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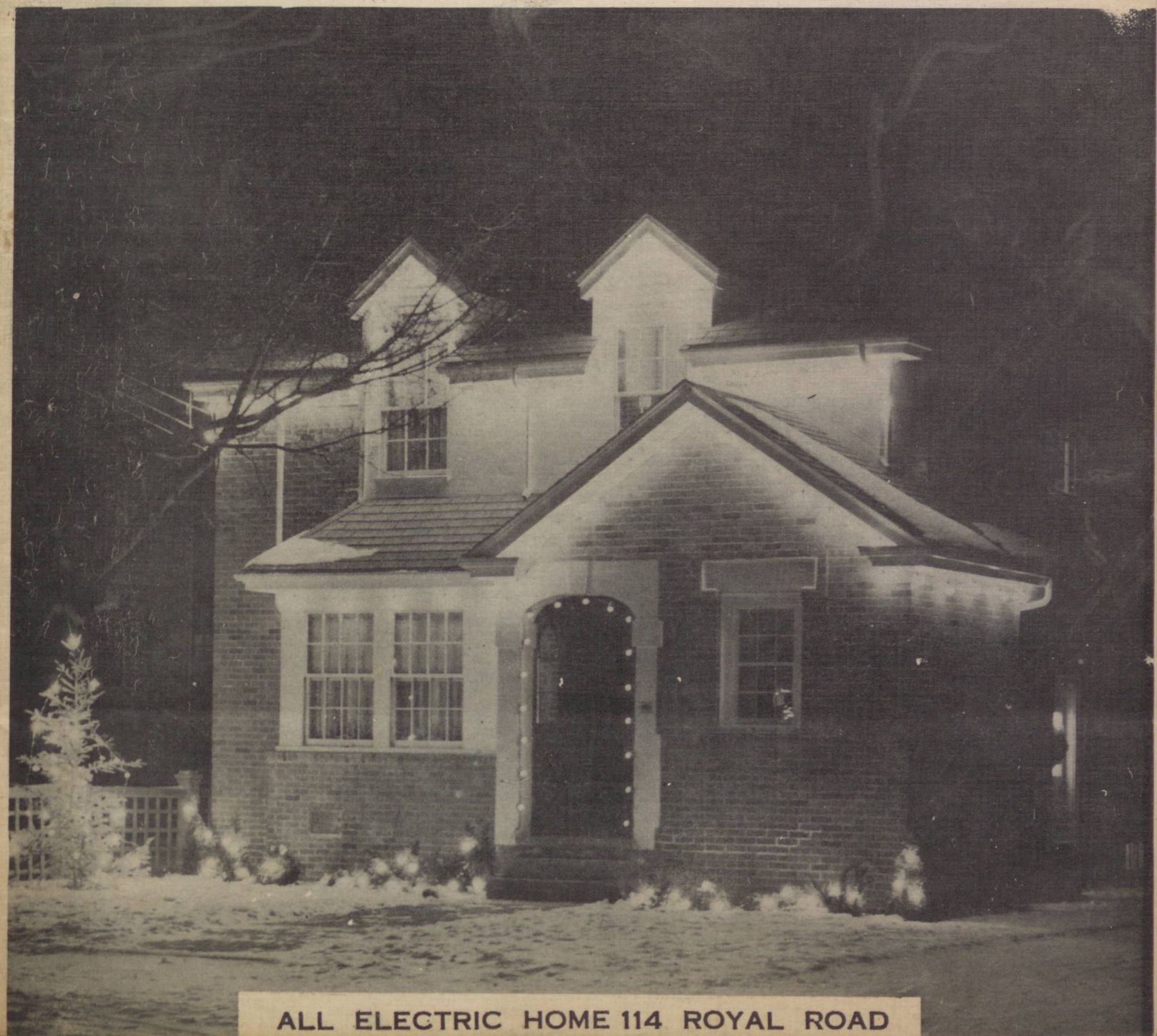
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# THE BANGOR HYDRO - NEWS - ELECTRIC

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CHRISTMAS      NUMBER



ALL ELECTRIC HOME 114 ROYAL ROAD



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## 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 December:

	Years of Service.
Abbott, Alvah L.	Dec. 1, 1902- 35
Wentworth, Harold M.	" 10, 1911- 26
Norwood, Arthur L.	" 2, 1914- 23
Reed, Christopher	" 15, 1915- 22
Field, Elgin E.	" 1, 1919- 18
Adams, Harold F.	" 9, 1919- 18
Paulin, Oscar J.	" 15, 1919- 18
Tait, Roland P.	" 19, 1921- 16
Coffin, Harold W.	" 26, 1922- 15
Tasker, Lester B.	" 31, 1923- 14
Abbott, Alvah L. Jr.	" 29, 1924- 13
Berry, Orrin G.	" 9, 1925- 12
Nix, Maurice J.	" 5, 1928- 9
Greeley, Harry B.	" 2, 1929- 8
Emerson, William R.	" 3, 1929- 8
Crosby, Ray H.	" 9, 1929- 8
Gibbons, Harmon F.	" 23, 1929- 8
Foss, Archie L.	" 6, 1931- 6
Supt. of Lines, Bar Harbor	
Operator, Veazie Station	
Clerk, Bangor Office	
Asst. Operator, Milford Station	
Head Meter Reader, Bangor	
System Operator, Bangor	
Repairman, Veazie Station	
Service Man, Old Town	
Electrical Engineer, Bangor	
Substation Operator, Bangor	
Linemen, Bar Harbor	
Stock Clerk, Service Building, Bangor	
Car Operator, Bangor	
Truck Driver, Stock Dept. Bangor	
Car Operator, Bangor	
Machinist, Car House, Bangor	
Meter Reader, Bangor	
Salesman, Millinocket	



## CHRISTMAS

"THERE ARE MANY THINGS from which I might have derived good, by which I have not profited, I dare say, . . . Christmas among the rest. But I am sure I have always thought of Christmas time, when it has come round—apart from the veneration due to its sacred name and origin, if anything belonging to it can be apart from that—as a good time; a kind, forgiving, charitable, pleasant time; the only time I know of, in the long calendar of the year, when men and women seem by one consent to open their shut-up hearts freely, and to think of people below them as if they really were fellow-passengers to the grave, and not another race of creatures bound on other journeys. And therefore, . . . though it has never put a scrap of gold or silver in my pocket, I believe that it has done me good, and will do me good; and I say, God bless it!"

—From "A Christmas Carol," by Charles Dickens.

### CHRISTMAS LIGHTING K.R.DUDLEY

While reading the paper the other evening, I received a phone call which proved to be the beginning of a very enjoyable and enlightening trip. A pilot friend suggested that we take his plane out and cruise around for a few hours.

