

is also very important. Hull damage or too much or too little moisture content results in poor popping or tough popcorn, he says.

Beebe/Stevenson draws its history from the original popcorn company of Mildred and Joe Beebe, Jim's parents. In 1936 Mildred and Joe began growing popcorn. Selling corn mostly in 50-pound bags, they built their business. Many theatres in the area used their popcorn. In 1959, they moved the operation to Claytonville, and the business grew bigger. They were no longer able to produce all the corn they could sell, so they began contracting with farmers in the area. One of their big customers then, Jim says, was Cracker Jack. They even became popcorn exporters, shipping bulk supplies to Canada and overseas.

Before long they began packaging the small bags for retail sales, and in the following decades the company reached into two new markets: fund-raising organizations and private label packaging.

Stevenson, an Oxford, Indiana, resident who is married to Jim's sister, Teresa, began his involvement with the company in 1972. He is a farm manager for Farmcraft Service, managing farms in east-central Illinois and northwest Indiana. His farm management background has been valuable in development of the product line, packaging and advertising. Jim and his wife, Joy, live in Danville. She is a music teacher at Meade Park and Northeast Elementary Schools there, and she and Jim, a former English and music-theatre teacher, operate Sunshine II Productions, Ltd., a summer theatre production company in Danville.

The Beebe/Stevenson line of retail products is available in many outlets throughout the east-central Illinois area, explains David Drook of Champaign, sales manager. In addition, the firm can package gift packs to meet clients' special needs and has a standard gift pack of one quart of popcorn and one quart of soybean oil. This is available with or without salt, Stevenson adds. Custom packaging makes up about half of the company sales volume.

Many schools and youth organizations use Beebe/Stevenson in their fund-raising programs, he adds.

Beebe/Stevenson prides itself as an

Illinois company using Illinois resources. One of its biggest accounts is with the Illinois Farm Bureau, which has its own label put on the popcorn. In recent years, the Farm Bureau has used Beebe/Stevenson in its program of working with other states to introduce Illinois products to consumers in those other states.

Also involved in the operation are Tom and Karen Wellborn of Cissna Park.

Retail purchases may be made at the farm near Cissna Park, and the company is looking for distributors. Those interested in further information should call Beebe/Stevenson at 1-815-457-2293 and ask for Karen.

Opposite page top: Wayne Stevenson explains to Dave Champion, Eastern Illini manager, the workings of a machine used for packaging popcorn. Opposite page bottom: Jim Beebe. Below: Wayne Stevenson shows the small popcorn plant.



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Across the Manager's Desk

by
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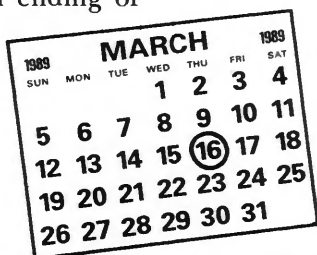
1989 came in with a bang at the cooperative with all kinds of new activities and programs in the planning stages.

First and foremost in all of our minds here at the cooperative is the 1989 Annual Meeting, which will be held Thursday evening, March 16, again at Central High School in Breese. Numerous activities and lots and lots of extra attendance prizes and gifts will mark this annual meeting as the official ending of

our 50th Anniversary celebration. As plans are made definite, we will inform you of them, so mark your calendars today for March 16, and make plans to attend.

1989, of course, designates the last of the 80s, but it also marks the beginning of my first full year as Clinton County Electric's manager. It's an exciting time for me and my family, and it's a year I probably shall never forget. Your cooperation during my first nine months was without a doubt the best member cooperation I've ever witnessed and I am eagerly anticipating this coming year as well as all the future years to come.

Make 1989 the year you all stop by the office to chat with me. If you have a problem, we'll try to resolve it; or if you just want to introduce yourself and talk awhile, my door is always open. I want to know what you, the member, think about the cooperative and your ideas about improving service, etc. But I can't know this unless you tell me. Make it a point to stop by and see me.



1989 Annual Meeting

Plans are under way for the 51st Annual Meeting of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, which will be held on Thursday evening, March 16, at Central High School, in Breese. This will mark the official ending of our 50th Anniversary celebration.

Special programs and activities will highlight this event, along with the customary business part of the

meeting. Additional gifts and attendance prizes will be awarded to those who attend the annual meeting. As plans are made definite, more information will be passed on to you via the REN.

Mark the date—Thursday, March 16—Clinton County Electric Annual Meeting. It's worth your time to attend!

REN survey contest

The REN Survey Contest, which was conducted from June through November 1988, amassed a total of 1,913 responses; June—350; July—364; August—294; September—281; October—337; and November—287.

Ten names were drawn from this total for the grand prize winners. They each received a \$50 cash gift from the cooperative.

The lucky 10 winners were:
John Ruth, RR 1, New Baden
Leonard Koopman, RR 1,

Bartelso

David Lohman, RR 1, Trenton
Julian Albers, RR 1, New Baden
Gwen Feldt, RR 2, Trenton
Rich Diekemper, RR 1, Carlyle
Everett Rogier, RR 3, Highland
David Orrell, RR 1, Shattuc

Shannon Williams, RR 1,

Mascoutah
Alex Schrage, RR 1, Trenton



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Please send me information on "Youth to Washington" tour.

Name _____

Age _____ Phone _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

School _____

Class year (check one)

Sophomore Junior

BRIEFLY

News items of interest to members of Illinois electric cooperatives

Agricultural wiring workshops scheduled

Four workshops on "Electrical Wiring for Grain Drying and Livestock Housing" are planned for four locations across the state in late January and early February. The workshops, to be presented by the departments of agricultural engineering of the University of Illinois and University of Nebraska, will be January 31 in Mt. Vernon, February 1 in Springfield, February 2 in Galesburg and February 3 in Dixon. The Illinois Farm Electrification Council and the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service are co-sponsors. The workshop is designed to be of interest to electricians, well drillers, builders, Extension agents, vo-ag instructors, inspectors, utility personnel, electrical equipment suppliers, equipment installers, equipment dealers and others who work with electricity in agricultural applications. All workshops will begin at 9 a.m. and end by 4:30 p.m. The pre-registration fee is \$39. The cut-off for pre-registration is January 23. Registration after January 23 will be \$45; participants may register the day of the meeting. For information, call (217) 785-7532.

New logo will mark Illinois food and agricultural products

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has introduced a new use for its "Illinois Products" logo introduced at the 1988 Illinois State Fair. The logo, in red, white and blue, can now be used by food and agricultural companies, agricultural producers, farm organizations and other agricultural groups to promote farm and agricultural products that are produced, processed or packaged in Illinois. The Department's Division of Marketing is contacting companies and producers who may be interested in using the logo. Before using the logo, companies and producers must complete an agreement regarding the use of the logo. For more information, call (217) 782-6675.

Rural electric leaders elected during Farm Bureau meeting

Ralph Freebairn of Ottawa, a director of Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB). Freebairn was elected during the IFB annual meeting December 3-5 in Springfield. He has served five years as president of the LaSalle County Farm Bureau. During the annual meeting of the Interstate Producers Livestock Association (ILPA), held in conjunction with the IFB meeting, Merton L. Pond of Bluffs, a director of Illinois Rural Electric Co., was reelected to a two-year term on the ILPA board. Pond has served on the ILPA board since 1972. Irvin Stanford of Texico, a director of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, is also a director of ILPA.

Court finds company not liable in youth's power line tragedy

The 16-year-old Texas youth had to make the extraordinary effort of attaching eight aluminum tent poles together when he ignored his friend's warning and poked at a power line more than 25 feet in the air. The resulting tragedy cost the teenager both legs and an arm. But the power company can't be held liable for this damage done by its product, the Texas Supreme Court has ruled. Lower state courts had awarded the boy \$3.7 million in damages, but five of the state high court's nine judges decided that power companies are responsible for shocks only after the electricity is stepped down from high voltages to more usable form, such as household current. Nor do power companies have a general duty to warn the public against the clear dangers of touching such power lines, unless the lines have to be placed in such a way that they violate codes or ordinances or the company has reason to expect they could endanger a person.

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The cooperative's Annual Meeting, set for March 16, is just around the corner, so mark your calendars today and plan to attend.

There's no need to get a babysitter—bring the kids along! We have programs and activities planned to entertain the little ones while the parents are attending the meeting.

Cooperative personnel, with the cooperation of the Clinton County Sheriff's Department and the Clinton County I-Search Program, will be on hand to fingerprint your children and to photograph them for identification card purposes.

Also on the children's program are a series of cartoons and a magician for their enjoyment. There will be plenty of adult supervision—all with first-hand experience with children.

This year's Annual Meeting will offer some surprises for you adults, too! The grand prize will be a remote-control color TV! In addition to the grand prize, there will be 100 attendance prizes given away during the course of the meeting, including 50 gifts of \$50 cash each. Highlighting the evening will be Central High School's Marching Band.

The actual business portion of the meeting will be kept as short as

possible. Of course, the primary purpose of the Annual Meeting is to elect three trustees (one from each district) to represent you, the members. Please read the Nominating Committee report on another page of this issue of the REN.

And, if all this isn't enough to lure you away from your easy chairs, capital credit checks, for those who were members in 1968 and those

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years prior to 1968, will be distributed.

There's something for everyone at the 1989 Annual Meeting, so make plans today to attend.

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MANAGER
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You can't beat this interest rate

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Age _____ Phone _____

Parent's Name _____

Address _____

School _____

Class year (check one)

Sophomore

Junior

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OVER 100 PRIZES GIVEN AWAY

- **GRAND PRIZE** — 13-inch portable remote-control color television
- **CASH GIFTS** — \$50 each
- **OTHER MISCELLANEOUS ELECTRIC APPLIANCES**

YOU MUST BE A REGISTERED MEMBER AND PRESENT TO WIN ANY OF THE ABOVE

- Door prizes given out at registration tables
- Capital credit checks distribution
- Light Bulb Sale—4 bulbs for \$1

APPLIANCE BARGAIN TABLE—DISCOUNTED PRICES BARGAIN TABLE INCLUDES:

Can Opener/Knife Sharpener/Bag Opener; Handmixer; 12-cup Quick Drip Coffemaker; Salad Shooter; Potpourri Pot; Hot Pot; Food Chopper; Heating Pad; 2-Slice Toaster; Moist Heat Band; Brass Quartz Clock; Blow Dryer; Battery Smoke Detector; AM/FM Clock Radio; 25-ft. Extension Cord; Lamp Converter; Work Light; Jig Saw; Cordless Scwdriver; Cordless Drill; 9-Volt Battery (6-pack); AA Battery (12-Pack); Juicer; 11-inch Electric Skillet (Limited availability on some items. All Name Brands.)

SPECIAL ATTRACTION—CENTRAL HIGH SCHOOL MARCHING BAND!

BRING THE KIDDIES—WE'LL BABYSIT (free of charge)

SPECIAL CHILDREN'S PROGRAM INCLUDES:

FINGERPRINTING — Conducted by the Clinton County ISEARCH program through the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, Jerry Dall, Sheriff

DRUG ABUSE PROGRAM AND LITERATURE — Sponsored by the Clinton County Sheriff's Department, Jerry Dall, Sheriff

CHILDREN'S PICTURE ID — Courtesy of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.



OTHER CHILDREN'S ACTIVITIES INCLUDE:

- Cartoons
- Magician
- Clowns
- Free gifts



Bylaws specify nomination procedure

Article IV, Section, 4.06, of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Bylaws specifies in detail the procedures for nominating members for trustees:

SECTION 4.06. Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint, not less than forty (40) nor more than one hundred (100) days prior to the date of a meeting of the members at which Trustees are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of three (3) members of the Cooperative who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, trustees or known candidates for Trustee, who are not close relatives (as hereinafter defined) or members of the same household of such existing employees, agents, officers, Trustees or known candidates for Trustee, and who are so selected that each of the Cooperative's Trustee Districts shall have representation thereon in proportion to the number of authorized Trustees from or with respect

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five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting, a statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Trustee District from or with respect to which one or more Trustees must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Trustee District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Section, failure to comply with any of such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board of Trustees after the election of Trustees.

Nominations for trustees made by Nominating Committee Thursday, January 5, 1989

We, the undersigned, members of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., being appointed to a nominating committee by the Board of Trustees of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., 475 North Main Street, Breese, Illinois, do hereby submit the following names for nomination, three

of whom are to be elected at the Annual meeting of the Members, March 16, 1989, and serve for a term beginning March 16, 1989, and ending at the Annual Meeting of Members of the Cooperative to be held in 1992, at which time they or their successors shall be duly elected, or appointed and have

qualified.

District No. 1 — Irvin W. Wessel

District No. 2 — Joseph A. Voss

District No. 3 — Richard S.

Timmermann

Respectfully,

Larry Deerhake

George W. Meyer

Elmer H. Michael



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Please help!

Many cooperative members may have recently seen articles in local newspapers in which city officials request letters to area legislators urging opposition to House Bill 608. We'd like to tell the "other side of the story." Clinton County Electric strongly supports H.B. 608.

House Bill 608 amends the Illinois Municipal Code to provide a "Fair Play" procedure to determine the supplier of electric service in areas annexed by cities, towns or villages which have municipally owned electric distribution systems. Forty-one Illinois municipalities (including Carlyle and Breese) provide their own electric service through municipal facilities, and some of these municipalities are taking away large numbers of cooperative customers.

