

Equity Publishing Items

12\31\54 Orford Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•Law Publishing Firm To Move To Orford

Meldrim Thomson Jr., head of the Equity Publishing Corp. of Stony Brook, N.Y., and is now a resident of this town, will move his law firm here early next year. Mr. Thomson purchased the Mt. Cube farm of J.W. Currier some time ago, moving his family here this fall while the commutes from New York weekends.

The new business, a specialized publishing house, will require the aid of about 30 employees, most of them stenographers and secretaries from this area. An editorial staff of four men will move here with the firm.

The publishing house specializes in revising and indexing law books and compiling and assimilating material for law books. The firm's printing is done at the Rumford Press in Concord.

A task force of four girls will come to Orford some time in February for the purpose of breaking in new workers for the job.

The publishing company recently completed an important assignment of preparing the first bilingual code of laws in the Western Hemisphere for the government of Puerto Rico. The law books, consisting of separate Spanish and English books of laws of Puerto Rico, were presented by Thomson at San Juan to Governor Luis Munoz and other dignitaries of Puerto Rico.

7\8\55 Orford Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•The Elm House is sold to the Meldrim Thomson company.

11\11\55 Orford Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•Richard Anderson and Meldrim Thomson returned Monday from a business trip to the Virgin Islands.

2\17\56 Orford Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•Mr. Thomson, Mr. Newson and Mr. Anderson are on a business trip to the Virgin Islands.

5\24\56 Orford *Hanover Gazette*

•Ted Bruckner had the misfortune to break his left arm one day last week while he and Warren Williams were out fishing. They are both employees of Equity Publishing Corp.

11\2\56 Orford Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•Henry E. Fogarty of East Rockaway, N.Y., has joined the staff of the Equity Publishing Corp. He and Mrs. Fogarty have been staying at Orford Inn until their apartment at Equity House is ready.

11\23\56 Orford Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•Equity House, A Publishing Firm, Moves To New Quarters

A new industry, which increased local job opportunities more than any other local development in recent years opened is brand-new office building last week, and 500 area residents turned out to wish it well.

Equity House, publisher of law books, moved here last year and set up temporary shop in Elm House. President Meldrim Thomson, Jr., a transplanted Georgian who since 1952 had a summer home in Orford, brought the business from Stony Brook, L.I.

During the last year, Equity's staff grew from four to 15, and Elm House space was quickly outgrown. The new frame building, 40 by 76 feet, was begun in April. It contains eight editorial offices, Thomson's office, shelf space for a reference library, two fireproof vaults for manuscripts and a full basement for storage. Another feature is a Puerto Rican Conference room, named for one of the firm's best customers.

This small New Hampshire town is closely linked with the Caribbean island 1350 miles away because Equity edited and published a complete compendium of Puerto Rican laws, in both English and Spanish. Equity is also the author of the "Virgin Islands Code." Other volumes the firm sells are "Marine Laws - Navigation and Safety" and the recently published "Federal Farm Law Manual."

The new building is named in memory of Irene Pease Huntington, an Orford girl employed by the firm who died earlier this year. Thomson said Mrs. Huntington's "industry, initiative and devotion was an inspiration to all of us." The memorial plaque is of pine, given by Maurice Chase and carved by R. Alden Burt. Burt also painted a mural in the Puerto Rican room.

Equity was started in 1952 in Long Island with four employees. Already at that time Thomson foresaw moving here. In the whole country there are less than a dozen law book publishers, Thomson said. Exhibits at the open house showed the steps in preparing law volumes.

With the move, Elm House has been converted to apartments for Equity employees.

8\8\57 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•Mr. and Mrs. Harry Fogarty, who have occupied one of the apartments at Equity House [Elm House,] have purchased the Perkins house in Haverhill and expect to take possession on August 13. Mr. Fogarty is with the Equity Publishing Company and Mrs. Fogarty teaches at Bradford Academy.

9\13\57 Orford Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•Mr. and Mrs. Karl T. Bruckner have purchased the 1812 House in Haverhill and expect to move Oct. 1. Mr. Bruckner is with the Equity House Corp. and they have been occupying one of the apartments in Equity House.

11\1\57 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Hoffman, of the Virgin Islands, have purchased Mrs. Hayes Marshall's home here in Orford.

11\22\57 Orford Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•Equity House Official Keeps on the Move

Meldrim Thomson of Equity House Corp., was on a trip to Juneau, Alaska, from Nov. 4-7, regarding work on Alaska's laws, covering 8,000 miles on the round trip. From Nov. 14-21 he went to St. Thomas in the Virgin Islands, regarding work on Virgin Island laws, and to San Juan, Puerto Rico, on work on Puerto Rican law, covering 4,000 miles on the round trip. Mr. Thomson says at present he is making Orford his stop-over.

5\2\58 Orford Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•Meldrim Thomson Jr. arrived home Friday night, having been gone nearly two weeks on a business trip to the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. He also called on members of his family in Miami, Fla.

6\19\58 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•Robert Davis started work Monday at Equity House.

1\30\59 Orford

•Mr. and Mrs. George Blaesi of Huntington, L.I., are at their home on Dame Hill, which they purchased from Mrs. Arthur deGaris of Millbrook, N.Y.. Mr. Blaesi is one of the editors at Equity Publishing Co.

4\16\59 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•Mr. and Mrs. Meldrim Thomson entertained the staff of Equity Publishing Co. at a sugar party at their home, Mr. Cube Farm, Friday afternoon.

5\15\59 Orford

•On Monday morning, Mr. and Mrs. Meldrim Thomson left on a trip to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. They will stop in Florida en route to visit relatives of Mr. Thomson.

8\28\59 Orford

•His Excellency, the Governor and Mrs. John Merwin of the Virgin Islands, have been staying at Orford Inn while visiting Mr. and Mrs. Meldrim Thomson.

9\11\59 Orford Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

•Two new members have joined the staff of Equity Publishing Co. They are Miss Aura Perez of Puerto Rico and Arthur Boynton, formerly of the States, but for six years a teacher in Puerto Rico. Miss Perez has an apartment at Equity house and Mr. Boynton is staying at the William Schulz home for the present.

12\4\59 Orford

•Area Law Editor Flies To Canal Zone

Richard L. Anderson, vice-president of Equity Publishing Corporation, flew this week to Balboa to attend a week long meeting of the advisory committee on the revision of a new Canal Zone Code. The Orford firm has a contract with the Panama Canal Company to prepare a revision of the 1938 Canal Zone Code and present its work to Congress during the 1960 session.

Editorial work being done by the Orford firm is under the supervision of an advisory committee consisting of the Governor of the Canal Zone, the local Federal Judge and Attorney General, the Secretary of the Panama Canal Company, and Dr. Charles J. Zinn from the House Judiciary Committee in Washington, D.C.

Once adopted by Congress, the new Canal Zone Code will govern local problems in the Canal Zone. It will incorporate the new Federal Civil and Criminal Rules of Procedure and cover all phases of civil and criminal law.

11\18\60 Orford

•Elizabeth Lackey started work last week for Equity Publishing Corp.

2\3\61 Orford

•To Visit The Virgin Islands

Meldrim Thomson Jr. and his daughter, Marion, who is a seventh grader, left last week Wednesday on a trip. They will spend a week in Puerto Rico. They will then go to the Virgin Islands, where Marion has been invited to visit the governor, John Merwin, and family. They will return via Miami, Fla., where they will visit Marion's grandparents. This will be an educational tour for Marion and one she will long remember.

2\9\61 Orford Hanover *Gazette*

•Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Whitaker and daughter, Christine, who have been living in Brockton, Mass., are staying with Mrs. Whitaker's parents, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis, for the present. Mr. Whitaker has employment at Equity Publishing Corp.

6\9\61 Orford

•Seed Sales Help Finance Trip.

The fifth and sixth grades made over \$40 by selling seeds this year. This will be used to finance their class trip, when they plan to visit the Historical museum in Montpelier and the granite quarries in Barre.

