

*Dave Curry demonstrates the fireplace shade. Curry and a friend teamed to develop the device, designed to seal off a fireplace and prevent the possibility of sparks causing a fire and keep heat from escaping up the chimney when the fireplace is not in use.*

# Unique shade designed to save energy



**A** Corn Belt Electric Cooperative member and a friend have developed a unique energy-saving device designed to cut back on fireplace heat loss. It is the fireplace shade, a product much like a window shade, except that it is engineered to tolerate temperatures up to 700 degrees fahrenheit, the two inventors say.

The fireplace shade is the work of Corn Belt member Dave Curry of Bloomington and Duane Kunz of Morton. Kunz had the idea and Curry—who is president of the Fireplace and Patio Center, a firm which markets fireplace and patio products in several central Illinois cities—had the marketing know-how.

Using the same principle as a window shade, it provides a barrier between the smoldering fire and the room, thereby eliminating the hazard of shooting sparks and reducing heat

loss at night, Curry points out. The fireplace shade installs invisibly in most fireplaces and is less expensive than glass doors.

With Kunz providing the engineering and Curry the marketing knowledge, the two established Flame-Tech Inc. to arrange for manufacturing and marketing. Soon they had lined up distributors in 30 states and in Canada.

“How many times have you enjoyed a fire in the evening, only to retire before the fire is completely out?” Curry asks. “You’re faced with having to either put the fire out, or simply put the screen over the front and go to bed. That allows the fireplace to exhaust much of the heated room air to the outside during the night,” he says.

“With the fireplace shade, you can simply draw it down before retiring; the fire dies out, and heat loss from

the room is effectively eliminated.”

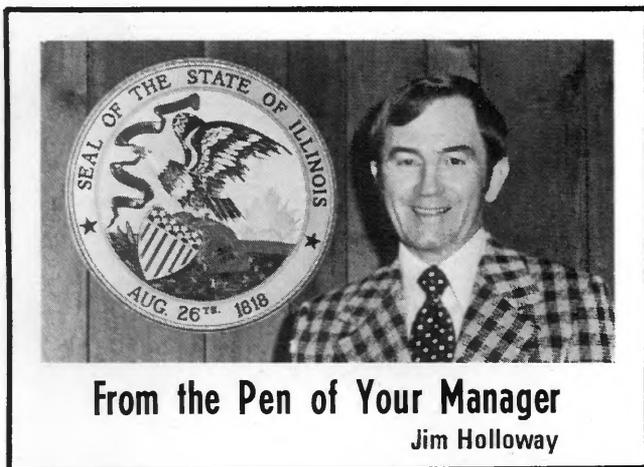
“It received a great response at the Chicago Hardware Show this past fall,” Curry adds.

Curry says that November was the first full production month with output of 7,000 shades per week. “We think its the hoola hoop of fireplace products.”

Retailing for under \$60, depending upon fireplace size, the shade is available through many fireplace product dealers throughout Illinois.

Sales “boomed” too soon, Curry says. Television commercial spots were given to stations during October for viewing in November. Curry said he was watching the baseball world series one day in October, when a commercial for his fireplace shade appeared. Calls and orders came in before they could fill them. “We really got caught off guard,” he says, “but we’ve recovered pretty well now.”

# Egyptian Messenger



**From the Pen of Your Manager**  
Jim Holloway

It seems like just yesterday that I wrote my first column for the "Egyptian Messenger." That was January of 1977. Since then another year has come and gone. I would say that your cooperative has fared well during the past year. In next month's column I plan to make a detailed report on the condition of *your business* as of the year end, December 31.

At times I get the feeling that I am working at cross purposes endeavoring to hold retail rates down on the one hand, and at the same time, generate sufficient revenues to maintain a solvent position for the cooperative. I'll have more to say on this next month.

During November and December we had several expensive outages. Any time we have an outage it's an inconvenience to you. Occasionally the outage is due to something we have done, or for that matter, haven't done; and for this we apologize, however, ordinarily this is not the case.

Most of the outages are man made and not due to lightning, wind or precipitation, although these too are a problem. More frequently the outage is caused by someone running off the road and knocking down a pole, which in turn causes related damage to the system. This of course is accidental, and as such is understandable.

Problem area number two revolves around dropping trees and limbs through the line, getting equipment, such as grain augers and boom trucks, tangled in the line and having plows and discs pulling up guy wires, all of which results in an outage. This type of outage is also accidental and is expected to happen in due course of time.

The expensive and time-consuming outages we have recently experienced, however, were not accidental. They

were man made and deliberately perpetrated. Cause of the trouble—shot insulators.

As the hunting season approaches, we can be assured that this type outage will occur. There is little or no defense to this type of vandalism, nor is there much that we can do to prevent it. Generally, it takes place in a remote area and out of view of any possible bystander. The first we know of it is when our maintenance man or construction crew finds the broken insulator. Usually, where you find one broken insulator, you can look for at least a half-dozen more. We presently have a tie line completely out of service with the entire line shot out. This type of damage is hard to find and time consuming, thereby extending the time of the outage. As I've said before, it's certainly an inconvenience to you. To compound the trouble, if it happens to be a cracked insulator, it is almost impossible to find until the next rain storm.

Conservatively, the past two months have cost us thousands of dollars in lost time and equipment, not to mention the aggravation and headaches it has caused you.

#### Advance notice of annual meeting

For those of you who like to plan ahead, I would call to your attention that the *40th Annual Membership Meeting* will be held this year in the new Murphysboro High School Cafeteria and Theatre area, at 7:30 p.m., on Friday evening, April 28. You're invited and we hope you attend.

In completing this column, let me once again say to you... as your manager, our door is always open to each of you. If at any time you have a problem with which we can be of assistance, all you need to do is call or come by the office. I can always be reached at the office by calling 965-3434. If I'm not there at the time you call, my office has communication with me by radio. If you will leave your name and phone number, I will return the call as soon as possible. After hours, holidays and weekends, I can generally be reached at home by calling 443-3128.

As we start a new year together, let me say that we have appreciated your cooperation and understanding in the past and will endeavor to give you the best of our abilities in the months to come.

We appreciate the privilege of serving you.

#### NOTICE OF CLOSING

Office will be closed Monday, February 13,  
for observance of Lincoln's Birthday and Monday,  
February 20, for observance of Washington's birthday

# Watts News at Egyptian!

## Meet Your Administrative Personnel



Bertha Krull



Tim Reeves

The October issue of the "Egyptian Messenger" pictured the ladies directly involved in the Billing Department. We received some comment on this article as it contained suggestions that the ladies thought might be helpful to the members.

One young lady, however, was asked the question, "Are you not working at the cooperative? I didn't see your picture in the last newsletter." Aha! This was another news item and one to be handled separately. It is that Bertha Krull is Assistant to the Manager.

Bertha and her parents, the late Mr. and Mrs. Otto Krull of rural Sparta, were members on the line for several years. So Bertha knows the cooperative service as a member, as well as an employee. It was after her father passed away that she and her mother built a new home at 332 West Main Street in Sparta, where she still resides. She commutes each day from Sparta to the headquarter's office in Steeleville.

Bertha started working at the cooperative April 1, 1953. Prior to that time she was employed at the Randolph County Farm Bureau and had served as an assistant to a dentist, Dr. H. H. Heitman of Sparta.

Upon being hired at Egyptian Electric Cooperative, she served members for several years as the office attendant, handling radio and telephone calls as well as receiving payments of electric bills at the counter. Due to the growth in membership throughout the cooperative's territory, the need for a full-time secretary to the manager and office manager developed and Bertha was named to that position.

Her years of experience and whole-hearted cooperation along with punctual attendance and faithful concern for the cooperative's program was recognized. When James D. Holloway became General Manager of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, the first thing that he did was to name Bertha Krull his Administrative Assistant. He knew that he could depend on her to assist him and serve the cooperative to the best of her ability, which she does well.

Bertha's activities other than the office duties are centered at Trinity United Presbyterian Church of Sparta. She formerly served as a deaconess and is presently Treasurer of the Bible School Department and a faithful

While we are on the subject, another person should be introduced to you at this time. Tim Reeves has not been with us nearly as long as Bertha Krull; however, he was born and reared in the rural electric program.

"Tim," as he is nicknamed, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. T. Reeves of Dongola. His father, "Tom," as we call him, has been manager of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative of Dongola for many years and he still serves in that capacity. Tom also serves on the Board of Directors of the generating and transmission plant, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative of Marion.

As a graduate of Dongola High School, Tim attended the Shawnee Junior College two years and Southern Illinois University at Carbondale two years. He was hired at Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association (EECA) in April of 1974, working in the warehouse, and since September of 1976, as staking engineer out of the Murphysboro office. He was named Administrative Trainee and began his duties as such on September 19, 1977, dividing his time between the Steeleville and Murphysboro offices.

Tim and his wife, the former Carol Irlam, reside in DeSoto. Tim is a member of the SIU Alumni and Ducks Unlimited. Duck-hunting and fishing are his favorite hobbies.

You will be hearing about young Tim Reeves as he prepares for his future in the rural electrification program at EECA. It is a pleasure to have such a qualified young man, with a rural electrification background, working with us. Tim has a pleasant personality, just like his dad and mom, and we know that he will make friends in the service area.

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member of the Chancel Choir.

Her hobbies are crossword puzzles and a pet poodle, named Bridget.

So, to the members out there in our reading audience, "Yes, Bertha Krull is very much at work at the cooperative. She is Assistant to the manager and that covers a multitude of responsibilities." As of April 1, she will have completed 25 years of service. Bertha is the first woman employee at Egyptian Electric Cooperative with this length of service.



## White retirement ends longest electric cooperative career

*Manford White, who recently retired as office manager of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative, Auburn, earned a special place in electric cooperative history when he completed his 40th year as an employee in August.*

**W**hen Manford R. White, long-time office manager of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative (RECC), Auburn, retired last month, it marked the end of a career in rural electrification longer than that of any other electric cooperative employee in the state.

A veteran of over 40 years (he went to work for RECC on August 4, 1937), White began as a bookkeeper and later became office manager. He started to work the day the first RECC lines were energized.

A native of Pawnee, Illinois, he was graduated from Pawnee High School in 1930 and worked in the Pawnee post office and at an automotive wholesale house in Springfield for a short time before going to work for the cooperative.

"When I started work," White recalls, "Charles Masters, the project superintendent, and the late Merle B. 'Stormy' Ray were the only other full-time employees working in the office. Elizabeth Roncz was a part-time office worker, and she came to work full time when she graduated from high school the following spring. Our office was in Divernon then.

"Ray left after a couple of weeks,

and R. D. (Bud) Wilson, who had worked with the contractor who built the system, took his place. He worked for the cooperative until he retired a few years ago."

The cooperative has changed considerably since those days, he says. In 1937, the cooperative had one substation feeding 134 miles of line, and there were 395 consumers on that line.

"We had that one substation for a long time, until about 1946," he says, "and we were faced with some pretty critical voltage situations. Now, we have 1,253 miles of line serving 4,550 consumers."

Many prospective members were reluctant to sign up because of the stiff \$5 membership fee, and the \$3.25 monthly minimum frightened some prospects, too. There was no meter deposit in those days, and the monthly minimum paid for 40 kilowatt-hours of electricity. Some wondered if they would use that much.

"We were a little surprised," White relates, "because we had a pretty good load right from the start. Of course, everybody had lights, and many had electric ranges and water heaters. Of

course, the ladies had their washing machines, too."

Farming was different then than it is now, he remarks, and that most farms were more diversified. Many had a few cows and cream separators were a fair part of the load, since many farmers sold milk or separated their milk and sold the cream. Most farms had a couple of hogs, a few chickens and a garden, too. In fact, the chicken brooder load was a fairly regular thing in the spring. People would order baby chicks by mail, the mailman would deliver them, and they'd take it from there with the brooders.

Now there are fewer farms and they are much larger than the farms of the 1930's and most are specialized operations.

"People ask me once in a while what some of the highlights have been," White says, "and the biggest highlight I can think of is the growth of the system over the years. In 1937, not even the most imaginative person would have predicted that the cooperative would reach its present size or that the monthly kwh consumption would ever exceed 1,000 kwh per  
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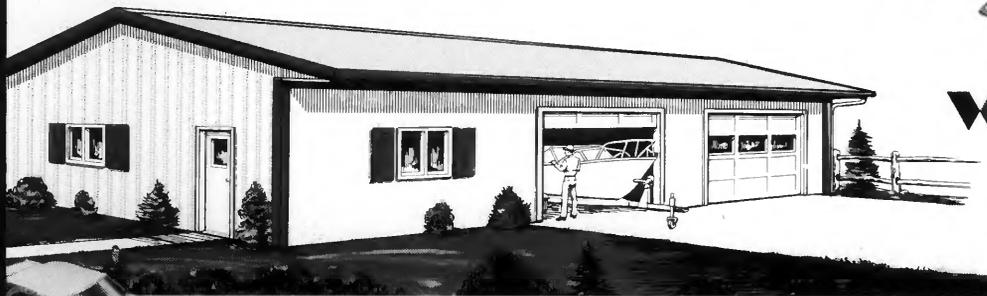
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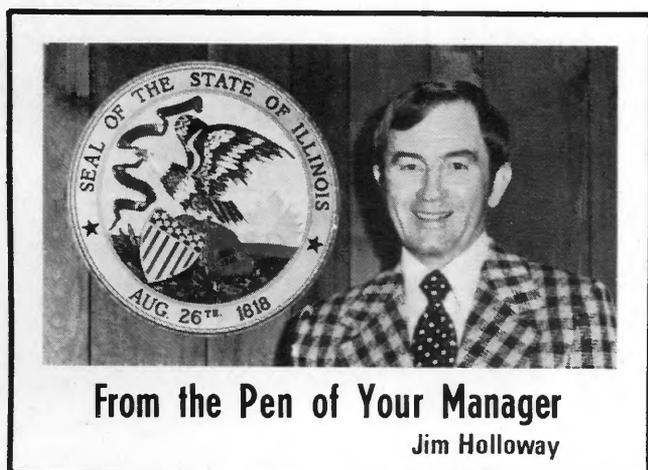
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# Egyptian Messenger



In writing this column (on 1/16/78), which will appear in the February issue of the *Illinois Rural Electric News*, I would be remiss if I didn't mention the death of Hubert Humphrey. It was my privilege to have personally known the Senator for many years.

Senator Humphrey was always a friend of the rural electric program. You could always count on his unselfish support. His untimely death was best expressed by President Carter, when he said in his eulogy, "Although the presidency had eluded Hubert Humphrey, he was probably more deserving than most of the men who had occupied the oval office." Indeed, we have seen the passing of a great man, a statesman, and humanitarian whose mark on the public scene has made an indelible impression.

#### YEAR-END REPORT

The year 1977 has come to a close and we are presently in the process of putting together our year-end financial and statistical reports (subject to audit).

Just to give you an idea of this year's business, I have made a comparison of 1977 and 1976.

In 1977 Egyptian Electric purchased 152 million kilowatt-hours (KWH) for a total cost of \$2,663,610. This represents an increase of 12.5 percent, or 17 million additional KWH purchased in 1977, compared to 1976.

In considering this increase, I'd like to bring two things to your attention:

- Your business is again experiencing an accelerated growth.
- Part of this year's increased usage relates to last winter's unseasonably cold weather.

The average cost per KWH in 1977, from our power suppliers, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative and Citizens

Electric, was 17.524 mills. This represents an increase of 1,407 mills over last year's (1976) average cost of 16.117 mills.

