

Clinton County Electric News

Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.
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Across The Manager's Desk

by James B. Riddle

Clinton County Electric is dedicated to giving its members the best possible service at the lowest possible cost. We are dedicated to economic development within and around our service area, because by bringing growth to our rural economy, we all benefit. The cooperative strengthens our nation's economic system, as well. And, if that can be done, then we also keep the communities, where our members live and work, healthy. Clinton County Electric is an integral part of rural America because we do provide more than just electric service.

We here at the cooperative pride ourselves on the fact that we remain always attentive to the needs of all our consumers. We are not merely a provider of electricity. We always have and always will provide much more. We look forward to serving you in 1991.

Read the article entitled "1990 in Review" in another part of the center section of the REN if you want to know what the Co-op did in 1990. Because of space limitations, this issue includes only the first six months of 1990. Next month, we'll cover the last six months. This, of course, doesn't tell the whole story—just a fraction of it! What the article doesn't tell you is all the hours of planning involved in a special project, such as re-building a line or re-locating a pole. Operations superintendent Mel Toennies is responsible for the

initial planning, the staking and the procedural outline of every job to see that all goes swiftly, smoothly, safely and with as few interruptions of service as possible. And the time spent on the phone making arrangements with other utilities for locates or meetings and the time spent getting a right-of-way—all of this cannot be put into a few words for an article.

It's the same with new programs, rates and promotions. All the pros and cons must be weighed and balanced before any new programs or rates are initiated so that both the members and the co-op can benefit. Whether it's line construction or rates, lots of time is spent in the planning stages.

There are lots of you I haven't met yet. Don't be a stranger in 1991—stop by and let us hear your ideas and comments.

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Energy audits: The Member Service Department can also recommend proper insulation, ventilation and weatherization measures for your new or remodeled home.

Wiring specifications: If you are looking for guidelines in wiring your home, garage, barn, etc. make sure you get a free copy of the wiring specifications and recommendations handbook.

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Interest-free ERC loans: Qualified applicants can borrow up to \$6,000 at 0 percent interest, for a maximum of five years, for installing an earth-coupled

heat pump.

Water heater/time switches: The cooperative offers free of charge a 52-gallon or an 80-gallon electric water heater accompanied by a radio-controlled time switch, also free of charge.

Time-of-Day rate: With very little effort and inconvenience on the member's part, some big savings can be gained on the Time-of-Day rate.

ETS units/off-peak electric heat rate: The cooperative is giving away a limited number of ETS (electric thermal storage) units. When you install one of these units, you then qualify for the co-op's 3.3 cent electric heat rate.

Crime Watch: The Crime Watch program is a service to our members aimed at reducing rural crime.

Rural Electric News: The REN is the primary source we have of getting important information to our members. Read the center section of the REN each month to stay informed of the cooperative's operations and activities, on energy efficiency measures, area business development, safety and general interest stories.

Light bulbs and smoke alarms: As another service, the cooperative offers to its members light bulbs and smoke alarms at reduced prices.

1990 in review

January

What started out to be a fairly slow month broke loose on January 13 when a car hit a pole, breaking it off, and causing an interruption of power for 137 consumers in the SLM area. These members were without power for 45 minutes while linemen erected a new pole and restored power.

CCEC announced that it would once again sponsor two area high school students on a week-long, all-expense-paid tour of Washington, D.C.

The cooperative also started making plans in January for the 52nd Annual Meeting of Members to be held on Thursday, March 15, at Central High school in Breese.

The Nominating Committee met on January 4 and submitted three members—Ken Heinzmann, Eleanor Voss and Jim Klingelhofer for nomination to the board of trustees.

System improvements listed 8 services retired and 17 poles, which had been checked and deemed bad because of woodpecker holes, etc., replaced.

February

February started off on the wrong foot and got progressively worse when, on February 4, Illinois Power's 69KV line went out, causing 937 cooperative consumers around the Breese and Bartelso substations to

be out of electric. The co-op transferred the Breese and Bartelso subs' loads to different subs in order to quickly restore power.

As freezing rain rolled across the center of the state starting in Western Illinois and extending eastward into Indiana, beginning February 14 and running into the 15th, tens of thousands of consumers were knocked out of power. Clinton County Electric's service area was spared, but the cooperative did send two linemen to help out the affected cooperatives. Millions of dollars in damages were reported.