The pupils of these grades recently visited the Equity Publishing house and were given a tour of the plant.

8\11\61 Orford

•Meldrim Thomson Jr. and Henry Fogarty arrived home on Friday from a trip on which they visited Window Rock, the capital of the Navajo Nation Reservation in Arizona, in the interest of Equity Publishing Corp. This is the largest Indian Reservation in the United States.

1\26\62 Orford

•Meldrim Thomson Jr. and son Robb went to Washington, D.C., Wednesday of last week, returning Saturday.

2\9\62 Orford

•Meldrim Thomson Jr. and Richard Anderson of Equity Publishing Corp. were in the Virgin Islands last week. Mr. Anderson returned home Tuesday night. Mr. Thomson went on to Puerto Rico for this week.

3\2\62 Orford

•Twin girls were born Feb. 21 at Hanover hospital to Mr. and Mrs. Roberto Alonso. Mr. Alonso in with Equity Publishing Corp. The girls are named Vanessa and Patrica.

3/8/62 Fairlee Woodsville News Times

•Rondo met Wednesday with Mrs. H. Brooks Walker. Speaker was Carlos Miro, Sargent Street, who is associated with Equity Publishing company, Orford. Mr. Miro came here from Cuba via Florida.

3\30\62 Orford

•Samuel Hayes of Riverhead, L.I., has joined the staff of Equity Publishing Corp. He is rooming at Mrs. Henry Horton's and boarding at Mrs. Lester Gray's until he finds accommodations for Mrs. Hayes and their two children.

4\13\62 Orford

•Samuel Hays, new staff member of Equity Publishing Corp., has rented the Paul Wenners house on Bridge street. Mrs. Hays and their son and daughter will arrive next week.

7\26\62 Orford

•Mr. Meldrim Thomson Jr. left on Sunday for a week in Puerto Rico, in the interests of Equity Publishing Corp.

•Miss Alma Rigau, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marco Rigau of Puerto Rico, was a weekend guest of Mr. and Mrs. Meldrim Thomson, Jr. Mr. Rigau is a member of the Supreme Court of Puerto Rico.

3\22\63 Orford

•Cedric Harrington has finished work at Equity Publishing Co. and has joined the staff of the Valley News, as linotype operator.

5\15\64 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Mr. and Mrs. Everett Goodwin of Warren and Mrs. Fred Marsh of Orfordville are on a trip to Puerto Rico, being sent by the Equity Publishing Corp.

9\25\64 Orford

•Farewell Party For Marion Tyler

An open house in the form of a farewell party was given for Marion Tyler Saturday evening, Sept. 12, at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Davis. There were 75 guests present. Mrs. Mitchel Lyon was co-hostess.

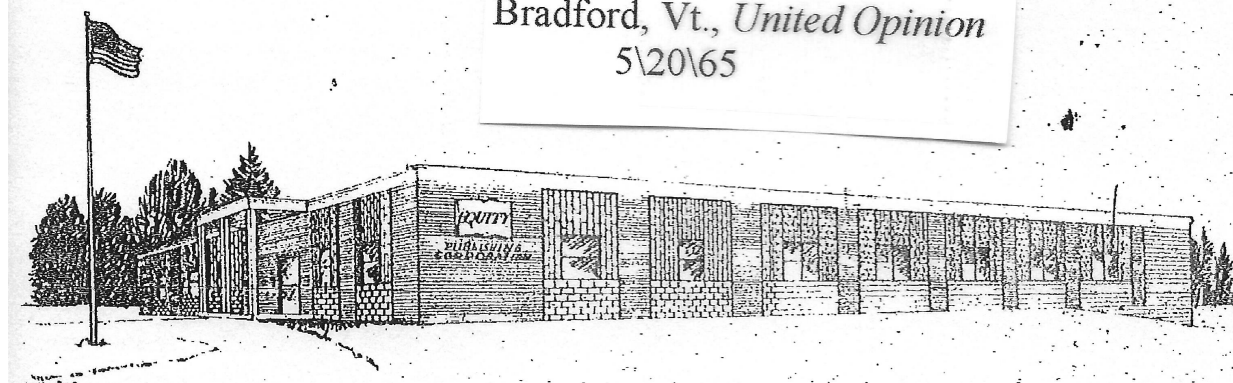
Marion received gifts from her co-workers at Equity Publishing Corp., and her friends. She has entered Bangor Theological Seminary.

•Mr. and Mrs. Alan Korpela and two children are leaving the area this month for Fairport, N.Y., where they have purchased new home. Mr. Korpela has a position with a law publishing firm in Rochester, N.Y.

From Glenn Pease's diary, 3\12\63: "Out to Town meeting They put Walt in selectman in place of Alan just because Alan worked at Equity. . ." [Dad's opinion but I expect he was correct. I wonder if this had anything to do with why Alan left the next year.]

Equity of Orford New Building

Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*
5\20\65



The Equity Publishing Corp. of Orford, N. H., announced this week the ground-breaking and start of construction on the company's new \$125,000 printing plant. The single-story masonry structure will provide over 12,000 square feet of floor space for general offices, composition, printing and shipping. Charles H. Helmer of Woodstock is the architect, and Cummings Construction Co. of Woodsville, N. H., general contractor.

Equity, which has grown from seven employees to over 70 with a branch office in Puerto Rico since coming to the Upper Connecticut River Valley 10 years ago, will continue to use its present building for editorial and manuscript work.

Law books and associated services for Vermont, New Hampshire, the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and the first modern codification of Indian laws into the Navajo Tribal Code are among the accomplishments of this 13-year-old publishing firm.

The new building is scheduled for completion in mid-August with occupancy on or about Sept. 1.

11\4\65 Orford

•Equity of Orford Invites Public To See New Plant

The Equity Publishing Corp. of Orford will hold an open house at its new printing plant and office building from 7:30 to 9:00 p.m., Friday, Nov. 12.

Residents of the area are invited to visit the new plant and participate in a guided tour of the office and production facilities. Five door prizes consisting of books about Vermont and New Hampshire, all of which were published by Equity, will be distributed.

Equity specializes in statute revision and editorial publishing and will have on display during the open house many of its sets of statutes and law books relating to various jurisdictions which it serves throughout the United States and its territories.

The hope has been expressed that a large number of area residents will take advantage of this opportunity to view at first hand a local industry at work.

11\4\65 Orford Hanover Gazette

•Mr. and Mrs. Lester Hook left Saturday for a week's trip to the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. They were sent from Equity House.

Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

9\30\65

Equity Dedicates Building To Founder-Editor Newsom

More than 200 invited guests and employees attended the dedication of the Reed Newsom Building in Orford, N. H., Monday afternoon to witness the latest expansion of Equity Publishing Corp., law book publishers.

The new printing and business office facility, consisting of 12,500 square feet of floor space, was dedicated by an impressive list of guest speakers to the service of the legal profession and in memory of Thomas Reed Newsom, one of the founders of the company and its first editor-in-chief and vice president.

The speakers included Chief Justice Frank R. Kenison of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, Chief Justice James S. Holden of the Supreme Court of Vermont, Judge Sterry R. Waterman of the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, and Judge Linton M. Collins of the United States Court of Claims.

Each speaker described the work of the 13-year-old company in editing and publishing its volumes on codes, regulations and ordinances for jurisdictions as far away as Alaska and the Canal Zone, and as di-

verse as the governments of Vermont and the Navajo Tribe.

An oil painting of Reed Newsom, by R. Alden Burt of Fairlee, was presented to the company by Col. William W. Newsom on behalf of the Newsom family. Mr. Newsom, who died in Orford in 1961 while working on the Canal Zone Code which the Congress enacted in 1962, was described as law editor, summa cum laude.

The new Reed Newsom building, a one-story masonry structure, was designed by Charles Hood Helmer of Woodstock, Vt., and constructed by the H. P. Cummings Construction Co. of Weare, Mass. It doubles the floor area of the Orford firm which will continue its editorial and manuscript operations in its old plant. The additional space will permit the company in time to double its employment of a current 70 employees and eventually to more than double its production capacity.

