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Tim Reeves, Manager of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, signs the first capital credit checks refunded to the members since the organization of the cooperative in 1938.

Capital credits refunded

The week before Christmas was a busy one for the Cooperative employees. They were preparing capital credit refund checks. This is the first time in the Cooperative's history that capital credits have been refunded.

Members of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative receive electric service at cost with any margins or profits allocated to them in the form of capital credits. Then, when financial conditions permit, the capital credits are refunded.

The board of directors of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative authorized the retirement of capital credits for the years 1953 through 1959 in the amount of \$236,423.60. There were no margins for years prior to 1953.

The refund of capital credits for the years 1953 through 1959 is the return of margins earned by the cooperative in those years. Each member receiving service at that time will receive their proportional share of the margins.

The first checks were issued to members who had a current address

on file within the past two years. There were 2,797 checks totaling \$87,489.68.

After the first of the year, an additional 7,075 checks will be issued, totaling \$148,933.92. Names and addresses for the remaining capital credits need to be verified before they are refunded.

Notice

If you received service from the Cooperative from 1953 through 1959, and did not receive a capital credit refund check, please contact Pam Lentz at SIEC, phone 618-827-3555. Or, if you have current address information on past members or their heirs, please contact Miss Lentz.



Frizzell

Everett L. Frizzell retires Jan. 2

On January 2, Everett L. Frizzell closed out his 39-year career with the cooperative.

He joined the Cooperative team in late 1948. After a short period as custodian and then warehouseman, he began work on the pole-hauling crew. Large numbers of poles had to be moved because the co-op had to build lines that required an average of 17 poles per mile. He started at an hourly rate of \$.65. Within a year he advanced to line crew and became a lineman. At that time there was no training or prior experience required. He got a raise up to \$1.23 an hour and worked as a lineman for almost four years. In 1953 he was made foreman of the clearing crew. A path had to be cut and cleared for all the new construction. Most of the work was done with hand saws and chopping axes. The men climbed into the trees to cut limbs by hand. They had a two-man chain saw but as Everett said,

Office closing

The SIEC office will be closed Thursday, February 12, to honor Abraham Lincoln, and on Monday, February 16, to honor George Washington.

"We spent as much time working on the old two-man saw as we did clearing with it."

Everett was transferred to Massac County in 1957 and worked there for three years as a serviceman. He came back to Dongola in 1960 as a journeyman lineman on one of the construction crews. He worked in this position until 1973, when he became meter tester lineman and substitute utility serviceman. This was his classification at the time of his retirement.

Everett has always been a dedicated employee. He has suffered a few job-related broken bones with no loss of time, but was out three months to recuperate when he was severely injured in an electrical accident in 1984.

Everett is a Sunday School teacher and conducts services for

two of the nursing homes in Union County. He has been known to cut and haul firewood for the elderly and clean walks and driveways for his neighbors in bad weather. His garden always grows enough vegetables for all his many friends.

He does not plan to have any spare time now that he is retired. He has a house to remodel for his children and he hopes to increase his ministerial work.

Everett and wife, Barbara, have two children. Steve is a registered nurse and lives in Dongola. Gail Simpson works part-time as a registered nurse and is also wife of the pastor of the First Baptist Church of Petersburg (Menard County). Steve has a son, Matthew Stephen, and Gail has a son, Jonathan, and a daughter, Rebekah Lynn.

Business at Home Opportunities '87

Each year, more people harvest the benefits of the nation's fastest growing cash crops — goods and services from home-based businesses. Home-based businesses offer the opportunity to work at home, remain involved with the family, and expand a hobby or interest into a profitable enterprise.

Designed to address the interests of these entrepreneurs, "Businesses at Home ... Opportunities '87" is scheduled February 18 at the Mt. Vernon Ramada Inn.

Workshops will be offered on topics such as "Business Basics," "Will My Idea Work?," "Marketing Your Business," "Working With Your Spouse," and others. Also, the conference will help attendees examine the pros and cons of owning a home-based enterprise.

In addition to workshops, an opportunity fair will be held. The opportunity fair will feature organizations that offer assistance to small businesses, companies interested in doing business with homebased enterprises, and an

opportunity to talk with workshop presenters.

Sponsors of "Businesses at Home ... Opportunities '87" include the U.S. Small Business Administration, University of Illinois, Cooperative Extension Service, Foresee, Inc. Graham-Pierce Printers, and the Small Business Development Centers of Illinois Eastern Community College, Kaskaskia College, Rend Lake College, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale and Southern Illinois University-Edwardsville.

The attendance fee is \$35 and includes breakfast, lunch, conference materials, and access to the opportunity fair. Registration will start at 7 a.m. February 18 with the general session convening at 8 and adjourning at 4:30 p.m. Checks should be made payable to the University of Illinois, Jefferson County Executive Extension Council and sent to the Jefferson County Cooperative Extension office, and mailed to that office at Rte. 3, Mt. Vernon, IL 62864.



Washington's Mt. Vernon is on the tour schedule

Two will win Washington tour

If you are a high school junior and attend classes at Anna-Jonesboro, Century, Cobden, Dongola, Egyptian, Goreville, Joppa, Meridian, Metropolis, Shawnee or Vienna high schools, you are encouraged to submit an entry in the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative essay contest. The title for this year's composition is "What Tomorrow's Members Expect of Their Electric Cooperative." Write your interpretation of this subject in 600 to 1,000 words and you could win a week-long trip to Washington, D.C.

One boy and one girl will win an all expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 12-19. Young people from over Illinois will depart Springfield via bus for one of the most exciting rides they will ever take in their lives.

The first day of the trip is spent driving across Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania. Sleep comes only to those who collapse in their bus seats. When the bus stops it will be for breakfast in Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. The day is for touring the famous Civil War battlefield and museums. A few hours more aboard the buses and the kids are in Washington in time for dinner. That night they attend a "mock" annual meeting and elect one of the group to the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Youth Consulting Board.

The next day is Sunday and after attending church the buses transport the tour group to Mt. Vernon, Virginia to tour George Washington's Home. Later that day Arlington National Cemetery and the Vietnam Veterans Memorial are visited and there is a nighttime tour of Washington and Jefferson Memorials. The lighting makes these memorials spectacular at night time.

During the next four days, the young people will meet and visit with the members of the Illinois Congressional delegation. On Rural Electric Youth Day they will eat, dance and mingle with students from all over the United States. They will take a nighttime boat cruise down the Potomac and dance under the stars. They will visit the Lincoln Memorial, the Smithsonian Institution, Ford's Theatre, the Library of Congress, and the U.S. Capitol. They will see the Iwo Jima Parade and Pageant and visit the White House, the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the Bureau of Engraving and Printing and Washington National Cathedral.

On Thursday afternoon, all the belongings and tired bodies are reloaded on the buses. Falling immediately unconscious, the kids are aroused only for dinner in the mountains of Pennsylvania and breakfast in Indianapolis, Indiana. All other movement is very limited.

Only the strong have reserve energy to play cards, sing, laugh or socialize.

The buses pull into Springfield about noon on Friday. Parents and cooperative personnel are there to transport the weary travelers home once more. Tears are shed and addresses hurriedly exchanged. The tour is over but the memories will linger on, for years.

Participation in this exciting program is made possible by the sponsorship of the board of directors of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative. Each year they elect to award this trip to the boy or girl winners of the essay contest. Through their entry in this competition, the youth of our area enhance their knowledge of their local electric cooperative and the cooperative movement as a whole. In addition to the trip to Washington, the winners will accompany five boys and five girls on one-day expense-paid trips to Springfield on April 8 for "Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day" activities. Runners-up in the essay competition join about 100 other Illinois students for the Springfield trip.

A representative of the cooperative may call on your school during January to further explain the essay contest. If you do not receive information at your school, please call 618-827-3555 for the necessary contest materials.

Super insulate your water heater

Note: This material was prepared by the Tennessee Valley Authority — Division of Power Utilization

Foreword

Your electric water heater is a large part of your total electric bill. But there is an economical way to reduce this cost. You see, the more insulation your electric water heater has, the less energy it uses, and the more money you save. Your water heater already has some insulation between the tank and outer metal cover. But it'll pay you to wrap another layer of insulation around it. The cash outlay is so little and the payback is so rapid, you'll recover your costs in a few months. After that, you'll enjoy lower hot water costs for the life of the appliance.

Materials needed:

1. Foil-backed insulation, 3 1/2" R-11 blanket type
2. Duct tape
3. Scissors or knife
4. Tape measure

Safety Precautions:

Don't cover the temperature pressure relief valve with insulation.

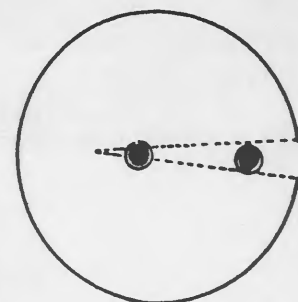
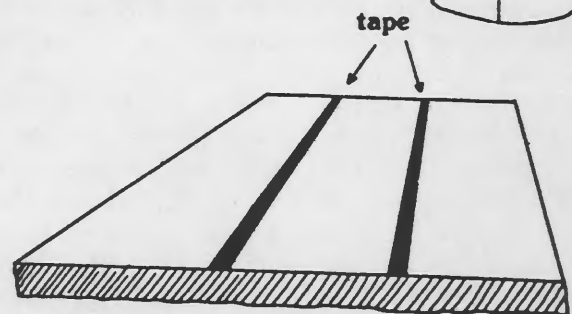
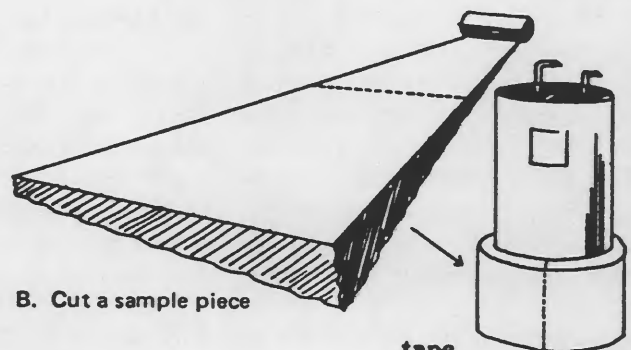
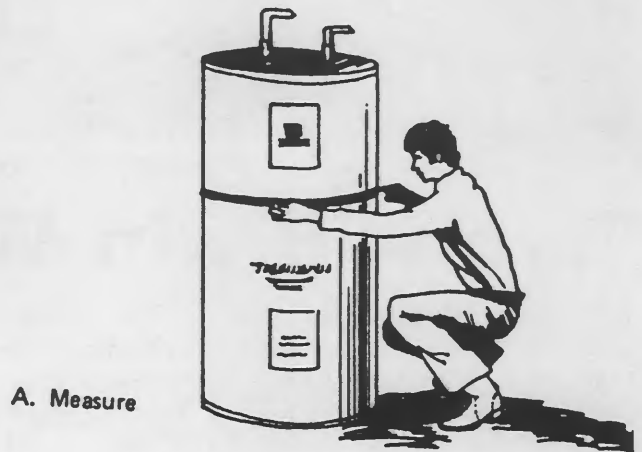
Instructions:

1. Measure water heater's circumference (distance around) and height. Add 12 inches to to the circumference measurement. (Fig. A)
2. Buy the amount of insulation needed. (Actually, you'll probably have to buy a roll and this will likely be far more than you need. So you might like to share a roll and its cost with a neighbor.)
3. Cut a sample piece. Be sure you've cut the correct length. It should go completely around the water heater without lapping or being compressed. Now cut enough pieces of this length to fully cover the unit, all around and from top to bottom. (Fig. B)
4. After cutting the required number of pieces, lay them on a flat surface and tape them together. (Fig. C)
5. With the foil on the outside, wrap the taped insulation around the heater. Secure with duct tape. (Fig. D)
6. Cut a round piece for the top. Cut as necessary to fit around pipes, then tape in place. (Fig. E)
7. To aid future service, mark location of access doors to the elements, drain valve and electrical connections.

CAUTION: For safety reasons, do not apply the above instructions to a gas-fired water heater. Contact your gas company.

Electric water heater efficiency use notes:

1. Before insulating, check the thermostat setting. It shouldn't be above 150 degrees (120 degrees is best).
2. Wait until you have a full load before running the automatic dishwasher or clothes washer.
3. Don't leave hot water running while hand-washing dishes or shaving.
4. Use warm or cold water when possible for clothes washing, and always use cold water for rinsing.
5. Take short showers or shallow tub baths.



