal lights on the Maine Central Railroad Company in the Enfield district.

Mr. Shorey is married, lives in Veazie, and has two daughters. He and his wife are very fond of hunting and fishing, and from the luck they have had, we must say they are good at it.

CHARLES E. HERSEY, Assistant Operator and spare operator, was born in Veazie, Maine, and educated in the Veazie schools.

He worked at garage work and at

truck driving for a few years and came to work in the Electrical Department on March 30th, 1929, and worked on the construction of the 13.2 KV installation at Veazie.

He transferred into the station crew as Assistant Operator in 1931, and since then has qualified as Spare Operator,

"Eddie" is married, lives in Veazie and has two children.

MILLARD C. SPENCER, Repairman was born in Veazie, Maine, and he was educated in the schools of Veazie and Bangor. He worked for the New England Telephone and Telegraph Company for some time, as lineman, and for the Bangor Daily News as truck driver.

He came to work for the Company at Veazie Station as repairman on February 18th, 1935. Millard is married and lives in Bangor and has five children.

# VEAZIE NEWS

## J. M. Gamble

We all wish you all, all kinds of Joy and Prosperity throughout this almost New Year, and we hope that everyone of you had a very Merry Christmas.

Did Charles Inman and Kenneth Stetson succeed in locating appropriate presents for their wives, Christmas Eve?

Millard Spencer of this crew was presented with a new son on December 19th. Both the mother and child are reported as doing nicely. This is their sixth child.

I was very much gratified to receive a nice fishing rod and line from the Veazie Station crew.

At least two of our crew have started the New Year off in a sanitary manner, by falling into the river while cutting ice from

the face of the flashboards. One man got his feet nicely washed and provided a good laugh for the others, and only a few minutes later, another one had a complete bath, with shampoo. They agree that the water is fine, for seals and Polar Bears.

Louis Goding was with us a few days around the first of the year, assisting Alton Grant with his oil filtering operations. They moved on to their next job on January 6th, after completion of their work here.

Jim Parks and his houn' dawg may be found in most any thicket, most any Saturday afternoon, and the remarkable part of it all is that sometimes they scare up a rabbit.

I recently had the pleasure of meeting and talking to "Rip" Reaviel for the first time since he returned to work. I think he looks fine, and hope he feels as

well, and I hope everyone will join me in wishing him many more Safe years on the job.

Service Building Stockroom

# STOCKROOM NEWS

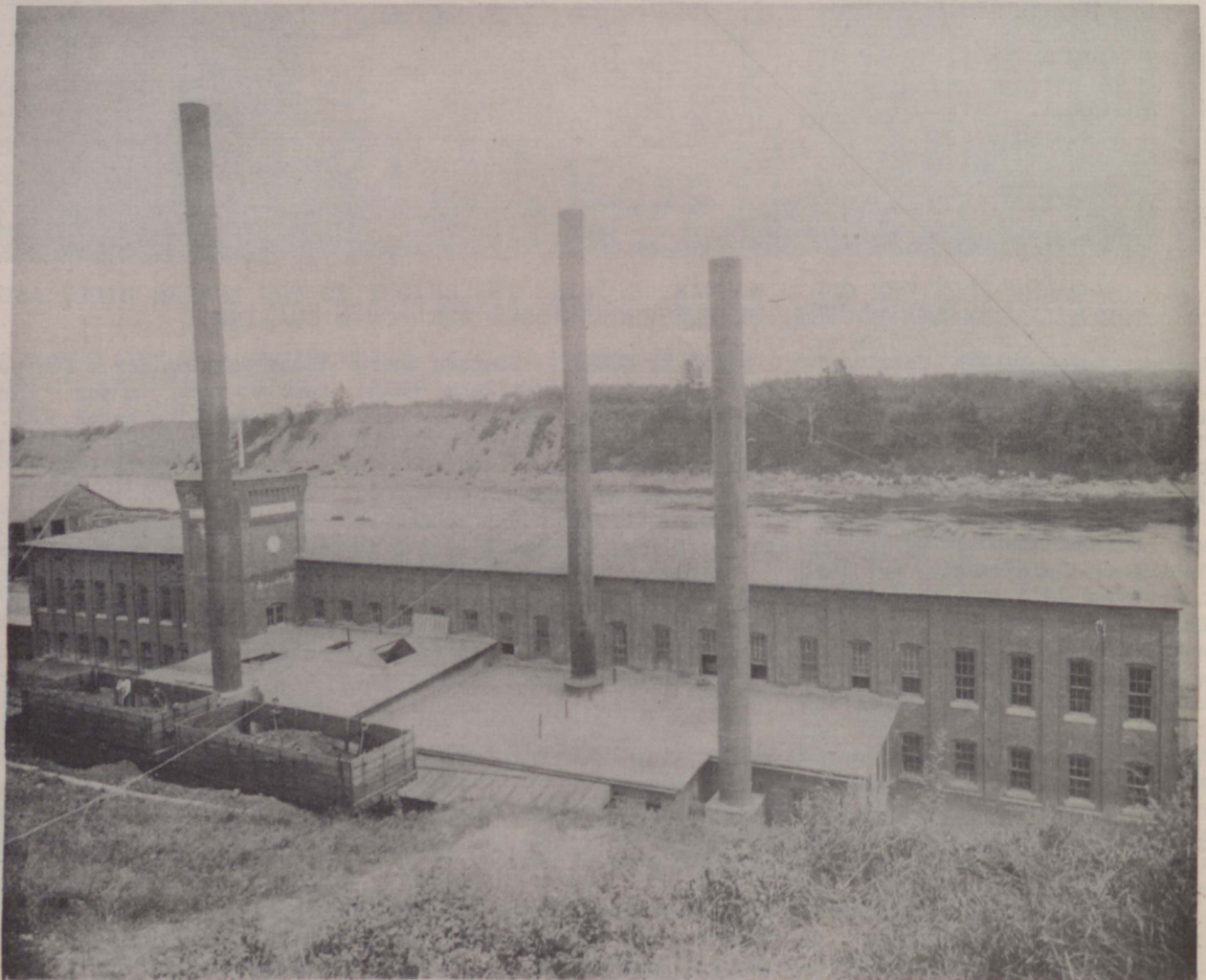
F.H. Foster

Here it is January again and we will stop now and look back over 1937 and see just what kind of a year it really was.

The year started with Miss Weeks' coming from the Main office to work with us for a short time. Later in the year she came back again and stayed until she gave up work to get married and become the Manager of her own family budget. We all wish her the very best of luck.

In March we had our vault room in the basement, which is used for storing old records, cleaned out and equipped with new steel shelves. Also during the first

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TAKEN FROM THE ROAD DIRECTLY WEST OF THE POWER STATION, SHOWING THE COAL CHUTE, BOILER ROOM (WHICH IS NOW OCCUPIED BY TRANSFORMERS, BASES, AND SWITCHING EQUIPMENT) AND THE POWER STATION.

half of the year we welcomed Mr. Earl Young as our new Commercial Manager, and Mr. Milton Vose as Landers, Frary and Clark's Representative in this territory. We had our Annual Company Outing again this year at Lucerne which was enjoyed by all, as much, if not more than any previous one.

During our Lamp Campaign, we succeeded in installing many of the new better light LaSalle floor lamps in the homes of our customers.

Christmas came and went with its usual rush of business for the stockroom, and we must make special mention of the visit that Santa made to the boys down here, for which they all wish to say "Thank You".

We are sorry to report a couple of lost time accidents during the year but will try to use these as a lesson for a better record in 1938. So much for the old, and

now on with the new.

The year 1938 was started in real style by having both of the stockroom offices cleaned and painted. This work was done by the stockroom crew, and if we do say so ourselves, it looks real nice.

I guess we started something as the line office and the electrical department are also having a painting-bee.

Well as the year has just started, there is not much to say about it, except we are looking forward to making 1938 the biggest and safest year yet.

"S.B.S. Signing Off"

#### METER DEPARTMENT NEWS

Elmer Cole

We lead, others follow, or its in the air. The Meter Department painted, then the Stores Depart-

ment, followed next Messrs. Bullard and Foster, followed by a redecorating of the Hallway, and now comes the Electrical Department.

