

"IT WILL PUMP YOUR WATER FOR NOTHING," CLAIM OF BUILDERS

Sales Literature Told Of Wonders Of Yankee Windmill

Nothing has ever been devised, and perhaps never will be, for that matter, which as a source of power for the pumping of water will compare with the wood wind mill in cheapness and true economy. In recent years various forms of power have been brought to perfection and made convenient of application to this work, but the fact remains that where pumping water alone is the work to be done nothing else is so convenient or satisfactory, and nothing also requires so little care and attention or costs so little to maintain. In its proper field the wind mill reigns supreme, and the employment of any source of power is nothing less than extravagance.

Wind power is absolutely free, the only cost being the upkeep of the wind mill used to convert the wind pressure into mechanical power. This power is commonly utilized for pumping water and therefore it is important to select the outfit which will, under existing conditions, pump the greatest quantity of water for the longest term of years, at the least cost for maintenance. This is exactly what the YANKEE Wind Mill will do, for it is untiring and will maintain a plentiful supply of wholesome water pumped from a well into a stock tank which may be of access at all times, day or night. The YANKEE will give better returns for the investment than any other machinery used on the farm. It works the year round and saves an immense amount of labor, time and patience and it takes care of itself automatically, throwing the mill out of gear when the tank is full. This is made possible by the use of our reliable YANKEE pump governor — a simple device, but one that always works.

YANKEE SIMPLICITY AND DURABILITY

The object in making the YANKEE of wood is to build a wind mill that is the most practical for the user. In its simple construction are embodied all the ideas which we have developed in our 30 years experience, to

make a wind mill strong, durable and efficient. Hundreds of YANKEE Wind Mills now in service were installed over 25 years ago — a remarkable record not attained by any other mill. Only the best grade of lumber is used in the YANKEE Wind Mills and towers, and the construction is such that they will weather the severest storms. The YANKEE is a simple direct motion wood wheel mill and is superior to a geared mill because there are fewer wearing parts. Then, too, the YANKEE wheel in making 35 to 45 revolutions per minute will pump the same amount of water as the geared mill when it makes from 110 to 130 revolutions per minute. With each turn of the YANKEE wheel there is one stroke of the pump, while with the complicated geared mill wheel, there is from 3 to 5 turns for one stroke of the pump. This simplicity means that there is nothing to get out of order with the YANKEE, thus reducing repairs to a minimum.

It is not necessary to advance arguments in favor of the wind mill, the constantly increasing sale speaks for its utility and economy. The most enterprising farmers and stockmen throughout the land make use of it to their great advantage. When once used and its value ascertained, no one will do without one. It relieves the farmer and stockraiser of much labor and performs its duties while he is engaged at other work, or maybe while he is away for a day of business or recreation, and the stock is properly and bountifully supplied with fresh water.

DELIVERING WINDMILL TO MILWAUKEE, WIS.

(Dec. 3, 1936)

Carl Lipp employed by the Mt. Pulaski Windmill Co., accompanied by Lester Downing, left early Wednesday morning to deliver and erect a Yankee Windmill on a farm 10 miles north of Milwaukee, Wis.

WILL PLAY RECORDINGS

Some of the recordings of the late Vaughn De Leath will be played during the Sil-Tennial in connection with some phases of the celebration.

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YANKEE WINDMILL WAS FARMERS' BEST FRIEND BACK IN EARLY 1890's

Was Invented by Yankee, Hence It Was So Named.

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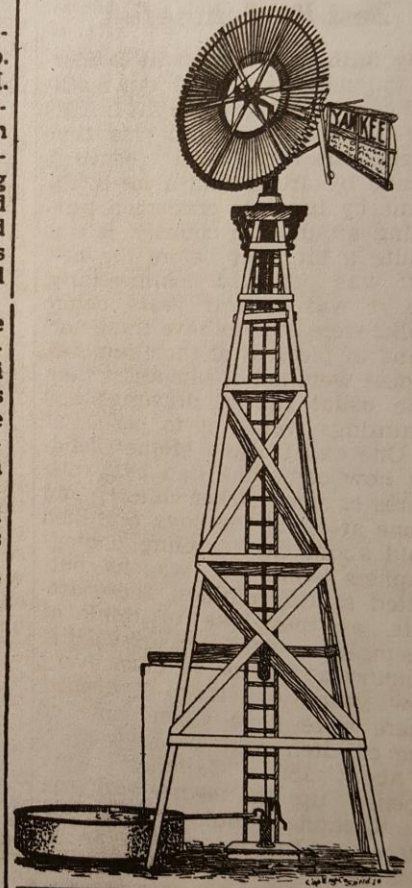
There is quite a history in connection with the Wind Mill Co. More than 60 years ago J. M. Whitney arrived in Mt. Pulaski from Connecticut and lived on South Spring Street. He had varied interests, among them being the building of a cider mill, and also the Whitney flats (situated in the "V" west of the Illinois Central Depot), which housed several families.

He had invented the Yankee Wind Mill and later sold his interests to the Mount Pulaski Wind Mill Co. The early owners of the company were George Vonderlieth and Adolph Vonderlieth and others. They built up a successful business and manufactured several thousand wind mills during the years, the mills being on farms throughout central Illinois, and in other parts of the state, as well as being shipped to other states.

A number of men were employed in the construction of the windmills for many years, but with the coming of electrification on farms, the demand for these popular windmills began to dwindle until finally the manufacture of the mills was discontinued and the business was devoted to the plumbing line.

The late George Rupp was president of this company for a time, with the late Carl Lipp as vice-president and the late A. F. Lipp as secretary-treasurer. Harry Downing and son Richard

The Windmill That Made Mount Pulaski Famous In the '90's



were the last owners of the business which had been converted into a plumbing establishment. In 1958 the building was torn down and the Hilltop Bowl replaced it.

The Yankee Windmill, in Mt. Pulaski, has been made for more than forty years. It was invented and patented by J. W. Whitney. It has been manufactured continuously ever since. The present Mt. Pulaski Windmill Company was incorporated in 1902. Eight to twelve men are employed. While it is a small business, the shop has never been closed down and no man has been laid off because of lack of business. The company supplies Illinois and nearby states, especially, parts of Iowa, Missouri, Indiana and Kansas. More windmills were sold in the year 1917 than for several years previous, and those were sold with less effort on the part of the firm. Besides the windmills the company also manufactures stock tanks and hog troughs in large quantities.