House Bill 608 provides that consumers will have their choice of electric supplier for new service installations within newly annexed areas after the effective date of the Act. This "customer choice" provision has been advocated by municipal and cooperative leaders as an important incentive for economic development and growth.

The legislation would also guarantee that consumers who were being served by a public utility or cooperative before the date of the annexation

would continue to be served by that supplier. In those cases, the existing electric supplier has made significant investments of capital to serve those consumers—who they were obligated to serve under state and federal law. In fact, cooperatives are seeking through this bill something the cities already enjoy—the right to continue to serve present consumers.

Guaranteeing the right to continue to serve existing consumers would prevent a "stranded investment" of capital which would have the undesired effect of increasing costs to all remaining consumers of the cooperative. Unfortunately, those remaining consumers would be forced to pay higher electric rates to cover the fixed costs which have been incurred to supply an adequate and reliable source of electric energy, and that would be unfair. Unfortunately, this is not all that is unfair.

It is not fair to keep cooperatives at a competitive disadvantage when municipalities are able to lure customers into annexation by offering tax abatement and reduced prices for other services like water and sewer, as part of an "incentive package."

It is not fair to local taxpayers who might be forced to pick up additional tax burden when a municipality takes a

customer away from a cooperative (cooperatives pay thousands of dollars in local property taxes, municipalities pay none).

It is not fair that municipal utilities are currently able to "pick and choose" who they want to serve, usually choosing some of the cooperative's best customers through annexation, while cooperatives are required by law to serve any customer who requests service—even those in remote rural areas.

It is not fair for the municipalities to have certain rights, and oppose the cooperatives in their effort to secure similar rights. But, unfortunately, the current state of the law allows just such unfairness and this will continue until the law is changed.

The Clinton County Electric Cooperative feels that H.B. 608 is a fair and reasonable solution to a problem which faces thousands of Illinois citizens. We urge the support of this important legislation through handwritten letters supporting the bill to be sent to State Senator Frank C. Watson, of Greenville, State Representative Kurt Granberg of Carlyle, and State Representative Donald L. Saltsman, of Peoria, the Bill's sponsor. All letters should be addressed to those legislators at the State Capitol Building, Springfield, IL 62706.

Record-breaking crowd turns out for 51st annual meeting

Clinton County Electric Cooperative celebrated the beginning of its' second half-century of service at the cooperative's 51st annual meeting of members on Thursday evening, March 16. More than 700 cooperative members and guests attended the meeting at Central High School, Breese.

Two pioneers of the cooperative were honored at the annual meeting. Charlie Twigg, Clinton County's farm adviser in 1939 who was instrumental in the cooperative's organization, and Joe Heimann, who spearheaded the drive for rural electrification in the area, were honored for their cooperative service. After the cooperative was organized, Heimann went on to become its first manager, serving in that capacity from 1939 until 1974.

In his report to the members, board president Jim Klingelhoefter noted that the cooperative's electric rates will remain the same through 1989. He said the cooperative's wholesale power supplier, Soyland Power Cooperative, has stabilized its energy costs, and that co-op members have responded favorably to the co-op's load management programs.

"We can't tell you that energy costs are going to decrease, but we are confident that wholesale power costs have stabilized and should remain fairly constant the next several years," Klingelhoefter said. "We should not see the energy price increases as we have in former years."

Cooperative Manager James Riddle outlined some of Clinton County Electric's new services being provided to the membership. Riddle said the cooperative has successfully implemented its Neighborhood Meter Reading program. Through this program, 20 part-time employees will take cooperative meter readings rather than having

the members read their own meters. The program will also allow the cooperative's line personnel more time to perform line maintenance and construction projects—freeing them from having to take readings on seasonal and commercial electric meters. The program will save about 1,500 "lineman hours" per year, Riddle reported.

"This meter reading program will allow our linemen to do the work that they're trained to do...allowing them more time to keep the cooperative's electric distribution system in top condition," Riddle added.

The manager said Clinton County Electric has implemented a number of other "load management" programs which help control the cooperative's costly "energy peak demands" while offering affordable, low-cost rates for special applications. Among these programs are the Dual Fuel, electric water heater and water heater controls, Time-of-Day rate and an earth-coupled heat pump loan program (up to \$6,000 for up to five years at 0 percent interest).

The cooperative also plans to introduce an air conditioning control

program this summer, the manager said.

"Even though the price of electricity has increased in recent years, electricity has remained a bargain. Today, this is more true than ever," Riddle said. "These new programs and new technologies have made electricity an even more practical and affordable way to provide comfort in your homes while helping with hundreds of tasks each day.

"Electricity isn't an expense as much as it is an investment in your home or business," the manager added.

Three trustees were reelected to three-year terms on the co-op's board. They are Irvin Wessel, of Hoffman, Richard Timmerman of Germantown and Joseph Voss of Carlyle.

More than 100 children were fingerprinted by the Clinton County Sheriffs' Department at the meeting as part of the I-Search program, and had their photos taken with an ID camera provided by Clinton County Electric. The Krazy Klowns from the Shriners Temple in Belleville entertained, as did magician John Apperson.



The board of directors is pictured above. Seated from left are Richard Haas of Trenton, Joseph Voss of Carlyle, Marcellus Huelsmann of Carlyle and James Klingelhoefter of Mascoutah. Standing from left are Norman Conrad, attorney, Richard Timmerman of Germantown, Irvin Wessel of Centralia, Ken Heinzmann of Sandoval, Wilbert Rueter of Carlyle, James Tebbe of Breese and James Riddle, manager.



Two co-op pioneers were honored at the meeting. Joseph Heimann, an early organizer and manager from 1939-74, and Charlie Twigg, Clinton County's farm adviser in 1939, were honored for their efforts. James Klingelhoefter, president, presented Heimann, center, and Larry Twigg, Charlie's son, right, with copies of "The Next Greatest Thing," a commemorative book.



John Winter takes a child's ID photo. Over 100 photos were taken that night.



Sylvia Henken, left, and Ruth Lager, center, drew some of the attendance prizes, as they did at the co-op's first annual meeting. They are daughters of Joseph Heimann, the co-op's first manager. Harry Buller, assistant operations superintendent, is at right.



More than 100 kids were fingerprinted as part of the annual meeting children's program.



Board president Klingelhoefter gives his annual report.



A youngster enjoys the meeting.



Myron Johnson helps distribute attendance prizes. There were 101 prizes given away at the annual meeting, in addition to everyone receiving a door prize.



Leon Albers, left, won the grand prize of a 13" portable color TV.



Susan (Mrs. Ken) Heinzmann presents the PEARL Award to James Klingelhofer, president. The award is in recognition of Action Committee for Rural Electrification membership activities by the co-op.



A member of the Krazy Klowns hands out a balloon to one of the 100-plus present for the children's program.



Three incumbents were reelected to the board of directors. From left are Joseph Voss of Carlyle, Richard Timmerman of Germantown and Irvin Wessel of Hoffman, with Manager James B. Riddle.

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Clinton County Electric is a unique organization in that the members it serves own it. It has only one reason to be in business—to offer you the best service possible at the lowest price.

Our main business is providing you, the member, with electric service. We will continue to do this and will work with the membership in ways to lower or to reduce any increases that may come. We will always continue to do anything that will help our members to reduce their cost of energy.

We offer the members the Time-of-Day (TOD) rate for just this purpose. Please read the article on the TOD rate in this issue. It gives specific information on what you can do to lower your electric bills.

The principle behind the TOD rate is very simple. The rate rewards the members who are able to control their usage during the peak demand times. This means that members do not use their large appliances during the peak times. They are free to use the large appliances, though, during the rest of the time. This reduces the peak demands that determine the Cooperative's wholesale cost. The lower the peak demands, the lower the cost. These savings are then passed on to the members on the Time-of-Day rate.

The Co-op also offers to the members, at a reduced rate, the

“dual fuel” program. With dual fuel, you have two heat sources, the main one being electric. As Clinton County Electric approaches a peak demand, the electric is automatically shut off and the alternate heating system comes on if it starts getting chilly. There is no inconvenience to you—only comfort and savings. If your home or business is already equipped with electric heat and another heating system, you are an ideal candidate for the dual fuel program. And, even if it isn't, you might be money ahead to check it out.

A question all of us get at the Co-op, especially around bill-paying time, is, “Why is my bill higher than my neighbor's?” Comparing bills just isn't accurate. No two families live alike and therefore no two electric bills will be the same. No two families have the same amount of laundry. One extra shower per day makes a big difference in electric bills over a month's time. You pay for what you use—no more and no less.

I would also like to again remind you of our new toll-free phone number—1-800-526-7282. When many of our members needed to call us, it was a toll call. So, with that in mind, we set up a toll-free number for those who need to get in touch.

Meeting your needs for electricity is an ongoing effort. Every time you “demand” electricity by flipping a switch or pushing a button, we're there for you. That's the way we work. You demand—we supply.

But you are not only a consumer of electricity—you own the system. Your vote determines who will direct us. Your voice lets us know what you need. You tell us how we can do a better job of providing electric service.

We're proud to serve you. And we're happy to hear from you. We know who's in charge. Drop us a line, call us or come into the office to talk to us. We want to know what's on your mind. We want to hear from you.

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Breese, Illinois 62230

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The Littekens' all-electric home is situated just west of Aviston, right off old Rt. 50. The wooded area off to the right (south of the home) provides lots of shade and cool breezes, giving them the luxury of low electric bills last summer.

TOD suits Littekens

Back in the summer of 1987 when Charles Litteken came into the Co-op office inquiring about the Time-of-Day rate, Harry Buller recalls thinking to himself that, if there ever was a home where TOD wouldn't work, it would have to be the Littekens'. Harry remembers cautioning Charlie about changing the family's lifestyle to accommodate the TOD rate. And the Litteken family's lifestyle might have to be changed dramatically.

But work it did—and the Littekens made it work to the tune of more than \$900 in savings!

The reason Buller was apprehensive? The Littekens have seven children, ranging in ages from pre-school to high school. As in most families with active children participating in sports, band and other school-related activities, mountains of laundry and meals on demand were a way of life.

The first thing Charlie did after signing up for the TOD rate was to purchase a super-insulated, 80-gallon water heater with a timing

device from the Co-op. The well-insulated water heater ended cold showers for the last one in the family to bathe in this family of nine. He also installed a timer on the family's freezer. The two heat pumps which heat and cool the home have programmable thermostats. A solar timing device is placed on the thermostats, which enables the solar to take over when the temperature hits a certain degree.

Charlie's wife, Mary, installed mini blinds on most of the home's windows, something she wanted to do anyway, and this way she could justify the expense. Just by keeping out the sun's rays, the mini blinds lower the temperature in the house by about 10 degrees—a noticeable difference!

The Littekens' two-story, all-electric home has 11 rooms (four bedrooms with full bath upstairs and seven rooms with a full bath and a combination mud/laundry room on the main floor) and is situated west of Aviston. The

wooded area just south of the home affords lots of shade for the better part of the day.

Ceiling fans decorate all the bedrooms, in addition to the living room and the kitchen. These, plus opening the windows for cross ventilation, enabled the Littekens to leave their air conditioner off for most of last summer.

With Time-of-Day rates, members save money by avoiding usage during peak hours when electricity is most expensive to provide. The TOD program asks users to limit their energy use during seasonal peak hours. In the winter these hours are from 6 to 11 a.m. and 5 to 8 p.m. The summer hours are from 3 to 9 p.m.

Both Mary and Charlie report no major inconvenience with TOD. Says Mary, "I found myself doing laundry and cooking meals most of the day. All I did was change the time I do the laundry." Meals were a problem because the kids were used to eating at all times so they could get to their various activities

on time. Mary comments, "Before TOD, I would start cooking suppers already at 3:30 in the afternoon so the kids could eat before they left—which were always at different times. Now I make one supper; the kids eat a sandwich to tide them over, if necessary, and when they get home I can reheat their supper in the microwave. In that respect, TOD made it easier for me!"

The summer peak hours, because of their continuous time frame (3 p.m. to 9 p.m.), seemed to be the hardest to get used to. "But," Mary stated, "summer is the one season when things don't seem to be as hectic—we all tend to be a little more laid-back." Charlie does a lot of outdoor cooking and barbecuing in the summer in order to keep heat out of the house. The conventional oven goes primarily unused in the summer. The microwave is used more often. Clothes are hung outside to dry in the spring, summer and fall—Mary prefers this way to the clothes dryer.

Air-conditioning takes up a major portion of most families' electric bills. But not for the Littekens! According to Mary, their air conditioner was in operation approximately six times all last summer (not only during July and August, the peak months, but the entire summer!). Those six times occurred when the high temperature and high humidity well past nightfall

made sleeping difficult. "But," Mary is quick to point out, "none of those six times were during on-peak times." And when those rainy days or those below-freezing January days makes a clothes dryer a necessity, it's used only in off-peak times.

The peak months, of course, are July and August in the summer and December, January and February in the winter. But the Littekens don't re-adjust their TOD schedule in the



Two heat pumps heat and cool the Littekens' two-story, 11-room home. The Littekens also have programmable thermostats and timing devices on their various appliances around the home.

off-peak months at all! To avoid confusion, they have just adopted the same schedule year-round.

"All I did was change the times I do the laundry—no big deal," said Mary. And the Litteken kids had to adjust their meal times—maybe a little harder for active youngsters.