The electric revenue for 1977 totaled \$4,677,381, compared to \$4,057,970 for 1976. This 15.3-percent increase in revenue represents total electric sales for 1977 and includes the months of October, November, and December, which reflect the rate increase.

The average revenue received per KWH in 1977 was 3.30 cents, compared to 3.25 cents for 1976.

#### GOOD FINANCIAL SHAPE

Getting away from the heavy figures and on a little lighter side, I'm happy to report to you that all our bills are paid, including some hefty ones, such as insurance and retirement programs, principal and interest payments, and our power bills through the month of December.

Your board has made two advance quarterly payments, one to the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) amounting to approximately \$250,000, plus an advance payment to the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) for capital-term certificates in the amount of \$100,000.

In the judgment of your board, it's good financial planning to be a payment or two ahead in today's economy, in the event that our costs would be relatively higher than anticipated.

As year-end figures go, I'm sure that you will note that Egyptian has tightened its belt. Today, full-time employees number 48, down from an all-time high of 61 in 1973/74.

I think you will agree with me that your board of directors should be commended for providing you with reliable, dependable service at one of the lowest retail rates enjoyed by any group of electric consumers in the state of Illinois.

#### ANNUAL MEETING

Once again I extend to you an invitation to attend your 40th *Annual Meeting*, Friday evening, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Murphysboro High School's new building complex, which is located north of Carruthers School and the Jackson County Nursing Home. I hope you join us in taking part in the annual membership meeting of *your business*.

#### NOTICE OF CLOSING

Offices will be closed Monday, February 20, for observance of Washington's Birthday; Friday, March 24, for observance of Good Friday, and Monday, May 29, for observance of Memorial Day.

## Southern Illinois Materials Handling Show

Equipment dealers and manufacturers are reserving exhibit spaces for the 17th annual three-day Southern Illinois Farm Materials Handling Show February 28 and March 1-2 in the Washington County Fairgrounds at Nashville.

Our Member Service Director, John Kober, is show exhibits chairman. John says that a wide variety of farm and farmstead mechanization and automating equipment will be on display. Included will be feed mixing, grinding, handling and storing equipment; machinery and setups for feeding, watering, and managing livestock; electrical equipment and controls; lighting, heating or cooling, appliances and shop supplies for the farmstead, and many other items and ideas to save labor and increase efficiency on the farm. Most exhibits will be in heated buildings at the fairgrounds, which is just east of Highway 127, at the south edge of Nashville. Outside spaces will be used for large equipment displays.

Kober has assisted, one way or another, in this show ever since his being employed at EECA on August 1, 1963. The past two years, he has served as chairman of the exhibits committee. This involves a great deal of planning and communications, as well as attending meetings with the chairmen of other committees.

The show has grown in size and popularity continuously since a small beginning 17 years ago. It is sponsored by power suppliers of the region, the Illinois Farm Electrification Council, the Cooperative Extension Service of the University of Illinois College of Agriculture, the Southern Illinois University at Carbondale School of Agriculture.

William Symon, Southern Illinois University at Carbondale farm mechanization specialist, is the planning committee coordinator of the show.

We urge you to attend, for these gentlemen have spent conscientious hours to have a wide variety of the best farm and farmstead mechanization and automating equipment available.

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Essays for EECA's "Youth-To-Washington, D.C., Contest" are due Monday, March 13, at the Steeleville office.

The cooperative is sponsoring a junior from each high school in Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association's service area to Springfield for "Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day," Wednesday, April 26, and two juniors to Washington, D.C., the week of June 10-17 for the *Illinois Youth-To-Washington, D.C., tour*.

## Congratulations!

We extend our congratulations to the 1977 award winners in *4-H electricity*.

On the state level, electric jackets were won by Russell Greer of R. 1, Pinckneyville, for Perry County, and Paul Braun of Steeleville for Randolph County.

The *4-H award trip to Chicago*, November 16-18, 1977, was won by Jeanne Bigham of R. 1, Vergennes, Helen Obernagel of R. 2, New Athens, and Dale Winter of R. 1, Pinckneyville.

Randall Craig of Sparta and Russell Greer of R. 1, Pinckneyville, were the county winners of EECA'S 4-H award. Each year EECA recognizes and presents an electrical gift to 4-H members, who exhibited the best electric project at each county show day. Craig was the winner in Randolph County and Greer was the winner in Perry County. Director of Member Services John Kober presented the awards at the county achievement meetings.

The "Best decorated rural mailbox" was at EECA location 11-20-2. We congratulate members Mr. and Mrs. Norman Cox of Baldwin, who entered the Randolph County Young Farmers Contest and won it.

## Sympathy

Directors, employees and members of the cooperative were saddened by the deaths of two retired employees—Custodian Ed Kranz of Steeleville, who passed away Friday, February 13, at the St. Ann's Nursing Home in Chester, and Maintenance Lineman Heber Dailey of Murphysboro, who passed away January 7.

Ed was 76 years of age and Heber was 60.

We extend our sincere sympathy to both families. Darwin Dailey, son of Mrs. Heber Dailey and the late Mr. Dailey, is an employee of EECA in the Steeleville office.

C. V. (Vic) Swanson-

# Well into his fifth decade as rural electrification leader

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copper allocations," Swanson recalled. "We told him what our problem was. We told him of the production on the farms. We told him we were going to use electricity to produce more food," he added.

"The man told us he thought that if the power companies received sufficient supplies of copper wire, all would be well. I think the man was innocent in that belief," Swanson said.

The meeting seemed to be for nothing. As the group was leaving the bureaucrat's office, Swanson noticed a photograph on the wall showing a huge copper mine near Salt Lake City, Utah. "I knew the manager of that mine," Swanson smiled. "I just turned around and told him I knew Garrison. He was impressed."

"So instead of us going out the door, we turned and went back in and talked some more. The next day, we went by the REA offices and they told us, 'We don't know what you did yesterday, but you did it,' meaning we had convinced the man to allocate copper wire to the cooperatives."

"We had convinced him that copper

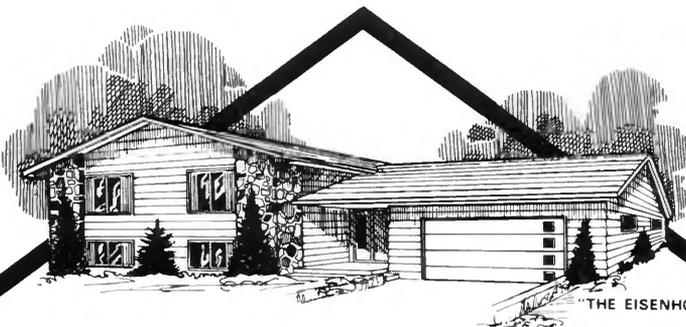
wire was essential to food production," Swanson added.

Swanson has served three times as Illini board president, and was elected vice president and secretary-treasurer. He was elected to every Farm Bureau office, including a term as president in 1954.

For nine years, Swanson served as vice president of the Illinois Statewide Power Cooperative.

He was an organizer of several Champaign County agriculture organizations, including the Champaign Production Credit Association, Soybean Marketing Association, Champaign County Livestock Association and Champaign County Service Company.

He and his wife, Agnes, live in retirement on their Maple Grove farm near Ludlow.



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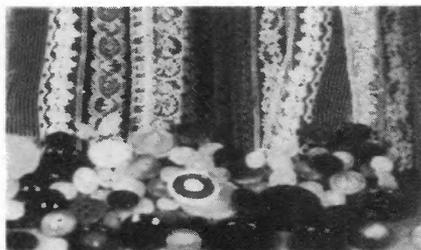
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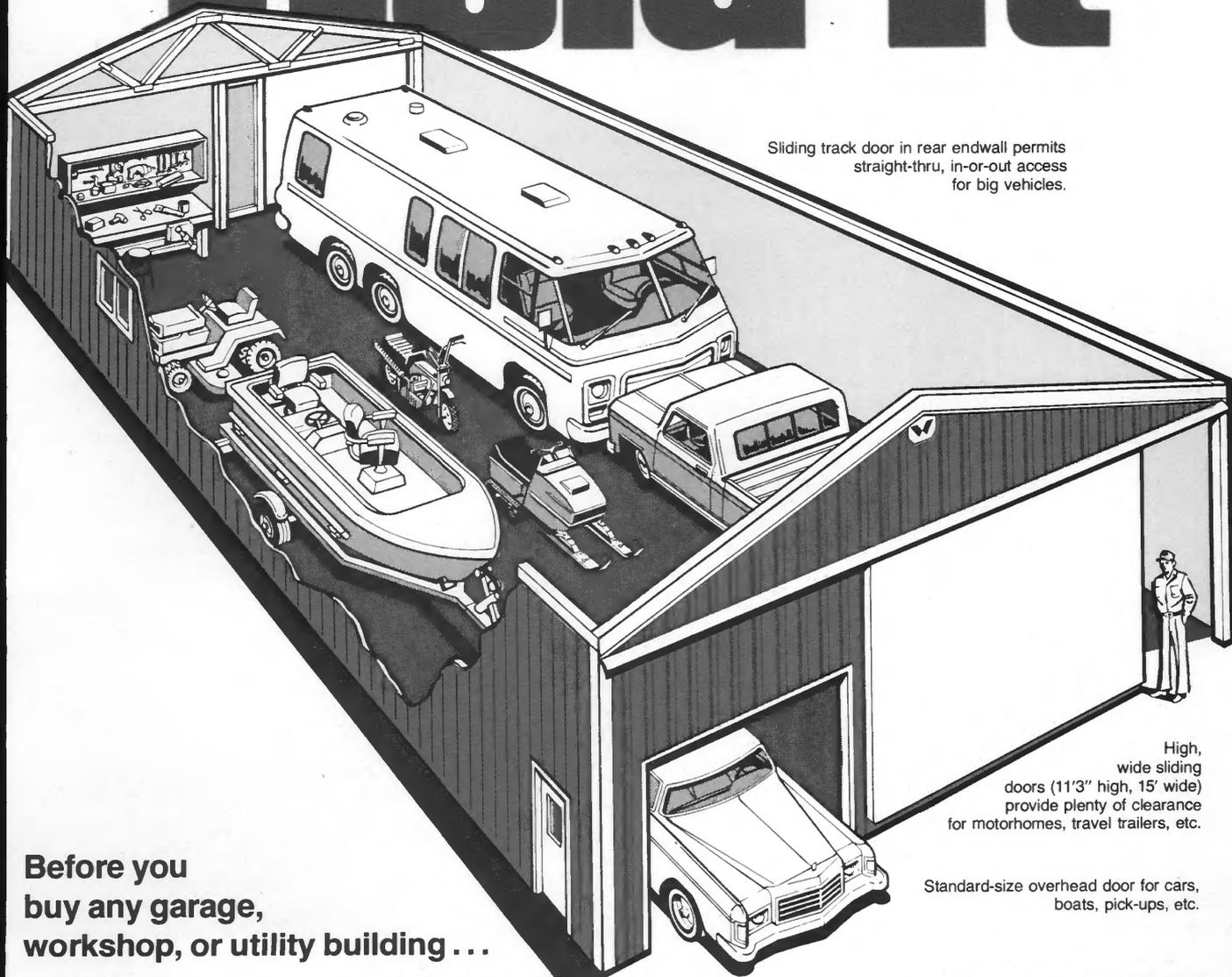
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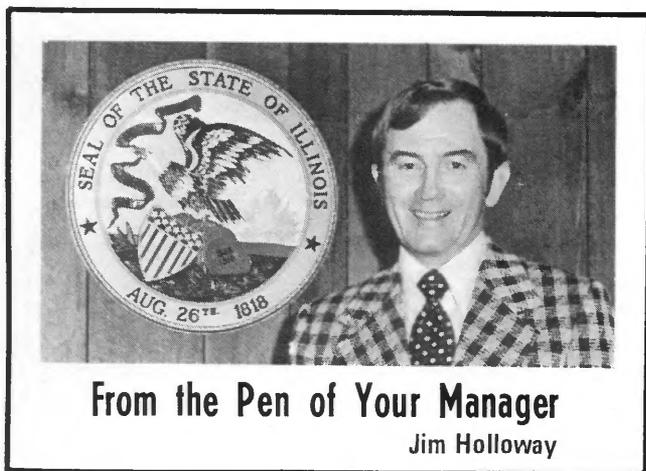
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# Egyptian Messenger



We at Egyptian Electric have just experienced one of the closest calls, *disaster-wise*, in our cooperative's forty-year history. Late Sunday night, February 12, and early Monday morning, February 13, it literally rained ice throughout our system, particularly north of Sparta. When conditions are just right and ice begins to form there is just no defense, except to ready equipment and wait.

Although we had a considerable amount of line down and a number of customers out of service, we were indeed fortunate and considered ourselves having lucked out! If the storm would have lasted a couple of hours longer and the wind would have been blowing, we could have been knee deep in wire.

Several of our neighboring systems, Southwestern Electric Cooperative at Greenville, Clinton County Electric at Breese and M.J.M. at Carlinville, were not so fortunate.

During emergencies such as this, all personnel are called out and are on the job. Merle Fuhrhop, our office manager, received the first calls and arrived at the office shortly after midnight. He dispatched the first construction crew and trouble shooters, and at the same time kept your manager and line superintendent informed. By 1:30 a.m. all of us knew we had serious trouble. When I arrived at the Steeleville headquarters at approximately 2 a.m., I found the power off, our radio system out, and the telephone system impaired. Illinois Power Company was also

experiencing icing problems and part of Steeleville was out of power.

Through the ingenuity of our office manager, a portable generator was put in service and radio communications were re-established. With limited facilities we were back in business. After many hours of locating the trouble and rebuilding, power was restored to the last of our customers at approximately 5 p.m. Monday evening.

I think that it is important that I point out to you that when emergency conditions exist, all personnel needed are called in and are on the job restoring service as fast as possible.

Our linemen, trouble shooters, truck drivers and related personnel, with the line superintendent, system engineer, and office personnel, work continuously around the clock until every last service is restored.

Your employees are to be commended for their dedication to duty, and the members, too, are to be recognized for their support and assistance in reporting the trouble.

#### COAL SHORTAGE

At this writing the coal strike has not been settled and our seemingly ample supply of coal at our generating plant at Marion is beginning to disappear. We all hope that an agreement will be reached soon and production back to normal. If the strike continues beyond this week, (February 20), I'm sure that Egyptian, along with others, will be curtailing service by the end of the month. Let's hope that this, too, shall pass without causing too many hardships and inconveniences.

#### 40TH ANNUAL MEETING

This issue contains advance notice of your 40th annual meeting. Please make plans to attend. We are holding this year's annual meeting in Murphysboro to recognize our incorporation in Jackson County 40 years ago. Egyptian Electric's official designation with the Rural Electrification Administration is "Illinois 34 Jackson."

We have invited a number of guests from the Murphysboro area, Attorney Bill Wolff, (Egyptian's attorney at the time of incorporation), Mayor Bowers, along with other city, county and state officials. We would like to make our 40th annual meeting a meaningful and memorable occasion.

**NOTICE OF OFFICE CLOSINGS:** Offices will be closed Good Friday, March 24, and Tuesday, May 30, in observance of Memorial Day.

# Announcing Your Electric Cooperative's Annual Meeting!

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Friday, April 28, 1978 7:30 P.M.

## NEW MURPHYSBORO HIGH SCHOOL

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## Mark Your Calendar Now!

**April Issue of Illinois Rural Electric News Will Contain the Official Notice of Annual Meeting**

Annual meeting is the one thing that distinguishes your electric cooperative from any other electric supplier. You, as a member and consumer, have the opportunity and obligation to attend and take an active role in the future of your business.