It was announced that an open house for area residents to inspect the new building would be held in the near future.

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2\3\66 Orford

•Orford Firm Will Publish D.C. Code

Contract for the preparation of a new edition of the District of Columbia Code was awarded this week to Equity Publishing Corp., of Orford, by the committee on the Judiciary, House of Representatives, it was announced today.

The contract calls for updating the laws and court constructions relating to the District of Columbia, as presently set out in the three-volume 1961 edition. The new edition will include all enactments of the Congress affecting the District of Columbia to the end of the current session.

The Committee on Judiciary supervises for the Congress the publication of new editions and supplements of the United States Code and District of Columbia Code. This work is under the direction of Dr. Charles J. Zinn, Law Revision Counsel for the Committee.

The Orford firm specializes in editing and publishing statute and ordinance services for states, territories and cities.

3\30\67 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Meldrim Thomson Jr., Lee Nolan and Mrs. Lester Gray went to Burlington Wednesday of last week. Mr. Thomson spoke on WCAX-TV on Charles Lewis' program on the work of Equity Publishing Corp., of which he is president. Prior to Mr. Thomson's interview. Mr. Lewis introduced Mrs. Lester Gray and questioned her briefly on the success of the recent school meeting in Orford.

7\9\70 Orford

•Fogarty Resigns As Equity Editor

Henry E. Fogarty has resigned as managing editor and as a director of the Equity Publishing Corporation of Orford. Fogarty is joining the staff of the Legislative Service Bureau of the State of Michigan at Lansing. He will supervise a recompilation of the Michigan Compiled Laws and Administrative Rules.

Fogarty joined Equity in 1956 as a specialist in encyclopedic law books. For fifteen years prior to joining Equity, he was a member of the editorial staff of the American Law Book Company, published of Corpus Juris Secundum.

At Equity, in addition to many other legal publications, Fogarty was principally involved in the preparation of the District of Columbia Code Encyclopedia. He was also responsible for the preparation of the Navajo Tribal Code, the first codification of the laws of an American Indian tribe.

1\7\71 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Ernest Corpieri has won the annual award from the Equity Publishing Co. for an outstanding employee, which consists of a trip for him and his wife to the Virgin Islands.

10\14\71 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

•Mrs. Meldrim Thomson, Jr., left Tuesday, by plane from Boston, for Hawaii, where she will meet Mr. Thomson and will be there for a week. Mr. Thomson has been on a business trip for two weeks for Equity Publishing Corp. to Guam and Taiwan.

10\28\71 Orford

•Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Corpieri have returned home from a trip to San Juan, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. Mr. Corpieri was awarded the trip by the Equity Publishing Co., in Orford, where he has been

employed for nearly 14 years. They drove to Florida, where they visited friends and enjoyed the new Disney World. They flew from Miami International Airport to the Islands where they took several tours and were entertained by the people of Equity de Porto Rico. Mr. and Mrs. David Johnson took the trip to Florida with them, where they visited their daughter, Linda and her family, and later flew home.

2\24\72 Orford Bradford, Vt. *United Opinion*

- Approximately 125 members of Equity House Publishing Corp., including members and friends of their families, attended a banquet at Landers' Restaurant in Lebanon Friday evening. Awards were given to members of the staff who had served 20, 15, 10 or 5 years. Judge Linton Collins, of Washington, D.C., who was secretary of Equity House when it first started, was present.

12\11\75 Orford

- A farewell party was recently given Mrs. Hattie Baker of Equity Publishing House where she has been employed for 17 years and is now retired. She received gifts of a watch, two cut glass dishes, a vase with a red rose, ash trays and a sterling silver pin.

Law Book Publishing Firm

How Orford Gained Its Unique Industry

By MAURICE McQUILLEN

ORFORD, Nov. 26—This colonial Connecticut River Valley community of only 800 population boasts an internationally famous industry.

In the entire United States there are but 14 highly specialized law book-publishing firms. Thirteen are in big cities. The 14th is in this hill-side village.

Publishing not only in English but in Spanish as well, Equity Publishing Corporation is a success story of lawyers and editors from metropolitan areas who fled the "big city rat race" to join talented local people in this unique rural enterprise:

LAWYER-EDITORS

The firm's staff includes 13 lawyers who edit codes of law for various jurisdictions in the serene surroundings of this placid community.

When pressures build and the brain tires, they can hike through sylvan splendor or till the soil at their nearby country homes.

Yet, thanks to vastly improved highways and air travel available from Lebanon Regional Airport less than 30 miles away, the areas Equity serves are only a few hours away.

Teams regularly are dis-

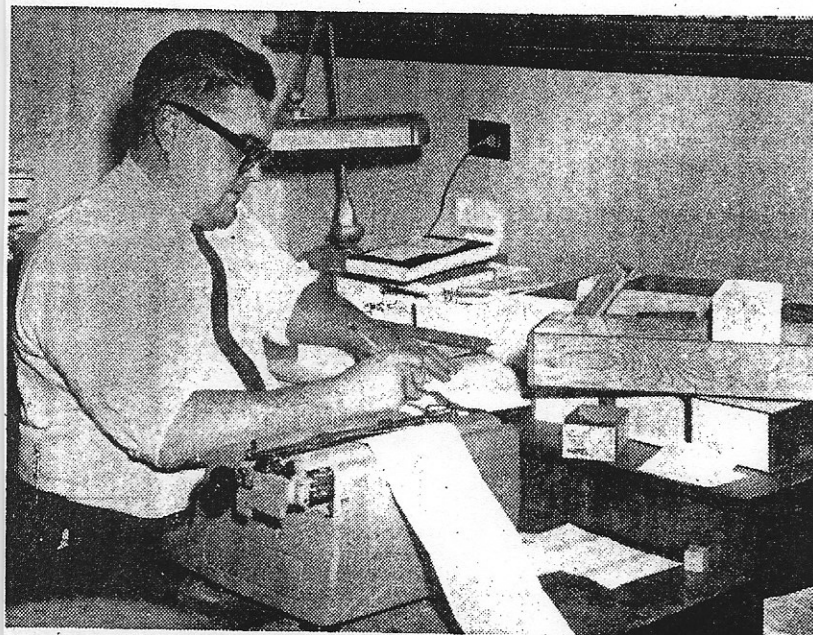
patched to New York City, Washington, D. C., Puerto Rico, the Virgin Islands and South America to negotiate contracts, do research, recommend the repeal of old laws and assist in drafting new ones.

How Equity Publishing Corporation was born and decided to grow up in Orford revolves centrally around the career of Meldrim Thomson Jr., a native of Savannah, Ga. who spent his adolescence in Miami. After being graduated from the University of Miami, Thomson earned his LLB degree from the University of Georgia Law School.