Leaving Bangor Airport we flew North, heading for nowhere in particular, just looking at the farms and forests as they slid silently beneath us.

Looking ahead we saw a soft greenish-red glow in the sky which seemed to warrant investigation. In a few minutes we were over the town of Millinocket, but a Millinocket such as we have never seen before. Circling the town gave us an idea of what could be accomplished with thousands of colored light bulbs.

Penobscot Avenue and various other business streets were carpeted in a fixed pattern of red and green accented here and there by a brilliant white of a street light or the red of a neon sign. Store fronts have strings of lights illuminated stars or other symbols of Christmas. Only the

whole hearted cooperation of everybody concerned could have produced such a transformation in a community.

With the brightly lighted business section as a center our pattern spread into the residential section dotted with illuminated Christmas trees and decorated homes, some brilliant, some just a glow.

Impressed by such a sight we started for home. As Millinocket faded in the distance we approached a similar sight which proved to be Lincoln. As at Millinocket, a kaleidoscopic effect was obtained by strings of red and green lights across Main St., and fringed by white lights on the store fronts. Quickly passing over Lincoln we soon came to Old Town, and the now familiar pattern of red and green, spotted here and there with white and the whole enclosed by the illuminated trees and homes in the residential districts.

Orono gave a variation from the apparently set scheme. No red and green carpet greeted us here. Instead a large community tree furnished the centerpiece of the decoration, and was as usual flanked by illuminated business blocks and private homes.

Turning East we flew over Washington County. Turning over Eastport we got another thrill. There below was the familiar red, green and white symphony, but outlined by the moon lighted Bay of Fundy.

Leaving Eastport we passed in succession over Machias, Harrington and Ellsworth, getting the impression that each was trying to outdo the other.

Bar Harbor was next and here was something a little different, in addition to the strings of red and green were many large outdoor trees set up in the various parks and open spaces. The mountains on one side and the ocean on the other completed the scene.

Coming back to Bangor we noticed an entirely different plan. Here the lights were strung along the streets over the sidewalks instead of across them. Windows and in places entire fronts of business blocks were banked with colored lights. It made one wonder what several native sons commemorated in bronze would say if they could see Bangor as I saw it.

Such a panoramic picture brings to mind the inevitable comparison of today and yesterday. Of the advances made by civilization, from the time of that first Xmas illuminated by that brilliant star. From then until a comparatively few years ago, illuminated decorations was accomplished with wax candles. Hundreds of lives every year was the price exacted by sudden fires. Then the color scheme was a pale yellow shining on green wreaths or glass ornaments. Now we get any effect that we desire by proper choice of colored light bulbs. The flexibility and safeness of electricity not only for Christmas lighting but as a household servant cannot be over-emphasized. And as yet we know comparatively little of what electricity can be made to do.

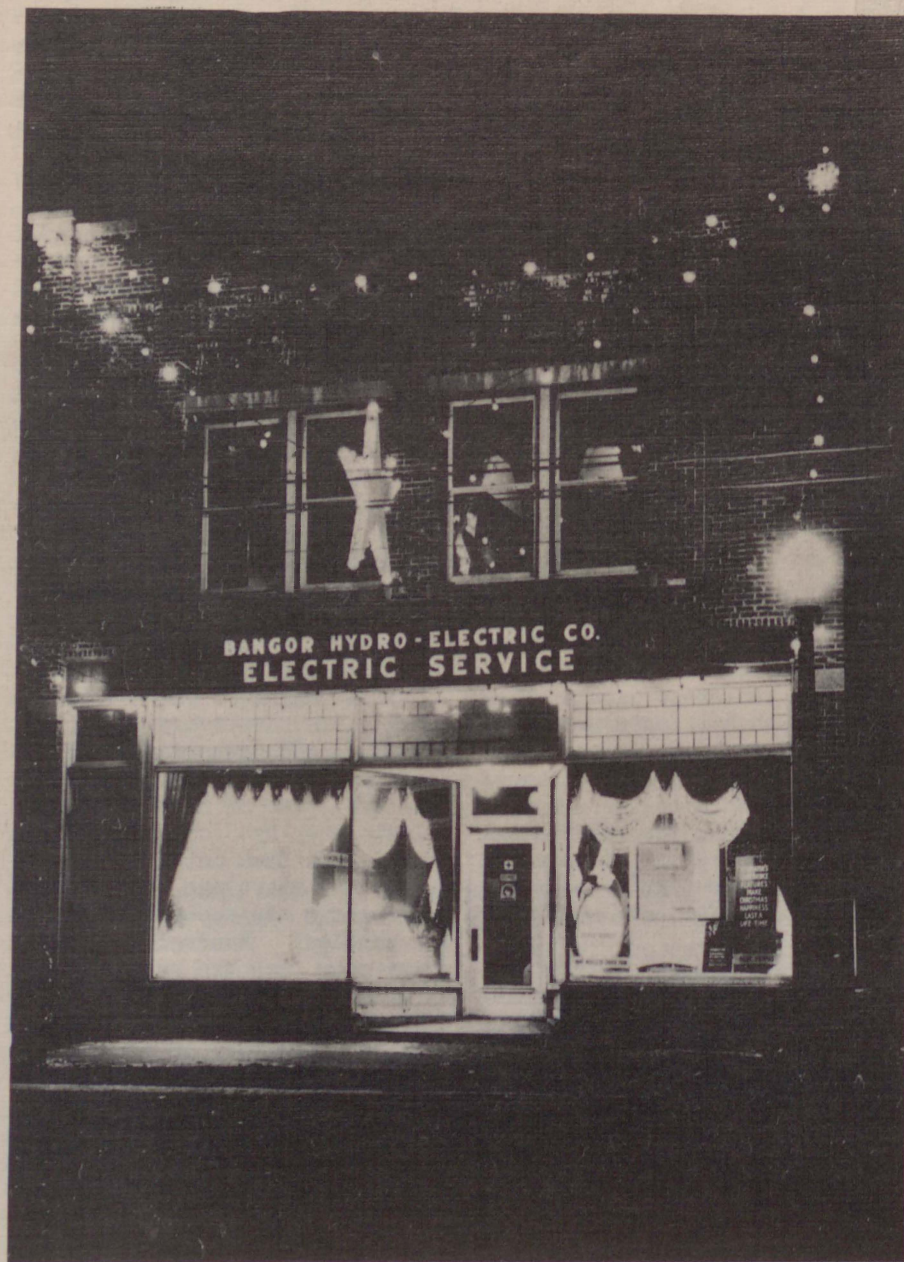
### MILFORD OLDTOWN NEWS F.A.Randall

First snowstorm of the season November 20th; second snowstorm December 9th.