Step in, and see how we shine. Joslin and Morgan have returned from their regular periodic tests down East, and Morgan has resumed Single Phase Periodic Testing around town.

We are getting our annual toll of broken meter faces from careless handling of wood by customers and then the customers seem to think we are to blame.

At this time of the year when the days are short, more lights are burned, also the radio comes in for its share and of course the meter is to blame. We'll say they are darn good meters and hope they continue to chalk them up. If our watches were all with in the same limits of accuracy as

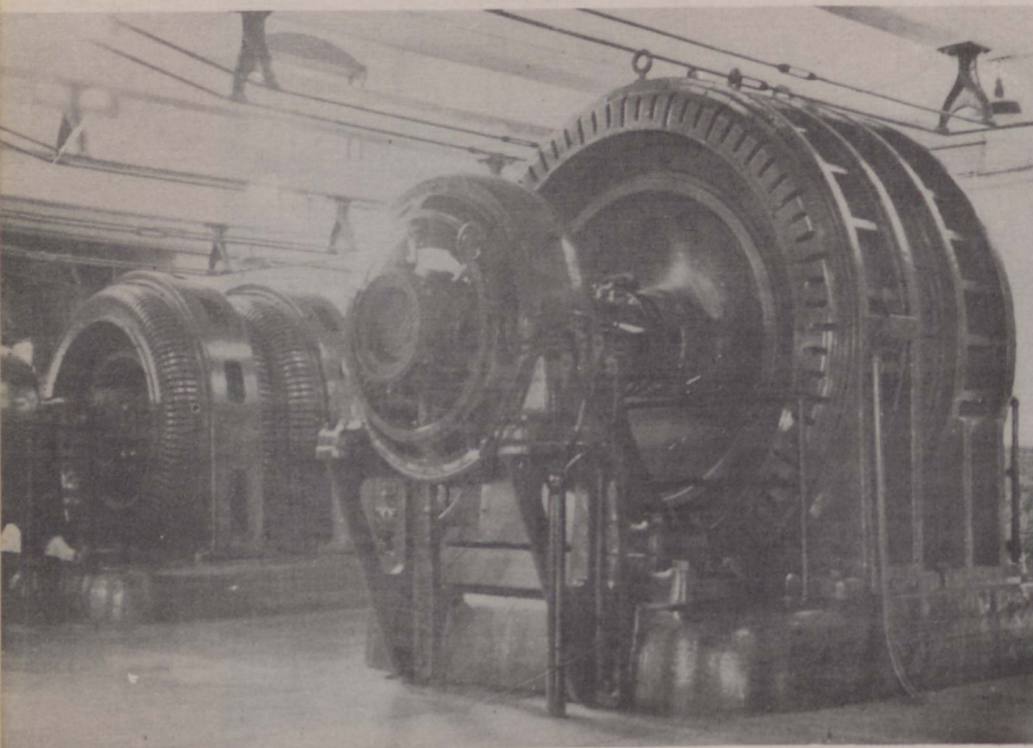
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TAKEN FROM THE EAST SHORE OF THE RIVER, SHOWING THE OLD WING DAM, THE PRESENT POWER STATION BUILDING AND OLD MILL BUILDINGS IN THE EXTREME LEFT, THE MILL COMPANY HOUSES AND OTHER HOUSES ALONG THE SHORE. ALL BUILDINGS SHOWN, EXCEPT THE MILL COMPANY HOUSES AND THE LUMBER MILL BUILDINGS, ARE VERY MUCH THE SAME TODAY.



MAIN FLOOR, SYNCHRONOUS CONDENSER IN FOREGROUND



FREQUENCY CHANGERS

meters. We might get to work on time.

#### FIRST AID DEPARTMENT Elmer Cole

We hear a lot about strains from lifting, mostly in the back although many seem to feel that they also occur on the abdomen and appear as Hernia. The back strains can be prevented if we would only lift as Nature intended, by flexing or bending the knees and lifting by the knees instead of by the back. It is also possible to annex a lame back by doing violent work, getting heated and perspiring freely then exposing ourselves and cooling off too quickly. If this occurs, dry heat as from an electric heating pad will usually provide quick relief. As for other strains, it will be found that the dry heat will usually be best. Let's all watch out for strains, sprains, burns, cuts, punctured wounds, falls and all other accidents and make our record the Bullseye for the whole State to shoot at. Here's how - LET'S GO.

#### ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT NEWS W. C. Harper

The filter crew has finally finished the round for this year, and we are glad to get our men and truck back. We have hopes of getting a truck that we can rig for a permanent filter truck, so we can be ready to use it any where, anytime without having to tie up our portable electric shop.

The work of tearing out #3 generator at Ellsworth is well under way, and our Mr. Nelson is using a cutting torch on it to good advantage. Two of our boys, Bob Edgecome and Carl Smith, have been transferred to Fournier's construction crew at Ellsworth for the winter. We have had several jobs in connection with the work at Ellsworth, such as moving #4 generator field rheostat to make more room, and connecting lights and power for construction purposes.

Our January thaw didn't stay with us very long, but it was plenty slippery in Bangor while it lasted, and we had a few small floods in places where the drains were plugged with snow.

**RELIEF MEETING**

Minutes of the Relief Meeting of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company held at the principal office of the Company No. 33 State Street Bangor, Maine, on Monday, December 20th 1937.

Members present: Howard Arnold Ed. Carvell, Norman Landry, John Peterson, Edison Bartlett, Ambrose Eismor, Elgin Field.

Voted to accept the following new employees as members of the Relief Association: John Loren Hodgman, Raymond A. Grant.

On motion duly made by Mr. Eismor and seconded by Mr. Bartlett it was voted to accept the bills and sick benefits which have been paid since the last meeting:

Eleanor Bean, 42 days sickness Oct. 7 to Nov. 17, 1937.

Alfred A. Hamilton, 38 days sickness Oct. 20 to Nov. 26, 1937.

Wyatt Spencer, 1 day cont. sickness Nov. 1.

Helen Dougherty, 1 day continued sickness Nov. 1.

William Hartery, 17 days sickness Nov. 22 to Dec. 8, 1937.

Robert N. Yetton, 35 days cont-sickness Nov. 11 to Dec. 15, 1937 inclusive.

A. L. Norwood, 17 days sickness Dec. 4 to Dec. 20, 1937 inclusive.

On motion duly made by Mr. Eismor and seconded by Mr. Carvell, it was voted to adjourn, as there was no further business to come before the meeting.

**MILLINOCKET DIVISION NEWS**

R.A.Fernald

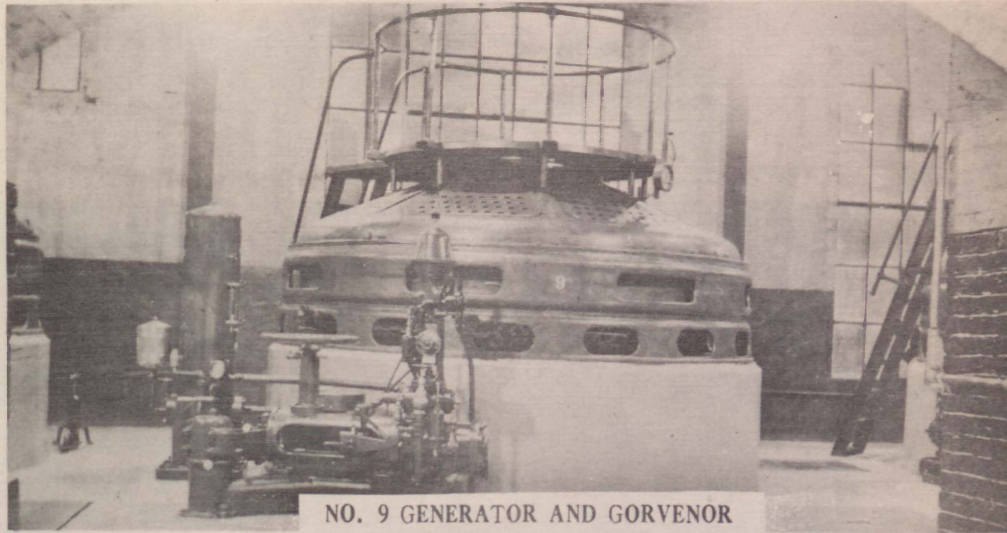
Millinocket is now covered with the usual blanket of snow. There is approximately twelve inches on the level. Yesterday we were visited with a heavy rain, and at this writing, you will find some very slippery roads, but an excellent opportunity to try out those new skis.

