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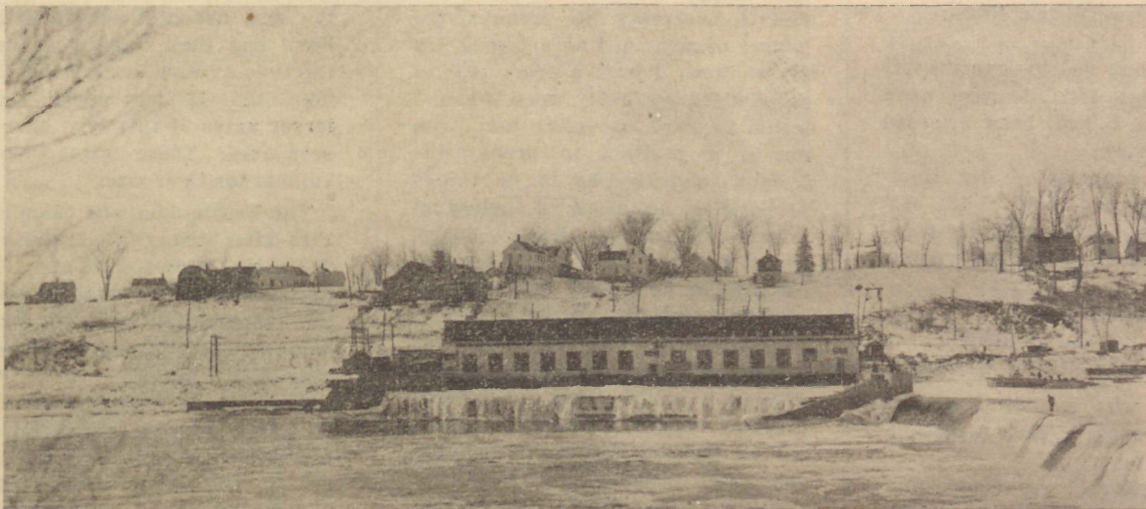
March 16, 1928

Bangor, Maine

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VEAZIE STATION

Veazie Station

(By J. A. Leonard)

The story of the Veazie Plant is almost the history of the whole development of hydro-electric plants in this country, for it is said to be the third to be put in commercial operation.

Many years ago the vicinity of the present Veazie Plant was noted for its salmon fishing, the pool at the foot of the rapids which existed before the first dam was constructed being alive with the gamey fish during the season.

Some of the old fishing rights which had been granted to the original settlers were still in existence when the present dam was constructed and proved a source of much trouble to our lawyers, too, in obtaining a perfect title to the necessary water rights.

The exact date of the first development of the rapids at what is now called Veazie is not known, but a portion of the old timber dam which was displaced by the present dam was said to be over eighty years old.

The first dam was a small wing dam; that is, a dam extending only partially across the river, and was constructed by one of the early settlers named McMahon to operate a small sawmill. The rapids were then called McMahon's Falls.

Other sawmills followed McMahon's mills until there were ten

or fifteen, employing around the mills, and in the woods, and on the drives, over a thousand men.

These men were largely of the rough and ready stock that made New England famous in many lines, but their hard and adventurous lives in the woods and in fighting the dangers and perils of the turbulent river did not tend to ultra-refinement, and the life of the camp and the drive was not calculated to develop the social graces, hence in the early days the settlement acquired a reputation which is best described in our modern way as "hard boiled".

This reputation lasted long after the cause for it had disappeared, for Veazie afterward became a most desirable place of residence, and it is difficult to realize when one now visits Veazie and sees its cosy and prosperous lands on the banks of the beautiful Penobscot, that it could ever have been anything but peaceful and tranquil.

During the height of the lumber prosperity a railroad was constructed from Bangor up the river to serve the numerous sawmills and pulp mills which lined the stream. Colonel Veazie had large interests in the mills and was prominent in the railroad and gave his name to the settlement which had been known as McMahon's Falls.

