

The picture of the houses, (Photo 10) located next to the office building and the tower, were the living quarters of the two Assistant Airway Keepers. One house had “Medicine Bow” painted in large black letters on the roof, and the other had “Wyoming” on the roof. Next to the Wyoming house was a two-car garage that the two employees shared. The powerhouse was the last building in this area. The elevation at the site was 6,640 feet above sea level. This was painted above the door on the powerhouse. This was important information that was needed whenever a plane was taking off for another leg of a flight. The powerhouse contained one large electric engine, and the fuel for it was held in a large tank outside of the building.

Robert recalls that the powerhouse caught on fire. He remembers that one of the employees shot holes in the fuel tank outside the building so that the fuel could drain onto the ground to prevent an explosion. That was when the power house was put out of service and all the electric power

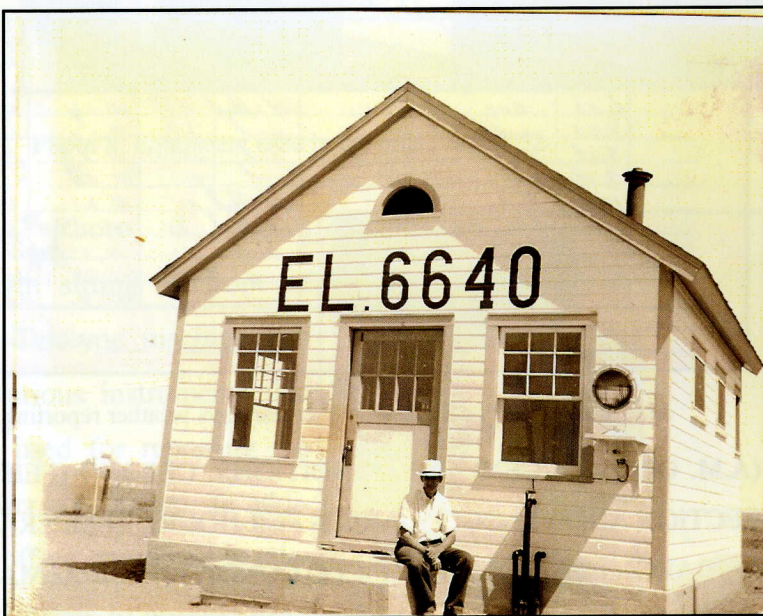


Photo 11: Power House at Site 32, elevation 6,640. Roy Delanoy sitting on the steps; c.a. 1932.

to the site came from Cooper's garage in Medicine Bow. A clean up company bulldozed the entire building, crushed the cement base and hauled it away to a nearby gully.

At one time, while the powerhouse was still standing, it became necessary to replace the engine. The concrete slab that held the engine had to be replaced as well. After much discussion it was decided to excavate under the slab and drop it several feet. A new slab was then poured for the new engine. Our family had questions about the procedure and wondered what future generations would think when they did more excavating and found the large piece of concrete buried at this location. I doubt if there were any records of this ever happening and then after the fire and the removal of the powerhouse it may have eliminated any evidence that there were two concrete pads