We cannot rest on past laurels. Our work is not done. It is a continuing task. The nation's acute economic ills, inflation, recession, unemployment, high interest rates, taxes, etc., add new burdens and frustrations upon rural electric systems. However, the rural electric members have faced difficult problems since the cooperative's very beginning 40 years ago. Some of those problems were just as critical then, as some problems are today.

The challenges of the past three or four years have opened up new channels for a better tomorrow in Rural Electrification, provided that plans for the future can be crystalized into sound programs and management.

A growing population, the need for increased productivity, the need for reducing unemployment and maintaining a good living standard, all suggest increased consumption of electric power.

Fortunately for us, we are indeed living in a good area of the country. We do not have to rely on imports as a basis for supplying energy needs. Unfortunately, increased reliance on imports, as experienced in other parts of the country, is a disruption to every one's economy.

One of our greatest energy needs is the *conservation* of energy. Using it sparingly when we need it and learning to take advantage of the "off-peak-time" will be a tremendous help to your system's demand.

Other than cost increase, our area has not been adversely affected by the

energy crunch. Not only have we been spared the inconvenience experienced by other parts of the country, but we have been fortunate that service interruptions have been few and short.

To keep abreast with the changing times, your board of directors has found it necessary to recommend, at this year's annual meeting, several changes in the cooperative's bylaws. The executive committee of your board is presently completing its review and the recommended changes will be published next month.

We wish to call to the attention of our members the provisions for the annual meeting as contained in the bylaws of the association.

No member may hold more than one membership in the cooperative. No membership in the cooperative shall be transferable, except as provided in the bylaws. True, you may have several meters in service, even at different locations, but there is only one membership certificate per member.

Since 1946, three directors have been either elected or reelected, by the members at the annual meeting. A nominating committee is appointed not less than thirty days nor more than sixty days before the date of the annual meeting at which time directors are to be elected. The nominating committee, of not less than five nor more than eleven members, is selected to give equitable representation on the committee according to the geographical areas served by the cooperative. This committee meets at least twenty days before the annual meeting and prepares a list of nominations for directors. The list is posted on the doors of both the Steeleville and Murphysboro offices and is contained in your *Official*

### *Notice of Annual Meeting.*

The bylaws also provide that any 15 members or more may make other nominations in writing over their signatures, not less than 15 days prior to the meeting, and the secretary shall post the nominating petition in the same manner as those of the nominating committee. In addition, nominations may be made from the floor, prior to the election of directors, during the business meeting.

In order to qualify, a candidate must be able to represent the membership on an impartial basis; be willing to promote and safeguard the interest of the cooperative, and be faithful in attending regularly-scheduled monthly board meetings.

Electric cooperative directors should be ever mindful of their duties and the objectives of the cooperative, which have remained the same since its origin—to make electric energy available to members at the lowest possible cost, consistent with sound economy and good management, and not to operate for pecuniary profit, either to itself or to its members.

This means a director is looking after your interest, holding the cooperative in trust so that it will provide dependable electric service for the benefit of all.

It also means that your cooperative needs an *active, interested membership* in order to have a *well-functioning board* and *good management*. Vital elements of a successful cooperative are its members, its board, effective management and productive employees.

We sincerely hope that you will attend this year's annual meeting, Friday evening, April 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the new Murphysboro High School Cafeteria and Theatre area.

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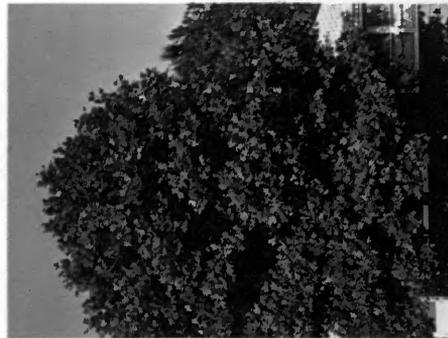
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A yellow and orange combination. Former patent no. 824



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## OFFICIAL NOTICE

# Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association 40th Annual Meeting

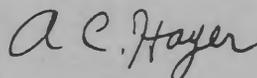
### *This Is Your Official Notice of Annual Meeting*

To Be Held Friday,  
April 28, 1978, at 7:30 p.m.,  
New Murphysboro High School  
Cafeteria and Theatre Area

New High School is located West,  
off Business Route 13.

### *Action Will Be Taken on the Following Matters:*

1. Report on the number of members present, in order to determine the existence of a quorum.
2. Reading of the notice of the meeting and proof of due publication or mailing thereof, or the waiver or waivers of notice of the meeting, as the case may be.
3. Reading of unapproved minutes of previous meeting of the members and the taking of necessary action thereon.
4. Consideration of bylaw changes, as printed on pages 16b and 16c.
5. Presentation and consideration of reports of officers, trustees and committees.
6. Election of board members
7. Unfinished business
8. New Business
9. Adjournment



A. C. Hayer, Secretary  
Board of Directors  
Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association

### *Bylaws to Be Voted On*

Members of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association will be asked to vote on proposed bylaw amendments when they meet for the Cooperative's 40th annual membership meeting to be held at Murphysboro, Illinois on April 28.

The proposed bylaw amendments would:

- eliminate the \$5.00 membership fee.
- eliminate the membership certificate as signed by the President of the Cooperative and attested to by the Secretary.
- provide that the member be permitted to furnish auxiliary generation to his premise within certain rules and regulations concerning safety.
- change posting of the nominating committee report to at least 30 days prior to the meeting, and extend the time for making nominations in writing to not less than 25 days prior to the meeting.
- add the additional offices of Executive Vice President and Assistant Secretary to the corporate structure.
- eliminate obsolete language.

The present bylaws and proposed changes have been printed side by side for comparison and evaluation. (see following pages) Language to be deleted is underscored with a solid line. Language to be inserted is underscored with a broken line.

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# Present Bylaws

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## ARTICLE I MEMBERSHIP

**SECTION 1. Requirements for Membership** Any person, firm, association, corporation, or body politic or subdivision thereof will become a member of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association (hereinafter called the "Cooperative") upon receipt of electric service from the Cooperative, provided that he or it has first:

- (a) . . . . .
- (b) . . . . .
- (c) . . . . .
- (d) Paid the membership fee hereinafter specified.

**SECTION 2. Membership Certificates.** Membership in the Cooperative shall be evidenced by a membership certificate which shall be in such form and shall contain such provisions as shall be determined by the board. Such certificate shall be signed by the President and by the Secretary of the Cooperative and the corporate seal shall be affixed thereto. No membership certificate shall be issued for less than the membership fee fixed in these bylaws, nor until such membership fee has been fully paid for. In case a certificate is lost, destroyed or mutilated a new certificate may be issued therefor upon such uniform terms and indemnity to the Cooperative as the board may prescribe.

**SECTION 4. Conversion of Membership.** (a) A membership may be converted to a joint membership upon the written request of the holder thereof and the agreement by such holder and his or her spouse to comply with the articles of incorporation, bylaws and rules and regulations adopted by the board. The outstanding membership certificate shall be surrendered, and shall be reissued by the cooperative in such manner as shall indicate the changed membership status.

(b) Upon the death of either spouse who is a party to the joint membership, such membership shall be held solely by the survivor. The outstanding membership certificate shall be surrendered, and shall be reissued in such manner as shall indicate the changed membership status, provided, however, that the estate of the deceased shall not be released from any debts due the Cooperative.

**SECTION 5. Membership Fees.** The membership fee shall be five dollars, upon the payment of which a member shall be eligible for one service connection.

**SECTION 6. Purchase of Electric Energy.** Each member shall, as soon as electric energy shall be available, purchase from the Cooperative all electric energy on the premises specified in his application for membership, and shall pay therefor at rates which shall from time to time be fixed by the board

It is expressly understood that amounts paid for electric energy in excess of the cost of service are furnished by members as capital and each member shall be credited with the capital so furnished as provided in these bylaws. Each member shall pay to the Cooperative such minimum amount regardless of the amount of electric energy consumed, as shall be fixed by the board from time to time. Each member shall also pay all amounts owed by him to the Cooperative as and when the same shall

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become due and payable. Payment for electric energy shall include, for each member, a subscription to any publication of the Cooperative and to the Illinois Rural Electric News or its successor publication published by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

**SECTION 7. Termination of Membership.** (b) Upon the withdrawal, death, cessation of existence or expulsion of a member the membership of such member shall thereupon terminate, and the membership certificate of such member shall be surrendered forthwith to the Cooperative. Termination of membership in any manner shall not release a member or his estate from any debts due the Cooperative.

## ARTICLE II RIGHTS AND LIABILITIES OF MEMBERS

**SECTION 1. Property Interest of Members.** Upon dissolution, after

- (a) . . . . .
- (b) All capital furnished through patronage shall have been retired as provided in these bylaws, the remaining property and assets of the Cooperative shall be distributed among the members and former members in the proportion which the aggregate patronage of each bears to the total patronage of all members during the ten years next preceding the date of the filing of the certificate of dissolution, or, if the Cooperative shall not have been in existence for such period, during the period of its existence.

## ARTICLE III MEETING OF MEMBERS

**SECTION 4. Quorum.** As long as the total number of members does not exceed one thousand (1000), at least fifteen per centum (15%) of the total number present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members, provided at least five per centum (5%) of the total number of members are present in person. In case the total number of members shall exceed one thousand (1000) then at least one hundred fifty (150) of the members present in person shall constitute a quorum for the transaction of business at all meetings of the members. If less than a quorum is present at any meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting from time to time without further notice.

## ARTICLE IV BOARD MEMBERS

**SECTION 2. Qualifications and Tenure.** The persons named as directors in the certificate of incorporation of the Cooperative shall compose the board of directors until the first Annual Meeting, or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. At the Annual Meeting of the Members, beginning with the year 1946, three (3) directors shall be elected by ballot by and from the members to serve for a period of one year or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified; Three Directors shall be elected by ballot by and from the members to serve for a period of two years or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified; and three directors shall be elected by ballot by and from the members to serve for a period of three years or until their successors shall have been elected and shall have qualified. At each Annual Meeting beginning with the year 1947, directors shall

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# President's Invitation

John E. Steele

This is a personal invitation to attend your cooperative's 40th Annual Meeting on Friday, April 28, 1978, at the "New" Murphysboro High School, located off Business Route 13, just north of the Jackson County Nursing Home. The meeting will be held in the cafeteria-theatre area of the new building.

Registration will begin as early as 6:30 p.m. The membership will be divided alphabetically, by last name, so please use the correct alphabetical line, as it speeds registering and keeps the line moving. An attendance gift will be presented to each member registering and only the registered members will qualify for the attendance prizes to be given away by a drawing at the end of the evening's activities. Members who are registered by 7:30 p.m. will qualify for the EARLY BIRD PRIZES.

As President of your Board of Directors, I urge you to attend this important business meeting of your electric cooperative. Having electric power at the flip of a switch is essential to the operations of our homes, farms, businesses, and numerous other needs. This is the opportunity for you to participate in the operation of your rural electric cooperative by attending the Annual Meeting and taking part.

Reports showing the system's financial condition, power supply, services, operations and rates, will be given at the meeting. We will try to make this meeting as informative and enjoyable for you as possible.

## For Your Information:

Your directors represent the members in the cooperative's service territory and are to be commended. Our electric cooperative is organized as a not-for-profit corporation under the statutes of the State of Illinois and is owned by its members. The members annually elect a Board of Directors which is responsible for the effective and successful management of the cooperative.

For your information, the board members nominated for reelection have served on the board of directors for a total of 47 years. Frank Easdale of R. R. 2, Coulterville, has served on the board for 36 years. Archie Hamilton of R. R. 2, Ava, has served nine years and Harold Dycus of 2602 Sunset Drive, Carbondale, has served for two years.

The other directors-at-large and their years of service are Dale Smith, R. R. 1, Cutler, 10 years; John E. Steele, R. R. 1, Campbell Hill, five years; Frank Jacquot, R. R. 1, DeSoto, 22 years; A. C. Hayer, R. R. 3, Sparta, eight years, Kenneth Saul, R. R. 2, Ava, four years and Edward Timpner, R. R. 1, Pinckneyville, 18 years.

There is a need for the membership to consider some bylaw changes to update our cooperative's guidelines and rules as a nonprofit organization, and to keep abreast of the changing times and changing economy. Please read these bylaw changes in this issue of your Annual Meeting Notice.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, let me again extend this invitation to you to come and participate in the business affairs of your *business*. It is our obligation to keep the membership informed, and we pledge our continued efforts to this end. By attending the Annual Meeting on April 28, you can exercise your responsibility as a member.

Thank you.

John E. Steele, President.

## Minutes of the Nominating Committee Meeting

The nominating committee, in compliance with the by-laws of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, met in Steeleville, in the office of the cooperative, on March 16, 1978, at 7:00 p.m., to nominate candidates for the office of director of the cooperative to serve for a three-year term and to be voted upon by the membership of the cooperative in its annual meeting to be held on April 28, 1978, in the Murphysboro High School.

Mr. William I. Hemann was duly selected as chairman of the committee, and attorney Paul H. Nehrt was selected as secretary of the meeting.

The chairman requested the secretary to read the minutes of last year's nominating committee meeting.

The chairman instructed the committee that one or more nominations could be made by the committee and placed on the ballot.

Mr. Hemann nominated Mr. Harold Dycus of Carbondale, Ill.

Mr. Koehn nominated Mr. Archie Hamilton of Ava, Ill.

Mr. Kelley nominated Mr. Frank Easdale of Coulterville, Ill.

It was moved by Mr. Boyd, seconded by Mr. Mohr, that the nominations be closed and that the above members be duly selected as nominees and their names placed on the ballot to be voted upon in the annual membership meeting on April 28, 1978. Motion carried.

There being no further business, motion was duly made and seconded that the meeting be adjourned. Motion carried.