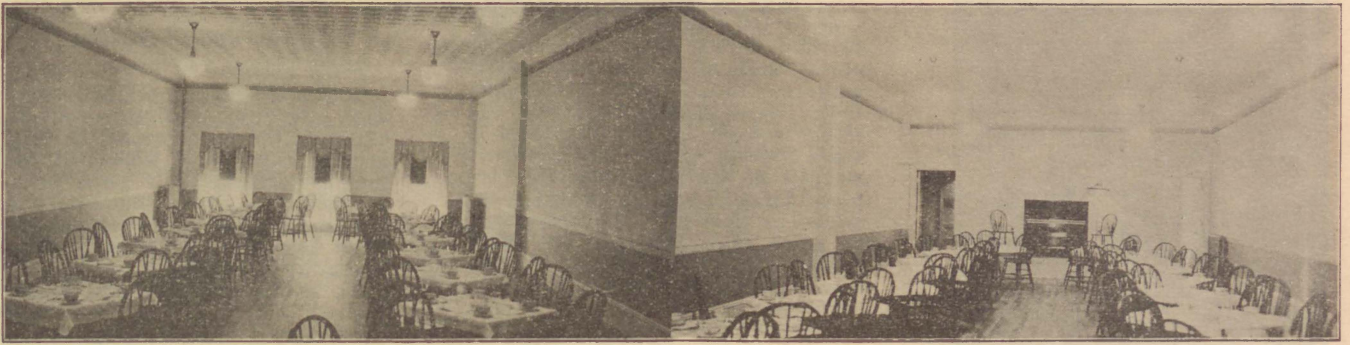
After many years of prosperity the lumber business began to decline and a large pulp mill for those days,

which is now the Veazie Plant, was constructed at the foot of the falls.

This mill only operated a short time when the possibilities of hydro-electric developments became apparent to some adventurous and forward-looking men, and F. M. Laughton and Mr. F. H. Clergue formed, in 1891, a company known as the Public Works Company to develop electricity by water power at Veazie, their principal object being to supply with electric power a company which had been formed at Bangor and known as the Bangor Electric Light Company, and who were obtaining power from a steam plant located on Cross street, Bangor.

At this time the largest user of power was the Bangor Street Railway Company and very little attention was paid to developing commercial lighting and power, but in spite of indifference on the part of the company the demand for general lighting and power increased rapidly, which gave Messrs. Laughton and Clergue the incentive to develop the power at Veazie.

The project was a large one for those days and financing was not easy, but the Public Works Company tackled the job manfully, purchased the Pulp Mill at Veazie, and proceeded to convert the mill into a hydro-electric plant.



Successful Party Opens New Recreation Hall

On Tuesday evening, March 6th, the new Recreation Hall on the third floor of our Main street office in Bangor was officially dedicated.

The occasion was a dinner party and dance. The guests, including many of our outside Managers, Department heads, and Bangor employees, were surprised with the attractiveness of the decorations. The entire front of the hall has been made into an excellent dance floor with a new hardwood floor, and the room newly painted and lighted. In the rear of the room a modern kitchen has been built, completely electrified and completely equipped for serving our Company parties.

After our excellent dinner at the opening party some of the more eloquent employees entertained the party with speeches that were received with varying responses. One of the features of the evening was the Bangor Hydro song written and dedicated to the Company by Mrs. Howard.

At intermission Mr. Graham bid good-by to his employees, leaving for a two weeks' trip to Bermuda.

New Member in "New Business Organization"

Since the last issue of the Bangor Hydro-Electric News Mr. Carroll Day, U. of M. '27 has joined the organization.

Mr. Day worked for the Company during the summer of 1926 in the Washington County transmission line work and as a part-time employee during the winter of 1928. He comes to us from the State Bridge Engineer's Office at Augusta.

We are pleased to welcome Mr. Day into our organization again.

Robinson Gave Splendid Talk

Told B. H.-E. Employees of Life in
Arctic—Supper and Dancing
Enjoyed.

Ralph Robinson, Arctic adventurer and explorer, was the guest of honor at the party given by President Edward M. Graham of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, to employees of the company, at the Penobscot Valley Country Club, Saturday night.

Supper was served at 8:30 after which there was the illustrated lecture on Life in the Arctic, and at 10:30 the dancing began and formed the final part of the night's entertainment.

Mr. Robinson was a classmate of Mr. Graham at Worcester Academy where Donald B. McMillan was an instructor at the time. Later Mr. Robinson went into the Arctic with several of the McMillan expeditions, in fact all but the latest which is now in Labrador. He has had a wide experience in Arctic life and exploration all of which was graphically portrayed and beautifully illustrated by lantern slides, some of the finest which have been shown here by any of the explorers, Peary, McMillan and others.

Mr. Graham introduced the speaker who told vivid stories of Arctic life. Vivid pictures of Eskimo life were thrown upon the screen showing the natives at work and play, building homes, fishing, eating and in fact all the main events in his daily life.

Over 120 employees were present including some from Bar Harbor, Old Town, Ellsworth and all cities and towns where the company furnishes service. Music for the dancing was furnished by a large

Electra, a combination of radio and victrola, loaned for the party by Mr. Hill and Gordon Stuart of the M. Steinert Co. Owing to static the radio was not used but the victrola which is a large sized one suitable for a big building furnished music for the dancing.

The arrangements for the party were in charge of Miss Gladys Stetson.

Extension Work of The Company Becomes Active

During the town meetings held on the first Monday in March the Company was successful in securing considerable extension work in general in the "New Business Work."