William Harper was in this district during the early part of this week assisting on radio trouble.

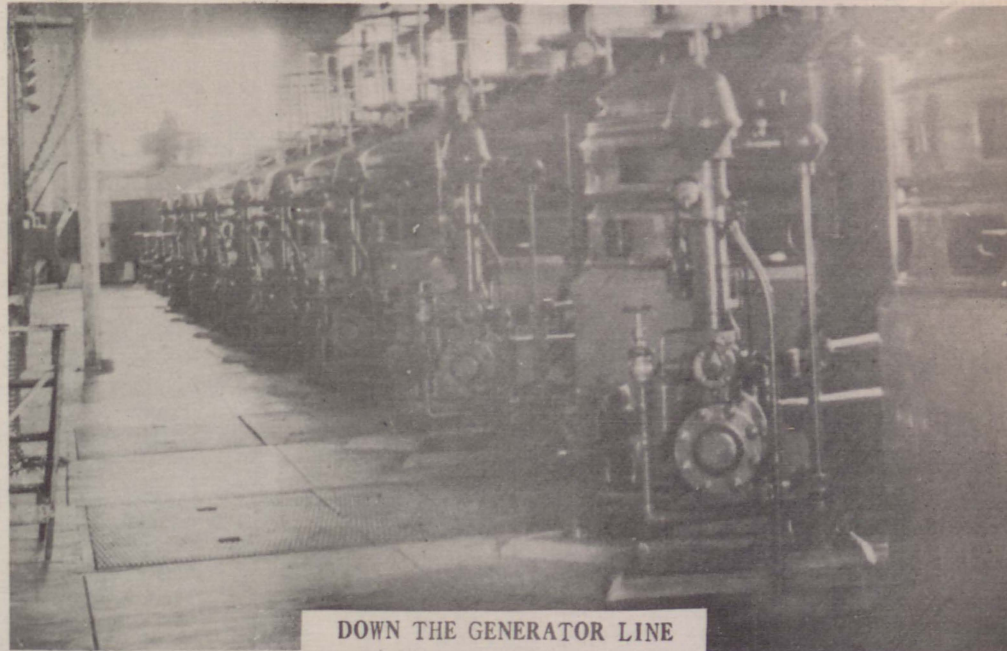
Herbert E. Hammons, and Milton Vose were recent callers here.

Henry Jones was in Bangor this week for the purpose of having our new line truck inspected.

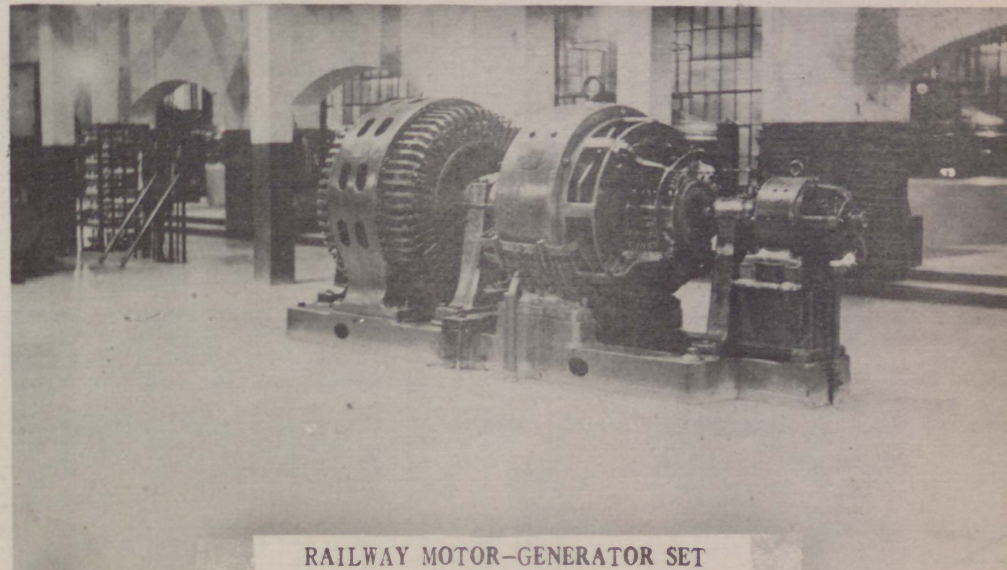
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NO. 9 GENERATOR AND GORVENOR



DOWN THE GENERATOR LINE



RAILWAY MOTOR-GENERATOR SET

# VEAZIE EMPLOYEES AND THEIR FAMILIES

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1. AT FROST POND: Mrs. Ralph Shorey  
Francina Gamble Alice Shorey Ruth  
Shorey Carolyn Gamble
2. Ivan son of Harold Wentworth
3. James Gamble with a few trout
4. Ralph Shorey with a bear

5. Norma and Janet daughters  
of Charles Hersey
6. Eugene son of James Gamble
7. James son of Harold Wentworth
8. Bernice Stevens granddaughter  
of James Parks



# OSGOOD SIDELINKER VEAZIE ANSWERS THE CAR OPERATORS

1. Estelle, Richard, John, Anyce, grandchildren
2. John, grandson
3. Richard, son
4. Mr. & Mrs. Harold Norwood daughter
5. Mrs. Ethel Freeman daughter
6. Emery son
7. Lydon son

8. Elliott son
9. Beulah, Marion granddaughters
10. Jennie daughter
11. Alyce, John grandchildren
12. Estelle granddaughter
13. Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Lunsden, Lucille, daughter, granddaughter
14. Mr. & Mrs. Urban Sidelinker son

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During the past week, we have had the services of Dorothy Jordan, assisting the girls in the office, with the extra miscellaneous work which comes just at this time of the year.

Mrs. Mable Howard of Connecticut was a caller at this office during Christmas week. Mrs. Howard will be remembered as Miss Mable Whirty, who worked with us during the past five years.

#### LINCOLN DIVISION NEWS

H. V. Haskell

Among our visitors in the past few weeks was Mr. K. Cosseboom, Mr. Hall Dearborn, Mr. R. N. Haskell, Mr. L. E. Grant, Mr. Harper Mr. H. E. Hammons and Mr. Archie Foss of the Millinocket store.

The new extension to Frost St. has given us several new customers.

Mr. Alvah Libby is constructing a large hall on Main Street which will provide for billiards, roller skating, boxing matches and dancing.

The trim of colored lights all up and down Main Street, was much admired by home town folks and out of town visitors during the Christmas season. We are hoping this may prove a regular feature of the holiday season.

Our streets around town and the roads, both north and south are very icy.

We have recently lost two poles due to cars and trucks sliding off the road. Both these accidents occurred on the West Enfield road. In the first accident it was necessary to have assistance from the Old Town crew in replacing the pole.

The work is going on well on the new store. We are naturally very much interested and anxious to get moved in.

Harvey Hanscom was at the foot in this last campaign but he is warning you to all watch out in the future. We are expecting big sales from Harvey especially during the "Clean-Ups" of the older model Kelvinators.

#### MILFORD OLDTOWN NEWS

F. A. Randall

As usual at this time of year, it is very quiet around here and it seems as though hunting for items for this month's issue of our little paper would have about

the same result as a hunt for turkeys on Sunkhaze Meadow, but we'll try to dig up something that will get by the censor, even though it bores the readers.

Flashboards 100% in position since December 15th.

Water in river at about the right pitch for our business, and everything running along smoothly No. 6 unit which lost a bearing during our annual scrap with anchor ice, has been repaired and is back in the game again.

Our boiler, which is maintained for use in clearing ice from the head gates, was "steamed up" for the first and thus far only time this season on January 1st.

The mill of the Old Town Company which has been idle since the first of the month, started again Friday morning, January 7.

