

Haywood Electric Co-op Is A Big Business Firm

The Haywood Electric Membership Corporation with home offices here, and with 3,450 electric power customers scattered through six counties in this area, is one of Western North Carolina's big businesses.

The cooperative is a home-owned corporation, because it is owned and managed directly by the customers that it serves, although it borrows to construct the more than 600 miles of transmission lines now in use was made from the Federal government.

It is uniquely successful because from obscure beginnings ten years ago it has responded to the needs of the rural population to bring light and power to farm homes.

It has also been uniquely successful because of the vision and enterprise of the rural citizens by themselves and others, who undertook to do this job of building a big business and one that serves.

The record for the corporation for the past ten years has been written. It has been ten successful years regardless of the hardships and interfering difficulties of four years of war that intervened before the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation is a steady growing concern with construction crews always at work installing new lines and connecting new farm homes to the lines.

The success of the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation has its foundation in the need and desire of its members for the service it renders. Farm families throughout the entire section needed and wanted electric power, lights and the modern conveniences that can be had only with electric power to operate them. But they could not get the necessary transmission lines built by the power company. It was said that the investment necessary to build the lines was too great for the revenue that would come from the farm customers who would be served, that there would be no profit in it and it would be had by loss.

But to act of Congress funds were appropriated whereby groups of farmers could borrow government funds and build their own lines and go into the power business cooperatively for themselves. The provision was that they charge themselves in proportion to the current each used at a rate sufficient to pay for the current purchased at wholesale plus a small profit that would be used to repay the

Safe in Crash



Ruth Nichols

FAMED American flier Ruth Nichols (above) was known to be safe in the crash of a Transocean Air-liner DC-4 off Ireland, Miss Nichols, who had been traveling in Europe, suddenly decided to return home and shipped on the plane as a hostess. There were 59 persons aboard the transport when it plunged into sea. (International)

Crash landings are a user and blender in wartime originally was employed to scuff horse leather.

The 23 home runs which won the National League championship for Ralph Kiner in 1946, comprised the best hitting total since 1926.

government over a period of thirty-two years.

That is what the Haywood Electric Membership Corporation did and has been doing for the past ten years. It has come in the power distribution business out of necessity in competition with the local power company. It is operating successfully. It is growing in service and the demand for its service is growing.

Elevators, Hoists and Conveyors Take Over Many Chores on Farm

By IRA MILLER
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Elevators, hoists and blowers are saving steps, patience and lots of hard work on the farm. For they have been adapted to fit into many farming operations where "back-breaking" lifting and moving jobs are the rule rather than the exception.

It makes little difference whether the produce is sacked, boxed or loose,

6 inches wide, has sloping top boards and a hopper at the receiving end. Some are equipped with two or four wheel trucks. Cup type elevators are used in granaries to raise grain or ear corn into overhead bins. Motors of from 1 to 5 horsepower are recommended for this operation. Some idea of the small cost involved in the operation of elevators may be gleaned from statistics which show the expenditure of only 1 1/10 to 3 kilowatt



UP AND INTO THE CRIB—goes the corn, with the aid of an elevator.

mechanical equipment is available or can be built which will handle the required chore. Commercial equipment is available for most general work of this kind, but in some cases resourceful farmers have made their own conveyors for special jobs. A blueprint, a farm welder, some scrap metal, an electric motor and the mechanical know-how, which most farmers possess, seem all that are required to make new equipment or adapt conventional models for unusual elevating or conveying tasks.

In most of the popular drag type elevators, used for raising grain, ear corn or baled hay, motors of from 1 1/2 to 2 horsepower are used. This type is

hours of power are needed to raise 1,000 bushels of grain with an elevator equipped with a 5 horsepower motor. The most common hoist on the farm is the hay hoist. It can be operated by one man standing on the load and is applicable for use with both gangs and forks. Motors of from 3 to 5 horsepower will handle the job at an electrical cost of about 1/3 kilowatt hour of power per ton. Single drum hoists generally are used. They employ weighted pull-backs which return the fork to the wagon after the hay has been moved upward and along the mow track to the place where it is to be dropped. Ropes are used for controls.

