

Light aircraft repair is his enjoyable work

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have anybody who can do recovers on the older fabric-covered planes, and I love the heck out of that kind of work. I kind of got into it as a fun hobby," he says," adding, "I really enjoy doing the very kind of work they don't want to be bothered with."

Max is expanding his operation slowly, working on the hangar or airfield, as his work load permits or requires. "At first I kept all the planes I was working on in the hangar, but there got to be too many, so I put a couple of tiedowns outside. When I get more airplanes than I have space for, I go out and put in another tiedown.

"I've got a set of plans for installing runway lights," he says, "and I hope to do that soon, and I'll have a fuel setup in the very near future, too."

Max notes that interest in aviation seems to be picking up in Brown County. "As far as I can tell, there are about 155 light plane owners in Brown County and the adjoining counties," he says, "and that number's increasing every day. There's an awful lot of interest in aviation around here, and I think my shop has helped spark it because it exposes many local people to aviation. Many of them had never really become interested before because they had never thought about it.

"There are a lot of people who get almost a fever when they get around airplanes," he says "and that seems to be what's happening here. There's even talk about a flying club, where people will be able to go in together to buy an airplane and take flight instruction."

It looks as though grass roots aviation is taking off in Brown County.

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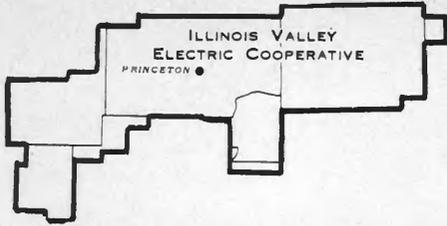
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PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

Committee Nominates Four

Members of the nominating committee met July 22 and nominated the following persons for a three-year term:

Roy Horton of Princeton
Wayne Williams of Victoria
Edith Kays of Ottawa

Wilbur Nordstrom, Buda, was nominated for the office of director of the cooperative to fill the vacancy resulting from the death of John Bittner. If elected, Nordstrom will serve a one-year term.

Members of the nominating committee were: Ernest Rehn, Magnolia; Robert Arendt, Cambridge; John Turnbull, Toulon; Hugo Black, Neponset; Kenneth Stabler, Princeton; William Currie, Oglesby; William Jamison, Tiskilwa; Kenneth West, Victoria and Philip Corcoran, Jr., Ottawa.

Outage Reporting Changes

Three employees whose names and telephone numbers may be familiar to many members for reporting outages are no longer with the cooperative and should not be called in the event of trouble.

They are Floyd Christiansen, 646-4603; William Greenback, 875-1992, and Harry Dall, 875-1514.

Annual Meeting Program

11:30 A.M.—1:30 P.M.

Registration

For all members attending meeting, please register on arrival. Dorothy Eaton is in charge of registration, assisted by office personnel.

12:30 P.M.—1:00 P.M.

Mickey Conant, Playing the Organ

1:00 P.M.

Call to Order Roy E. Horton, President

Invocation

Welcome to Members

Introduction of Visitors M. M. Jontz, Manager

Official Notice of Annual Meeting

Minutes of 1976 Annual Meeting

Minutes of 1976 Annual Meeting Mrs. Edith Kays, Secretary

Report of Officers:

Roy E. Horton, President

Mrs. Edith Kays, Secretary

Mrs. Eileen Slingsby, Treasurer

Report Roy E. Horton, State Board Representative

Report M. M. Jontz

Speaker

Report of Nominating Committee Kenneth Stabler, Chairman

Nominating Committee

Action on Delinquent Accounts

Introduction of New Directors

Adjournment

Refreshments



Annual Meeting Prizes

M. M. "Bud" Jontz, manager of the Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, and Dorothy Eaton, office manager and bookkeeper, are shown with some of the 100 small electric appliances that are to be given as attendance prizes at the cooperative's 38th annual meeting Sept. 27 at the Bureau County Fairgrounds at Princeton. The meeting will begin at 1:00 p.m.

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Robert Lewis (309) 932-3693

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Old barn

For a long time, Gary and Diane Richards were bothered by the fact that they had no particular use for an old barn on their 100-acre farm near Casey in Clark County. They thought of several possible uses for the structure, but it was a while before they came up with just the right idea.

"There were several old buildings on the place that we had torn down instead of fixing, and it really bothered me to let it go too, but it was a liability, just standing there," he says.

"For a long time we thought of converting it into a house," the former junior high teacher relates, "and it would have made a great house, too, but that wouldn't have made us any money."

