M. J. M. Hears Legislation Needs

The need for territorial integrity legislation in the 1965 General Assembly was stressed at the annual meeting of M. J. M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., recently.

Carl Bloome of Carlinville r. r. 2, president of the cooperative, and Charles W. Witt, the cooperative's manager, both said that the state's electric cooperatives must not be discriminated against unfairly.

"M. J. M. must depend on its members to combat the half truths of the investor-owned companies by giving the true facts of the cooperative to persons who are not members," Mr. Bloome said.

MR. WITT said Illinois legislators should "observe the determination on the faces of our members as they look to the 1965 sessions of the state legislature with the anticipation of enacted lawful protection, which will assure the membership the right to operate this cooperative without harassment from vested interests desiring only to make secure their own monopolistic operations by the destruction of the electric cooperatives."

The 1,500 persons attending the meeting in Southwestern High School at Piasa also heard Mr. Bloome say "The feeling of ownership and control which I have in my cooperative means a lot to me. I also know that the only objective of your board of trustees is to give you and your neighbors the best service at the lowest possible cost."

The new "Miss M. J. M. Electric" is Miss Nancy Hammann. Placing second in the queen contest was Miss Kathy Mieher (right). Miss Roberta Frost was third.

Mr. Witt reported that the cooperative initiated a service department during the past year. "The cooperative is now in a position to assist members with the actual installation of their facilities. It is desired that this service be used to fill a need in areas where good wiremen are not available, and to help correct some of the faulty wiring conditions which exist beyond the meter."

THE MEMBER-OWNERS re-elected Leland Oertel of Brighton r.r. 2 and Alvin L. Mullins of Butler r.r. 1 to the board for three-year terms. Wayne Gilworth of Jerseyville r.r. 2 was elected to a three-year term to succeed retiring director Herschel Fritz of Jerseyville r.r. 2.

The board re-elected its officers who are: Mr. Bloome, president; Henry Egelhoff of Jerseyville r.r. 3, vice president; Mr. Mullins, secretary; and Clarence Doerr of Irving, treasurer.

Miss Nancy Hammann, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hammann of Gillespie r.r. 1, was crowned "Miss M. J. M. Electric Cooperative of 1964." Miss Kathy Mieher, 16, daughter of Mrs. Esther Mieher of Carlinville r.r. 2, placed second in the beauty contest. Finishing third in the field of seven contestants was Miss Roberta Frost, 17, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Floyd R. Frost of Jerseyville.

Power Supply Needs Studied By Tri-County

"With your help we can remain strong and continue doing good for you and our community," member-owners of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., were told recently.

H. G. Downey, manager of the cooperative, told the 800 persons attending the annual meeting in Mount Vernon that Tri-County Electric spends $75,000 annually to keep the 2,163 miles of electric lines in serviceable condition, allowing the best possible service to the 7,846 member-owners.

REUBEN YOUNG of Odin, president of the cooperative, said a long-range financial plan is being prepared to insure that the power supply will adequately meet the cooperative's needs. The engineering study covers the period through 1970.

Mr. Young also reported that the cooperative paid $63,450 to the members last year in capital credits earned until 1943. "This year, we are returning capital for the years 1943 and 1944 in the amount of $70,542.90, and we will continue to refund capital as long as financial reserves permit."

The president urged the membership to take an active participation in the cooperative and said a Tri-County Booster Club was organized this past year "to help strengthen your membership."

THREE DIRECTORS were re-elected to three-year terms at the business meeting. They were David Hanes of Mount Vernon r.r. 6, C. Glenn Jones of Odin and Philip Heggemeier of Nashville.

The board of directors reorganized and renamed Mr. Young president and William Groennert of Addieville secretary-treasurer. Mr. Hanes was elected vice president, succeeding E. C. Champ of Woodlawn.

Plaques were presented to Mr. Groennert and Raymond Pitchford of Nashville, honoring them for their 25 years' service with Tri-County Electric.

Winners of the talent contest were the Christannaires Quartet consisting of Fred and Gary Diel of Fouts, Rodney Marlow of Woodlawn and Stanton Endicott of Woodlawn. Their accompanist was Jerry Webb of Mount Vernon.