Official Mace Is Highly Guarded In Washington

By JANE EVANS
(AP Newswire)

WASHINGTON — Victor Bund Harding's task has become more arduous now that the House of Representatives is holding forth in the new House office building across two busy intersections from the Capitol building. Every day "Cap" Harding makes two trips from the Capitol to the office building carrying a 46-inch pillar of ebony, weighing 13 pounds and worth about \$400. Accompanying Mr. Harding and his previous accom-

pany are two uniformed capitol policemen.

Mr. Harding, short, 200-pound veteran of World War I, is deputy sergeant-at-arms of the House. The pillar he carries is the mace—the only visible symbol of government authority in the United States other than the flag itself. The mace is so precious that it is guarded behind locked doors by the sergeant-at-arms, Joe H. Callahan, and is never taken from his office on the ground floor of the capitol except

14 Schools Furnished Power By Haywood REA

Among the 14 schools now served by Haywood Electric Membership Corporation, none has had a more interesting history in its history than Springdale School and High Valley Camp. Not only was the first organization meeting of the cooperative held there, but in the co-op's early days of struggle, the school, then known as New College, proved to be a "friend in need" by guaranteeing to use at least \$25 worth of electricity a month. Today the combined school and camp is perhaps the heaviest user of electricity on the entire lines of the co-op.

Dr. Thomas Alexander, noted educator, was no stranger to the Carolinas when he brought down a group of boys from New York City during the Easter season in 1933 and pitched camp at the present site of the school and camp, about 10 miles east of Waynesville, between Bethel and Cruso. Earlier, Dr. Alexander had reorganized the city school system in Raleigh and had done a similar work with the schools of the Parker School District at Greenville, S. C. (Dr. Alexander recently returned from Europe, where he spent three and a half years in charge of the schools in the American zone of occupation in Germany.)

Considered one of the most unusual experimental schools in the country, New College was formed as a division of Teachers College of Columbia University in New York City. The students, mostly sons of well-to-do parents from such large cities as New York, Philadelphia and Chicago, did plenty of good hard farm work, spent part of their training period in actual work on a given job in an industrial plant, and were required to study from five to thirteen months at some university in Europe. Haversham College was established in Georgia as an off-shoot of the college in Haywood County, and is now operated by the State of Georgia.

New College was discontinued some years ago, due to difficulty of securing a charter under the laws of New York, and the school was reorganized under the name of the Springdale School. The school has retained many features of New College and offers a general high school course, closely tied in with rural life. Students at the school and camp still come mainly from the large cities, and they still do plenty of good, hard farm work.

The other 13 schools served by Haywood Electric Membership Corporation are listed here, by counties:

BUNCOMBE COUNTY — Gladys School, Stony Fork School.

HAYWOOD COUNTY — Cecil School, Cruso School, Fines Creek School, Rock Hill School, Crabtree School.

JACKSON COUNTY — John Creek School, Rock Bridge School.

MACON COUNTY — Sealy School.

TRANSYLVANIA COUNTY — Lake Tokaway School, Quebec School, Silverstein School.

when he or Mr. Harding carries it. The mace is made of 13 small ebony rods representing the 13 original states, bound together with narrow bands of silver and topped by a silver globe which in turn is topped by a silver eagle with wings outspread. It traces its origin to the fasces of early Rome. The Roman fasces, a bundle of rods containing an axe with the blade protruding from the rods, was carried by servants of the magistrate to quell unruly Romans. The rods were used for flogging, the axe for beheading. The very sight of them was alone enough to restore order.

