

My husband, Conrad (Joe) Ekholm, myself and our two year-old daughter, Avis, lived with my husband's Uncle Pehr Peterson and his family on Summer Street for a short time. Pehr owned a garage at that time. Pehr's daughter, Ruth (Betty) Peterson Millner and my husband were cousins.

Later we moved across the street into a house owned by a Mrs. Neally. While living there two sons were born to us (John and Peter). I believe a Dr. Weatherbee delivered both babies. A family named Nickerson lived on one side of us and a family named French lived on the other side.

We speak of youngsters doing foolish things. I remember my husband had a large double runner sled, left over from his boyhood. A group of us neighbors decided to take a slide down Summer Street. The Chesleys were one of the couples. I can't remember the others. Going down hill went fine. We decided to let someone with a vehicle pull us back up the hill. I can't recall what went wrong, but my glasses go broken. There were no serious injuries, but many bumps and bruises. I believe that was our last sliding trip.

Conrad worked for the Bangor Hydro and rode the trolley to work. His job was to keep those trolleys running.

From Hampden we moved to Alton. In the middle 1940's we moved back to Hampden and lived over Sanford's Store, for the winter. We then went to Portland where Conrad worked in the shipyard. We then ended up in Millinocket, where Conrad worked for the Band A. We finally settled in Brownville.

Conrad passed away in 1996. I'm still alive and active at 94. I live alone and tend my flower gardens.

I'm sending this picture that shows the men who worked at what was called the car barn at the Bangor Hydro: / to r: Thomas Burns, Carroll Folsom and Conrad Ekholm, Nightmen Submitted by Celia Ekholm