Says Mary, "The kids have been especially good about the program. The older ones really understand it and understand what we're trying to do." The only small problem, as most parents know: "The little kids are bad about leaving the doors open. We're after them a lot to close the doors even if they come in 'just for a glass of water'."

From September 1987, when the Littekens went on the TOD rate, until December 1988, the Litteken family has realized more than \$900 in savings. And lifestyles weren't altered all that drastically. In that same time period, they used more kwhs (1,165 more, in fact) on the TOD rate than they did the year before. Of the 38,726 total kwhs used, only 3,403 kwhs were used on peak. Only 8 percent of their total kwhs used were used during on-peak times.

By changing their usage habits slightly, many other Clinton County Electric households, just like the Littekens, are saving hundreds of dollars a year.

Here's how the Time-of-Day Rate works:

The energy charges for the Time-of-Day Rate are:

On-Peak Period—All kwhs used during the months of December, January and February between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. and again between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. AND during the months of July and August between the hours of 3 p.m. and 9 p.m. ARE AT 22 CENTS PER KWH

Off-Peak Period—This applies during the months of December, January and February and July and August NOT IN THE ON-PEAK PERIODS and also at all times during the months of March, April, May, June, September, October and November

First 1,200 kwhs @ 7.5 cents per kwh

All over 1,200 kwhs @ 3.5 cents per kwh

Charlie and Mary Litteken have proven that the TOD rate works and with minimal inconvenience. We want you to save money too. Call the office for more information about the Time-of-Day rate today!



Mrs. Mary Litteken checks the special TOD meter that records her family's usage at different times of the day.

Look out . . .



and live!

A close pass at your field's edge may net you a few more rows, but extended farm implements can also snag a power pole guy wire. The result is a harvest of hazard. During the busy planting season and the rush of harvest—at all times—use care around electric lines and equipment. Look out...and live to see another crop grow.

Want to lower your monthly energy bills?

(Just fill this out and return to the cooperative office, either in person or by mail.)

I want to lower my monthly energy bills. Please send me information on the following:

- Dual Heat
- Electric Water Heater and Control Switch
- Energy Resource Conservation (ERC) loans
- Time-of-Day

Call Me. I'd like to talk with the Cooperative's Member Service Department about these energy- and money-saving programs.

Phone No. _____

Name _____

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Across the Manager's Desk



by
James B. Riddle

With the hot and dry summer rapidly approaching, our air conditioners, fans, dehumidifiers, freezers and refrigerators will all be doing double duty in order to provide us with comfortable days and nights. But we at Clinton County Electric are thinking about the dog days of July and August in a different light. July and August are our summer peak months, and the peak demand we hit during these two months is a big factor in determining what our electric bills will be for the next year.

Peak demand occurs when members use the greatest amount of electricity. Peak demands are a ma-

major factor in determining what Clinton County Electric pays for the power it purchases to distribute to you. This wholesale power cost represents a significant percentage of Clinton County Electric's total operating expenses. We must always be ready to meet a peak demand, because no one can know exactly when it will happen or just how high it will be.

Our summer peak generally hits between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. During those hours if all of you would voluntarily cut back your thermostat settings, curtail your use of heavy and major appliances and postpone laundry, baths and dishwashing so that you aren't contributing to our peak demand, the cooperative's peak demand, and the costs associated with it, would be lowered, and that means keeping electric rates down for you!

Clinton County Electric is also encouraging all its members to install a radio-controlled time switch on their electric water heaters. This radio-controlled timer will shut electric water heaters off only when

we approach a peak demand. It won't happen every night and the length of time that the controls are operating vary, but it usually doesn't last more than a couple of hours.

There are also other energy management methods you can use to reduce your energy consumption: (1) Turn off the air conditioners and fans in those rooms that aren't being used, e.g. garage and/or basement; (2) Operate dishwashers and do laundry in full loads; (3) Repair leaky faucets—don't let hot water drip down the drain; (4) Turn lights off when you leave a room; (5) Don't let your TV play to an empty room; (6) Use your oven to prepare several meals at one time and don't preheat your oven; (7) Use a microwave as much as possible—it doesn't use as much electricity and also keeps your kitchen cooler.

The effects of a home and farm energy management program can pay big dividends! Any time we can lower our peak demand has a great impact in helping keep a hold on expenses. And that's good for you!

Are you having trouble paying your electric bill?

If Clinton County Electric members should have trouble paying their electric bills on time, we suggest they contact Clinton County Electric's billing department and explain the problem. It is each

member's responsibility to keep payment current with monthly billing statements from the Cooperative.

A deferred payment plan and a budget billing plan are both avail-

able to cooperative members. There are also several area community service agencies which may provide assistance with utility bills.

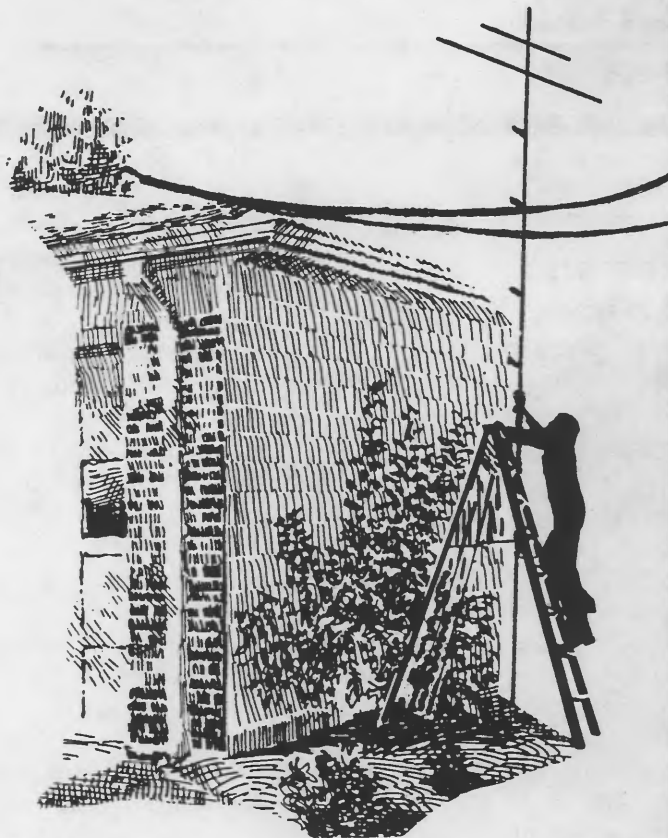
Community Service Agencies:

BCMW Community Service
830 Franklin
Carlyle, IL 62231
Phone: 594-4146

BCMW Community Service
909 E. Rexford Ave.
Centralia, IL 62801
Phone: 532-7388

BCMW Community Service
105 S. Kaskaskia
Nashville, IL 62263
Phone: 327-8476

Look up . . .



and live!

A weekend project such as putting up an antenna may give you a feeling of accomplishment, but tangle with power lines and the result could be death. When working with tall objects like TV antennas, metal ladders and swimming pool cleaners, remember—be aware of the wires above you. Look up..and live to see another weekend.



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Free electric water heaters

Even though we are no longer offering a cash incentive to members for installing a radio-controlled time switch on their water heaters, Clinton County Electric members can still obtain a 52-gallon or 80-gallon electric water heater **free of charge** from the cooperative. To get the free water heater, though, the member must agree to install a radio-controlled timer on the water heater. These time switches are also **free of charge** at the cooperative.

The radio-controlled time switch allows the cooperative to interrupt the water heater load during the co-op's peak times. During last winter's peak months (December, January and February), the water heater load was controlled only two and one-half hours during the months of December; at no time during January; and a little more

than 15 hours in February. These controlled times were spread out over the entire month and the control period was never more than 10 minutes at a time. When the demand peak hits a certain target level (the target level is based on the past three years average), the water heater load automatically goes into control. In the winter, this is normally between 6 a.m. to 9 a.m. and 5 p.m. to 7 p.m.

The purpose of this program is to reduce the kilowatt demand during the peak months of December, January and February and July and

August. This reduction in kilowatt demand is beneficial to both the cooperative and the members. By lowering the demand, the members help to lower the wholesale cost of the electricity the cooperative has to purchase, thus keeping our rates as stable as possible.

We have an ample supply of 52-gallon and 80-gallon water heaters and time switches in stock. If you're interested, just come in, fill out the warranty information and pick up your free water heater and timer. What could be easier than that?

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Annual meter testing scheduled

Clinton County Electric Cooperative will be inspecting and testing meters at specific member locations (see below) during July.

The meter will be visually inspected and tested for accuracy, which includes a meter seal check. The meter will be read, and this reading then checked against the readings at the office. All members should be aware that no one except cooperative personnel should break a meter seal. A broken seal not only reduces the safety of the metering equipment, but it also makes the meter suspect for tampering.

For identification, the vehicle will have a Clinton County Electric Cooperative sign on both doors. But, if someone or something looks suspicious to you, and you're undecided as to whether he is a co-op representative, please call the office and we can tell you exactly what location the meter tester is in.

1989 single-phase meter testing

A6 Area — Fayette County — Pope Township

A7 Area — Marion County — Patoka Township

B6 Area — Clinton County — East Fork Township

B7 Area — Marion County — Carrigan Township

D1 Area — St. Clair County — Mascoutah Township

E1 Area — St. Clair County — Engelman Township

E2 Area — Clinton County — Lookingglass Township (South Part)

Office closing

The cooperative office will
be closed Tuesday, July 4,
commemorating Independence Day.

Peak demands are key to TOD savings!

Every time a member turns on an electric appliance, he "demands" a certain amount of electricity from the cooperative. Peak demand occurs at those times when all the Clinton County Electric members together are using the most power.

When we talk about "demand," we're referring to the total amount of energy required at a given moment, measured in kilowatts. "Energy" refers to the amount of kilowatts used over a period of time and is expressed in the familiar kilowatt-hour (kwh) that you see recorded on your bill.

The problem with "peak de-

mand" is that Clinton County Electric has to be ready 24 hours a day, 365 days a year to supply enough energy to cover those times when the very most energy is being demanded. A large and expensive network of equipment must be maintained to ensure that everyone can turn on their appliances whenever they want.

The expense of maintaining enough generating capacity to supply energy at peak levels determines Clinton County Electric's "fixed costs." All Clinton County Electric members share the bill for fixed costs, so it is to each member's

advantage to keep the co-op's demand for electricity in peak periods as low as possible. Lower peak periods translates to savings for the cooperative and for members.

Almost all members using Time-of-Day rates see their monthly bills go down—often by hundreds of dollars a year. At the same time, Clinton County Electric is able to save money directly by lowering its peak demands. That savings makes the lower Time-of-Day rates possible, while at the same time contributing to the co-op's ability to keep rates stable for all members.

Time-of-Day rates discourage usage during on-peak times by making kwhs expensive during those hours and economical during off-peak hours. By making simple changes, such as doing laundry and dishes during off-peak hours, families on the TOD rate could save a considerable amount of money on their electric bills.

Members who would like to see how much they can save can ask Clinton County Electric for a comparison billing printout to show how much they would have saved in the previous months—even without making any changes in their usage habits.

To find out more about how you can save money by switching to Time-of-Day, call John Winter, Member Service Advisor, at 1-800-526-7282. You've got nothing to lose and a whole lot to gain!

Time-of-Day rates

Facility Charge	\$11.00
Energy Charges	
During the on-peak period (December, January and February between the hours of 6 a.m. and 11 a.m. and also between the hours of 5 p.m. and 8 p.m.) all kwhs @	22 cents per kwh
(and the summer months of July and August between the hours of 3 p.m. 7 9 p.m.)	
During the off-peak period	
First 1,200 kwhs @	7.5 cents per kwh
All over 1,200 kwh @	3.5 cents per kwh

Do you need a program for your class, club or group?

Call

Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

We'll be glad to come to your school classroom, civic or community group and tell you about Clinton County Electric! Or maybe you want a safety demonstration? Clinton County Electric has a safety display and program that is "electrifying."

Call us and we'll work with you to prepare a program of interest to your group.

For more information on obtaining a Clinton County Electric speaker for your club or classroom, contact:

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Electricity use continues during absence

We are often asked this question: "My family was gone on vacation for two weeks this month. Why isn't my electric bill lower than usual?"

There are several reasons why your bill may not be lower. The days you were on vacation may have fallen between two billing periods, so any decrease in usage could be split between two bills. Another cause could be an increased use of your air-conditioner before and after your vacation. Remember, too, that your water heater, refrigerator and freezer were running even though you were away.

To save energy while you're away, you can turn your air-conditioning off or set the thermostat at a higher temperature. You can also turn off, or at least turn down, the thermostat on your water heater. And if you use timers to turn your lights on and off, you'll save money and improve your security.

Clinton County Electric would be happy to talk to your group or organization about subjects like Member/Customer Service, Economic Development and Electrical Safety, plus many other topics of current interest.

If you're interested in obtaining a Cooperative speaker, just call our office and we can make the necessary arrangements.



John Winter, Cooperative member service advisor, shows the students of Germantown Grade School the basic fundamentals of electrical safety. Winter took the Cooperative Safety Demonstration to other area schools, in addition to Germantown, this past spring in an effort to acquaint grade school children on the safe use of electrical appliances and also on the hazards of playing near or under overhead lines, etc. To obtain the Cooperative's Safety Demonstration for your classroom, 4-H group or civic or fraternal organization, contact John Winter, 526-7282 (or toll-free 1-800-526-7282). This is another free service the cooperative provides for you!