Then came 16 years of editing law books — he was in charge of the editorial work on the U. S. Code for Congress and the U. S. Code Annotated. Thomson

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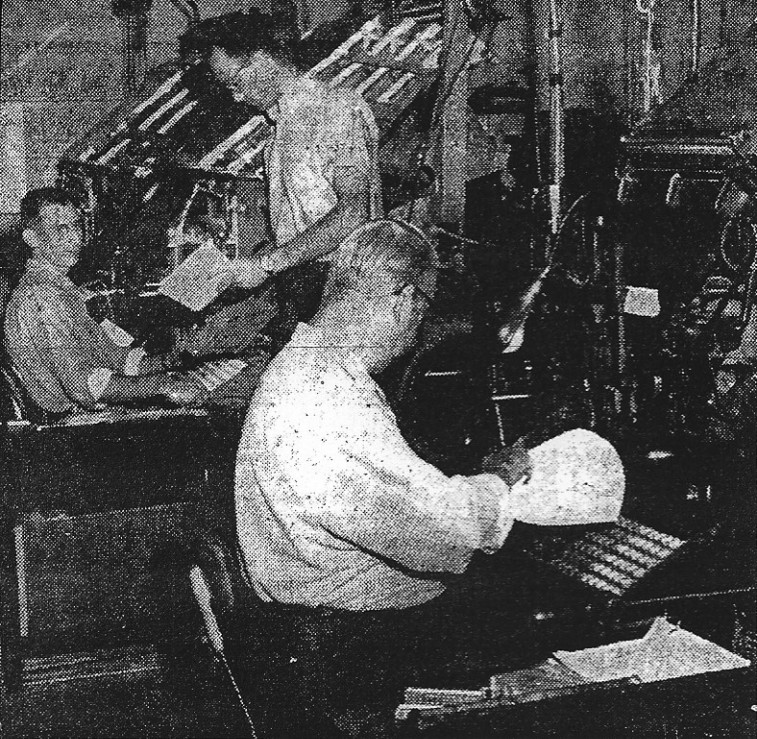
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EQUITY LAWYER-EDITOR John E. Donahue is shown in his Orford office busily compiling an index to The Virgin Island Code of Law. He is a former Massachusetts practicing attorney who thoroughly enjoys working and living in

rural New Hampshire. He is one of 13 lawyers on the staff of Equity Publishing Corporation, law book publishers, in Orford, a town of 800 population overlooking the upper Connecticut River Valley.

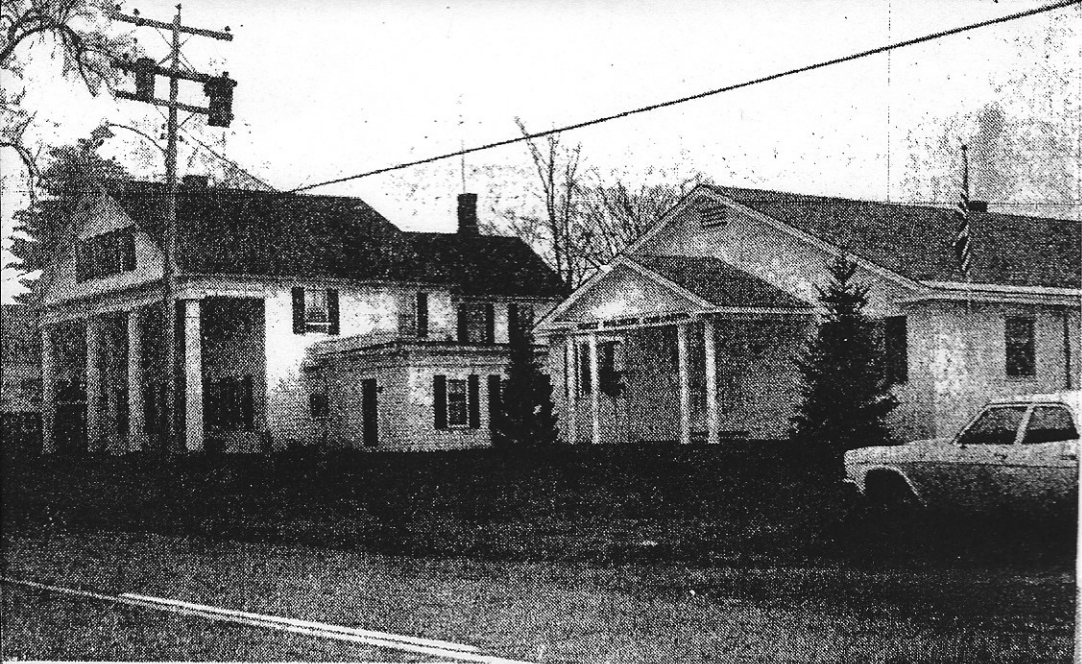
(Photo by McQuillen)



PRINTING DEPARTMENT AT EQUITY PUBLISHING

Corp. in Orford operates day and night on two shifts, specializing in the publishing of law books. Shown left to right setting type in the linotype section are: Bill Quinn of Lyme, Supervisor Bus Clifford of Orford, and Edward Green of Orford. Eighty tons of standing type is kept instantly available, neatly coded and pigeon-holed in special heavy duty shelf compartments, the product of Yankee ingenuity. A section of the standing type is shown at right. Ready to pull and update some of it are Mrs. Gloria Wetherbee of Warren, secretary to Executive Vice President John D. Merwin, and Production Manager Lester Hook of Orford. (Photos by McQuillen)

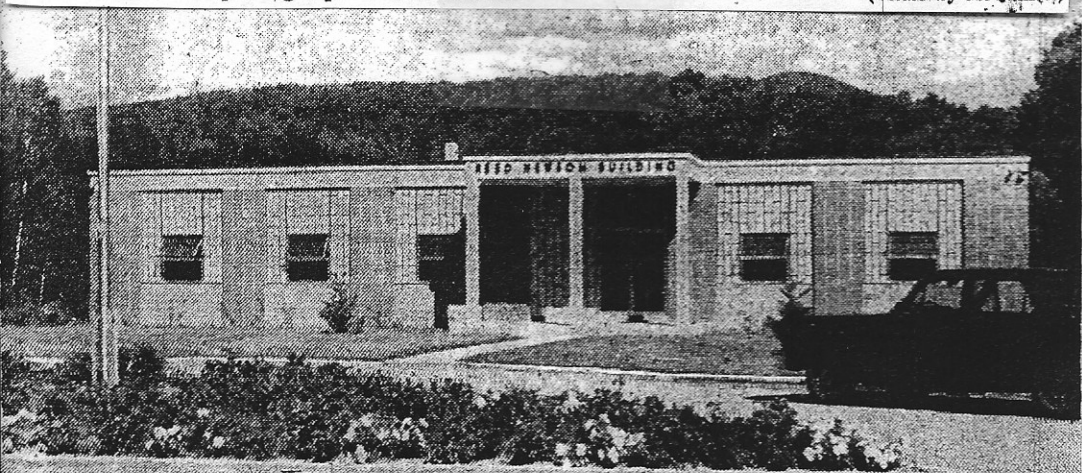




EQUITY PUBLISHING CORP. started here when it first came to Orford from New York City in 1955. Editorial work was done initially in the old converted inn at left, The Elm House, which doubled as living space on upper floor. Then building at right was erected in 1958 by the growing staff of city folks who had adopted Orford as their home and natives to house both the editorial and printing departments. Soon the

printing department outgrew its basement quarters and moved to a new 12,500 square foot building a half mile up the highway. The library of the firm which specializes in law books has taken over the basement area. Editorial offices are on the ground floor. The old inn has been converted into 3½-room apartments for staff which, with utilities, rent for \$70 a month.

(Photo by McQuillen)



REED NEWSOM BUILDING, a modernistic 12,500 square foot building which houses the printing department, is the latest addition to Equity Publishing Corporation in Orford. The firm specializes in the printing of law books and related services for various jurisdic-

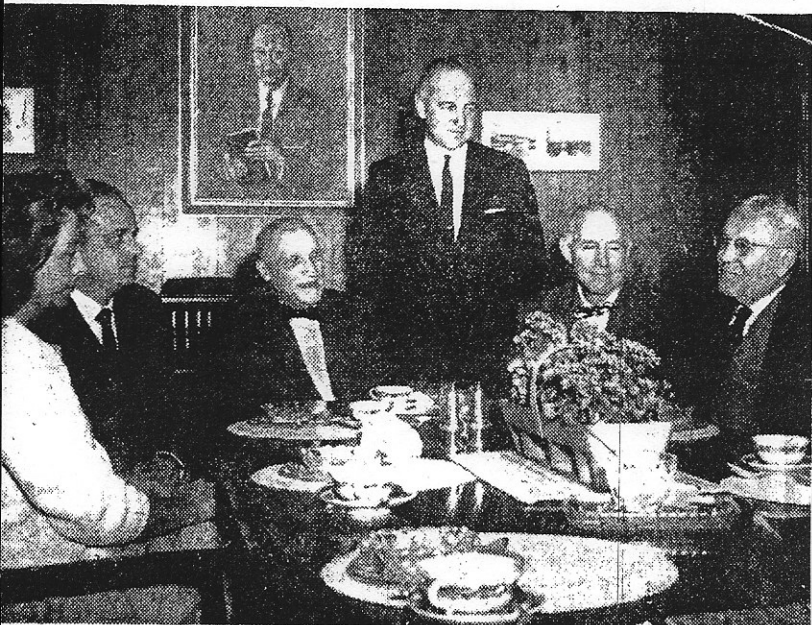
tions both within and outside the United States. The structure is named for the late law editor who in 1952 participated in the organization of Equity and became a director and vice president. The structure was dedicated in September 1965.