Years ago, he says, he had thought of turning it into a teen center, "When I was young and crazy," he laughs, but

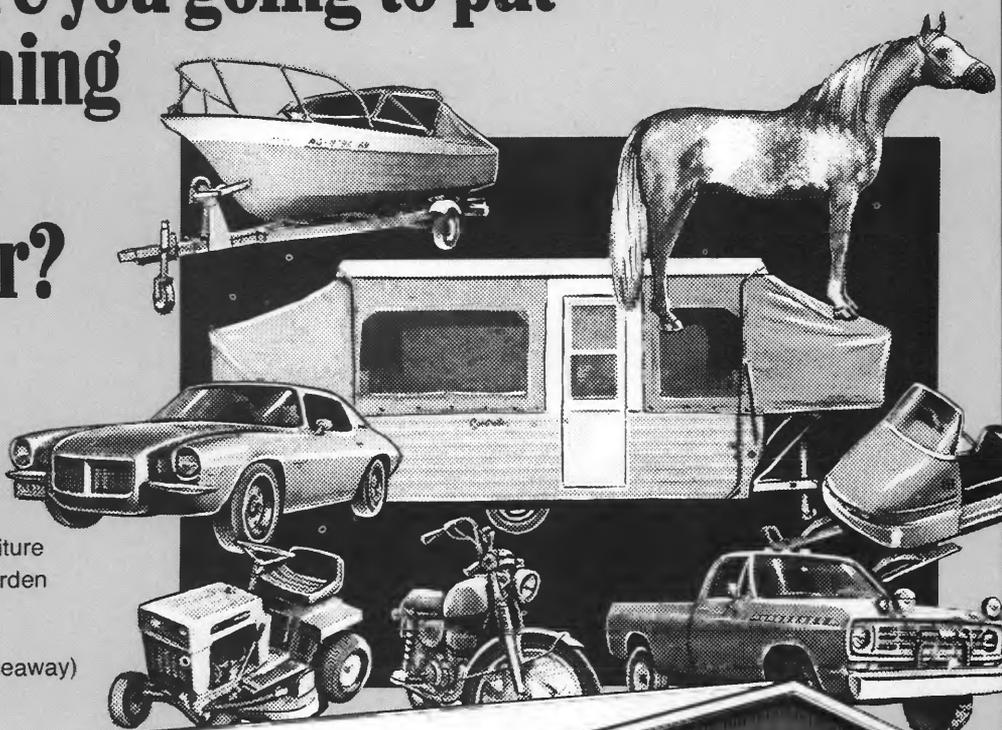
is no longer a liability

Above: Old farm equipment lines the walls of the Richards Farm Restaurant, and placemats carry a pictorial minihistory of barns in America. Richards notes that he spent countless hours searching for the artifacts for the walls, and that old siding from four barns went into the interior walls of the restaurant. At right: Gary and Diane go over the morning's receipts.



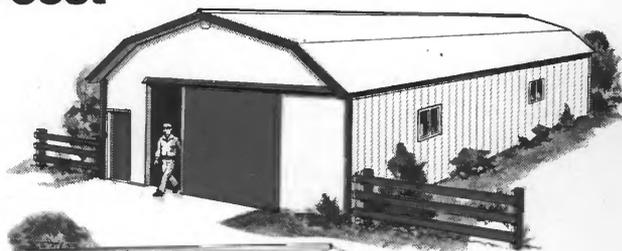
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Tour Winner

Loretta J. Cessna of Walnut was one of the 49 outstanding high school students from Illinois who toured Washington, D. C., as part of the annual "Youth to Washington" tour sponsored by the Illinois Electric Cooperatives. She represented Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, Princeton. She is pictured with Bob Patton, AIEC tour director.

At 38th Annual Meeting—

Jontz urges greater us

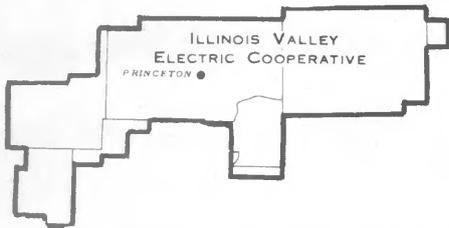
Wilbur Nordstrom, Buda, was elected to the board of directors of the Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative to fill out the unexpired term of the late John Bittner. The election was held during the cooperative's annual members' meeting Sept. 27 at the Bureau County Fairgrounds in Princeton.

Cooperative members also reelected three members to the board for three-year terms. They are: Roy Horton of

Princeton; Edith Kays of Ottawa, and Wayne Williams of Victoria.

M. M. Jontz, manager of the cooperative, addressed the membership, warning that the energy crisis is not over. "Our energy problems have not disappeared or decreased in number. What we have seen so far is just the tip of the iceberg—a tip that surfaces sporadically in different parts of the country.

"Unless current energy



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Above, from left: A member looks over photos from the cooperative's past. Manager M. M. "Bud" Jontz warns the cooperative's membership of the danger of an energy shortfall in the future if restrictions are not eased. Prize winners unwrapping their annual meeting "bonus."

of coal, nuclear power

consumption trends change, the electric industry will face the same problems of limited fuel supplies that the oil and natural gas industries face today," he continued.

