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

Title: WLBZ Economy Home Update

Date: Not dated. Circa 1955

Recording number: Tape 9, part 1

Length of recording: 5:39

[Transcript begins]

HUNTER: This is Irving Hunter with another progress report in the process of being recorded at the WLBZ Economy Home. All that noise you can hear, not too much in the background, I presume, is the Lyle Croxford well drilling machinery in operation. So I'm going to step into the WLBZ Economy Home to get rid of that noise. In just talking with the gentleman running the equipment out there this morning, they tell me they're down 68 feet and they have one and a half gallons of water a minute, and of course they're going to keep right on drilling. They want more water than that, so we'll keep you up to date on that as the drilling continues down 68 feet at the present time.

Here, inside the WLBZ Economy Home, we see a huge crate this morning. Sign on it says Robinson and Kenny, 53 Center Street in Brewer, so we knew right off of this, of course, was the Heil automatic heating unit that will be installed here in a very short time at the WLBZ Economy Home. Pretty cool this morning, incidentally, and it seemed a little bit, well, out of place talking about heating equipment back along, but this morning it certainly sounds good and almost wish it were installed here. And when you consider the importance of good heating to you and your family, well there's really no reason why you should settle for anything less than the best in automatic heating equipment. Wise homeowners have known this for years, of course, and have been willing to pay a little more for a Heil heating unit as an investment in years of trouble-free comfort. So we decided to have a Heil heating unit installed here by Robinson and Kenny at the WLBZ Economy Home. This particular unit is of special interest to those of you who might be building in a basement-less house. It's designed especially for that purpose. Very efficient, very modern, and they tell me very, very economical. For example, it's possible to heat a home of this size for as little as 90 dollars per heating season. At least those figures were given to us and we don't know, of course, when it's installed, but that seems to be quite an accurate estimate from those with whom we have talked. As far as the rest of the home is concerned at the present moment, just to bring you up to date in a brief manner, the red wood siding has been installed outside the home. It looks beautiful. The Pella windows are all in place and those are the famous Pella multi-purpose windows that are a bit unusual. The storm sash is all included within the window unit itself. The screens fit in very neatly and I think that if you're interested in building or remodeling, you certainly would like to look over these Pella windows, so like to have you accept our invitation to visit the WLBZ Economy Home on the Pierce Road in Brewer and look over not only the Pella window but of course all the other

fine features that are being incorporated in this very modern and somewhat unusual home. Very modern design, and as you may know by this time, the house is being built to sell for a price under ten thousand dollars and that's a pretty low figure in this day and age.

The house is completely insulated. You can see all the fiberglass insulation that has been installed. Owens Corning makes that, of course, and it's a very fine type of insulation. And that points up the fact that throughout this entire home, top quality materials and top quality workmanship are being used. The word economy means simply that because of the careful design and the special way of building this home in a modern manner is keeping down the cost to under ten thousand dollars. The design of course by Eaton Tarbell & Associates.

For those of you who would like to visit the WLBZ Economy Home, another brief description of how you get here, drive out the Brewer road until you almost get to the Brewer Drive-in Theater, turn left at the sign that says WLBZ Economy Home, that's at the corner of the Pierce Road. Just a short way down the road, you will see this very modern looking home. That's the place to stop and ask all the questions you'd like about home building, about anything that seems to be of interest to you in the process of building a home and there's plenty going on here. I noticed the truck of Al Roberge is parked out back here. Al Roberge Sheet Metal and Roofing Company up on Hammond Street in Bangor, they're putting finishing touches on the roof this morning. This is a flat roof, completely flat, very unusual type of construction for around these parts. Probably see more and more of it in homes as time goes on but that's another item that's different and I'm sure you'll enjoy seeing how that has been accomplished here. Well, in order to accomplish getting this tape recording on the air, we're going to have to call a halt to this progress report and we'll be back from time to time as construction continues. Why not step out here and be a sidewalk superintendent? Glad to have you at any time at the WLBZ Economy Home.

[Transcript ends]

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