

WASHINGTON REPORT

By BILL WHITLEY

Advocates of the Rural Electrification Program are preparing themselves for a battle which will be a matter of life and death for the entire REA setup. REA officials consider the Hoover Commission report dealing with the REA program as a serious threat to the REA program. They fear that if the Hoover Commission recommendations, REA would be reorganized into a "Rural Electrification Corporation," and would be controlled by a board of directors. The proposed changes, it is believed, would mean that REA would be put into the private money market. Such a shift, it is argued, would mean that the REA effect be put into the hands of private banking interests—and for all practical purposes, into the hands of private utilities. REA was conceived and built, it is argued, by the general public through Congress. To put it into the hands of private interests would be to kill its intent, it is pointed out.

ARGUMENTS. In support of their position, REA advocates have a strong argument in REA's record of repayment of loans. Of the total 2.5 billion dollars loaned to REA co-ops in the 20 years the program has been in operation, only \$307,340 has been lost in delinquent loans. In North Carolina the repayment record has been even more amazing. Of a total of 78.5 million dollars in North Carolina loans, there are none delinquent.

Another argument is that of increased interest rates. REA officials fear that if the Hoover Commission

A Chick Is Born



WITH wide-eyed wonder, Linda Beadling, 6, of Pittsburgh, watches the birth of a baby chick. At top, she can scarcely believe her eyes as the shell cracks and the newcomer struggles for an exit. Thirty minutes later (center), the chick is half out. More than an hour passes and, at bottom, Linda witnesses another magical transformation as a fluffy little bird is ready for a stroll. (International)

Americans, Like Europeans, Yen For A Coat Of Arms

By JANE EADS

WASHINGTON — It's an old European custom dating back to about the time of Emperor Henry the Fowler in the 9th century, but you too can have a coat-of-arms, even if you can't track down some medieval ancestor to latch it on to. Dorothy Gatchell, artist, and former chief heraldic specialist for the Air Force, says you can design your own coat-of-arms, and tells you how to go about it in an illustrated 34-page booklet "Heraldry, Designed for You." She believes that Americans "have a sense of personal majesty," and ought to express it in the terms of the world and times in which we live.

"Instead of the fleur de lis and lion rampant symbols of the Middle Ages, the coat-of-arms of the 20th century American should use symbols depicting our inventions and progress, our hobbies, family history, and personal characteristics." Miss Gatchell designed the Air Force flag, many of its service em-

blems and shoulder patches, is now with the Air Force Graphic Arts Branch. She has designed coats-of-arms for hundreds of people over the past 25 years. She's been "amazed at the interest" and says Americans are just as crazy for a coat-of-arms as the British. She gets more requests than she can handle.

Before you set about designing a coat-of-arms, though, Miss Gatchell suggests you bone up on some of the basic laws and usages of the symbols.

You have to take care. For instance, a certain kind of triangle in the upper left corner meant "boaster." A certain patch in the lower left meant "drunkard," and two other kinds of patches at the bottom, meant "coward," and "kills his prisoner."

Recently Miss Gatchell received an invitation beautifully engraved with a family coat-of-arms, proclaiming the entire family to be illegitimately founded.

Transactions In REAL ESTATE

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James Liford and wife to C. W. Hamonds and wife.

Fines Creek Township
D. D. Russell and wife to Robert E. Parkins.

Ivy Hill Township
Mark Rich and wife to Bobbie Caldwell.

Pigeon Township
John M. Rigdon and wife to Samuel A. Free and wife.



J. C. FERGUSON, extension agricultural engineering specialist at N. C. State College, is shown here (second from left) as he gives instruction in proper tractor maintenance to three county 4-H Club leaders at one of two 4-H Club tractor maintenance leaders' schools held recently at State College. County leaders shown include: Milton Fouts, Macon County; Tom Hurt, Wilkes County, and Earl Swain, Polk County. The schools were sponsored jointly by the American Oil Company and the North Carolina Agricultural Extension Service. Ferguson was in charge of instruction assisted by other members of the extension agricultural engineering department. L. R. Harrill, State 4-H Club leader, said that trained adult leaders provide opportunities and guidance for a larger number of young people to learn to operate and to care for tractors successfully, safely, and economically.



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Red Science Fights Church

MOSCOW (AP) — To give the Russian peasants the thrill of star gazing—and, also, to propagandize them on the theme of Natural Sciences vs. Religion—the Soviet Astronomy Societies are sending mobile observatories to tour the countryside.

The Blue Bus of the Planetarium is becoming an increasingly familiar sight. In it are mounted powerful telescopes and then the farmers are invited to come and look.

First they are given a lecture on astronomy in which the lecturer invites the farmers to "become imaginary passengers on a space ship... This is what you will see."

Also they get considerable atheistic propaganda in these lectures which dispute the Bible story of the Creation of the World.

Although lichens are not now used as dye plants, they were so used in ancient times.

report is carried into law, it would mean that co-ops would have to pay about twice as much in interest as they now pay.

TREND. The Recommendations of the Hoover Commission concerning REA is but one of suggestions that the government should turn over many of its functions to private enterprise. It is a growing trend in line with the recommendations of President Eisenhower and the Republican Party.

It is interesting to note that REA itself was born as a result of private power companies refusing to furnish electricity to rural areas which didn't appear profitable. Now, after 20 years of development, it appears that private utilities feel that there is profit to be made in REA customers.

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