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CLOSE OUT

The remaining merchandise in our Sales Department has been further reduced for Final Liquidation

12-month financing available with approved credit and 20 percent down payment

G. E. AIR CONDITIONERS	NORMAL SALE		CLOSE OUT
1 AT604FS 4000 Btu 120V	\$300.00		\$200.00
1 AQ708AS 8000 Btu 120V	429.95		300.00
1 AD915DS 15000 Btu 240V	639.95		475.00
1 AD718DS 18000 Btu 240V	659.95		495.00
1 AD618DP 18000 Btu 240V (used)	—		250.00
G.E. CLOTHES DRYER			
1 DDE5300G Almond	339.95	SOLD	240.00
G.E. FREEZER			
1 CAF16DC 16 cu. ft. Frost Free Upright	659.95		475.00
G.E. MICROWAVES			
1 JET130A Counter Model	599.95		250.00
1 JET235 Counter Model	499.95		300.00
2 JVM48 Over the Range Space Saver	479.95		350.00
1 JVM58 Over the Range Space Saver	569.95		380.00
1 JVM59 Over the Range Space Saver	569.95		380.00
2 JVM61 Over the Range Space Saver	569.95		380.00
1 JVM72 Over the Range Space Saver	735.00	SOLD	500.00
G.E. RANGE PRODUCTS			
1 JKP66G Built-in Microwave & Oven	1150.00		800.00
1 JBV42G Almond Range & Microwave	1050.00	SOLD	750.00
1 JCP67 White 40" Range Two Ovens	1075.00		750.00
1 JP651 Harvest Gold Surface Cooktop	225.00		150.00
G. E. REFRIGERATOR			
1 SSD2CG 2 cu.ft. Ideal for College Student	110.00	SOLD	80.00

G.E. TELEVISIONS & VIDEO RECORDERS

2 13AC 2542W 13" Remote	399.95		250.00
2 13AC 4542W 13" Remote	379.95		280.00
1 25PP 5862K 25" Remote Console	900.00		695.00
1 25EM 2824P Used 25" Color	—	SOLD	250.00
1 4022 X Portable V.C.R.	800.00		550.00
1 5002 X Top Load V.C.R.	459.95		275.00

JACUZZI PUMPS

1 7JH-S2 3/4 H.P. Jet Pump	320.00		200.00
4 3S4BF 1/3 H.P. Submersible	259.95		175.00
2 B5S410 1/2 H.P. Submersible	299.95		225.00

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Radios — T.V. & Stereo Stands — Range Hoods



1987 SOUTHERN ILLINOIS FARM MATERIALS HANDLING SHOW

Special Features

- Free admission
- All-weather exhibit halls
- High school day March 10
- Daily seminars
- Meals available on the grounds
- Craft fair (New 1987)

*The latest in automation, mechanization and
energy-saving on the farm.*

Tuesday, March 10th — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Wednesday, March 11th — 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.
Thursday, March 12th — 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

REND LAKE COLLEGE
Between Benton & Mt. Vernon, IL
(Just off I-57)

High school juniors invited to enter essay contest



Christopher Ritter, Century High School, and Elaina Poulos, Dongola High School, were last year's Washington Tour winners.

Any high school student (except members of the immediate family of a board member or employee of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative) in his or her 11th year (junior), enrolled in any high school in the area served by this cooperative may enter.

Contestants will be required to write an essay of not less than 600 words and not more than 1,000 word entitled "What Tomorrow's Members Expect of Their Electric Cooperatives." The essay should be typed on 8-1/2 by 11-inch paper, double-spaced, one side only.

Your entry blank must be post-marked or received in the office of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola, IL 62926 not later than March 2. Essays must be in the office or postmarked by March 16.

No less than three judges will be used to score the written essays. We feel that cooperative personnel should act as advisers to the judges on accuracy of facts. All identification is removed from the essays prior to the judging. Judging must be completed by April 1. The following point system will be used: student's knowledge of the subject is 50 percent, originality of paper is 25 percent, and composition (organization, word choice, spelling,

etc.) is 25 percent.

Contestants will not be present for the judging. There will be a dinner with the judges, trip winners, their parents, school superintendents or principals, English instructors and cooperative personnel present. The first-place winners will present their winning composition orally at the dinner meeting.

Five boys and five girls will be chosen as runners-up and will be awarded a trip to Springfield on "Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day" on April 18, where activities will include a tour of the Illinois State Capitol, visit to the Home of

Lincoln, tours of several shrines, tour of the House and Senate chambers, and a visit to the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. All entries will receive certificates of award.

In the event that either first place winner would be unable to take the trip to Washington, D.C., June 12-19 the first runner-up will go as alternate.

The cooperative will furnish contest details to school principals and English departments in the area. Research materials will be furnished upon receipt of the official entry form.

HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS!

"Youth-to-Washington" Essay Contest

"What Tomorrow's Members Expect of Their Cooperative"

I intend to submit an entry in the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative essay contest. I understand that this entry form entitles me to receive research material to be furnished by the Southern Illinois Electric Coop.

Signature _____

Mailing Address _____

Sam Brown is new meter tester lineman



Brown

Sam Brown assumed the responsibilities of meter tester lineman January 5. Sam has worn many hats since coming to SIEC in March of 1971. His employment began in the engineering department as work order clerk. After two years, he chose to join the outside labor force; first as journeyman forestry, then apprentice lineman, journeyman lineman on a construction crew, and finally oil filled equipment lineman. As Sam said, "It would be easier to list the jobs I haven't held."

The meter tester lineman is responsible for maximum meter efficiency. If a meter fails mechanically or is damaged, it is brought in for repair and testing. Meters are also routinely tested for accuracy. The meters are calibrated by machine.

Use safety precautions when cutting trees

Cutting trees is serious business which demands attention to safety measures. You can avoid needless tragedy by observing some simple rules.

Put on work gloves to protect your hands, wear safety goggles to protect your eyes from flying chips, wear a properly fitted hard hat to protect your head from falling branches, and step into steel-toed boots to protect your feet from mishaps with the saw or axe. Now, think you're set to start cutting?

THINK AGAIN!

Some of the most serious accidents while cutting trees occur because no attention is paid to the presence of electric power lines. A careful surveillance of the vicinity is essential before you begin any tree work.

Look overhead and to all sides of your cutting site. Be very sure your tree will not come into contact with

any power line when it falls.

Wood can be a conductor of electricity. Each year several deaths and serious injuries are reported involving trees falling into power lines. Don't become another statistic — take a few minutes to survey your cutting site.

Above all, if you do cause a tree to fall into a power line or you come across a tree which has fallen into a line, do not — under any circumstances — attempt to remove the tree. Stay clear of the tree and the line.

Call your cooperative as soon as possible. We will see that the problem is taken care of right away.

Never attempt to remove loose limbs from power lines. We will take care of it for you.

Exercise responsible electric accident and control today. Trees and electric power lines don't mix.

THINK AND LIVE!

To report an outage

To report outages during office hours, call: 827-3555

To report outages after hours (nights, weekends, holidays), call:

Dongola,
827-3689 Carl George
Dongola,
827-3579 Ron Medlin
Dongola,
827-4202 Ken Corzine

Metropolis area:
Metropolis,
524-2380 . Leonard Martin
Metropolis,
524-5627 Perry Dailey

Either the Dongola or Metropolis area may communicate via two-way radio (between each other) in case of emergencies when any of these numbers cannot be reached.

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Elaina Poulos represents Illinois

Elaina Poulos of Dongola representing Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative in Dongola, participated in the 45th annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association held February 1-4 in Dallas. The theme of the 1987 annual meeting was "Building Cooperation: A Power in the Land."

Poulos, Dongola High School senior and yearbook editor, worked with 30 other high school students from throughout the country as a member of the NRECA Youth Consulting Board, assisting annual meeting staff with a wide variety of functions such as registration and videotaping, in addition to working in the exhibition hall. They also participated in educational seminars, attended general sessions and forum discussions and staffed information booths throughout the Dallas Convention Center to assist the over 11,000 persons attending



Elaina Poulos, second from right, representing Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative in Dongola, Illinois participated in the 45th annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association held February 1-4 in Dallas. The theme of the 1987 annual meeting was "Building Cooperation: A Power in the Land."

the annual meeting from 46 states in taking advantage of the many services offered.

YCB members are chosen by their state delegations from over 1,000 young people representing 33

states who participate in "Youth to Washington" activities sponsored by NRECA in Washington, D.C., in June each year. These student leaders are sponsored by their local electric cooperatives.

An ode to the lineman

Up on the storm-swept cross arm,
Where the winds blow wild and free,
A cowhide belt and a chip of steel
'Twixt him and eternity.
When the thunder peals o'er the tree tops
And the lightning gleams on the hills,
It's then his work is awaiting him,
And he gets plenty of thrills.
Then folks in house cringe and shake
Before the storm has passed,
He handles death at his fingertips
To make the hot wires fast.
There's time he holds in his very hands

The life of a pal he loves,
And prays that he fails not in his trust
By a flaw in his rubber gloves.
But for all of that he's a common guy
And very much carefree,
And he'll stick to you through everything
The best pal you ever did see.
So sometimes in a thunderstorm,
When everything goes black,
Just think of the poor guy working hard
To get those hot wires back.

Author Unknown

NRTC negotiations on program package bring commitment from programmers



Negotiations between the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative (NRTC) and programmers of scrambled or soon-to-be scrambled television programming have been successful in bringing 12 channels into NRTC's program package, which is currently under development for rural satellite dish owners.

In addition, negotiations with five other programmers are promising, and discussions with the nation's two premium programmers are underway.

Agreements in principle to participate with NRTC come from the following channels of news, entertainment and home shopping: Cable News Network, Cable News Network II, WTBS, Nashville Network, USA, Country Music Network, Nostalgia Channel, Black

Entertainment Network, Christian Broadcasting, Learning Channel, Travel Channel, Home Shopping Channel.

NRTC is confident that negotiations with The Disney Channel, ESPN, the 24-hour sports channel, and the superstations WGN-Chicago, WPIX-New York and KTVT-Dallas will soon be concluded successfully. Negotiations with both Showtime and HBO are continuing.

Gary A. Gordy, NRTC's interim CEO, said that with the success NRTC is experiencing, the program package proposed by NRTC will be available to rural consumers in late spring or early summer. "We feel hopeful that the cost to rural dish owners will be in the \$10-12 monthly range," he said.

Co-op maintains life-support registry



Public Act 83-632, effective September 20, 1983, required public utilities to maintain a "registry" of persons who depend on electrically operated life-support equipment.

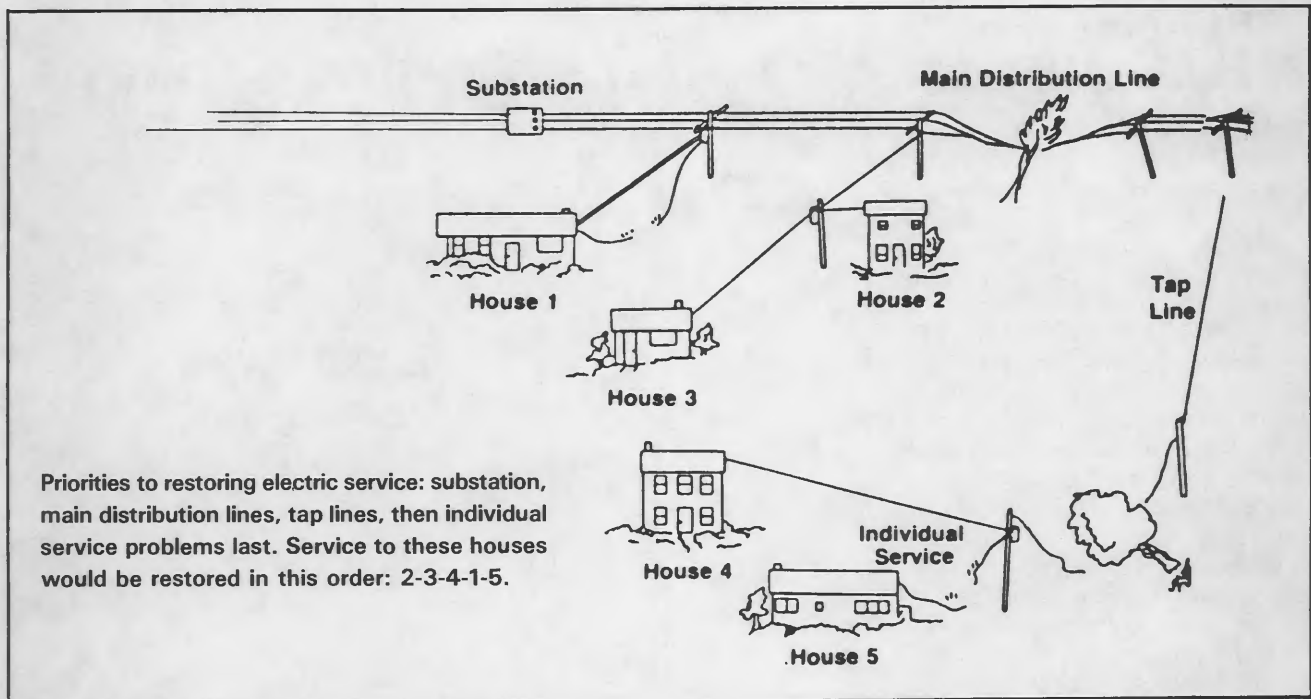
"Every public utility company which furnishes electricity to residential customers shall maintain a registry of those individuals who are dependent on an electrically operated respirator, dialysis machine or any other electrically operated life-support equipment. The existence of the registry shall be reasonably publicized by the public utility to its residential customers and the general public. It shall be the responsibility, however, of any individual relying on any life-support equipment to notify the public utility providing electrical service of his or her dependence on such life-support

equipment."

Although the law requires that the existence of the registry shall be reasonably publicized by the utility, the individual is responsible for notifying the utility of the existence of the life-support equipment.

We are requesting that consumers who have life-support equipment provide us with written certification of the use of the life-support equipment and the period for which it is to be used. By using the registry, those involved shall be consulted before turning off power or restoring power after an interruption. A "good faith" effort shall be made to restore power first to those person on the registry and to notify persons on the registry of anticipated power interruptions.

Please call the cooperative during office hours to request your certifications form.



