



FAIRFIELD ELECTRIC CO-OP engineer Kitt Robertson, right, explains the meter entrance to Mrs. Annie B. Coleman and her son, Claude Coleman.

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Half A Mile Off The Highway

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Half a mile off state highway 215 in Fairfield county stands a picturesque, century old farm home. Surrounded by the shrubs and plants of a nineteenth century South Carolina flower garden, the stately structure surveys the rolling

red hills of the Feasterville community.

This is the home of spry and sprightly Mrs. Annie B. Coleman, 84 years young, and her 60-year old son, Claude Coleman.

This is a home for over 100 years lighted with candles and kerosene, but

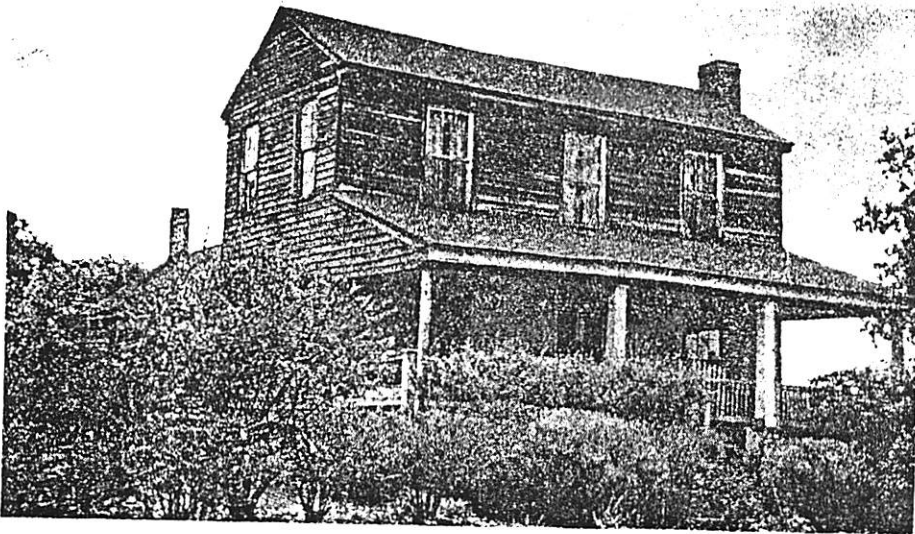
now moving into the twentieth century with adequate, dependable, lowcost electricity supplied by Fairfield Electric Co-Op. The house was hooked up 1 month.

And already convenience is moving into the Coleman home. Before the poles were set, a pump was being placed for the well and running water was soon to be flowing. A refrigerator and television have high priority in the Coleman plan.

Mr. Coleman asked about the power company plans to buy out the Co-Op. (The offer had just been made.) His comment was this: "Don't let 'em do it to us. We'd never have got lights way out here in this lonesome spot if it wasn't for the Co-Op."

And he hit the nail right on the head: If it were not for the Co-Op, the "other three percent" — those who do not yet have electric power here in 20th century America — would have little or no hope of ever receiving electric service.

The Co-Op's are pledged to serve those who need and want service. The power companies are pledged to provide at least a 6% dividend to the stockholders.



THE RAMBLING, picturesque Coleman home, over 100 years old, sits atop a beautiful knoll on route 215, Blair.