Peak months are here

July and August are peak months!

You can help the Cooperative hold the line on rates by not using your heavy appliances during the peak times, normally between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m. This doesn't mean you can't use your appliances, but use them wisely and efficiently!!

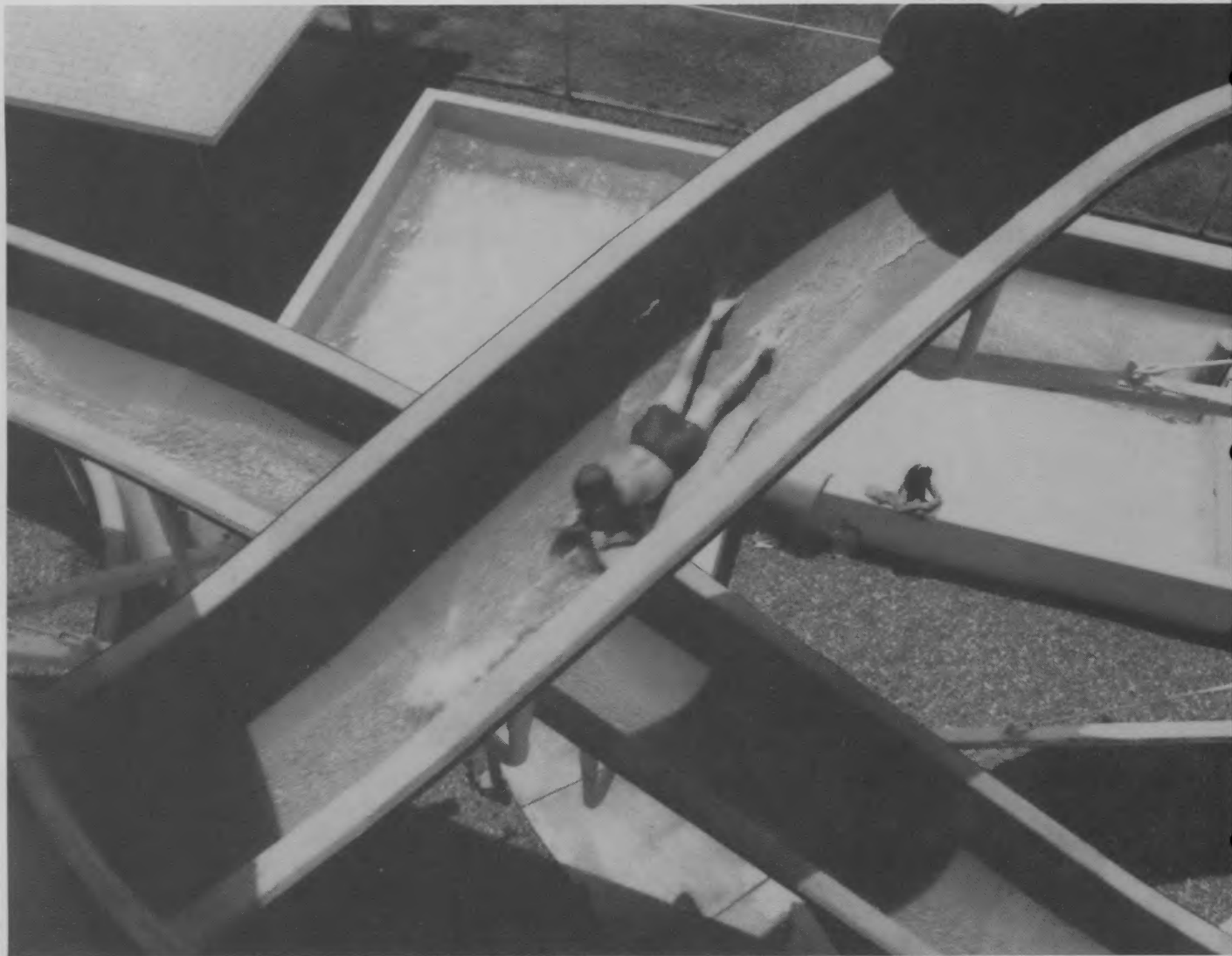
Truck bids sought

The Cooperative will be accepting bids on the 1946 line truck that was partially revitalized and brought back into circulation for

the Cooperative's 50th anniversary. For information concerning this truck, contact John Winter at the cooperative office.

Bids must be in the cooperative office by July 31, 1989, to be con-

sidered. Please address bids to: Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., c/o John Winter, P.O. Box 40 Breese, Illinois 62230.



Chutes cross in mid-air

Fast, wet fun

Tired of hearing the kids complain, "What can I do?"; "I'm bored!" or "There's nothin' to do?" Well, find those car keys, pile your kids—and the neighbors' too—in the car. Relief from the heat and edgy tempers is just a few minutes and a few miles away. Carlyle Lake Waterslide, located just north of new Rt. 50 across from McDonald's Restaurant, offers a few hours' relief from the tedium and boredom of the summer's long hot afternoons and evenings.

Nearly 75,000 people have taken advantage of this summertime amusement in the past six years, estimates Charles Voss of Green-

ville, owner and operator since 1983. Approximately 13,000 customers walked through the turnstiles just last summer. According to Voss, on a typical summer's weekend—Friday, Saturday and Sunday—he can expect anywhere from 250 to 400 people a day to visit the waterslide.

What? You've never seen a waterslide!! A 13-year old frequent visitor to the Carlyle Waterslide best describes it like this:

"You go up 48 concrete steps and either sit or lay (tummy down) on a special mat. Then you slide through a zig-zagged "S"-curved tunnel and land in a shallow pool

of water at the bottom."

The "special mat" is given to each customer as he passes through the ticket gate. The "zig-zagged S-curved" tunnel just happens to be almost 40 feet long and the depth of the pool of water at the bottom depends on how tall you are. But, to the person who is average in height, the water level hits just above the knees. the waterslide at Carlyle features two such slides and pools, each with their own water source, purification and filtering systems. In the event one breaks down or is in need of maintenance, there is still one in operation.

Being located adjacent to the lake



End of the slide



Two happy watersliders



Slide has many turns and twists

and surrounding camping areas isn't an impediment to business either. Voss stated that over 50 percent of his customers are lake visitors and notes regulars from Olney, Salem, Decatur, East St. Louis and St. Louis and also boasts customers from Ireland, Belgium and Korea. He added that he has yearly visitors to this waterslide from Nicaragua. Voss stated, "Several years ago a family from the St. Louis area brought some relatives from Nicaragua out here to visit the lake. While in the area they tried out the waterslide. The Nicaraguans liked it and the atmosphere so well that every year on

their visit to the St. Louis relatives they make it a point to come to Carlyle and the waterslide."

If the sun and the water prove too much for your stamina, a video arcade offers a whole new realm of activity. The snack bar is also a popular feature, offering a wide variety of soda, sno cones, chips, ice cream and candy.

Voss employs 10 part-time high school and college students who share the workload of selling tickets, working in the snack bar or video game room, maintaining and cleaning up of the grounds and serving as lifeguards. Each has CPR training and is certified in the Red Cross

Life Saving course.

The waterslide opens each year around Memorial Day. This year, because the temperatures hit a high early in May, Voss opened up on May 20. He will shut down operations sometime around Labor Day, again depending on the weather. It is open every day of the week from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m. The waterslide uses approximately 6,500 kilowatt-hours per month, for each of the four months it is in operation, making it one of the cooperative's larger loads.

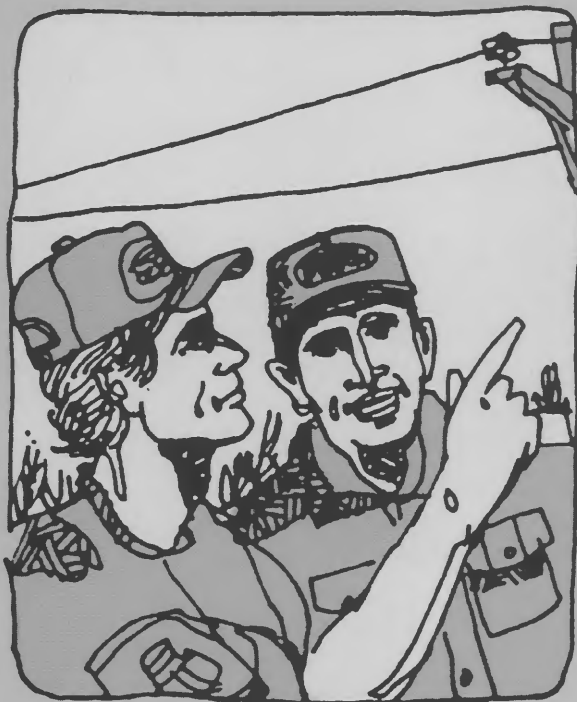
There are several different prices: For one-half hour of water fun—\$2.50; or if you've got more time, it's \$3.50 for the first hour and \$1.75 for each additional hour; you can also purchase a ticket for 10 rides for \$2.60; all-day prices on Mondays through Fridays are \$7; and Saturdays and Sundays all-day price is \$8. Season passes are also available and private parties can be arranged in advance.

You don't have to go far to enjoy a few hours away from the humdrum and drudgery of your everyday life. Depending on where you live in the county, fun at Carlyle Lake Waterslide can be only minutes away!

Think 'safe'

Responsible electric accident control today

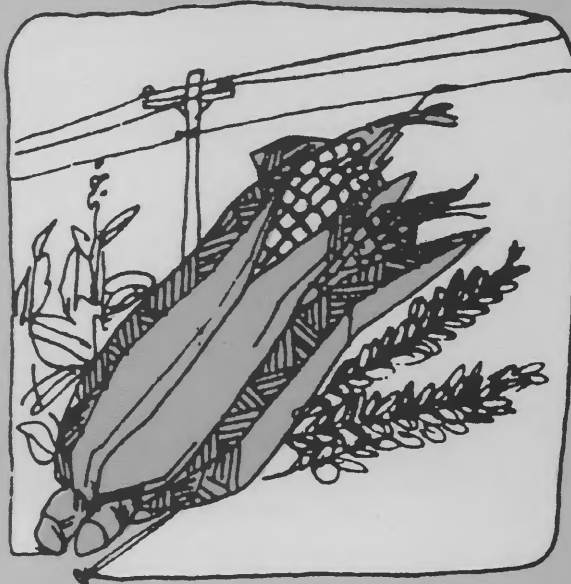
The accident you avoid
is as important as the ones that really happen



No scene depicts the character and success of the United States quite as well as that of modern farm equipment harvesting an abundant crop of wheat or barley or corn. The technology and ingenuity of those machines has helped the American farmer continue to enjoy bountiful harvests to feed our nation's population and a great portion of the world's population as well. When you move into your fields to tend your crops, please exercise Responsible Electric Accident Control Today (RE-ACT) to make your harvest as safe as it is rewarding.

Modern farming requires the use of large, complex machinery. Each year a tragic number of accidents are caused by careless handling of farm equipment around electric power lines. Your power supplier urges you to use caution at all times — to watch for overhead power lines and utility poles and to avoid any contact with this potentially lethal power equipment.

Insist that hired hands and family members alike learn to survey their working areas carefully before engaging farm equipment in work activities. Have every worker assure himself that the equipment he is using will not come into contact with power lines or power support equipment.



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Power outages and their causes

While everything possible is done to prevent power outages, they still occur and their causes are numerous. Many times they occur during bad weather, when the lines and equipment must stand up to a number of problems such as trees and limbs falling across lines, water causing damaged insulators to leak, poles breaking off, lines getting together and, of course, lightning.

In addition to bad weather, trees are sometimes cut across electric lines, and every now and then a car or truck will run into a pole, causing damage to lines or equipment. Occasionally, your power will be shut off so we can service the equipment on the lines, such as transformers, breakers and insulators.

Cooperative employees work very hard to keep your electricity on all the time, and as soon as we are notified there is an outage, linemen are dispatched to find and repair the problem. Many times the cause

is hard to find as it is not close to the road, but way back in the woods.

While we know that power outages are an inconvenience to the member, they do not normally cause damage to appliances or other electrical hook-ups. And, when power is restored to the lines, it does not cause surges. It is just like flipping on the light switch in your home. Surges are created when lightning strikes the lines or the equipment and/or when a line of higher voltage comes in contact with a line of lower voltage.

If you see trees that have grown up through the lines and could be a potential problem, please give us a call and tell us the location.

As we've said before, although we try to prevent power outages, they are inevitable at times. If an outage does occur at your location, please call the Co-op and let us know you're out of power. If you get a busy signal, don't get distressed—

this busy signal should let you know that we are on the job—just hang up and call back. We have three phone lines coming into the office, and if there are several members out of power, you may have to try more than once to get through. The Cooperative does have someone on duty to answer your calls 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Before calling us, though, don't forget to:

1. Check your fuses and circuit breakers;

2. If none of your lights burn, check with your neighbors to see if they have power;

3. If you are reasonably sure the trouble is not in your own wiring or equipment, then call the Cooperative—toll free 1-800-526-7282.

We will do our best to get your power restored as quickly as possible.

Attention members!



Please remember the co-op is not a member of J.U.L.I.E. You will have to call the co-op office (1-800-526-7282) for a line locate before you start digging!! Once you hit our U.G. line—it's too late! Call before you dig!