With the Roman conquest the fasces was introduced into Britain and eventually became the emblem of authority in the House of Commons and later was adapted by our House of Representatives. The mace has two positions in the House. Both are at the right of the speaker's desk. When the House is in regular session, that is when 218 members constitute a quorum, the mace is on a tall green marble pedestal. When the House is in Committee of the Whole, with only 100 members needed for a quorum, it stands on a white marble pedestal.

The authority of the mace is occasionally used more directly. When the speaker has difficulty restoring order after some stormy outburst he asks the sergeant-at-arms to assist him. There have been times when the sergeant has had to hold the mace between angry and boisterous congressmen.

There have been numerous scuffles on the floor. Once a volume of the U. S. statutes flew through the air. Once upon a time a knife was flourished. The mace restored order. The present mace is the third to be used. The first was burned when the British set fire to the capitol in 1814. The second was stolen.

In addition to Jim Barnes who won the first PGA title, Bob Hamilton also won the championship in his first attempt in 1944.

The highest pitching percentage of the major league pitchers who won more than 300 games was posted by Robert (Lefty) Grove—680.

Seven Field Day Programs Set For This Week

Fourteen of Haywood County's 24 communities organized under the Development Program will take part in inter-community Field Days next week.

The schedule released today by Assistant County Agent Turner Cahney, supervisor of the Program, is as follows:

- Ratliff Cove citizens were at Lake Junaluska today.
- The rest of the schedule: Tuesday—Hominy at Thickety. Wednesday—Cruso at West Pigeon. Thursday—Jonathan Creek at Bellwood. Friday—Clyde at Iron Duff, Morning Star at Hominy. Saturday—Francis Cove at Allens Creek.

Roadside Player Proves He's 115 Years Old

ALAMOGORDO, N. M. (UP)—State police captain Al Hathaway stopped to talk to a man playing a harmonica beside a New Mexico highway.

The man told Hathaway he had gone for a walk near his home in Las Cruces, 67 miles away, and became lost. He told the officer he was 115 years old.

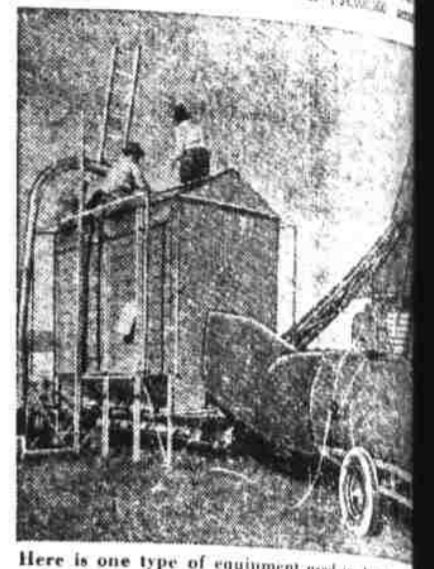
A check with Las Cruces officials revealed that David Romero was telling the truth. Romero said the secret of his long life is that he never had married.

See Our Want Ads For Bargains

Corn and Grain Drying Becomes Routine Operation On Farm

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Corn drying once was one of Mother Nature's exclusive farm chores. But she wasn't always very conscientious about it. There are too many wet springs and early falls in her seasonal grab bag. And they spell trouble for farmers at harvesting time. Farmers didn't like it. They took their story to the nation's top agricultural engineers, who met in emer-



Here is one type of equipment used in drying grain. It is inclined plane elevator to transport the grain to storage bins.

gency session to solve the problem. And solve it, they did. Using their experience in barn-drying hay as a starting point, they shifted electrical fans and motors from mows to cribs; made some comparatively minor changes in the existing structures, and blew the excessive moisture right out of the cribs in single cribs, wooden driers or "A" frames are laid down the center of the floor and the air is blown directly into them. When double cribs are used, the air blast enters through one end of the driveway. The opposite end is sealed up, and heavy paper placed on the walls of the cribs from the peak of the roof to the top of the crib layer. Openings around the fan and in the floor also should be closed. These precautions assure a maximum

of drying capacity. The fan should be checked frequently to see that it is running properly.

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