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SCENE BELOW SOURDABSCOOK BRIDGE AND DAM IN HAMPDEN, MAINE,
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GENERAL OFFICE NEWS

By Leona Morrison

Madelene Spencer would make a good "Liza" for Uncle Tom's Cabin, as she has practiced crossing the ice cakes plenty since the overflow.

"B" Davis is holding a re-sale on gravel at a great discount, she collects the gravel from the City in her shoes and unloads when she gets to the office. She will be ready to take orders very soon now.

We understand Elgin Field has abandoned "The Shrine of Carefree Bachelors". One Evelyn Joy has signed him up. We cannot seem to get any satisfaction from Elgin as to the fatal day, as yet.

Alice Anderson has returned from the Orono Office where she was located for a few days.

The office force has been diminished on account of flood conditions, some have been getting to work under difficulties but have reported sooner or later.

Maverick Whitney and Minnie Corey are back to work after a few days illness at home, and Albertina Bartlett is confined at home at the present time.

The B. H. E. is contemplating another Consolidation. This time, however, it will concern two employees. There is a new addition in "sparklers" on the third floor. Lillis Adams, Telephone Operator, is guilty and Ken Dudley is the accomplice. For further information call at the switchboard when Lillis is on duty, or "Dud" may be able to give out an authentic statement too.

A young lady in the General Office whose name is more or less associated with "Noise" had made a practice of getting her lunches at a restaurant. Once in a while, on certain occasions, she would board a street car and go to her home where her mother would provide for her an excellent lunch. One day recently this particular young lady arrived at her home as her mother was leaving, and was told that her lunch was all ready for her on the kitchen table. The young lady found the lunch, but looked around for some kind of meat, or fish, and discovered nothing in the meat line. There were plenty of potatoes, and other vegetables, so as she was hungry she had her

fill of potatoes and vegetables, and finally noticed a very choice pie on the table with only one cut taken from it. She decided to have pie for dessert and plenty of it. Imagine her surprise and amazement when she discovered that the pie that her mother had left for her lunch was an excellent Chicken Pie, and supposed to be the main course of the dinner. Somehow she did not feel hungry for it then.

Le STATION de MILFORD

Dimanche le huit Mars 1936

Mon Cher Redacteur -

I dont rite you for long tim et probly you feel bad, n'est ce pas?

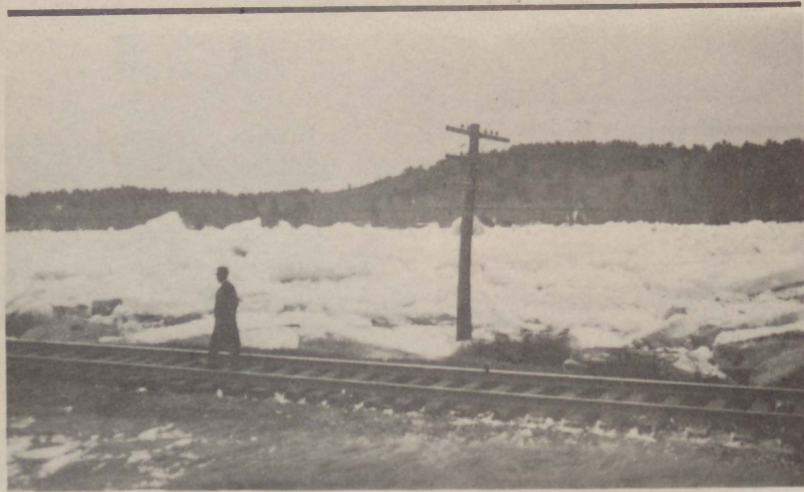
I tink you do bully Job on papier an I lik to hep you, mais I bin so dam bizzy chop wood an mak chore dont was hav tim to do nottin.

I bin want to go ketch som feesh an couple time I git som govment bate an git mos reddy to start an rosie Marie - ma femme shes com out an say I mus do dis an mus do dat - make lot more chore. C'est toujours la meme chanson - an tim I git al fix up its bed tim an bate al dri up so dont go.

Las week I git som more bate an tink I go now for sure. I turn out erly - look see if bate alrite an hurry up mak chore - look at bate wunce in wile mak sure shes alrite - in bout too tree hour evryting al fix up nice an I Jump on top ma kar an stickit ma feets on startit an - hooray! shes commence purr Jes lik lion. I commence bak out mais - helas! I fergit to ope barn door firs an-bang! she ope alrite in bout tousan pece an kar skattre al roun town - an bate al smash. I dont git hurt much, ony fracture too tree rib - entorse un genon an few lil skretch sur la pean - no need send for Jackass.

Its big Job to fix up kar - use bout hunner feets hawire an not 1/2 done yit. Shes dam nice Kar - she's Moddle henri T 9-teen 20 too pooty soon I hav her al fix up nice. Probly you hear wen she start an I want you com rite up an go feesh avec moi - no need fetch anyting cept lil bit bate - an we go on pooshor pon ba gosh - have bully rid an mebbly ketch some feesh.

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These pictures
taken by
A.E. Blaisdell
of the General
Office Force in
Bangor.

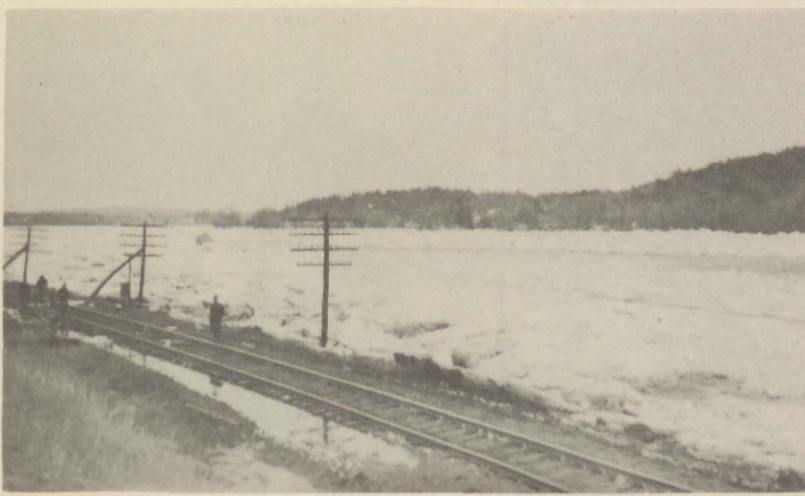
Photos shown on pages three, four and five are scenes of havoc caused by the high water forcing thick ice over the M. C. R. R. tracks, just above the City of Bangor's Municipal Generating station better known as water works.



Flannigan met with an accident, but the next day managed to crawl to work.

"Arrah, why didn't ye stay home for a week or two?" said Finnigan. "Worrn't ye carryin' an accident policy--"

"I wor not-bad cess to me own carelessness!" said Flannigan. "I had left it home in me bureau drawer."



Clear As Mud

After they had set the lineman's broken leg and he was made as comfortable as possible in his hospital bed, the pretty nurse asked how the accident occurred.

"You see, miss, I was stringing for the company and I only had one grunt. He sent up a big come-along and she was a heavy one. I was pulling on her and yelled to the grunt to give the guy a wrap; instead he threw a sag into her and that broke my leg."

"Yes, but I don't exactly understand."

"Neither do I. The darn fool must have been crazy."

Ain't It the Truth

On the Plains of Hesitation bleach the bones of countless thousands who at the approach of Victory sat down to wait—and waiting, died.

Some Hope for Us

Brilliant men are only so in spots. Sir Isaac Newton was a man of tremendous intellect—one of the world's greatest scientists. But it is recorded that he had two holes cut in the door of his barn so that his two cats could enter and come out—a small hole for his little cat and a large hole for his big cat.



Wireless Terrier

"Mose, can you explain wireless telephony to me?"

"Yassah, Ross. It's lak dis:—Ef yo' all had a long, long wiah haired dawg, an' he reached from Bumingham to Atalanta, an' yo' stept on he's tail in Bumingham he sho' would howl in Atalanta. Dat am telephony. Only in wiahless yo' does de same thing widout'n de dawg."

No Kept Man

"Rastus, are you a married man?"
 "No suh! I earns mah own livin'."