PRESIDENT MELDRIM THOMSON JR. is the dynamic head of Equity Publishing Corporation in Orford. This unique New Hampshire small town publishing firm specializes in law books and related services. It was founded in 1952 when at the age of 39, Thomson was editor-in-chief of the largest law book company in the world. "Fed up with the

big city rat race," he chucked prestige and security to search for a place he would raise his family of six children if he had a million dollars. Thomson chose Orford, a beautiful colonial town with magnificent old homes overlooking the Connecticut River from the hillside.

(Photo by McQuillen)



EXECUTIVE DINNER CONFERENCES are a way of life at the Equity Publishing Corporation's executive dining-conference room in Orford. Clients, such as code commissions, frequently attend such sessions of key people in the firm, which specializes in publishing law books for various jurisdictions and performing related services. Shown seated, left to right, are: Mrs. Priscilla Hanley of Warren, associate editor; Atty. Roberto

Alonso, son of the former Attorney General of Cuba, who is a Spanish language law editor; Richard L. Anderson, vice president and editor-in-chief; Warren Williams, a director; and William Fogarty, lawyer-editor. Standing is President Meldrim Thomson Jr., the founder. Oil painting is of the late Atty. Reed Newsome, a veteran law editor who helped organize the firm.

(Photo by McQuillen)

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was editor-in-chief of the Edward Thompson Co. (no relationship), a subsidiary of West Publishing Company, the largest law book company in the world with headquarters in St. Paul, Minn.

PINNACLE AT 39

Having reached this professional pinnacle at the age of 39 and with a wife and six children, Thomson suddenly decided corporate life in the big city of New York was not for him. He hated wasting 4½ hours daily riding to and from work on a commuter train. He wanted more time for his family.

His wife, too, had the courage to risk losing their prestige and security to seek a better life in a smaller city or town.

So, they adopted "the million dollar philosophy."

Where would they settle down to live and raise the family if they had a million dollars? (Which they did not.)

They drove 10,000 miles up and down the East Coast in scientific search for a new locale in which to put down roots.

The trail led to New England and Orford where in 1950, they had purchased a neglected farm to which they dreamed of one day retiring. Thomson, at this point, was seriously considering going into private practice. However, the more he thought it out, the more he convinced himself that Orford might be an ideal place for a new law book publishing firm. He even came to believe he could sell the idea to colleagues who felt as he did about big cities.

On St. Valentine's Day in 1952, he organized his new company. It operated first at Stoney Brook, L.I., struggling along for two and a half years while he persuaded a cadre of key executives to transplant the firm to Orford while it was still small.

Preparation of the code of laws for Puerto Rico in both

Spanish and English was the fledgling firm's first big break. Thomson convinced the secretary of the Supreme Court that he could do the job and left Puerto Rico with a signed contract. He still had a few unsolved problems. He does not speak Spanish and did not have the organization to do the job. But he had the faith and courage to undertake a big performance bond.

Arriving in Orford in August, 1955, with a staff of five from New York, Thomson purchased the old Elm House, an Inn on Main Street, built in 1803. Here some would live and do the editorial work. Rumford Press of Concord did the actual printing under a contract with the government of Puerto Rico.

Next came a contract to codify and publish the laws of The Virgin Islands. As in the case of Puerto Rico, this was a gigantic undertaking since, in neither case, was there any basic code with which to start. The Equity Publishing staff had to examine 10,000 legislative enactments from 1900 to 1952.

In the case of the Virgin Islands' enactments of nine different legislative bodies starting with Danish enactments of 1906 had to be researched, organized, and published. It was difficult even to find some of the old laws. But finally a handsome set of law books was produced under the contract with the Department of Interior.

Since then, the firm has been busy keeping these books current and doing similar jobs for various states, including New Hampshire, publishing replacement volumes, codifying the laws for various cities and towns, advising committees and commissions on what laws to repeal and recommending the enactment of new statutes.

DELIGHTFUL AREA

Equity Publishing officials have been pleased to find that Orford is not only a delightful place to live and work, but the entire area abounds in undiscovered and cultivated talent which can be

used by this fast growing organization.

For example, one day in 1956 a Mrs. Priscilla Hanley, a native of Wentworth and a mother of two, now living in Warren, walked in seeking a job in the firm's book bindery, which was non-existent. She casually mentioned she had mastered in Spanish in college in Michigan. With all the work being done for Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands, she was hired on the spot as a manuscript clerk.

Soon she became head of the department and then an associate editor. She is the only editor with Equity who does not have a law degree and has not practiced law. She was the winner of the First Annual Employee Contest which had as its prize a week's trip to Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. She is not only an editor today but also a stockholder in the firm.

In 1958, it was decided that Equity Publishing no longer could do just editorial work but should have its own composing and press room for its own printing, which had been farmed out. So, it built new editorial offices with a publishing department in the basement. Modifying some conventional "barn plans" and doing the construction work, Equity staff members built next door to the converted old inn.

JOBS FOR 71

During the process, Equity took on more and more local area people, training them for the firm's highly specialized operations. Today, Equity is an area industry employing 71 people on two shifts with an annual payroll which last year totaled \$330,758.67. Thirty-two of the employees are from Orford, the rest come from 17 surrounding communities.

There are 14 editors, 16 manuscript writers, 24 in the printing department, seven proofreaders, seven in the business office and three maintenance men employed in two buildings.

Printing operations outgrew the basement of the headquarters building. A new 12,500 square foot, ultra-modern printing plant was erected and dedicated Sept. 27, 1965, as the Reed Newsom Building. It was named for the late law editor who, in 20 years, helped fashion some of the most important legal publications in use today.

A native of Union Point, Ga., Newsom also was a member of the editorial staff of the Thompson Company in New York City for 12 years. He made substantial editorial contributions to the monumental revision of the Federal judicial system enacted by Congress in 1948 as Title 28 of the U. S. Code and was key editor of the famous set of Barron and Holtzoff on Federal Practice and Procedure. In 1952, he participated in the

organization of Equity of which he became a director and vice president.

80 TONS OF TYPE

Yankee ingenuity is displayed in one feature of this new building, a specially reinforced concrete slab on which stand 80 tons of type kept readily available in a special heavy-duty pigeon-hole filing system.

Production manager is Lester "Bud" Hook, a director, who started as a \$1.25 cent an hour handyman but showed an aptitude for mechanical work.

Another success story in the mechanical department is Cedric Harrington. He was graduated tops in the Orford High business section. When he sought a job with Equity, President Thomson, who is also a member of the Orford School Board and a former member of the New York City School Board, tried to convince him he was college material and should further his education. However, when Harrington got married, Thomson gave him a trial on the flatbed presses. Harrington did not work out as a pressman but he showed an interest in a typesetting machine and was given another chance.

Highest paid operator, Harrington can set eight galleys of a mixture of 8- and 10-point type in a day, in English and/or Spanish. Seldom do printers set more than four or five galleys a day.

Equity puts the accent on formal education and training. Last year it started classes in Spanish, English and personnel affairs. These are well attended by the employees.