Anchor ice made its first appearance about 3 AM Saturday, Dec. 4th and continued running through (Continued on next page)



## CHRISTMAS LIGHTING PHOTOS FROM VARIOUS COMMUNITIES



## STORE MILLINOCKET

Sunday and Monday. Sunday was our worst day when some of our generators became so badly clogged with ice that they refused to carry any load and were shut down. Exciter No. 1 was out of commission for the same cause. Our pumps that furnish water for our cooling system also went on the blink for a time, causing the

burning out of a bearing on one of the generators (No. 6) which will necessarily be off the job for a week or more. Ice started running again Thursday evening, December 9th, mostly on the Old Town side as the big eddy on Milford side was already frozen over as was also greater part of pond. Early Friday morning, December 10

much to our surprise and delight, the ice jammed and stopped, and that, we hope, ended our trouble with anchor ice for the season. The boards at that time were 93% in position at Milford and 85% at Gilman Falls.

Monday, December 13th, the boys raised 4% of the boards at Milford, bringing our percentage up to 97, but in the meantime we had lost a lot more at Gilman Falls, cutting their percentage to 62; however, if it holds cold, we will soon have them all up again and everything will be OK.

High points reached by the Sunk-haze gauge so far this Fall were, October 25th, 112.85; November 4, 110.80; November 30th 112.60. Low point between above dates, Nov. 14th, 106.80.

We are glad to announce that Henry Barker, who has been operating in the vicinity of Carroll for a year or more, has moved his mill back here to the old stand and is now having it repaired and put in condition for business. He also has a nice pile of logs already in the yard and more coming in daily.

We miss seeing George Dow and Joe Fournier these days. They were frequent visitors here while on the Stillwater job.

Joe Kingsbury and crew, who have been doing some line work near here, made us several short calls.

Chief Engineer Kruse brought his father in for a short call one day recently.

Alton Grant and helper were here December 9th, wiring storehouse for lights.

Hilbert Anderson entered the E. M.G. Hospital for surgical treatment December 1st. All reports from him have been favorable and we hope to see him back home very soon.

"All's Well" at the Old Town office and all hands busy most of the time. A new member, Miss Mildred Willard, of Orono, has lately been added to the office force.

The hunting season is now over. Most of the boys brought home a deer, and now the talk turns to ice fishing. More about this at (Continued on next page)





#### PENOBSCOT AVENUE MILLINOCKET

a later date.

Our line stock room has lately received some much needed attention, repairs and alterations, which have transformed it from a cold, cramped, inconvenient joint to a warm, neat, convenient and good looking apartment. The main stock room has been re-arranged to make room for all tools and stock, some of which has heretofore necessarily been stored outdoors. A neat, new, well-heated office, 9 x 12, with lavatory connected, has been added and also a service man's work room, 7 x 9, with work bench and other necessary fittings. These rooms are neatly and tastily finished and painted in light colors. The garage has been re-arranged to accommodate our three trucks, where heretofore, one of them was obliged to sleep outside.

The accompanying picture will give our readers some little idea

of the beauty and attractiveness of our holiday lighting display. This display was made possible through the cooperation of our Chamber of Commerce with the leading merchants of the city. Four thousand feet of wire and about one thousand lights were used on the job. The lights - red and green alternating - are spaced two feet apart over the entire network, which extends from Goldsmith's furniture store to the Strand Theatre on Main Street and from the Bridge to the Post Office on Center Street. In addition to this, we, of course, have our own private display at the office, as have also several other places of business on our principal streets.

Swing around some evening and look us over, and we believe you will decide that the City of Old Town is still very much on the map.

Late Flash!!! 2 PM Tuesday, Dec. 14th - Boards at Gilman Falls 100 per cent in position.

#### ORONO NEWS ITEMS

Edith Fayle

Mr. William Gibbs is reading meters in the Orono Division this month. Bill is a good worker and we appreciate having him with us during the rush season. Miss Mildred Willard is dividing her time between the Old Town and the Orono Offices, and this help is also greatly appreciated.

Mr. Philip Banks of the Westinghouse Company called on us this week, and we certainly were glad to see him. Mr. Herbert Hammons was also a caller this week.

Mr. Grindle is busy dashing around trying to close some real live prospects that he has, hoping to make his quota, as he is (Continued on next page).





#### MAIN STREET LINCOLN

not offering any alibis, regardless of what Herbie Hammons says.

We are all looking forward to a nice visit from Santa Claus next week. We understand that Miss Shaw of the Old Town office was seen whispering in Santa's ear at Freese's store last Saturday. Don't ask for too much Evelyn, remember the depression is still on.

We would like to take this opportunity to wish all the employees of the Company a Very Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

#### VEAZIE STATION NEWS

James Gamble

The deer hunting season for 1937 is now only a memory and such a memory to some of us.

A memorable incident to one member of our crew, is standing and watching a deer run away, with out raising his gun to shoot, be-

cause he says the deer ran differently that any he had ever seep. Another man hunted all season for a spike-horned buck, as his particular choice of a deer to shoot, only to discover one day late in the season that a supposed doe he had just watched run away without firing a shot at it, was his much coveted spike-horned deer, and another man will long remember his experience when spotting a trail one day, with a hunting knife in one hand and a gun in the other, and he looked up to see a big buck hoping calmly along in the open a short distance away. He tried to change hands with the gun and the knife at the same time and cut his fingers, and finally got straightened out and ready to shoot after the deer was gone.

Mr. Edward "Pop" Nelson, of the Electrical Department has been working at Veazie Station about

two weeks during the past month doing some odd jobs of electrical work.

We all hope that our anchor ice troubles for the winter are about over, as the pond froze over during the night of December 10th, stopping the heavy run of ice that had bothered us for several days.

Messrs. Grant and Smith, with the oil filtering outfit, arrived here December 15th, for inspection, testing and reconditioning of switch and transformer oil in the equipment here.

#### MAIN STREET OBSERVER

H.S. Allen

George White's ability as a window decorator may be seen at the Main Street Store. Surely it is a masterpiece and is rated as the best on the entire street. Nothing crowded or jumbled, every  
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thing in plain sight, placed at the proper angle to display all of the lines of each piece of Merchandise. Imagine all of the outside stores can boast of the same beautiful holiday windows. George should have a printed motto in each of his windows telling the world at large of his ability. We suggest one reading "George did it", or perhaps "Distinctive Displays, by White".

Just now he has a brain child for use at his home. If it matures it will be worth seeing.

Hunting season is all over, guns cleaned and oiled and hung on their hooks until another season. Big are the stories told this winter of the chase, the shot and last but not least, yet usually hardest of all, dragging it out.

