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“The Way It Was Told To Me” ‘Idyls of Inez’

This is a reprint of a story that ran in the December, 1964, issue of Hali-Facts and was written by James T. Ellen, editor of the newsletter at that time. Some of the people mentioned in this story may no longer be living and the properties may have changed hands since 1964.

The postal inspector told Cleacy Tharrington, who ran the store at the crossroads, that the community was eligible for a U.S. Post Office. The major problem, he said, was that the new facility must have a name. Mr. Tharrington allowed as how he knew a mighty pretty girl by the name of Inez and thought it would be nice if it were named for her.

All this took place in the late 1800s in the heart of the community on the eastern edge of Warren County that now bears the name of Inez. The Post Office closed in 1954, but life in Inez has gone on pretty much the same as before. Several general stores are still in operation, but the cotton gin has closed. The old school house has been converted into a community club house. New additions to the community have been a new fire house and a Methodist parsonage.

Even to a visitor, it is evident that many of the old pre-Civil War homes are in good repair and are occupied. To those who live in the area, it is common knowledge that the families around Inez take a great deal of pride and interest in preserving the old homes to be passed on to the younger generations. Some of the homes still are known by their original names. There is Saxon Hall, owned by the Alston Estate; Myrtle Lawn, owned and occupied by Frederick Williams (now deceased); Buxton Plantation, home of James C. Harris; Cherry Hill, the E. F. Alston homeplace;



and Lake o’ the Woods, where its owner, George W. Davis, Sr., has done an outstanding job of preserving parts of old buildings and items common to the mode of living as far back as 1790.

A gradual swing from row crops to the raising of beef cattle has taken place. The red, rocky soil produces good pastures when properly handled. Once these rocky slopes gained the attention of a mining concern. They leased 39,000 acres of land in the area, but never worked their holdings.

This story cannot end without a mention of Ben Tharrington’s airplane. According to legend, Ben owned the first motorcycle and the first automobile in Warren County. Not satisfied with this record, he purchased the first airplane in the county in the early 1920s. After constructing a small landing strip, he engaged the services of a certain Mr. Cooper who said he was a qualified pilot. Mr. Ben persuaded his friend and co-worker, George W. Davis, to make a flight with Brother Cooper. According to Mr. Davis, a retired rural mail carrier, the plane took off, rose to a height of about 100 feet, shuddered, and plummeted to the ground. Mr. Davis walked away practically unhurt. The erstwhile “pilot,” who received some injuries, was revealed to be an airport employee who had never flown an airplane.

*See historic homes of the Inez Community
on the upcoming*

Inez Historic Homes Tour

April 26 - 27, 2008

For more information, call (252) 257-4425

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Recipe of the Month

Cinnamon Chip Muffins

2 cups all-purpose biscuit baking mix	1 egg, slightly beaten
1/3 cup sugar	1 cup Hershey's cinnamon chips
2 tbsps vegetable oil	2/3 cup milk

Heat oven to 400° F. Grease or paperline 12 muffin cups (2½" diameter). Stir together baking mix, sugar, vegetable oil, egg, cinnamon chips and milk in a medium bowl just until moistened. Divide batter evenly into prepared muffin cups. Bake 15-18 minutes or just until browned. Cool slightly; remove from pan. Yield: 12 muffins

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Halifax EMC is your electric cooperative, and your comments and questions are very important to us. Please tell us how we may improve our service to you.

Specific account questions will be answered personally.

Return your comments/questions along with your payment, or email them to bmartin@halifaxemc.com.

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Swap Shop

FOR SALE: Portable cement mixer, excellent condition, \$100. **CALL:** 252-257-1679 (Macon).

FOR SALE: Troy Bilt garden tiller, 7 hp, good condition. **CALL:** 252-586-5241 (Littleton).

MOVING SALE: Appliances, furniture, tools, piano, miscellaneous items. **CALL:** 252-586-1286 (Littleton/Lake Gaston).

FOR SALE: Weider Pro gym set, 110 lb., \$200. **CALL:** 252-826-4745 (Scotland Neck).

FOR SALE: Craftman 10" radial arm saw, very good condition, \$300 negotiable; kitchen table w/4 chairs, oval shape, light brown finish w/white trim, \$200. **CALL:** 252-826-9922 (Scotland Neck).

FOR SALE: Lg. chest type freezer, \$50; 4 bar stools, \$50. **CALL:** 252-257-5769 (Warrenton).

FOR SALE: System 50 Tracker Premier receiver C-band satellite dish, good condition, best offer. **CALL:** 252-826-5194 (Scotland Neck).

FOR SALE: Bandit jet ski trailer, excellent condition, \$275. **CALL:** 757-436-2271 (Chesapeake).