Dave Porter a Nashville boy who played the accordion, was second. Third place went to Lovetta and Donna Story, singing daughters of Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Story of Opdyke.

William Groennert (left) and Raymond Pitchford are shown with their plaques presented for serving 25 years on the board of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

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This Co-op Business

By: T. H. Hafer, Manager

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Manager

Retail rates for electric power are important. For those supplying the power, rates must bring in enough money to pay expenses and any needed margins. Investor owned power companies must have rates high enough to pay costs plus profit for interest on investors' stock. This interest must be high enough to get people with money to invest in power company stock or the company could not expand its service. Electric co-ops must have rates high enough to pay all expenses, including interest on the REA loan, plus enough to make required repayments on our loan to REA.

For people using the electric service, retail rates should be as fair to all as possible. After the line construction costs have been met, more kilowatt hours of power can be supplied at very low cost. That is why the rate schedule provides that after you use a certain number of KWH's, the remainder are very low in cost—as low as 1.55¢ per KWH. This is a very good quantity discount for electric power and is one reason why it is such a low cost source of power. (Some day I would like to tell how much work a KWH will do compared to a gallon of gasoline—anybody have some comparisons?)

It costs more to furnish electricity to some classes of service than to others. For instance, it costs more to supply electricity to a user who has a high demand for power for a relatively short period of time than for a lighting load which is on all night long. This could be compared to a farmer using 10 tractors for one hour a day and another man using one tractor ten hours per day. The amount of work done would be the same. The difference in tractor cost would be tremendous.

SPECIAL RATE FOR ELECTRIC HOUSE HEATING

Electric house heating is a sample of a use of electric power in the same class with a farmer using one tractor ten hours a day. Therefore, the power supplier can make it available at a lower cost. Your co-op has adopted an electric space heating or house heating rate of 1.35¢ per KWH on all use above 750 KWH per month (1,500 per two-month bill) on single phase service for farm or home. This rate compares to the regular rate of 1.55¢ per KWH (this includes tax). This rate should make electric heating very attractive. Our Power Use Adviser will be glad to advise members on proper insulation and installation of electric heat. 8A22

Next month we will discuss some other changes in co-op retail rates which will have minor effects on some members.

No-Accident Awards At Christmas Party

Ninety co-op employes, directors and their spouses attended the regular Christmas party at the Rogers Hotel in Bloomington on Saturday evening, Dec. 12. Highlights of the program were the presentation of no-accident awards and an illustrated talk by Albert J. Cross, director of the legal and public affairs department of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

Frank Stevens was awarded an engraved billfold for 10 years as a lineman without a loss-time accident. Also, all employes received a no-accident bonus of $10. This is a special plan including all employes. If any employe loses time on account of any accident to himself either on or off the job, it stops this bonus for all employes. Everyone is to be congratulated for the six-month record on this basis.

Mr. Cross gave a very interesting account of the electric co-ops and their problems today.

A Gift for You

This is your co-op headquarter's front window in a past Christmas season. Decorations contribute much to making this season the happy one that it is.

This year, each member is being mailed a cook book giving many assists for electric cooking and some other ideas on electric equipment. This is "Christmas" from your co-op. 37E34

By-Laws Available

We have a brief copy of by-laws, membership and service rules for the co-op. Send a card to the office or call and we will mail one to you. 64B17

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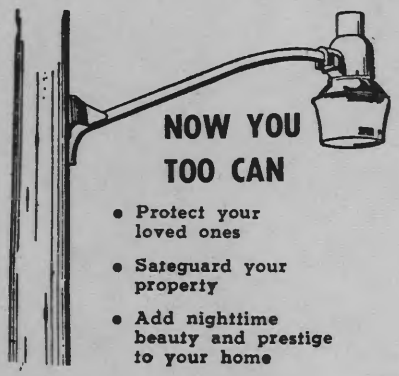
BARGAINS AT CO-OP OFFICE ELECTRIC BLANKETS. We were pleasantly surprised in our 1963 electric equipment survey that 36% of our members reported using electric blankets or sheets. This shows their popularity and there must be a reason. We have some real bargains in high quality blankets at the co-op office. Drop us a card and we'll send you a description and prices. Then you can order by mail when you decide. Can you imagine a better Christmas present?