Coping with weather outage

1. **DO NOT** use an emergency heater that is not designed for use inside the home.
 2. **DO NOT** use a kerosene heater in a tight room without opening a window.
 3. **DO NOT** use a gas outside grill to cook food inside the home. (Use it in the garage or outside.)
 4. **DO NOT** go in and out of doors. Conserve heat by keeping doors closed.
 5. **DO NOT** drain the water heater without turning off the breaker that controls the heater. Remember to make sure the water heater is completely full of water before turning back on.
1. **DO** call the cooperative and tell them that your service is off. Have your location number to give to the dispatcher.
 2. **DO** move into a single room and close off the rest of the home.
 3. **DO** stay away from fallen wire.
 4. **DO** turn off the electricity to motor driven appliances until the service has been restored.
 5. **DO** turn the heat pump thermostat to the emergency heat position before the service is restored. This will give the crankcase heater time to warm

- up the oil in the crankcase reducing the possibility of damage to the compressor when it comes back on. It is best to wait six to eight hours before allowing the compressor to come back on.
6. **DO** have a battery-operated radio to keep up on weather reports and flashlights for lighting.
 7. **DO** report to the cooperative if you see a line broken or any damage to the line.
 8. **DO** be patient.

SIEC has been quite fortunate that we have not had a major outage of any duration for the past few years. Your cooperative makes every effort to provide continuous service. Nothing can assure that your service will not be affected by extreme weather conditions.

There are two causes of major outages during spring months. These are high winds and electrical storms.

High winds are by far the most damaging. The strain and tension built up on the lines will cause the wires and poles to break. Broken poles and fallen trees and limbs require an extended period of time before all service can be restored.

The other cause is electric all storms. While electrical storms are often accompanied by high winds, the damage from lightning is more extensive, and yet more isolated. Lightning will cause the breaker to operate and kick off the power lines. It will burn out fuses on transformers, shatter insulators and sever the line itself, especially if it is copper wire.

When these outages happen, your cooperative is flooded with calls. This can be frustrating for anyone calling, as the busy signal is heard more often than the ringing of the telephone. This does not mean that no one is answering the phone, or that someone has left the phone off the hook. We need as many calls as possible so that we can isolate the problem and speed the repair crews to the right place.

Either of these outages can be very disagreeable to members, as well as the crews working to restore the service. When a major outage hits we have all available men working. We also have the opportunity to request and receive help from other cooperatives throughout our statewide organization in Springfield.

Statement of nondiscrimination

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE 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 program 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 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 of the exercise of any rights of such beneficiaries and participants in the conduct of the operation of this organization.

Any person who believes himself, or any specific class of individuals, to be subjected by this organization to discrimination prohibited by Title VI of the Act and the Rules and Regulations issued thereunder may, by himself or a representative, file with the Secretary of Agriculture, Washington, D.C. 20250, or the rural Electrification Administration, Washington, D.C. 20250 or the organization, or all a written complaint. Such complaint must be filed not later than 180 days after the alleged discrimination, or by such later date to which the Secretary of Agriculture of the Rural Electrification Administration extends the time for filing. Identity of complaints will be kept confidential except to the extent necessary to carry out the purpose of the Rules and Regulations.

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Recloser repair operation

There is a new building at the cooperative headquarters. The structure will accommodate the repair and maintenance of reclosers. Reclosers are also called breakers or OCR's (oil circuit reclosers). Sectionalizers will also be serviced in this building.

Michael (Mickey) Williams and Deon Davis will service the oil-filled equipment. They are classified as oil-filled equipment linemen.

When this equipment malfunctions in the field or is damaged, it is brought into the shop. Reclosers are also brought in for routine maintenance. In the shop they are often dismantled, repaired, perhaps cleaned

with solvent, oven-dried and reassembled. The oven is used to dissipate any moisture or solvent left on the hardware. An oven temperature of 150 degrees F is normally used for this purpose.

The recloser is a self-contained device that senses and interrupts single-phase fault currents on our power lines. The recloser automatically closes to restore service if the fault or cause of the outage is temporary and then it resets for another series of operations. If the fault is permanent, the recloser locks open after three operations. Therefore, if your lights blink the third time, the breaker has locked open and it is time



The new reclosure building behind cooperative headquarters is being readied for use.



Deon Davis, oil-filled equipment lineman, first began work at the cooperative in July 1975.



The oven in the recloser building which is used to dissipate moisture and solvents after equipment has been conditioned.



Mickey Williams, oil-filled equipment foreman, first began work at the cooperative in November 1968.

to call the cooperative and report the outage.

The breaker contains a piston and coil like an electromagnet which operates in oil. The oil insulates and cools and has a high dielectric strength which helps to extinguish the arc. In areas where brush is a problem, breakers operate more frequently and require service more often because of the buildup of sludge in the oil.

Sectionalizers have to be compatible with the breakers and help to isolate problem areas. They work in conjunction with the breaker and minimize the number of members affected by an outage by having a shorter section of line out of power.

Other responsibilities of the oil-filled equipment linemen include servicing and maintaining regulators

and transformers. Regulators and transformers control the voltage on the lines.

Once a month Mickey and Deon visit each substation in order to check the temperature of the substation transformers, compare the demand with the temperature, record the amperage on each of the phases and check the operating efficiency of the regulators in the substations.

Periodically the team takes oil samples from the transformers to check for moisture content, dielectric strength and acidity. During bad weather, oil-filled equipment linemen will also work in the field to restore service to consumers.



Essay contest judging completed

Essay contest winners and runners-up will be reported in the May issue of the JAMUP. Essays were judged April 1 and the winners notified by phone.

The dinner in their honor was held at Porky's Restaurant in Ullin April 16. The parents, teachers and school officials were invited to share their special night.

The winning essays entitled "What Tomorrow's

Members Expect of Their Electric Cooperatives" were presented at that time. Grand prize winners will travel to Washington, D.C., June 12-19 for the "Youth to Washington" tour sponsored by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.

Government cannot see rural ills

The U.S. is becoming a nation with two economies: a glittering urban economy on the coasts and a declining rural economy in between. Thirty-eight percent of the nation's poor and 67 percent of all substandard housing are in rural areas. Ninety percent of all counties with extremely high unemployment are rural.

This widening gap of prosperity was addressed by a new Subcommittee on the Rural Economy and the Family Farm (Senate Committee on Small Business), which held its first hearing Thursday.

The subcommittee is chaired by Sen. Max Baucus (D-Mont.), who said that while agriculture is still the major economic underpinning of most rural counties, the government has failed to recognize rural America as an essential part of the national mainstream.

"We must dispel the notion that 'the rural economy' means isolated and sparsely populated farm communities," Baucus said. "The rural economy really means a collection of many diverse economies, depending not only on the traditional farming, mining, timber, and fishing industries but now also on new industries like manufacturing, services, and tourism."

With a rural population in need of the same kind of government services as their urban relatives, the subcommittee began to examine specific ways to promote the growth of rural communities.

On the horizon is the potential growth of industries based on telecommunications and further development of facilities in recreation, housing, diversified medical and social services, and transportation, according to witnesses at the hearing, including New York State Sen. Charles D. Cook.

"Lower-cost office space and the availability of competent and dedicated workers are a strong lure for the urban corporate center which may still maintain its front office in the metropolis; but, which can, by the use of a few telephone circuits, run its back office from a remote locale in the country," Cook said.

Current rural economic stress must be resolved first before rural prosperity can be built through "development-oriented policies," cautioned Kenneth L. Deavers, director of the agriculture and rural economics division of the USDA.

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The Bargain Tables At The Cooperative

**Miscellaneous Electrical
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Martin



Parr

Linemen teach and assist in hunting safety program

LaRue Parr, a Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative lineman, is a volunteer instructor for the Illinois Department of Conservation in Hunting Safety. He first became interested in teaching gun safety when he attended a class taught by Conservation Education

Representatives. He became a certified gun safety instructor because he realized the importance of formal instruction for young people handling firearms.

The Department of Conservation, Division of Law Enforcement, Safety Division provides the criteria for the course. Anyone 16 years of age or younger will not be issued an Illinois hunting license unless they have graduated from this class. It consists of two sessions of five hours each. To graduate an individual must attend both classes.

Gun safety classes are sponsored in Illinois by area organizations. The Union County Sportsman Club sponsors the class in an effort to do something for community youth. This year it was held March 7 and 14 at the Veterans of Foreign Wars' building in Anna. Don Martin, an apprentice lineman with SIEC, assisted in the first aid section of this presentation. Thirty-six youth, 16 years of age or younger, enrolled for the classes and 32 graduated. LaRue has presented the class for the last six years as a community service. For more information, contact LaRue Parr. His telephone number is 618-827-4113.



Safety rules for tornado season

Shelter — Seek inside shelter if possible. If in the open, move away from a tornado's path at a right angle. If there is no time to escape, lie flat in the nearest depression, such as a ditch or ravine.

In office building — The basement or an interior hallway on a lower floor is safest. Upper stories are unsafe. If there is no time to descend, a closet or small room with stout walls, or an inside hallway will give some protection against flying debris. Otherwise, under heavy furniture must do.

In homes with basements — Seek refuge near the basement wall in the most sheltered and deepest below ground part of the basement. Additional protection is afforded by taking cover under heavy furniture or a work bench. Other basement possibilities are the smallest room with stout walls, or under a stairway.

In homes without basements — Take cover in the

smallest room with stout walls, or under heavy furniture, or a tipped-over upholstered couch or chair in the center part of the house. The first floor is safer than the second (or third). If there is time, open windows partly on the side away from the direction of the storm's approach — but stay away from windows when the storm strikes.

Mobile homes — Mobile homes are particularly vulnerable to overturning and destruction during strong winds, and should be abandoned in favor of a pre-selected shelter, or even a ditch in the open. Damage can be minimized by securing the trailer with cable anchored in concrete footing.

Factories, auditoriums, and other large buildings — These buildings with wide, free-span roofs, should have preselected, marked shelter areas in their basements, smaller rooms, or nearby.

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Front row, from left: Becky McCommons, Lori Corzine, Diane Williams (Miss Southern), Sharon Hennesy and Becky Bunch, and back row, from left: Garoll Ralls, Ken Wade Riley, Amy N. Shearer, Randy Kessel, LaRay McCommons, Brent Gordon and Corby Hight.



Contest grand prize winners to go to Washington in June

Judging was completed and winners were notified April 1 to culminate the 1987 "Youth to Washington" essay contest held annually by the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative. The three-judge panel selected Garoll Ralls and Lori Corzine, both juniors at Dongola, from a field of 52 area students for their compositions on this year's essay theme, "What Tomorrow's Members Expect of Their Electric Cooperatives."

Garoll is the son of Jack and Edna Ralls of Dongola. Lori is the daughter of Bradley and Carol Corzine of Dongola.

In addition to winning all-expenses-paid tours to Washington, D.C., June 12-19, Garoll and Lori were among student representatives of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative awarded trips to Springfield on April 8 for Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day activities. Ten other finalists were also awarded trips to Springfield that day: Brent Gordon, Ken Wade Riley, Corby Hight, Randy Kessel, Mark McClellan and Amy N. Shearer of Century High School; and Sharon Hennesy, Becky Bunch, La Ray McCommons and Becky McCommons, of Dongola High School.

The 12 finalists, their parents, teachers and school principals were special guests of the cooperative during a banquet Thursday, April 16, at Porky's Restaurant

in Ullin. The grand prize winners presented their essays and a video tape of the Youth to Washington tour was viewed. Christopher Ritter and Elaina Poulos shared their experiences during the 1986 tour and related activities.

Garoll, Lori, and Diane Williams, Miss Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative of 1986, will join approximately 70 other outstanding Illinois high school students, including winners of similar contests sponsored by the state's electric cooperatives, on the tour to the U.S. capital. Departing Illinois Friday, June 12, the group will make its first stop at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the following morning. They will arrive in Washington, Saturday afternoon.

During their stay in the nation's capital, these young people will see their government in action, visit with their congressmen and senators and visit various government agencies in action and sites of historical significance.

On Wednesday, June 17, the Illinois youth tour participants will join approximately 900 other students from 16 other states and several foreign countries for a special Rural Electric Youth Day program. The tour group will return home to Illinois on Friday, June 19.

What tomorrow's members expect of their electric cooperatives

The establishment of the Rural Electrification administration in 1935 has resulted in the expansion and development of rural America. However, we cannot be content to look back on past achievements and advancements that have been made by our cooperatives. We must become active participants in the course our rural electric cooperatives will be taking in the future. Only through our perseverance and determination will the hopes and expectations we have for the future of our cooperatives become reality.

It has long been the belief that cooperation is the key to success. The archaic misconception that one works best alone was abandoned long ago. People who were concerned about what lay ahead of them and wanted to urge their society forward worked together to develop new standards in energy production and use. As tomorrow's cooperative members, we must now do the same. The concept of "togetherness" is what has delivered us into our present stage of energetic development, and that same idea will convey us into what we hope will be a plentiful reservoir of energy resources in the future.

The prognosis for domestic supplies of natural gas and oil at the present consumption rate is one of extreme exhaustion. To reach a goal of energy self-sufficiency, this country must turn toward additional electricity generated by coal and uranium. Many drastic changes will have to occur if we hope to have enough energy to meet the demands of future generations, and as tomorrow's members of our electric cooperatives, we must take action now against a potential fuel shortage before it is upon us.

The assumption that our resources will always exist in excessive and inexpensive amounts is now being forgotten. Energy consumption with little thought of efficiency has led to diminished supplies of gas, oil, and coal. Although opinions differ more and more people are realizing that we must utilize our provisions with adequacy and efficiency in order to ensure that the outlook for years to come is one of ample accumulation and preservation.