Raymond Grant of Jennisons staff was here December 30th after some tools and other equipment for Joe Fournier for use on the Ellsworth job.

Assistant Operator Eastman, who has been off duty for a few days on account of an attack of bronchitis, is back on the job again.

Hilbert Anderson, who, early in December, entered the E. M. G. Hospital for surgical treatment, returned to his home December 17, and for a time was said to be convalescing satisfactorily, but was afterwards obliged to return to the Hospital for a few days' special treatment. He came back home again January 7th and is reported to be getting along nicely.

At last accounts the rest of our bunch were all able to sit up and absorb a reasonable amount of daily nourishment.

George Dow and Leroy White were callers here Sunday, January 9th. Mr. White is Superintendent at the Stillwater Station.

On Friday, January 7th, the linemen finished removal of the network of wires used in our holiday lighting display at Old Town. A lot of labor and expense was connected with this project, but everybody seems to think the result was well worth the effort and we are hoping to have a still larger and better display next season.

Mr. Coffin, Electrical Engineer, Mr. Perkins, Lighting Engineer, and Mr. Cosseboom, Field Engineer were recent callers at the Old Town office.

And I guess that cleans the slate for this time.

#### EASTPORT DIVISION NEWS

J. Cassidy

The Christmas season being over, the boys have been quite busy taking inventory, which has slowed us up a little on the light bills, but they will be nearly ready in a few days.

The Street Light Christmas strings have been taken down by the boys and distributed to the owners.

Joe Kingsbury's crew have been working in Dennyville the past week, changing over the line.

Mr. Libby from Wetmore Savage was a recent caller at this office.

Some of our domestic customers who were transferred from Quoddy to the flood control districts are returning, the work being completed which they were on.

#### MACHIAS NEWS

Vera McEacharn

Miss Frances Callaghan and Mr. Roop were recent business visitors at Machias. While here Miss Callaghan put on a demonstration at the Machias High School Fair sponsored by the Home Economics Department.

Mr. Haskell and Mr. Grant were callers at the Machias store this week; also Mr. Vose, representing Landers, Frary and Clark.

News items are scarce this month - it must be the after-Xmas let-down; however, its nearly time for Fish Stories. Hoddy is getting his ice chisel ready.

#### BAR HARBOR DIVISION NEWS

Mary Higgins

Mr. Harold Gerrish, Engineer of the Public Utilities Commission, Mr. R. N. Haskell, Mr. Dole, and Mr. K. Cosseboom visited our office recently.

Captain Fickett braved the ice roads January 7th and drove to Bangor to attend the service school for the new Bendix Washing Machine. Much interest is being shown here in the new washer.

Your reporter has been racking her brain for the last few days trying to remember something of interest that has happened the last month, but in vain! Nothing has happened. After Christmas, and after ushering in the New

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FIRST PRIZE, CHRISTMAS LIGHTING CONTEST

## Bangor Hydro Co.'s Contest Winners Are Announced

**R. W. Jordan Made Finest  
Display; Were Many  
Pretty Effects**

W. R. Jordan of 395 Broadway was first prize winner in the Christmas lighting contest conducted by the Bangor Hydro-Electric Co., it was announced yesterday.

Mr. Jordan's display, which contained more than light effects, showed the Manger, its rough, unpainted boards giving it an added realism. Figures of sacred history in the foreground, camels, the star, and various decorative details made it all very impressive.

The contest was open to Bangor Hydro customers within a 15 mile radius of the city—the company's employees alone being barred. There were many entries, and some of the

displays were of great beauty and originality. The judges—Miss Georgia Worster, art director in the Bangor schools; Mrs. Leta B. Chisholm, of the Bangor Chamber of Commerce staff; and Raymond T. Adams, of the Mutual Benefit Life Insurance Co.—found some of their choices very difficult.

The announced, however, the following decisions:

1st prize (\$25)—W. R. Jordan, 395 Broadway, Bangor.

2nd prize (\$15)—George Lizotte, 376 South Main street, Old Town.

3rd prize (\$10)—Mrs. Ralph Getchell, 294 South Main street, Brewer.

4th prize (\$5)—Mrs. Eugene B. Gordon, 10 Brimmer Court, Brewer.

Honorable mention (\$2 each):

Doris Michaud, South Main street, Great Works.

Teresa Bradbury, 24 Howard street, Bangor.

Helen F. Sheehan, 282 Essex street, Bangor.

Mrs. Muriel S. Bradstreet, 50 Norfolk street, Bangor.

Mrs. Jennie Sylvester, 287 Center street, Old Town.

Mrs. Kenneth Parsons, 86 South Fourth street, Old Town.

Mrs. Vernon C. Flint, 159 Brunswick street, Old Town.

John F. McIsaac, 17 Elm street, Bangor.

Theo Pozzy, 88 Fountain street, Bangor.

Mrs. S. T. Leonard, 50 State street, Brewer.

Year, everyone seems to have settled down for a nice quiet Winter but I can give you the latest weather report as given by Capt. Fickett. When asked the temperature, he answered, "Two Clapboards below Zero."

### ELLSWORTH NEWS

Alfreda Strout

We recently had a post card from Mr. Leonard, stating that he spent Christmas in Attleboro, New Years in New York, and is now in Miami, Florida.

Joe Fournier's crew has dismantled Unit #3 at the Ellsworth Power House, which accounts for the terrific noise one hears when they call the Power House on the telephone. (Continued Next Page.)

Blaine Holmes' crew is rebuilding a joint line in East Bluehill. When this job is completed he expects to move his crew to Surry.

The State-Wide Highway Planning survey, under the direction of Mr. Kelley, has recently installed an automatic electrical device to count the traffic and will be in operation for a period of at least a year.

### MAIN STREET OBSERVER H.S. Allen

The holiday rush is over, the store changed back to its every day clothes, decorations taken down inside and out and everyone is settled down in his or her regular routine. Father sweats for a few more weeks yet to pay those excessive holiday bills!

We are busy with the annual spring housecleaning on all five of the floors. There's shelves to build, walls to clean, floors to be painted or polished and merchandise to be put in shape.

Alvin Smith formally associated with Kelvinator now with the Bendix Company tutored a class of company service men in the service of the new Bendix laundry machine, which we have just taken over. From all reports this new machine is a marvel. Requires very little attention from the operator and does everything to the clothes except hang them out on the line. According to the makers this is "a successor" to the washing machine.

Bill Thompson has completed the installation of a commercial Kelvinator in a cement walk-in box for the Bangor Cash Market. Ask him how the steak was.

Bill's next job is at Ye Brass Rail where he will install two Kelvinator commercial units in as many boxes. An ammonia plant is to be done away with.

Tracey has a new suit which he tried to sneak in by us but we all caught him at it and he heard many and sundry remarks pertaining thereto. Can't find out whether the cigar was standard equipment or not.

Understand that Baughman planned to make his wife a fur coat out of those foxes he expected to dig from their den. Unfortunately the white stripe down the backs proved to be much too wide.

Bill Wray was called home recently to attend to a chimney fire which was in progress at his home. Not much damage, but a few repairs to the chimney will be necessary.

Roger Wood complains of coal gas fumes issuing from the oil burner in the building. We will attend to it Roger!

Salesmen and servicemen enjoyed a week-end at Mr. Youngs cottage at Mollasses Pond recently. A vension supper was served, after which cards were played until bedtime arrived. Some of the more hardy ones (Baughman and Mahon) decided that a midnight stroll would be the proper thing to end a perfect day. I hear the former came in first, although Mahon pushed him pretty hard in the first two miles.

Understand that Arnold was the head cook, assisted by such able help as Vose and Berry.

Sunday was spent out of doors some skating, others skiing, or at rifle practice.

Hammons says the only improvement he can see to Young's camp is in the chairs. He suggests chairs with backs!

Old man winter hasn't set his claws in very hard as yet. Its hard to say what he has up his sleeve for us, but we cant complain so far. Great weather for the radio fan who likes to toast his feet and get that favorite foreign station.

John Ashmore has moved in to town for the winter. Says he was afraid he would get snowbound way out there in the country.