*William I. Hemann*  
Chairman

*Clyde B. Boyd*  
*Raymond Lemcke*  
*Earl E. Parker*  
*Harold Kelley*

*Robert D. Bigham*  
*Russell E. Mohr*  
*David Jager*

### Nominations by Petition

Pursuant to Article IV, Board Members, Section 3, Nominations, of the Bylaws of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, the following candidates for the office of Director have been nominated by Petition:

- Jerry Booth, R. R. 5, Marion, Ill. 62959
- Dr. Paul Lorenz, 3108 W. Kent, Carbondale, Ill. 62901

## Restoration completed

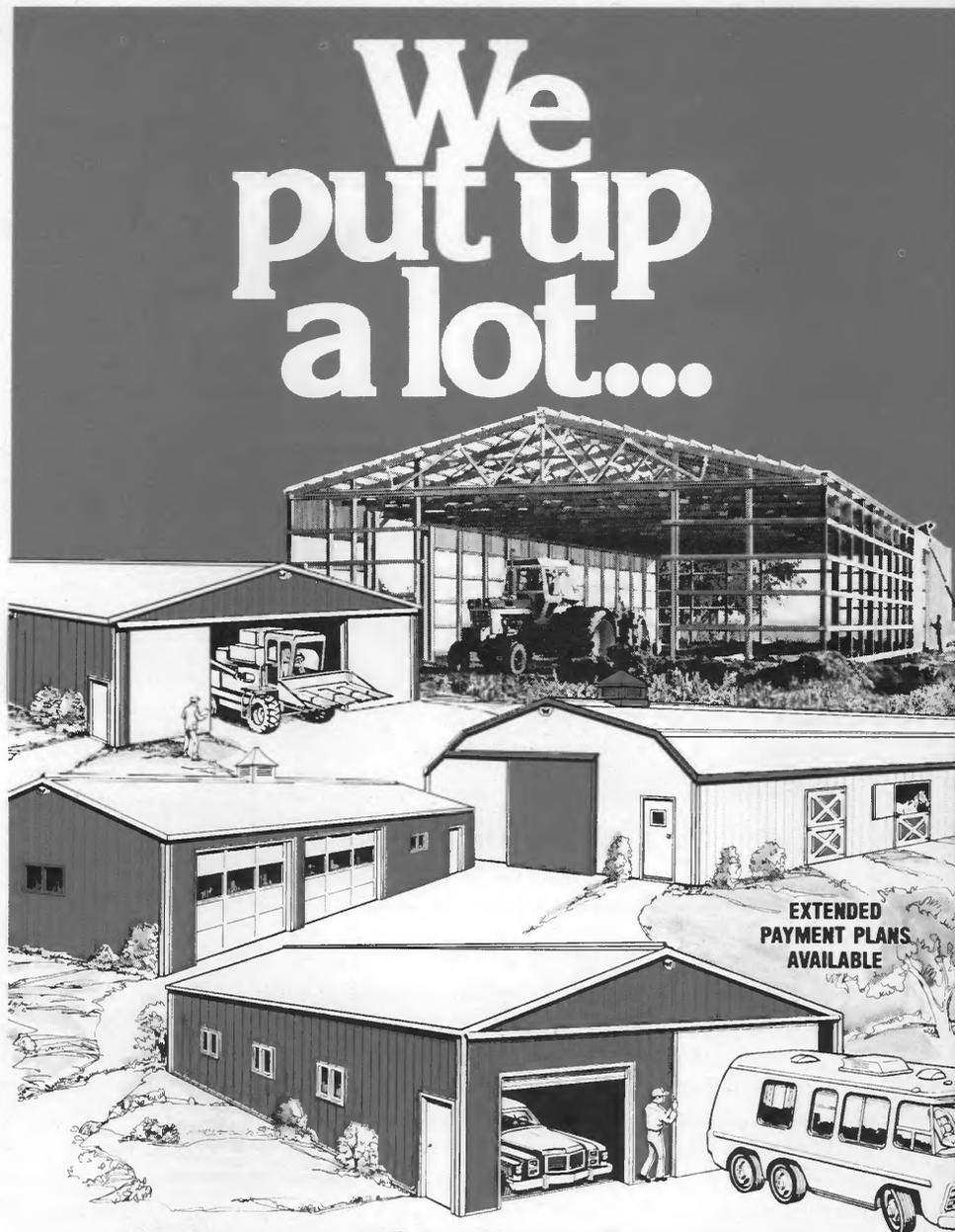
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Franklin, in Illinois Rural Electric Co. territory. Illinois Rural, a cooperative with one of the most widespread service areas in the state, was also one of the hardest hit.

"The lines started going down," Campbell relates, "and the tree by the driveway fell, breaking the wires leading to our house. I started out to see about getting a generator, but there were poles across the roads and I couldn't get out." He finally did get out, though, and bought a generator. Until then, they pumped water from an old well, using a hand pump.

"We didn't have trouble keeping warm," Campbell said, "because our cookstove has four gas burners and four wood or coal burners. I just cut up the limbs that had broken under the ice and burned them. We used coal oil lamps for light until we got the generator."

The Campbells live near the end of the line and were without electricity for 20 days.



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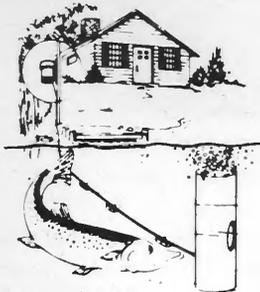
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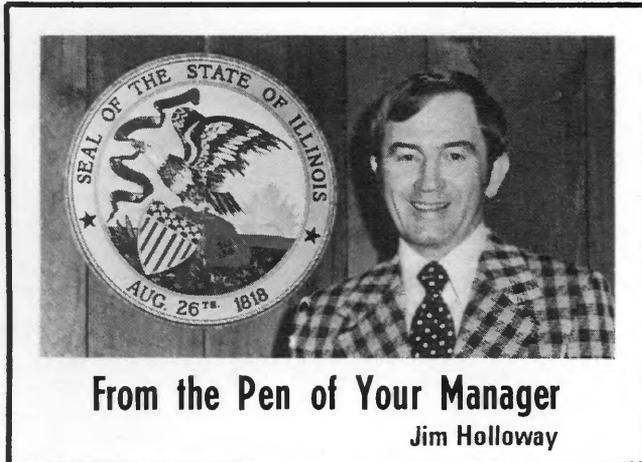
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# Egyptian Messenger



For this month's column, as I did last year, I am taking the liberty to convey my remarks as printed in the annual meeting program.

"We should probably remember this past year more for what *didn't* happen than what *did* happen.

Although your cooperative experienced a rate increase in October, it was in no way proportionate to the various rate increases experienced by others. Egyptian Electric is presently providing you service at a rate which is less than what most cooperatives are paying for power. This is due in total to having our generating facilities, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, which is located at Marion.

Your cooperative came through this past winter with no more than average power interruptions due to seasonal storms, snow and ice. I just received a preliminary report of damage from the 11 central Illinois cooperatives who have just begun to get back on their feet from the Good Friday ice storm. The total damage is presently in excess of \$38,590,000. This is money they will have to borrow and pay back at present day interest rates. In some cases, it amounts to more debt than the original system cost. We can certainly be thankful the ice missed us.

Southern Illinois Power Cooperative came through the coal strike, which lasted at least 30 days longer than anyone would have expected, without having to ask their distribution cooperatives to reduce loads or curtail service. Again, we can be thankful this didn't happen.

We are presently in the process of determining our additional cost stemming from the coal strike. Additional costs have been incurred by the burning of thousands of

gallons of oil, additional maintenance on the boilers which will be necessary from the burning of carbon and poor quality coal, additional labor from manually operating the plant, and the outright purchase of power from other utilities through our interconnected system which, at times, was in excess of five cents per kilowatt-hour. We hope, and I say again...hope, that we can defer passing on these additional costs until we adjust rates next October.

I'd like to stress to you now that if your board determines that we can defer and carry over these additional costs, our rate increase next October will be higher than anticipated, had we not had the long coal strike.

All in all, we are indeed fortunate. As members and consumers of Egyptian Electric, you enjoy one of the lowest retail rates in the State of Illinois. I hope you will agree with me that your service is good, if not second to none, and although we know that we will probably never again see cheap abundant energy, I think I can assure you, on behalf of your board of directors, that your cooperative can, and will, remain in a highly competitive position with our neighboring cooperatives and other electric suppliers. You have our assurance that our rates will not be a fraction of a mill higher than necessary to cover our cost of service.

The management and employees of your cooperative, with the assistance of your board, have progressively been going through the operation and trimming out the fat where found. Basically, through the process of attrition, we have reduced full-time employment from an all-time high of 61 in 1973-74 to the present 47. This could only be done by the remaining employees absorbing and assuming a greater degree of responsibility and resourcefulness. To this end, the board and employees should be commended.

This past year was another year of unseasonable weather. Kilowatt-hour consumption again showed a substantial increase over last year...141-million kilowatt-hours consumed, as compared to slightly less than 125-million in 1976. Our average cost per kilowatt-hour was 17.524 mills in 1977, as compared to 16.117 in 1976.

Your cooperative enjoyed a good year with operating margins of over \$272,000 as compared to last year's net margins of \$224,000, after depreciation.

Our bills are paid, including some hefty ones, such as insurance and retirement programs, principal and interest payments, and power bills through the month of March. Your board has made two advance quarterly payments to



Loraine Rehmus

## Loraine Rehmus Resigns

Loraine Rehmus, Sales and Service Secretary, resigned on March 31, 1978, after almost eight years of employment with Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association.

On August 31, 1970, Loraine began her secretarial duties with the cooperative in the Member Service Department, working with John Kober and Virginia Frazier. She handled the merchandising accounts and reports and assisted in many other responsibilities in other departments.

As the wife of the Reverend Walter E. Rehmus, who is pastor at St. Mark Evangelical Lutheran Church in Steeleville, Loraine is an honorary member of three ladies organizations of the church and takes part in most of their activities.

the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) amounting to approximately \$250,000, plus an advance payment to the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) for capital term certificates in the amount of \$100,000. I hope you will agree with us that it is good financial planning to be a payment or two ahead in today's economy.

I wish to take this opportunity to personally thank each member of the board, our attorneys, Paul Nehrt and Bill Ridgeway, and Jack Heller and Charlie Clark, with the firm of Teele, Heller & Wetzels, for their invaluable assistance during this past year.

I would also like to thank our membership, our customers, if you will, for your loyal support and

## Semifinalists in Youth Program

Six high school juniors represented their community high schools and the service territory of Egyptian Electric Cooperative at the "Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day" Wednesday, April 26, in Springfield.

These young people were invited to attend as the semifinalists in the annual "Youth-to-Washington, D.C." contest, which is coordinated by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in Springfield.

Each junior submitted an essay of 1,000 words or less on the subject "Energy Conservation and Changing Life Styles."

Students qualifying for the one-day trip and the school they represented are Andrew Saporoschenko, son of Mykola and Theresa Saporoschenko of

Carbondale; Bonnie Mueller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Mueller of R. R. 2, Chester; Alan Waldecker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Waldecker of Coulterville; Bonnie Marie Pick, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Pick of R. R. 2, Pinckneyville; Joni Stork, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold L. Stork of R. R. 1, Evansville, the winner from Sparta High School; and Laura Mueller, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold E. Mueller of Steeleville.

The semifinalists will be vying for two trips to Washington, D.C., June 10-17. The two winners to Washington will be announced upon the completion of the quiz that each will take.

Walter and Loraine are the parents of seven children: Paul of Honolulu, Hawaii; Marilyn Shaw of Temple Terrace, Florida; and Judith Snieg of Cedarburg, Thomas of Lombard, John of Carol Stream, Daniel of Winfield, and Nancy of Joliet, all in Illinois. They also have eight grandchildren.

Loraine is a handicrafts enthusiast. Lately she has been enjoying ceramics, making many lovely pieces for her children and grandchildren. Her plans are to visit her children and friends

and enjoy them and life each day, as she and the Pastor can find the time to do so.

The girls at the office honored Loraine with a noon-time luncheon on her last workday, and she received a gift from the employees with whom she was associated.

On behalf of the EECA members and employees alike, we express to Loraine our appreciation for her contribution to the operation of the cooperative and say "May God Bless."

cooperation. Let us continue in the spirit of working together for the common good of all, as we start our 41st year in business.

If at any time you have a question relative to service, rates, or just general information concerning your cooperative, please do not hesitate to call, write or, better yet, drop by the office. Our doors are always open and we will do our best to accommodate you."

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**NOTICE OF CLOSING: Office will be closed Tuesday, May 30, and Tuesday, July 4, 1978.**

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# Power supply, increasing costs are primary cooperative concerns

Availability of electric power and the many factors which increase its cost for the consumer were the main concerns expressed by representatives of Illinois electric cooperatives during recent public hearings conducted to help cooperatives across the country continue to meet the growing power requirements of their members.

Reporting before the Power Supply Study Committee of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) in public hearings during April in Atlanta were Donald B. Bringman, Executive Vice President and General Manager of Western Illinois Power Cooperative (WIPCO), Jacksonville; Roger C. Lentz, General Manager of Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Eldorado, and Secretary-Treasurer of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, Marion; Walter R. Smith, Executive Vice President and General Manager, Illini

Electric Cooperative of Champaign and President of Soyland Power Cooperative, Decatur, and James H. Eddleman of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield. Dennis L. Tachick, Manager, Eastern Illinois Power Cooperative, Paxton, attended the committee's hearing in Minneapolis. Atlanta and Minneapolis were among six cities in which the hearings were conducted.

Statements presented revealed the many common problems shared by electric utilities throughout the nation, whether they be investor-owned public utilities, municipal electric systems, public power districts or agencies or electric cooperatives. Increases in the cost of fuel to generate electricity and inflationary construction costs are felt

by every electric utility and their consumers, regardless of their organizational structure. The most recent and costly contributor has been the myriad of federal and state environmental laws and regulations.

Bringman's presentation called the committee's attention to problems related to environmental constraints.

He said, "For an entirely too long period of time, power systems have been in the impossible situation of constructing new facilities and retrofitting existing ones without sufficient knowledge of the environmental requirements which would be imposed on such facilities. This has led, and will lead, to the construction of certain facilities that are unnecessary, obsolete at an early date or incompatible with current and future technology."

Bringman urged that the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), Federal Energy Regulatory Commission (FERC) and all other related regulatory agencies be pressed

Federal agencies urged to develop definitive rules, regulations, forecasts and proposals.

for definitive rules, regulations, forecasts and proposals so that concrete conclusions and recommendations can be made to power supply systems in the area of environmentally stable construction and operation.

WIPCO is acquiring a 9.5-percent ownership in the Illinois Power Company (IP) nuclear power station near Clinton.

Lentz called for the federal government to adopt the NRECA policy relating to a national power grid system. He said energy legislation before Congress touches on the

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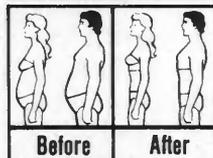
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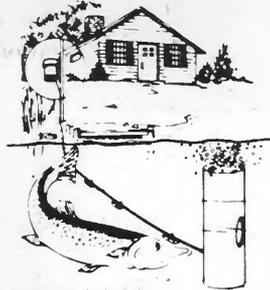
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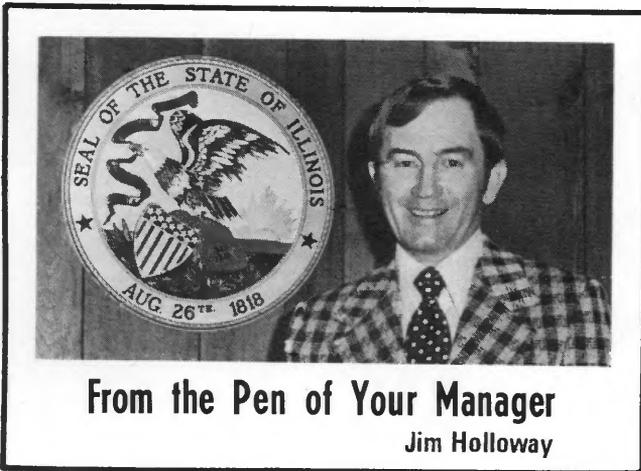
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# Egyptian Messenger



The long, cold winter is behind us. The annual meeting is over. Our construction crews are well into the summer building program. Our maintenance men are trimming trees along the lines and cutting grass at the substations. Time marches on, and although it's hard to believe, we're halfway through 1978.

I recently attended, along with members of your board, a number of cooperative meetings relative to power cost, inflation and retail rates.

Quite frankly, the outlook among the vast majority of electric suppliers is gloomy at best. Just this morning, I received a copy of the second rate increase (since the first of the year) from one of our neighboring cooperatives. Their minimum bill is eight dollars a month, for which they receive no kilowatt-hours. Their rate is in excess of six cents a kilowatt-hour for the first 500, and in excess of four cents per kilowatt-hour for all over 500. Added to this is the five-percent utility tax and any fuel adjustment passed on to the cooperative higher than that of the June bill. How does that compare with our present rate? It's almost double! Although we will experience a rate increase, effective in October, we do not anticipate anything close to the above described rate.

As I have said before, our position and ability to provide electric service at one of the lowest retail rates in Illinois is in direct proportion to having our own generating and transmission facility, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, located at Marion.

Your representatives on the board at Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, along with board members from Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, are presently putting together,

in detail, the information needed on which we will base our wholesale power cost for the coming year. (Our year runs October through September, on an annual basis.)