Many alternatives and consequences must be taken into consideration if we are to maintain an abundance of energy. Nuclear power, more imported oil to convert into energy, or enough electricity to meet the demands of society are present considerations we must contemplate. All available options must be reviewed with intense deliberation and accuracy to guarantee the prodigious supplies of energy that are needed to accommodate the earth's population. Vast amounts of our primary resources are being depleted in drastic measures, but numerous benefits of using coal and uranium are being discovered. Practically all facets of energy could employ electricity as the key ingredient in production. It is up to the cooperative members of



(This is one of two winning essays in the Southern Illinois Electric cooperative "Youth to Washington" essay contest. This essay was written by Lori Corzine of Dongola, a student at Dongola Unit School. Next month we will print the other winning essay by Garoll Ralls of Dongola, a student at Dongola Unit School.)

today and tomorrow to make others aware that energy efficiency is an essential part of the determination of what can be done to prevent a shortage of energy in the future.

If a continual surge of developmental progress in our cooperatives is to prevail, we must remain faithful to the concept that together we can create a bright and plentiful future with unlimited selection of energy options. The enormous progress that has been made by our electric cooperatives cannot be denied, nor should it be forgotten or taken for granted. We depend on our cooperatives to leave a trail of experience and know-how, but new generations should look ahead and rely not only on what we have learned in the past years from our cooperatives, but on our own instincts and knowledge of the present world around us. Cooperation and working together hand in hand will transport us into a promising future of growth and development in our rural electric cooperatives.

The cooperative office will be closed Monday, May 25 to observe Memorial Day.

1987 Nominating Committee to meet

Members to serve on the 1987 Nominating Committee were appointed by the president of the board of directors of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative at the 1986 annual meeting of August 1. The committee will meet at the cooperative headquarters, Route 51 north of Dongola, on June 18 at 8 p.m. to consider nominees for election to the board of directors at the 1987 meeting of members.

The following were appointed to the 1987 Nominating Committee to represent their respective counties:

Alexander County — Frank Blakemore, P.O. Box 236, Olive Branch, IL 62969 and Charles Webb, RR 1, McClure, IL 62957

Johnson County — Willard Treat, RR 1, Cypress, IL 62923 and Charley Littleton, Cypress, IL 62923

Massac County — Larry Fisher, RR 1, Box 131, Karnak, IL 62956 and Lowell Loverkamp, RR 3 Metropolis, IL 62960

Pulaski County — Robert Heisner, RR 1 Box 10, Grand Chain, IL 62941 and Virginia Hartman, RR 1 Box 116, Mounds, IL 62964

Union County — Fred Pitts, RR 1 Box 131, Buncombe, IL 62912 and Larry Hight, RR 2 Box 136, Dongola, IL 62926

The bylaws of the cooperative provide that nominees to the board of directors may be made by: (1) nominating committee, (2) petition signed by 15 or more active members, or (3) an active member from the floor at the annual meeting.

The three-year terms of the directors are expired alternately so that each year elections are held for a portion of the board. At the 1987 annual meeting, elections will be held for a director from each of the three counties: Alexander, Johnson and Massac.

The judges for the Youth to Washington Essay Contest met April 1 at the cooperative. From left are: Margaret Shotton, administrative assistant, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, and, John Shelton, communications instructor, Shawnee College, Ullin. Carol L. Duty, administrative assistant at SIEC coordinates the contest.



Keeping meat and poultry safe in foul weather

Severe weather conditions such as hurricanes, tornadoes, ice or snow storms often result in power failure. The safety of your perishable foods and canned or dry goods may be at risk. Consumers can take steps to help prevent or minimize the loss of meat, poultry and other foods during bad weather. The following questions and answers will guide you in protecting an important investment — your food supply.

Q. What can I do to keep my freezer as cold as possible while the power is out?

A. You should know that food in a full freezer will stay frozen about two days, and food in a half-full freezer about one day. If your freezer is not full, group the packages together so each frozen package acts as a "block of ice" to protect the foods around it.

For refrigerators with freezer units, you can put block ice in the freezer section and transfer all perishable foods from the refrigerator into the freezer section. You may want to place meat and poultry items in a pan to catch juices that drip as the food begins to thaw.

Avoid the temptation to open the refrigerator and freezer doors to "see how things are doing." This unnecessarily lets cold air escape.

If you think the power is going to be off for several days, you can put dry ice in your freezer. Remember don't touch the dry ice with your hands because it is extremely cold and freezes everything it touches. Do not inhale the fumes.

Q. Once my power returns, can I refreeze my meat and poultry?

A. Raw meat and poultry that still has ice crystals may safely be refrozen. Cooked meat and poultry dishes that have remained at 40 degrees Fahrenheit or below should be used as quickly as possible, but

may also be refrozen. Remember, raw or cooked meat and poultry products that remain above 40 degrees Fahrenheit for more than two hours should be discarded to avoid food poisoning.

Q. Are there other tips on what I can do to prepare for future power outages so I won't have food safety problems?

A. Yes, here are a few tips to help:

- Keep several blue-ice freezable paks (available in larger supermarkets) in your freezer;

- Keep an ice-cooler on hand for storing foods on ice;
 - Develop an emergency plan to store your food with a friend whose power source may not be interrupted;
 - Freeze containers of water in your freezer;
 - Know in advance where you can buy dry and block ice; and
 - Store pre-cooked canned or shelf-stable foods.
- USDA Food Safety & Inspection Service, April 1986



Betty Reynolds

Betty Reynolds cashier receptionist

If you visited the cooperative headquarters during the past year, you probably met Betty Reynolds. She is our cashier receptionist.

Betty has been an employee of the cooperative since July 1965. She began her responsibilities as a clerk in the general office in charge of the members' requests for reconnects and disconnects and helping with the heavy mail during the first of each month. She also assembled the billing books and answered inquiries regarding memberships and deposits.

The first machine she used to make billing books was rather antique in appearance and used address plates. As the office became more automated, she used a teletype machine to produce the billing books. With the introduction of the in-house computer, billing sheets are printed on the IBM 36. For the last 10 years, Betty has been working as a billing clerk in the billing department.

These days, Betty is doing what she enjoys best. She likes people and greets them with enthusiasm. Her pleasant personality is also appreciated by members who call the office, as she also handles the switchboard for all incoming calls. The cooperative is here to serve the members and you will agree that Betty projects this attitude in her job as a cooperative cashier receptionist.

Cooperative continuing to refund capital credits

Last fall, the board of directors of Southern Illinois Electric cooperative authorized the refund of capital credits for the years 1953 through 1959. The amount authorized to be refunded was \$236,423.60.

The first refund checks were written December 17 to members who had a current address on file, and 2,795 checks were issued. The amount of those first checks totaled \$87,489.68.

Since the first of the year, we have written another 1,382 checks, totaling \$48,124.87. The chart below summarizes the refunds made to date:

Date	No. of Checks	Amount
December 17, 1986	2,795	\$87,489.68
February 5, 1987	272	18,370.35
February 24, 1987	85	4,386.72
March 20, 1987	371	9,258.18
April 4, 1987	377	9,447.76
April 23, 1987	277	6,661.86
Totals	4,177	\$135,614.55

We are continuing to search for current addresses for members or their heirs who were receiving service in the years 1953 through 1959. We still have 5,694 checks to write, totaling \$100,809.05.

Many of you have been very helpful by locating and supplying us with addresses of past members or their relatives. We appreciate this and we thank you.

If you have current address information on past members or their heirs, please contact Pam Lentz at our office.



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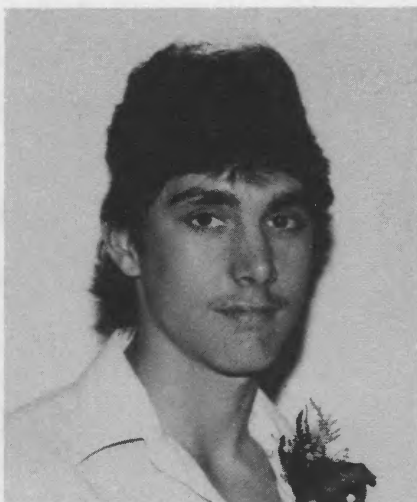
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What tomorrow's members expect of their electric cooperative

Since the invention of electricity, America has grown from a dark world into a ball of light. Rural consumers are now able to live better, more productive lives due to the diligent efforts of the Rural Electrification Administration established in 1935. Past and present achievements enable us to anticipate future improvements and advancements for consumers. As tomorrow's cooperative members, our expectations include fair rates and improved services, but in order to make these a reality, we must also be willing to become responsible members committed to the goals and expectations of our rural electric cooperatives.

Cooperatives are non-profit organizations owned and controlled by their members to provide a service for themselves. Member-owners control rates, policies, rights, privileges and other matters. Electric cooperatives supply the energy requirements for populated rural areas where investor-owned utilities would not serve their needs, and they operate for the mutual benefit of all members.

Rural electric systems provide power to approximately 10.5 million homes, schools, churches, and other establishments in 2,600 of the 3,141 counties they serve. A typical rural electric system is a consumer-owned cooperative that is managed locally. It is about 40 years old with 1,870 miles of line and 7,400 consumers in portions of three counties. Rural electric systems own and maintain more than one-half of the electric



This is one of two winning essays in the Southern Illinois Electric's "Youth to Washington" essay contest. This essay was written by Garrol Ralls of Dongola, a student at Dongola Unit School.

distribution lines in the United States. Approximately 25 percent of the power transmitted by rural electric systems is purchased from commercial power sources. Rural areas continue to grow as kilowatt-hour sales have moved upward in the 1980s although their rise has been at a slower pace than in previous years.

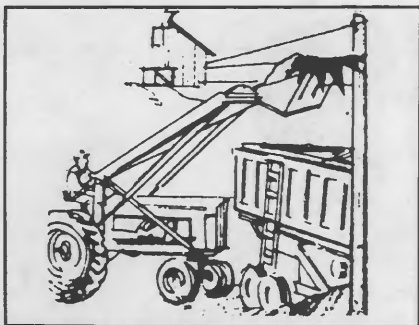
Consumers on cooperative lines are using about the same amount of electricity as consumers seven years ago, a fact which further reinforces the affordable, economical benefit of electric energy. Almost one-third of our primary energy equivalent is used to generate electricity today, and by the year 2000, about one-half will be used. Of this electricity, only one-third is for residential use,

while two-thirds is used by businesses.

Electric energy is produced by turbine-generation at power plants, then transported through conducting wires to homes, businesses, and industrial plants where the energy is utilized. Approximately 4 percent of this nation's usable energy comes from hydroelectric generation, and less than 2 percent is nuclear generated. The remaining 94 percent is attained through fossil fuels.

Energy can neither be created nor destroyed. It can be changed from one form to another, but there will always be the same amount of total energy in the universe. Coal, petroleum, and natural gas have taken millions of years to form. Coal is classified by the percentage of carbon in dried samples, or by the caloric value of moist ones. Coal formed in the western United States is much lower in sulfur than Eastern coal, and it is the only major energy source that is exported. Many problems have been associated with coal, such as mining accidents, black lung, and air pollution. In the future, coal's role assumes even more importance as economical technologies are developed to transform coal into liquid fuel or gas. In 1973, coal accounted for 18 percent of our energy supply, while in 1984, it provided us with 22 percent. Of this 80 percent was burned in power plants to generate electricity.

Petroleum is one of our fossil fuels, but is a nonrenewable energy source. The supply of petroleum is
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Overhead lines pose many dangers

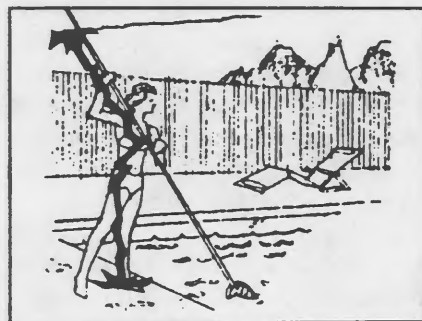
REACT AND LIVE

- Consider any overhead line dangerous. Keep objects at least ten feet away from powerlines.
- In areas where your equipment will be operating, inspect for possible interference with overhead lines.
- Don't attempt to raise or move electric lines. Call your power supplier.
- If powerlines are buried, let your electric service representative locate them before digging.
- Report any potential powerline hazard to your electric power supplier.



IF AN ACCIDENT HAPPENS

- Never touch a person or equipment in contact with a high voltage line.
- Cut off power if you can.
- Use a rope or dry board to pull or push victim away from contact.
- Send for help and give artificial respiration until it comes.



Summer storm season calls for caution

The summer season is here. Like it or not, the summer storm season is here, too.

With storms come the dangers of fallen electrical wires, and you need to be conscious of the fact that downed wires can be lethal. Many times, high voltage lines will crackle and snap as they lay on the ground, and you know they are dangerous. Some lie perfectly still, their menace magnified by their very silence. Like many rattlesnakes, some downed wires give no warning of the danger they possess. To be on the safe side, leave them all alone, and stay away from them. Damp ground near a downed power line can also be dangerous.

You cannot protect yourself from the dangers of electricity by wearing rubber gloves, by using rubber raingear or ordinary plastic-insulated pliers or wirecutters. None of those "protective devices" are adequate to do the job.

Conductors (wires) are not insulated, and those that fall over highway guard rails or wire fences make them dangerous, too, so you will need to be especially careful if you are moving around in an area where wires are down.

The best bet, if you can, is to avoid trouble and call your electric supplier, giving the location as nearly as possible and telling them the situation. They have trained crews to take care of downed wires, and those crews have special equipment that makes a reasonably safe routine job out of a potentially hazardous situation. The trouble is, they make it look fairly easy, and for them, with the special equipment and years of training, it is.