Who's going to catch the first big trout or salmon through the ice? The whole gang here are getting their equipment in shape for the first of February.

We wish to thank whoever is responsible for getting our pay checks over to us bright and early Friday. We have no complaints now whatsoever.

The first floor has an entirely new layout of merchandise display. The center of the floor is utilized for radios, washers etc. while the counters are on the left hand side.

The second floor also has been changed giving a better layout plus a maximum of room.

At a meeting of all the employees at Main Street, Mr. Young and Mr. Tracey outlined the plans for the coming year.

A few men interested in a rifle team visited the range at the Y. M.C.A. recently and were introduced to the fine points of the game by Mr. Ebberson, New England sharpshooter. We expect to go to the range once a week and get in a little practice before a team is organized. We would like to have five more members bringing our number to ten which is allowed for a team. Wont some of you readers who are interested please call me via Mr. Tracey? Our nucleus includes, Berry and Bullard from the warehouse; Sawyer from the electrical crew; Baughman, Perkins, Arnold and Allen from the commercial department: and we hope to draft Mr. Ellis, master mechanic at the carhouse. You All are welcome, just give me a ring for details.

### Status Doubtful

"Oh, Mr. Butcher, about that joint you sold me last week. Did you say it was imported or deported from Australia?"

Canvasser: "You pay a small deposit, then you make no more payments for six months."

Lady of the House: "Who told you about us?"

### LOST AND FOUND

If the person, driving a red truck, who was seen picking up the equipment for the tops of nursing bottles, will return same or the money received for the sale of these, to the owner, no questions will be asked.

### OLDTOWN

### TENTH ANNIVERSARY BANGOR - HYDRO NEWS

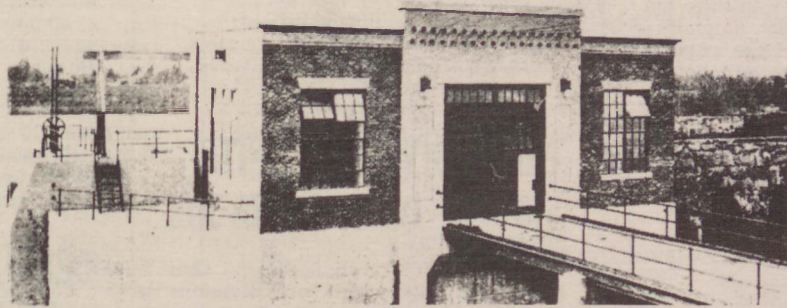
The first issue of the Bangor Hydro News was published December 15, 1927, and this month of January 1938 your paper starts its eleventh year. For the benefit of new employees who did not see the first copy or this paper and also for older employees who have mislaid their copies we are reproducing on the next four pages the first issue of the news.

# Bangor Hydro - Electric News.

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December 15, 1927

Bangor, Maine



STANFORD STATION, ENFIELD

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

To the Employees of The Bangor Hydro-Electric Company:

I desire to extend to all employees of the Company in this initial publication of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company News a Merry Christmas and a very Happy and Prosperous New Year.

It is the idea of the Editors to distribute this publication once a month and it will be the clearing house of events which have happened regarding the activities of the Company and its employees. Such a paper as this can be made very much worth while and it is hoped that each employee will contribute news items of interest regarding events that they believe other employees will be interested in.

The Bangor Hydro-Electric Company is rapidly taking its place as one of the big business concerns in Eastern Maine. To warrant such a position and in order to grow still greater we must all of us realize to the fullest extent that we are giving a public service in 57 cities and towns to 110,000 people. The activities of the Company enter into the daily lives of all these people in a most important way and the public should receive from all the em-

ployees banner service and courteous treatment. Only as our organization works in accord, striving to make our Company one of the best of its kind, realizing the benefits that are derived from the continued good will of the people that we serve, can we expect to succeed in a big way.

The use of electrical appliances is becoming a most important factor in the lives of people and our employees would be doing a real service to their friends and acquaintances if they would explain to them the uses to which many of our appliances can be put.

We are expending hundreds of thousands of dollars each year to extend the service of electricity into outlying districts and to improve our property. Plans are being formulated for further expenditures of large sums which plans will become actualities within the next few years. From time to time in this publication these projects will be explained and the employees of the Company will become in better touch with the present and proposed activities of the Company.

Don't forget that broad minded cooperation between the public, employees and management will accomplish remarkable results.

EDWARD M. GRAHAM,

President.

## STANFORD STATION WEST ENFIELD OFFICIALLY OPENED

Our new power plant in West Enfield, a picture of which appears in this issue, and which has been named the Stanford station in recognition of the long and valuable service of the late Charles D. Stanford as a director of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company and previous allied companies, was formally opened Monday, November 14th in the presence of the officials of the Company and specially invited guests.

Leaving Bangor in automobiles at 10 a. m., the party arrived at West Enfield about 11:30 a. m. President Edward M. Graham delivered a brief address from the steps of the station. The doors were then opened by Director J. Norman Towle and the plant started in operation. A. L. Davis, chief engineer of our Company, gave a demonstration of the automatic features which control the plant.

In the construction office, a fine dinner was served under the direction of Director Harry A. Chapman, ably assisted by Director Albert E.

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## EDITORIAL

The purposes of this paper are principally to promote co-operation, harmony, and entertainment among the employees of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company.

Suggestions as to improving the service of the company to its consumers will be gladly received by the Editors. These suggestions in turn will be handed to the proper officials for consideration.

The editors are always interested in news items, and good, clean personal items will be printed. Any employee may hand these to the reporter in his department to be forwarded to the paper. A list of the reporters for each department is given in this column. If any employee selected does not care to act as such, the head of the department will appoint an employee to take his place.

All items should be at the paper's headquarters five days in advance of its publication date, which is the fifteenth of each month. All copy matter must be in by the tenth.

## IMPORTANT

Remember, this is YOUR paper. We know you are busy, but your Editorial Staff and Reporters are all very busy people. The success and the character of the paper depends upon the interest and the amount of time which you give to it. Your Editorial Board can do nothing without your assistance. We expect each employee to bring to the attention of the reporters or the editors all matters which they believe will be of interest to other employees. If we ALL do this, the success of our paper is assured.

A list of the Editorial Staff of this paper as now organized is as follows: Gladys M. Stetson, Editor-in-chief; Preston A. Mann, News Editor; H. C. Dearborn, Managing Editor; Reporters and Assistants: E. M. Woodcock, Commercial Dept.; L. L. Black, Bangor Substation; W. L. Ellis, Car Barn; A. P. Strout, Veazie Station; H. F. Ryder, Freight Dept.; H. E. Arnold, Passenger Dept.; M. J. Nelligan, Track Dept.; F. H. Libby, Purchasing and Collection Depts.; George Drake, Accounting; H. W. Coffin, Engineering; Mildred Holyoke, Stenographic and Legal Depts.; E. Fields, Meter Reading Dept.; Ella O'Connor, Old Town Dept.; S. E. Fields, Ellsworth Dept.; Miss Austin, Bar Harbor Dept.; K. P. Stetson, Lincoln Dept.; Mrs. M. L. Witham, Millinocket Dept.; R. A. Fernald, Harrington Dept.; Mrs. N. W. Longfellow, Machias Dept.; J. MacDonald, Eastport Dept.

## NOTICE

If you can find a good clean joke which makes you laugh and you would like pass this laugh along, clip the joke and hand it to your editors.

Any employee who has changed his address during the year, please notify your department head so that he may notify the payroll clerk.

## WE NEED A NAME FOR OUR PAPER; GET BUSY

Each employee is requested to suggest a name for this paper. You will hand written suggestions with your name and department to the reporter of your division. A prize will be given for the name that is selected by the Editors. Let's see how many suggestions we can get. Suggest as many names as you like.

## WE HAVE IN MIND

We wish to extend our remembrance and sympathy to the following employees of our Company who are now ill:

Harry Messer, Railway Dept.

Harry Wentworth, Railway Dept.

We wish you a speedy recovery.