Ever get worried after you've hunted several days without so much as seeing one and feel as tho you must return with an empty running board? An old guide once told me "Don't get discouraged, after you see one its all over in a second, the fun gone and the work starts!" Guess he hits the nail squarely on the head as they drag out a lot harder than they run in under their own power.

We have the outline of a Xmas tree on the front of our building made up of a stringer with red and green bulbs. It must be realistic because it even is fooling the birds. They gather in it hopping from limb to limb hunting for worms, flies or other bits of food. As yet it has not been visited by any woodpeckers.

Both Kelvin homes are decorated in true holiday color.

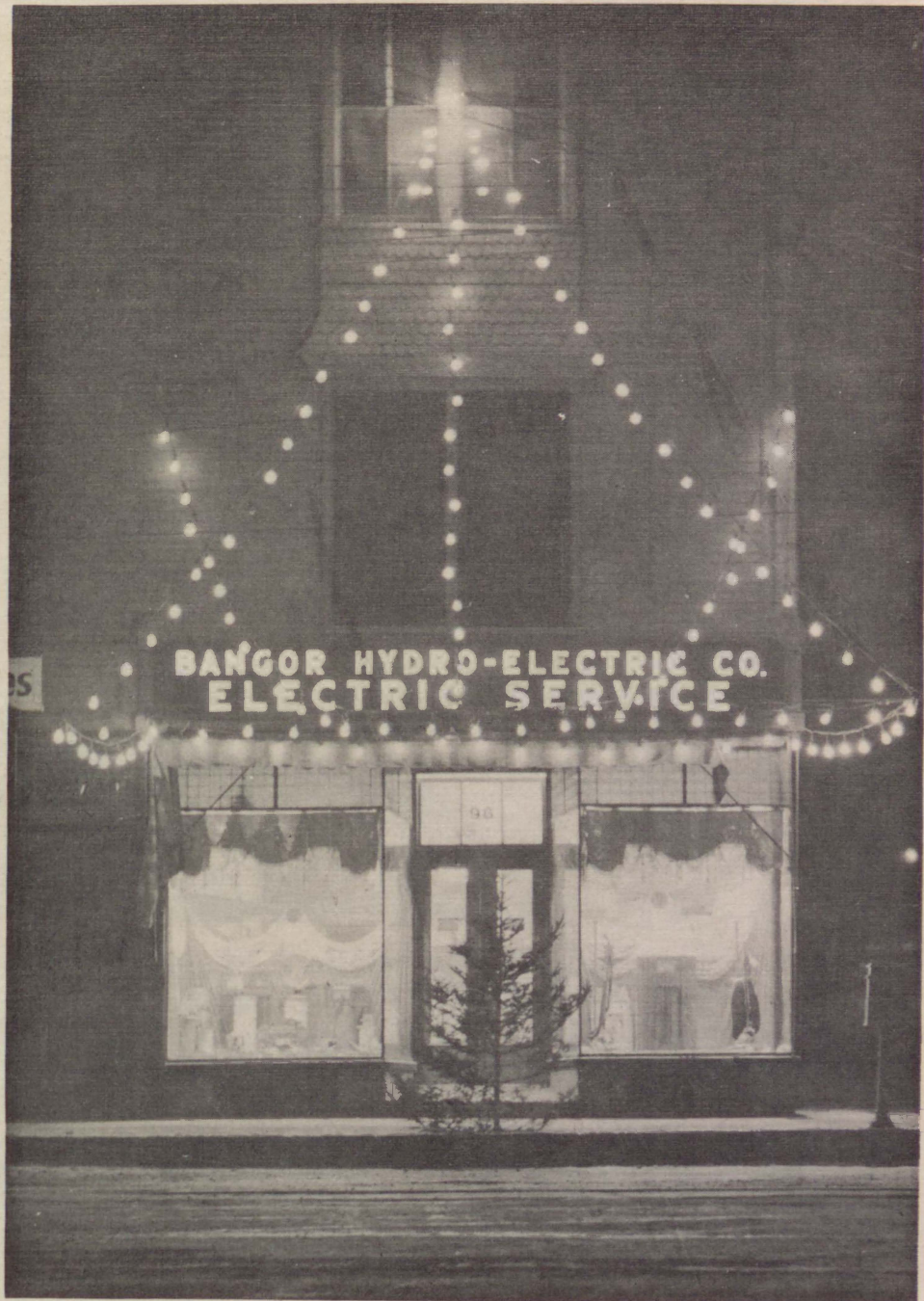
Perkins has a hobby, that of building model ships. It helps to pass away these long dark evenings.

Bill Wray claims he needs exercise so he walks briskly to work these cold mornings. We suggested that he take up sawing wood but that didn't go over so big.

A Kelvinator service school was held here the second of this month. All refrigeration men were present and were instructed in the service of 1938 machines.

The battle of who will answer the telephone is over. Tracey had a private wire installed and Nick claims the former one.

Herb Hammons is Editor in Chief



#### OLDTOWN OFFICE

composer and reporter for his own paper. Believe it is called, "The Alibi" or something like that. He takes no chances on parcels sent to him, soaks them four hours in water before breaking the seals.

George Baughman appeared one Saturday morning recently with a rifle and fully packed war bag ready to tramp into the wilds after the elusive deer. Understand none were molested, but did hear that he and his companion

located a sure enough fox den. One stood guard while the other ran for picks, shovels and prys. Digging furiously for two solid hours they were amply rewarded when they brought to light nine fur bearing animals which the dictionary defines as "An American Carnivorous Animal allied to the Weasel, which emits a Foetid Secretion when pursued!" P. U!!!!

George doesn't have any luck at  
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#### MAIN STREET OLDTOWN

hunting but we do take our hats off to him when it comes to fishing.

Storm windows, weatherstrips and banking are doing their best to keep old man winter out of our homes.

Lovely has a circular complex these days. Will be glad when he gets that pump fitted with the proper size pulleys.

Wood and Roop the store twins are wearing out shoeleather waiting on the holiday shoppers.

Saw Ivan Buck recently. He was stationed at Millinocket as a serviceman. He has been running a sporting camp this summer.

King is trying to reduce so he can get in and around washers and ranges as easily as Mansur used to do what he held that job.

Bill Thompson is changing over some of the equipment at the Kelvin homes. He is assisted by Ray Arnold.

Davies is unusually busy this year, delivering merchandise in all directions varying from a flatiron to a range or water tank Xmas business looks promising.

The Company's second payroll compensation is surely appreciated especially at this time of year. Again we wish to express our sincere thanks for a very nice present. Hope Buster isn't Hi-Jacked on his way over.

All of the salesmen are busy with their various customers trying to close that deal that will bring in a little holiday spending money.