Mr. Gardner reports that in Millinocket he was successful in having passed the ornamental street lighting project. This work will give Millinocket as fine an ornamental installation as any in the State and it will be pointed out to other towns interested in better street lighting.

Mr. Smith reports that at Brooksville the street lighting portion of our proposition was accepted by the town, and after signing a number of customers in that town we expect to join into our system the villages of Brooksville and South Brooksville.

Mr. Smith also reports that at Gouldsboro he had passed at that town meeting a proposition whereby we will serve the village of Corea upon the signature of a reasonable number of subscribers, and likewise Gouldsboro appropriated \$800 additional revenue in street lighting.

Mr. Austin at Bar Harbor reports that Cranberry Isle accepted our proposition to that town for an extension, and we look forward to serving this community with a submarine cable.



Bar Harbor Manager

If you happen to see the gentleman pictured above we want you to know that it is our Mr. Lawrence A. Austin of Bar Harbor. Not all his years of service, not all his cares and worries can jar his smile nor his hearty greeting for his fellow employees. His advice is always sought and his suggestions are valuable to his co-workers because of his long experience.

Since April 1st, 1894, when he went to work for the Bar Harbor Electric Light Company, Mr. Austin has been on the job, most of the time being located in the Bar Harbor Division. This is quite natural, for he was born in Lamoine in January 1867, and after the local schools, he went over to Bucksport to the Eastern Maine Conference Seminary, but he knew the islands and this section of the coast and it has always called to him, so have the people with whom he had dealings and he is just as well thought of by his associates and customers as he is by his co-workers.

He likes to tell you about the change in the system and in his work. In the old days customers were charged for the number of lamps used. The yearly customers were billed monthly, and the seasonal customers twice during the season. The seasonal customers' first bills were mailed July 1st, and read, "Number of lamps @ for first half of season." The second bill was sent out August 1st and read, "Number of lamps @ for last half of season." It was Mr. Austin's duty to count and inspect the lamps in the summer houses and business places the first of the season and to make entries on the books. The houses and business places of the yearly customers were counted when the service was connected and billed from the number of lamps. They did not mail bills to the yearly customers, but took the bills to the houses or places of business and collected them.

Mr. John R. Graham called him to Bangor in 1908 and Mr. Austin

served as his secretary, then he went back to Bar Harbor as Manager. During the course of the last 26 years he has held the following offices, both of private and public nature: Town Auditor 1896 and 1897; Board of Selectmen 1898 and 1899; member of School Board 2 years serving 1 year as Chairman; member of Warrant Committee for past 15 years, serving in this Committee as Chairman and Secretary; 25 years ago nominated for State Senator on the Democratic ticket, much against his wishes. The only satisfaction he got out of this was the complimentary vote he received from Lamoine and Bar Harbor. Member of Board of Trade since it was reorganized 12 years ago, serving as Treasurer 3 years and Director 2 years; member of the Legal Advisory Board during the war; Treasurer Hancock County Chapter American Red Cross; Director of Bar Harbor Branch; Chairman, Finance Committee of the Village Improvement Association several years; President Bar Harbor Loan & Building Association 26 years; Director Bar Harbor Banking & Trust Company, now Vice President; Director of Clark Coal Company. Since 1888 he has been aided and advised by Mrs. Austin who was then Hattie B. Hamor. Mr. Austin holds a high place in our esteem, a prominent one in the community and an important one in our organization.



The gentleman in the picture above needs no introduction, at least to the employees of the Railway Department.

Mr. Edwin B. Carvell went to work for this Company April 7, 1894, as motorman. He had worked for some time previous to this date with a construction crew for the Company.

Mr. Carvell is one of the best operators in the employ of the Company—very agreeable, dependable, and well-liked by the public, in fact, always on the job.

Engineering Department

(H. W. Coffin, Reporter)

Within the past month has come a more definite subdivision of the duties of the members of the Engineering Department which will further systematize their work and, it is believed, will increase the efficiency of the organization. The work has been divided between an Operating Department, which controls the operations and maintenance of our power plants and substations, as well as being responsible for the design and installation of new electrical equipment in our power plants and substations; and a second department under the Field Engineer which is responsible for the construction and maintenance of overhead lines from the power plants and substations to the consumer's premises. While the above does not contain all the details, it covers the main points involved in the division of duties. Harvard Moor has been assigned to Mr. Cosseboom's department as Assistant Field Engineer, H. W. Coffin has been designated as Operating Engineer, and Earle R. (Danny) Webster as Assistant Operating Engineer. Included under the control of the Operating Department will be the System Operators, Electricians and the Meter Department.

