

1927 Song Book

Includes Light Verse

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*"In our mung-t-ghoks we live,
but we're hastening in the day
When we'll all have good
warm lumber homes for keep.
For we like to live like
Whites, wear some clothes and
good eat.*

*No SORE EYES because
we'll have ELECTRIC
LIGHTS."*

The above was written to the tune of "Tramp, Tramp, Tramp, the boys are marching" found in the "101 Best Songs," brown school song book, in 1927-28 by Mr. Samuel P. Troutman than a school teacher in Gambell on St. Lawrence Island.

Mr. Troutman saw the critical need for better lighting and predicted the coming of it. He was not alone however. There were others who helped our village in our pursuit of civilization.

There were other great men like Nathan L. Smith of Kirkland, Washington, 1932, Frank J. Daugherty, 1938, just to name a few who, also as schoolteachers, helped much to improve living conditions in our village.

Today, many homes are lighted with electricity from Bering Sea Light & Power owned and operated by Irrigoo and Sons of Gambell, Alaska.

This is just the beginning. There is a great need for a more bigger and reliable source of electricity to meet the demands of ever-increasing village of approximately 400 people.

Perhaps there is someone who is interested in our problem. You do not need to be called Smith, Daugherty or Troutman if you are interested.

The prediction of the school-teacher was true.