The service crew sincerely hope that someone will present Bill Thompson with a pair of gloves, different in color from theirs so he can readily tell his own when he sees them. Gloves are not safe when he is around, especially the new ones.

We are busy just now changing

over the Atlantic Cafeteris's entrance to handle 400 amps.

Understand that war veteran Tracey is building up an upper lip so he can handle a bugle in Brewer's Drum Corps. If perchance any of you readers hear a racket issuing from the basement at Main Street, think nothing of it, it will be he with a bugle and Joe at the drums getting in a little extra practice.

Didn't get many inquiries about a rifle team! Did hear from Ray Arnold, Roger Wood, George Baughman, Orrin Berry and Ross Bullard. We would like to hear from others so we can have a try-out and select a team from the results. Last Call - better speak up or forever hold your peace!

That's all.

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## SECOND FLOOR NEWS

### General Files

First, all members of this floor wish to extend to all other members of the Company a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

We also wish to thank our President, Mr. Graham, for the extra compensation payroll checks that were received with our regular payroll checks last Friday. They surely came in handy.

Preston Mann has bought a new house on Chamberlain Street in Brewer, and moved his family over there last week.

Charles Inman wishes to give out a safety hint to all motorists - don't try to defrost your windshields, unless you really know how to do it. Charles knows what he is talking about too.

We really have a Santa Claus on this floor - one only has to see Charles Inman on his visits to the Post Office to believe that.

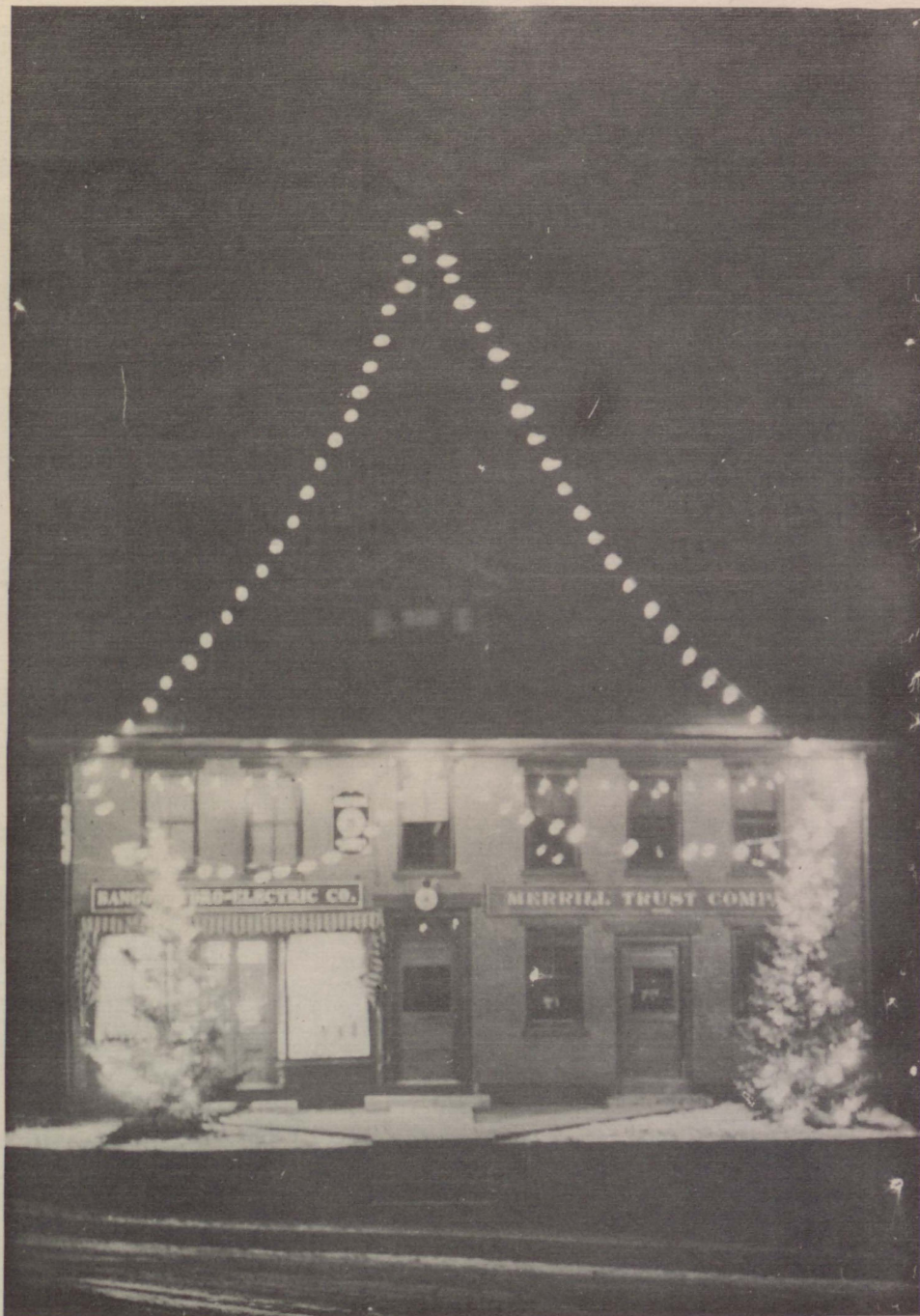
We are all looking forward to the Company Christmas Tree gathering, which will be held on the First Floor Friday morning. Mr. Dearborn passed out numbers which we all drew, and now the question is "What to get him (her) for Christmas". It will be rather interesting at that.

We are all rather pleased with the looks of our building this year since it has been decorated for the Christmas holidays. And the large attractive Christmas tree on the first floor certainly improves the appearance greatly.

Kenneth Dudley was more than lucky this past week - he took a chance on some sort of a punch board, then completely forgot about it - a few days later he was notified he was the lucky one and a turkey will be sent to him in time for Christmas.

Atwell Blaisdell was been taking pictures of the city streets in Bangor, Old Town, and other towns around here, to get the lighting effects of the Xmas decorations. The job included climbing on roofs, and up poles, and Atwell believes himself fortunate to have finished the job without also being furnished with a jail summons.

The engagement of Mr. Raymond Grant, of the Engineering Department, to Miss Ruth A. Robinson



### ORONO OFFICE

was recently announced. We wish to extend to Mr. Grant and Miss Robinson our congratulations and best wishes.