When this information has been developed and becomes available to our board here at Egyptian, we will then have the basis for determining our future rate increase. With this information, your board of directors will then consult with our bankers, the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) and National Rural Electric Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), along with our auditor and consulting engineer.

I have been asked, by some of our consumers, just how much of a rate increase do we anticipate. To this question I would not hazard a guess. However, I will go on record to this extent. *Whatever the rate increase, it will be no higher than that actually needed to operate your business in a sound and efficient manner. I feel relatively certain that the members of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association will continue to enjoy one of the lowest retail electric rates in the state of Illinois.*



Dale A. Smith

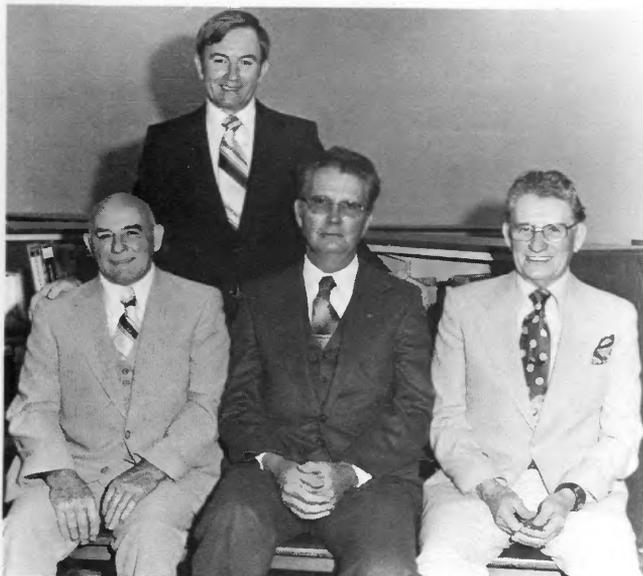
## Congratulations

Director Dale A. Smith of Cutler was reelected president of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative at Marion March 30 during the annual meeting of the generation and transmission cooperative. We are proud to have him, again, represent Egyptian Electric Cooperative on the SIPC Board. We congratulate him on being reelected president.



## E.E.C.A. Directors Elected at Annual Meeting

Directors reelected at the 40th annual meeting of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association April 28 were Frank Easdale of Coulterville (left) Harold Dycus of Carbondale (center) and Archie Hamilton of Ava (right). Jim Holloway (standing) is Egyptian's General Manager and Executive Vice President.



## Officers of Egyptian Cooperative Board

After the annual meeting the board of directors met and reelected the officers for the ensuing year. They are A. C. Hayer of Sparta (left) secretary-treasurer, John E. Steele of Campbell Hill (center) president, and Kenneth Saul of Ava (right) vice president.

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Manager Jim Holloway and Attorney Bill Ridgeway look on as Mayor Mike Bowers (center) signs the official franchise with the City of Murphysboro. Assistant City Clerk Phyllis Gottlieb (seated left) also signed the franchise.

## Historic Ties

Highlighting the 40th anniversary meeting and emphasizing historic ties to the City of Murphysboro, cooperative and city officials took the occasion to officially execute a franchise instrument authorizing the cooperative to continue to serve those areas which it was serving at the time of annexation. On behalf of the City of Murphysboro, the official franchise instrument was signed by Mayor Mike Bowers, Assistant City Clerk Phyllis Gottlieb and Attorney Tom Jones.

## Employees Recognized for Years of Service

Miss Bertha Krull of Sparta, assistant to the manager of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, was recognized for 25 years of service at the 40th annual membership meeting, held Friday, April 28.

Manager Jim Holloway presented a wrist watch to her in appreciation of the many years she has worked at the cooperative. Bertha started at EECA on April 1, 1953, as the office attendant.

## Fuhrhop and Schupbach Complete 30 Years

Having received watches five years ago, upon the completion of their 25 years of service, Office Manager Merle Fuhrhop and Bookkeeper Earl Schupbach were introduced and recognized for completing 30 years of service. Fuhrhop resides in Steeleville and Schupbach resides in Evansville.

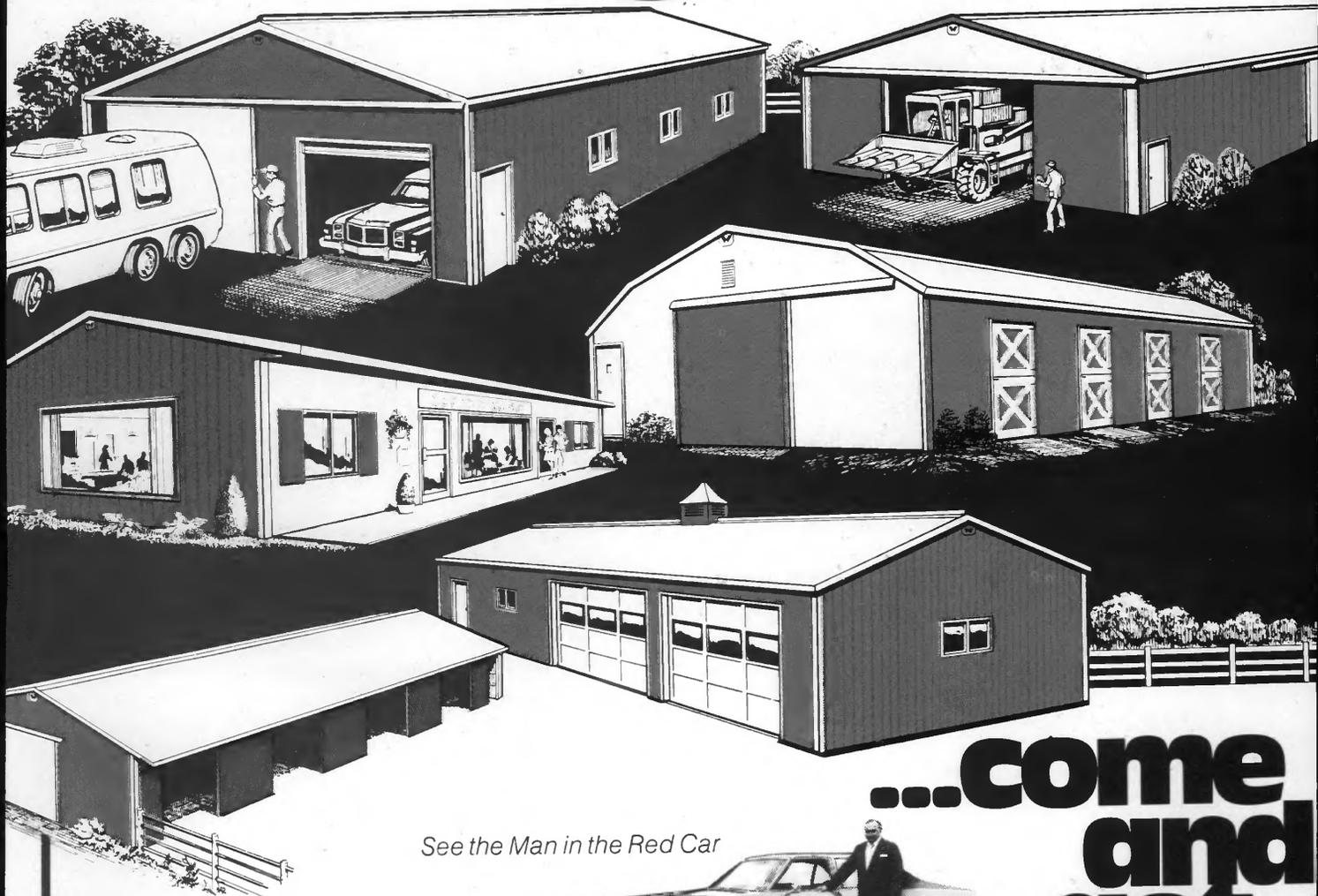
# 'Youth Day' attracts 185

*The record number of young people who participated in this year's "Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day" April 26 visited, among several sites, the Lincoln Home (right) where a long line of high school students representing Illinois electric cooperatives waited for guided tours, and the Governor's Mansion (below), where they toured the State Dining Room, which featured chandeliers and candelabra made of rare Waterford glass.*



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# Egyptian Messenger



**From the Pen of Your Manager**  
Jim Holloway

This column that you are reading has to be prepared a month in advance, due to publishing time and mailing. The writer runs a risk of discussing a situation or condition with you that could be outdated by the time you read it. I'll just have to take that chance with this month's-column.

It's sure been *quiet*, here at the cooperative. In fact it has been so quiet I have found myself checking out our two-day radio system in the company car and at home. Don't take me wrong, I'm not complaining. When it's quiet in the utility business everything is running smoothly—no storms, lightning, wind or rain. The rain, however, we can certainly use.

There is always one exception to the rule. Night prowlers in the substations can create problems. The prowlers that I am talking about are either four-legged or have no legs at all.

With the coming of spring, various birds begin to build their nests in the super structure of our substations. As they lay their eggs and hatch their young, they attract snakes and coons. The coons go after the eggs and the snakes go after the birds. It goes without saying, you know what happens when Mr. Coon gets one foot on a ground and another foot on 69,000 volts. There's generally an arc and "out" goes the high side fuses along with *your service*.

The same thing is true when Mr. Snake crawls up one wire and his tail touches the other. "ZZST." There goes Mr. Snake and again your service. Birds carrying fresh weeds can do the same thing and last, but not least, the squirrel, who likes to walk the tight rope of your service wires.

The industry has given a lot of thought as to how to keep these predators out. We have tried hanging plastic owls with reflective eyes in the substation to keep the birds out.

We've also placed plastic snakes in various locations to keep the birds from building nests. We've tried various types of scents to discourage their appearance.

Although we have had some degree of success, our efforts have not proven to be one-hundred percent effective. Those of you who have witnessed unusual outages during the beautiful weather now have some idea of what might have been the cause.

I hope that writing a column with reference to the good weather and lack of trouble doesn't bring on severe weather and damaging storms. Rain, yes, we need it, but wind and lightning we can do without.



## Washington, D.C. Tour Winners

Bonnie Marie Pick and Andrew Saporoschenko are the winners in the "Youth-to-Washington, D.C." program.

Bonnie, daughter of Theodore and Edith Pick of R. R. 2, Pinckneyville is the winner "on-the-service-line" of EECA. Andrew, son of Mykola and Theresa Saporoschenko of 1520 Taylor Drive, Carbondale, is the winner "off-of-the-service line."

High school juniors competing for the two trips wrote an essay on "Energy Conservation and Changing Life Styles," and took a short quiz on April 21 at the Steeleville office.

Andrew and Bonnie joined other Illinois winners at Springfield, June 10, to depart by bus for the capital city.

**NOTICE OF CLOSING:** Offices will be closed Monday, September 4 for observance of Labor Day, Friday, November 10, for observance of Veterans Day, Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, for observance of Thanksgiving Day, December 25, for observance of Christmas Day, and January 1, 1979 for observance of New Year's Day.

## Our Heritage and Challenge

We as a nation have a great heritage. In our cooperative territory we are blessed with some of the most fertile land in the world and beautiful scenic areas. We have industry, agriculture and business. It is our *heritage* and we are responsible for continued growth and development.

We have many challenges. We feel we are attacked on many fronts. Economy, frustration and lack of confidence plague us. However, if we take a few minutes to consider what we really have, the advantages far outweigh the disadvantages.

We must have faith and confidence in our leaders, as long as they are deserving. We must have faith and work toward solutions of our frustrations. We are all vitally interested in food, energy and the cost of living. Everyone is involved. Answers will be found to solve these problems and we have this challenge before us. If we all work together, providing food and energy will fall in place.

Farsighted pioneers that made rural electrification possible, have left us a heritage which has proved itself, Your cooperative must grow to serve the increasing electrical energy requirements, as rural areas develop, farmers use more energy, homes are built and business and industry continue to develop in our rural area. So, the job is not done! More expansion, heavier construction and new power connections require more construction and additional investments. **THIS IS YOUR COOPERATIVE'S CHALLENGE—TO PROVIDE THE BEST POSSIBLE ELECTRIC SERVICE AT THE LOWEST POSSIBLE COST.**

It is a heritage that we have been blessed with and we certainly do not want to be without it. Its future is a challenge to your Board of Directors and Manager, as well as to the individual consumer, who is finding ways to conserve and lower his cost to the minimum so that he can justifiably use all he needs.

As America completed another year of history, on July 4, we are thankful for our heritage and look forward to the challenges of the future.

JULY 1978

## A New Flag for the Cooperative

There comes a time in the life of most every flag, that it must be replaced. Our old faithful four-foot by six-foot flag served us well, but the weather took its toll.

Now a beautiful new "Old Glory" waves in the wind to all passersby. It is



made of durable nylon and it is five-foot by eight-foot in size.

Beneath the flag is our cooperative Willie Wiredhand sign, which originally had been placed very close to the office building.

Strong winds and storms had caused the large sign to sway and eventually loosen itself to the point that heavy sized ropes were used to anchor it tightly, until it could be moved. No one would appreciate a huge sign falling on a car parked in front of the office. So, it was moved to avoid damage to property and to provide a safer mooring.

We think it looks nicer in the front lawn. It certainly can be seen better, especially at night, since it is lighted with flood lights.

As this article is being written, the lawn and shrubbery are looking very neat. We hope you appreciate the lawn and entrance to the cooperative. Where the care of property is concerned, we like to feel that we are a good citizen in the community.

## Statement of Nondiscrimination

"Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder, to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and participation in any

meetings of beneficiaries and participants or the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operations of this organization.

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# Business is the berries

The wiry, suntanned man strolls through the strawberry patch, puffing on a pipe and visiting with the pickers. "How're you doin'?" he asks one, who turns a slightly sunburned face up to reply. "Not too bad, not too good. This isn't a good year for berries, like last year was. It's a little spotty, but we're gettin' some good ones anyway."

Lloyd Sanders, the pipe smoker, indicates a row that is liberally peppered with ripe berries. "Try over here," he suggests, "it looks real good."

Sanders and his wife operate a small

pick-them-yourself strawberry farm northwest of Berryville, in Norris Electric Cooperative's territory. The picker, in this instance, was Steve Rudolphi, who, along with his mother, Helen, and sisters Ann and Mary Sue, had driven some 25 miles to pick berries. They live near Olney, and are but one of many families who drive miles to pick berries at the farm. Many come from Indiana and much of southern Illinois, Sanders remarks. At times, there have been upwards of 800 people picking.

Sanders got into the strawberry business somewhat by accident. For

several years, he farmed and worked for the Richland County schools, then he had to retire for health reasons. Since they had a strawberry garden for their own use and it was a good producer, it seemed logical to expand the patch into a commercial venture, with the consumer doing the work at harvest time.

Still, the Sanderses do plenty of work on the five acres now planted. It takes about ten months of work a year to keep the patch in good condition and the farm is, again, almost a full-time job. Sanders straws the plants in the fall, removes some of the straw in the spring, and spends some of his time resetting plants.

"I use gray geese to keep the weeds out of the berry plants," Sanders says, "and a good goose will do as much work as two people. I take the geese out of the patch early in the spring, before the berries set on the plants. I don't use any chemical sprays or anything like that to control the weeds." (Earlier in the spring, Leroy Wakefield of Norris Electric Cooperative had a chance to see the geese in action when he visited the Sanders place to develop a story for the June issue of Norris Electric News.)

The harvest starts about the last of May or early in June, and lasts about 20 days, but it's not like it was just a few years ago, Sanders says. Then, he had 10 acres in berries, and the quarter-mile driveway was lined with cars parked by pickers going through the fields. "But it just got to be too much for me," he says, "and I've let it get down to about five acres now. It's a lot easier to take care of."