## THREE DIVISIONS UNITE ON ONE LINE JOB

The excellent cooperation that exists not only within our divisions but also between our divisions was shown in the recent Ellsworth-Bar Harbor transmission change-over job. The linemen from the Ellsworth division, the Bar Harbor division and the Machias division assembled at Ellsworth and Bar Harbor on two Sundays recently to complete the work of changing the pole top construction on 1,000 transmission line poles, renewing all of the arms and pins and replacing many of the insulators.

On Saturday night before the job the crews were assembled at Ellsworth for brief instructions regarding the work for the next day and following this talk of instruction enjoyed a social evening at the Church street office.

The following day the men, each at his own pole, started work at five o'clock in the morning and worked steadily until his own assigned portion of work was completed. A prize of \$5.00 which was offered to the first crew to complete their work, was won on the first Sunday by an Ellsworth crew with Mr. Holmes and Mr. Havey and on the second Sunday the prize was taken to Machias by Mr. Jimma Hatt, one star of the Down East crew.

The work was completed as laid out and this particular job shows the results that are attained by close cooperation between the many divisions of our Company.

## A PROMOTION

Mr. L. A. Gardner was appointed manager of the Millinocket Division of the B. H.-E. Co., December 5, 1927. Previous to his new appointment Mr. Gardner had been selling appliances and soliciting business from prospective power customers.

## OUR NEW COUNSEL

On October first Mr. Sherman N. Shumway joined the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company Organization as General Counselor.

Mr. Shumway came to Bangor from Skowhegan where he had been engaged in practicing law for several years. Mr. Shumway is thirty-two years old, married and has one son, born in April of this year.

During the World War he saw service with the 26th Division with which he made a remarkable record. Entering the service as a private, by the end of the war he had attained the rank of Lieutenant Colonel being the youngest officer of that rank in the army. His promotion was obtained due to his distinguished service in action. In addition to promotion in rank he received decorations and citations for his service.

Mr. and Mrs. Shumway are at present living at 20 Fifth street in Bangor. His office is not in the Graham Building, but is located at Room 32 in the Kenduskeag Building, 15 State street.

We extend to Mr. Shumway a very hearty welcome to the Hydro-Electric Company Organization.

## DEER ISLAND TO BE CONNECTED TO BANGOR-HYDRO SYSTEM

News of the completion of our 11,000 volt submarine cable has been received from the American Steel & Wire Company at Worcester, the manufacturers, and it is expected that the cable will be in place before Christmas. This job is one of the more spectacular of our extension work since it involves the laying of some 6500 feet of submarine cable across Eggemoggin Reach, connecting the community of Sargentville, which we now serve, with the distribution system of the Stonington & Deer Island Light & Power Company. The whole job involved running our 11,000 volt line from Sedgwick into Sargentville which we are now operating at 2300 volts.

## KILL A. WATTS AND SHOCKS

Girls want a lot these days and some of them want a house on it too.—Pretzel.

The world, according to one of our philosophical patrons, doesn't need to be told so much as it needs to be reminded.—Pretzel.

There used to be a time when it was figured that it took the wool from two sheep to clothe a woman and now the whole job is being done by one silkworm.—Pretzel.

Customer: "Are you sure this suit won't shrink on me if it gets wet?"

Salesman: "Mine friend, effery fire company in the city has squirted vater on-dot suit."—Pretzel.

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## STANFORD STATION WEST ENFIELD OFFICIALLY OPENED

Bass. After luncheon the party witnessed a demonstration by linemen in changing three insulators on live circuits carrying 44,000 volts, demonstrating what is now accomplished without interrupting service.

Then the plant at Milford was visited and inspected and then the plant at Veazie, where the flexibility of the system was shown by transferring the entire load to Ellsworth without the knowledge of the Ellsworth force.

The occasion was one of much interest and enlightenment to those not intimately familiar with the great business built up by the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, and the tribute to Mr. Stanford's memory was an event which will be long cherished by his friends and associates.

There were present: J. Norman Towle, Harry A. Chapman, Albert E. Bass, President Edward M. Graham, A. Langdon Freese and Garrett D. Speirs, directors, and the following special guests: Henry G. Beyer, of Beyer & Small, Portland; Alden P. Webster, ex-Mayor John F. Woodman, Col. Sherman N. Shumway, counsel; Frank Silliman, 3d, Arthur L. Davis, Robert N. Haskell, Harold A. Coffin, J. A. Leonard, chief hydraulic engineer and Clifton A. Hall, of the General Electric Company of Boston.

## STENOGRAPHIC DEPT.

Miss Mildred Holyoke, Reporter

Mrs. Mabel H. Woodman left this Department the first of November to be Secretary to Mr. Sherman N. Shumway, Counsel of the Company.

Miss Wynona Boober was employed to fill the vacancy caused by Mrs. Mabel Woodman, beginning work on November 10th.

Mr. and Mrs. Levi J. Looke have announced the engagement of their daughter, Effie Delilah, to J. Roland Spear, the wedding to take place in the spring.

Miss Trenetta Emery was chosen Captain of No. 2 Team of the Bangor Business & Professional Women's Bowling League. The first game was played on December 2nd, Miss Emery's team losing 3 points to the B. & A. Bee says that it's the first and also the last loss she expects to have. That's the right spirit for both work and play.

## A HABIT OF SPEAKING

The tired business man came home tired after a long, hard day at the office. The family gathered for dinner. The tired business man bowed his head to ask the blessing and all was quiet.

"This is Mr. Jones speaking," he began.—Victoria Buzzer.

## A WORD OF APPRECIATION TO OUR LINEMEN

Of all the heroes left unsung, my vote will be for the linemen of a power company. A great deal has been said about the heroism of telegraph, telephone, and power station operators, but without detracting in the least from the value of their services, without the services of the linemen their work would be valueless. It is the duty of the linemen to interconnect communities with a network of wires in order that the comforts of the general public may be enjoyed. In fair weather their work is not unlike that of others, but the time at which their services are the greatest is during storms and gales that drive the usual wayfarer to cover. When you are safely and comfortably settled in your easy chair on a stormy night, with the wind howling and the rain blowing, and suddenly the lights go out, instead of immediately cursing the lack of service on the part of the power company, pause and give thought to those men that not only are braving the discomforts of the storm but are actually taking their lives in their hands in order to serve you.

I have seen linemen up poles on a stormy night amidst a flock of tangled wires, not knowing which one might be crossed up with another carrying deadly current, working carefully and efficiently in order that the public might be served. In one instance I was standing at the foot of a pole upon which a lineman was engaged in his work during a heavy storm. A passerby stopped a moment and watched the lineman at work. If evidently seemed to this passerby that the man was not working sufficiently fast, and turning to me he said, "Instead of that man standing where he is and reaching so far, why doesn't he get closer to his work, so that he can do it quicker?"

In replying I said, "Do you see that wire about six inches from the seat of his pants?" And upon receiving an affirmative reply, I said, "That wire carries 6,600 volts." I further said, "Do you also see that wire about five inches from his stomach?" And upon further receiving an affirmative reply, I said, "Well, that wire also carries 6,600 volts, and contact with either one would mean immediate death to the workman."

The bystander then said, "I did not know that linemen had to do work of that kind; I wouldn't be up there for one million dollars."

From this it can be seen that the general public has no idea of the risk taken by the linemen in restoring service to your reading lamp. In the storm of Friday, November 4th, in which along with local trouble thirteen poles of our main line, feeding Bangor from Veazie, came down in a snarl across the road, the linemen worked in a drenching down-pour, thoroughly wet to the skin—in some cases water running out of the sleeves of their coats when their arms were lowered, and in one case a groundman stood amidst all of this

## OUR BOWLERS

The time between dates of publication of this paper are such that it is impossible for us to carry current news of our bowling teams standings. We recognize the importance of this activity, and are pleased to state that our teams all stand well up in the list of the several leagues. We have four teams—all winners. Our banners are being carried by the following teams:

The National League—Mann, Sawyer, Freeman, Scripture, Parkhurst, Coffin, and Bullard.

The International League—Blake, Jennison, Ellis, Chapman, Haskell, Cosseboom, Burns, and Curtis.

Both of the men's teams are in second place in the League.