### STOCKROOM NEWS

F.H.Foster

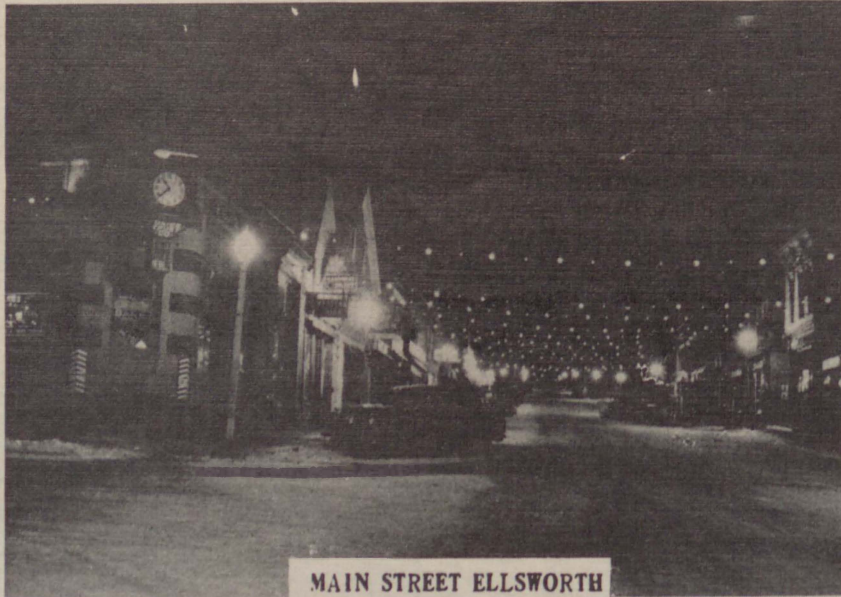
The Stockroom employees want to start this month's news items with best wishes for a Merry Xmas and a Happy New Year. As usual we have the building all decorated with Xmas trees and strings of

electric lights and will say that it presents a sight well worth coming down to see. The credit for this display should be given to Mr. George Tupper, George Emery, Arthur Kingsbury, Leo Porter and Harry Greeley.

Both of our offices are being washed and are to be painted. This together with our new light fixtures will make a great improvement.

Well the hunting season is over  
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MAIN STREET ELLSWORTH



CITY HALL ELLSWORTH



STORE ELLSWORTH

and the results down this way were not as good as expected with only one deer which was brought down by A. R. Bullard. Better luck next season. Now the boys are all looking forward to the ice fishing season.

We just received another carload of Hotpoint Water Heaters which were stored in our Brewer storehouse.

Among our recent visitors were the Misses Noyes and Bragdon from the Purchasing Department of the General Office.

A Safety Thought for the month, When driving your car on the icy roads remember that a hospital bed is not as comfortable as the one you have at home.

"S.B.S. Signing Off"

#### ELLSWORTH DIVISION NEWS

Alfreda Strout

Miss Edith Hale has returned from her vacation and reported a pleasant trip through Maine and Massachusetts.

We all regret to see Mrs. Florence Davis Kittredge leave the employ of the Company. Florence came to work for the Company in 1931 and leaves to take the position as housewife. We all sincerely wish her much happiness in her new home.

Raymond Grant and Joe Fournier are changing the appearance of our power station as they gather together the material necessary to start the job of installing a new generator at the power house.

Practically every little town in this Division are planning to have their Community Christmas Tree and considerable enthusiasm is being shown on home decoration.

The employees of the Ellsworth Division deeply appreciate the generosity of our President, Mr. Graham, granting us an extra payroll distribution for 1937.

#### BAR HARBOR DIVISION NEWS

Mary Higgins

As is usual at Christmas time, - George White came down and decorated our store and window. He did a very fine job and the office looks very nice. So together with the outside decorations of fir and lights, the Bangor Hydro  
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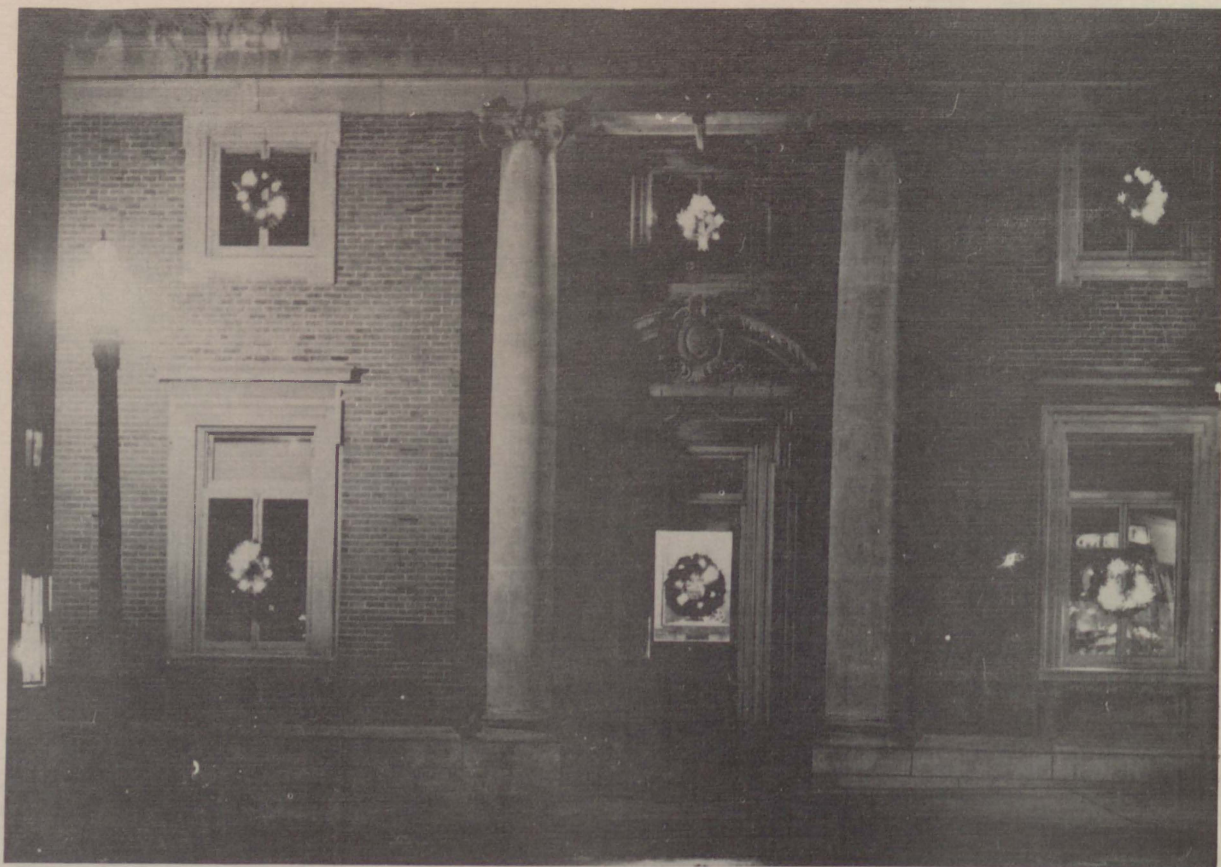


COMMUNITY CHRISTMAS TREE COTTAGE STREET BAR HARBOR



STORE BAR HARBOR





FIRST NATIONAL BANK BAR HARBOR



RESIDENCES OF FIRST SELECTMAN CAROLL BROWN  
AND CLIFFORD RICHARDSON ACADIA PARK ENGINEER





**CORNER COTTAGE AND MAIN STREET BAR HARBOR**



**RESIDENCE OF GERARD L. AUSTIN HIGH STREET BAR HARBOR**





RESIDENCE OF MRS. L. A. AUSTIN WAYMAN LANE BAR HARBOR



BAR HARBOR BANKING AND TRUST CO.



adds very much to the festive appearance of the Bar Harbor streets.