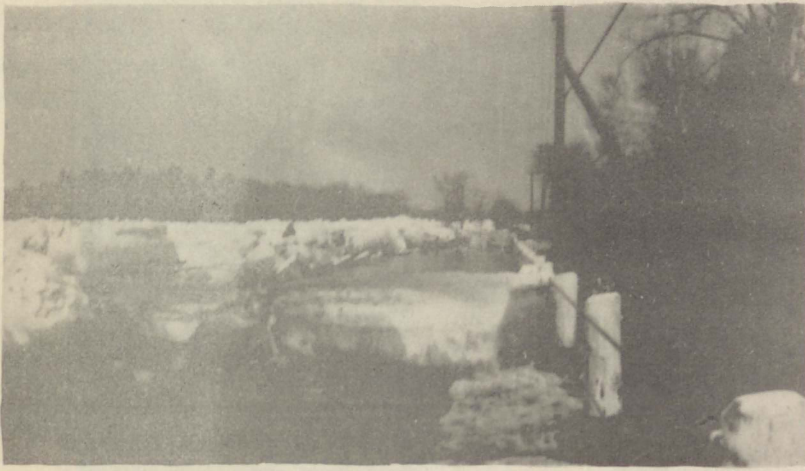
Maine for Safety

THE State of Maine, aided by Governor Louis J. Brann, has started off 1936 with a Highway Safety Campaign through which Maine proposes to have a different story to tell on January 1, 1937 from what it did on January 1, 1936 when it was announced that 220 lives were lost on Maine highways during 1935.

Walter J. Brennan, the dynamic Director of Safety of this State is in charge of the Highway Safety Campaign. Through every means available, radio, posters, the cooperation of state departments, police departments, clubs and other organizations, the citizens of Maine are being aroused to get behind the State Highway Safety Campaign—good for Maine.

We hope that this splendid activity will take its place alongside the other notable campaigns which the other states and cities are valiantly conducting to the end that the highway accident monster will be conquered through the cooperation of a safe-minded citizenship.





The two pictures on this page show the ice and water on the highway at North Brewer.

Photos by Sarah Noyes, of the Purchasing Department, in the General Office.

M. T. Joslin and family wish to express to the employees of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, their deep appreciation for the beautiful flowers sent in their recent bereavement.

On Sunday, the 15th of March the employees of Veazie and Milford Stations were pleased to see Mr. J. A. Leonard on the job for the day.

LAFFS

Lather: "I'd like to get some time off to get a hair cut."

Foreman: "A hair cut! On company time?"

Lather: "Well, doesn't it grow on company time?"

"John, I bought some sheets, pillow cases and blankets today. Shall I put them down in my budget as cover charge or overhead?"

Constable: "Here, you've been walking 'round this square for an hour and it's three in the morning."

Jones: "I've got insomnia, officer."

Constable: "Well, you can't walk about here--you'd better go to bed and sleep it off!"

Waiter: "I'm afraid we can't cash a check, sir. You see, we've a little agreement with the banks that we cash no checks, and they serve no soup."

Traveller: My, the air up in these mountains is surely great, isn't it?"

Old Mountaineer: Well, just fair to middlin', stranger, just fair to middlin', T'aint nothin' like it was back in Cleveland's administration.

Some of the depression sufferers are like the darkey who had been playing poker.

He said: "Tell you, boys, I dun lost a heap o' money las' night."

"How much, Mose?"



"A hundred and eight-seben dollahs an' fohteen cents."

"Golly! dat wuz a heap o' money."

"Yas, siree, and de wust of it wuz, de fohteen cents wuz cash."

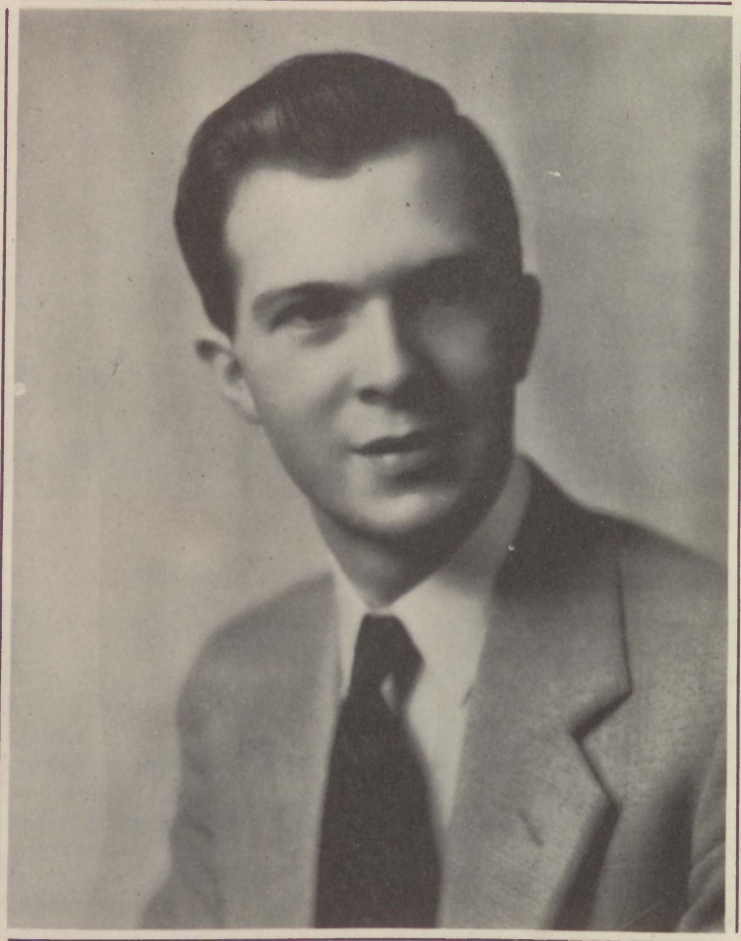
On Thursday, February 20th, the annual mid-year series of recitals by pupils of C. Winfield Richmond was enjoyed in Symphony House on Union Street in Bangor, by an audience that filled the studio and entrance hall. The recital was termed one of the best ever held by students of well-known local musicians, evidenced by the fact that the players gave their difficult program without the musical scores.

Among the pupils was Robert Brimmer, whose picture is shown on this page. He played the "Allegro" from Beethoven's "First Piano Concerto", with Mr. Richmond at the second piano. He carried through the effects of the rather ambitious selection successfully. Mr. Brimmer has been in the employ of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company since 1929. No doubt most of the employees who have had occasion to visit the general office have met "George" with his pleasing personality, on the first floor, when they opened the door to enter the building.

THE SAFETY JACKASS GOES CALLING

Mr. H. W. Daggett, Assistant General Manager, recently returned from the Eastern Maine General Hospital, after the second operation in a short period of time. He is improving every day, and on Friday, March 20th, paid a short visit to the office. Considering what he has been through, he looked exceedingly well. We expect to see him back at his desk in the general office very soon.

While Mr. Daggett was at the Hospital, Mr. Graham delivered a package to him personally, and upon opening the package Mr. Daggett found it was the "Safety Jackass". After Mr. Daggett introduced



MR. ROBERT BRIMMER

the "Jackass" to the doctors and nurses at the Hospital, he had it wrapped up and returned to Mr. Graham's desk with the following letter:

March 7, 1936

Edward M. Graham, President
Bangor Hydro-Electric Company
Bangor, Maine

Dear Mr. Graham:

I am returning my Safety Jackass back to your desk where I feel that he really belongs - where we are all striving to keep him. I am very glad that he is free to make me this visit and hope he may continue to stay in his comfortable quarters for a long time.

I have enjoyed his visit but find that he is a great responsibility and his care requires more energy than I can give him

Le Station de Milford (Con't.)

Mus stop rite now an go fin some more
hawire. J'espere que je vous voie bientot

Au revoir

Francois

SAFETY DRIVING PLEDGE

APPROVED BY BANGOR POLICE DEPARTMENT

The Management has been asked by the Safety Chairman at Boy Scout Headquarters, 25 Broad Street, Bangor, Maine, to request employees of this Company to sign a "Safety Driving Pledge". One of these Pledges, which is a pink slip, will be placed in each copy of this month's issue of the Bangor Hydro News. Several firms in the City of Bangor have already pledged their support, one hundred per cent.

Will each employee who drives an automobile, please sign this slip and forward it to Mr. Mann, Office Manager, at the General Office in Bangor. We would like our employees to sign this pledge.

ELECTRICAL DEPARTMENT

By W. C. Harper

Junkins and his crew are working at Ellsworth installing the switches, bus-work, and panels for the increase in capacity of the transformer substation, to take care of the increased load on the 33 K.V. lines. These lines serve Bar Harbor, Blue Hill, and Washington County. Later in the spring the cables and transformers will be installed.

Our new V-8 truck is an improvement over our old G. M. C. and it looks very good dressed up in our new Company color.

On January 7, the Diesel generator set at Quoddy Village was phased in on our line at Eastport. After a few minor adjustments and one or two slight errors, the outfit was made ready for test run. This was to consist of 4-2½ hour runs,

at ¼, ½, ¾, and full load, using our line as a load. The test was scheduled for Sunday, March 8th. Mr. Haskell, Mr. Logan, and Mr. Harper were present when the new generator was first connected to our line.

MILFORD STATION

By F.A. Randall

Well! Everything seems to be moving along about as usual up here - water in river at a fairly good pitch and seven of our eight units grinding out kilowatts.