*Strawberries take a lot of babying, and Sanders goes through his field often. In the photo at left, he examines some ripening berries. He keeps the field weed-free with geese, which are taken out to the field before the berries set on the plants.*



Dean Searls



Elwood Oliver

## Adams' Searls receives ASAE Kable Award

Dean L. Searls, Manager, Adams Electrical Co-Operative, Camp Point, has received the 1978 George W. Kable Electrification Award. The award recognizes agriculture engineers for personal and professional contributions in applying electrical energy to the advancement of agriculture through agricultural engineering.

The award was presented by the American Society of Agricultural Engineers (ASAE) during the Society's summer meeting at Utah State University, Logan.

The Kable Award is sponsored by the Food and Energy Council (FEC) and by "Electricity on the Farm" magazine. It is presented annually in honor of George Kable, the magazine's editor from 1937 to 1950.

Searls has worked in the rural electrification field for 39 years, serving for the past 35 as manager of Adams. He is president of the board of the Illinois Farm Electrification Council. In 1973, he was elected to the board of directors of the national Food and Energy Council.

Another Illinoisan, Elwood F. (Woody) Oliver, professor and head of the agricultural engineering processing division, University of Illinois, was elected an ASAE Fellow. Fellows are elected annually by ASAE's board and are chosen for their unusual professional distinction and extraordinary qualifications.

Olver is executive secretary of the Illinois Farm Electrification Council.

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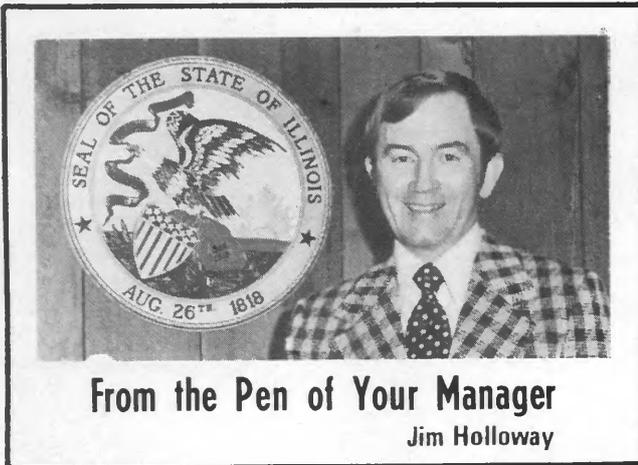
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# Egyptian Messenger



**From the Pen of Your Manager**  
**Jim Holloway**

Forty years ago when Egyptian Electric Cooperative was organized most folks knew about cooperatives and their objectives. It was brought to my attention the other day that possibly many of our present-day members don't realize that they participate in an organization that provides electric service to rural Southern Illinois where years ago electric service was not available. Collectively, the members are providing a service to themselves that was not available on an individual basis. Your cooperative, Egyptian Electric, has an enviable record of supplying electricity to the rural areas.

When people saw the need for electricity, they banded together and organized the cooperative, borrowed money from the Rural Electrification Administration and built a distribution system which has electrified our area.

Our attention today is equally divided between cost and service. Let me briefly discuss with you what your Board of Directors and management have been doing to stay competitive and maintain the lowest possible electric rates.

Your manager is a customer of Illinois Power. According to my last bill, I used 1,242 kilowatt-hours for a total cost of \$56.69, an average of 4.56 cents per kilowatt-hour. Based on Egyptian's rate, 1,242 kilowatt-hours would have cost \$43.79, for a difference of \$12.90.

Our district manager at Murphysboro, Mr. Bob Stein, is a customer of CIPS and according to his last bill he used 566 kilowatt-hours for a total cost of \$38.31, an average cost of 6.76 cents per kilowatt-hour. Again, compared to Egyptian's rate, 566 kilowatt-hours would have cost \$26.08 cents, for a difference of \$12.23.

Our system's average usage per customer during the month of May was 1,411 kilowatt-hours. Readily, you can

see that as the usage increases, the average savings per member is relatively more than the figures I have quoted.

When you consider that your Cooperative has a density of about five customers per mile of line investment, as compared to that of the average public utility with about ten times this amount (50), it makes the difference in rates even more remarkable.

## WHAT MAKES THE DIFFERENCE?

An active, participating membership in conjunction with a responsive Board of Directors setting policy, which in turn is carried out by management with the cooperation of dedicated employees.

I wouldn't have you believe that your cooperative doesn't have its shortcomings and problems; but I do want you to know that we are constantly working at improvement.

With the knowledge that power costs are going to remain on the "up" side, here are some of the things that your Board of Directors and management have done to prepare for these additional costs.

- Full-time employment has been reduced from an all-time high of 61 in 1973-74 to the present 46. This could only be done by the remaining employees absorbing and assuming a greater degree of responsibility and resourcefulness.
- The sales and servicing of appliances have been discontinued. There was a time when this helped build load and was a profitable venture. Today's watchword is CONSERVATION and not necessarily load building. With the cost of labor and transportation at an all-time high, the servicing of appliances became a direct loss, subsidized only through your electric rate.
- Prior authorization pertaining to major purchases and capital improvements are obtained in advance from the Board of Directors and sealed; competitive bids are sent directly to the Chairman of the Board. This is a sound business practice and has produced substantial savings.
- Transportation equipment has been standardized to utilize intermediate-priced equipment. This probably doesn't amount to much, but is within the keeping of holding down cost.
- Newspaper and radio advertising has been discontinued and will only be used to convey timely instructions to our members in case of an emergency.



## Something New Has Been Added

There comes a time when it is wiser and more economical to replace a piece of equipment than to constantly have it under repair and service.

Your electric cooperative recently purchased a new Pitman Polecat (PC-1300) Hydraulic Digger Derrick, mounted on a C700 Ford chassis with an A.B. Chance body. Yes, it's a big truck with a rotating digger boom assembly plus many other features that we won't go into detail regarding them. It has a 41-foot sheave height and a 13,000-pound capacity upper winch installed on the turret. Your cooperative purchased it from Drakes Scruggs Equipment, Inc., Springfield.

### Instant Recognition

The truck's color is the chrome-

yellow basic color for vehicles under the "common identification and instant recognition program," as adopted by Egyptian Electric Cooperative in October of 1974. It has the green and white stripe and the simple trade mark "R.E." on black, green and white.

The colorful "R.E." emblem and striping can be seen for miles and it is recognized as a friendly service vehicle in the area.

The identity color will aid in times of emergencies. It makes it easy for members to find our trucks and lets them know Egyptian's crews are on the job.

In time of disasters, such as tornadoes, floods, and yes, ice storms,

like the one experienced this past winter, RE servicemen will have ready access to the stricken area as rescue people converge on the scene.

The identity program will aid in traffic right-of-way. It's always disturbing for motorists to be detoured by a blocked road or area. But few will complain when they readily recognize a utility vehicle with an important job to do.

We hope that you see the huge piece of equipment which will help to assure you of reliable service. We hope that when you see it and our other trucks, too, that you will associate it with something good, such as service, clean power, progress and your electric cooperative.

## Notice of Closing:

Offices will be closed Monday, September 4, for observance of Labor Day; Friday, November 10, for observance of Veterans Day, Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24, for observance of Thanksgiving; Monday, December 25, for observance of Christmas Day, and Monday, January 1, 1979, for observance of New Year's Day.

- We have discontinued the "Egyptian Messenger" and have replaced it with this column as an insert in the "Illinois Rural Electric News." We take this means of communicating with you and thereby saving the cost of printing and mailing a separate publication.

- With interest rates at an all-time high, cash-flow management has become an important part of our daily

business. Properly handled, this can mean thousands of dollars in savings to the cooperative.

I could go on and I'm quite sure that there are a few other things to be considered. However, adding it all up—the bottom line reads like this—*Your cost of electric service* is one of the lowest, because you are both directly and indirectly a participant in a cooperative organization, that by its own nature is responsive.



The water intake is a key element in the water delivery system of the fireboat. Duncan, left, watches as Thompson checks for obstructions, while Behling, in the yellow outfit, looks on.

## First by land; now by water

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hoses can be moved from the boat to a four-wheel-drive vehicle. Such capability is especially useful in the winter, in case the boat is frozen in place at the dock.

Seper and Thompson, as are all the residents along the lake, are members of Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, headquartered in Eldorado. Southeastern receives electric power from the SIPC plant.

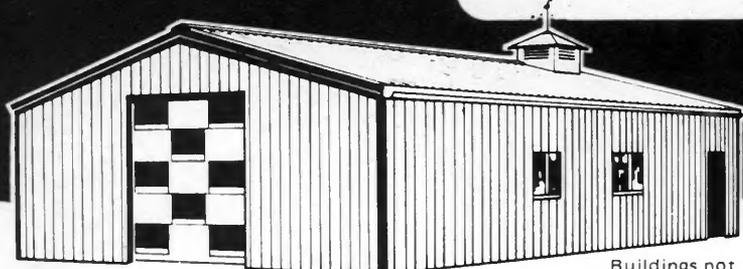
Thompson is past president of the Lake of Egypt Property Owners Association. John Ford is the current president.

The volunteer fire department draws its primary support from the property owners association, Thompson points out. The association contributes half of each member's \$10 annual dues to the fire department. This contribution, along with money raised by the ladies auxiliary of the fire department, provides the funds necessary for the department to obtain matching federal assistance. About 17 men are active in the department at the present time, three years after its start. Henry Basco, acting chief when Seper was out of state this summer, says they need about 24 to adequately cover the lake. (One truck is located at Pharaoh's Gardens area on the lake, and the other at Eagle Point Bay.) "We need more volunteers," Basco says.

Communication is a key element in making the fire department effective. Thompson explains that all locations on the lake are assigned a location code. Calls for assistance go straight into the Marion Fire Department, then the message is relayed back to the volunteers by paging devices. Ten firemen carry the paging units. A return call to Marion pinpoints the fire location.

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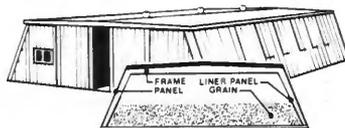
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**SOYLAND CLINTON PARTNERSHIP**

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megawatts (mw) of power from the Clinton station in 1982, another 100 mw in 1986 from a joint coal-fired venture and completion of Soyland's own plant in 1987.

Following the officers' reports, 30 persons were elected to represent the 15 cooperatives of Soyland's board of Directors. Chosen were: Stanley N. Huffman, Flora, and William L. Stanford, Flora, Clay Electric Co-operative; Robert W. Vander Pluym, Breese, and Irvin W. Wessel, Centralia, Clinton County Electric Cooperative; William D. Champion, Gays, and C. E. Ferguson, Mattoon, Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative; G. V. Beer, Bloomington, and Frank L. Simpson, Farmer City, Corn Belt Electric Cooperative; G. N. Hodge, Milford, and Dennis L. Tachick, Paxton, Eastern Illinois Power Cooperative; Maurice Johnson, Paris, and Byron G. McCoy, Paris, Edgar Electric Co-operative Association; Edgar G. Arnn, Geneseo, and Paul Mallinson, Geneseo, Farmers Mutual Electric Company; James F. Beatty, Philo, and Walter R. Smith, Champaign, Illini Electric Cooperative; Roy E. Horton, Princeton, and M. M. Jontz, Princeton, Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative; Robert E. Pendell, Macomb, and Lyndall Pigg, Bushnell, McDonough Power Cooperative; Joseph Fellin, Waterloo, and Preston Mosbacher, Prairie du Rocher, Monroe County Electric Co-Operative; L. Eugene Boldt, Stewardson, and William E. LeCrone, Shelbyville, Shelby Electric Cooperative; Jack A. Compton, Greenville, and Donald F. Sanders, Ramsey, Southwestern Electric Cooperative; D. E. Hanes, Mt. Vernon, and Allen Sisk, Mt. Vernon, Tri-County Electric Cooperative; and Bill Endicott, Fairfield, and Evans C. Williams, McLeansboro, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative.

During the board's reorganization meeting, Smith was reelected president; Compton, vice president; Tachick, secretary-treasurer, and Champion, assistant secretary-treasurer.

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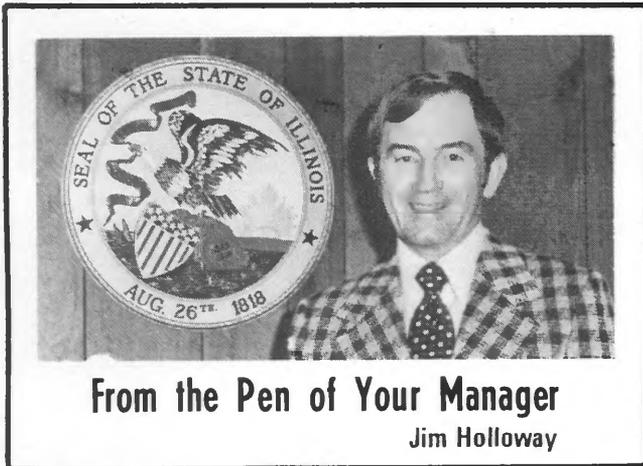
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# Egyptian Messenger



**From the Pen of Your Manager**  
**Jim Holloway**

Last month I called your attention to a number of things that your board of directors and management have been doing to stay competitive and maintain the lowest possible electric rates. Even with this type of effort on the part of your board and management, we are only able to exercise some degree of control over about 20 percent of the system's operating expenses. The other 80 percent represents fixed cost—primarily purchased power.

Power cost has accounted for over 61 percent of our operating expense so far this year. Our power bill through July has amounted to \$1,989,559, an increase of \$511,600 over the same period of time last year (up 34.6 percent).

Your board, manager and staff have spent a great deal of time analyzing the many costs that go into the ultimate price of our product. . .SERVICE AND ELECTRICITY.

There are several obvious reasons why our wholesale power cost has gone up substantially this year.

Commencing in October, our new unit at the power plant should be operational and in production. With the new unit going commercial, we will begin to absorb our share of the cost of operating the new unit, including principal and interest payments.

We again experienced a long, cold winter and a much longer than anticipated coal strike. These additional costs, which were accumulated and deferred, must now be taken into consideration when figuring the wholesale cost of power. Taking everything into consideration, Egyptian Electric will experience a system retail rate increase of approximately 21.6 percent, effective with the October billing. This increase could be a little more or a little less depending upon each individual's usage.

For the purpose of comparison, please note the

present Farm and Residential rates, as shown below, along with the proposed rates as submitted to REA.

**PRESENT RATE**

**FARM & RESIDENTIAL**

Minimum	0-30	\$5.00
Next	70 kwh @	8.0 cents per kwh
Next	100 kwh @	4.5 cents per kwh
Next	400 kwh @	3.0 cents per kwh
Over	600 kwh @	2.6 cents per kwh

**PROPOSED RATE**

**FARM & RESIDENTIAL**

Effective (October Billing) 1978

Minimum (Facilities Charge)	\$5.00
First	500 kwh @ 5.0 cents per kwh
Over	500 kwh @ 3.2 cents per kwh

Basically, we have gone to a five-dollar facilities charge which becomes the minimum bill, and a two-part rate which will replace the present four-part rate.

I would like to point out that the above rate is the total rate and is not subject to a fuel adder or State Utility Tax. Fuel cost and the State Utility Tax have been absorbed in the rate. The only addition to the proposed Farm and Residential rates would be the Municipal Utility Tax, where applicable. (Carbondale, Carterville or DeSoto). (Carbondale, Carterville or DeSoto).

The various rate schedules for Small Power (Schedule B), Large Power (LP 1 and LP 2) and individual contracts, such as the U.S. Corps of Engineers Lock and Dam, the Kaskaskia Regional Port District coal dock, Consolidated Coal maintenance shop, etc., will be increased proportionally. Schedule LP 1 and LP 2 are being combined into one schedule.

