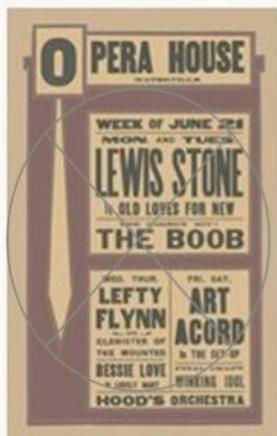


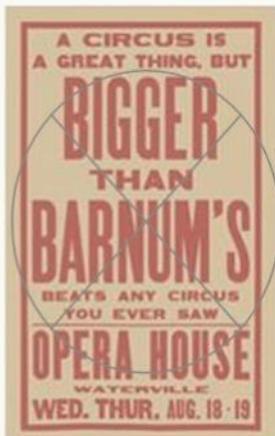
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Twelve (12) historic posters were discovered in the Maine Room of the Waterville Public Library in late 2013. Research indicates that these posters are from 1924 to 1926. Although the originals are brittle and worn, they are now protected in Mylar sleeves to prevent further deterioration and are stored in the City Clerk's vault. Digitally enhanced images were made of each poster so that reprints could be made. Framed copies are available for viewing in the elevator lobby located on the west side of City Hall at 1 Common Street in Waterville, Maine. **NOTE:** The images shown below are low quality and marked with a ⊗ symbol to prevent unauthorized reproduction. Purchased prints are full color, high quality reproductions.



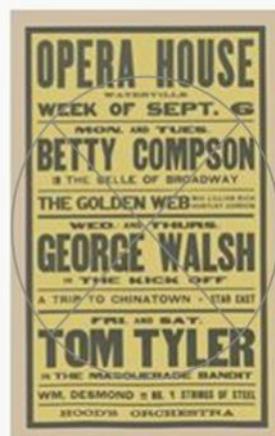
1) "The Boob"



2) "Circus"



3) "Lawful Cheater"



4) "Belle of Broadway"

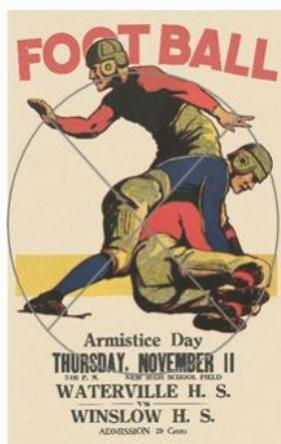


5) "Poker Faces"



6) "Wise Guy"

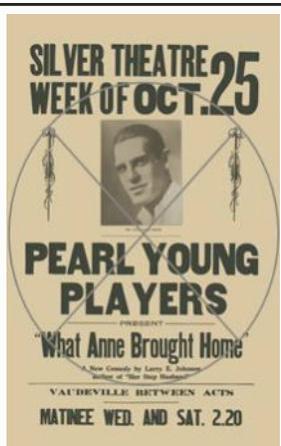
The Waterville Opera House (Posters #1-6 shown above): As the City of Waterville celebrated its centennial in 1902, City Hall and the Waterville Opera House were dedicated. The Opera House was a popular attraction showing vaudeville acts and plays, then silent films, and eventually "talkies" (movies with sound).



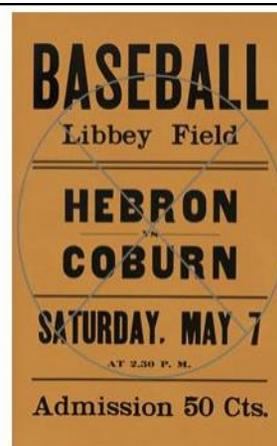
7) **Waterville v. Winslow Football Game:** This poster advertising a football game between the classic rival schools of Waterville and Winslow mentions a new football field. The development of the Waterville football field was supported by the Chamber of Commerce in 1926, since all games had to be scheduled at athletic fields at Colby College or Coburn Classical Institute. In 1927, Neal Merrill, Principal of Waterville High, acknowledged Dr. and Mrs. Averill for their generosity in the development of the new athletic fields. In 1928, the Waterville School Department's annual report stated that season passes were offered to the student body for a cost of \$2.00, which allowed for admission to all home games for the entire school year. Attendance at football & basketball games soared!



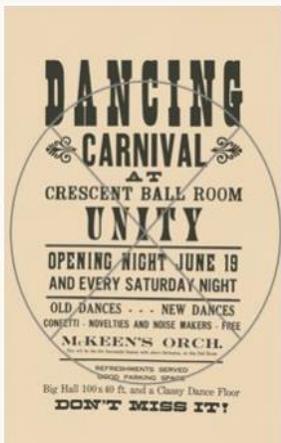
8) **The Haines Theater** opened in 1917 at 175 Main Street. It was destroyed by fire in 1966. In a news article from that era, theater officials said the last show had let out about an hour before the blaze. First indication of the fire came when a tremendous explosion knocked out glass from the four front doors as well as panes in three large windows directly above the doors and marquee. Local news accounts read that, "flames shot out almost the width of the street..."



9) **The Silver Theatre**, also known as the **State Theater**, was located 14 Silver Street and had a seating capacity of 600. Owned by James Pray in the early 1900s, the theater reported large crowds that were drawn in by his hiring a brass band, holding parades and hosting concerts.



10) **Libbey Field** was located on the campus of Coburn Classical Institute (known as the Waterville Classical Institute until 1883) in the early part of the twentieth century. The Institute was located on corner of Elm and Park Streets, now Elm Towers, in Waterville. The building burned down in 1955, after having graduated five (5) Maine governors, ten (10) state Supreme Court justices, three (3) U.S. Senators, eight (8) U.S. Congressmen, and eight (8) college presidents.



11) Little is known about the **Crescent Ball Room** except that it was located in Unity and was a popular destination for the area's young-at-heart in the 1920s. This poster boasts that the hall was 100' x 40' with a "classy" dance floor for old and new dances. Confetti, novelties and noise makers were provided free!



12) **The Roseland Dance Hall** is somewhat of a mystery to this day. Locals say that this dance hall was located on Route 2 just west of Skowhegan where, more recently, the Lisherness car lot (335 West Front Street) was located. One Skowhegan resident shared that her father's orchestra often played at the Roseland.