Mr. Cary plans to have one unit down each day this week for inspection and general adjustment. He seems to think we are liable to have some high water pretty soon and says he wants to be all ready for it.

The house-cleaning season is now on and some of our windows are already so clean that you can actually see right thru them. The brass polishers are getting in their work too and if they continue it much longer we'll all be wearing goggles.

The boys are NOT smoking Kentucky Club nor having any other serious trouble that I know of and no "Jackass" signs reported recently. So much for the inside of the "Plant".

Outside, there's nothing but politics-- Town - State - National and Ethiopian-- take your choice. I'm all fed up and have decided to stay right in here for the next six months (if the Company raises no objection), have my food sent in - sleep in one of the wheel pits and take life as easy as possible.

EASTPORT BRIEFS

By J. Cassidy

Among our recent out-of-town guests were Vice President R. N. Haskell and Mr. Harper of Bangor.

Miss Varney started her vacation today. We will miss her debating with Mr. Harris on "Quoddy".

At last the weather here is showing signes of spring, it being quite mild and water running everywhere. Our new salesman, Mr. Harris, hasn't decided yet whether to get a Gondolier or a pair of hip rubber boots to go about the city in.



Flood Scenes in the village of Kenduskeag, Maine.

Photos on both these pages taken by A.E. Blaisdell, who was held up on the wrong side of the flood for nearly 48 hours.

The Safety Jackass Goes Calling (Con't.)

just now. I am sure he is not laughing at me but with me that he can be so free while I am confined.

And then the nurses, - I am sure they have taken quite a shine to him and he is more friendly toward them than might be expected, considering the business in which he is engaged but he will laugh and bray at them and otherwise disturb them and in as much as he has met about all of them here I feel that he should return.

Then too while he is with me he looks longingly out of my window which faces the river and tells me that he wants to go back on the job and on your desk, where he has been for the past few months, and where we hope he will reside for a long time.

I am surprised and pleased at the amount of noise he can make. I did not realize that he could be such a disturber of peaceful surroundings or that his laughing and braying could stir up so much confusion when he is away from his home.

With kindest regards and best wishes to all the Bangor Hydro Employees, I remain

Cordially yours,

H. W. Daggett



A. CORRECTION

Under date of March 3, 1936, a bulletin was sent out for each bulletin board giving a record of the lost time accidents beginning January 1, 1934 and number of days since the last accident occurred in each department to the date of March 3, 1936.

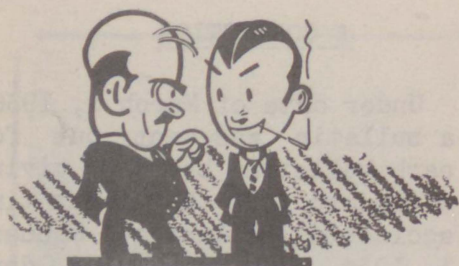
The Repair Crew, under the supervision of George Dow, was reported the last lost time accident March 7, 1935, making a total of 362 days at that time since the last

DEATH

Mrs. Frank Silliman, Jr., mother of Frank Silliman, 3d, President of the Eastern Trust & Banking Company, died Monday afternoon, March 23rd, in New York City. This news is received with deep regret by the employees of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company and their sympathy is extended to Mr. Frank Silliman, Jr., and Mr. Frank Silliman, 3d.



lost time accident. Mr. Dow promptly asked for correction of this error and in checking the records we find that his last lost time accident occurred February 5, 1935, and the total number of days at that time since the last lost time accident should be 388.



A party of tourists were enjoying the wonders of the Grand Canyon. A native passing by was asked by the driver of the car: "I say, neighbor, can you tell us what caused this terrible gorge?"

"Well, they say a Scotchman once owned a ranch near here, and one day he lost a golf ball down a gopher hole."

A city visitor from one of the wind swept states gazed intently at the spiral fire escape that wound its way down the rear of a very tall building.

"Gosh," he exclaimed, "that must have been a danged long ladder before the cyclone hit it."

Explorer has discovered an African tribe of men who beat the ground with sticks as a sign of anger.—News item.
Well, well! Fancy golf spreading to Africa!

The cockney child had just started school.

"Wot's yer name?" he was asked.

"Fred!"

"Blimy! That ain't a nime—that's what yer muvver sews yer pants wiv!"

"See here, Tommy," said the teacher—"you mustn't say, 'I ain't going to the picnic.' You must say, 'I am not going.' He is not going; They are not going; We are not going."

"Gee," replied Tommy, "ain't nobody going?"

An enthusiastic supporter of the local baseball team arrived at the field one day and saw a load of bricks there. He approached the club secretary and asked, "Wouldn't half bricks have been better?"

"Half bricks!" exclaimed the secretary. "We couldn't build a pavilion with half bricks."

"Oh!" said the supporter, wonderingly, "are they for a pavilion?"

The unconscious humor of some advertisements is indicated in the following selections:

Lost: A pound note by a working girl tied in a knot.

Wanted: A capable housekeeper able to milk cows, to keep house for one.

Lost: A fountain pen by a man half full of ink.

For Sale: Bulldog, will eat anything; very fond of children.

Lost: A watch by a man with a cracked face.

"Did you hear about that island of wild women without tongues?"

"You don't say? How can they talk?"

"They can't. That's what makes them wild."

"Daughter," said the father, "is that young man serious in his intentions?"

"Guess he must be, dad", she replied. "He's asked me how much I make and what kind of meals we have, and how you and mother are to live with."

Mrs. Jones could only find two aisle seats—one behind the other. Wishing to have her sister beside her, she turned and cautiously surveyed the man in the next seat. Finally she leaned over and timidly addressed him.

"I beg your pardon, sir, but are you alone?"

The man, without turning his head in the slightest, but twisting his mouth to an alarming degree and shielding it with his hand, muttered:

"Cut it out, Kid—cut it out! My wife's with me."

Jack Tar had just arrived at the old home cottage after voyaging about for a number of years. "Well, mother," he said heartily, "how did you like the parrot I sent you?"

"Well," said his old mother dubiously, "it was nice and plump, Jack, but my! it was tough."

"Young man, I understand that you have made advances to my daughter."

"Yes, sir, I wasn't going to say anything about it, but now since you've mentioned, I wish you could get her to pay me back."

The Pullman conductor one night saw a red lantern hanging on one of the lower berths so he looked up George, the porter, and said, "Say, George, why is that red lantern hanging on that lower berth?"

George replied: "Well, boss, Rule 23, in my book says that you should hang up a red lantern when the rear end of the sleeper is exposed."

A pretty young nurse was selling poppies. A salesman told her that he would give her a \$5 bill for a poppy provided she would promise to nurse him if he ever went to her hospital. She agreed.

"By the way," the salesman asked, "where is your hospital?"

"I am at Queen Charlotte's Maternity Hospital," meekly replied the pretty nurse, putting the five spot into the box.

Lunatic (in asylum yard, meets new superintendent): "Who are you?"

Superintendent: "I'm the new superintendent."

Lunny: "Oh, it won't take them long to knock that out of you. I was Napoleon when I came here."

They say films are screened—but we've found a lot of coarse stuff still gets through.

Three shop girls were enjoying a selection by the orchestra.

"Isn't it divine! Wonder what they're playing?" said Madge.

"It's the sextette from 'Lucia,'" announced Tillie positively.

"No, it's 'Tales from Hoffman,'" persisted Annabelle.

"I think that you are both wrong; but there's a card up there—I'll go and see for myself!" announced Madge, suiting the action to the word. She came back triumphant.

"You're way off, girls! It's the 'Refrain from Spitting.'"

MILLINOCKET DIVISION NEWS

By R. A. Fernald

Mr. E. W. Brown and Daniel Freeman are in our Division this week giving instructions on the new program of meter testing. Mr. Brown left Tuesday for Bangor, and, Thursday, Mr. Freeman will start in the Lincoln Division.

Mr. William Harper was in Millinocket Monday making some repairs on one of the voltage regulators at the Millinocket Substation.

Mr. Burleigh Carr, Service Man, was very successful in catching his quota of pickerel at Millinocket Lake last Sunday. The largest pickerel weighed about three pounds.

John Herbert, Lineman, after following several of the snow train carnivals has become very efficient on skis. John states that next year he plans to enter the ski marathon.

Recent callers at this office were K. Cosseboom, Gerard Austin, E. W. Brown, and Mr. Richardson of the Philco Radio Department.

At present, Archie Foss, Salesman, is on the sick list, but we look for an early recovery as Archie has a quota of nine Kelvinators this month.

WASHINGTON COUNTY LIVE LINE NEWS

By V. Cushing

On March 9, 1936, an attempt was made to transfer three sections of Line #3-33 K.V.A. primary wires 25 feet to new poles. Two feet of slack wire was cut out and the wires spliced without an interruption to the line. We believe this to be the first job of its nature to be attempted without an interruption on the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company lines. The work was done by Joseph Sproul, Ackley Willey and Lester Colson.