Another situation that occasionally brings trouble is when a car runs into a power pole and a wire snaps and falls across the car, charging it with high voltage. Occupants of a car draped with a live wire are

usually safe, so long as they stay in the car.

If you get into such a situation and have to leave your car for any reason, remember — electricity is always looking for a way to get to ground, and the instant you are in contact with the "hot" car and the ground at the same time, you become the conductor! Never just step out of an energized car. Be very careful, before opening a door, to see that it will not touch the ground as it opens. Then, jump from the car, making sure not to jump on a wire or onto damp ground near a downed wire.

Electricity can do work for you because it is a form of energy — actually a form of controlled lightning — and it can do harm when it gets out of control. Be sure not to let out-of-control energy injure you or your loved ones. Be especially careful during the summer storm season.

Capital credits allocated for 1986

The board of directors of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative has authorized the allocation of \$1,175,452.03, in capital credits to its members for the year 1986. Of the \$1,175,452.03, \$441,936.19 represents capital credits received from Southern Illinois Power Cooperative.

The allocation of capital credits represents an amount allocated to the account of each member who received service in 1986. This allocated amount cannot be used as a credit nor is it available in the form of cash until capital credits for the year 1986 are retired. In general, no capital credits can be retired until the cooperative has obtained enough capital to take

care of all its needs. Capital credits are represented largely by investments in poles, wire, transformers and other equipment required to provide service.

Members may determine the approximate amount of their capital credit allocation for 1986 by multiplying the total amount paid in electric bills for 1986 by a factor of .12740.

If you wish to know your exact capital credit allocation for 1986, please submit a written request.

To further explain, a capital credit plan is an arrangement under which:

1. A cooperative and its members expressly agree that any payment by any patron over the cost of serving

him is capital furnished by the patron to the cooperative.

2. The cooperative credits such patronage capital on its books to the patrons, and

3. Such capital credits will be retired when, in the opinion of the board of directors, such retirement will not impair the cooperative's financial position.

The capital credit plan provides for service at cost, for paying off REA and CFC loans, for acquiring complete local ownership of the cooperative system, for giving all patrons full credit for all payments in excess of cost, and for the eventual repayment to the patrons of all capital furnished by them.

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Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative's annual meeting is scheduled for July 31 at the Meridian Elementary School, Mounds. Among the activities planned is the Miss Southern Illinois Electric beauty pageant. The 1986 contest winners area, from right: Diane Williams, Anna, "Miss Southern"; Renee Vick McClure, first runner-up; Melissa Dowdy, Tamms, second runner-up; and, Susan Clemons, Dongola, Miss Congeniality.

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limited and continually becomes harder to find. At the present time a 30-40 year supply exists unknown reserves if we continue using it at our normal consumption rates. In 1984, 35 percent of our petroleum was imported, a figure that is down 15 percent from our 1979 imports.

Natural gas is another nonrenewable source of energy formed in the same way as petroleum. Once gas is found in the ground, drilling occurs, and it then flows up to the surface into large pipelines. As it is pumped gas is measured into smaller pipelines called mains. Gas mains direct the flowing gas to 47 million homes, businesses, and industries where the exact amount entering each place is monitored. In 1984, over 20 percent of our natural gas was extracted from offshore wells and 5 percent was imported. The United States

consumed 18 quads during 1984, supplying 23.5 percent of our energy demand, and projections now estimate that our needs for gas will increase over the next 10 years.

Through the years, consumers have progressed significantly in their knowledge of how to live and learn more about energy and fuels, and new advancements are being discovered daily to enrich the lives of Americans. In order to provide a more prosperous future, many decisions and commitments must

be made by our rural electric cooperatives, and as tomorrow's members we must strive to meet the challenges and expectations we hold for the future of rural Americans.

Office closing

Southern's office will be closed July 3, to celebrate the July 4 holiday.

Right-of-way spraying set for June

In the latter part of June, right-of-way is to be sprayed in Alexander and Pulaski counties. ROWCO, Inc., of San Antonio, Texas, has carefully performed this service for the cooperative for the last several years. Spraying has been found to

be the most economical and successful way of maintaining right-of-way in our area due to the rough terrain and density of brush and ensures the members of continuous service with a minimum of outages.

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Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative Annual Meeting

July 31, 1987
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will be available.

Prizes will be awarded.
As a special feature at this year's
annual meeting, Rural Health, Inc.'s
staff physicians and nurses from the
Anna and Dongola Medical Clinics
will offer health screening procedures.

Mini health fair 5-7 p.m.

Jimmy Montgomery retires from refrigeration service

Jimmy Montgomery, refrigeration serviceman, retired May 31 after being "on call" for the past 41 years. When a refrigerator or freezer was sold by Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Jimmy provided service seven days a week any time day or night.

In March 1946, George Endicott, general manager, asked Jimmy, "Would you work for us? We want you two days in Union County, two days in Johnson County," and so forth. "There were not that many days in the week," Jimmy said, "but I went to work that day and have worked continuously ever since. I first was paid per call but later was put on a monthly retainer."

General Electric and the Highline Box by Stewart-Warner were the first refrigerators sold by the cooperative. They were the products most in demand along with the chest-type freezers. Electric stoves were more popular a few years later. General Electric discontinued its chest-type freezers for a time and only manufactured the upright models. During that time, the cooperative sold Kelvinator and Hot Point chest-type freezers. General Electric then decided to

again manufacture chest-type freezers and the cooperative changed to this brand.

The average work week was hectic for the refrigeration serviceman. To provide service wherever and whenever necessary required approximately 20,000 miles a year. These responsibilities were in addition to his own clients from his



Montgomery

private refrigeration business. Service calls were not limited to the area served by the cooperative. Units sold outside of the area were given the same kind of considera-

tion in most cases.

Jimmy is very proud of his career with the cooperative. He stated, "I was the first refrigeration man hired by the co-op and I worked until they discontinued the resale department." He also reported that his home, which he remodeled, was the third one to receive service when electricity became available in southern Illinois. For many years his home was used to demonstrate the all-electric concept. His electric heat and air conditioning were on one meter and the remainder of his usage was recorded on a separate meter. He said he read his meter every day for two years at 7 a.m. to establish a model for residential use.

Jimmy has retired from most aspects of his former refrigeration business. He is devoting his energies to the family farm. He has no hobby but work, he says, but his travels throughout the Western United States, Canada and Alaska total 34 trips in 35 years. His wife Myra is happy to have him at home full time and is suggesting small chores around the house. She did comment that Jimmy was very good helping with the dishes.

The couple have two children: Mason Montgomery, father of Marcia and Todd, of Cypress; and Anita Montgomery Meyer, mother of Nicole and Tracey of Karnak.

Massac County Youth Fair

July 15-18, 1987

\$32,076.00 prize money

ages 8-19

Massac, Pulaski, Pope, Alexander, Hardin, Johnson,
Williamson, Saline, Union, Jackson, Gallatin, White, and
Hamilton counties included

16 classes of competition

Contests, games, races, puppet show, camel rides and horse show

Premiums paid July 17, 1987 at 8 p.m.

Premium books available at each county cooperative extension office

Annual meeting notice

The 47th annual meeting notice will be in the mail July 20. Read the comments and reports of your management and officers. The registration card will be attached to the notice. Bring it with you to the annual meeting July 31 at the Meridian Elementary School at Mounds.

The school is located one-eighth of a mile east of Interstate 57, using the Mounds Road Exit No. 8. The school offers an air-conditioned auditorium with fine acoustics and individual theatre-style seats designed to allow perfect vision during the activities.

Members will be welcomed by cooperative manager Tim Reeves, elect directors for the three expiring three-year terms, participate in

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the business meeting and be informed by Manager Reeves about cooperative accomplishments and expectations.

The new "Miss Southern" will be

crowned. The appearance of the beauty contestants and the selection of our new beauty queen will prove to be the highlight of the evening. Miss Southern 1986, Diane Williams, will be on hand to place the tiara on the new queen.

Early bird prizes are presented at the beginning of the meeting and members present will have the opportunity to win valuable gifts during the drawing which takes place at the close of the meeting.

This year the cooperative is hosting a mini health fair for the benefit of the members and participants of the annual meeting.

Make plans now to attend this important function in the operation of your cooperative.

Budget billing available

A budget billing payment plan is available to residential consumers of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.

Budget billing allows customers to pay a fixed amount for 11 months of each year. In the 12th month, the customer's billing will be adjusted to bring the account up-to-date. The budget amount each consumer pays will be based on the past 12 months history.

To qualify for budget billing, a customer:

1. must be a residential consumer with a rate classification of 01 or 03.
2. must have been connected for at least one year.
3. must have a good payment record with the cooperative.

Customers wanting to change to budget billing will be allowed to do so in September of each year. If you are interested in changing to budget billing, or if you have questions about budget billing, please contact the office by August 20. Ask for the billing supervisor.



Lori A. Corzine of Dongola, Randy L. Kessel of Ullin, Garoll R. Ralls of Dongola and Diane Williams of Anna were among 40 outstanding high school students from Illinois touring Washington, D.C., June 12-19 as a part of the annual "Youth to Washington" tour sponsored by the Electric Cooperatives of Illinois. Lori and Garoll represented Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola, as winners of the essay contest sponsored annually by the cooperative. Randy participated as a "Willie Wiredhand" student, paying his own way. Diane earned the tour by winning the Miss Southern contest in 1986. From left are Lori, Randy, Garoll and Diane.

Entrants sought for 1987 Beauty Pageant

Eligible young ladies may enter the Miss Southern contest by completing and mailing the entry form at the bottom this page. Do not delay!

RULES

Entrant must be a member of a family who has an active membership currently receiving power from the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.

Entrant must be unmarried between the ages of 16 and 22.

Previous first-place winners are not eligible.

Candidates will appear in formals and swimsuits (other than bikini).

Cooperative does not bear the winner's clothing expense.

PRIZES

First Prize: \$100 cash, trophy, sash, and all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Second Prize: \$75 cash and gift. (In the event first place prize winner cannot go to Washington, the second prize winner has the opportunity).

Third Prize: \$50 cash and gift.

Consolation Prize of \$10 cash awarded to each entry.

"Miss Congeniality" trophy awarded to contestant chosen by other entrants in competition.

Entries will be judged as follows: Beauty: 25% Facial, 25% Figure; Poise: 10% Posture, 5% Grace; Personality: 15% Charm, 10% Grooming; Ability: 5% Past Achievements, 5% Talent or Domestic Ability.



Diane Williams, Miss Southern 1986

Beauty pageant entry form

I agree to abide by the rules set forth herein and I herewith give my permission for the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative to use my picture and name for any publicity purposes in connection with the contest. I understand that if I should win the contest and be unable to participate in cooperative activities, an alternate may be selected in the manner described.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Account No. _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____
(obtain from billing book)

Parents' Name _____

If living with other than parents give name and address of person you live with.

I certify that this information is true to the best of my knowledge. Please accept my entry in the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative Beauty Contest.

Signed _____

(Applicant)

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1963-64-65 capital credits retired

The board of directors of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative authorized the retirement of capital credits for the years 1963 through 1965 in the amount of \$102,764.91.

Capital credits will be refunded for 1963 through 1965 as follows: 1963, \$13,733.39; 1974, \$44,678.06; and 1965, \$44,353.46.

The refund of capital credits for the years 1963 through 1965 is the return of margins earned by the cooperative in those years. Each member receiving service at that time will receive their proportional share of the margins.

Members of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative receive electric service at cost with any margins or profits allocated to them in the form of capital credits. Then, when financial conditions permit, the capital credits are refunded.

The first group of checks will be written to those who had service in the years 1963 through 1965 and who have previously received a refund check for past years. Also included in this group will be the members who were hooked up during 1963 through 1965 who have a valid current address on our files.

Many of you have been very helpful by locating and supplying us with addresses of past members or their relatives. If you have current address information on past members or their heirs, please contact Pam Lentz at our office.

No rate increase

At the annual meeting of SIEC members on July 31, manager Reeves announced that there would be no rate increase this fall. There has not been an increase in rates since September 1, 1983.

New billing books

New billing books will be mailed in September for your October 1 meter reading. If you have not received the book by October 1, please call your Cooperative office at 827-3555.

Please note: If you changed to budget billing, you will not be receiving a book.



**Miss Southern Illinois
Electric Cooperative 1987**

Renee Vick, 19, daughter of Bruce and Sherry Vick of McClure, was crowned the new "Miss Southern" during the annual meeting of the cooperative members held at Meridian School, Mounds, July 31. Renee is a graduate of Shawnee High School. She is attending Shawnee College and plans to transfer to a four-year college and obtain a degree in elementary education. At Shawnee College in 1986 she made the Dean's List and earned the National English Merit Award and membership in the Southern Illinois Society for Achievement. In 1987 she made the President's List and the National Dean's List. Renee has studied tap, ballet, gymnastics, and acrobatics. In high school she was an outstanding basketball player and is currently a "Lady Saint" at Shawnee College. She won the 1986 Basketball Assist Award and Field Goal Percentage Award. As part of her prize, Miss Southern will accompany the Illinois essay winners in June 1988 on the "Youth to Washington" tour.



First runner-up Nicole Raquel Harvell, 20-year-old daughter of Michael and Thelma Harvell of Tamms. Nicole is attending SEMO and is working on her bachelor of science in nursing. While at Egyptian High School she was a cheerleader and a member of FHA, FFA, Student Council, Photography Club and the nursing Program. Her hobbies are swimming, stock cars and shopping.