Located on Rt. 161 east of Bartelso, Carl's Automotive and 4-Wheel Drive Center houses 2,000 square feet, large enough to accommodate 12 cars/trucks at one time for servicing and/or repair.

Keep on truckin'

When Carl Huels graduated from Mater Dei High School in 1971, his dreams for the future, like most high school seniors, were short-sighted. He wanted a job—preferably good-paying—so he could afford to buy one of those “new” four-wheel drive trucks. Today, he owns not only one but a whole showroom as the owner and operator of Carl's Automotive & 4-Wheel Drive Center, just east of Bartelso.

Carl's Automotive has been in business for 12 years and was formerly situated southeast of Bartelso adjacent to his home. In June of 1988 he moved to his new location, which affords a lot more space inside and out and allows for future expansion, if the need arises. The new building has approximately 8,000 square feet, 2,000 of which is showroom. The shop area can accommodate 12 cars and/or trucks at one time and, since opening a year and a half ago, is usually filled to capacity. Tee-shirts and caps emblazoned with “Carl's Automotive”

decorate the walls of the showroom, and mufflers, air-oil-fuel filters, plus other accessories, the mainstay of the automotive business, are neatly stacked for customer convenience.

Carl's Automotive does general auto and truck repairs, although a center for four-wheel drive vehicles, repairs and accessories. It is the only four-wheel drive center within a 40-mile radius, drawing customers from St. Louis to the southernmost tip of Illinois and as far east as Peoria. Just last month, Carl and some of his employees packed up and gassed up the four-wheel drive trucks and traveled to DuQuoin for the annual Street Machine Show. Carl estimates that approximately 110,000 people showed up for the show in DuQuoin this year. His main purpose for going? Advertising and promotion.

Carl graduated in 1977 from Kaskaskia College with an associate degree in applied science. He is a long-time member of Clinton County Electric, as is his father, Carl, Sr., a Bartelso area farmer.

Carl Jr. is a member of the Co-op's Member Advisory Committee.

KC Hobbies, located within the confines of Carl's Automotive, is the brainchild of shop employee Ken Faust. Faust leases floor space from Carl, but owns his own inventory. Dealing in RC (radio-controlled) cars and trucks, plus accessories, Faust's KC Hobbies sponsors RC races every second and fourth Sunday in the summer months. Classes include novice, stock, pro stock, stock truck, modified two-wheel, modified four-wheel and modified truck.

The Faust name isn't new to racing enthusiasts. Ken, his brothers and his dad are well-known in stock car racing circles. But these days, Ken has given up stock cars for a scaled down version!

Situated right east of Carl's Automotive is a high-banked, 80-foot track where literally dozens—and sometimes hundreds—of racers and would-be racers gather two Sundays a month for a few hours of fun and relaxation. A \$5 entry fee

covers the trophies and/or gift certificates (winners get their choice) given to the first and second place finishers. A trophy is also awarded each Sunday to the car or truck that is judged "best in appearance." Fathers and sons (some daughters too!)—and in some cases entire families—unload lawn chairs, coolers, tables, and tool chests for a typical Sunday afternoon at the races.

Posted at the registration table are the "general track rules." At the bottom, in capital letters, states, "Please Keep in Mind that R/C Racing is for Fun!" Although the spirit of competition sparks the air, a camaraderie exists between racers that is most definitely missing in other competitive sports. Soldering irons, battery chargers, and other "tools of the trade" pass back and forth between the racers, as well as advice from the experienced "pros" to the green "rookies."

And, although RC racing might indeed be just for fun, like all other hobbies, it can be expensive. RC cars range in price from just below \$100 to the most expensive four-wheel drive truck costing several hundred dollars. And that's just the vehicle (which, by the way, comes unassembled in a box)! After assembling and painting, you need a six or seven cell battery (maybe another one for back-up), a radio controller, a battery charger comes in handy and, like their larger counterparts, tires don't last forever, pinion gears wear out, etc. But Ken handles all those accessories and the hobby shop is open on racing Sundays, in case you need a quick fix.

At age 35, Carl's goals are more long-range than they were 18 years ago—having seven employees helped change that. Also, he and his wife, Geri, have five daughters who have contributed to changing his lifestyle.

Whether you're a big-time four-wheel drive enthusiast or a big-time hobbyist on a smaller scale, the combination of Carl's Automotive & 4-Wheel Drive Center/KC Hobbies is a treat you shouldn't miss!



Several four-wheel-drive and other vehicles await service in the shop area of Carl's Automotive east of Bartelso.



KC Hobbies handles these four-wheel-drive, radio-controlled kits. In addition to the trucks, Faust also has in stock radio-controlled cars and accessories for both.



A view from the customer counter to the front door shows neat and convenient displays, featuring the specialties of the four-wheel-drive craze.

Compare Time-of-Day rate

If any of you are interested in the Time-of-Day rate, now is the time to check into it! If you are unsure of how the rate works, call our office for more details. We can run a rate comparison to show you how much money you can save by shifting just some of those on-peak kilowatt-

hours to off-peak times.

We can start any new member off on the T-O-D rate September 1—remember, September, October and November are off-peak months and all kwhs used are at a reduced rate (first 1,200 @ 7.5 cents per kwh; all over 1,200 @ 3.5 cents per kwh).

That way, you and your family will have three months to get acquainted with the rate before hitting the on-peak months of December, January and February.

There's lots of benefits to be derived from the T-O-D rate—for you and the Cooperative. Call John or Harry for more details—1-800-526-7282.

Do you need a program for your class, club or group?

Call

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We'll be glad to come to your school classroom, civic or community group and tell you about Clinton County Electric! Or maybe you want a safety demonstration? Clinton County Electric has a safety display and program that is "electrifying."

Call us and we'll work with you to prepare a program of interest to your group.

For more information on obtaining a Clinton County Electric speaker for your club or classroom, contact:

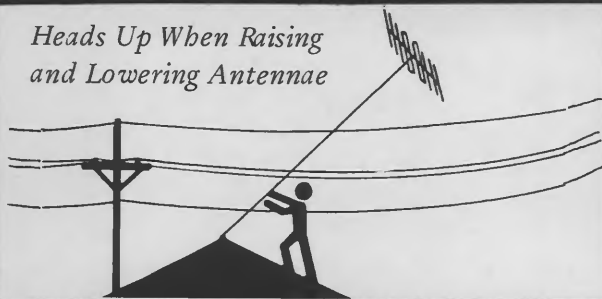
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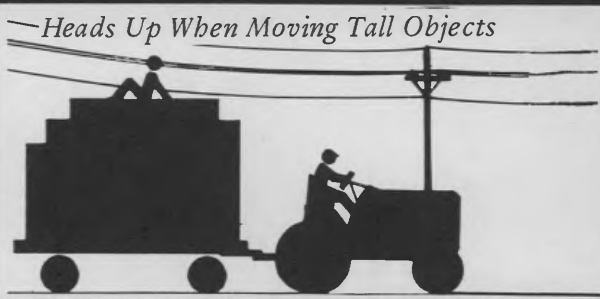
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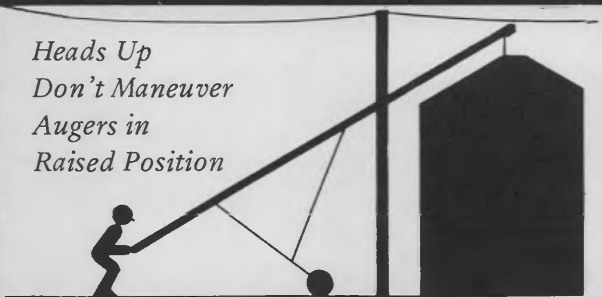
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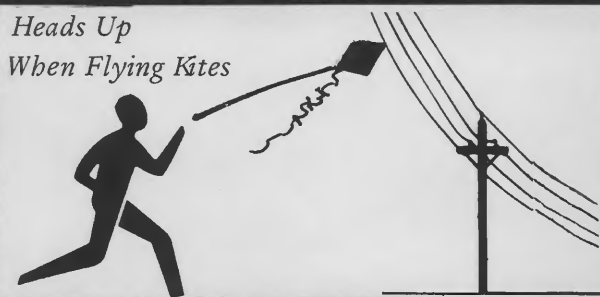
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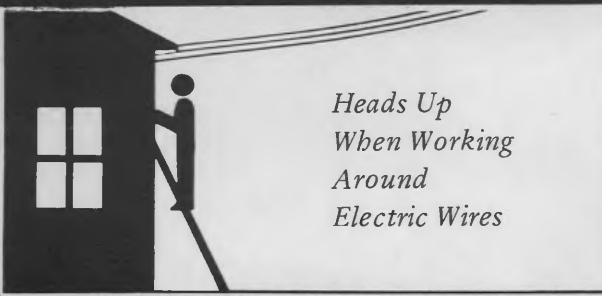
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Heads Up When Flying Kites



Heads Up When Working Around Electric Wires



Heads Up When Moving Tall Objects



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COOPERATIVES PEOPLE IN PARTNERSHIP

October is Cooperative Month, and all of us at Clinton County Electric want you to know that, even after 50 years, we are still committed to serving all residents within our service area, even those in the most remote rural homes or farmsteads; to providing reliable electric service; to providing electric service at the lowest cost possible; and to the democratic control by our members. We are committed to a better life for all who live and work within our service area.

Hundreds of family farms in Clinton County, and the surrounding area, have changed with the times, but they still cling to their rich traditions from generation to generation, through good years and

bad. For new generations, electricity goes beyond lighting and milking machines. VCRs and computers now vie for power usage. New subdivisions and industrial sites also depend on Clinton County Electric Cooperative.

Electricity brought more than efficiency, comfort and convenience to rural homes 50 years ago. It helped move a darkened countryside into the light of the 20th century—improving significantly the lives of rural families. That's why Clinton County Electric, and other electric cooperatives, was organized. And that's the reason we continue to serve our member/owners today.

Clinton County Electric, as well as

all electric cooperatives, is based on principles of consumer ownership and control, and bringing electric energy—at cost—to everyone within its service area. Clinton County Electric, backed by over 50 years' experience, continues to meet its commitments to its consumers. We are proud of our past accomplishments and are anxious to assist in the growth and prosperity of all our consumers in the future.

During October—Cooperative Month—Clinton County Electric salutes all the cooperative organizations and the work they have done to enhance the quality of life for their consumers in our area, as well as throughout the state and nation.

Don't be confused!

An organization operating under the name "NRC, A National Association of Rural Co-operative Members" is marketing group medical insurance by sending direct mailings to homeowners located in rural areas requesting information about the person's medical insurance coverage. The company then uses this as a lead to send out insurance agents in an attempt to sell the consumer medical insurance policies.

We feel it only fair to warn you that this organization, underwritten by Reserve National In-

surance Company of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, is in no way endorsed by Clinton County Electric Cooperative or any of its affiliates.

We are concerned that the similarity between the name of the insurance organization, "NRC," and the cooperative's national association, "NRECA," is confusing to our members, who may believe that the insurance being offered is endorsed and supported by Clinton County Electric. When asked if their company is affiliated with the cooperative, the insurance salesmen apparently do not respond with a

direct "yes" or "no," but nod and smile as if confirming that fact.

If you have received any mailings concerning NRC group medical insurance, please send them to us. Also, if you have had any contacts with insurance salesmen, after returning the NRC mailing, please let us know. With your help and the help of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, we may be able to find a solution to this confusing matter.



Clinton County Electric Cooperative representatives were present when 109th District Representative Kurt Granberg (D-Carlyle) received the Illinois Electric Cooperative Public Service Award during the 48th annual meeting of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives August 9 in Springfield. With Granberg (holding plaque) are: James Klingelhofer (left) of Mascoutah, board president, and James B. Riddle, manager. The award is presented annually to those legislators and other government officials who have made significant contributions to the electric cooperatives' legislative goals.

Co-ops honor Granberg

Representative Kurt Granberg (Dem., 109th District) received the Illinois Electric Cooperative Public Service Award during the 48th annual meeting of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives August 9 in Springfield. The IEC Public Service Award is given each year to those legislators and other government officials who have made significant and unique contributions to the State of Illinois and the rural electrification program in Illinois.

Rep. Granberg was first elected to the Illinois House of Representatives in November 1986, when he defeated the Dean of the Illinois House, Dwight Friedrich. He's come a long way since he won his first election in 1982—Carlyle Precinct No. 3 committeeman! In 1987 he served on the Paul

Simon Fundraising Committee and he is currently vice-chairman of the Economic Development Committee of the Illinois House and also serves on the Appropriations 1 Committee, in addition to the Transportation and Motor Vehicles, Agriculture, Revenue, Roads and Bridges and Mental Health committees. Governor Thompson recently signed into law the Anti-Takeover Legislation, designed to help Illinois companies fight corporate raiders. This legislation was introduced by Granberg. He also co-sponsored the new Pheasant and Duck Stamp Laws to help fund waterfowl projects.

Kurt was born, raised and educated in Clinton County, graduating from St. Mary's Parochial School in Carlyle and Mater Dei High School in Breese. He graduated in 1975

with honors from the University of Illinois with a B.A. in political science and a minor in criminal justice. He is also a 1980 graduate of the Illinois Institute of Technology Chicago-Kent College of Law, where he served on the finance committee.

From 1980-1982 he was the Assistant Public Defender for Clinton County and he is also a former law partner of Donnewald & Granberg, Breese, and Granberg, Conrad & Bergman, Breese.

