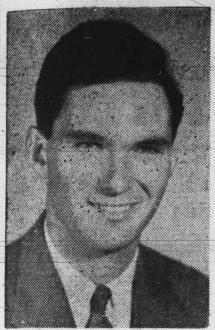


Miss LaVerne Ward, above, is head bookkeeper in the Piedmont Electric Cooperative office in Hillsboro..

### **Engineer**



Vance Martin, above, is engineer for the Piedmont Electric Membership Cooperative. His duties also include work orders

## Assistant



The duties of Mrs. Fallie Gery, above, are those of assistant bookkeeper and entail many different jobs in a year's time.

# Paperwork Never Ends For Trio

Office work never stops for the office employees of the Piedmont Electric Membership Cooperative. Capably handling the work of billing, accounting, government reports, bookkeeping, typing, meter reading, and the thousands of other details of office woork are Miss LaVerne Ward and Mrs. Fallie Gery. Miss Ward is bookkeeper and Mrs. Gery assistant bookkeeper.

Vance Martin is in charge of ngineering, work orders and util-

All of the office force works under the direct supervision of F. E. Joyner, manager of the coopera-

Miss Ward has been with the cooperative since 1941. Her duties are numerous; however, the most important are members accounting and government reports.

Mrs. Gery works as direct assistant to Miss Ward and her duties, too, are numerous, including typing, collecting, meter reading, and billing of accounts. She has been with the cooperative since

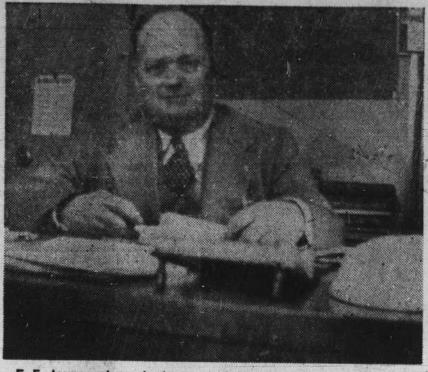
Martin has been with the cooperative for about 13 months, having started work shortly after his release from the Navy on December 6, 1945.

### Farms

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lowance for repayment of the government loan. Interest and amorization are paid from operating revenue. When the loan is repaid the member-consumers will be joint owners of the electric system. Meanwhile, the membership runs the business. Each member has one vote at business meetings A board of Directors is elected once a year. The Directors em-

### **Manager Of Cooperative**



F. E. Joyner, above, is shown at his desk in the office of the Piedmont Electric Membership Cooperative in Hillsboro. Joyner, a mem-Scout leader in Orange county, is manager of the office and superthe board of directors as manager of the co-op in September, 1942.

ploy the manager, fix the rates fect of rural electrification in in-

The Rural Electrification administration provides technical advice that will help the local management to operate in accordance added to REA-financed lines just with the terms of its loan contract with the government. Enginsering assistance, legal advice, a tween July 1, 1945 and June 30, standardized accounting system 1946, the number of consumers and development of new electrical equipment are typical REA, ser- increased by more than 260,000. ices to borrowers.

Most REA borrowers operate chasing power at wholesale from public bodies or commercial sup- REA made loans of \$300,000,000, oliers. In areas where the power supply is inadequate or borrowers annot purchase power at reasonible wholesale rates, loans are made to finance generating and transmission facilities. REA loar. approvals for this purpose amount

to less than 10 percent of the total. To finance the cost of wiring and plumbing installations and the purchase of appliances by consumers funds are lent to cooperatives, which in turn lend the money to individual members who need credit to wire their farms. These are the only REA loan funds that reach individual rural consumtype has never been great.

REA believes that in any rural community every farmer who wants electric service is as much entitled to it as another. In carrying out this policy of area coverage, REA borrowers group farms in thinly-settled territory on lines with those in more populous areas In this way, they are able to serve entire rural communities at uniformly low rates.

The experience of farmers in recent years in using electrical equipment to increase farm production and income has shown that electricity on the farm is not a luxury but an economic necessity that will more than pay its way REA and its borrowers have taken the lead in encouraging farmers to make full use of electrical devices. Today, electrical equipment is playing a major part in all types of farm production and processing, and a variety of new electrical farm equipment is being de-

In addition to benefiting farmrs, rural electrification has greaty stimiulated city and small town employment and trade. Experience as shown that for every dollar spent in building rural power ines, farmers spend two dollars for wiring, plumbing, equipment and appliance. Added to these direct business benefits is the ef-

### **Legal Adviser**



At the beginning of the REA movement in this section the law firm of Graham and Eskridge in Hillsboro was retained for legal advice. During the past few years this work has been handled by J. Dumont Eskridge, above. A. H. (Sandy) Graham, former lieutenant governor and speaker of the house, is sentor member of the firm and now state highway commis-

ber of the Hillsboro town board of commissioners, and district Boy visor of all REA's activities in the six-county area of Orange, Alamance, Durham, Caswell, Granville and Person. He was employed by

and otherwise direct the business, creasing farm efficiency and inreporting periodically to the mem- come and thus contributing to community morale and prosperity.

The REA program is not resting on past laurels and achievements. New consumers are being as rapidly as materials for line construction become available. Beserved by REA-financed systems This was a larger one-year increase than had been recorded in only distribution systems, pur- any other fiscal year except 1940. During the 1946 fiscal year,

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farmers in each community who Person, Durham and Granville and were finally able to get the neces- is at present serving about 1,300 sary right of way easements sign- members. It has 150 miles of line ed and membership fees paid in. now under construction to serve A few of the men who gave gener- | 500 new members. It also has monously of ther time and energy ey available to construct an adduring the organization period of the Piedmont Electric Membership Corperation were Gera Sykes, Clyde Roberts, and Zeb Burton. There were many other too numerous to mention who supported members with about 1000 miles of the movement with vigor and en-

The Piedmont Electric Member-

with headquarters at Hillsboro, N. C., is now operating about 400 miles of rural distribution lines in Orange, Caswell , Alamance, ditional 200 miles of line to serve 650 new members. F. E. Joyner, manager of the Cooperative, states that plans call for serving 3,600 distribution lines by 1952.

The dream of electricity on the ship Corp., a REA Cooperative, farm has indeed become a reality.

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