PROFIT SHARING

Enlightened management and labor are goals of Equity. It has profit sharing for its employees that, last year, averaged \$321.15. Also, there is the customary Christmas bonus. The firm has its own Employees' Credit Union and workers can become stockholders and potential directors on a salary deduction plan.

Equity offers its employees earning under \$300 a month a free \$2,500 group life insurance policy. For those making over, there is a free \$5,000 insurance policy. It observes all the regular holidays and gives two weeks vacation to those with up to 10 years of service and three weeks after 10 years.

The unusual firm has had a tremendous impact on the community. It has not only provided local people with opportunities but also is continuing to offer challenging opportunities for those in the big cities who want to live in beautiful Orford.

Among the latest additions to the staff of lawyers are three Spanish speaking lawyers who are refugees from Cuba. And the wives, too, have become valuable members of the staff.

Lawyers who are New Hampshire natives and small town oriented, retired military officers, and big city lawyers who feel they are getting too old for the rat race, continue to round-out the staff which is a balance of young and old who like the out-doors life here.

While Equity Publishing specializes in publishing legal tomes, it has experimented in doing local histories. It has published seven such works including: "Up and Down N.H., a fourth grade history of the Granite State by Lillian Bailey; "Old Number Four," the story of the Fort at Charlestown by George I. Outnam; and N.H. Nature Notes by Hilbert R. Siegler.

The Orford firm now boasts a branch office, Equity de Puerto Rico in San Juan, employing eight persons.

And the executive vice president of Equity Publishing Corporation, John D. Merwin, is a former governor of the Virgin Islands.

Equity Dedicates Building To Founder-Editor Newsom

More than 200 invited guests and employees attended the dedication of the Reed Newsom Building in Orford, N. H., Monday afternoon to witness the latest expansion of Equity Publishing Corp., law book publisher.

The new printing and business office facility, consisting of 12,500 square feet of floor space, was dedicated by an impressive list of guest speakers to the service of the legal profession and in memory of Thomas Reed Newsom, one of the founders of the company and its first editor-in-chief and vice president.

The speakers included Chief Justice Frank R. Kenison of the Supreme Court of New Hampshire, Chief Justice James S. Holden of the Supreme Court of Vermont, Judge Sterry R. Waterman of the United States Court of Appeals, Second Circuit, and Judge Linton M. Collins of the United States Court of Claims.

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The new Reed Newsom building, a one-story masonry structure, was designed by Charles Hood Helmer of Woodstock, Vt., and constructed by the H. P. Cummings Construction Co. of Weare, Mass. It doubles the floor area of the Orford firm which will continue its editorial and manuscript operations in its old plant. The additional space will permit the company in time to double its employment of a current 70 employees and eventually to more than double its production capacity.

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Equity Publishing Company Dedicates New Building

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Hugh Fox Made Editor-In-Chief

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Hugh Fox, 33, native of Lyme, has been promoted to the position of editor-in-chief of Equity Publishing Corporation, law book publishers of Orford. He will be in charge of all aspects of editorial work of the company which specializes in editing and printing codes and statutes for jurisdictions from Puerto Rico to Vermont, and Trust Territory of the Pacific to Maine. Fox is the third editor-in-chief for the 17-year-old law book company that was founded in New York and moved to New Hampshire in 1955. He follows Reed Newsom, deceased, and Richard L. Anderson, retired. Newsom and Anderson were members of the Georgia Bar Association. Fox is a member of the New Hampshire Bar Association.

Graduated from Hanover High in 1954, Dartmouth College class of 1958, and Rutgers Law School in 1965, Fox served three years in the U.S. Army at the Monterey Language School and in intelligence in Southeast Asia.

He is married to the former Linda Schriever of Lyme. The Foxes with their children, Benjamin and Carolin, make their home in Bradford.

Publishing Firm Moves To Orford

International Law Book Business Transferred From N. Y. C.

The Equity Publishing Corp., the first bi-lingual statute service in the Western Hemisphere, moved on Monday, Aug. 1, to Orford from Stony Brook, Long Island, N. Y., because the area so attracted the firm's founder and president, Meldrim Thomson Jr., who owns a farm in Orford.

Employing a staff of nine persons, five of whom were associated with the firm in Long Island, this international law book business will operate from Elm House, a former Orford inn.

Allan Korpela, of West Lebanon, who has been working for the Prentice-Hall Publishing house in New York City for four years, is returning to his home area on Oct. 1 to work with Equity. He is a graduate of Lebanon High School and holds a law degree from Northeastern University.

Other local people who have started work with the company are Miss Irene Pease of Orford, and Miss Louise Davis and Lester Hook of Orfordville, as secretary, bookkeeper and manuscript clerk, respectively.

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President and founder of the firm, in February, 1952, is Meldrim Thomson Jr., who has moved to the so-called Mount Cube House in Orford with his wife and six children. Others coming here from the original New York headquarters are Reed Newsom, editor-in-chief; his sister Alice, who is in charge of manuscript work; Richard L. Anderson, editorial counsel; and Warren Williams, business manager.

Elm House will house the firm's office in a wing, and contain apartments for the people who have come with the firm from New York.

N.Y. Law Publishing Firm

Planning Move to Orford

Valley News 12/7/54

ORFORD — Meldrim Thomson Jr., head of the Equity Publishing Corp. of Stony Brook, N. Y., and a new resident of this town, will move his firm here early next year, according to information received today.

Thomson, who describes himself as a "new and enthusiastic advocate of the advantage of living and working in New England," recently purchased the Mt. Cube house here and has already moved his family in while continuing to commute weekends from New York himself.

The new business, a specialized publishing house, will require the aid of about 30 employees, most of them stenographers and secretaries, from this area. An editorial staff of four men will move here with the firm.

Thomson said that a study of the possibilities of locating here revealed no reason why the firm couldn't operate as well from New Hampshire as from Stony Brook, N. Y., which is located on Long Island.

The publishing house specializes in revising, and indexing law books and in compiling and assimilating material for law books. The firm's printing is done at the Rumford Press in Concord.

A spokesman for the firm said

that because of the concentration needed for the work of studying, interpreting and translating the difficult language of law cases the more leisurely atmosphere of the local area should prove better than the hurly-burly of the New York metropolitan area.

A task force of four girls will come to Orford some time in February for the purpose of breaking in the new workers to the job.

The publishing company recently completed an important assignment of preparing the first bi-lingual code of laws in the Western Hemisphere for the government of Puerto Rico.

The law books, consisting of separate Spanish and English books of laws of Puerto Rico, were presented by Thomson at San Juan to Gov. Luis Munoz and other dignitaries of Puerto Rico.

The firm began working on the codification in the Spring of 1952 and its editorial staff examined 9,645 laws, contained in over 70 volumes, and reviewed many thousands of court decisions.

Thomson said that members of the staff who will move here have had many years of experience editing federal and state statutes before joining the company.

Publishers Open New Building; Hold Open House

A new industry, which increased local job opportunities more than any other local development in recent years, opened its new office building on Friday, November 16, and 500 area residents turned out to wish it well.

Equity House, publishers of law books, moved here last year and set up temporary shop in Elm House. Pres. Meldrim Thomson Jr., who since 1952 had a summer home in Orford, brought the business from Stony Brook, L. I., N. Y.

During the last year, Equity's staff grew from four to 15 and Elm House space was quickly outgrown. The new frame building, 40 by 76 feet, was begun in April. It contains eight editorial offices, Thomson's office, shelf space for reference library, two fire-proof vaults for manuscripts and a full basement for storage.

Another feature is the Puerto Rican Conference Room, named for one of the firm's best customers.

The plans, specifications and construction for the new building were done by Robert C. Davis and Lester E. Hook, both Orford men. They were assisted by George Schwarz, and during the summer by James and Robert Hall. Exterior design was made by A. Alden Burt.

Equity House has edited and published a complete compendium of Puerto Rican laws, in both English and Spanish. It is also the author of the "Virgin Islands Code."

Other volumes the firm sells are "Marine Laws — Navigation and Safety," and the recently published "Federal Farm Law Manual."