USED WATER HEATERS. At present there are six used water heaters in stock. We have made them available to members at $12.00 to $20.00 in sizes 30 to 60 gallons. They are guaranteed in good operating condition and are recommended for any member desiring an inexpensive unit.

SECURITY LIGHTS INSTALLED



Rental Plan

For $3.50 per month, the co-op will install a 175-watt mercury vapor security night light and will furnish the electricity and maintenance. There is no installation cost to the member unless we have to set another pole or add wire. Nearly 500 of these lights are now working for co-op members. You have seen them scattered over the country. Write or ask at the office for an application blank which fully explains this rental deal.

Electric Minute Mystery

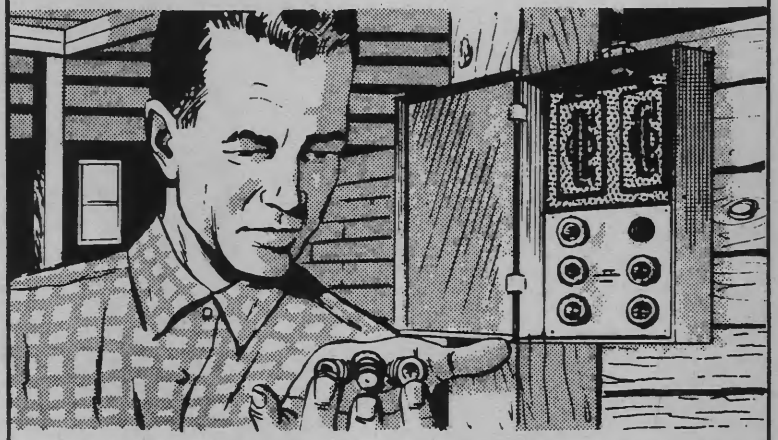
Can you solve it?

SITUATION: One particular fuse in your fuse box is continually blowing.

WHAT WOULD YOU DO?

(A) Replace with larger amperage fuse.

(B) Check wattage of appliances connected to this circuit — if total is above 1800 watts, then have electrician add new circuit.



CORRECT SOLUTION: (B) Never replace blown fuses with larger amperage fuses or a penny. These are not solutions, but genuine fire hazards because the wire will overheat and in many cases start a fire in the wall. Only a qualified electrician should do rewiring. These and other electrical hazards cause 129,900 fires annually! (National Fire Protection Association.)

ELECTRICITY IS YOUR FRIEND — Use it safely!

COURTESY ILLINOIS FARM ELECTRIFICATION COUNCIL AND COOPERATIVE EXTENSION SERVICE, UNIVERSITY OF ILLINOIS

Electric Heat Can't Be Beat!!

Ask about the co-op's special rate for electric space heating for homes!

Our Power Use Adviser and his assistant are just what the title implies. Call or write them if you have questions on wiring or electric appliances. Make an appointment for the office or farm or home. Call to be sure that the Power Use Adviser is available.

Insulation Demonstration Given At Bob Melton's Electric Village

Because insulation of the house is important new trials are continually being made to do a better job. The latest is an insulation of "Urethane" or "Foam-in-place." Joe Crosno, our power use adviser, and our Bloomington firm, Unarco, are working with Bob Melton to use this new type insulation on a house in Mr. Melton's electric village at Covell.

Records will be kept on the cost of installation and heating of this house compared to an identical house insulated with present standard materials.

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They put democracy to work and brought light to the rural areas of Illinois

Thirty years ago, this farm looked pretty dismal. No lights. No running water. No modern milking equipment. No power tools. No modern conveniences. It was a hand-to-hand struggle with nature to make it pay.

Today, things are different, thanks to the American system of democracy that lets groups of people do together what individuals cannot accomplish alone . . . like providing electric power through their home-owned Electric Cooperatives.

Local people own these Cooperatives that provide blessed light and power in Illinois' rural areas and they are the people that use the power. Everybody benefits — farmers, merchants, townspeople and country residents — through the increased use of the things that electricity makes possible.

Things are much brighter in rural Illinois with power from the Electric Cooperatives.

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Co-ops Help Develop New Opportunities

The role of cooperatives and cooperative people in helping generate new life and new opportunity in local communities was stressed recently by Orville Freeman, U. S. secretary of agriculture.