BAR HARBOR NEWS FLASHES

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We are glad to say that Miss Austin, who has been out since November, returned to the office last Monday.

Mary Higgins is now on her vacation, which she is spending at home.

Among the visitors at our office this month were: Mr. Sprague, Mr. Austin, and Mr. Hammons, of the Bangor Office; also Mr. Earl Young, Representative for Universal.

Bangor visitors will be interested to know that the Town of Bar Harbor voted to build a sand beach down by our new Water-front Park.

As the News goes to press, we are having a flood on lower Main Street and unless it stops raining, the men will have to row down to the substation in the morning.

While business is rather dull right now, we are anticipating a large number of installations of the new Kelvinator, which is meeting with enthusiastic approval.

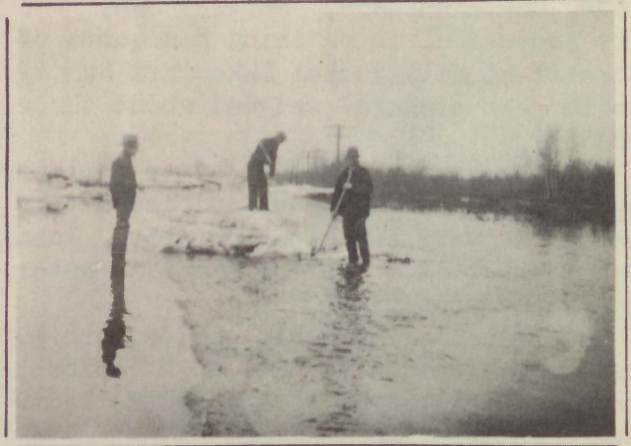
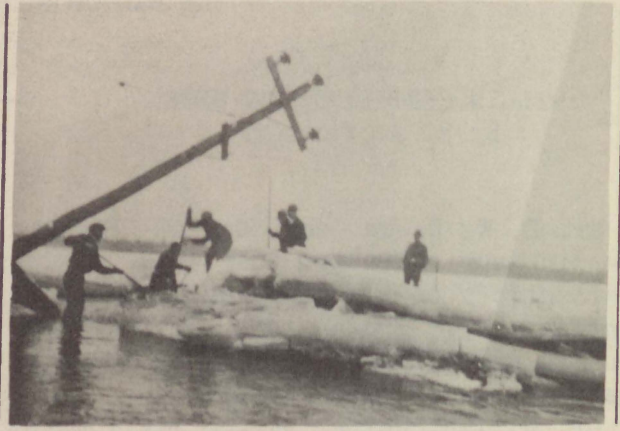
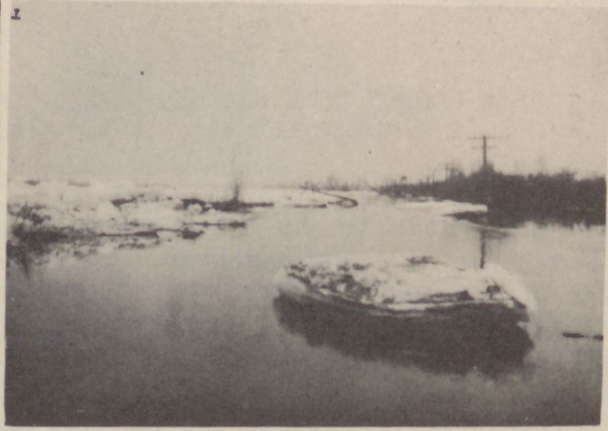
VEAZIE STATION

By J.M.Gamble

Work is progressing steadily on the cable and pothead renewal job on the generators here and while the machines are down for this work, we are making the regular periodical inspection of all water wheels.

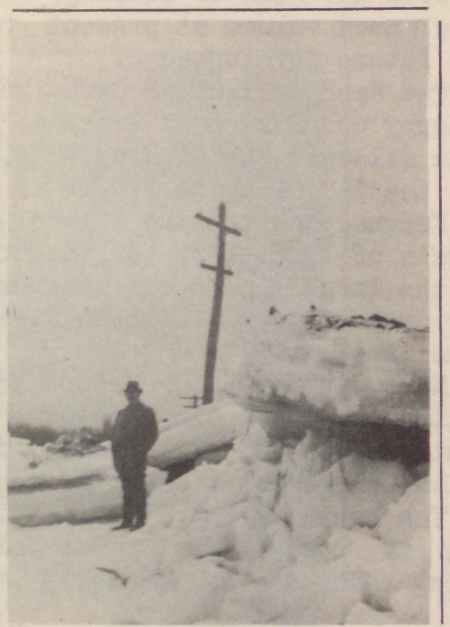
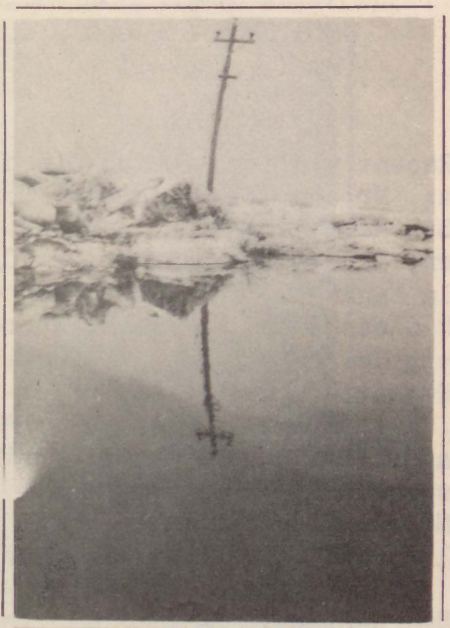
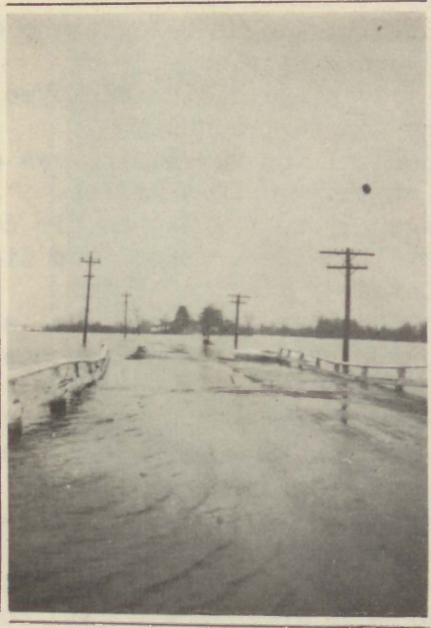
Except for normal wear of small parts, we have found very little amiss in any of the eleven wheels inspected so far. Only one broken wicket for replacement and some adjusting in a few cases. We expect to have this work all completed within another week or ten days.

Joe Fournier and Mr. Crane, the Fish & Game Dept. Engineer, are pushing the fishway concrete work, hoping to complete the main walls of the new fishway before the ice goes out of the river. Then they will be able to use a cofferdam across the lower end of their new walls to complete the interior work later.



Above Pictures Taken by Mr. R. N. Haskell.

Shows views of conditions at Cedar Eddy between
Sunhaze and Costigan Village.



More pictures by Mr. R. N. Haskell
taken in the vicinity of Costigan,
showing water and ice on the road.

NEWS FROM LINCOLN

By H.V. Haskell

Recent visitors to the Lincoln Office were: Mr. Gerard L. Austin, Comm. Mgr., Herbie Hammons, Comm. Eng., Mr. E. W. Brown, Dannie Freeman, Mr. K. Cosseboom, Field Engineer, Mr. Richardson of Utterback Gleason and Mr. W. T. Moores of G.E. Supply Co.

We have received our meter test outfit. Mr. Dannie Freeman will be with us a short time in order to instruct our crew concerning the use of it.

Mr. R. A. Fernald, Manager of the Millinocket Division, was a recent visitor in the Lincoln office.

Mr. Hanscom, Salesman, recently attended the Sales School and Meeting at Bangor. He is well pleased with the Meter-a-tor Plan of selling. We do not show much volume at present but watch for future developments.

The Washing Machine Campaign came to a happy conclusion at least to the Lincoln salesman, he winning by a good margin the \$50.00 prize.

February netted the Lincoln Division a gain of 13 washers for the month. This is the largest number of washers sold in any one month by Lincoln Division for some time.

Mr. McIntyre, our Meter Reader and Collector, has been rather busy this month sealing meter boxes and delivering Silex Coffee Maker advertisements.

The new Collection System is beginning to take effect. Our balances are being reduced every month.

