

Membership Series Poultry

All operations that contribute to the production of poultry in this area are important, observed Mr. Harvey Braddy of Four County Electric Membership.

Mrs. Rachel Casey Dixon is bookkeeper of the Rose Hill office. She is assisted in the office by Mrs. Murphy (Grace) Carr.

Some operations, observed Mr. Braddy are more directly related than others.

Almost as important as the very feed the poultry consume, is the electrical power that is so important to this giant operation.

Four County Electric Membership Corporation in Rose Hill is furnishing a dependable supply of power to their customers in the area. The counties served by this corporation include Duplin, Sampson, Pender, and Bladen. Approximately 400 poultry farmers in these counties are served by this facility.

Improvements and other progress.

He is also aware of the fact that his corporation's income from the poultry industry has been a contributing factor in Four County Electric Membership Corporation meeting their financial obligations.

The steady, or year around income these farmers receive is providing them with a better way of life. Related agencies working with them are also profiting from the poultry industry, as they work together.

A Primordial Metal?

Nickel in trace amounts has been found in marine organisms. Plankton sampled by marine biologists had twice as much nickel as was present in higher marine plants. Their nickel content was found to be ten times that of fish and mollusks examined. It has been suggested that this concentration of nickel is evidence that the element has some function in the growth or metabolism of plankton.

Four County Electric Membership Corp is occupying one of the most attractive buildings in the area. The modern building

provides a drive in window, a lobby, book-keeping office, private offices and a spacious assembly room.

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Mrs. Rachel C. Dixon, standing, is bookkeeper-cashier for the Rose Hill office of Four County Electric Membership Corporation. She is assisted in the office

by Mrs. Murphy (Grace Horne) Carr, also of Rose Hill. District Manager is Harvey Braddy.

Mr. Braddy is keenly aware of the progress these poultry farmers are making, and he takes pride with them in home

(Photo by Ruth Wells)

Small Grower Strives For Perfection

Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee of Route 1, Beulaville are raising broilers on a contract basis with Aycock Farm Inc. of Wallace.

They have a 16,000 capacity house and produce 60,000 to

76,000 per year. "One year the house is filled four time," explained Mr. Lee "and the next year five times that depends on the Aycock's. We furnish the house and the labor. They furnish the feed and the

chickens." The Lee's have more than 100 acres in their farm but a very small percent of that is cleared. They tend about four acres of corn and 2.2 acres of tobacco per year.

It was Mrs. Lee's idea that they supplement their income with broilers. "She was the one that wanted to get in the chicken business," said Mr. Lee "and now I am in it head over heels."

But he is glad that he is in the poultry business, and is sure that he will make money once the house and equipment is paid for.

The house has automatic equipment so really the first three weeks is the only time they require much attention. Small flat containers must be used until the broilers are large enough to eat from the regular feeders.

The Lee's take pride in growing nice broilers. One house recently averaged 4.28 pounds per bird.

"I told Mr. Gibson," said Mrs. Lee, "that I did not want to raise JUST broilers, but rather I wanted to raise the very best broilers."

And that is what the Lees are trying to do--to raise a very best.



Mr. and Mrs. Roy Lee of Beulaville have one broiler house that keeps both Mr. and Mrs. Lee busy. Supplementing their small farm income with broilers was Mrs. Lee's idea and now that her physical

condition limits her physical activities, Mr. Lee says that he is left with the bag to hold. They are contract growers for Aycock Milling Company in Wallace.



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