Second runner-up Yansu Arrott, 18-year-old daughter of Reed and Dorothy Arrott of Dongola. Yansu is attending SIU and majoring in business administration and foreign trade. While at Dongola High School she was a cheerleader and a member of the Beta Club, Science Club, Art Club, FHA, Pep Club, and band. Her hobbies are swimming, horseback riding, jogging, aerobics, softball and visiting friends.



Miss Congeniality Lorey Anne Barnes, 17-year-old daughter of Gerald and Susan Barnes of Grand Chain. Lorey is attending Shawnee College and plans to study business management. While at Aurora East High School she was a member of the National Honor Society, Student Council, and Pep Club. Her hobbies are collecting key chains, softball and volleyball.



Contestants from left: Leslie Williams, 16-year-old daughter of Wayman and Shelby Williams, Metropolis; "Miss Congeniality" Lorey Anne Barnes, 17-year-old daughter of Gerald and Susan Barnes, Grand Chain; Amy Johnson, 16-year-old daughter of Barry and Darlene Henard, Dongola; Amy Beth Ramage, 16-year-old daughter of Howard and Elizabeth Ramage, Anna; "Miss Southern 1987" Renee Vick, 19-year-old daughter of Bruce and Sherry Vick McClure; Jennifer Ann Keil, 19-year-old daughter of Jack and Pat Keil, Dongola; Nicole Harvell, first runner-up, 20-year-old daughter of Michael and Thelma Harvell, Tamms; Becky Brown, 18-year-old daughter of Wayne and Judy Brown, Dongola; Lisa Dudley, 17-year-old daughter of Larry and Cathy Dudley, Goreville; Lori Krueger, 17-year-old daughter of P. J. and Cheryl Carnahan, Metropolis; Leigh Ann Abernathy, 17-year-old daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Abernathy, Buncombe; Yansu Arrott, second runner-up, 18-year-old daughter of Reed and Dorothy Arrott, Dongola; and LaRay McCommons, 17-year-old daughter of Joe and Bonnie McCommons, Dongola.



Beauty pageant judges with the new "Miss Southern" from left: Roland Person, SIU-Carbondale; Renee Vick, McClure; Art Aikman, SIU-Carbondale; April Camden, Miss Southern Illinois of 1987; and Dorothy Chamness, Marion. Dorothy is the franchise holder of the Miss Southern Illinois Scholarship Pageant held in Marion annually.



Raymond and Helen Miller of Ullin were the grand prize winners of a VHS portable VCR system donated by the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.



April Camden, of Creal Springs, is 19 years old and majors in piano performance at Wheaton College and Conservatory. She was Miss Southern Illinois, and was a top ten finalist in the 1987 Miss Illinois Pageant. She has won top awards in numerous state, regional, and national music competitions. She has served on the panel of judges for various pageants and also for the Regional Music Competition in Pennsylvania. April stays busy singing and playing for civic groups, pageants and churches in the Southern Illinois and Chicago areas.



William Joplin of Tamms won the Zenith 19-inch portable color television set donated by JIMELCO, Inc. of Memphis, Tennessee. Veronica Joplin and Linda Williams are happy about winning the prize.



Willard Treat of Cypress, chairman of the nominating committee, read the minutes of the June meeting.

Do you know these people?

The abandoned property list as of December 1979 includes the following names with their last known address. Refund checks issued to these consumers were returned because of no forwarding address:

Mary Lou McCauliff
RR1, Cobden, IL 62920

David Miller
P.O. Box 15, Jonesboro, IL 62952

James Johnson
R1 Box 163, Tamm, IL 62988

Robert Wilson
1209 N. Anna, Metropolis, IL 62960

Kenneth Rains
R1 Box 77, Vienna, IL 62995

Andy Love
P.O. Box 58, Pulaski, IL 62976

Georgia Phillips
Ullin, IL 62992

Greg Manning, c/o John Lindstrom
717-1/2 University,
Carbondale, IL 62901

Clayton Barnes
R1 Box 227A, Mounds, IL 62964

David F. Johnson
R2, Cobden, IL 62920

Lee Pearson
R2, Cobden, IL 62920

Jerry A. Hall
R2, Dongola, IL 62926

Lee Merideth
R1, Metropolis, IL 62960

Bobbie Crawford
R3, Metropolis, IL 62960

Bertha Pettis, c/o James Sissom
R1, Thebes, IL 62990

Cecilia Kay Myrick
Metropolis, IL 62960

Georgia Owens
Olmsted, IL 62970

Terry McDuffee
R1, Brookport, IL 62910

James Fleming
R2, Anna, IL 62906

Ruby George
R1, Brookport, IL 62910

Paul L. Marsh
R2, Buncombe, IL 62912

Ted Wells
Belknap, IL 62908

William Jeffrey Ware
RA1 Box 21, Cobden, IL 62920

Capital Credit Checks — Returned Unclaimed

Dewayne Baggott
R2, Pinckneyville, IL 62274

E.J. & Lola Banks
R1 Box 81, Tamm, IL 62988

Harry Boyd
Anna, IL 62906

George Boyd
R1, Anna, IL 62906

John Eaves, c/o Craig Realty
150 E. Vienna, Anna, IL 62906

John Evers, Gen. Del.
Perks, IL 62973

Ray Frick, c/o Don Frick
Peoria, IL 61600

Sherman Hartman
R1 Box 92, Tamm, IL 62988

Julia Kelley
Unity, IL 62993

Howard Lamb,
c/o Louise Lakowski
6600 Country Drive,
Florissant, MO 63033

Zadie Bell McGee,
c/o Otie McGee,
R1, Jackson, MO 63755

Lola Minton
Alto Pass, IL 62905

Dennis Poole
Elco, IL 62929

Catherine Smith
Jonesboro, IL 62952

Leslie Strader
POB 81, Olive Branch, IL 62969

Charles B. Watkins
704 N. Logan, Marion, IL 62959

1987 Uncashed Checks

Lisa G. Douglas
77 East Cape Terrace,
McClure, IL 62957

Velma Dillow
RJ3 Box 23, Cobden, IL 62920

Tin Inn Tavern, c/o Helen Story
POB 307, Olmsted, IL 62970

Shawnee College Dislocated Workers Center

Help is available again for those individuals living in the counties of Johnson, Alexander, Massac, Union, and Pulaski who have lost their jobs due to economic cutbacks, lay-offs, or business closings.

These individuals who have lost their jobs through no fault of their own can seek help at the Shawnee College Dislocated Workers Center located on the Shawnee College campus in Ullin.

The Shawnee College Dislocated Workers Center is an active part of the Southern Illinois Dislocated Workers Program, which is composed of five colleges: Shawnee and Wabash Valley College, Southeastern College, Rend Lake College and John A. Logan College.

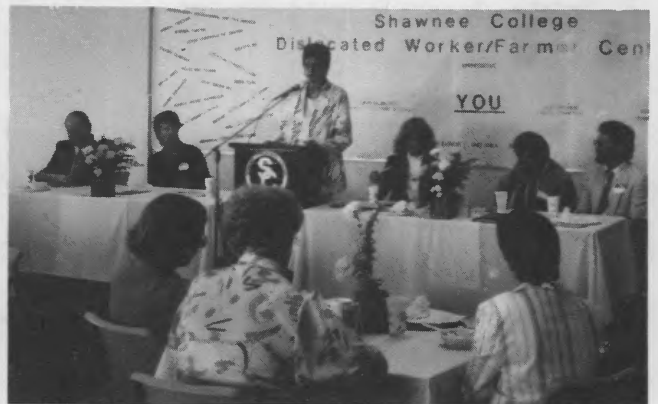
Jean Ellen Boyd, training/placement specialist, and Vanessa Riley, training assistant at the Shawnee College Center, offer counseling services, testing to see what the individual's needs are, and a one-year vocational training (approved by our office and the unemployment office) for those individuals who feel they need to be retrained before entering the work force. Job search assistance is offered to all eligible individuals and job club is offered the first and third Thursday of each month on the Shawnee College campus which provides guest speakers from the area telling about services that are available to the unemployed person and speakers to explain other areas of interest. Resumes are written and typed, job leads are given and, in general, this is a time to discuss any problems they may be having.

The Dislocated Workers Center also offers the on-job-training contract to the area employers if they hire an eligible dislocated worker in a position that requires skills not already known by the individual. To help offset the cost of this training, it will offer 50 percent reim-

bursement of the dislocated worker's salary to this employer during the training period.

Boyd said, "Our employment rate is unfortunately high and it's going to take both the business owner and our program to work together to help these individuals who have been effected by economic conditions. Our office has hard working qualified clients with marketable skills that just need an opportunity to enter the work force again."

If you are an unemployed person or a business owner in the area and would like to get more information regarding this program, contact Jean Ellen Boyd at the Shawnee College Dislocated Workers Center, 618-634-2242 between the hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

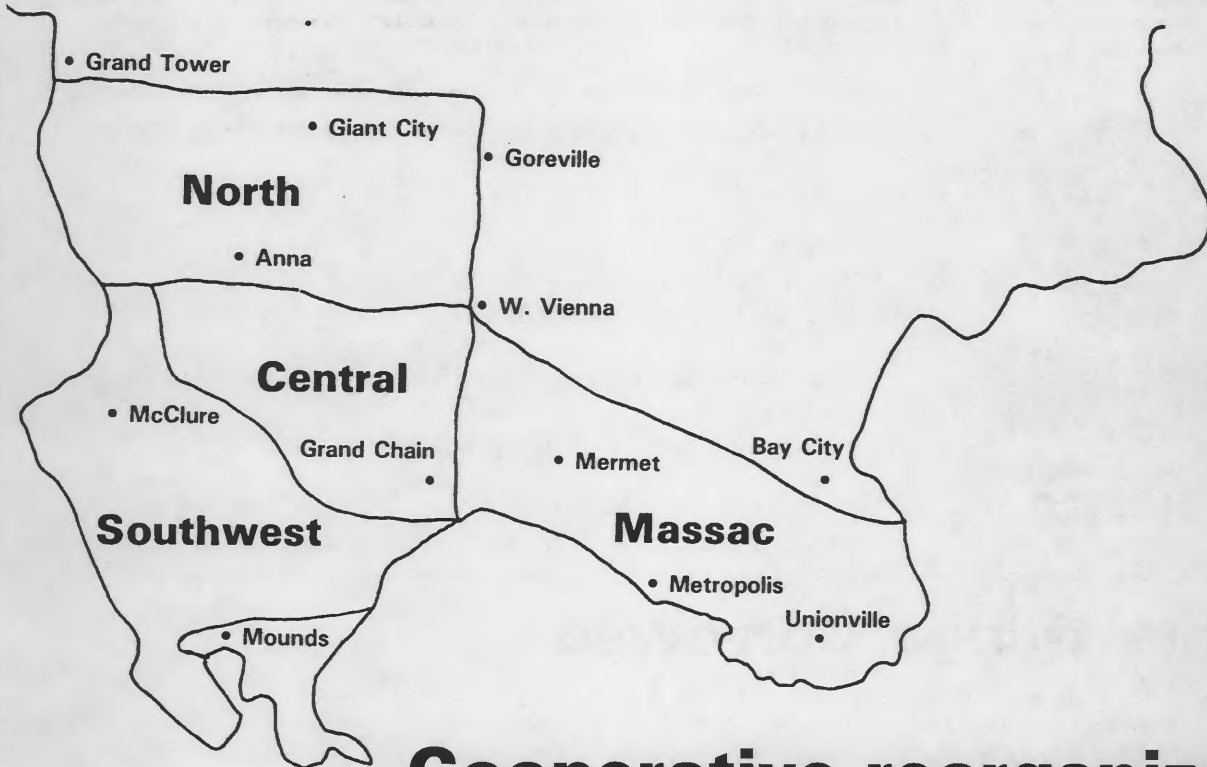


Jean Ellen Boyd, training placement specialist at the Shawnee College Dislocated Workers Center, addresses a group of area business people at a recent luncheon held in appreciation of their support and use of the Dislocated Workers Program.

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Cooperative reorganizes service territory

The work load per utility serviceman has required that the service areas be subdivided and reassigned. Up to this time, the cooperative service territories were divided into three sections: north, south, and Massac areas. The areas are now identified as north, southwest, central and Massac.

Utility Servicemen

North — Lamar Houston
Southwest — Tom Keller
Central — Enloe Clemons
Massac — Leonard Martin
Massac — Perry Dailey

Members per territory

North — 2,339 members
Southwest — 2,288 members
Central — 1,998 members
Massac — 2,398 members

Substations serving territory

North — Lick Creek and Jonesboro
Southwest — Pulaski, McClure, Tamms and Olive Branch
Central — Dongola, Karnak, Mill Creek and Ullin
Massac — Forman, Metropolis and Unionville



Lamar Houston,
utility serviceman,
north area.
Truck no. 3.



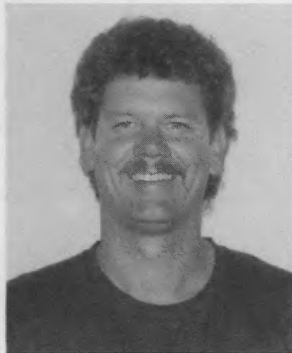
Tom Keller,
utility serviceman,
southwest area.
Truck no. 14.



Enloe Clemons,
utility serviceman,
central area.
Truck no. 5.



Leonard Martin,
utility serviceman,
Massac area.
Truck no. 4.



Perry Dailey,
utility serviceman,
Massac area.
Truck no. 4.