OLD TOWN DIVISION NEWS

By Ella O'Connor

Roland Tait, our Service Man, spent February 14th in Bangor attending Kelvinator Service School. Rol reported the new 1936 Kelvinators decided improvement on the 1935 models. These 1936 models are now on display in our store.

The new Meter-a-tor Plan on the 1936 Kelvinator is undoubtedly not a step but several paces in front of any of our competitor's selling plans, and especially

attractive to any employee who does not already own a Kelvinator.

Take advantage of the Employee Tip Plan and earn some extra money.

Commercial Manager Austin was a recent caller at the Old Town Office.

Manager Grose has had an air conditioner installed in our store and it is much appreciated.

The Old Town accounts are showing a decided improvement under the new collection methods recently outlined. Many chronic accounts have been cleaned up - the first time in years - and the educational value alone of the new methods will certainly help to keep these accounts in a much less jumbled nature.

Many remarks have been heard about Rol Tait's new Ford. Indeed it looks like new with its fresh coat of orange paint and cream wheels. He is so proud of it that he refuses to park it beside the other Hydro cars in this district but drives it either around the corner or further down the street. Don't blame you "Rolie", it is attractive.

WALKING HOME

Right in the midst of all the excitement, caused by breaking dams and bridges, our leading blonde walks to work with both ankles done up in ski hitches. Walking home from a buggy ride over rocky gravel roads isn't quite up to your standards, Leona. Why don't you move back into Bangor and enjoy our wonderful improvements?

31 MAIN STREET OBSERVER

By Harry Allen

The refrigerator service men from all of our outside stores attended a one day service school held in the Recreation Room on Friday, February 14th. Mr. Alvin Smith, Kelvinator's Representative, enlightened us on the 1936 Kelvinators by an instructive talk backed by moving pictures of the same.

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The above pictures were taken by Mr. E. W. Brown, Operating Engineer, last summer. The top photograph shows the pool above the Dam at Little Falls Station. The lower photograph is the waterfall below the Dam. There is quite a contrast between these pictures and those shown on the other pages of this issue of the News, as these views show water controlled and peaceful, whereas all the others show nature wild and untamed.

31 Main Street Observer (Con't.)

There is no doubt but what the new Kelvinator is the best one ever. Its features, from the servicemans standpoint, are far in advance of earlier models. Mr. Smith admitted that he was carried away with it and all of us agree that he was very enthusiastic. He spent the entire day with us and left immediately afterward for Augusta, there to hold another school.

We were dined and entertained in the evening at the Penobscot Exchange. Mr. Austin gave an interesting talk on the work of the service man, assuring us that although we ran into difficulties, he was always behind us and willing to help iron out our troubles.

Herbie Hammons gave us a few slants on water heating problems, ably assisted by Mrs. Carr's boy Burleigh, from up around Millinocket.

Although six or seven inches of snow fell during the day, the out-of-town boys insisted upon going home that evening. Hope you all made it with no mishaps boys! Which reminds me, I saw Alvin Smith last week and he tells me he spent most of that night in a nice big snow-bank just the other side of Newport.

Our visitors have been so numerous that it is impossible to enumerate them. At a recent Sales Meeting, held in our building, all of the outside store managers and salesmen were in attendance. They were addressed by representatives from every factory whose merchandise we distribute. Everything from the humble Schick razor to the heavy duty appliances were explained and their selling points brought out.

Comparing shaves is the latest hobby around our store. A number of the men have purchased new electric razors and we find it interesting to hear the comparisons and arguments pertaining thereto.

We suggest to our new salesman, Mr. Mahon, that he tie a string to his sales book. He is always looking for it and usually finds same right where he left it.

Arnold is taking a correspondence course, learning the "ifs", "whys" and "hows" about the art of correctly installing a load balancing switch so that it will work properly on an automatic oven. Ray says you are never too old to learn.

Nichols is now affiliated with the Orrington Farmers Telephone Company. He recently installed a private line between his home and "Mothers" home so that their affairs might be talked over in privacy. His only difficulty when installing it was the plus and minus posts on his batteries.

Things you never see:

Arnold with a grouch.

King without his hair combed.

Mansur taking his time.

Davies hungry.

Thompson without a gas leak.

Allen very quiet.

White uninterested in baseball.

Nichols at loss for big words.

Ruth leaving the safe unlocked.

G. Jordan with no peanuts.

E. Jordan without a story.

Warren without a sale.

Maddox without a prospect.

Starr without an argument.

Chadeayne without the telephone directory.

Hammons without a cigar.

Baughman without an idea.

Tracey without a handfull of service slips.

Boober making the eighteen in par.

MILFORD STATION

By A. H. Dunn

In a recent issue of the Bangor Hydro-Electric News, Mr. Randall of this station, remarked upon the scarcity of news. Mr. Randall would have our readers believe that nothing of interest ever happens at Milford. We imagine that if Frank had been present when the oil filter on 95-floor sprung a leak a few days ago, he might have had reason to change his views as to what is - and what is not - an interesting incident.

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Photo by E. W. Brown, looking upstream - Milford Station

Minutes of the Relief Meeting of the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company, held at the Company's Office, 33 State Street, Bangor, Maine, February 20th, 1936.

Members present: Thomas Davies, Howard Arnold, John Peterson, Dave Murray, and Elgin Field.

The meeting was called to order by the President at 7:45 P. M.

On motion duly made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Peterson it was Voted to accept the minutes of the last meeting.

On motion duly made by Mr. Davies and seconded by Mr. Arnold it was Voted to appoint Mr. Peterson on the Investigating Committee, pro tem.

On motion duly made by Mr. Landry and seconded by Mr. Arnold it was Voted to accept the following new employee as a member of the Relief Association:

Grover L. Jordan

Voted, to approve the following benefits paid since the last meeting:

Leon Brown - 30 days continued sickness, Jan.9th to Feb.7th, 1936, incl.

Catherine Buker - 7 days sickness, Jan.27th to Feb.2nd, 1936, incl.

G. S. Seavey & Son, wreath for E. A. Atherton

On motion duly made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Peterson, it was Voted to set aside a page for Mr. Elbridge Atherton.

On motion duly made by Mr. Arnold and seconded by Mr. Landry it was Voted to adjourn, there being no further business to come before the meeting.

Elgin E. Field, Secretary.

Milford Station (Con't.)

Also while he might not have considered worth mentioning the fact that the fire signal (siren) located on the roof of the plant was found to be out of commission after one of the recent sleet storms, there are certain of the crew, especially those whose duty it was to climb up and thaw the ice and snow out of the gadget, who maintain that it was a matter of considerable importance.

Friends of James Reed are sorry to learn that he is quite ill and all are hopeful for his speedy recovery.

The employees of the Old Town Division assembled at Milford Station a short time ago at the request of Mr. Daggett who gave a very interesting talk on the prevention of accidents. Mr. Daggett expressed his appreciation of the record for the past year and urged everyone to try and lower the accident record in the coming year. Accompanying Mr. Daggett was Mr. Brennan who spoke very forcefully upon the need for care and caution at all times whether on the job or elsewhere. He left little doubt in the minds of his listeners as to his opinion of the drivers of automobiles who, through reckless or careless driving, endangers the life or safety of others.

The water wheels and head-gates at Milford are being inspected and necessary adjustments and repairs being made in preparation for the coming season of high water at which time the output is bound to be below normal, making it important that all apparatus be in the best condition possible.

Mr. Harper and Mr. Nelson answered an emergency call to this station one day last week, their services being needed in the work of repairing one of the leads on #1 Generator Oil Switch which had been discovered to be carrying a temperature above normal and which, no doubt, would have given someone a bad half hour had it not been noticed and corrected.

One of our operators who pretends to be something of a weatherman and a firm believer in signs such as Sun-dogs, Ground-hogs and other dependable forerunners, says that the past - or present - winter has been one of the best winters from a

prophet's point of view that he has ever had anything to do with. Nothing to it he declares, just one cold wave after another and then another, with no Chinook winds or Gulf Stream business to check up on every so often and not much danger of making any serious mistakes.

COMBINATION COFFEE AND TEA MAKER WITH TRAY SPECIAL OFFER FOR MARCH

The Merchandise Department is offering to employees during March, the Combination Coffee and Tea Maker with Tray at the low price of \$3.55 cash. Employees may purchase this coffee urn set on a time payment plan of \$1.00 down, one monthly payment of \$1.00 and a final payment of \$1.60. This set is being advertised in our stores during March.

This is an introductory offer and is the genuine Silex. The usual offer on this merchandise includes only Coffee Maker and Tray but during March the Tea Maker attachment is included at no extra expense.

The customer's cash price on this set is \$4.95.

COMMERCIAL DEPARTMENT

1936 FEBRUARY SALES MEETING

The Merchandise Department held its February Sales Meeting on the dates of February 25th, 26th and 27th, during which time important announcements were made relative to our merchandising program for the year 1936. The meeting was particularly interesting from the moment it was opened by our President, Edward M. Graham, and Vice President Robert N. Haskell, to the closing hour.