The new building is named in memory of Irene Pease Huntington, an Orford girl employed by the firm, who died earlier this year. Thomson said, "Mrs. Huntington's industry, initiative and devotion was an inspiration to all of us." The memorial plaque is of pine, given by Maurice Chase and carved by R. Alden Burt. Burt also painted the mural in the Puerto Rican Room.

Equity was started in 1952 in Long Island with four employees. Already at that time Thomson foresaw moving here.

In the whole country, there are less than a dozen law book publishers, said Thomson.

Exhibits at the Open House showed the steps in preparing law volumes.

With the move, Elm House has been converted to apartments for Equity employees. There are four families residing there and one has purchased a home, while another is building a new home here.

Residents of Orford are very proud of Equity House Corporation, in that it is making its permanent home here. It has brought many fine people to Orford, who are an asset to the town.

After the grand Open House, Friday, with the opportunity of seeing the new building and meeting

the staff, Orford extends its very best wishes to Equity House.

Turgeon joins Equity

Equity Publishing Corporation, publisher of the New Hampshire and Vermont Statutes Annotated, announced this week that Lawrence J. Turgeon has joined its editorial staff in the capacity of Editorial Counsel.

Mr. Turgeon, a graduate of

Boston University School of Law and a member of both the Vermont and American Bar Associations, was the Court Administrator and Clerk of the Vermont Supreme Court prior to coming to Equity.

Before his position as Court Administrator, Mr. Turgeon

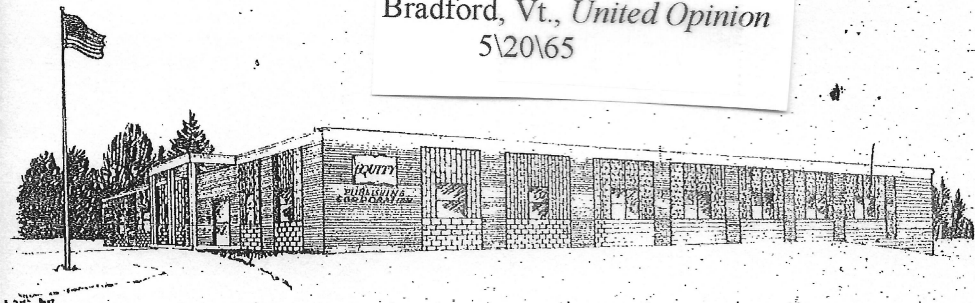
was the Vermont State Librarian and Secretary to the Vermont Bar Association and the Statutory Revision Commission.

A resident of Montpelier, Vermont, Mr. Turgeon is married to the former Norma Conley; they have two sons.

Equity of Orford New Building

Bradford, Vt., *United Opinion*

5/20/65



The Equity Publishing Corp. of Orford, N. H., announced this week the ground-breaking and start of construction on the company's new \$125,000 printing plant. The single-story masonry structure will provide over 12,000 square feet of floor space for general offices, composition, printing and shipping. Charles H. Helmer of Woodstock is the architect, and Cummings Construction Co. of Woodsville, N. H., general contractor.

Equity, which has grown from seven employees to over 70 with a branch office in Puerto Rico since coming to the Upper Connecticut River Valley 10 years ago, will continue to use its present building for editorial and manuscript work.

Law books and associated services for Vermont, New Hampshire, the Canal Zone, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands and the first, modern codification of Indian laws into the Navajo Tribal Code are among the accomplishments of this 13-year-old publishing firm.

The new building is scheduled for completion in mid-August with occupancy on or about Sept. 1.

MERGENTHALER LINOTYPE MACHINE

Put in Operation in This Office

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About a month ago we placed in this office a Model K Mergenthaler Linotype machine, but the work of installing and learning the operation of the machine and the following rush of Christmas work has hindered our giving a description of the machine.

The machine we purchased through Mr. Alfred Archer, the New England representative of the company.

The Linotype in this office is a double magazine machine, that is, two different sized faces of type matter is on the machine all the time and at the quick command of the operator.

According to the few competent authorities on this subject, the first really concentrated effort to build a mechanical compositor was made by William Church in 1822. His machine was designed to cast individual types. These were deposited in reservoirs, from which they were withdrawn and arranged by means of a keyboard, justification being accomplished by hand were remelted after having been used, thus eliminating distribution.

Almost twenty years passed before the next type-setting machine appeared. This one also used individual types and is said to have had great capacity, but it required the services of three people in addition to the regular operator. From that date (1840) up to the present time patents galore

sented a matrix for an entire page or column, from which the slugs were cast in a mold.

The next step was to provide this indenting mechanism with a casting mechanism in which the slugs were cast one at a time against the papier mache matrix. This machine was in turn followed by one in which long tapering bars contained complete alphabets of female or intaglio characters. These characters were selected and assembled, in line, a mold presented against them, and a slug or "line-of-type" cast directly in the mold. This was the first automatic Linotype with metal matrices.

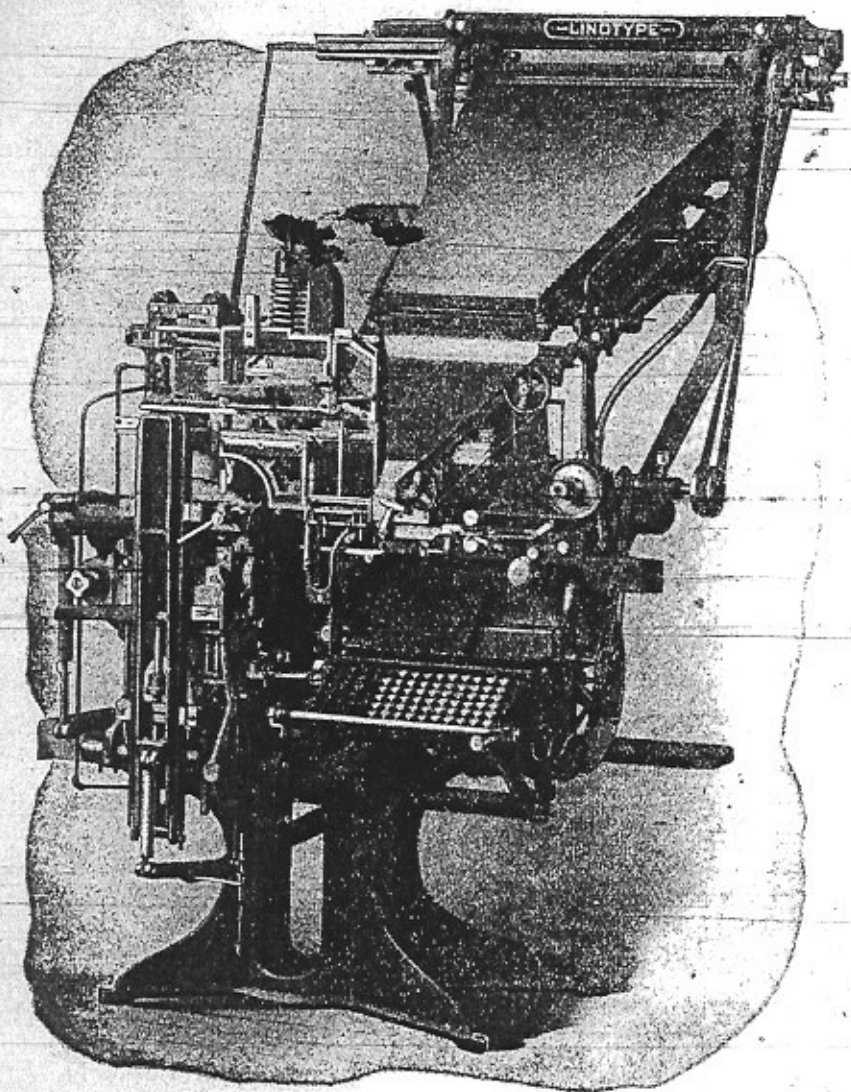
The natural evolution of this idea was the division of the long matrix bars into short matrices, each with a single character. These matrices were contained in a magazine, and circulated in a manner similar to the present Linotype. In 1886 the first machine using these individual matrices, with a vertical magazine and an air blast for assembling the matrices in line as they were released, was put into commercial use. The matrices were of brass and the characters were formed in them by an electro deposition of copper. These machines, which were operated commercially and successfully, were followed from year to year by others of higher development. Before the first successful machine was produced more than \$2,000,000 had

A good idea of the machine can be had from the cut accompanying this article. At the present, Mrs. Elsie Little is operating this machine, as it was she who operated the Simplex machine that was previously in the office.