With more than 100,000 people actively participating in more than 16,000 community development projects, Freeman said, cooperatives, including rural electric organizations, frequently are leading the way.

"Such accomplishments richly deserve applause," the agriculture secretary said. "But we urge all of you to see if there is more you can do—whether it is giving personal time and effort to rural area development projects in your area or expanding the services of your cooperative or forming new cooperatives to run new recreation or business ventures."

Mr. Freeman said the Department of Agriculture "wants to make your contribution as effective as possible. We accept fully our responsibility to encourage the growth of cooperatives and to provide research, education and advisory services that will help strengthen cooperatives in all appropriate services."

"Gee Mom, the new can opener works swell!"

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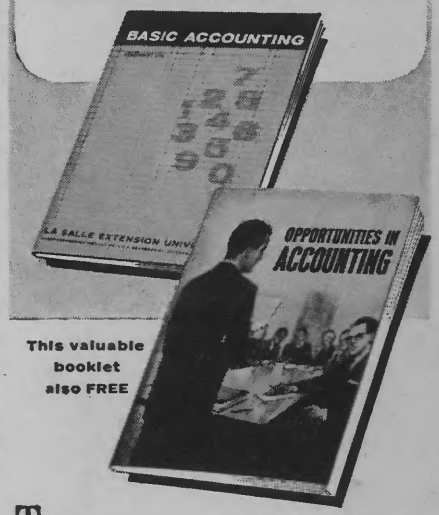

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This Co-op Business

By: T. H. Hafer, Manager

This will introduce our new co-op pages in the Illinois REN. It is our hope that these pages will help members feel that they belong to this electric co-op and that the co-op belongs to them. We consider a cooperative as a tool for securing certain services or materials needed by its members. In our case we secured electric service when it was not otherwise available. We do not say that all business should be operated as a co-op. We do not believe that cooperation is a religion as some of our good co-op people seem to. Individual initiative is most important and the individual should gain rewards according to his individual efforts. Investor owned or profit oriented businesses are and should continue to be the majority in this country.

T. H. Hafer
Manager

But some things desired by the people can best be secured by cooperative effort. Some of these jobs can be done by a small group of individual cooperators. Some take a large group and some need the cooperation of the people and their government. (26D8).

A need such as that of rural people for electric power 25 years ago was one where the cooperation of the people and the government was necessary. Since the capital cost of electric lines was very high and rural people as a whole could not supply these large sums of capital but did need the service and could pay for it, the cooperation of the government to get started was necessary. This is why the directors of our co-op had the following inscribed on a plaque in the lobby of our headquarters building: **"This building constructed through the cooperation of the Rural Electrification Administration is dedicated to the farm and rural people of this area to whom electricity has brought the conveniences, comforts and other boundless benefits of a more abundant life."**

To give good electric service to our 6,400 members we now have 40 employees. They operate in four departments — line, engineering, office, and power use. We have invited the head of each department to say "Hello" and give a message in a brief column to all of our members in this co-op section. In the months ahead this should help all of us to understand the problems of keeping good electric service to everyone. We'll try to make this page newsy and interesting with items about members and service in this co-op business.

WHEN CALLING FOR SERVICE

Give your name and location number when calling the office regarding your service. This number (such as 24B25 or 32D20-C) is shown next to your name on your meter card and bill. It is your street address to employees. A map in each co-op truck or car makes it possible for any employee to find your place easily if he is given your location number.

Our two-way radio enables our office or line superintendent to give this location number to employees in the field. We suggest you put this number in your telephone book.

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In case of serious outages, the following may help you get service restored as quickly as possible:

1. Is the trouble only at your place? If yes, check your own fuses or breakers first. If they are o.k., then call for co-op service, giving your name and location number.

2. Are your neighbors out also? If yes, one of your neighbors should call for co-op service.

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Ass't. Power Use Adviser Builds New Elect.-Heated Home

Vince Ijams, who has been assisting Joe Crosno with co-op power use adviser duties, has just completed a new home. His comments on his construction, insulation, etc. will interest many members.