Several manufacturers' representatives together with the enthusiasm of our managers and salesmen contributed to the very interesting array of the latest merchandise to be presented to our customers throughout the year. Among the different manufacturers represented were:

P. A. Geier Company, manufacturers of the Royal Vacuum Cleaner



HYDRO FISHING FANS NEWS
By R. A. Fernald

The fishing season is fast approaching, and, for the benefit of the Hydro fishing fans, I am enclosing two snapshots of pictures taken on one of our fishing trips which included George Tupper, myself, and Leslie Davis, Millinocket's famous guide.

In Picture No. 1 you will note there are approximately thirty trout ranging from seven to ten inches in length and by late afternoon we had our full quota of twenty-five each. As I recall, we fried thirty-three fish for dinner, as on trips of this nature one most always has an unusually good appetite, so there can be no question as to the size of the fish we consumed at dinner time.

Briefly describing this trip: We motored twenty-two miles from Millinocket until we reached the East Branch River. We then placed our canoe, which was equipped with an outboard engine, in the river and motored up the East Branch four and one-half miles, until we came to Davis' Camp, where we stopped for the night. Arising early the next morning we continued up the river five miles, leaving our canoe on the shore. We then proceeded, with the necessary equipment, into the wilds of the forest.

Due to the fact that we had no compass I am unable to tell you the location of the good fishing holes.

After a day's fishing we usually reach Millinocket around 8 P. M., but on this occasion we experienced a very heavy thunder and lightning storm. George tells me that he arrived home at 3 A. M. the next

morning, but had a very good time.

On my last visit to Bangor I discussed some fishing stories with Preston Mann, and he requested that I send in some snapshots covering the fishing trip, and suggested that other Hydro fishing fans send in stories of their fishing experiences this summer. Mr. Mann thought that we would have some very interesting stories but he, also, informed me that just as soon as they begin stretching the stories he would cut them out and present them with a champion liars badge.

Editors Note: The second paragraph of this article states there are trout shown in Picture No. 1. The original picture did show the fish,



but the reproduction in this paper did not get them.



Commercial Department (Con't.)

General Electric Company, showing the new Hotpoint Vogue Model Water Heaters
Landers, Frary & Clark, manufacturers of the Universal Washers and Ranges

Kelvinator Sales Corporation, manufacturer of the Kelvinator electric refrigerators and ranges

The Esco Company, manufacturers of commercial refrigeration

The Seeger Company, manufacturers of commercial refrigeration

The theme of the meeting was the economy angle relative to the sale of merchandise, and this point was stressed not only during the first day's meeting but during the Sales Training Course on the ensuing days of February 26th and 27th.

A quota of \$300,000 in gross volume of business was the goal that was set for the Department and at the end of the meeting all of our men were agreed that with the thoughts that had been brought out and the merchandise in the line, \$300,000 would be accomplished, particularly so with the very liberal inducements offered to employees in the way of the Employee Tip Plan as a reward for their co-operation with the Merchandise Department in securing this business. Throughout the Company the Employee Tip Plan will be interestingly posted on bulletin boards showing the activity of different employees in their mutual interest in the Merchandise Department.

At this meeting our managers were explained the use and operation of perhaps one of the most important selling methods that the Merchandise Department has ever had at its disposal in the way of the Meterator Purchase Plan. It was brought out that through this Plan customers could be definitely shown that they cannot afford to be without an electric refrigerator as the result of the savings that may be had with the use of electric refrigeration and in turn paying and eventually owning the refrigerator through the deposit of these savings in the Meterator that accompanies the refrigerator on installation.

Hot water by Hotpoint was a very interesting feature of the meeting. This part of the program provided information to further the knowledge in Hotpoint Water Heaters. The new Vogue, or square models, of Hotpoint water heaters were shown in movietone from the beginning to end of the manufacturing process. One of the outstanding features of the day was the announcement of the new Kelvinator Electric Range. Kelvinator, the Company which pioneered and perfected the electric refrigerator, showed as their companion product to their refrigerator the new 1936 Kelvinator Range. The range was ably presented and demonstrated by Mrs. Ely of the Kelvin Kitchen.

The two days following the date of the 25th were devoted entirely to the sales training and Meterator refrigeration selling plan, with particular emphasis on economy and the operation of electrical appliances under our new rates, and the low operating cost of Kelvinator refrigeration this year. These two days proved to be highly valuable and instructive to our men in having the adequate selling material and psychology to present a strong selling campaign. These three days were well worth the time spent it is believed by the Merchandise Department and will later show up in our merchandise volume. Already 70% of our refrigerator sales are made on the Meterator Payment Plan.

The Merchandise Department wishes the opportunity of answering questions from employees of the Company concerning the very interesting new merchandise that we have and will have more available in the future. With unusually low prices to employees and with the Employee Tip Plan as a distinct encouragement to our employee group to interest themselves in, and to own this merchandise and at the same time convey on to our customers whom they daily contact the desire to likewise own electrical merchandise, the territory served by the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company will become electrical merchandise conscious in 1936.

HIGH WATER

As the March issue of our "Bangor Hydro News" goes to press, the Spring flood conditions in our Eastern rivers seem to have dropped back to a point near the normal spring flow. As a matter of general interest, present records indicate that the flow of water in the Penobscot is the second heaviest flow in the sixty odd years that authentic records have been kept. Only the 1923 level seems to have exceeded this 1936 flow. The high water conditions came as a result of very heavy unseasonal rains that found nearly all the Winter's snow accumulation still on the ground. So quickly did the snow melt, and so much rain fell, that soon all the streams and rivers had risen to a point where the thick heavy ice in the water was loosened and as the ice passed down our streams and rivers, it caused considerable damage. Observers state that the early stage of the high water, this blue ice measured in thickness from twenty to thirty inches, and in its swift movement caused much destruction.

The Bangor Hydro-Electric and, in fact, all of the Eastern Maine section seem to have been very fortunate in escaping many of the serious difficulties that were faced by the valley residents in other New England river basins. The damage suffered by the Company was relatively negligible in comparison to the property loss of other industrial companies and public utilities on many of the other New England rivers.

It is too early to properly assemble and record the find, willing, intelligent work that everyone of our employees performed in properly handling the emergency situations that were created by the high water conditions.

Particularly in the area from Milford to Mattawamkeag was the necessity for this unusual service in evidence. Phil Herbert's Old Town crews worked

diligently in their efforts to keep things straightened out between Veazie and Passadumkeag, often times facing severe handicaps in their work.

Working out of Lincoln was the Lincoln linemen and Construction crew, and they did excellent work in maintaining connections between Stanford and Howland generating stations and our more fortunate Medway Station. Although some of our customers between these two stations had short interruptions in service, these interruptions were made a minimum by the linemen's efforts along this section of the Penobscot.

In Howland and West Enfield, our own crews augmented by additional men and equipment hired during the period of the flood emergency, worked day and night in their efforts to safely protect our property and service in this area.

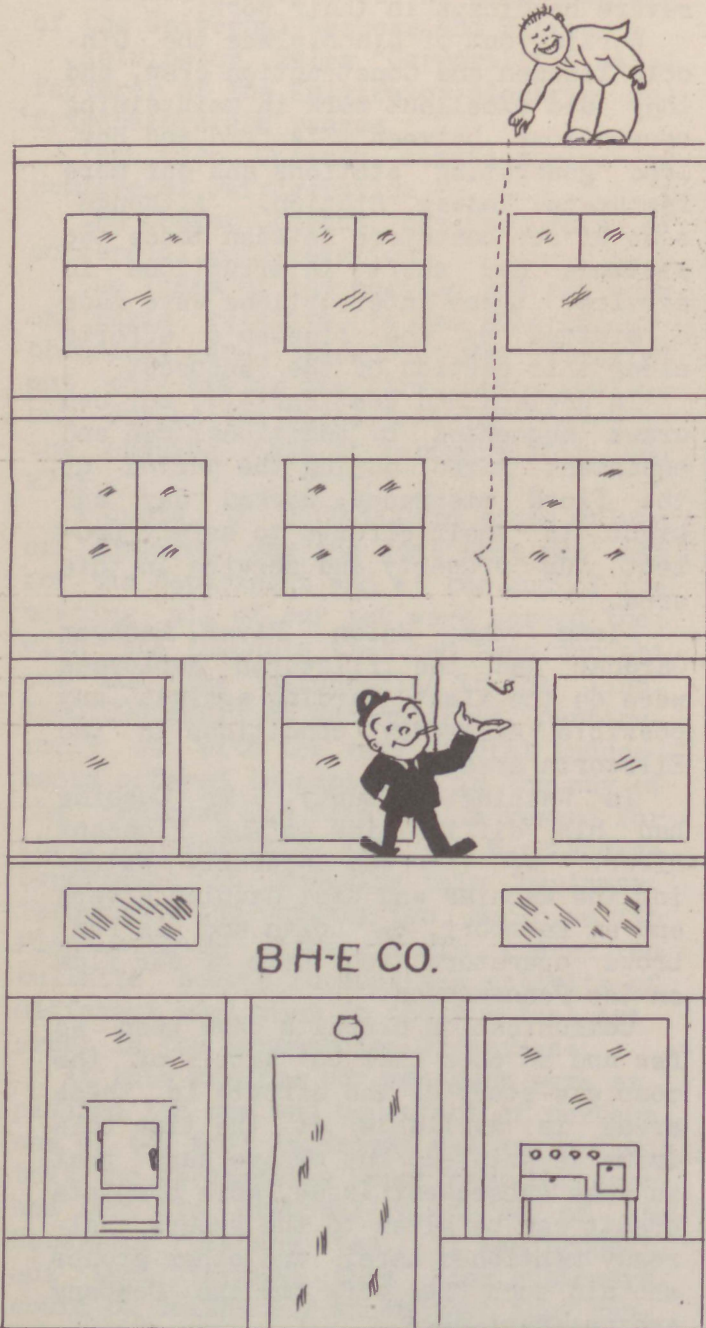
Along the Union River, Manager Cardner and the Ellsworth employees were on the alert guarding against any possible emergency conditions in the Ellsworth area.