The girls' teams composed of members of the Bangor Professional and Business Women's Club are:

Bangor-Hydro No. 1—A. Grant, Jackson, Morrison, Freeze, and M. Grant.

Bangor-Hydro No. 2—Stetson, Holyoke, Emery, Treworgy, and Coltart.

## ANOTHER TOWN TO BE ADDED TO THE B. H.-E. TERRITORY

A recent decision handed down by the Public Utilities Commission gives to our Company the right to serve the communities of Bradford, Bradford Center and North Bradford, located east of Charleston between Charleston and Lagrange.

The Company has been ably assisted in this effort by the excellent cooperation received from the citizens of Bradford who have certainly shown a desire for the benefits of electricity. It is to be regretted that many of the communities that we are now serving are not evincing such an apparent interest in making use of the service that is already available to them as the little town of Bradford has shown in securing our service.

The legal efforts in securing this right have been handled by the new counsel for the Company, Mr. Sherman N. Shumway.

## ARE YOU A MUSICIAN?

We would like very much to have an orchestra of our own, and your editors want the names of all employees of the Company who play musical instruments in order that something may be done in this direction. Do not be bashful. You are sure to be found out. If you don't send in your name, we are coming after you.

water guarding fallen wires for several hours, thoroughly drenched, with the water dripping from every part of his body.

Next time the lights go out, think of the linemen.

## ANOTHER ORNAMENTAL STREET LIGHTING SYSTEM INSTALLED

The City of Old Town will have its streets lighted with our new ornamental street lighting system for its holiday period. This installation is the newest of the ornamental systems that have been installed this year and it consists of about 45—600 and 1000 candlepower lamps lighting the main business section of the town.

This installation added to our Ellsworth and Machias installations certainly indicate that there is a field of activity for the company in this particular line of business and the Bangor office are anxious to have all of the managers take hold of this line of our business with the idea of securing several ornamental systems for next year.

The city of Old Town has shown its appreciation of the job by giving us an order for four additional lights.

## ARCS AND SPARKS

Prosperity is a great teacher; adversity is a greater. Possession pampers the mind; privation trains and strengthens it.—Hazlitt.

Enthusiasm is the best salesman. Cultivate it; it is contagious.—Marden.

The industrious man is light-hearted—the man who works is the happy man.—Elbert Hubbard.

No life is wasted unless it ends in sloth, dishonesty or cowardice.—Huxley.

In order to do great things, it is necessary to live as if one was never to die.—Vauvenargues.

### SAME BACK AT YOU

Motherly Old Lady to Small Boy—  
"My dear, does you mother know you smoke?"

Small Boy (coldly)—"Madam, does your husband know you speak to strange men?"—Atlanta Two Bells.

### SUPPOSE IT HAD BEEN A TAXI

A Scotchman paid a visit to New York and caused his friends grave concern by disappearing. Police were set on the trail and the city was scoured. Finally, after three days, the missing Scot was found—on a pay-as-you-leave trolley.—All Aboard.

## "THE LINEMAN"

"They sings of the men as goes down to the sea;  
Of the heroes of cannon and swords;  
An' writes of the valors of dead chivalry,  
An' the bravery of old knights and lords.  
"They sighs 'cause the romance of knighthood is past—  
'Cause there ain't no ideals any more—  
They say that this old world's a-rolling too fast  
To develop that "esprit de corps."  
"But them as complains are the ones as don't know—  
Who sit loose where it's warm and then kick.  
They ain't never seen a line sagging with snow  
An' had to get Service back—quick!  
"They ain't never struggled with Death at their side.  
A-snapping, an' hissing an' pale—  
Nor clung to the towers and grimly defied  
The assaults of the blizzard an' gale.  
"They sit and are served with never a thought  
Of the feller out pluggin' like hell  
To supply at their touch the Service they've bought  
With a light, or the sound of a bell.  
They forget, when the baby gets sick in the night,  
An' a storm's raging fiercely outside,  
What they owe to the feller that's makin' a fight  
That their Service shall not be denied.  
"These fellers ain't togged out all shining in steel—  
They don't ride around on no hoss—  
They don't sing no songs about how they feel  
In the gales when the feeders may cross.  
"They don't have no banners embroidered with gold,  
In Latin nobody can read;  
They don't do no braggin' of deeds that were bold—  
Their motto is "Service and Speed."  
"Their armor ain't nothin' but slickers and boots—  
Their weapons are climbers and pliers—  
Their battles are fought up where high tension shoots,  
An' Death lurks unseen on the wires.  
"They're fightin' the gales and the blizzards and ice—  
Protectin' the towers and span  
With effort not measured in hours or price—  
For one cause—just Service to Man.  
"So here's to the lineman—the son-of-a-gun  
That can go without sleep for a week.  
That sticks to the job till it's every bit done.  
An' the feeders can carry the peak.  
"For his is that knighthood that's noblest by far  
That highest and mightiest clan  
That's fighting the battles of things—as-they-are  
In the cause of the service of man.  
—Chan Gardiner.

"I want to be procrastinated at de nex' corner," said the negro passenger.

"You want to be what?" demanded the conductor.

"Don't lose your temper. I had to look in de dictionary mys'f befo' I found out dat 'procrastinate' means 'put off.'"—Two Bells.

## EAST MACHIAS AUTOMATIC FEATURES

We are all very much interested in our new stations and their operation and especially so when these stations embody new and up-to-date equipment and features, as is the case with our station at East Machias. We acquire some of the enthusiasm displayed by our engineers and we wonder how the thing is working after we have established our plant and put the power on the lines.

East Machias station is about the last word in automatic station construction and has been in operation long enough to demonstrate what this means in the operation of such an extensive system as ours has grown to be. It is one of our guards against interruption of service and has demonstrated its usefulness recently on several occasions.

Just the other day there was trouble on the Bar Harbor end of the Down East hook-up and out went all of the Down East stations including Ellsworth. In the operation of these lines to avoid interruption of service, Ellsworth came on and energized the Washington County section of the lines. This put East Machias on the line through the operation of the remote starting device and this station carried the load while repairs were being carried out on the Bar Harbor section of the line.

It has happened several times that because of some trouble the County section has been put out and East Machias has been called upon to take up the load. Machias which does not have the capacity to carry this load has operated to energize the line and start up East Machias through the operation of the automatic, and business has gone along as usual in this territory.

At this season of the year when it is possible for the combined output of the Machias and East Machias stations to carry the Down East load these stations have been used to serve all of this section including Bar Harbor while the Ellsworth station output has been sent along up the line to help carry the Bangor load.

It is this kind of progress which helps us toward our goal of continuous service.

Promises may get thee friends, but non-performance will turn them into enemies.—Benjamin Franklin.

## ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT NEWS

Madeline Spencer

As our paper goes to press we hear that Arthur Norwood is feeling much better. This is good news for all of us and we hope to see him here soon. During Mr. Norwood's absence,, Roger Wood from Main Street is Helping Stubbie.

Miss Dorothy Nealley is back to work again after two weeks of mumps.

Miss Dougherty is still at home We hear from her almost every day We all hope she will be back soon During Miss Dougherty's absence Mrs. Lottie Brown has been acting as Cashier, and Alice Estes is over at Lottie's Desk.

Florence Steeves from the Stenographic department has been helping in our department for a few days.

Our out of town auditors are with us again.

## SECOND FLOOR NEWS

General Files

Bill Hartery has returned to work after being absent from the office for quite some time on account of a broken arm.

Eona Prescott of the Legal department showed up after the Xmas Holidays with a lovely new diamond, and explained with more than the usual amount of blushes etc., that Mr. Ted Morton was the lucky man. Our best wishes to you both, Eona.

Florence Steeves, the "Sonya Henle" of the second floor has been spending her spare time away from the office visiting the various skating rinks on the Penobscot, traveling from Bangor to Old Town and back, with stop-over at Orono, in record time.

The rest of the second floor staff have been doing nothing exciting, going nowhere exciting and in general just not furnishing any news for the paper by their activities.



# FACTS and FIGURES

that have a  
BUSINESS  
SIGNIFICANCE



A new steel developed for heavy duty transportation equipment has a tensile strength of 65,000 lbs. per sq. in. Minimum yield point is 50,000 lbs. per sq. in. Corrosion resistance is two to three times that of copper-bearing steel.