Utility servicemen are responsible for:

1. Reconnects, disconnects and changeovers.
 2. Read large power and commercial meters.
 3. Outages — on call 24 hours per day.
 4. Work in conjunction with construction crews.
 5. Collection of delinquent accounts.
 6. General maintenance.
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Some things borrowed

By J.C. Brown

What I would like to share with you are some words put together by one of the best word processors I've ever known — Tom Fennell, who retired May 8 as head of the South Dakota Rural Electric Association.

Here they are, as they appeared in his newsletter of that date, well-processed words:

ALL I EVER REALLY NEEDED TO KNOW I LEARNED IN KINDERGARTEN. Most of what I really know about how to live and what to do, and how to be, I learned in kindergarten. Wisdom was not at the top of the graduate school mountain, but there in the sandbox at nursery school.

These are the things I learned: Share everything. Play fair. Don't hit people. Put things back where you found them. Clean up your own mess. Don't take things that aren't yours. Say you're sorry when you

hurt somebody. Wash your hands before you eat. Flush. Warm cookies and cold milk are good for you. Live a balanced life. Learn some and think some and draw and paint and sing and dance and play and work everyday some. Take a nap every afternoon.

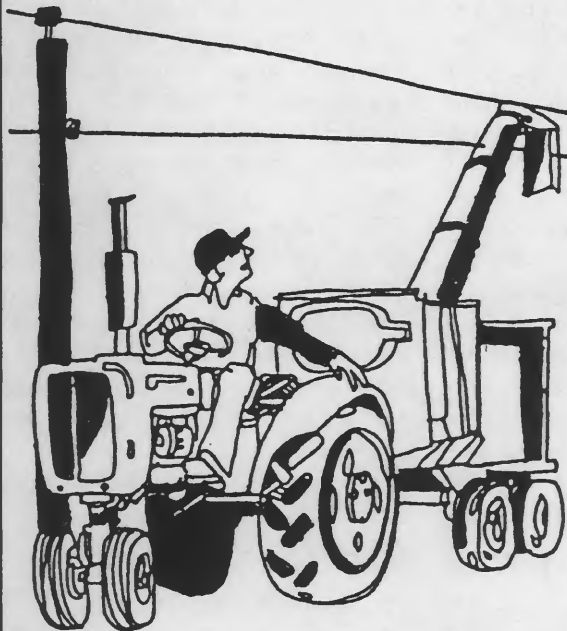
When you go out into the world, watch for traffic, hold hands, and stick together. Be aware of wonder. Remember the little seed in the plastic cup. The roots go down and the plant goes up and nobody really knows how or why, but we are all like that. Goldfish and hamsters and white mice and even the little seed in the plastic cup — they all die. So do we. And then remember the book about Dick and Jane and the first word you learned, the biggest word of all: LOOK. Everything you need to know is in there somewhere. The Golden Rule and

love and basic sanitation. Ecology and politics and sane living.

Think of what a better world it would be if we all — the whole world — had milk and cookies about 3 o'clock every afternoon and then lay down with our blankets for a nap. Or if we had a basic policy in our nation and other nations to always put things back where we found them and cleaned up our old messes.

And it is still true. No matter how old you are, when you go out into the world, it is best to hold hands and stick together.

(Reprinted from the Rural Electrification Newsletter. J.C. Brown is manager of the Publications Division of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), Washington, D.C. and editor of Rural Electrification magazine and the Rural Electric Newsletter.)



Modern farming requires modern farm safety

Electricity has played a major role in the astounding progress of American farming . . . helping make Illinois and the nation the leading exporters in agricultural commodities. But electric power lines present serious potential hazards to farmers who don't exercise care when working with tractors, combines, balers, augers and other large equipment.

Watch out for overhead power lines when you are driving or towing farm equipment. If you have young farm hands who are responsible enough to operate farm equipment, impress upon them the importance of carefully surveying a work area or travel route to ensure that power lines are well out of the reach of any equipment.

Keep in mind other basic safety measures as well during harvesting operations: Check out your equipment before you use it . . . Make sure your helpers are familiar with the equipment they use . . .

Shut off power before unclogging or fixing a machine . . . Wear appropriate protective equipment. One careless moment can cause a tragic accident. Don't let tragedy strike your farm. Make this a safe harvest . . . for you and your neighbors.

Information on the Shawnee Community College classroom building addition

On Tuesday, November 3, the college will be asking district voters to approve a \$1,200,000 building bond issue that is needed to help fund a new classroom building addition to be located between the two main campus buildings to bring the rustic campus buildings and main campus facilities up to minimum state required standards. The college board of trustees could sell approximately \$1,135,000 of health and safety bonds to accomplish these repairs without voter approval but decided the residents of the district should help make the decision.

This situation creates a choice for Shawnee Community College residents: (1) complete the required state standards repairs at a minimum cost of \$1,135,000 (\$900,000 on the rustic campus) with non-referendum protection, health and safety bonds, or (2) build a new classroom addition for

\$1,200,000 with referendum-approved school building bonds.

Fortunately, there will be no tax increase with either option because the new bond payments will take the place of expiring bond payments from previous bond issues.

The board of trustees and Citizens' Committee members who have evaluated the problem thoroughly believe the new building addition is our best option to finish the job.

The new classroom building ad-

dition will:

- Provide better facilities for the nursing program;
- Create a new biology laboratory;
- Provide 10 regular classrooms, two smaller classes and one large classroom space;
- Enable the cosmetology program to relocate to the main campus;
- Lower heating and electrical costs;
- Greatly enhance the comfort and learning environment for students;
- Allow for program growth and flexibility of scheduling;
- Enable the campus to be linked into one educational unit and serve Southern Illinois well into the next century.

Prepared by Citizens' Committee
Shawnee Community College
Ullin, Illinois 62992

Office closing

The cooperative office will be closed November 11 to honor those Americans who have served their country in the defense of our freedom.

Cooperative Extension Service, 4-H funding vote

The Alexander, Massac and Union County Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H programs will all have funding referenda on the November 3 ballots in their respective counties. These funding referenda are being required because the local county governments are no longer financially able to provide program funding assistance.

Financial support for Extension and 4-H is required by law to be a three-way partnership among the federal, state and local governments. Local funds must be provided, or state and federal funds can-

not be used. This simply means if no local funds are provided for program operation of Extension and 4-H in these counties, the Extension Service and 4-H programs cannot operate or be made available to county residents.

In all three counties, the referenda tax levy ceiling being requested is .05 percent. County residents can determine how much this ceiling levy could add to their tax bills by multiplying the total taxable value amount from their tax bills by .0005. In all three counties, the average taxpayer would have to pay less than \$4 a year to provide suffi-

cient funds to keep Extension and 4-H operating in the county.

Pulaski County voters passed an Extension and 4-H funding referendum last year. Johnson County has had local funding provided for several years.

For more information on these specific county referenda, residents are asked to contact June Warder at 776-5751 in Alexander County, Bob Travis at 658-8431 or Norman Hill at 564-2737 in Massac County, and Barbara Pitts at 833-6172 in Union County.

198 annual meeting prize winners

PRIZE	WINNER	DONOR	PRIZE	WINNER	DONOR
General Electric FM/AM/FM Stereo Radio	Floyd Dean Kessel Ullin, IL	Southern Illinois Elec. Coop. Dongola, IL 62926	12 Qts. Shell Fire & Ice Motor Oil	Dan Nutty Belknap, IL	Smoot Oil Co. P.O. Box 70 Effingham, IL 62401
First Alert Flash Light	Ocal Mowery Ullin, IL	T&R Service P.O. Box 197 Colman, SD 57017	Ray-O-Vac Workhorse Lantern & Battery	William Joplin Tamm, IL	Guy Gray Supply Company P.O. Box 2287 Paducah, KY 42001
Black & Decker Jog Saw	Thelma Powell Tamm, IL	Oil Field Elec. Co., Inc. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL 62896	General Electric AM/FM Clock Radio	Vanis O. Travis Belknap, IL	Southern Illinois Elec. Coop. P.O. Box 100 Dongola, IL 62926
21 lb. Box Power Plus Detergent	Howard Ramage Anna, IL	Fruit Belt Service Co. P.O. Box 366 Vienna, IL 62995	10-14 oz. Cartridges of Shell Multi Purpose Grease	Phillip O. Brown Dongola, IL	Smoot Oil Company P.O. Box 70 Effingham, IL 62401
Zenith 19-Inch Port. Color Television	William Joplin Tamm, IL	JIMELCO P.O. Box 2121 Memphis, TN 38159	Toastmaster Waffle Baker	Robert Heisner Grand Chain, IL	Oil Field Elec. Co., Inc. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL 62896
Shop Vac Wet/Dry Vacuum	Ira McCommons, Jr. Dongola, IL	Oil Field Elec. Co., Inc. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL 62896	Clipboard with Calculator & Pen	Calvin Brown Dongola, IL	Henry A. Petter Supply Co. P.O. Box 2350 Paducah, KY 42002
Pentel Writer & Cambridge Padfolio	Roger Conant Villa Ridge, IL	Stiles Office & Art P.O. Box 3676 Carbondale, IL 62901 S.I.E.C.	2 Gallon Bucket of Paint	Johnnie L. Jackson Tamm, IL	Associated Lumber P.O. Box 85 Dongola, IL 62926
Presto 11-Inch Electric Frypan	Lawrence A. DuBois Cobden, IL	United Utility Supply Co-op P.O. Box 32170 Louisville, KY 40232	Mr. Coffee Auto System w/Clock Timer	Leonard Stratemeyer Belknap, IL	Thomasson Lumber Company P.O. Box 490 Philadelphia, MS 39350
Mini Mag Lite & Batteries	Michael Harvell Tamm, IL	Jim Wilson Company P.O. Box 970 Cape Girardeau, MO 63701	First Alert Flash Light	Kenneth Taake Ullin, IL	T&R Service P.O. Box 197 Colman, SD 57017
Deluxe 12Inch 3-speed Oscillating Fan	P.J. Carnahan Metropolis, IL	Fletcher-Reinhardt Company 11440 Schenk Drive Maryland Heights, MO 63043	Black & Decker Electric Knife	Gene Stubblefield Grand Chain, IL	U.S. Pole & Supply Company P.O. Box 198091 Atlanta, GA
Franzus Home & Travel Clothes Steamer	Phyllis Oliver Metropolis, IL	Oil Field Elec. Co., Inc. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL 62896	Electric 4 Quart Ice Cream Freezer	William Oliver Grantsburg, IL	Oil Field Elec. Co., Inc. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL 62896
10-14 oz. Cartridges of Shell Multi Purpose Grease	Truman Bremer Metropolis, IL	Smoot Oil Company P.O. Box 70 Effingham, IL 62401	10-14 oz. Cartridges of Shell Multi Purpose Grease	Earl Cain Karnak, IL	Smoot Oil Company P.O. Box 70 Effingham, IL 62401
One Year Subscription-Dongola Record	Kenneth Dexter Ullin, IL	Dongola Tri-County Record P.O. Box 187 Dongola, IL 62926	500 Watt Quartz Fixture w/Lamp	Thelma Powell Tamm, IL	WESCO P.O. Box 3127 Evansville, IN 47731
Hamilton Beach Blender	Edward Haley Karnak, IL	Tennessee Valley Elec. Supply P.O. Box 24460 Nashville, TN 37202	"Choose Your Gift" Certificate	Norman Schwieger Olmsted, IL	Stanley Consultants Stanley Building Muscatine, Iowa 52761
Lifesaver Smoke Alarm	Gerald Paschal Brookport, IL	Schott Electrical Distr. 1109 N. Kingshighway Cape Girardeau, MO 63701	Electronic Alarm Clock	Willie Quint Metropolis, IL	Electric Laboratories & Sales P.O. Box 729 Mattoon, IL 61938
One Doz. Spaulding Golf Balls	Delbert Steele, Dongola, IL	Curtis Industries 34999 Curtis Blvd. Eastlake, OH 44094	Sunbeam Square Smoker Grill	William Rhymer Dongola, IL	Oil Field Elec. Co., Inc. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL 62896
Norelco Blood Pressure Meter	Doris Gaskill Ullin, IL	Oil Field Elec. Co., Inc. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL 62896	Telemate Home Speaker Phone	I.O. Hodge Belknap, IL	Drake Scruggs Equipment, Inc. P.O. Box 2549 Springfield, IL 62708
25 Lb. Bag of Big Red Dog Food	Willard Treat Cypress, IL	Fruit Belt Service Co. P.O. Box 366 Vienna, IL 62995	General Electric Port. Video Cassette Recorder	Raymond Miller Ullin, IL	Southern Illinois Elec. Coop. P.O. Box 100 Dongola, IL 62926
\$50 United States Savings Bond	Raymond Miller Ullin, IL	First State Bank of Dongola P.O. Box 217 Dongola, IL 62926			

Grand Prize Winner

Raymond Miller
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Southern Illinois Elec. Coop.
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Our friend Milo Thurston

Milo Thurston has been a faithful friend of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative and the members for many years. He has devoted a major portion of his life to community service. He is respected by his associates and is recognized throughout Illinois for his leadership abilities. It was our privilege to nominate him for the "Cooperative Recognition Award" and our great pleasure to have his life-long efforts recognized by his peers.

Retirement keeps Milo busy. Retirement from the activity and responsibility of a 2,700-acre grain and livestock operation is practically impossible. His 40 years of experience and expertise provides a good data base for the younger generation.

Milo learned early to shoulder responsibility. During World War II he wanted to be a pilot. He flew a B-24 as a squadron leader on 24 missions in the South Pacific. He married Virginia, his high school sweetheart, while home on a three-day pass. Virginia was teaching school at the time, but followed him to the West Coast. Throughout the perils of that time, the two of them made plans for the day that they could "come home" to Southern Illinois and buy some land of their own.

