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Transcript of a sound recording in MS 608, WLBZ Radio Station Records, Bangor, Maine, 1931-1973

Title: WLBZ Economy Home Construction Interview

Date: Not dated. Circa 1955.

Recording number: Reel-to-reel Tape 8, part 3

Length of recording: 5:26

[Transcript begins]

Toleman: ...protect it from getting wet and the only way to do it is to tar paper the outside of the house.

Hunter: I see, you're still keeping an eye on the weather then, aren't you?

Toleman: Yeah.

Hunter: It has been pretty much unsettled and of course that's one of the problems in building a home, is to beat out the weatherman as much as you can, keep things under control. And I would like to point out again that Cal's Electrical Supply Company is doing not only all the electrical work here at the WLBZ Economy Home but also all the plumbing work, too. And the model of the house is at Cal's electrical shop so you can see an actual model there and you can see the real thing here out on the Pierce Road. Window sections will be coming along sooner or later. We see a big bank of openings here on the living-room part of the house. Can you give us any estimate day, of course I realize that things change from day to day, any estimate when the windows might be going in here?

Toleman: The windows were shipped from Pella, Indiana or wherever it is, Pella, Iowa, I believe, almost two weeks ago, so they should be here any day.

Hunter: Well it would seem that way, wouldn't it? These are the Pella windows incidentally. I didn't realize they took their name from a place where they were made. Pella windows and they're being supplied through M. A. Free Company in Portland. Very modern type window, very popular type. When we do get them here, folks will want to drop in and take a look at those because they're very handy for building new construction because they fit right in. Well, you tell me the story there, Dave. I probably will get off the on the wrong track and maybe I will use some wrong technical terms and steer people wrong. Just how do those windows work again?

Toleman: In what way do you mean how do they work?

Hunter: Well they come complete with the frame and all, don't they Dave?

Toleman: Yes, they're complete with frame and screens and some of the windows, they are operating windows and others are fixed type sash.

Hunter: The operating type, that can swing out from the bottom or swing more or less as a casement window depending upon which way you want to mount it into a home, isn't that true?

Toleman: Right, yes there are some of the windows that are going into this house that will be casement and some are what they call a hopper type which open out from the bottom.

Hunter: Uh-huh, that's where they get their name multi-purpose window so that is a good product for you folks to look into if you're planning some building or remodeling, the Pella multipurpose windows. Well one thing that we've been looking to right now is the time and the length of tape that we have available, not too much of either, I think we've covered the situation pretty well on this progress report from the Pierce Road where the WLBZ Economy Home is in process of construction. Thank you very much, Dave, and thank you, too, Arthur. It's quitting time, and beyond, so we'll be seeing you tomorrow or a little bit later.

Arthur: Come early.

Hunter: Well thanks very much, Arthur. That invitation is not extended only to me, but to the general public to come out here and see the WLBZ home in the process of construction at any time. Ask any questions you want to. We sincerely invite you to come out here. Don't be afraid of bothering the people who are working here. That's part of the overall picture. They're here not only to do the work of constructing this house, but to answer your questions as an interested spectator. So you just drop out here anytime you want, look around, don't ask questions if you don't want to, but if there's something that interests you, just step right up and ask how, when, why, or where, and find out all you want to know about the type of construction that's going on here. And that of course brings up the location. It's the Pierce Road in Brewer. Drive out to Bar Harbor Road until you come almost to the drive-in theater, turn left where you see a big sign, WLBZ Economy Home, and it's just a short distance from there.

I might point out that many, many fine firms have been chosen to supply the various products that are going into the WLBZ Economy Home, and that you can drop in there and ask questions, as well as out here. For example A. L. Roberge, who is doing the roofing and of whom we spoke a bit earlier. B. Dunning, they are supplying some of the paint and other things that are being used in the house here. Course, Dave Allen, the contractor, M. A. Free, that's down in the Portland area, so you can't drop in there too easily, they are supplying the Pella windows. Kinney Linoleum, they are supplying the asphalt tile that would go on the floor here, or all the floors as far as that's concerned. Acme Supply, they supplied insulation material for the slab, the Mahr light that will go on the walls in in the bathroom. Cal's Electric, as I said, supplying plumbing and electrical equipment, doing the work. C. Woodman Company supplied the lumber. If you can get out here and look at the fine lumber I think would be well worth your while because it is unusually good lumber. Well, there are many others, too, but we'll tell you about that on future broadcasts, so thanks to those who participated today and come out here and see the house at any time and listen to another tomorrow in this series of transcribed feature stories.

[Transcript ends]

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