Mr. A. L. Davis attended a conference of the representatives of the electrical service companies, at Augusta, February 17th, and again on February 29th a conference called by the Public Utilities Commission, both conferences being called to discuss a set of rules and standards of service for electrical companies, which the Public Utilities Commission proposes to put in force for all electrical companies operating in the State of Maine. As a result of the latter hearing we are practically assured of the adoption of the National Electrical Safety Code as a standard for the State of Maine, and members of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company organization will no doubt be interested to know that the line construction specifications which we have issued within the last year or so were drawn up on the basis of the Safety Code.

The Engineering Department is now conducting a general study of the distribution lines in Bangor with the idea of caring for increase in capacity now called for by growth of the commercial and residential load within the city and at the same time building along lines which can be readily extended to care for continued growth over a period of years. We are gradually changing over our feeder circuits from single phase to three phase and have already made this change to our underground cable system. Hammond street feeder is being rebuilt on a three phase basis and the reconstruction of the State street feeder on the same basis has been authorized. The needs of the rest of Bangor are now being given careful study.

Ellsworth Division

(By A. P. Royal)

Recently one of our station operators accidentally got locked in the telephone booth. Being alone at the time he called for outside help. During the delay in the response of the emergency crew, he did the Houdini act and escaped with no damage to himself or the telephone booth, except a broken latch that caused his imprisonment.

During the last icy spell A. N. (Guss) Bragdon fell and hurt his leg. He has recovered to such an extent that sometime he forgets and limps with the wrong one.

It started as a simple watt
Unit of electric power
But now it is a kilo-watt
And paid for by the hour.

(By S. E. Fields)

Frank Silliman 3rd, Vice President and General Manager, was a recent visitor at the Ellsworth Office.

William C. Harper, Aubrey Jenkins and Mr. Cole have been in Ellsworth a few days employed at the Penobscot Water Company Station.

Eugene Moore and J. A. Smith who have been on the sick list have returned to their work.

The line extension to the City Farm has been completed and the buildings are now equipped with electric lights.

(By Sylvia McDonald)

R. H. Smith, Manager of the Ellsworth Branch, reports a very enjoyable evening at the opening of the new Recreation Hall in Bangor.

Mr. Nason spent two days in Ellsworth recently, tracing out radio interference.

R. N. Haskell, Vice President, and Mr. Carroll Day were recent callers at the Ellsworth Branch.

R. H. Smith, H. C. Dearborn and Mr. Carroll Day attended the town meeting at Brooksville, Monday, and were successful in getting the requirements which were needed in extending the line from Sargentville to Brooksville.

W. H. Cushman attended the town meeting at Gouldsboro, Monday, and was successful in getting the needed requirements to extend the line five miles from Prospect Harbor to Corea, and the town voted to install 40 street lights.

M. D. Wentworth had an attack of acute indigestion Feb. 14th and was unable to report for duty until Feb. 16th.

Asabel Smith of the outside construction crew fell while unloading lumber from freight cars at Veazie

R. R. Station, Sunday, Feb. 19, and bruised his leg and hurt his chest. A doctor was sent for and Smith taken home, where he remained several days.

On Saturday, Feb. 25th, Mr. Graham and Mr. Robinson visited the plant. Mr. Robinson was formerly with McMillan on his trips to the Arctic regions.

Charles Goode who has been sick several weeks also visited the station Saturday, Feb. 25, and reported for work Monday.

The System Operators who have been occupying Henry Perkins' office since Jan. 1927, now have their own office.

Millinocket Division

(By L. A. Gardner)

After enjoying the editions of the Bangor Hydro-Electric News, we think it only proper that we should break our silence and issue an invitation to all our kind friends in the other districts and departments to come up and join us on a fishing trip some time this spring. We will try to find a brook with water in it and well supplied with all kinds of bait.

As our town has recently voted a beautiful ornamental street lighting installation we feel sure that you will know the place when you arrive even though you may nearly get lost in the fog coming up.

Our Assistant Cashier, Miss Doris Buck, has returned to her duties after a slight illness, and we have made one addition to our force, a meter reader, Mr. Burleigh Carr.

Talk about being hungry, the grinders at the Great Northern Paper Company are now chewing up pulp wood at the rate of one cord per minute.

Harrington District

(R. E. Fernald, Reporter)

Mr. Horace Sylvester, meter reader for the Harrington District, who has been sick for the past few days with a cold is back with us again.

Miss Vera McEachern, cashier at Harrington spent the week-end with friends at Machias.

Mr. Robert N. Haskell and Mr. Leroy G. Vose were in Jonesport and Beals Island a few days ago.

Mr. Frank Silliman 3d made a call at the Harrington Office a few days ago. Mr. Silliman and Mr. Fernald enjoyed a very nice dinner at the Harrington House.