The Cooperative announced that it would give away more than 100 prizes at the Annual Meeting in March.

Linemen made four calls to members who reported individual outages during February, only to find when they got there that the problem was on the customer's side. For some reason, February was a bad month for underground, because four more individual calls were made to customers whose U.G. had burned up.

With the ground thawing somewhat, system improvements picked up and the co-op changed out 14 poles and had 13 service wire changes in this category. Twenty-four other poles were replaced because of woodpecker holes or other damaging qualities.

March

The 52nd Annual Meeting of Members was held on

March 15 at Central High School with approximately 750 members attending. Members reelected Ken Heinzmann and Jim Klingelhofer to three-year board terms and a third member, Eleanor Voss, to a first term on the board.

Greg Winkeler of Bartelso was the lucky winner of the Grand Prize, \$250 cash.

Spring fever apparently hit some areas of the co-op's service area as 11 new underground services were installed by co-op linemen. Eleven poles were changed in system improvement and another seven changed out because of damage. The co-op rebuilt almost ½ mile of single phase line, replacing old 9 ½ D wire with new No. 2 ACSR, about a mile west of St. Rose.

April

On Wednesday, April 18, four of the five finalists in the cooperative's Youth to Washington essay contest travelled to Springfield for Rural Electric Youth Day. Tricia Sprehe of Carlyle High school and Carol Huelsmann of Mater Dei High School were selected to represent Clinton County Electric in Washington June 15-22.

Four of the individual outage calls made in April were for damages done by the members themselves (e.g. member hit underground service while installing a fence post or member backed vehicle into meter). Another four calls were made to accounts where the linemen found nothing wrong when he arrived or he found the trouble to be on the customer's side. There were 18 individual outage calls made in April.

Linemen installed 11 new underground services and changed out 39 damaged poles, and also in April CCEC announced that it would give away free of charge an "electric thermal storage" heater to the first 130 members who requested one.

May

A typical spring month—high winds and storms wreaked havoc on co-op lines. Forty-four members were out of service in the Keyesport area on May 9 when high winds uprooted a tree, causing it to fall through the primary line. Lightning caused a transformer to burn up on May 15, resulting in 52 more members out of electric. There were 34 individual outage calls made in May, most of which were caused by either lightning, wind or both.

The ETS heaters were promoted in May, with a feature article, highlighting Harold and Dorothy Diffenauer and their success with the ETS heater,

prominently displayed in the REN magazine.

The co-op rebuilt 1.12 miles of single-phase line northwest of Carlyle and another .4 mile of single-phase line west of Bartelso. There were seven new underground installations and 20 damaged poles replaced in May.

June

June was a repeat of May as lightning was the cause of loss of power to 210 consumers in 10 separate outages. In two separate incidents, 34 members were affected when a disc hit a guy wire south of Carlyle and 50 more affected when a customer accidentally broke off a pole. A record 38 individual outage calls were made in June, 14 of them weather-related. Three squirrels, a snake and a bird met their untimely deaths when they inadvertently made contact with a transformer, interrupting power, in another four.

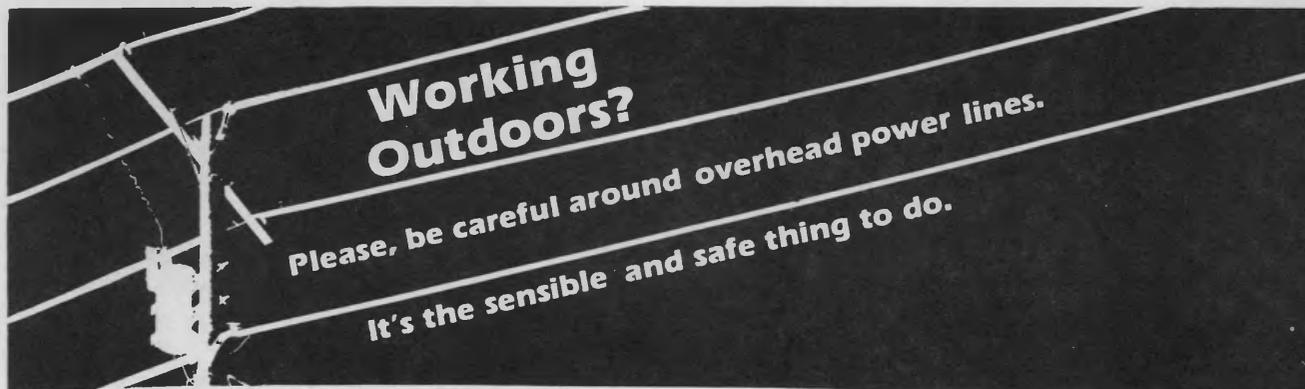
June also saw five area students off to Washington, D.C., for the Youth to Washington tour. Besides the two cooperative-sponsored students, Tricia Sprehe and Carol Huelsmann, three others, Angie Riddle, Dean Timmermann and Chris Laux, were able to join the tour as Willie Wiredhand students.