Security lights will remain the same at \$4.00 per month.

**LOWEST RETAIL RATE**

Although this rate increase is substantial, Egyptian's rates are still the lowest of any electric cooperative in the State of Illinois and range from on par to substantially lower, when compared with our neighboring investor-owned public utilities.

Unless unforeseen circumstances develop, this should be the last substantial rate increase for the next four or five years. With the new unit operational, and an adequate coal supply secured, our production cost should stabilize and remain relatively so for a number of years, reflecting only

# Help us to keep your electric cost as low as possible

There are many things that our members can do and are doing to lower their cost of service. The rural electric cooperatives are unique in many respects. The cooperatives were formed to provide electric service to its member consumers. The price of electricity was not the immediate concern, but the availability of electricity was. Knowing that serving the rural area would not generate proportionate revenue, cooperative officials did everything possible to decrease the cost of service and members did their part, too. They donated their right-of-way, read their own meters and figure their own bills. These things reduce the cost of service.

Many of the economies built into the operation of the cooperative come from help that our members provide. There are always a few other ways in which our members can help their cooperative to keep rates as low as possible.

## OVERDUE BILLS ARE VERY

### TIME CONSUMING AND EXPENSIVE

Extra time is performed on every overdue bill. Notices are sent and after the due date, maintenance linemen must spend time collecting unpaid bills. This reflects in the overall cost of operations.

## EACH MEMBER HAS A FILE

Your cooperative provides electric service to more than 9,000 consumers and it is surprising how many names

## A Conflict of Objectives

# Shrubs Pose Problems In Providing Best Electric Service

The objectives of many of the members is to have their trees, shrubs and environment undisturbed. Cooperative personnel occasionally find themselves in conflicting situations when they attempt to meet their objective of supplying your electric service in a reliable and consistent manner.

We all know that trees and electric lines are not compatible. Fall is the time of year that many people will be transplanting or planting new shrubs, trees and flowers. Think before planting a tree, for after it has grown

for several years *it could create high costs in your electrical bills, as well as inconvenience.*

This is also the time to remind you that an electrical enclosure, mounted on the ground, is no place to stack firewood, grass clippings, or compost. Neither is it a place to build a fence or a building, if they are so close to the opening that it is inaccessible.

Cooperative personnel need to be able to have access to all metering and transformer installations. Members are requested to avoid planting a shrub, rose bush, vine or tree in front of any

electrical enclosure, as it is necessary that the enclosure be accessible for maintenance. None of the cooperative employees want to ruin the shape of a planting, but sometimes it may be necessary to get to the equipment.

Please help us help you. Avoid planting trees under electric service lines and don't select the protection of the meter or transformer base for flowers and shrubs. We like pretty shrubs, trees, and plants, too, however our *job* is to provide electric service. We are confident that you can appreciate the conflict of objectives.

on the file are exactly the same, even though they may live at opposite ends of the cooperative service area.

It is not hard to understand if a nickname is reported or if the name is not complete, time is consumed in trying to decide in which account file, letters, etc., belong. This, too, can reflect in the overall cost of operation.

## OUTAGE CALLS ARE ANOTHER EXAMPLE

A storm can hit anytime, with the inevitable lightning and wind that damages trees and poles as well as transformers. So, be prepared. Keep the cooperative telephone number in a place where it can be found, along with your location number. (Map, Section, & Location Numbers).

In the event of severe storms, it is helpful if only one member reports the names of neighbors out of power and it is important that the neighbors understand that it has been reported. (This will require a little teamwork on the part of neighbors, however we are sure it can be done if someone is designated to place the call; and then each neighbor calls one to let them know that the outage is reported.) This procedure will alleviate excessive phone calls from one particular area and permit other outage calls to be received.

When reporting your service interruption, please give the office your location numbers, which are the numbers on the left side of your billing card. At the top you will see numbers under Map, Section and Location. This is your location and your account number.

This information tells the maintenance supervisor your exact location in the service area and he can dispatch a crew to the location to repair your service. It is important to report your *full name* and your *location* number.

We sincerely wish that each member could find the time to read our newsletter article, for if each one did read it and would practice the suggestions, we can help keep your cost of operation at the minimum.

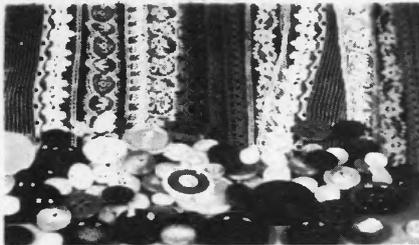
the current rate of inflation.

If any of you have questions relative to the rate increase, our operation, our policies or conditions of service, please do not hesitate to contact one of your Directors, an employee, or myself, personally. The success of this Cooperative depends on your cooperation and

understanding and an openness on the part of your board and management.

Those of you who are self-billers will be receiving new billing supplies, rate charts and envelopes in time for the October billing.

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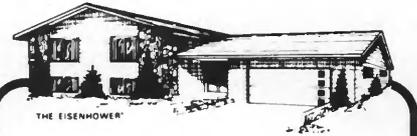
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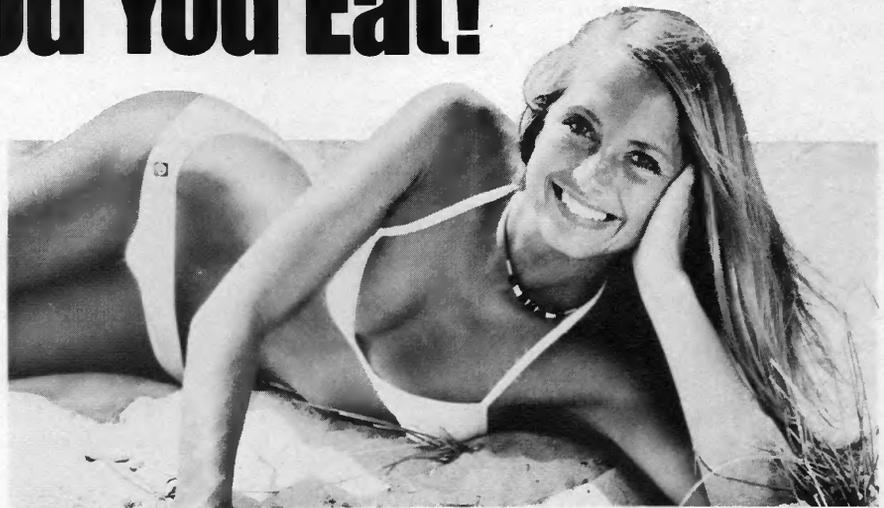
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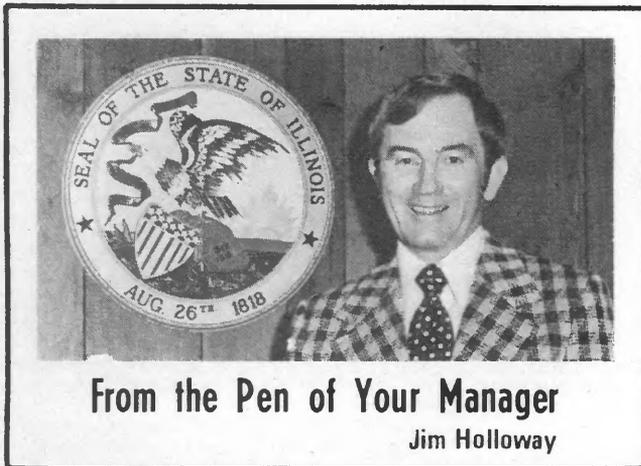
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# Egyptian Messenger



**From the Pen of Your Manager**  
Jim Holloway

In last month's column I discussed electric rates with you; and, as you know by now, Egyptian Electric will experience a rate increase effective with your October billing.

The three electric cooperatives in Southern Illinois, namely Egyptian, Southeastern (Eldorado) and Southern Illinois (Dongola), through their power supplier, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC), presently enjoy and hopefully will continue to enjoy the lowest wholesale power cost afforded to any rural electric cooperative in the State. This in turn is directly responsible for Egyptian Electric having one of the lowest retail rates of any electric cooperative in Illinois.

I am sure that you have been following, through the press, a number of news stories relative to electric rate increases. I'll not go into the various aspects of the stories and/or comments, however, in each instance one thing has been brought out very clearly. Unless the electric utility industry immediately begins to build new generating plants, the public is going to experience a shortage of electricity. In this business, you can't wait until you need it to supply it. The lead time for a new generating facility is in the neighborhood of six to seven years, possibly longer. With all the red tape, permits, environmental studies, pollution control equipment, and the like the industry is dragging its feet; and I think you can very well understand why. Couple this with ten percent interest rates on borrowed capital and you can begin to see the seriousness of the situation.

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During October—Cooperative Month—the Electric Cooperatives of Illinois salute the continuing efforts of all cooperative organizations to enhance the quality of life for citizens throughout our state and nation.



Frank Jacquot

## In memoriam

Mr. Frank Jacquot, R. 1, DeSoto, director of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, died at Barnes Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri, Sunday, August 27, 1978, at the age of 68 years. He was the son of Joseph and Mary Dietz Jacquot; and married Mae Robinson in Murphysboro, September 27, 1930.

Mr. Jacquot was first elected to the Board of Directors of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association on August 27, 1955, and served continuously until his death. He also served as a Director on the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative Board at Marion.

During his 23 years on the board of EECA, Mr. Jacquot served his area and the cooperative as a sincere, dedicated and concerned director. His concern for the cooperative's welfare, as well as for the members which resided within his area, was revealed in his membership in other organizations: the Eagles Aerie 670 of Murphysboro, and the Jackson County Farm Bureau, a trustee of the Zion Lutheran Cemetery and a leader of 4-H for 14 years. Mr. Jacquot was also a member of the First Lutheran Church in Murphysboro.

We express our loss of a fine director and extend our sincere sympathy to his wife, Mae, and family: one son, Frank J. Jacquot Jr. of DeSoto; ten grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and seven sisters. We are grateful for the many years he gave in service to this cooperative. The family's loss is also the cooperative's loss, and we shall miss him in our midst.

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# Delayed effective date and longer duration key elements of new wholesale power agreement

A new agreement for the purchase of wholesale electric power for eight Illinois electric distribution cooperatives and one generation and transmission cooperative went into

effect October 1, two months later than previous annual agreements, and will be for a period of 15 months, rather than the one-year period of earlier agreements. Cooperative

officials estimate the rate increase delay and moratorium will save member-consumers an estimated \$800,000.

The agreement, developed after lengthy negotiations with Illinois Power Company (IP), followed IP's initial request for an annual rate increase of \$3.4-million effective August 1 this year to the cooperatives which purchase bulk power from the supplier. The result of the negotiations over a period of several weeks was a purchase contract that includes an annual rate increase of \$2.4-million to the cooperatives, with a delayed effective date of October 1, and a moratorium on additional increases until January 1, 1980.

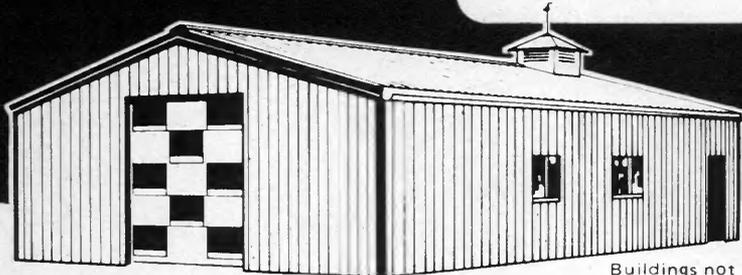
Cooperatives involved include: Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Corn Belt Electric Cooperative, Farmers Mutual Electric Company, Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, McDonough Power Cooperative, Monroe County Electric Co-Operative, Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Tri-County Electric Cooperative and Western Illinois Power Cooperative and its seven member cooperatives: Adams Electrical Co-Operative, Illinois Rural Electric Co., M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Menard Electric Cooperative, Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative, Spoon River Electric Co-operative and Western Illinois Electrical Coop.

Representing the cooperatives in the negotiations was the IPC Bulk Power Negotiating Subcommittee of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' Energy, Environment and Engineering Committee. Members of the committee include the manager of each of the cooperatives which purchase bulk power from IP.

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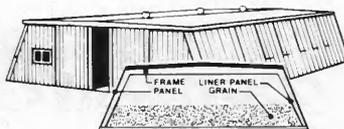
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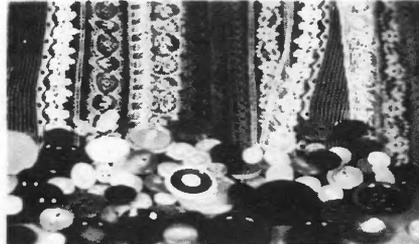
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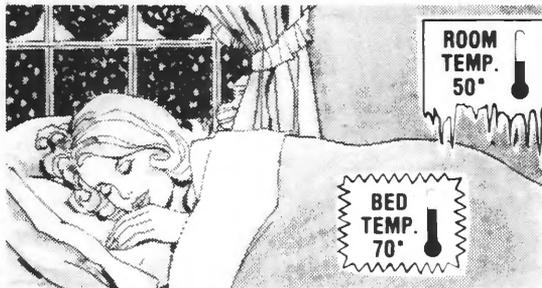
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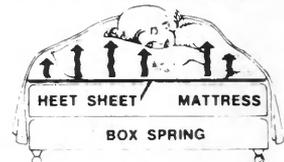
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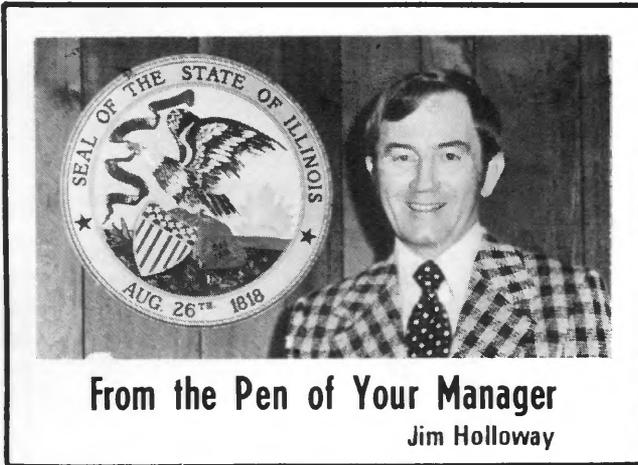
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# Egyptian Messenger



**From the Pen of Your Manager**  
Jim Holloway

## Why your electric rates are rising

What causes the cost of electricity to rise? I'm sure that many of you are asking this question either out loud or to yourself.

The major pressure on the cost of electricity today is the actual cost of producing it. Your cooperative purchases all of its energy from Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC), and, in the case of Kaskaskia Island, from Citizen Electric at St. Genevieve, Missouri. The purchase of wholesale power represents the largest expense that your cooperative has. Between 56-61 percent of our total operating cost goes for purchasing your electricity. This is one expense that we have little or no control over.

There are many pressures on our wholesale power suppliers which have forced the cost of producing electricity upward.

Inflation, of course, increases the production cost of electricity. Everything used in the building, maintenance and operation of a generating plant continues to increase in cost. Government requirements and red tape not only adds to the cost, but also delays construction.

Interest rates on borrowed capital, necessary for the construction of power plants, distribution substations, service lines, etc., have gone through the roof, like everything else. The National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation, which supplies about 30 percent of our financial needs, quoted Intermediate Term Loans, on

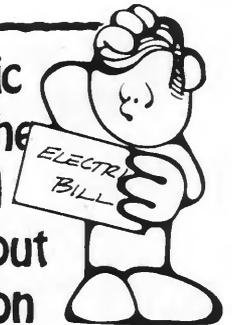
October 2, at 10 1/2 percent, per annum. This is a far cry from the old two percent loans we've been use to.