In Washington County, Mr. Cushing had his difficulties on the Pleasant River. Mr. Vose was carefully watching the Machias and East Machias Rivers and at Eastport, Mr. Logan and his Pembroke operators took care of our flow on the Pennamaquan.

Communication circuits have been so few and so poor that but little of the complete story of the efforts in these areas is available at the time this issue is printed, but we are sure that in some subsequent issue, more complete credit can be given to the groups already mentioned here, and other groups who did such fine work for the Company and our customers.

STREET LIGHTING

It is town meeting time in the State of Maine, and many of the mana-
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BELIEVE IT OR NOT

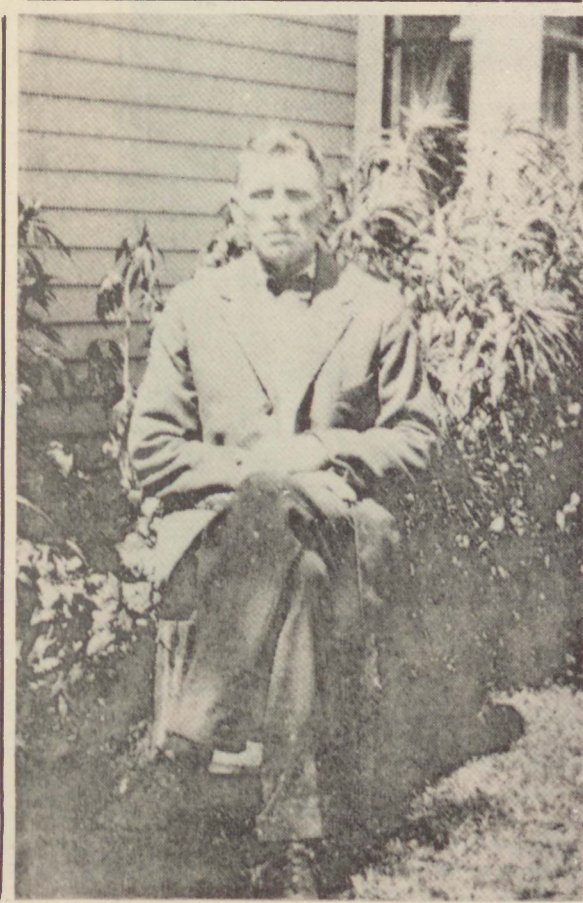
Having read with interest the true stories written by A. E. Eisnor in our last month's issue, I wish to relate one which actually happened and which had three witnesses.

-We decorate our store at 31 Main St. each year with Christmas stringers, etc. Last year while the service crew were climbing over the face of the building, like so many monkeys, giving it a holiday dress, I was stationed on the second story ledge taping joints while King was on the roof lowering the stringers.

Desiring to smoke, I found I had no matches, so shouted up to Don to drop one. He leaned over the edge, sighted along the match and dropped it. It came down head first in a perfect dive, but when it reached a point about three feet above my head it suddenly veered in and the head rubbed along the bricks, igniting it in its downward flight. And now you doubting Thomas's I caught it and lighted my cigarette.

Our boss, Ray Arnold, on the sidewalk saw this, making three of us to prove this one. Here is the sketch to cover the believe-it-or-not.

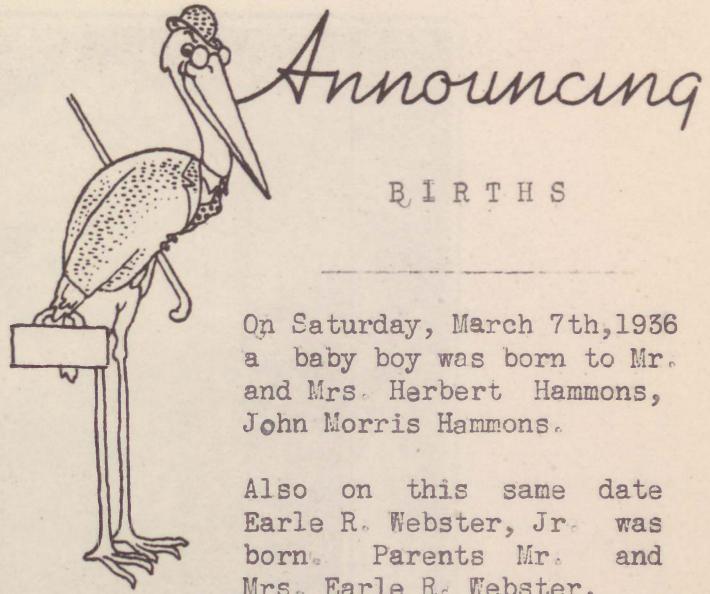
Dotted line shows route of match.



George Austin, Line Foreman,
Ellsworth Pensioned.

The Ellsworth Division loses the services of one of its line foremen, Mr. George Austin, who was voluntarily pensioned on March 3rd, 1936.

Mr. Austin has been connected with the Company for more than thirty-seven years. He first came to work as lineman for the Bar Harbor & Union River Power Company at Bar Harbor on November 1st, 1898. Mr. L. A. Leach was then Superintendent in that Division. Three years later, while working on the construction of the line between Bar Harbor and Northeast Harbor, he was promoted to Line Foreman, which position he has held since that time. Mr. Austin was transferred to the Bangor Division for four consecutive winters, beginning with the winter of 1910-11. Later, in 1916, when Mr. Leach was transferred to Ellsworth, Mr. Austin came with him and has remained in this Division ever since.



On Saturday, March 7th, 1936 a baby boy was born to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Hammons, John Morris Hammons.

Also on this same date Earle R. Webster, Jr. was born. Parents Mr. and Mrs. Earle R. Webster.

Mr. Hammons is employed by the Bangor Hydro-Electric Company as Commercial Engineer, located at 31 Main Street, Bangor.

Mr. Earle R. Webster is Assistant to the Vice President, located at the General Office in Bangor.

May we offer our congratulations.

Mr. Austin retires in perfect health, and we are sorry to have him leave us. At present he is taking a well-deserved rest. He is planning, in the spring, to have a large garden at his home on the Bar Harbor Road and is having, as he expresses it, "the time of his life".

ELLSWORTH ITEMS

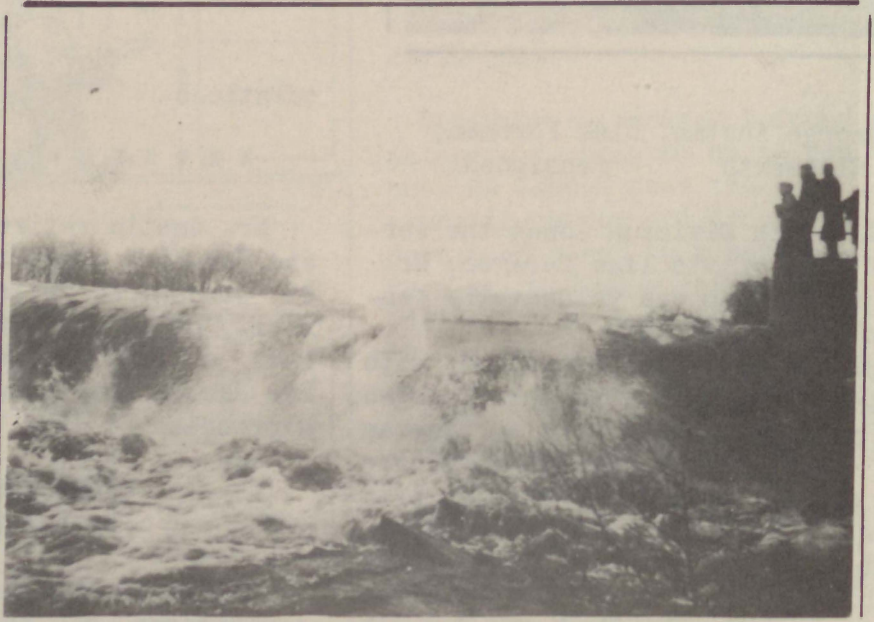
By L. A. Gardner

Ellsworth observed the laying of the cornerstone of the new Ellsworth Post Office on Wednesday, March 11, by closing its stores from 2:00 to 3:30 P. M. Governor Brann was represented by Honorable Edward P. Murray and the U. S. Post Office Department was represented by Honorable Harrison Parkman of Washington, D. C. All civic organizations took part in the services.