Although spending much of his time in Springfield these days, Kurt keeps one foot on the "homefront." He is a member of the Carlyle Jaycees, Carlyle Knights of Columbus, Carlyle Lake Advisory Committee and the Breese Optimists, as well as several other organizations in the area. He is not just a "card-holding"

member however; when time permits, he attends their meetings. In this way he can relate to his constituents what's going on in government and, in turn, he learns what's foremost in the minds of the people he represents.

The members and employees of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. congratulate Representative Kurt Granberg on receiving the IEC's Public Service Award and salute his outstanding achievements in the rural electrification program.

Certainly all of us are proud to have Granberg as our state representative. His dedication to "grassroots" politics and to serving all the people in the 109th district are attributes that make him one of the leaders of tomorrow.

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Prepare for winter now

When the wind is howling at your door and sleet is rapping at your windows, it's too late to battle winter's constant companion—heat loss. The time is now, before the warmth of your home is lost to the harsh outdoors.

You can avoid costly energy waste. Check the insulation in your attic and under floors. Stop drafts by caulking around windows and doors. Seal cracks and replace worn weatherstripping. Consider

putting in storm doors and windows, or plastic coverings for them. Weatherizing not only keeps heat in during the winter, but lowers costs in the summer by keeping heat out.

Now, while the heat is on outside, get started on those energy leaks before the heat is needed inside. Clinton County Electric can help you plan measures you can take to weatherproof your house. Contact John Winter, Member Service Advisor, before it's too late!

Keep meter area accessible



We sometimes get reports from our meter readers about conditions at certain locations which make it difficult (if not impossible) to read the meter.

Dogs chained within reach of the meter, locked gates, overgrown weeds or brush surrounding the meter, etc. are real hindrances to your meter reader.

Take a look around your meter and make sure none of these, or similar, conditions exist. Your help is appreciated!

A reminder . . .

Even though it's cooled off a bit, please remember that the bill you've just received is for those dog days of August when your air conditioner was on continually. The hot, humid days of August, and the air conditioner's continuous use, will reflect on your September electric bill.

MAKE IT A SAFE HARVEST

Performing difficult jobs under adverse conditions is a part of electric cooperative operations. We know accidents don't have to happen.

Our farming member-owners also perform difficult tasks often under conditions less than favorable. And an accident during a busy harvest season can be just as costly in terms of bodily injury, equipment damage and lost time as an accident would be to an electric cooperative. So we urge our member-owners in the agriculture industry to keep in mind some basic safety

measures during harvesting operations: Check out your equipment. . . . Make sure your helpers are familiar with the equipment they are using. . . . Keep shields in place. . . . Shut off power before unclogging or fixing a machine. . . . Wear appropriate protective equipment. . . . Look up and around when moving tall equipment near power lines.

Be aware of possible hazards, use common sense and take extra care. Make this a safe harvest . . . for you and your neighbors.



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Across The Manager's Desk

by James B. Riddle

Shop programs and save

Clinton County Electric has numerous programs in place to benefit you, the member. Let me briefly outline some of these programs for you, and then you can decide which may be beneficial to you and your way of life.

Electric water heaters

Clinton County Electric will give you—free of charge—a 52-gallon or an 80-gallon electric water heater. All you have to do is come in and pick it up! With this water heater, you also get a radio-controlled time switch, which must be installed on the water heater. This time switch is also free of charge. With this time switch, the cooperative is able to electronically turn on and off your water heater when our demand hits a peak. This occurs only during the peak months of December, January and February and again in July and August.

Some of you received a letter from us informing you of our time switch exchange program. If you've been on the water heater program since its inception in 1986, or previous to June 1, 1988, you still have the old mechanical time switch that automatically turns your water heater off each and every morning for two hours and then again in the evening for two hours. We are gradually, substation by substation, exchanging these old

mechanical switches for the new radio-controlled switch. Remember, this new switch only controls your water heater during the peak months and then only on those hottest or coldest days when a peak is hit—not every day like the old switches!

For more information on the water heater program, contact John Winter, member service advisor, 1-800-526-7282.

Safety display

Our Member Service Department has a unique safety display and program available to schools, 4-H clubs, civic organizations and other interested parties.

Call the Member Service Department today and set up a date for the safety display and program.

Energy grant program

More than 70 members of Clinton County Electric have received grants through the Rural Home Energy Program since it started in 1987. Grants are provided to members by the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources (ENR). Clinton County Electric administers the program, performs the required home energy audits and assists members in preparing their applications, if necessary. The final disposition of the

loan, however, is made by ENR personnel in Springfield.

Some of the most common improvements through this weatherization program include high efficiency furnaces, storm windows, insulation and weatherstripping. The savings for the members making the improvements is substantial—on the average members making energy improvements can expect to save \$125 per year on their energy bills.

Refer to the related article on energy grants in this center section.

Security lights

The cooperative is also offering a security light change-out program. We will change your mercury vapor security light to a high-pressure sodium one for a one-time change-out fee of \$25 (you get to keep the old light). The intensity of the 100-watt sodium light is comparable to the 175-mercury vapor light and the sodium light is cheaper to operate. Any new lights that are installed by the cooperative are now high-pressure sodiums.

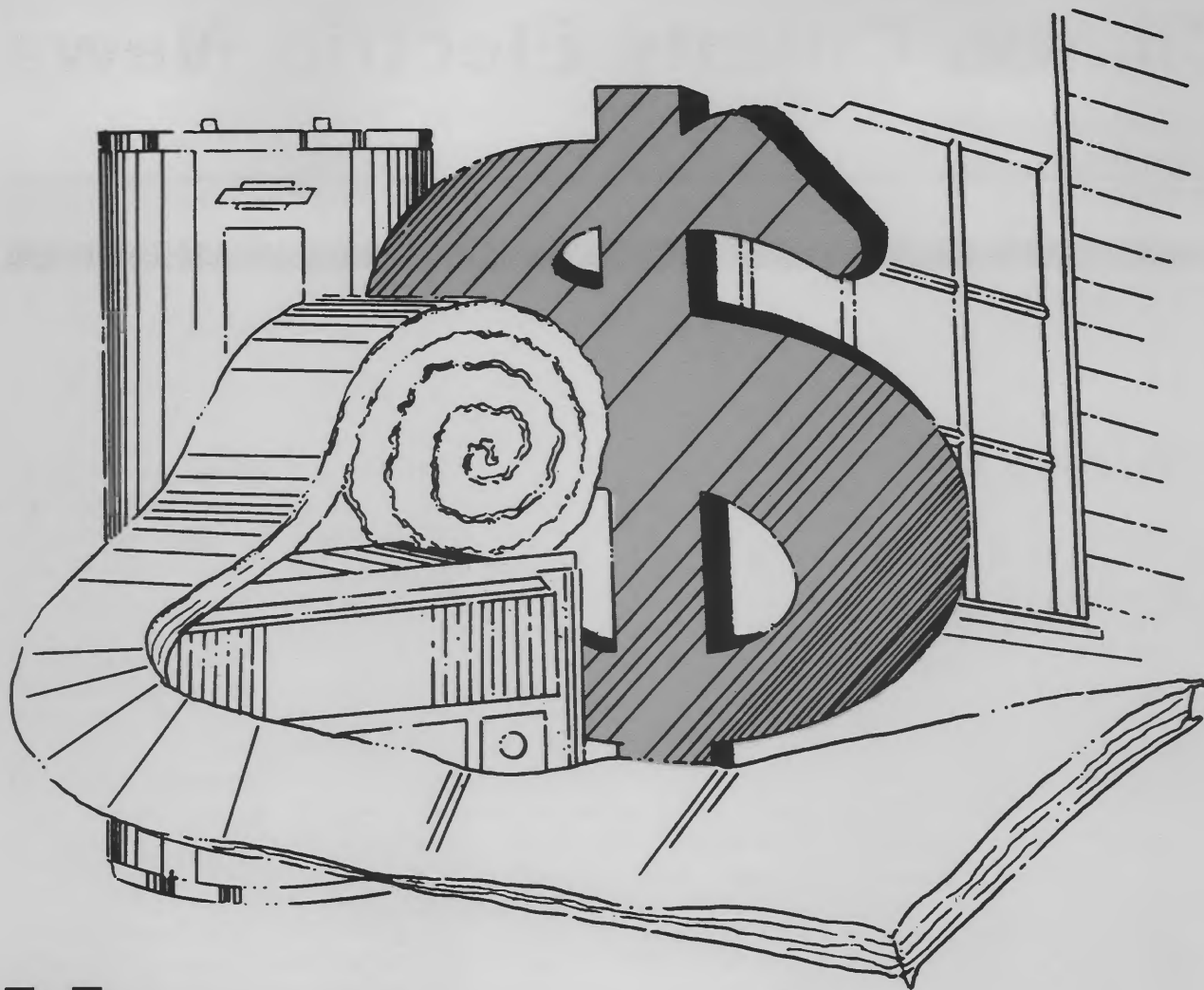
For more information, contact the Engineering Department and ask for either Harry or Mel.

ERC loan program

The cooperative also sponsors
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Thanks, members

All of us at the cooperative wish to thank those of you who responded to our annual meeting survey. In the very near future, we hope to publish the results of that survey in the center section. The board of trustees and the management are now reviewing the survey answers and will take appropriate action when and where possible. Thanks again!



Home weatherization grants

—find out if you're eligible!

Grants of up to \$1,500 for home weatherization or energy conservation are again available to eligible moderate- and low-income members of Clinton County Electric Cooperative. This marks the third and final year of the Rural Home

Energy Program offered through the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources (ENR). Clinton County Electric has been allocated approximately \$34,500 for 1989-1990.

Are you qualified? A grant of up

to \$1,500 is available to any Clinton County Electric member whose household income is 80 percent or less than the median income of the cooperative's service area. (See next page for median income guidelines.) This is a total grant, with no

matching funds required by the applicant.

A 50 percent matching grant, with the member paying 50 percent of the project's cost, of up to \$1,000, is available to members whose household income is 80 to 120 percent of the area's median income. (Again, see below for median income guidelines for Clinton County.)

What projects can you do with the grant money? The list of projects eligible for funding through this program are varied and numerous:

- Insulation projects for walls, ceilings, attics, foundations, crawlspaces, floors, basement walls or ceiling, water pipes, air ducts, underpinning and mobile home undercarriage;

- New, energy-efficient water heaters; (They must meet ASHRAE 90 Standards required by Illinois law, however.)

- Heat pumps for heating and cooling (with a SEER rating of greater than 8.6);

- Furnace load management systems and furnace efficiency modifications;

- Furnace flue modifications and electronic ignition systems;

- Storm doors and thermal doors are eligible for a grant of up to \$150 maximum per entrance;

- Replacement central air-

conditioners (with a SEER greater than 10.0) or room air conditioners (with an EER greater than 8.6) are eligible only for medical reasons. A medical doctor's certification is required.

- Furnaces with an AFUE rating of 90 or better are also eligible. In some cases, other heating systems with lower rating may be eligible, but prior approval from ENR must be obtained.

If you are eligible for a Rural Home Energy Program grant, there are several steps you must take:

1. Contact Clinton County Electric and we will send you an application;

2. Applicants must have an energy audit completed on their home. Consideration for the grant depends on this energy audit. Clinton County Electric will do energy audits for its members at no cost. Please contact John Winter, member service advisor, to set up an appointment.

3. After you have filled out the application and completed the energy audit, you must have written bids from at least two contractors for the proposed projects you want done. These bids must contain model numbers and efficiency ratings for heating systems, and cost estimates.

4. Please submit all applications and accompanying energy audits

and bids to Clinton County Electric Cooperative. The application will first be reviewed at the cooperative and then forwarded by the cooperative to ENR for final review and approval. ENR has the final decision on all Rural Home Energy Program grant applications.

If your application is approved by ENR, a check is prepared payable to the member and the cooperative. The cooperative will then endorse the check and either mail or hand deliver it to you for payment.

Each approved applicant must certify to ENR that the installation of materials or equipment funded through this program is complete. Inspection of the completed work will be done by ENR at a later date.

All projects must show a proven 10-year payback in energy savings to the member and members who have previously received the maximum grant amount under the program in the previous two years are not eligible for further grant monies.

Clinton County Electric will help you with all the details. Contact John Winter at the cooperative office (1-800-526-7282). If you just want an application, leave your name with whomever answers the phone, and we will mail you one.

Rural Home Energy Grant Program Income guidelines for Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

100% Subsidy up to \$1,500: If your family income is less than the figure listed below your family size, then you are eligible for a grant up to \$1,500 for energy conservation measures in your home, with no matching funds required.

FAMILY SIZE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
TOTAL FAMILY INCOME:	\$17,036	\$19,451	\$21,893	\$24,321	\$25,843	\$27,366	\$28,875	\$30,398

50% Subsidy up to \$1,000: If your family income is between the figures listed below, then you are eligible for a grant of 50% of the cost of any eligible conservation measures, up to a total of \$1,000.

FAMILY SIZE:	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8
	\$17,036-	\$19,451-	\$21,893-	\$24,321-	\$25,843-	\$27,366-	\$28,875-	\$30,398
	\$25,554	\$29,177	\$32,839	\$36,481	\$38,765	\$41,048	\$43,313	\$45,596

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the ERC loan program whereby a member, by installing an earth-coupled heat pump, can borrow up to \$6,000 for five years at 0 percent

Herman Korte

The cooperative family extends its deepest sympathy to the family of Herman Korte, who died August 31 in Breese. Mr. Korte was a member of Clinton County Electric board of trustees from November 1952 to November 1976. Survivors include his wife, Amanda, and a son, Cyril, of Germantown.

interest. Check with John Winter for more information about this program.