The farm became a reality and has provided a good life for the Thurstons and their three children. Daughter Gloria is a practicing attorney and public defender in Alexander County; Bob Thurston is involved in managing Thurston



Thurston

Farms; and daughter Beverly Palmisano works at Meridian School. Milo and Virginia have two granddaughters and four grandsons.

Milo is a progressive thinker and also a conservative. He practices his philosophy by being open to new ideas and methods which are beneficial and profitable. One of the most outstanding contributions to the cooperative field that Milo has made is his work toward the formation and development of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative at the Lake of Egypt. Through his leadership as past president, he guided Southern Illinois Power Co-operative from a concept into a \$140 million

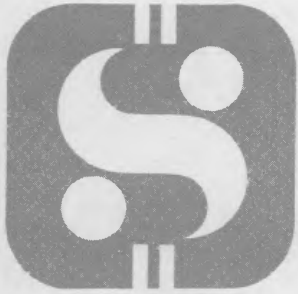
cooperative serving 37,000 members.

As past president of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, he has helped develop that cooperative into one of the most progressive and respected state associations in the country. As president and director of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Milo has developed an excellent distribution system with high reliability and one of the lowest retail electric rates in the state.

Milo has invested time as a 4-H leader, a founder of the Pulaski County Fair Association and board member for 29 years. He was an in-

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Home energy conservation funds for qualified members



Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative has signed a contractual agreement with the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources and will promote a program to subsidize home energy conservation improvements for the moderate- and low-income consumers on our system. Funding for the program comes from the Petroleum Violation Overcharge case.

The income guidelines are based on the U.S. Department of Housing

and Urban Development's median income figures for counties in Illinois. Families with less than 80 percent of median income are eligible for a grant of up to \$1,500 without any matching funds required by the applicant. Families with income levels between 80 percent and 120 percent of area median income will be eligible for a grant up to \$1,000 provided they contribute 50 percent of the improvements costs.

Rural Home Energy Grant Program

Income guidelines for Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative

Family size: Total family income, less than:	1	2	3	4	5	6
	\$12,310	\$14,060	\$15,820	\$17,580	\$18,690	\$19,770
100% Subsidy up to \$1,500	If the applicant's family income is less than the figure listed above he/she is less than 80% of the median income for this area. The family is eligible for a grant up to \$1,500 for energy conservation measures in their home. Therefore, the applicant will not be required to provide any matching funds.					
Family size: Total family income between:	1	2	3	4	5	6
	\$12,310- 18,465	\$14,060- 32,090	\$15,820- 23,730	\$17,580- 26,370	\$18,690 28,035	\$19,770 29,655
50% Subsidy up to \$1,000	If the applicant's family income is between the two figures listed above he/she is eligible for a grant of 50% of the cost of eligible conservation measures up to a total of \$1,000.					

WHAT ARE ELIGIBLE ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES?

Any action that will result in a decrease of energy consumption for your home is eligible. For example:

- Caulking and weather stripping
- Furnace efficiency modifications
- Replacement furnaces or boilers with annual fuel utilization efficiency (AFUE) greater than 90 percent
- Furnace replacement burner (oil)
- Intermittent pilot ignition devices
- Replacement air conditioner with a seasonal energy efficiency ratio (SEER) of greater than 8.6
- Wall, ceiling, floor, pipe, duct or water heater insulation
- Storm windows or doors, and thermal windows or doors
- Electric load management systems
- Solar domestic water heaters
- Replacement water heater that meets or exceeds current ASHRAE 90 efficiency standards

If your idea for energy conservation is not on this list, it must be approved by ENR.

Program brochures, fact sheets, and program application forms will be available by contacting Ron Medlin, director of the Member Services Department, at the cooperative headquarters, phone 618-827-3555.



Linemen attend URD school

Lineman Roger Acuff and LaRue Parr attended the Hot Line School at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield October 12-16. Cooperative personnel worked with representatives from a number of suppliers, manufacturers and vendors to lead the discussions on installation and maintenance of underground Rural Distribution (URD) electric facilities.

The Hot Line School is coordinated by the Job Training and Safety Department of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in Springfield. Classes are conducted in first- and second-year distribution, third-year distribution, rubber gloving, and underground distribution and transmission. The school is offered over a three-week period with each class approximately one week long. Worthwhile experiences were gained by more than 100 linemen and other personnel from the electric cooperatives.

SIIEC has joined with other electric cooperatives to establish an innovative extension curriculum of training and enrichment programs for our employees: "hot line" schools for linemen, equipment workshops, first aid, and apprentice and advance training courses that are designed to further and improve the working skills.

Electric cooperatives, locally owned by the members they serve, maintain more than half the electric distribution network in Illinois. Our employees understand how vital our service is to the well-being of farms, homes and businesses along our lines. Before the hot line methods were introduced, outages for line repair were sometimes quite long. Understanding new technology and practicing new techniques will help our employees provide better service.



Southern Electric manager Tim Reeves visited the Hot Line School and talked with Roger Acuff.

New & Used Merchandise For Sale

~~Washer Almond~~ sold

~~Dryer Almond~~ sold

Mini Dryer (new)

Garbage Disposal

6000 BTU Air Conditioner

Miscellaneous Wiring & Plumbing Supplies

19" Color Television

25" Color Television (2)

Microwave Oven

Over The Range Microwave

TV Antennas



Renee Vick, Miss Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative of 1987, in the Anna-Jonesboro Homecoming Parade. (Photo by Gazette-Democrat)

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corporator of the Pulaski-Alexander Soil and Water Conservation District, is a past member of the board of the Ullin Mutual Fire Insurance Company, a past member of the Meridian No. 101 Consolidated School District Board and one of the leaders in the consolidation of the school in Pulaski County and the building of a new campus. He has been a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion for 40 years. He has been a member of the Pulaski-Alexander County Farm Bureau for 42 years. He is the Assistant Sunday School Superintendent of the Pulaski Christian Church where he is a member of the board as an elder and past Sunday School Superintendent.

The Cooperative Recognition Award Milo received was an honor he greatly appreciated. Being able to improve the lives of his fellow man has been his greatest reward.



Happy Thanksgiving

The board of directors and employees of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative wish you and yours a happy and pleasant Thanksgiving.

The cooperative office will be closed on Thursday, November 26, and Friday, November 27, for the Thanksgiving holidays.

Warning to members Security lights belonging to members are not allowed on transformer poles

Member-owned security lights that have been mounted on transformer poles are not allowed. The Cooperative is requesting the members to notify the engineering department if you own your security light and it has been mounted on the same pole as the transformer. Cooperative personnel will be dispatched to remove the light. Individuals should not attempt to move the security light. The transformer pole carries a 7,200-volt electric line. An attempt to remove the light could be fatal.

Do not attempt to maintain your security light if it is mounted on a pole that carries a high-voltage line. Placing a ladder against the pole to change the bulb could be your last mistake.

Security lights are acceptable when they are mounted on meter poles or additional poles away from the high-voltage lines. You may arrange for a security light to be installed and included in your electric bill. Please call today and arrange for safe, secure lighting.

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The Gatekeeper Program was explained by Charlotte Cook. Additional information was provided to S.I.E.C. employees Dare Aden (center) and Harold Kraatz (right).

Cooperative employees to participate in Gatekeeper Program for elderly

The Gatekeeper Program was organized by the Illinois Department on Aging to help bring needed services to vulnerable elderly persons by training customer contact employees to act as the eyes and ears of local social service agencies. Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative has joined forces with this state agency to provide protection for our older members.

Charlotte Cook of the Egyptian Area on Aging visited the co-op during November to explain the Gatekeeper Program. Employees were trained to be alert to signs of an elderly person in a crisis situation and to provide them with the telephone number of the local Senior Information and Assistance Agency or report the condition themselves if the person is unable or unlikely to call.

Typical signs of distress include neglected property or animals and

newspapers lying about. Employees are to look for physical limitations, disorientation, extreme behavior of one kind or another and neglected personal appearance. Economic hardship, confusion about money matters, and possible victims of abuse, neglect or exploitation are reasons for concern.

The Information and Assistance Agency will assess the older person's needs and contact appropriate social and health services. Aging services include adult day care, case management, the chore and homemaker program, companion care, employment, friendly visiting, home delivered meals, information and referral, legal services, meal site meals, nursing home ombudsman, outreach, protective services, telephone reassurance and transportation.

S.I.P.C. employees who have regular contact with the public in-

clude utility servicemen, telephone representatives, customer assistance personnel and energy distribution employees.

The Gatekeeper Training Program includes a 15-minute videotape and a brochure describing the signs of a potential crisis. Gatekeeper was developed by Puget Sound Power & Light and the Washington State Bureau of Aging and Adult Services under a grant from the U.S. Administration on Aging.

Office closing

The SIEC office will be closed on the following days in observance of the holiday season: Christmas, Friday, December 25, and New Year's Day, Friday, January 1.

Capital credit update

Last year the board of directors authorized the refund of capital credits in the amount of \$236,423.60. This represented retirement of capital credits for the years 1953 through 1959. The cooperative generated no margins in the years prior to 1953, thus there were no capital credits allocated before 1953.

Earlier this year, the board authorized the refunding of capital credits for the years 1963 through 1965. Once again, there were no margins to allocate for the years 1960 through 1962.

Since the board's initial authorization for refunding capital credits, 9,149 checks totaling \$210,000.46 have been mailed to consumer-members.

We are continuing to process the balance of the refunds. We still have 6,637 checks to write. These checks total \$129,256.66.

Many of you have been very helpful by locating and supplying us with addresses of past members or their relatives. If you know of anyone who received service during the years 1953 through 1965, and they have not yet received a capital credit refund check, please contact our office.

To briefly explain what capital credits are: A capital credit plan provides for service to members at cost, for paying off REA and CFC loans, for acquiring complete local ownership of the cooperative system, for giving all patrons full credit for all payments in excess of cost, and for the eventual repayment to the patrons of all capital furnished by them. The repayment to the patrons is made, when in the opinion of the board of directors, such a refund will not impair the cooperative's financial position.

'Murphy's Law' influences farm operations

Murphy's Law is the backbone of agriculture. No farmer could practice without it.

Consider the evidence:

- The engine and the warranty always expire together.
- The bean market rises 20 cents on the day after you sell.
- Interchangeable ... won't.
- Unbreakable ... isn't.
- "Guaranteed" means "good luck."
- You end up with 11 rows left to plant with a 12-row planter.
- Nails only puncture the inside dual.
- Cockleburs only grow in the row.
- Implement dealers always lack just one part. Yours.
- The markets are good when you have nothing to sell.
- "Labor-saving" means at the factory.
- You have every size bolt ... except the one you need.
- The combine breaks down the last day of harvest.
- "Reworked" means "repainted."
- The cab air conditioner breaks down in July: the heater, in December.
- It always rains the day you load hogs.
- The wrong part comes in the right box.
- The right tool is never in the chest.

Rural Home Energy Program

The phone in Ron Medlin's office has been ringing frequently these past few days. Ron is the member services director, and it is his responsibility to coordinate the Rural Home Energy Program for SIEC.

There has been such good response that when members inquire about home energy audits they are told that an appointment will be set up at a future date when time permits.

Please do not become discouraged if you have to wait for your weatherization improvements. Every effort is being made to expedite the inquiries.

To report an outage

To report outages during office hours, call: 827-3555

To report outages after hours (nights, weekends, holidays), call:
Dongola, 827-3689 Carl George
Dongola, 827-3579 Ron Medlin
Dongola, 827-4202 Ken Corzine
Metropolis area:
Metropolis, 524-5627 Perry Dailey

Either the Dongola or Metropolis area may communicate via two-way radio (between each other) in case of emergencies when any of these numbers cannot be reached.

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE
Telephone: 827-3555 P.O. Box 100
DONGOLA, ILLINOIS 62926

Going to school by satellite

If you have driven by cooperative headquarters in Dongola recently perhaps you noticed that we have installed a satellite dish. In May of this year, the board of directors approved a membership in the RECNET, or Rural Electric Cooperative Network. It is a two-year pilot program that provides training in professional development. Thanks to satellite technology and the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, we are able to use this business communication network to obtain training and information programs for directors, managers and employees.

By subscribing to RECNET, these programs will come live to our system and we are able to have direct two-way audio interaction between the presenter and the

audience. Not only are we able to view programs designed especially for rural electricians, we are also able to communicate by voice with the broadcast studio and with other viewers around the country. RECNET allows us to "speak" to the television and get direct answers to our questions.

RECNET will supplement, not duplicate, face-to-face training. Transportation and communications costs have always been high in rural areas. These costs have been an impediment to the distribution of information and training. With RECNET physical distance has become irrelevant. Special reports, news, and training programs reach us directly. Rural electric system, statewide associations, G&Ts, and affiliated organizations can now in-

teract as if they were together in one national conference room.

Some of the programs available to date include:

American Management Association training courses for administrative assistants and secretaries.

Courses on electric utility operations and power generation issues for directors and employees.

A course on work order processing for cooperative personnel.

A special national teleconference on economic and industrial development for managers and directors.

We are all used to **watching** television, and now we can communicate with television.



The work order processing program transmitted by satellite was attended by cooperative personnel, from left, Janet Eddleman, assistant engineer; Larry Lovell, office manager; Carl D. George, system engineer; and Linda Keller, work order clerk. Also attending were Joyce Churchill, accountant, and Pam Lentz, payroll clerk.