Mr. Leroy G. Vose called at this office last week while on his way to Steuben on Line Extensions.

Mr. McDonald, Mr. Cook and Mr. Fernald, of this District, made an overnight stay in Bangor a short time ago.

To Whom Honor Is Due

Probably no higher motive controls the deeds of men than that which prompts the saving of human life. Certainly no finer trait exists in human character than that loyalty to a comrade in peril, which counts no effort in his behalf too great so long as a spark of hope remains.

After Raymond Chase was removed unconscious from the pole on which he received a shock, his fellow workmen gave first aid, and assisted by the Bar Harbor telephone crew, applied artificial respiration for four hours, continuing long after the doctors had said there was no hope of reviving him. They gave him every chance it was humanely possible to give.

Fellow employees of the Bar Harbor Division and co-workers of the Telephone Company, we salute you.

Unfortunate Accident Proves Fatal In Bar Harbor Division

Mr. Raymond Chase, age 24 years, a valuable and well-known employee of the Company in the Bar Harbor line crew was electrocuted on March 10th at Hull's Cove.

Mr. Chase's first connection with the interests of the Company came with his work on the Shore Line Electric Company under Mr. Wheelden. Later he worked on the Washington County transmission line in the construction between Ellsworth and Cherryfield. After this work was completed he went into Mr. Austin's crew in Bar Harbor, where he has since been employed.

Mr. Chase leaves a wife and one child to whom our sincerest sympathies are extended.

I Promise

To be so strong that nothing can disturb my peace of mind.

To talk health, happiness and prosperity to every person I meet.

To make all my friends feel that there is something in them.

To look at the sunny side of everything and make my optimism come true.

To think only of the best, to work only for the best, and to expect only the best.

To be just as enthusiastic about the success of others as I am about my own.

To forget the mistakes of the past and to press on to the greater achievements of the future.

To wear a cheerful countenance at all times and give every living creature I meet a smile.

To give so much time to the improvement of myself that I have no time to criticize others.

To be too large for worry, too noble for anger, too strong for fear; and too happy to permit the presence of trouble.

To think well of myself and to proclaim this fact to the world, not in loud words, but in great deeds.

To live in the faith that the whole world is on my side so long as I am true to the best that is in me.

—Selected.

Veazie Station

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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 the writer 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 are now installing 7 foot flash-boards 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 flash-boards and the other to carry the men operating the raising of the boards.

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 has 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 for thirty years, is, under the hawk-like eyes of Superintendent Perkins 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 our Henry and his assistants keep the Veazie Station.

Customer—"Are these eggs fresh?"

Grocer—"Yes'm just came from the farm."

Customer—"How far is the farm from here?"

Veazie Station

(A. E. Strout, Reporter)

George Russell, one of the outside construction crew working on the piers, had a narrow escape on Feb. 8th. Russell fell through a hole in the ice near one of the piers but saved himself by catching on the pier and ice.

Eastport District

(J. W. MacDonald, Reporter)

Miss Varney, our cashier, is leaving the 10th of this month to spend her vacation at Lake Worth, Florida.

"Bill" Harper and his assistant paid us a short visit on Mar. 7, 1928.

Mr. Woodcock was in town on Electric Refrigerator business on March 7, 1928.

Vice President Silliman

Made General Manager

At the February meeting of the Board of Directors Mr. Silliman was made General Manager of the Company. This promotion comes to Mr. Silliman with the best wishes of the entire organization, and we extend our congratulations to him.

Bangor-Hydro Song

(To Time "Among My Souvenirs")

This Bangor-Hydro crowd,
Will raise their voices loud,
With joy and glee to be here in this
glorious day,
Our friendships stand the test,
Our men are of the best,
Our girls will always be within our
memories—

We all work with a will
Wishes we try to fill
And we all do our best
For perfect satisfaction,
This happy company
In many years to be
Will live in memory among our
souvenirs.

—"B." Howard.

Bridget and Mike. Mike was making ready for his usual evening outing.

Bridget: "Moike, it was half past two the following morning when you came in the other noite, and it was half past two this mornin' when ye came in last noite, and oim tillin' ye, if it's half past two tomorrow mornin' whin ye comes in to noite or eny other noite, you'l have to git up and lit yerself in.

Are You Adjusted?

Do not for any reason leave your present position with the conviction that a better one is awaiting you. When you contemplate a change study the employment situation. Very often you will be convinced that you would do well to remain where you are. To be unhappy with a job and salary is to be less miserable than to be unhappy without either.

Study your business relations—strive to make them sympathetic, not sentimental. There is a vast difference.

To be overconscientious is a fault. Very often it covers inability, or it will be so interpreted.