"The only two alternative fuel sources which are anywhere near being sufficiently developed to supply our energy needs in the immediate future are coal and nuclear power. But, economic roadblocks currently hinder the expanded use of these two sources, and environmental pressures have restricted the use of high sulfur coal, which is plentiful in Illinois," Jontz noted.

"We at Illinois Valley," he said, "think the time has come for a reasonable compromise. We must have a healthful environment, but we can't eliminate pollution completely. Coal could become one of the primary energy sources for the coming decades if legislative restrictions on its use by the electric power industry are relaxed."

Roy Horton, president of the cooperative, told members that the board is deeply concerned with the problem of maintaining an adequate supply of electric energy at a reasonable cost.

"We wish we could predict a bright energy future," he said, "but present indicators do not bear this out. All forecasts tell us that we could experience a severe shortage of electric energy as early as the 1980's if we do not act now to prevent it.

"There is a bright spot, however, in the energy future of Illinois Valley Electric members—Soyland Power Cooperative. Through its support for and participation in Soyland, your board of directors has taken steps to assure an adequate supply of electric energy for our future consumer-owners.

"Soyland has contracted with Illinois Power Company to purchase 160 megawatts of electric generating capacity in the Clinton Nuclear Power

Station now under construction. When the plant goes into operation in 1981, Illinois Valley and the other member-cooperatives of Soyland will receive 30 percent of their base load requirements from this nuclear plant," Horton said.

Secretary Edith Kays noted that the cooperative's conversion to computer billing is working well, and is helping to keep costs down by saving members time and postage.

Treasurer Eileen Slingsby reported operating revenue for 1976 was \$1,962,227, with operating expenses of \$1,888,283. The cooperative paid a total of \$112,248 in taxes in 1976.

At a reorganizational meeting of the board of directors after the regular meeting, Horton was reelected president, Alvin Hepner of Kewanee, was reelected to the vice presidency, Mrs. Slingsby and Mrs. Kays were reelected to the positions of secretary and treasurer, respectively.

Albert J. Cross, a Springfield attorney with experience in legislative and cooperative matters, was guest speaker.



Top photo: Board President Roy Horton speaks to the audience. Willie Dienst examines a transformer, part of a display of electrical equipment designed to show the expenses involved in operating a cooperative. Bottom photo: Reelected members of the cooperative's board of directors talk with a new member. They are, from left, Wilbur Nordstrom—elected to fill the unexpired term of the late John Bittner—Wayne Williams, Edith Kays and Roy Horton.



'Born farmers' build family grain business

"We got to talking about putting up some grain storage here, and it seemed to be a little short in this vicinity, so we put up more than we needed ourselves," said Mark Marquis, explaining how his family started in the grain storage, trucking and buying business.

The company, which is located just south of Buda on Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative lines, is owned by Donald and Darrell Marquis. Mark is Darrell's son.

"We're set up to store about half a million bushels," Mark says, "but we'll buy and sell about a million and a half bushels this year, the way it looks now.

"We were doing our own drying," he continues, "and using a portable dryer that we had to move around. We used about four different locations and each move took most of a day, so we decided to build a centrally located setup. It's really handy here. We used to have grain wagons going all over the roads like crazy, and now it's not bad.

"Here we have a good location, a good road, and high ground, so we set up our storage and drying facilities. Of course, we set up a larger grain drying operation than we needed for just our crops, too."

Mark, who is 21, thinks of time in terms of crops. "Let's see," he muses,



Top photo: M. M. "Bud" Jontz, left, manager of the Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, visits with Darrell Marquis in front of one of the huge grain bins that make up part of the Marquis Brothers' grain operation. Above: Wilbur Nordstrom, a director at Illinois Valley, talks with Mark Marquis. Nordstrom is employed as a truck driver and mechanic, and Mark is the son of one of the owners.

"this is our third crop since I got out of high school. We've had two good ones and this year's a break-even year. It's a good crop year, but prices are bad and it's a bad year for foreign matter, too." He is a graduate of Western High School in Buda.

The Marquis operation is designed to dry 1,500 bushels an hour at ten-points removal, and their three

trucks can take a good-sized crop to the river for shipment. They have two bobtails and a semi, and when they put all three on the road, they can haul 1,665 bushels at a time.

Trucking grain to the terminal is an important part of the business, and it requires a well-maintained set of trucks. That's where Wilbur Nordstrom fits in. Nordstrom, an Illinois Valley director, is employed by the Marquis Brothers as a truck driver and mechanic.

The family has been farming in the area for a long time.

"We were born farmers," Darrell laughs, "our mother was born more than 85 years ago in the house Donald's living in now, and we don't know how long her folks lived here before she was born, so the family's been here quite a while, all right."

They farm 1,500 acres, two-thirds of which was in corn this year. The rest was in soybeans.

Denny Thromburg is the book-keeper for the operation, and has been working full time since June. A former junior high school math teacher, the sandy-haired Thromburg takes care of the truck scales, does the moisture testing, checks for foreign matter in grains, keeps in radio contact with the trucks, and handles the office side of the operation.