Call list

Is electricity critical to your health? Are you or any members of your family on a heart monitor or any other piece of life-saving equipment? We maintain a list that we use to notify members with these special needs when outages are planned. It's impossible for us to call everyone each time the power is expected to be off, but if you have a real need to know, please let us know so we can help.

Rates

The cooperative also has numerous rates, designed to help the member lower his electric bill. I'm sure you've all read or heard about the success stories of the Time-of-

Day rate. If you'd like to have a usage comparison, comparing the Time-of-Day Rate with the rate you are presently on, just call the office. John Winter can tell you all the details of this rate and mail you a printout of what your savings could be under the T-O-D Rate.

To encourage businesses to locate in our service area, the cooperative also has a special "economic development" rate that benefits both the business and the cooperative. Call for more details on this special rate!

You can call the office for more information on any of our rates—there's sure to be one designed especially for you and your needs!

As always, if any of you have a problem or if you have a suggestion that you think would be beneficial to all the cooperative members, call or stop by. My door is always open!

Area meetings scheduled for November

The Cooperative will again host several area meetings in various parts of your service area in November. Four meetings are planned:

District No. 1	November 7	7:30 p.m. Bethlehem Lutheran Church Basement, Ferrin
District No. 2	November 14	7:30 p.m. St. Felicitas Church Basement, Beaver Prairie
District No. 3	November 16	7:30 p.m. Albers Legion Home, Albers
	November 16	1:30 p.m. Cooperative office in Breese

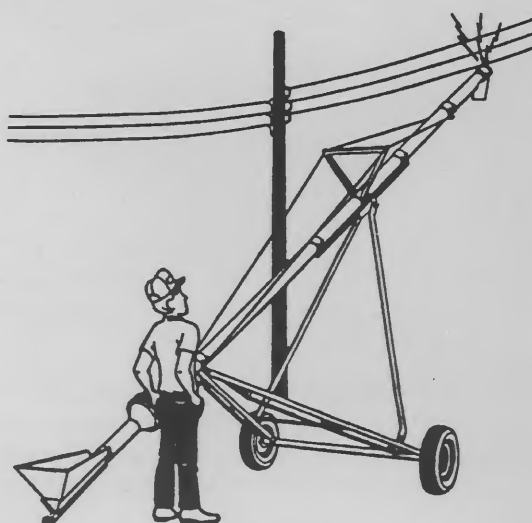
Remember, just because maybe you can't attend the meeting in your district doesn't mean you can't come to any or all of the other ones! We hold these meeting centrally in each district to make it convenient for the members to attend. But you are certainly welcome to come to any of them.

The area meetings are traditionally a more personal, one-on-one type of meeting. Topics for the agenda will include: rates; legislation; neighborhood meter reading program; load management and incentive rates; annual meeting survey; and possible byLaw changes. Our portion of the meeting is scheduled to last one hour, but we will be there just as long as you want us to stay to discuss any topic you deem important.

We do have a few changes from the past years' meetings, however. We will be serving a light lunch/dinner (cold cuts etc.) in addition to coffee and soda following the meetings. And at each of the area meetings, there will be a drawing for five prizes (each valued at approximately \$20) and one drawing for \$50 cash. In addition, all of you who have signed the attendance records at the four area meetings will have yet another chance to win a grand prize! This grand prize drawing will be held at the last area meeting and consists of free electric service for the bill you get in

December (maximum of \$250).

It could be well worth your time to attend one of these meetings! Mark your calendars today—see you in November!



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Across The Manager's Desk

by James B. Riddle

I want to take this opportunity to thank all of you who took time out of your busy schedules to attend our

area meetings. We had excellent crowds at all four meetings—we learned what you, the member, want and expect from us and, hopefully, we helped you to understand some of the things we are doing at the cooperative and the reasons behind them.

Those of you who did not attend not only missed an opportunity to

voice your opinion(s) on cooperative activities, but also missed a chance to win some nice prizes.

Again, thanks to those members who came to the area meetings. And, remember, if you ever have a question regarding any cooperative activity, give me a call or come in and see me. We are here to serve you.

What the members think

Those of you who attended last year's annual meeting of the Cooperative had a chance to anonymously voice your opinion regarding the annual meeting. Out of 499 survey cards mailed out, 290 members responded for 58.2 percent. The 60-69 age group had the most respondents with 73; the next closest was the age group between 50-59 with 46.

Seventy-five percent of the people responding said they regularly attend the co-op's annual meeting, although 80 percent said they attended the 1989 meeting because of interest in cooperative affairs

and 35 percent said they came because of the prizes given away.

Eighty-seven percent (251) indicated they liked the meeting's format but, "Please make it shorter," was the preferred method of improving the meeting.

An overwhelming 99 percent of those polled said they prefer the meeting be held on a weekday evening (as it now is), as opposed to a weekend afternoon.

Although 32 percent said they attended the annual meeting to pick up their capital credit checks, 83 percent indicated they would welcome receiving that check in

December rather than waiting until March and the annual meeting!

As an item of interest—42 percent of our members surveyed regularly listen to KMOX, with WILY the runner-up at 28 percent.

The Centralia Sentinel is a hands-down favorite daily newspaper for Clinton County Electric members (46 percent), and the Breese Journal the weekly favorite at 40 percent.

The board of trustees is reviewing the results of the survey and is planning future meetings with your preferences foremost in their minds.

Do you need a program for your class, club or group?

Call

Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

We'll be glad to come to your school classroom, civic or community group and tell you about Clinton County Electric! Or maybe you want a safety demonstration? Clinton County Electric has a safety display and program that is "electrifying."

Call us and we'll work with you to prepare a program of interest to your group.

For more information on obtaining a Clinton County Electric speaker for your club or classroom, contact:

John Winter, Member Service Advisor
Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.

475 North Main, P.O. Box 40, Breese, Illinois 62230
526-7282 or Toll Free 1-800-526-7282

Neighborhood meter readers

The final phase of the Neighborhood Meter Reader Program was implemented this past October, and with this final phase all of the meters in the cooperative service area are now being read by the cooperative.

Meter readers in the eastern portion of the service area are: Jean Belcher, Sharon Nolte, Marsha Skibinski and Eugene Schlau.

The following meter readers read meters in the extreme west, southwest and northeast (around the lake) portion of our service area: Martha Yarber, Ron Jansen, Bob Albers, Karl Haselhorst, Lillie Greene and Mack Parsons.

The following meter readers have the middle section of the cooperative services area: Rich Schumacher, Wilma Tebbe, Susan Feldmann, Bob Hostmeyer, Mike Scott and Ben Varel.

Remember, all of the cooperative's meter readers wear bright orange vests and their cars have signs designating them as a Clinton County Electric Cooperative Meter Reader.

Reading your electric meter is their job, and they're out on the job no matter what kind of weather. But they

do need your help and cooperation.

If your dog is kept outside and doesn't like strangers, the meter reader may not be able to read the meter. If you have a dog that is unfriendly toward strangers, please let the cooperative know and we can work out some kind of arrangements so that our meter readers can safely read your meter. Also, please clear the weeds and brush that may have grown around your meter, so the meter reader can get an accurate reading each month.

Your cooperative meter reader is also required to check all meter seals each month, and to report any meters that do not have a seal. So, if you are doing remodeling or other work that requires you to remove your meter or meter seal, please let us know. You cannot legally remove your meter/meter seal without the prior approval of the cooperative. When your work is completed, if you call the office, your meter reader will reseal your meter the next time your meter is read.

Remember, the meter readers work for you, and it's in your best interest for them to get their job done safely.



B&M Manufacturing Co.'s plant under construction

Rural development in Clinton County

Clinton County Electric Cooperative is concerned with rural development and, for that reason, is actively involved with the county-wide economic development program.

The County Economic Development Committee, headed by committee chairman and County Board member Jack Lampen, Carlyle Rural Economic De-

velopment Chairman Bob Kell, County Board Chairman Dennis Rickhoff, and Carlyle Mayor Bill Dunnill, attained their first real "victory" when B&M Manufacturing Co. decided to locate in Clinton County.

Situated north of Carlyle along Rt. 127 on the county farm site, B&M manufactures boat seats and expects to employ 120 county residents.

Member Service Department

John Winter, Member Service Advisor

Free water heaters

Clinton County Electric is still offering free water heaters to our members. The only "hitch" to this giveaway is that the member must install a radio-controlled time switch that allows the cooperative to interrupt the water heater load during the Co-op's peak times.

During last winter's peak months of December, January and February, the water heater was controlled only two and one-half hours during the month of December; at no time during January; and just a little more than 15 hours in February. These control times, of course, were spread out over the

entire month and most members did not even realize that their water heaters had been turned off!

We have a supply of 52-gallon and 80-gallon water heaters and time switches in stock. Just come in, fill out the warranty information and pick up your free water heater and timer. What could be easier and cheaper than that?

Bill payment plans

If any Clinton County Electric members have trouble paying their electric bills on time, they should contact the cooperative's billing department and explain the problem. It is each member's respon-

sibility to keep payment current with monthly billing statements from the Cooperative. We have both a deferred payment plan and a budget billing plan available to members who might be experiencing financial difficulties.

No interest loans

Cooperative members can borrow up to \$6,000, with no interest charges, up to five years, when installing an earth-coupled heat pump under the cooperative's ERC Loan Program. Come in or call us for more information!

Capital credits refunds to be mailed in December

Expect your mailman to deliver an early Christmas present this year compliments of Clinton County Electric Cooperative. The cooperative board of trustees voted to pay out capital credits for the year 1989 in December of this year. The checks will be mailed the first week in December.

Traditionally, capital credit checks were available at the co-op's annual meeting held in March, but the survey conducted following the 1989 annual meeting indicated that the members would welcome these checks in December. We're happy to oblige. Merry Christmas.

Make it a safe hunting season

For many people, fall means hunting season. The time of year when outdoorsman's thoughts turn to the challenges of the hunt and the crisp fall morning air.

Unfortunately, in their enthusiasm to enjoy the outdoors, hunters sometimes cause interruptions in electric services and create life-threatening situations by interfering with power lines.

Over-zealous hunters are responsible for broken insulators on power lines and other hazardous conditions each year.

Taking target practice on insulators or birds sitting on power lines is not very sporting, and it may even be fatal if a line is damaged or broken. Damaged lines can snap and fall to the ground while still energized,

creating a hazard to the hunter and anyone or anything walking through the area.

Also, a random potshot can crack a line insulator, leaving damage that may not be noticeable from the ground. Over time, the crack can fill with moisture and cause a short, leaving members without service until the insulator is replaced.

In some cases, if the insulator is severely damaged, the line may become detached from the pole and drop to within a few feet of the ground.

Shooting insulators and other electrical equipment is illegal and expensive and adds to your Cooperative's operating expenses. Still, the cost is minimal compared to the potential for personal injury or death.



Office closing

The office of Clinton County Electric Cooperative will be closed Thursday, November 23, for Thanksgiving. Regular office hours will resume Friday, November 24.

We invite you to give us a hand!

We're not asking for applause, though. We're asking you to help us spot anything that looks amiss along our electric lines and poles.

Weather conditions or accidents—and sometimes vandals—can dislodge or break a pole. Wires can sag or break.

What do you do if you see a broken or damaged electric pole or a broken or damaged crossarm holding electric wires? First of all, you must **stay away** from the damaged equipment and also warn others to stay away! Make sure everyone stays far enough away from hanging electric wires to avoid being touched by them if they suddenly swing in the breeze. Next, you must let the electric cooperative know about the problem. Tell us what's wrong and where the

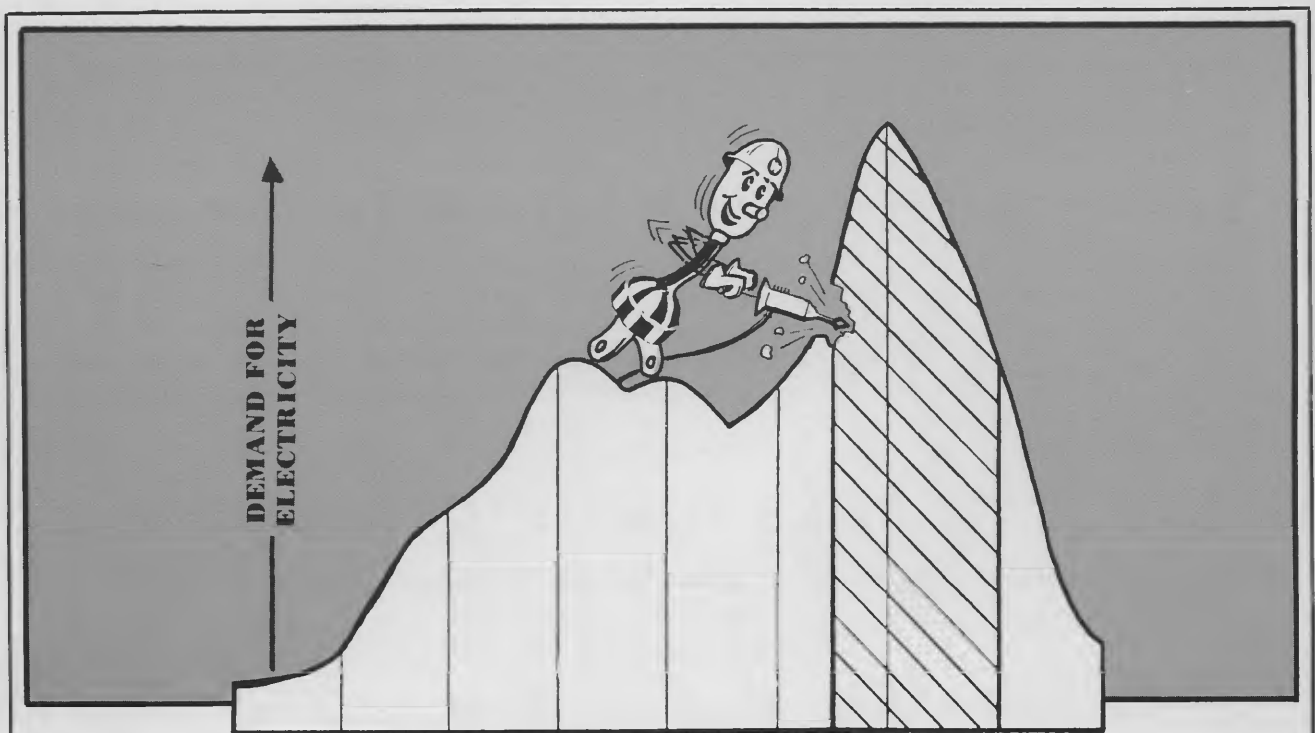
damaged equipment is located.

