

News Team Tells of 'Other Side'



Barbara



Sid

A couple of big city reporters, who decided they'd like the life of small town newspaper publishing better, today, after years of experience, agree that they do. There's nothing quite like it.

Some of the experiences, views and observations of Sid and Barbara Landfield aboard the prize-winning Democrat-Messenger of Mt. Sterling (population 2,262, circulation 3,050) are contained in their just-published book, "The Other Side of the Sheet".

Mr. Landfield, who formerly worked on the Chicago Sun and later the Chicago Sun-Times, is co-publisher with George Davis.

Mrs. Landfield formerly worked for the exacting City News Bureau in Chicago and is the author of hundreds of encyclopedia articles. Her newscolumn appears in the weekly newspaper her husband and Mr. Davis publish.

The new book is a collection of essays, articles and critical commentary on the life and the time, much of it written in a humorous vein.

"The Other Side of the Sheet" may be obtained by writing Mr. Landfield, Mt. Sterling, Ill., 62353, or by ordering from any bookstore or from the publisher, Exposition Press, Inc., 386 Park Ave. South, N. Y., N. Y. 10016. The price is \$4.

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Clinton County Electric News



"Low-Cost Power for Our Member-Owners"

CLINTON COUNTY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE, INC., BREESE, ILLINOIS

Important Gains Made by Clinton County Electric

Harvey J. Klingelhofer, Mascoutah r.r. 1, has been re-elected president of the board of trustees of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

The board also re-elected Burl Quick, Shattuc, vice president at its reorganizational meeting a few days after the cooperative's annual meeting was held in the Breese High School auditorium on Nov. 4. Robert W. Holtgrave, Breese, again was elected secretary-treasurer.

MEMBER-OWNERS of the cooperative re-elected Mr. Holtgrave, Menard B. Luebbers, Jr., Carlyle r.r. 1, and Irwin W. Wessel, Centralia r.r. 4, to the board for three-year terms during the annual meeting.

Other directors are Vincent W. Albers, Bartelso; Herman G. Korte, Germantown; Wilbert Rueter, Carlyle r.r. 4, and John Vahlkamp, Carlyle r.r. 2.

In his president's report, Mr. Klingelhofer said the past year was marked with several significant accomplishments for Clinton County Electric and perhaps was the most important year in the cooperative's 27-year history.

First of all, Clinton County Electric continued giving dependable

electric service to its 2,424 member-owners living in Clinton, Fayette, Madison, Marion and St. Clair counties, Mr. Klingelhofer said. And the cooperative's rate is 15 to 20 per cent below what the consumers would pay elsewhere, he added.

JOSEPH H. HEIMANN, manager of the cooperative, said Clinton County's member-owners continue to use large amounts of electricity. "Again you members have reached a new peak for kilowatt hours consumption in the state of Illinois," he said. "The average monthly consumption for 1964 was 787."

Another significant development of the past year is the proposal for a new method of financing for the nation's 1,000 electric cooperatives, according to Mr. Klingelhofer, who is Illinois' delegate to the board of directors of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

Mr. Klingelhofer reported that the proposal will come up for action at the NRECA annual meeting in Las Vegas, Nev., next February. Electric cooperatives since they were organized to bring electric service to the rural areas have received loans from the Rural Electrification Administration.

The new financing proposal as outlined by Mr. Klingelhofer:

1. Present REA loans would be continued for all cooperatives that need such financing in order to provide electric service on an area coverage basis.

2. An intermediate REA financing plan would be set up at an interest rate equal to the federal government's cost of money.

3. Steps would be started to establish a federal bank for rural electric cooperatives. The bank would be designed for ultimate ownership and control by the rural electric systems.

"**THIS FINANCING** plan is an attempt to enable the cooperatives to be as independent as possible from government assistance, particularly in the field of low interest on REA loans," Mr. Klingelhofer said.

"A cooperative such as your own strong Clinton County Electric has not borrowed from REA in the last seven years. For such cooperatives the newly proposed cooperative bank to provide financing will be ideal.

"The proposed system would be similar to the Federal Land Bank with which I know many of you are familiar."

Manager Heimann said another



Some of the 600 persons who attended the annual meeting listen to reports of cooperative officers.

highlight of the past year was the payment of \$28,733 to member-owners for the capital credits assigned them by the nonprofit cooperative for the year 1949.

FOR IMPROVED service, the cooperative constructed a three-phase line between its Breese and Trenton substations to insure adequate service to its member-owners south of New Baden.

Mr. Heimann said another three-phase line is being constructed from the Ferrin substation to Route 161 to give better service to member-owners in the Hoffman area.

Another of the past year's many accomplishments was enactment of the Electric Supplier Act, legislation which is designed to protect the territories of the various electrical suppliers.

THAT LEGISLATION was reviewed by Albert J. Cross, director, legal and public affairs department, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield. Mr. Cross was the principal speaker at Clinton County's annual meeting.

He said the legislation passed unanimously by the General Assembly has strengthened the ability of the state's 27 distribution cooperatives to better serve their members and to contribute more effectively to the development of the areas they serve.

The speaker singled out Mr. Hei-



Director Robert W. Holtgrave (seated, left) and Mrs. Lucille M. Krebs, office secretary, receive 25-year service awards from President Harvey J. Klingelhoef (standing, left) and Manager Joseph H. Heimann.

mann as one of the key cooperative leaders who made the legislation possible. "I want you to know that your manager, Joe Heimann, was very effective in the negotiations with the private power companies," Mr. Cross said. Those negotiations resulted in the agreed legislation.

"With this type of outstanding management, Clinton County and the other electric cooperatives in

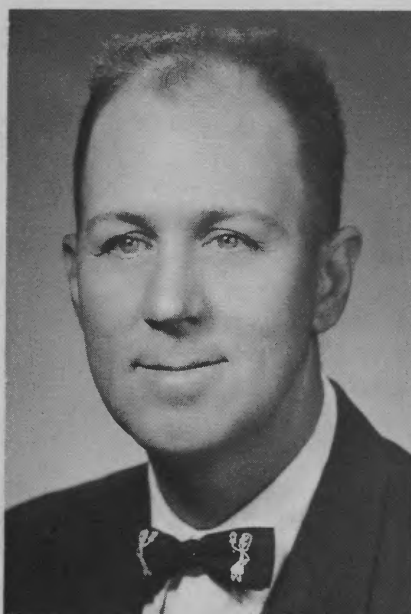
Illinois will continue their record of excellent service," Mr. Cross said.

President Klingelhoef also congratulated Mr. Heimann and said, "We believe this new legislation, which we have needed for so long, is the most important single development in Illinois affecting our cooperatives since they were established a quarter century ago."

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