The operator sits in front of the key-board and operates the keys after the fashion of a typewriter. As the different keys are struck there is released from the magazine pieces of brass, (matrices) each piece being three-fourths of an inch by one and one-fourth inches. On the edge of each piece is a letter deeply cut, the pieces varying in thickness according to the letter, that is, a letter m would be much thicker than a letter l. As the space key is struck the spaces fall into place as each word is formed but instead of being brass these spaces are made of steel several times as long as the matrices, and are wedge-shaped, with their thin end between the words and the thicker part projecting below.

After a line is assembled it is raised and the act of raising causes the machine to start and automatically perform the work from this point on, and leaves the operator to assemble another line.

When the assembled line is raised it is carried to the left and dropped before the mouth of the pot of hot metal. The line drops between jaws which determine the length of the line. At this point the wedge-shaped spaces come into use, as a bar raises and, pushing on the bottom of them, pushes them up and "justifying" the line, that is, making it perfectly tight between the jaws, and presenting a tight surface that the hot metal can not get through,



out form where the letters are cut in the matrices. The mould which determines the length and thickness of the slug, or line of type is carried in the face of a disk which revolves between the line of matrices and the mouth of the metal pot. This mould has no top or bottom and as the proper alignment takes place with the line of matrices in front of the mould and the mouth of the metal pot at the back, the three parts are brought together and securely locked, a plunger descends and forces enough molten metal from the pot to fill the mould.

The metal pot now recedes and the disk revolves, carrying the slug, which is shaved on the back side to make it exact in height, and going around to the ejecting position, a thin blade of steel pushes it out from the back, shaving it to make it exact in thickness, as it leaves the mould in the disk. The disk then revolves back to the casting position.

Now we will see what has become of the line of matrices during the operating just described. As soon as the line is cast, the first elevator, or the part of the machine that lowered the line of matrices into the jaws now raises them up and the space bands are sorted from the matrices, an arm descends, picking up the matrices and carrying them to the top of the machine where they are sorted and fall to their proper channel. This sorting is done by different combinations of notches on the ends of the matrices which allows them to drop off the bar at the right channel.

We hope you can get some idea of the machine from the foregoing, but you had better come in and see it to get the thing clear in your mind and to marvel at this, one of the ten great inventions of the age.

have been applied for and granted on almost every conceivable kind of mechanical compositor, embracing single or individual type machines, machines

been expended. About two hundred of the so-called "blower" machines were manufactured and installed in various newspaper offices.

for casting and setting type, slug casting processes, photographic methods, etc. Represented among the inventors are such names as Rosenberg, Kastenbein, Mitchel, Brown, Richards, Alden, Felt, Westcott, Paige, Thorne, Mac-Millan, Lanston, Mergenthaler, Dodge, and Rogers.

About thirty-five years ago a coterie of official stenographers in Washington, D. C., formed an organization to develop a system for converting their short-hand notes into a type surface from which impressions could be made. The first attempts were by machines containing steel letters controlled by finger keys to indent the characters one after another in papier mache.

Most of this early experimental work was done in Hahl's machine shop in Baltimore, where Ottmar Mergenthaler was employed as a workman. Subsequently the parties in interest established a shop of their own and put Mergenthaler in charge of it. He continued experimenting on the papier mache system, but as satisfactory results were not obtained, he began to experiment independently.

Mergenthale finally produced a machine in which the male type or punches were arranged on long vertical bars with a complete alphabet on each bar. By the manipulation of finger keys these bars were adjusted endwise to bring the selected characters, one on each bar, in a horizontal line, and in this way all the characters for a line were assembled. The lines were justified by means of compressible spring spaces inserted between the words. The papier mache was then pressed against this line of characters and a matrix formed for a complete line.

The lines were thus produced one after another until the sheet repre-

2 In the years from 1890 to 1892 many radical changes were made and vital improvements added to these machines which opened up a new era in the printing trade. Since then the history of the Linotype is too fresh in the minds of our readers to be repeated. Suffice it to say that it has been improved step by step, Models 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, and 7 following each other in rapid succession, and being in turn succeeded by the present quick change multiple magazine machines—Model 8 with three magazines and Model 9 with four magazines.

Work is being produced daily on the latter models of Linotypes which had been considered without the bounds or possibilities of mechanical composition. That this is not merely an idle statement may be proved by a visit to any printing office where multiple magazine Linotypes are in use. They are employed to the greatest advantage on the most complicated medical works, dictionaries, legal reference works, department store ads, and the usual run of work of that class that had always been done by hand prior to the advent of these machines.

The Linotype is responsible for the greater part of the reading matter of today. It has made possible the one cent daily newspaper, with its eighty to one hundred page Sunday magazine edition at five cents. It has enabled publishers to place upon the market popular novels, magazines, subscription books, editions de luxe, arithmetical and other technical works, at a price within the reach of all. Prior to its introduction and general adoption, when all such work had to be set by hand, the cost of such books was prohibitive for the masses and their circulation was necessarily restricted to the favored few.

Equity contract grip broken by legislature

by David Moats

A publishing contract which the state of New Hampshire has awarded for the past 14 years to Equity Publishing Co. of Orford will go out to bid soon for the first time since Equity won the contract in 1961.

Because the company was founded by N.H. Gov. Meldrim Thomson, Jr., and is managed by his son Robb Thomson, speculation has arisen that political considerations have entered into the issue of

the \$30,000 contract. The contract is for the publication of the N.H. Revised Statutes Annotated.

The Legislative Facilities Committee comprised of twelve legislators and chaired by House Speaker George Roberts, has made the move to open the contract up, voting on Aug. 26 to put it out to bid.

Mr. Roberts explained to the *Journal Opinion*, "You never know if you're getting the best price" until a contract is open to bidding. Mr. Roberts went on to say that the former director of Legislative Services, Arthur Marx, "never bothered to put it out to bid except once in 14 years." The Speaker stopped short of saying that Gov. Thomson had used his influence to maintain the contract, but he pointed out that the governor had appointed Mr. Marx District Court judge earlier this year.

Richard Peale, the director of the state Dept. of Purchasing and Property, will now have to be notified by the Legislative Facilities Committee that he is to put the contract out to bid. He told the *Journal Opinion* that "they (Equity) have been about the only company in New England who could do" the publishing job in past years.

Peale said that Equity has its own printing plant, lawyers and editing staff. "There are half a dozen people we could send it to. But personally I'd hate to see it go to somebody in Chicago or someplace."

Mr. Peale explained that the publishing of the law books has to be done in conjunction with the legislature and if the publishing house were at a great distance from New Hampshire, difficulties could arise.

One of the publishing companies that is likely to bid on the job is Fox Publishing Co. in Bradford, Vt. Hugh Fox, owner of Fox Publishing, speculated that the contract was being put out to bid for "political reasons" but said that he would be interested in bidding on the job. Mr. Fox is a former employee of Equity.

Meanwhile, Equity Publishing Co. has been sued by the Atlantic Co. of Hartford, Conn., for \$100,000 in regard to an alleged scheme on the part of Equity to use unauthorized subscriber lists for the Revised Statutes and taking business away from Atlantic. This suit, however, had nothing to do with the state's opening up the contract for publication of the Revised Statutes for bidding, according to Speaker Roberts.