"We built a new home during the year 1963 and moved into it January 3, 1964. Our home is 1675 sq. ft. of frame construction. We have a crawl space instead of a basement. (46B6).

"We glued two-inch styrofoam on the inside of concrete block wall of the crawl space, then put two-inch pea gravel on the ground and covered this with Visqueen (thin plastic). For the insulation we used full wall batts on outside walls, then covered this with Visqueen on inside. For the ceiling we used six-inch batt type insulation with paper on it for moisture barrier. Then on top of this we put four inches more loose insulation in the attic.

"We have electric heat and we feel that insulation is a very im-portant part of the job to have satisfactory comfort and to heat your house at reasonable cost. Our

Vince Ijams observes his heat pump installation by his new home to see that it is working properly.

electric heat pump both heats and cools our house. The heat pump gets its heat from the outside air down to about 10 degrees above zero and below that auxiliary resistance heaters come on to bring the heat up to desired temperature. This is a forced air type of heat and uses the conventional type of ducts for hot and cold air.

"We like the electric heat very much because it is clean, healthy, and as reasonable as any heat we could have. We feel that electric heat is going to be used more and more every year. There are different types that can be used to suit the house and the person using it—baseboard, cable type in the ceiling, heat pump, and electric furnace."

More than 50 Corn Belt members are heating their homes with electric power. Any one building a new home should consider this kind of heat. One of our co-op power use advisers will be glad to discuss this with you and get an estimate on cost if you will loan a set of your plans for a few days.

Announcement will be made soon of a special rate for house heating which will make it very economical for house heating. Ask for information.

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Member Combines Heating Unit and Heat Lamps in Farrowing House

Delmar Prosser checks one of his space heaters in his farrowing house to see that it is operating properly.

Here are some of the pigs in Prosser's farrowing house shown under one of the heat lamps used to keep them warm.

"I like the electric heat in my farrowing house because I don't have to worry about carrying oil or running out of fuel. It really does the job better and cheaper than the oil heater. It is also a lot cleaner and safer."

This is the report we get from Delmar Prosser, a progressive farmer and co-op member, near Downs, Illinois. He has had two 5,000 watt space heaters in his 25' x 70' farrowing house for over a year now and is well pleased with their operation. He just sets the thermostat and forgets them. (8 B9).

He remodeled his farrowing house and insulated it with two inches of foam type insulation. He uses heating lamps for the small pigs. He said he reduced the size of the heat lamps from 250 watt to 125 watt when he put the electric heaters in. His farrowing house has slotted floor with a lagoon underneath. There is a 38" 1½ h.p. fan pulling the foul air down through the slotted floor and outside. He has averaged about nine pigs per litter since remodeling. This is an increase of one pig per litter.

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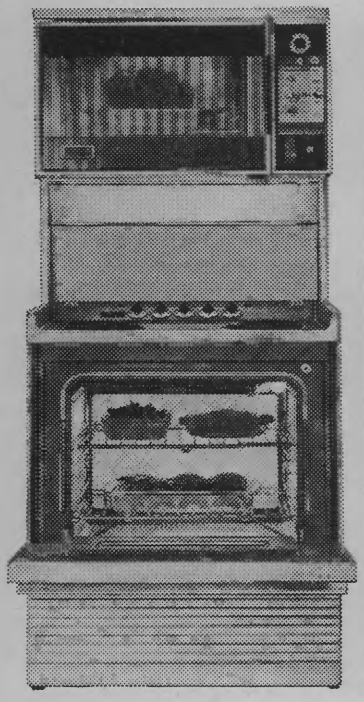

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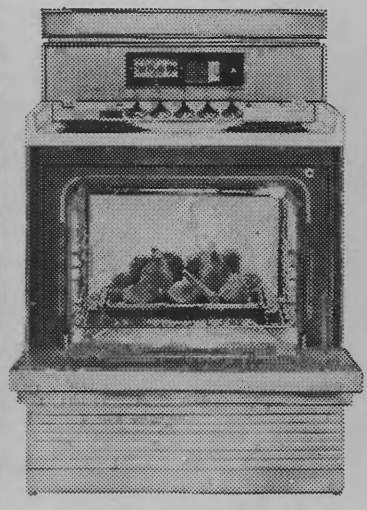

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