Ralph Fickett and Jeff Cosseboom have been very busy the last week decorating some of the business places and a few of the residences with Christmas lights. This feature of Christmas is becoming more popular each year and although the decorations have not become very elaborate in Bar Harbor as yet, perhaps in a few years the residents will try a little competition and then the decorations will be different pageants in lights like those I have seen in Bangor and larger vicinities.

Lawrence Abbott has completed the last week of his vacation which he spent in the woods hunting. He returned empty-handed. Too bad Lawrence. We were all looking forward to some nice venison. Better luck next year for you and for us.

Mr. Haskell, Mr. Dearborn, Mr. Cosseboom and Mr. Young have visited our office during the last month.

We have just installed floor lights on two of the skating ponds of the Island. One at Northeast Harbor and one at Bar Harbor. This contract was made by the Outing Club which is trying to promote more enthusiasm for Winter Sports on Mount Desert Island. Also, a 20 horsepower skitow has just been installed on McFarland's Hill and if we could find a little snow this would be a source of great enjoyment for everybody.

The employees of the Bar Harbor Division would like to take this opportunity of wishing you all a Merry Christmas and a very Happy New Year.

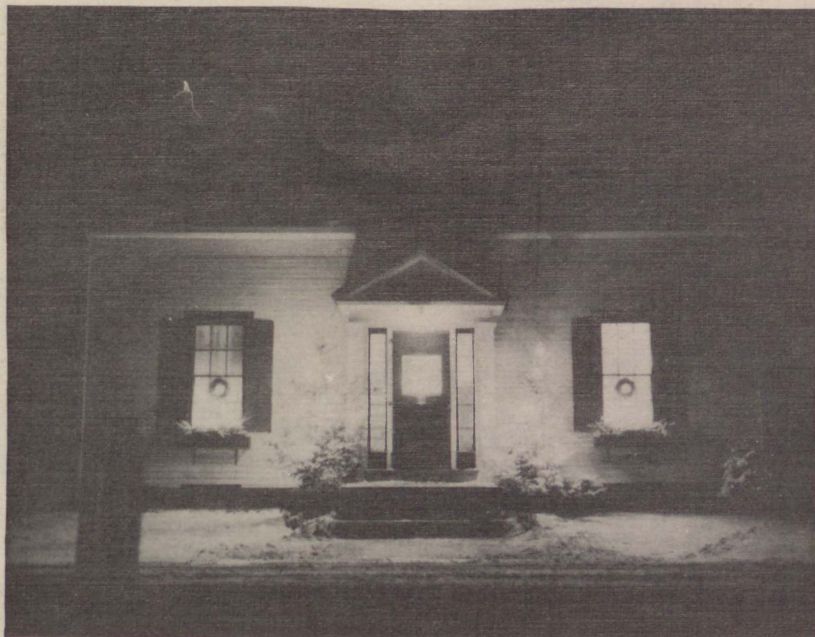
#### EASTPORT DIVISION NEWS

J. Cassidy

Mr. Young, Commercial Manager, called on us during the past week.

The Christmas lighting campaign sponsored by the local Rotary Club is going along very nicely. The domestic customers have some very good displays as well as some of the commercial customers. Prizes are to be given for the best commercial display and the best domestic display.

The street lighting is arranged so that three strings are coming



RALPH HINDLEY RESIDENCE SHACKFORD STREET EASTPORT



#### WATER STREET EASTPORT

off a pole and the public is very well pleased as there has been several comments on how nice the lights look.

Mr. Logan is back on duty again after having two weeks vacation,

one of which he spent on a hunting trip. He reports having a very good time although he didn't get a deer. Better luck next time.

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#### SERVICE BUILDING BANGOR

Visitors for the past month were Mr. Cosseboom, Field Engineer, and Milton Vose of the Bangor Division.

Mr. George White spent a half-day here trimming the office, which has met with the approval of all and looks very good.

We, of the Eastport Office wish all the members of the Company a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

#### HARRINGTON DIVISION NEWS

Theolyn Stanley

The line crew has been busy during the past two weeks building extensions at Steuben and at Jonesport, and getting their main lines ready for Winter.

Mr. Libby, Mr. Young, Mr. Hammons, Mr. Dole, Mr. Sprague and Mr. Vose were recent visitors at the Harrington office.

Mr. George White recently decorated our store, and it is receiving many compliments.

There are many effective Xmas lighting decorations in the different towns in this division, and the recent snowfall has added much to the Christmas spirit.

The letter recently received from our President, Mr. Graham, announcing the extra payroll distribution to be paid before Christmas was greatly appreciated by all employees in this division.

Mr. Anderson, our salesman and our service man are very busy at this writing delivering Hot Water Heaters and Refrigerators.

Best wishes for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year to all.

#### MACHIAS DIVISION NEWS

Vera McEachern

We have had a great many compliments on the Xmas decorations at the Machias store this year, the credit for which goes to our Bangor Hydro Decorator, Mr. White.

Mr. Young, Commercial Manager, and Mr. Milton Vose, Representative for Landers Frary and Clark were recent business visitors at Machias.

Our customers' homes are beginning to show the Holiday spirit with colored lights and a number of outside Xmas displays.

Percy Hoyt has returned from his vacation and of course brou-

ght his deer home with him.

Mr. Dow and his Bangor crew have been working on the Dam at the Machias Plant, building a new head gate and making general repairs.

May we wish all of the readers of the Bangor Hydro News a very Merry Xmas and a Happy and Prosperous New Year.

#### METER DEPARTMENT NEWS

Elmer Cole

Ralph Hatch wants to know how to tell the difference between a "Cat Spruce and a Fir Tree". Ken Stetson says they don't grow "Cat Spruce" in Holden.