Try to see the possibilities and not the obstacles in your position.

Remember that women in the more responsible positions are still finding it necessary to justify themselves. Everything that you do affects their progress.

Every position, however seemingly unimportant, has a direct bearing upon the success of the business in which you are employed and upon your personal success and advancement.

Do not accept verbatim every talk you hear or article you read. They must be adapted to your individual needs. A study might prove that stenography is not an entering wedge for various occupations; experience might prove quite the contrary. Consider yourself as an individual needing individual adjustment.

Be natural. Above all be a chronic optimist.

—The Independent Woman.

Accounting Department

(George Drake, Reporter)

During the past two weeks, Hall Dearborn has attended the following Town Meetings in the interests of the Company: Brooksville, Blue Hill, Exeter and Garland.

This month the new Graphotype and Addressograph machines were put into operation. These are the latest type of stencil and addressing machine and will facilitate the work of that department to quite a considerable degree.

Since the last issue of the paper the following have been absent on account of sickness: Mr. Dole, Miss Ware and Miss Edgecomb. We are, however, all very glad to see them back again.

Miss Isabelle Kelley, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Adelbert Kelley, wishes to thank her B. H.-E. Co. friends for their birthday gift to her.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward M. Graham and daughter, Pauline sailed Saturday, March 10th on the S. S. "Bermuda" for a trip to Bermuda Island.

Employees Relief Association

On November 5, 1928, the Relief Association of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company will have been in existence twenty-five years. On the evening of November 5, 1903 a group of employees of the Public Works Company, The Bangor, Orono & Old Town Railway Company, and the Bangor, Hampden & Winterport Railway Company met at Veazie Station and organized a Relief Association which at that time was called the Public Works Employees Relief Association. They elected Mr. Francis J. Gallagher as President, Mr. Fred A. Merrill as Treasurer, and Mr. John V. Morrill as Secretary. There were ninety-four charter members. On May 1st, 1905 the name of the Association was changed to Bangor Railway & Electric Company Relief Association.

Mr. Gallagher held the office of President for a period of nine years when Mr. Fred A. Merrill was elected second President, and he held this office for a period of two years then followed as third President, Mr. Earl Nichols. He held the office for a period of two years. The fourth President was Mr. Warren H. Reed. He held the office for a period of four years. Mr. Thomas H. Davis was elected President November 26th, 1922 and has held the office since that time. There have been at least thirteen and fourteen Secretaries in the last twenty-five years and the office of Treasurer has changed hands but four times. The present Treasurer, Mr. David F. Rice, was elected November 13, 1913 and has held the office since that time.

The Charter members of the Association who are now in the employ of the Company are as follows:

Mr. John V. Morrill, Mr. Fred H. Libby, Mr. C. H. Johnson, Mr. C. H. Sanborn, Mr. David F. Rice, Mr. W. F. Kincaid, Mr. Thomas H. Davis, Mr. Arthur F. Reaviel, Mr. E. B. Carvell, Mr. Fred Avery, Mr. Stephen Tuttle, Mr. Michael Nelligan. Also two pensioners: Mr. Elmer Jones, and Mr. John J. O'Laughlin.

The present officers of this organization who were elected at the annual meeting held November 8, 1927, are as follows:

Mr. Thomas H. Davis, President, Mr. David F. Rice, Treasurer, Mr. Preston A. Mann, Secretary.

Executive Committee: Mr. Thomas H. Davis, Mr. David F. Rice, Mr. Howard E. Arnold, Mr. E. E. Comins, Mr. Elgin Field.

Visiting Committee: Mr. Earl

Stockwell, Mr. Ambrose Eisnor, Mr. George Chapman.

Investigating Committee: Mr. Howard Arnold, Mr. Ambrose Eisnor, Mr. George Chapman.

Social Committee: Mr. Preston A. Mann, Miss Gladys Stetson, Miss Mildred Holyoke.

At the present time the Relief Association is combined with the group insurance plan whereby members of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company Relief Association are eligible to receive a life insurance policy in the amount of \$1000, written by the Travelers Insurance Company of Hartford, Conn. Any employee who has been in the employ of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company for a period of six months is eligible to join the Relief Association upon the payment of \$1.00 which is the application fee. All employees are urged to accept this plan and information may be obtained through the Secretary of the Association or any division manager.

There are booklets available which describes in full the benefits of the group insurance plan and the Relief Association. These will be given to any employee upon request.

A meeting of the Relief Association is held once each month, usually on the evening of the 20th of the month at 8 P. M. All members are requested to attend the next meeting which will be held March 20th in the trainmen's room at the Graham Building, Bangor.

Mr. John Griffin, former employee of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, died March 3, 1928.