Contact us immediately if you think you see a problem. Our crews will soon be on the way. And you can be sure your help and cooperation will definitely win our grateful applause.

Wake-up call

When the winds are howling and the temperatures dip to below freezing, Mother Nature's late-night or early-morning wake-up call for our line crews can truly be a rude awakening!

Be assured that our line crews are prepared to respond 24 hours a day to fix the trouble as quickly as possible so that Mother Nature's "handiwork" will be of little inconvenience as possible!



Help control peak demand

Remember, December, January and February are on-peak months. For those of you on the Time-of-Day Rate, all kilowatt-hours you use during the on-peak times (6 a.m. to 11 a.m.; and 5 p.m. to 8 p.m. every day) is costing you a higher price per kwh. Therefore, it is to your advantage to shift as much of your load as possible to the off-peak times, when you pay a much lower price per kwh.

For the rest of you who aren't on the TOD rate, it is also to your advantage to shift as much of your electrical load to other times. If enough of you do this, the cooperative's peak demand is lowered enough to lower the co-op's electric bill. And, if the co-op's electric bill is lowered, then the members save money, too, by helping to stabilize rates.

If you can do your holiday baking between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. or after 8 p.m., you will be doing a favor for yourself, as well as all of the members of the cooperative.

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Across the Manager's Desk

by James Riddle

The best of holidays to you

The manager, employees and trustees of Clinton County Electric Cooperative wish you a very merry Christmas and a happy, safe and prosperous New Year. We look forward to serving you in 1990.

CCEC takes lead in economic development

Spearheaded by Cooperative manager Jim Riddle in an effort to coordinate and increase economic development at the local and county levels, Clinton County Electric Cooperative sponsored a meeting in mid-October at the cooperative offices in Breese. County officials and municipal and Chamber of Commerce representatives met with representatives of Clinton County Electric and Soyland Power Cooperative.

Addressing the group, manager Riddle outlined pending federal legislation that could mean significant amounts of economic development funding for rural areas. "As legislation now stands," Riddle said, "electric cooperatives will be the conduit for federal funding to local interests for economic development." Riddle further explained that the U.S. Senate has approved the funding and the bill is awaiting action in the House of Representatives.

Doug Dougherty, Soyland Power representative, said that \$110 million in grants is earmarked for satellites for educational purposes in rural schools, although no set

amount of money has been allocated for Clinton County.

Riddle and Dougherty proposed that a county-wide video be produced to promote Clinton County and its economic development potential. The video will be produced by Clinton County Electric in conjunction with Soyland Power and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

"The county-wide video will provide you with two advantages," Dougherty stressed, "(1) A bigger bang for your buck from pooling your resources; and (2) It will draw in the smaller communities as part of the betterment of the whole community."

Riddle emphasized, however, that the benefits of the video production should not be based solely on the number of jobs that will be created, although that is certainly an obvious and immediate benefit. "We will also be able to offer better services, such as food services and medical services," Riddle said. Comparing it to the "rippling effect," Dougherty added that more jobs will result from the expanded services that will be offered and rural life will be bet-

ter in terms of housing, recreation and healthcare.

In speaking of the promotion of Clinton County, Riddle said that this was something he's been wanting to do for the past six months and it has finally become a reality. "I'm glad to see so many interested in it. This is something that will benefit all members of Clinton County, whether they live in towns or in the rural areas, not just Clinton County Electric," Riddle concluded.



Office closing

Clinton County Electric will be closed Monday, December 25, and Monday, January 1, in observance of Christmas and New Years.

High wire act

From time to time the cooperative receives requests to assist in removing and/or raising cooperative power lines in order for house movers to relocate houses to another site.

On October 25, Cooperative personnel assisted in moving a house from St. Morgan (north of Trenton) to a lot in Kloos Subdivision, located one mile northeast of Trenton. This was the third time in

1989 that Cooperative personnel were called upon for their assistance in a job such as this.

The home, owned by Kevin Moorehead, was moved approximately four and one-half miles. The entire procedure took five and one-half hours, from the time the home left its original location to the time it finally arrived at the new location. Once on the moving blocks, the house measured 30 feet high.

There were eight single-phase lines that the linemen either had to raise or take down; three three-phase lines that had to be raised; one 4/0 aluminum triplex service drop removed and re-installed; and one overhead guy.

House-moving jobs can be very dangerous, as they normally attract crowds that can be very distracting to the line crews, as well as getting in their way, making a potentially dangerous condition. The Cooperative's engineering department spends many hours organizing and properly planning a job such as this, and our line crews are very proficient in handling these situations in a safe and efficient manner.



Moving at a snail's pace to avoid structural damage to the house, Cruikshank House Moving Co. of East St. Louis travelled south on Rt. 160 to get to the final destination—Kloos Subdivision.



Manager Jim Riddle and lineman Gene Edwards take a minute to "survey the terrain" and discuss the next stage of events in the house-moving job. The line crews are constantly aware of the crowds of people a job such as this attracts and always take special precautions to see that the job is done safely.



Lineman Gary Albers, high in the sky, disconnects a tap and raises a three-phase line to allow Moorehead's home to pass under.

If it blinks—it's working

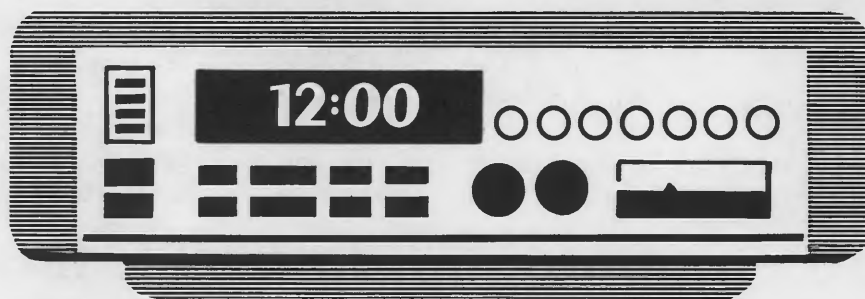
Clinton County Electric is served by a complex system of electric distribution lines subject to many possible occurrences that cause momentary outages or "blinks."

Blinks in your electric service are usually an indication that something has come in contact with the electric lines. Usually these problems can be traced to tree limbs, squirrels, birds, lightning and even cattle or horses rubbing against the guy wires. When the electric line senses a problem, the breaker (which is located on the power line) goes into operation. The breaker will shut the line off for just an instant so the line may clear itself. If it doesn't clear the first time, it may blink two or three times before it shuts the whole line off. Then, the cooperative line crews will be dispatched to clear the line. Were it not for these breakers out on the lines doing their jobs, lines and substations could be destroyed, causing many consumers to be without power.

We realize these blinks are a

nuisance to our members because of the need to reset digital clocks and VCRs, etc. However, these blinks are a blessing in disguise. If

utilities experience these brief outages, and these appliances are the biggest "tattletales" for electric utilities. In most cases, if it were not



it were not for the oil-filled reclosers (automatic circuit closers that reset after the blink), each of these instances may have been a long outage. Clinton County Electric regrets these inconveniences, but is pleased that not all "blinks" were lengthy outages.

Electronic equipment such as microwave ovens, digital clocks, VCRs and computers are so sensitive that the slightest blink may cause interruptions. All electric

for the clocks you would never know the power had "flickered" or gone off for a short time.

We have no control over squirrels, birds, lightning, cattle and horses, but we can have some control over trees and tree limbs. If you see limbs on the main lines, please contact us—we'll be out to cut the limbs out of the lines.

Remember—the next time you see your lights blink, you know the system is working right!!

Bylaws specify nomination procedure

Article IV, Section, 4.06, of the Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. Bylaws specifies in detail the procedures for nominating members for trustees:

SECTION 4.06. Nominations. It shall be the duty of the Board of Trustees to appoint, not less than forty (40) nor more than one hundred (100) days prior to the date of a meeting of the members at which Trustees are to be elected, a Committee on Nominations, consisting of three (3) members of the Cooperative who are not existing Cooperative employees, agents, officers, trustees or known candidates for Trustee, and who are so selected that each of the Cooperative's Trustee Districts shall have representation thereon in proportion to the number of authorized Trustees from or with respect to such District. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the Cooperative at least thirty (30)

days prior to the meeting a list of nominations for Trustees to be elected, listing separately the nominee(s) for each Trustee district from or with respect to which a Trustee must, pursuant to this Article, be elected at the meeting. The Committee may include as many nominees for any Trustee to be elected from or with respect to any Trustee District as it deems desirable. Any fifteen (15) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signatures, listing their nominee(s) in like manner, not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting, and the Secretary shall post such nominations at the same place where the list of nominations made by the Committee is posted. The Secretary shall mail to the members with the notice of the meeting, or separately, but at least five (5) days prior to the date of the meeting, a

statement of the names and addresses of all nominee(s) for each Trustee District from or with respect to which one or more Trustees must be elected, showing clearly those nominated by the Committee and those nominated by petition, if any. The chairman at such meeting, after all nominations so made have been duly announced, shall call for additional nominations from the floor and shall ascertain and announce, after any nominations made from the floor, the particular Trustee District from or with respect to which any additional candidates have been nominated. Notwithstanding the provisions contained in this Section, failure to comply with any of such provisions shall not affect in any manner whatsoever the validity of any action taken by the Board of Trustees after the election of Trustees.

President's clean air proposal

Once again we are asking your help in eliminating higher utility rates in the form of acid rain legislation introduced in the U.S. House of Representatives and the Senate.

Electric cooperatives are definitely **not** against clean air, but we are against legislation and regulations that are forced upon us in such a short time as to make it virtually impossible to comply without

imposing a rate increase on our members.

The cooperatives support a national cost-sharing plan to fund the financing of emission controls and are requesting removal of the cap that sets a limit on emissions regardless of any future generation facility construction.

Write your congressmen (listed below) **today** indicating your **opposition** to the President's

Clean Air proposal, H.R. 3030.

Jerry F. Costello
1529 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

Glen Poshard
1229 Longworth House Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20515

To members who are eligible for the Residential Energy Assistance Partnership Program (REAPP)

If you qualify for energy assistance under the rules of the Illinois Home Energy Assistance Program, you are eligible to participate in the **new Residential Energy Assistance Partnership Program.**

Under this new program, the

amount of financial help you receive with your energy bills is determined by your source and amount of income.

From November through April, you are required to pay a percentage of your monthly house-

hold income.

From May through October, you are required to pay the entire actual bill.

For further details, contact the assistance agency in your county listed below.

BCMW Community Services, Inc.
Energy/Community Service
909 E. Rexford, Box 729
Centralia, IL 62801
(618) 532-7388

Madison County Community Development
Energy Assistance
201 Hillsboro
Edwardsville, IL 62025
(618) 692-6200, Ext. 5105

St. Clair Intergovernmental Grants Dept.
512 East Main St.
Belleville, IL 62220
(618) 277-6790 or 398-6320

CEFS Economic Opportunity Corp.
101 N. 4th St., Box 928
Effingham, IL 62401
(217) 342-2193

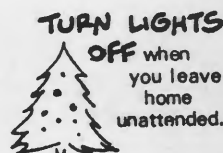
CHRISTMAS TREES

An 8-foot pine can burn completely in just 27 seconds--and create tremendous heat.



KEEP water in base container. Check it often.

NEVER use regular string of lights on a metal tree-- the danger of shock is great. Use spotlight to illuminate metal tree.



TURN LIGHTS OFF when you leave home unattended.



PLACE TREE away from heat sources and open flames.

OUTDOOR LIGHTING can cause fires

USE LIGHTS



approved for outdoors--check for Underwriter's Laboratory label.

MAKE SURE



circuits are **not** overloaded.

CHECK CORDS and PLUGS



for wear, frayed insulation, cracks, loose connections.