FOR SALE: Daylilies at Oakville Farm in Warren County--100 varieties, prices vary \$3 and up. **CALL:** 252-257-4454 www.oakvillefarm.com (Wise).

FOR SALE: MacTools Economy Cut 'n' Weld outfit, brand new, still in the box. **CALL:** 252-586-6259 (Littleton).

FOR SALE: Tharrington oil heater, standard size, brown cabinet, \$200. Kerosene \$2.50 per gallon. **CALL:** 252-445-5015 (Enfield) or 252-586-3955 (Littleton).



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Electric Lines

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Looking Ahead!

April is upon us and soon summer will be here. Now is the time to prepare for summer temperatures. With rising oil prices we may be faced with a higher WPTA factor. To help you with this possibility we offer you these suggestions.



Help your cooling equipment to work more efficiently and more economically by changing your filters regularly.

Check around your outside unit to be sure grass and weeds have not grown up around the unit or that grass cuttings from mowing your lawn has not clogged the air vents in your unit. Blocking the air vents will cause your unit to work harder and use more energy.

Another way to help you prepare for summer temperatures is to sign up for levelized billing. Levelized billing will help smooth out the summer bumps in your electric bills by averaging your usage over the past 12 months and bill you on that average.

To help you save on fuel, sign up for Online Bill Pay and pay your bill online using a debit or credit card. No check to write, no stamp to buy, no trip to the Post Office. Use that gas for the fun things in life.

May is . . .

May is Electrical Safety Month. This month is dedicated to remind everyone to work and play safe around electricity. As much as we enjoy the benefits of electricity, it can be dangerous when used improperly. Here are a few safety tips:

- Don't overload your outlets.
- Check the cords on your electric tools and appliances. Make sure the insulation is not cracked or frayed. Always unplug tools and appliances by grasping the plug, not the cord.
- Check for overhead lines when moving tall equipment such as ladders.

May is also the time for Halifax EMC's annual meeting. Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 17 at Aurelian Springs Elementary School. There will be fun for the children, a health fair, exhibits, door prizes, and a continental breakfast provided by the Halifax EMC Volunteers In Action, and a lunch catered by Bill's Barbecue of Wilson.



If you have a question or issue that needs to be brought before the members, send your request in to the office by April 16.

May is also a time to remember Mother, those who have given their lives for America's freedom, and those who are in harm's way today serving around the world.

- Mother's Day, May 11
- Armed Forces Day, May 17
- Memorial Day, May 26

Community Page

Two New Employees Join Halifax EMC Crew

Eric “Carson” Walker recently joined the Halifax EMC crew in Warren County as an apprentice lineman. Carson is a single young man from Johnston County. He is a graduate of South Johnston High School and the Lineman Program at Nash Community College. Prior to his employment with Halifax EMC he worked for DeWayne’s Home & Garden in Smithfield. In his spare time, he likes to hunt, fish, and ride ATVs. He also volunteers with the fire department. Carson presently resides in the Macon community.



Dash Cannon, originally from Coquille, Oregon, has joined the Enfield line crew as an apprentice lineman. He is a graduate of Coquille High School and the Lineman Program at Nash Community College. He came to North Carolina while he was serving in the U. S. Marines. He was stationed at Cherry Point Air Station where he met and married his wife, Ashley. They now reside on Sorietown Road outside of Enfield. While in the Marines he did a seven-month tour in Iraq. Before coming to work for Halifax EMC, he was employed at Safelite in Enfield. In his free time, Dash likes to hunt and fish.



Keep Safety In Mind When Generating Backup Plan

If you’re considering buying a generator to use as backup power in case a storm knocks out your electricity, you’ll need to know a few things first.

- It’s not safe to connect your generator directly into your home’s wiring. If you do that, the generator can “back-feed” electricity into the power lines that come to your home. That power can make its way onto lines that your utility’s crews think are “dead,” and can shock or even kill someone who touches the wires as they try to restore power to your home.
- Installing a generator is not a do-it-yourself job. Hire a licensed electrical contractor to install a switch that ensures your generator will not send electricity back onto a power line and injure someone on the other end.
- Plug only a few can’t-live-without appliances into your generator during a power outage. If you overload your generator by trying to draw more power than it is designed to produce, it can damage your valuable electronics and appliances.
- Operate your generator outside in a well-ventilated area - not in the home or in the garage. Like any other gasoline-powered device, a generator produces carbon monoxide, which can be fatal for your family to breathe. Keep the generator dry.
- Use outdoor-rated, heavy-duty power cables with your generator. If you overload your cable, it can catch on fire.
- Turn your generator off and let it cool down before refueling it. If you spill gasoline on hot parts of the generator, it can ignite.



Holiday Closing

Halifax EMC
will be closed on
Monday, May 26,
for Memorial Day.



We will re-open on Tuesday, May 27.