Mr. Griffin was employed for a period of twenty-two years, from November 9, 1893 to January 16, 1915, as a motorman. At this time he was retired on pension, and was a pensioner for thirteen years.

Mr. Griffin was 80 years of age, an efficient and valued employee, and made many friends who will be sorry to learn of his death.

Commercial Department

(E. M. Woodcock, Reporter)

Mr. Hugh Tracy formerly with Allen Trask Co., as the "Big Ben" expert has joined our sales organization which means that more housewives will be made happy with the New Easy.

The New Easy Washer with its new coat of steel covered with white Duco is making a great hit with the public. If our employees know of a

friend trying out a competitive washer—please call the Commercial Dept.

The B. H.-E. bowling team No. 1 achieved their goal of winning the championship of their league last Wednesday night, taking the necessary 3 points from C. H. Rice Co. At a later date they will bowl the two winning teams from the other two leagues for the championship of the city. Support, by attendance and rooting for the boys will be appreciated. The dates will be put on the bulletin board. These coming matches are bound to be hotly contested and will be well worth attending.

The large automatic G. E. traffic signal is attracting much attention in the show room. The city is to install several this year and the one at the Main Street room is a sample sent for inspection of the Police Department.

The "Hot Point" Toaster campaign is going over big. The window display is very attractive, and the fine value in this standard product is bringing many customers.

The new Electric vibrator which attracted so much attention from employees afflicted by over weight, is still in use, but so much less frequently, that one is lead to believe that the users have all regained their Sylph like forms.

Messrs. Thompson, Parkhurst, Tracy, Mansur and Wray are entering their newly acquired offspring as a juvenile bowling team for next fall. This is a strictly Commercial Department team and will take on all comers. A brand new son, the offspring of John Reynolds of Easy Washer fame is manager of the outfit. If you believe the parents, there's nothing to it. Each one is a star of the first magnitude, and perfectly good fish stories, automobile yarns and radio tales are taboo. Baby foods, diets and clothes are the topics now, but there is still doubt as to which owns the one with the strongest voice.

Favorable comment is heard on all sides for the G. E. Refrigerators and it is expected that the sales of this popular make will materially increase with the arrival of warmer weather.

Old Gent (in drug store)—"Do you keep any fountain pens?"

Smart Young Clerk—"No we sell them."

Old Gent—"Well, you'll keep the one I was going to buy."

Old Town District

(Mrs. O'Connor, Reporter)

Superintendent F. G. Cary of the Milford Station drove to his old home in Oxford, Maine, (formerly Craig's Mills) Sunday, February 19th, being called there by the death of his father. Mr. Cary has the sympathy of his many friends in his sad bereavement.

Extra men have been employed at Milford for the past week, more help being needed to keep the ice away from the flashboards and to clear the Old Town Canal. The men have found this an unusually hard winter on the river as the anchor ice has been running steadily since it started early in December.

The flashboards on the Gilman Falls Dam were all in position Mar. 6th for the first time since October. Only about sixty doors have been in position for the last three months, this being the longest time the boards have been down since the dam was built.

All the wheels are running at the plant now, and the Chapman Fibre Company have one line of grinders operating in their mill at the Old Town end of the dam.

Beginning in 1920, the ice has left the pond at Milford on the following dates: April 12th, March 24th, March 26th, April 17th, March 8th, March 26th, April 24th, April 3rd.

Operator F. O. Mayhew, who does a little farming during his spare time, says he intends to plant some peas on the full of the moon in April whether school keeps or not. Frank says that a good farmer should have green peas on the table by the time the young crows are able to fly.

Assistant Operator Eastman, who is interested in the driftwood business, is in the market for a (used) Ford truck. Mr. Eastman says he doesn't think he would be interested in a "stem winder." Anyone with a fairly good flivver, at anywhere near a reasonable price, would do well to get in touch with Mr. Eastman before he changes his mind.

Evelyn Shaw, Cashier at the Old Town Office, was given a delightful birthday party March 5th, at the home of Miss Edith Fayle on Center street. A very enjoyable evening

was spent playing whist and bridge. The hostess served most appetizing refreshments of fruit salad, hot rolls, cake, and coffee.

Ice fishing seems to be one of the prevailing sports at the present time. We understand that some catch fish while others catch colds.

Lincoln News

(Kenneth Stetson, Reporter)

Ornamental street lights have been installed on the main street in Lincoln, which makes the town very attractive as well as light at night.

The surrounding towns in this division have added larger candle power lights in their main streets and other streets where it was necessary to have larger candle power lights, also additional lights which makes them much better lighted.

Mr. Clark was in Bangor on business this past month.

Mr. W. C. Harper and James Gamble were visitors in town.