A whistle signal for use on bus or truck fuel tanks is designed to prevent overfilling. The whistle blows until a predetermined "full-tank" point has been reached and then stops.

An improved tire chain tool is said to make a five minute job of removing the broken halves of a cross chain, placing and clinching a new cross chain.

A portable, light, self-contained recording thermometer has been designed for giving a continuous record of temperatures of work going through ovens, etc.

A new odorless fire-proofing material in lacquer form is reported suitable for use directly on fabrics or for mixing with paint or paint thinner. It is said to render paints proof against flame after application on walls, etc.

Automobile exports during the first six months of this year were 32% higher than during the same period last year.

A lacquer emulsion has just been announced for coating porous surfaces. It is said to produce a flexible, adherent, and attractive surface.

Food sales in the U. S. are estimated at \$8,362,425,000. In urban areas, the per capita sales are estimated at \$100; in rural areas at \$28.

A gas tank lock which operates from the dashboard is described as foolproof and thief-proof. Said to be easily installed.

Snow turning into dollars. The fast growing winter sports clothing and equipment market is expected to reach \$40,000,000 this year.

When the alarm clock rings tomorrow morning, 11,123 persons in this country would stay in bed if they had any inkling of the fact that some time during the day they would meet with an accident. Among them 243 persons will never hear the alarm clock again. It's sad but true. What do you say, let's all be more careful.

## [ WISE and OTHERWISE ]

## RIGHT

**Proprietor:** What's the dispute about? Remember, in this store the customer is always right. What did that man say?

**Clerk:** He said you were the toughest old bird in town.

## CRUEL

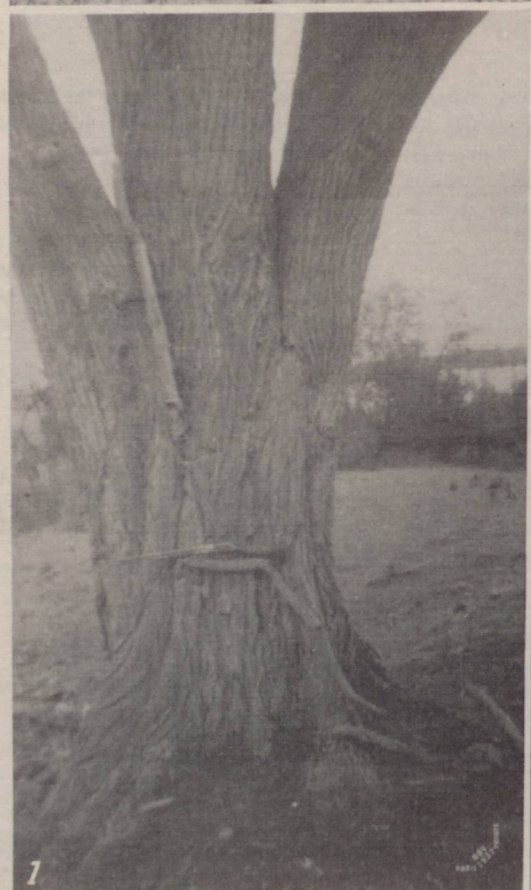
An Indian who was visiting a trading post in the West, heard a white man play a piano for the first time.

The Indian gave this report on the piano: "Paleface, him punch teeth of the big box, him holler."

## AN IMPORTANT POINT

**High-Pressure Salesman:** This comb will stand any kind of treatment, you can bend it double and hit it with a hammer, and . . .

**Listener:** Can you comb your hair with it?



## VETERANS SERVICE LIST

We list below the names of those employees of more than five years of service, whose employment anniversaries come during the month of January, 1938:

		Years of Service	
Doane, Alvah H.	Chief Operator, Park St. Substation, Bangor	Jan. 15, 1904 -	34
Ryder, Henry F.	Clerk, Service Building, Bangor	" 28, 1918 -	20
Stockwell, Earl H.	Bookkeeper, Gen. Office, "	" 28, 1918 -	20
Bullard, Appleton R.	Stock-Bookkeeper, Service Building, Bangor	" 25, 1921 -	17
Fayle, Edith M.	Cashier, Orono	" 24, 1921 -	17
Dearborn, Hall C.	Real Estate Manager & Safety Director, Bangor	" 21, 1925 -	13
Buzzell, Lloyd M.	Lineman, Bar Harbor	" 15, 1926 -	12
Shaw, Evelyn T.	Cashier, Old Town	" 17, 1926 -	12
Buck, Doris	Cashier, Millinocket	" 1, 1927 -	10
Mutch, Herman L.	Repairman, Veazie Station	" 11, 1928 -	10
Imman, Charles H.	Mail Clerk, Bangor	" 6, 1929 -	9
Gardner, Edgar L.	Laborer, Howland	" 4, 1930 -	8
O'Connor, Thomas S.	Salesman, Old Town	" 12, 1931 -	7
York, Rudolph B.	Operator, Medway Station	" 15, 1931 -	7
Graham, Thomas W.	Operator, Howland Station	" 15, 1931 -	7
Hobbs, Ellsworth J.	Supt. Medway Station	" 15, 1931 -	7
Dow, George	Supt. Hydraulic Equipment	" 15, 1931 -	7
Davis, George L.	Station Operator, Howland	" 15, 1931 -	7
Corriveau, Frank J.	Station Operator, Howland	" 15, 1931 -	7
Beatham, Guy H.	Operator, Medway Station	" 15, 1931 -	7
Day, Llewellyn H.	Rackman, Medway	" 21, 1931 -	7
Baughman, George W.	Clerk, Commercial Department, Bangor	" 24, 1933 -	5

### DESCRIPTION OF PICTURES SUBMITTED BY A. C. EISNOR

No. 1, is what I believe to be one of the largest elm trees in this part of Maine. It is located on the Northeast side of Hammond Pond, in Hampden, and has a twelve gage shot gun on butt of tree to give an idea of its size.

No. 2, is a winter scene on the lawn of A. C. Eisnor's home.

No. 3 - Morrison Pond Mountain from A. C. Eisnor's camp, township No. 32. Good hunting country.

No. 4 - Hammond Pond in Hampden from a distance.

No. 5 - hunting birds on a hot day, dog-gone tired.

### A Good Idea

THE mortality in new ideas must be and probably is overwhelming. The human mind could never hope to grasp the number—and it would probably stagger all human imagination. And the reason for overwhelming mortality in ideas may be due to the absence of one tiny idea without which any idea is worthless—putting it to work. Millions of men get new ideas—a handful of men are struck by the notion of putting their ideas to work—and fewer still than a handful are prepared to pay what it calls for in time and trial and sacrifice—without which ideas die aborning.

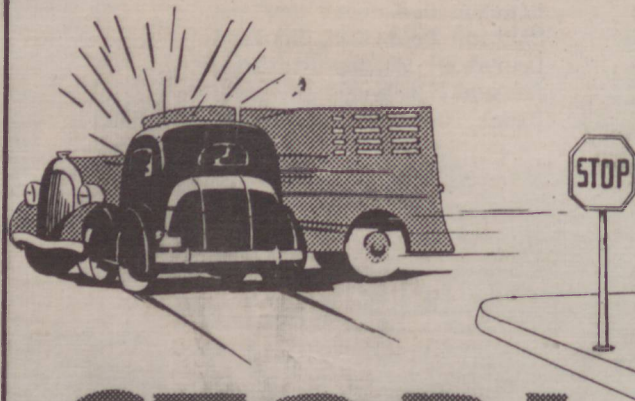
Get five men into a room and tell them of a new idea a man has just put to work,

and at least one in five and sometimes four in five will be able to say in absolute honesty: "Funny, I had that idea." And one or two may even be able to say "I started to do something about it once." And there recollection will end—somewhere a man had an idea for his idea—putting it to work. A good idea for any idea.

#### HAVE WE

your right name, right title, right address on the envelope containing this issue of News ? If not, we will appreciate your sending us a correction. We are anxious to keep our list as accurate as it is possible to make it.

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