Our men Joslyn and Morgan are doing their periodic meters at Millinocket just now.

We are having the regular crop of Community services just now.

Prepayment meters are always in demand at this season of the year.

Our Elsie Davies has been indisposed but is back on the job again.

Vacations have gotten licked at last, and we will now settle down to a mild, and we hope a busy Winter.





### MAIN OFFICE BUILDING BANGOR

#### FIRST AID DEPARTMENT Elmer Cole

Look out for colds now. And remember if you feel it coming, "Akalize" three or four teaspoons Soda Bi-Carbonate, or Baking Soda in repeated doses of one teaspoon each in a glass of water, a good laxative, hot bath, hot drinks, then bed. This will usually do the job. Don't wish it on anyone by coughing near them, cover the mouth with a handkerchief to catch the germs or better yet confine yourself at home until over it.

#### ACCOUNTING DEPARTMENT NEWS Madeline Spencer

With vacations finally over, things are fairly quiet in this department. Mr. Townsend, our last vacationist, has returned from Chicago and all points South

We enjoyed the candy which he sent us.

Now the grand wish for Xmas is here. Our rest room looks like Santa made us a visit every day. We can't help being just a little excited over the Christmas tree down-stairs even tho we are all grown up.

The girls in the Light Department are all very busy getting out new meter cards. Everyone has a hand in it.

We regret to state that Mr. Arthur Norwood is out ill again. We hope he will be back with us soon.

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

The last month has kept us busy mostly on the new man-hole, and its new service branches. This manhole was built to take over the load served by the old one

back of the Graham Building on Harlow Street. A new 100 KVA transformer was installed and all work of load transfer accomplished without killing any circuits with the exception of one set where the entrances switch had to be changed.

In line with our usual dose of Winter cable work we installed a new parkway cable at the airport. This was to enable us to remove the last section of overhead line which was rather too close to the antenna mast.

The filter crew is still on the road, but somewhat nearer home.

The Great Northern Paper Company is now using power from the substation at Mattaceunk.

Now is the time when we are all decorating our Christmas trees and brightening the evening hours with colored lights wherever we can, so let's all do our best to  
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A Merry Christmas and Happy 1938 to You and Yours.



make this section of the country a spot to be remembered by travelers whether it be by car, train or air lane.

#### SAFETY DEPARTMENT

Beginning January 1st, we will participate in another State Safety Contest. Of course we are in a safety contest all of the time. Ours is a continuous battle against old man accident. That is what Safety means to us. Competition is the life of every undertaking whether it be business, pleasure or safety. That is one of the reasons why we take an active part in these statewide contests. It has a lot of advantages: through it we learn a lot of safe practices that others have discovered; we have a chance to pass along to others some of the things that we find out; it

gives us an opportunity to look ourselves over to learn how we compare with others in our effort to prevent accidents and work and play safe. We are, each of us a player on the team, in a live game, the winning of which means more than a victory over our competitors, and the winning of a trophy. Whether or not we are one of the leaders in the contest we will get our reward because of our efforts and care.

Like all small conductive contests we play the game by a set of rules. Every player should know something about these rules. We all start off with a perfect score and so long as we do not have disabling injuries (lost time accidents) the score remains perfect. When we have a lost time accident we are charged up with the accident and the number of days of lost time from work.

These days of lost time are not always the actual time away from work. If the disabling injury is severe a greater number of days may be charged than the actual time lost. For instance, in the 1937 Contest we were charged with 1800 days lost time on an accident where the employee lost less than 30 days. This was because it was a severe injury.

Some of these penalties for severe injury are as follows:

Loss of a finger	300 days
" " 3 " on hand	1200 "
" " hand	3000 "
" " leg above knee	4500 "
" " " below "	3000 "
" " sight-1 eye	1800 "
" " " both eyes	6000 "

Score for the Contest is figured out by a formula which considers the number of employees, hours worked, number of days lost and the severity of the injuries.

Of course the thing to keep in mind is to prevent accidents, strive for a perfect score.

Our Railway Department has twice accomplished this record and expect to do it again. We can do it in the Light and Power Department when every employee plays his position the safe and thoughtful way.

We have all ready started on our campaign for no accidents. We expect to be a leader in the 1938 State Safety Contest.

Let's go!!!!

#### HOWLAND RUNAROUND COMPLETED

Wednesday noon, December 15th, the gates were opened to let a part of Penobscot river flow into the recently completed Howland "runaround" or Mile Brook, which discharges into the Piscataquis above our Howland Station. From the Bangor Office were Mr. Graham Mr. Haskell, Mr. Kruse, Mr. Jennison, and Mr. Brown. From Waterville were Mr. Wyman and Mr. Simpson, the contractors on the job, and also present were Mr. Payne of the Eastern Manufacturing Company and Mr. Bryant L. Hopkins of Waterville.

This interesting construction job gives to the Company the means of taking surplus flow from the Penobscot into the Piscataquis so that instead of wasting the excess water over the West- (Continued on next page).



Enfield Dam it is run through the Howland wheels during the periods when Piscataquis flow is low.

Our own engineers and their contractors, Wyman & Simpson, are to be congratulated on a well-planned and well-executed construction job.

#### MILLINOCKET DIVISION NEWS

R. A. Fernald

Millinocket has decorated the main business street again this year, the same as last. There are about 24 strings of lights starting from the Opera House and continuing to Central Street, also four strings on Summer St. and Ap-oostook Avenue.

The store carries the usual set up with an addition of a large star approximately five feet in diameter.

Mr. Merle Joslyn and Mr. Morgan are in town for a few days testing the large power meters.

Mr. George White made an overnight stop here, doing his artistic work trimming our windows and store for Christmas display.

The Millinocket crew assisted the Lincoln crew running wire this week on the Lee Road to the Libby Farm, a new line extension.

Harvey Hanscom, salesman from Lincoln Department, along with Mr. H. E. Hammons and Mr. Graham of Kelvinator, and Mr. Milton Vose from Landers, were recent callers here.

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Wife (at phone)—How would you like to talk to my mother?

Hubby—Through a spirit medium.

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"It's easy to write a play. First act, boy meets girl; second act, they hold hands; third act, they kiss."

"That's how I got arrested."

"What do you mean?"

"I wrote a five-act play."

◆ ◆ ◆  
"What did the old rose say to the young rose?"

"I can't guess."

"Hi, bud!"

◆ ◆ ◆  
"Is that a genuine bloodhound?"

"Sure—Oscar, come over here and bleed for the man!"

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Your brother thinks he's a ghost?  
Sure—he was going around the house this morning singing: "I Ain't Got No Body" . . .



CITY HALL BANGOR





CHRISTMAS TREE AT THE MAIN OFFICE