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) regulations have also done their part in greatly increasing the cost of production. Coal, our most abundant source of energy, is relatively expensive today because of the industries' added cost of regulation. All of these things together are beginning to be felt proportionately on our pocketbooks.

Ecology, pollution control and air quality, are all important facts of life. There is no question that we cannot continue to pollute and destroy our natural resources; but at the same time, we must move ahead with an abundant and affordable source of energy, or we will fall back toward the living standards of bygone years. The availability of abundant and affordable energy has made this country what it is today.

We must all be concerned about our environment. But we must ask ourselves HOW MUCH CAN WE AFFORD TO SPEND. The idea that we must spend, no matter what the cost, can no longer be afforded by many people. COMMON SENSE must be brought back into decision making. We must strike a balance and find middle ground where we can have a liveable environment and an abundant, affordable source of energy. In this respect we must all put forth some effort and do our part.

## Last Winter's Electric Bills Should Be All the Incentive You Need to Get Serious About Energy Conservation



If last winter's severe temperatures and high heating costs convinced you of the need for serious energy management around your house, don't wait until summer is over to do something about it.

Proper insulation that could have saved you money last winter can still save you money cooling your home this summer — if you install now.

In Illinois, generally recommended insulation levels are R-30 or more in ceilings and R-19 in walls and floors. Adequate insulation provides the most significant money savings that you can achieve on home heating and cooling costs. Frequently, homeowners find that insulation pays for itself in energy savings within three to five years.

The Electric Cooperatives of Illinois urge you to implement energy conservation measures. Proper insulation will effectively prevent energy waste and will save you money on your energy bills.

Efficient use of electricity IS energy conservation. Use energy wisely.

# Thanksgiving Day



Our first President wrote these words many years ago.—“Whereas it is the duty of all nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey His will, to be grateful for His benefits, and humbly to implore His protection, aid and favors. . .that we may then all unite in rendering unto Him our sincere and humble thanks for His kind care and protection of the people of the country, and for all the great and various favors which He has been pleased to confer upon us.” — George Washington.

Today, it is just as fitting that we consider our first President's advice and in so doing, remember in prayer, on Thanksgiving Day, our President, the Congress and our local and State-elected officials.

While on the topic of gratitude, we would like to express our appreciation, to each of you, for your cooperation and understanding throughout the past year. The Board of Directors and employees join in extending, to you, our wish for a HAPPY THANKSGIVING.



## Different electric bills

Different families use different amounts of electricity. There are high, low and average bills. High bills can be avoided. Why not check the following items in your home?

**Water heater:** Locate the heater as near as possible to sink, bathroom and laundry area.

**Faucet leaks:** Stop all leaking faucets, especially hot water taps, by replacing washers.

**Pump:** A water-logged pump stops and starts repeatedly as water is drawn off a tap. Proper air volume controls on pump will maintain correct water and air ratio.

**Lights:** Do not leave unnecessary lights on when or where they are not needed.

**Freezer:** Defrost freezer when frost has built up on cooling coils. Use a vacuum to remove dust and lint from radiator coils and motor. If it runs almost constantly, check refrigerant fluid; it may be low.

**Refrigerators:** Same thing applies here as for freezers. Also check gaskets on doors. If air can escape, change to new gaskets.

### Notice of Closing

Offices will be closed Friday, November 10; Thursday and Friday, November 23 and 24; Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1, 1979.

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## Questions about the future

# How scarce will energy be, and who will allocate it?

A leading electric utility official has suggested six questions that should be asked of those persons who advocate energy retrenchment in our society. James J. O'Connor, President, Commonwealth Edison Company, posed the questions during a speech to participants in the Illinois Energy Conference on Electric Utilities in Illinois during September in Chicago.

Questions O'Connor said should be asked included:

- Just how scarce should energy be—and who will allocate it?
- Who might be forced to reduce energy consumption in the event there is not enough energy to meet everybody's needs—the large industrial user, the homeowner, the farmer—or who?
- Just how willing would Americans be to trade their single-family homes for the energy-saving apartments the Swedes are living in, and are the Swedes happy with these units?
- Just how would the American working man react to having labor-saving, energy-using machines taken away and having a pick and shovel put in his hands?
- And when 20 men with hand tools replace the one man and his machine, how much will the 20 men be paid?
- And will someone please ask those who allege that the U.S. energy industry is suppressing solar power because "corporations don't own the sun" just why there is no solar power in countries where there are no corporations—just government?

O'Connor was one of over 40 Illinois and national utility and government leaders who spoke during the three-day conference, sponsored by the Energy Resources Center of the



University of Illinois at Chicago Circle, the Illinois Energy Resources Commission and the Illinois Institute of Natural Resources. Dr. James P. Hartnett is Director of the Energy Resources Center and served as chairman of the conference planning committee.

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James H. Eddleman of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. Eddleman and Illinois State Representative Daniel M. Pierce were co-chairmen of the first day's afternoon session on power plant planning and siting.

Five persons addressed the conference during the discussion of

*Porter J. Womeldorff, left, Manager of Planning, Illinois Power Company, was among a group of speakers who discussed power plant planning and siting during the Illinois Energy Conference on Electric Utilities in Illinois. Seated are Representative Daniel M. Pierce, center, a member of the Illinois Energy Resources Commission, and James H. Eddleman of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, co-chairmen of the session.*

planning and siting, including Porter J. Womeldorff, Manager of Planning, Illinois Power Company; Richard J. Grant, Environmental Affairs Supervisor, Central Illinois Public Service Company; Martin Wagner, Policy Planning Division, U.S. Environmental Protection Agency; Robert V. Laney, Deputy Director of Operations, Argonne National Laboratory, and Tor Kolflat, Illinois Energy Resources Commission.

Grant said development of accurate load growth forecasts and competent planning and siting of power plants require considerable attention to problems caused by uncertainties, especially those relating to existing and proposed environmental standards and regulations.

He added that amid all these uncertainties is one certainty: consumer electric costs are being driven higher and higher by the standards and regulations.

Grant noted recently proposed federal EPA standards—New Source Performance Standards—which would

## Fiat-Allis Demonstration Area

# Heavy equipment sales 'built' near Springfield

Just a few miles southeast of Springfield, tractors, scrapers and front-loaders roar back and forth, some plodding slowly and surely, others scurrying around like determined beetles. They are not working on a great project, and the earth they move from one place to another today may well be moved back tomorrow.

The machinery works regularly at the Fiat-Allis Demonstration Area, and the primary function of the area, according to W. L. "Bill" Rummer, supervisor, demonstration areas, "is to generate sales."

"We bring in our salesmen, show them the equipment and tell them the selling points," Rummer says, "and we put them on the machines to operate them. We don't try to make qualified operators out of them, but we do want them to get the feel of the equipment."

Prospective customers, too, are brought to the site of occasion, given a tour of the Springfield Fiat-Allis plant and labs, and are treated to a display of the equipment at work. Rummer tries to keep at least one piece of equipment from each product line at the demonstration area, and there are some 25 pieces of equipment in the

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company's line.

Observers at the site sit on bleachers protected from the weather by a blue and white tent-like structure that also houses a product exhibit. One of the prime displays is a



*Fiat-Allis' Bill Rummer, on the tractor, talks with Wayne Fuchs of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative, which provides electric service to the heavy equipment manufacturer's product demonstration site.*

comparison of tractor parts, dissected to show the relative "beefiness" of the Fiat-Allis parts as compared to those of the competition.

"We have a couple of demonstration operators here, and a serviceman," Rummer says, adding, "all in all, it takes about a dozen people to put on a good formal display."

The demonstration area is operated on some 70 acres of land leased from the City of Springfield, and serves as the summer facility. It is served by Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Company, Auburn. Another site, near Phoenix, Arizona, gets a lot of use during the winter months, while a third site in Italy is in use nearly the year around.

The demonstration area in Italy points up the international nature of the firm, which has plants in Italy, England and Brazil, as well as licensees in Japan, Canada and Singapore.

One of the tractors at the site is the Model 41B, which, equipped with blade, cab and ripper, will weigh in at about 160,000 pounds, and cost in the neighborhood of \$330,000. Even at the seemingly stiff price, Rummer notes, the 41 is a popular model.

"Many of our biggest tractors go for coal mining or land reclamation," he says, "and one coal company in

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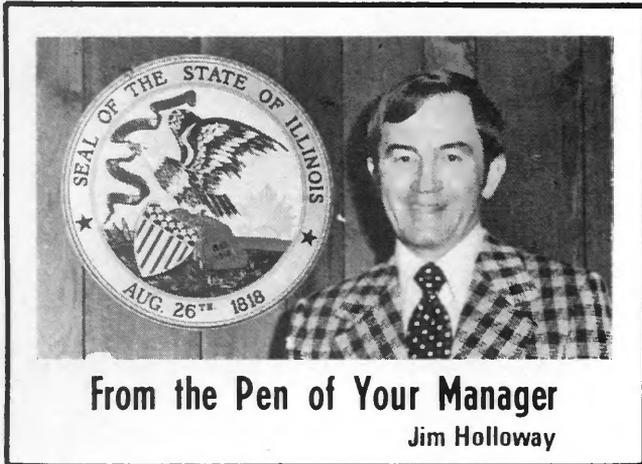
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Pennsylvania has eight of them on order. Coal must really be the name of the game these days."

It is no surprise that the firm's large tractors are selling well, since big equipment is needed to keep up with America's ever-growing energy needs.

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Here we are once again at the end of another year. I'm told that the older you get the faster the years fly; and from my own personal experience, I'd say I have to agree.

We are presently bringing together our activities in conclusion of a successful year and starting to plan, with enthusiasm and great expectations, for '79. To me, there's something sentimental and a little sad at bringing anything to a close. And in that respect, I want to call to your attention the passing of an era, with the closing of this year.

#### DAVE HAMIL RETIRES

I want to recognize and commend outgoing Administrator David A. Hamil, who has retired as REA Administrator.

Dave Hamil ends a magnificent career as Administrator of the Rural Electrification Administration. He has served in that capacity for 14 of the last 22 years under four

Presidents and five Secretaries of Agriculture.

Dave Hamil has earned the respect and friendship of all those associated with the rural electric program. In fact, if it had not been for the efforts of Dave Hamil the rural electric program, as we know it, might not even exist.

Although I had known Dave Hamil by name and reputation, I didn't personally meet the Administrator until the early spring of 1976, when as a new manager, I attended a week of instruction, sponsored by the Rural Electrification Administration and the Department of Agriculture, in Washington, D.C.

Most of you folks know that I've spent some 30 years in public service and public office. During that span of time I have met many individuals in the highest of places. Few, if any, have impressed me more by their sincerity and in the conduct of their office than has Dave Hamil. Dave Hamil is a rare individual indeed and a gentleman in every respect.

Being charged with the responsibility of the rural electric program, Dave Hamil has always given the last ounce of devotion, of his time and of himself.

I will always have fond memories of the several personal visits in the Administrator's office, seeking Mr. Hamil's counsel and guidance.

There is no better way to sum up my feeling toward Dave Hamil than to quote Bob Bergland, Secretary of Agriculture: "Dave Hamil is one of the truly remarkable people that I have ever known."

On behalf of the officers, directors, employees and membership of the Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, we wish Dave Hamil the BEST OF EVERYTHING in the YEARS TO COME.

## The members we serve

## are the foundation of our success

At this time of the year it is a pleasure to turn aside from everyday affairs and express to our members, old and new, sincere appreciation for their friendship and patronage.

May we convey warm Season's Greetings and extend our best wishes for Good Health, Happiness, and Prosperity in the coming year.





## New Pole Yard

The residence of former custodian Eddie Kranz was purchased by the cooperative a few months ago. The buildings on the property are in the process of being removed. When completed, a pole yard will be located where the house once stood.

As of the first of the year, our lease with the Missouri Pacific Railroad, covering our present pole yard along their right-of-way, will be terminated.

The Kranz property is adjacent to the general headquarters and facilities, located in Steeleville.

## New gas pumps

Three new gas pumps were installed in November. One will be used for diesel fuel and the other two for regular and no-lead gasoline.

The pumps have been relocated east of the existing gas pumps to alleviate traffic congestion at the pump area. The old tanks, which have been in the ground for 20 some years, had begun to leak and take in water.

The new pumps were installed by the Randolph Farm Service Company.

## A billing reminder

### CAUTION!

If mailing your bill, please mail early enough so that a possible post office delay or holiday will not cost you penalty. This is just a reminder to help YOU save YOUR money.

## Office Closings

Christmas, Monday, December 25;  
New Year's Day, Monday, January 1,  
1979; Lincoln's Birthday, Monday,  
February 12; and Washington's  
Birthday, Monday, February 19.

## CLOSE OUT SALE

### Portable electric space heaters sold at cost

*Cash and carry—All sales final*

	REGULAR	SALE
H3897 240 volt 4,000—2,000 watt	\$59.00	\$45.65
325016 120 volt 1,320 watt	\$18.75	\$13.75
3254100 120 volt 1,500 watt	\$22.50	\$16.30

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## Retirement by Dunham closes long career; Buller is successor

Lyle E. Dunham, whose 27 years with the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives were marked by dedication, determination and unselfish contribution of time, has retired, ending a career of service to and contact with thousands of Illinoisans.

The Brown County native, who worked five years for Adams Electrical Co-Operative, Camp Point, after Naval service during World War II, accepted a temporary assignment with the AIEC in 1951 to assemble tents, chairs, lighting, sound and other equipment for a traveling annual meeting "caravan" to assist many of the state's electric cooperatives. Shortly after joining the AIEC staff as a permanent employee, he conceived the Illinois Electric Cooperative Emergency Work Plan to provide manpower, equipment and materials in the event of an emergency. (During the Spring ice storm, the plan was activated, saving valuable time in restoring service.)

One responsibility led to another, and he became the AIEC's special services coordinator, serving the state's electric cooperatives in a variety of capacities—including legislative representative; coordinator for meetings, group purchases and job training and safety programs; beauty pageant director; printing supervisor, and Youth to Washington tour

director. In 1961, Dunham was named Director of Member Services.

As Director of Member Services, Dunham worked closely with power use and member service personnel. His service at the cooperative locations made his name and face very familiar.

Throughout his career, Dunham also worked closely with agriculture groups, including the University of Illinois College of Agriculture. On several occasions, Dunham was honored for his service, but perhaps the highlight of the honors came in November when the Illinois Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, the Honor Society of Agriculture, presented him with its Award of Merit for outstanding service to agriculture in Illinois. Chapter President Dr. Lyle P. Fettig, who presented the award, cited him for his work to assist farmers in the most efficient and economical use of electric power, his various activities with the Illinois Farm Electrification Council and his work on behalf of the 4-H, Future Farmers of America and the Illinois Young Farmers.

Gary W. Buller, a former staff member of South Dakota State University, has succeeded Dunham.

Buller formerly was a design and research engineer with the Agricultural Engineering Department of South Dakota State, Brookings, where he received his bachelor of science degree



*Clockwise from top left: Dr. Lyle Fettig, left, President of the Illinois Chapter of Gamma Sigma Delta, The Honor Society of Agriculture, presents the fraternity's Award of Merit to Lyle E. Dunham, retired Director of Member Services for the AIEC. Gary Buller, a native of South Dakota, is the new Director of Member Services. Dunham, who directed numerous annual meeting beauty pageants, poses with Nancy Hammann, Miss Illinois Electric Cooperatives of 1965.*