

Organization Meeting and Dinner  
of  
Rochester Gas and Electric  
PIONEERS CLUB



Rochester Club  
Wednesday Evening, April 27, 1938

The R. G. & E. PIONEERS CLUB is being organized for the purpose of fostering continuance of friendly relationship and social intercourse among veteran employes and also to help make available the experience of these men to younger fellow workers. Employes shall become eligible for membership upon completion of forty years of continuous service with the Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation and the Club is being inaugurated to-night with thirty-two charter members.

*Preliminary Organization Committee—*

*Burwell E. Noyes, Chairman*

*Glenn I. Knight      John J. Logan*

Introductory Remarks by Herman Russell  
President Rochester Gas & Electric Corporation

Appointment of Nominating Committee

Entertainment

Report of Nominating Committee

Installation of First President

Discussion of Constitution and By-Laws

Reminiscences

## Charter Members of R. G. & E. Pioneers Club

- BEGY, LEONARD V.—Began April 1st, 1894 on motor route; later operator at Station 4; now foreman Station 4; wife and six children; home address, 45 Coventry Avenue.
- CASEY, PATRICK J.—Began August 10, 1885 as fireman in gas manufacturing plant, later foreman; retired September 1, 1933; wife, son and daughter; home address, 87 Wimbledon Road.
- DENIO, MRS. ANNIE C.—Began May 5, 1892 as company's first stenographer; later became head ledger keeper and then balancing supervisor which position she held at time of retirement, September 1, 1935; home address, 17 Roosevelt Street.
- CHRISTIE, THOMAS H.—Began April 5, 1895 as subway superintendent and still holds that position; wife; home address, 39 Alameda Street.
- CLOSE, OSSIAN G.—Began August 11, 1891 as meter reader and collector; later in order department where now employed; home address, 470 Lyell Avenue.
- DENGLER, GEORGE A.—Began August 23, 1897 in construction department; later steamfitter, boiler repairman and foreman; now valve inspector at Station 3; wife, one son and two daughters; home address, 56 Marion Street, Sea Breeze.
- DREXEL, JOSEPH—Began March 1, 1896 at Station 5; later worked at Stations 2, 3, 4, 5, 33 and 35 as fireman and operator; now boiler room foreman at Station 3; wife and five children; home address, 132 Murray Street.
- DRUMM, PATRICK J.—Began November 1st, 1891 at Station 1; later at Station 2 and Station 3 where he was superintendent when retired December 1st, 1937; wife, two sons and one daughter; home address, 439 Flower City Park.

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- FRAINA, MICHAEL—Began April 1, 1894 as general helper and later subway foreman, which position he now holds; wife and ten children; home address, 123 Ashland Street.
- GARDINER, CHARLES T.—Began November 2, 1892 in lamp room; later at Stations 5, 3, 15 and 34; now foreman Stations 15 and 34. Six children; home address, 279 Avis Street.
- GEIMER, CHARLES J.—Began April 5, 1893 in arc lamp room; later trimmer, patrolman and lamp changer, retired August 1, 1936; wife; home address, 1964 Portland Avenue.
- GOULD, HARRY P.—Began as bookkeeper February 4, 1893; later cashier, chief clerk, paymaster; now land and tax agent; wife, two daughters and one son; home address, 94 Crosman Terrace.
- HALL, MICHAEL—Began May 1, 1892 as ground hand; later lamp changer underground system and now repairman underground tool system; wife and three sons; home address, 417 Post Avenue.
- HILBERT, JOHN G.—Began August 9, 1891 as motor inspector; now foreman in line operation; wife; home address, 605 Melville Street.
- KETCHUM, HORACE S.—Began March 1, 1894 in motor department; later operator at Station 2 and now foreman at Station 2; wife and two children; home address, 424 Cedarwood Terrace.
- KNIGHT, GLENN I.—Began February 10, 1892 as motor man in electric shop; later switch board helper and operator at Stations 2 and 3 and in load dispatchers' office; now assistant superintendent Station 3; wife, one son and one daughter; home address 531 Birr Street.
- LAUTH, JACOB—Began July 1, 1887 as groundman and trimmer, later general work and watchman; retired July 1, 1937; wife, three daughters and three sons; home address, 1330 Portland Avenue.
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LOVE, CHARLES W.—Began September 1, 1894 with Rochester Street Railway; later at Station I, electric maintenance, garage and now in charge of station control batteries; wife, home address, 233 Chestnut Hill Drive.

MABEE, GEORGE E.—Began November 1, 1887 with Citizens Gas Company; now laboratory worker; wife and four daughters; home address, 615 Beach Avenue.

MacSWEENEY, JOSEPH P.—Began June 1, 1889 as meter painter; later meter reader, complaint clerk, assistant manager and manager domestic sales; now advertising manager; wife, two sons and two daughters; home address, 88 Melrose Street.

McCURN, JOHN W.—Began July 6, 1897 as arc lamp trimmer; now arc lamp repairman; wife and two children; home address, 30 Durgin Street.

McGOVERN, CHARLES P.—Began October 8, 1888 as fireman, later lamp trimmer and foreman at Station 4; also worked at Station 5; retired August 1, 1936; wife and three children; home address, 12 Welstead Place.

MERZ, FRANK L.—Began August 1, 1897 at east side gas works, later in coke office and now laboratory assistant at West Station; three children; home address, 267 Reynolds Street.

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- RHODES, THOMAS L.—Began April 18, 1897 as helper on stove wagon; later meter setter, pipe fitter, shop foreman; now blowout man; home address, 45 Maxson Street.
- RICHARD, JOSEPH V.—Began January 1, 1890 as lamp trimmer; later night patrolman and arc lamp repair department; retired August 1, 1937; home address, 30 Wolff Street.
- WARREN, HARRY—Began September 1, 1892 in underground system; later in gas department and now in underground department of line maintenance; wife, one son and one daughter; home address, 351 Post Avenue.
- WHITE, WILLIAM H.—Began October 1, 1884 as machinist and engineer; later chief engineer at East Gas Station; now superintendent of general maintenance at East Station and oldest active employe in point of service; wife, one son and one daughter; home address, 1564 St. Paul Street.
- YATTEAU, FRANK A.—Began June 19, 1896 as arc lamp trimmer and repairman; later wiring inspector, superintendent of meter readers and collectors, keeper of records and billing of street lighting; now adjuster in service department; wife, seven sons and three daughters; home address, 70 Sycamore Street.
- YAWGER, THOMAS H.—Began November 15th, 1888 as electrical and mechanical engineer; later supervisory work in steam and hydraulic stations and distribution system; also design and supervision of unification and correlation of different systems acquired by purchase or merger; now executive supervision; wife; home address, 1011 University Avenue.
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