Mr. Robert N. Haskell and Hall C. Dearborn were recent business callers in town.

Mr. C. Cosseboom was a recent caller in Old Town for the week-end.

The employees of the Lincoln Division wish to extend congratulations to Mr. and Mrs. W. R. Wray on the birth of a son, and congratulations are also extended to Charles E. Mansur on the arrival of a daughter at his home.

Car House

(W. L. Ellis, Reporter)

Charles Bragdon is quite ill with ulcers of the stomach.

Franklin Foster is ill with type-writer poison.

Edward Burns now lives at 691 Main street.

Call J. V. Morrill for anything from rooster eggs to information on good pipe tobacco.

What's the matter with radio? Ask Baldwin.

Mr. F. I. Chapman of the W-H Electric was at Car House, March 7th.

E. H. Beede now lives at 118 Seventh street.

Roy Tolman was pleasantly presented with a new bench vice, which

has not been received, attention of Car House crew.

NEW INVENTION

Barrel stove made of sheet steel. Light and convenient for camping. Especially good for cooking the "Springer & Wooster Potatoes." Patent pending.

Information may be received from G. P. Lawrence, Main Street Car House.

Veterans' Service List

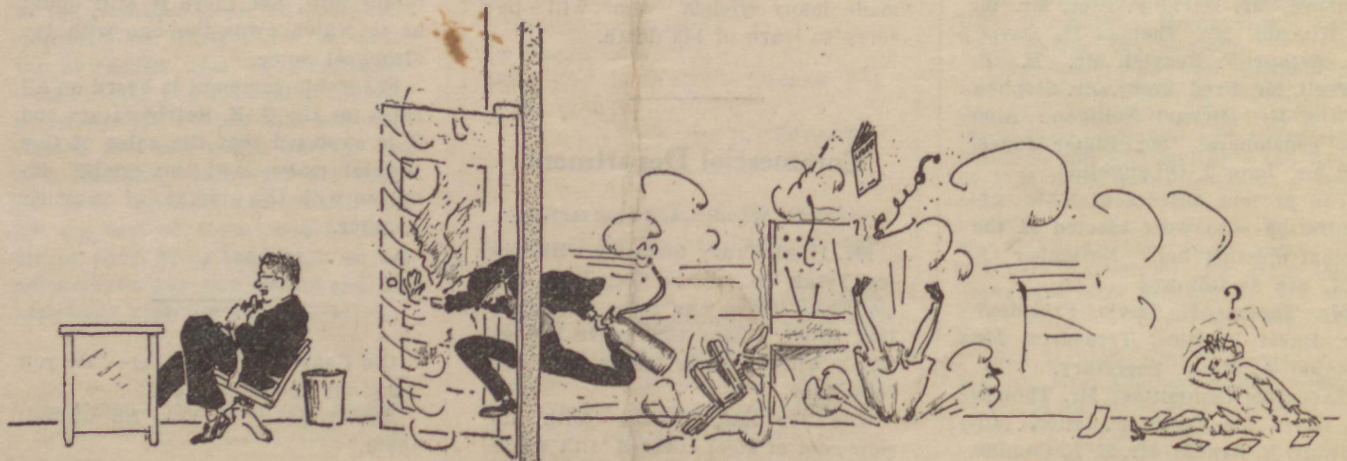
We give below a list of those whose fifth, tenth, fifteenth, and twentieth anniversaries come during the period from Mar. 15th to April 15th together with the names of our veterans who complete over twenty years of service during these months:

	Years
Austin, L. A., Manager, Bar Harbor, Apr. 1, 1894.....	34
Carvell, Edwin B., Car Operator, Apr. 9, 1894	34
Avery, Fred B., Motorman, Apr. 15, 1902	26
Bagley, Wallace E., Freight Agent, Corinth, Apr. 1, 1902	26
Cole, Elmer W., Chief Electrician, Mar. 26, 1903.....	25
Pedder, John C., Troublemaker, Northeast Harbor, Apr. 1, 1903	25
Elsnor, Ambrose C., Car Operator, Apr. 6, 1911.....	17
Fickett, Ralph C., Lineman, Bar Harbor, Apr. 1, 1913.....	15
Daley, Wm. E., Groundman, Bangor, April 5, 1920.....	8
Tupper, Geo. L. T., Asst. Pur-Agt., Apr. 15, 1923	5

John to his wife on Friday evening: Mary, I am at a loss to know what to do with my week-end.

Mary: Put your hat on it and go out for a walk.

Father asked his eight year old son who was going to school: Tommy, how would you punctuate the sentence, "A five dollar bill blew around the corner"? Tommy answered quite promptly, "I'd make a dash after the bill."



Nothing Stops our Fire-Mann in an Emergency