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Al Sawyer placing dynamite to free ice from
in front of log sluice at Milford after
Milford ice had gone out.



Stillwater blue ice over International Paper
Company Dam at Webster.



View from upriver side of Milford Station.



View in front of log sluice at Milford.

Photos by R. N. Haskell.

WEDDING BELLS

We are happy to announce the marriage of Miss Julia Treworgy on June 29, 1935, to Mr. Philip Nevells of Bluehill.

Miss Treworgy first came to the Bangor Railway & Electric Company in June, 1922, and for seven years worked in the Commercial Department--one year for Mr. E. V. Morgan, five years for Mr. W. R. Wray, Commercial Manager, and one year for Mr. R. N. Haskell, Vice President. In July, 1929, she left the Bangor Office on account of ill health. During the next three years Miss Treworgy substituted for several months each fall in the Ellsworth Office of the Bangor Hydro, and then accepted a permanent position here in March, 1933.

The Ellsworth Division is very sorry to lose the services of this capable young lady, and sincerely wish her continued health and happiness.

HARRINGTON NEWS ITEMS

By Vera McEacharn

Lester Colson and Ackley Willey of the Bangor Line Crew have been working in the Harrington Division for a few weeks re-setting poles and trimming on the County Line.

Mr. Haskell, Mr. Harper, and Mr. Murchie were visitors at the Harrington Office a short time ago.

During March, the chief topic of discussion in the various towns in this vicinity is Town Meeting. Those that have already taken place have all been conducted in record order, with most of last years officers being re-elected without opposition.

Mr. Cosseboom was an overnight guest in Harrington recently.

MACHIAS NEWS ITEMS

By L. G. Vose

The month of February has been very quiet at Machias. It is the one month of the year we are not surprised at snow-storms, sleet storms, and even lightning storms. To date we have not once been called out in our pajamas which sure is a record. (I knock on wood.)

The general business outlook here for this season is good. With the prospect of a new Normal School, bigger and better, to be started soon and another sardine factory in our territory, we are looking ahead with a good deal of optimism.

TO THE EMPLOYEESOF THEBANGOR HYDRO-ELECTRIC COMPANY

Dear Fellow Employees:

I wish to take this opportunity to thank you for the many courtesies shown me during my recent illness, by calls at the Hospital, letters and post cards which I received that helped to shorten the days that seem so long when one is confined to his bed. I appreciate every thing you did more than I have words to express.

I also want to tell you that I am very proud of the Safety Record that has been made by the employees. Our last lost time accident was October 21st, 1935, approximately five months ago. We have now gone through almost three months of 1936 without a lost time accident. If we can keep this good record for the next three months, we can win the "State of Maine Safety Contest". I believe that this can be done. Let's all do our best to win.

Sincerely,
H. W. Daggett

METER TESTING

High water on the Penobscot drove Danny Freeman back to Bangor after he had spent some time in Millinocket telling our Millinocket people all about the intricacies of the meter testing art. When he arrived in Lincoln, the high water arrived with him, and he reports that he was unable to arouse much interest in the line crews who were busy maintaining service against the rise of the Penobscot.



High water in Forebay at Veazie Station, showing outside wall of Generator Room. Platform which runs entire length of station used for track for rack rake under water.



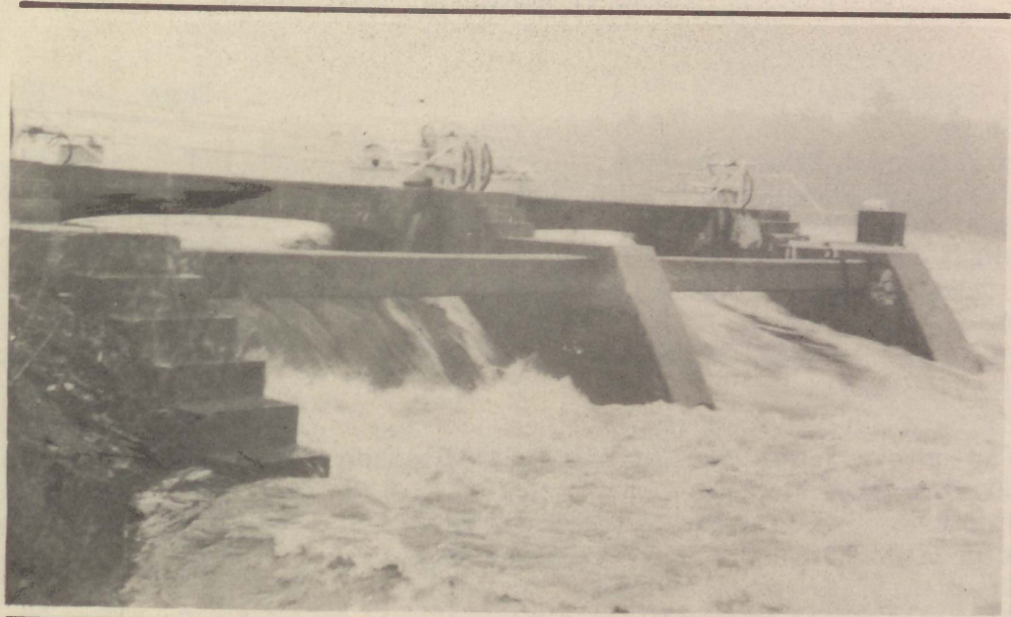
Down stream from Veazie Station below Taintor Gates Structure. Note how the force of the water has washed the earth from the foundation of the river crossing tower.



Upstream end of Veazie Station, showing Main Entrance with board barricade to keep water out of the Station.



Another view of the upstream end of Veazie Station, showing the height of the water on Main Station and Generator Room.



Water racing through the Spillway at the Taintor Gate Structure at foot of Forebay, Veazie Station.

Photo by E. W. Brown.

Street Lighting (Con't.)

gers have reported their attendance in the interests of the street lighting appropriations of the Company. With the new highway safety campaign being actively sponsored by Governor Brann, adequate street lighting seems to be appreciated by some of the towns and in several meetings, additional street lighting appropriations have been made.

LIGHTING

Commercial Manager Austin reports considerable efforts in trying to sell better store lighting on the new low commercial lighting rate. This rate which goes into effect with the April bills, makes low cost store lighting available to a large number of our customers. Managers will appreciate tips from employees where they note a poorly lighted store.

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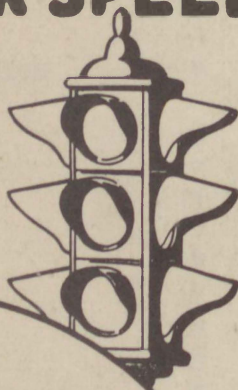
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ADJUST YOUR SPEED
to the
SIGNALS
AHEAD



Good Drivers
Seldom Have
To Make
SUDDEN
STOPS

Safety Driving Pledge

Approved by Bangor Police Department

In the interest of accident prevention and safer motor car driving conditions on the streets and highways of Maine, I am making the following pledge:

1. To drive at a safe moderate speed at all times on my own side of the road.
2. To slow down and proceed with caution when passing children and other pedestrians who are in the street or roadway or who might step into the street or roadway unexpectedly.
3. To avoid passing a car or other vehicle on a curve or on the brow of a hill.
4. To obey traffic signs and signals.
5. Always to hand signal showing intention of turning left, right or stopping.
5. Always to look and make sure it is safe before leaving the curb.
7. To drive only when I am physically and mentally fit to drive, and the car is mechanically fit to be driven.
8. To be fair to other drivers in all respects.

Name

Address

Mail this pledge to SAFETY CHAIRMAN, Boy Scout Headquarters, 25 Broad St., Bangor, Maine, with a stamped self-addressed envelope and a Highway Safety Campaign Pledge sticker will be mailed to you for placing in the lower right hand corner of your rear window.