

Dale King: 4-H'er with a heart

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"We run preventative maintenance on the equipment based on a planning schedule we keep. We perform safety tests to ensure patients' safety. Most of the tests are performed on a monthly basis," he said.

King's schedule is a 40-hour week, Monday through Friday, 7 a.m. until 3:30 p.m. That's the basic week. The nature of the work and King's sense of responsibility make it a 24-hour job. "I'm on call 24 hours," he said. "Some days I am here much later than 3:30.

"I have one class during the daytime and the hospital lets me take off an hour for it. Then I make up the time by working extra," he said.

He carries a class load of seven hours at John Woods and does the CREI studying in what other time he has available.

How did King land his job?

During King's senior year in high school, Mike Sullivan, then the biomedical engineer at Blessing, spoke to seniors at Quincy High. "I was trying to determine which area of electricity and electronics I wanted to enter. Mike told the seniors he was looking for an assistant. I applied and went to work in March of 1975. In June, Mike left the hospital for another job. That's when I became head of the department," King explained.

Before going to work for Blessing, King worked for Richards Electric Motor Co. in Quincy, repairing and rewinding motors and generators.

The study at John Woods and CREI will lead to a bachelor's degree, King said. He then plans to gain certification as a biomedical engineer.

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600 attend 37th Annual Meeting





About three inches of snow blanketed the ground, the temperature hovered around the 35 degree mark, and the sun was shining brightly as members of the Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative bustled into the Mt. Carroll High School gymnasium for their 37th annual meeting on December 4.

While youngsters threw snowballs outdoors and members of the Jacobstown Community Club deftly slapped ham sandwiches together for box lunches to be served at noon, some 600 of the cooperative's members listened to reports given by their officers.

They heard Manager Charles Youtzy tell of the cooperative's unprecedented growth during the last year, and learned that three incumbent directors had been reelected by members who had mailed in their ballots.

Victor Ricke, a 15-year veteran of the board, was reelected, as was Gotthilf "Gus" Haas, also a 15-year man, and Richard Patterson, a relative newcomer who has served three years. Ricke is a motel operator; the others are farmers.

"Our system is good," Youtzy told his audience, "and we have plenty of capacity, but we don't have any idea of how we're going to get power in the future. It used to take three years to get a generating plant on line; now it takes 10, if you're lucky. Sometimes you can't get it at all."

Youtzy expressed concern for the future, saying, "By 1980, if we don't get more generating capacity, it will be like it was back in 1942 and 1943

when we had to shut off power in one area so farmers in another area could have enough electricity to do their chores, then switch on the next line so those people could work, and so on. If you can't put the power into your line, your consumers can't take it out.

"We haven't changed our rates for some time now," the manager related, "but our Fuel Adjustment Clause has gone up several times, and we have had to pass that increased cost on to the consumer. It looks as if costs will continue to go up. We don't know where it's going to stop.

Treasurer Haas told the members that the cooperative spent \$724,104 for wholesale power in 1975 to buy nearly 39 million kilowatt-hours of electricity, almost half a million more than last year. In discussing the financial operations of the cooperative, he said its total tax bill came to just over \$101,000.

"We paid \$13,523 in property taxes, almost \$2,000 in fuel taxes for our motor vehicles, almost \$750 in gross revenue tax, and \$9,800 for sales taxes on line materials, office supplies and so on. And," he concluded, "we paid just over \$13,000 in social security taxes."

At a reorganizational meeting, the board of directors-reelected Vernon Law of Savanna as president; Patterson, vice president; Richard Janssen of Chadwick, secretary; and Haas, treasurer.

Musical entertainment was provided by the Glen Law Orchestra and by Bob Thomas, who played the banjo.

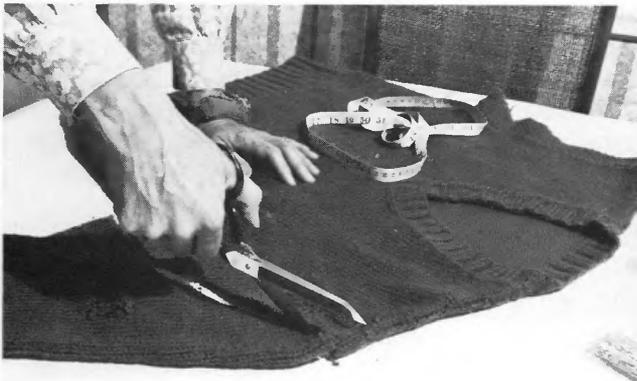


Opposite page, clockwise from upper left: Visiting with friends. Lunch is served. Members of the Jacobstown Community Club made the lunches for the event. Secretary Richard Janssen speaks. This page, clockwise from upper left: Treasurer Gotthilf "Gus" Haas reports. The newly reelected directors, sitting from left, Richard Patterson, Haas and Victor Ricke; Manager Charles Youtzy is standing behind them. Manager Youtzy gives his report.

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If jeans become too short, but the fabric is good, create a fashionable jeans skirt. Open inner leg seams, lay front and back flat, measure length of wearer, cut off bottom of pant legs and use to fill in the triangles created when you lay the garment flat. With some topstitching, the skirt is ready for wearing.



Except for the bad hole in the sleeve, this sweater is in good condition. Cut the worn sleeves off leaving about 1½ inches of sleeve. Finish the cut edge by adding a zigzag hem. Turn the 1½-inch portion inside and tack loosely into place, making it a sweater vest.