Six new underground services and seven new overhead services were installed. Linemen installed seven new security lights and replaced another 11 old mercury vapor lights with high-pressure sodium fixtures. Fifteen bad poles were replaced.

NEXT MONTH: The last six months of 1990 in review!!

Letter-writing campaign

If you attended any of the area meetings held in November, you were told that the cooperative would be conducting a letter-writing campaign to our senators and representatives concerning legislation on territorial expansion between cooperatives and municipal (town) utilities. However, since there is no bill before the legislature in 1991 concerning this, it would be of no benefit to us to undertake this project at this time. Whenever a bill is introduced in the legislature concerning territorial disputes, we will, at that time, provide a letter in the REN for you to send to your senators and representatives. Thanks.





With much of the system damaged, Norris Electric Cooperative personnel were often at the system map. Here, Cloyce Johnson, left, maintenance superintendent, and Kenneth Madden, construction superintendent, work with outage reports. Each report form represents a trouble call, and each stack of slips represents a different section of line.

crew ready, our rain had turned to freezing rain and we started having problems ourselves. I had to send my apologies to the EWP, and send the crew out to work on our own storm damage."

Some 2,000 or so of Southeastern's 18,500 members were affected by the storm. Most were back on in a reasonably short time.

Jim Hinman, manager of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Mt. Vernon, reported that the storm moved in about 10:30 p.m. December 29. While it began as a light icing and a trickle of outage calls, the ice and trouble calls continued to grow into the night. "Most of the trouble was in southeastern Jefferson County," Hinman says, "and all the damage was caused by trees and limbs in our lines. We didn't have any lines fail because of pole or line breakage from the weight of the ice on them. We were really pleased about that, because it shows that our maintenance program is paying off." The most anyone was without electricity was about nine hours, he adds, and there were about 500 out at the worst of it. Unfortunately, one good-sized line—with about 50 people on it—was out for the entire nine hours.

In all, 12 electric cooperatives were hit by the ice, with varying degrees of damage and discomfort. In addition to those mentioned, Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Menard Electric Cooperative, Clay Electric Co-operative and Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co. all had troubles, as did M.J.M., Southwestern, Clinton, Edgar and Coles-Moultrie.

Most, it seems, had the common problem of ice-coated trees, rain, cold, fog and slick roads, all of which combined to make working conditions

miserable. Unlike the Easter ice storm that clobbered central Illinois in 1978 and was followed by a general thaw, the bitter cold lingered on during these storms, making the work more difficult.

Clay Electric had a problem that the others didn't have, at least in such abundance: high water. At least one line problem required the use of a boat. While other co-ops were inconvenienced by water sometimes, they were able, for the most part, to get where they wanted to by driving around the high water to the place they needed to be. Wayne-White crews had an unusual problem, too, and had to rent a crawler tractor to get a digger derrick into position.

While all the co-ops had their troubles, they had some bright spots, too. Although the phones were swamped with calls, most members could tell, just by looking out their windows, why they didn't have electricity. Most offered support and encouragement, even while asking how much longer they'd have to do without electricity.

When things were at their worst, borrowed crews were driving from various part of the state, most headed for Newton. Eastern Illini Electric Co-operative, Paxton, sent four crews. Adams sent two crews for the 210-mile drive to Newton, while Spoon River Electric sent a crew on the 185-mile trek to help their fellow co-op workers. Corn Belt Electric sent a crew, as did Illinois Rural Electric Co. and Monroe County Electric Co-operative. Menard Electric Cooperative, Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative and Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co. all contributed crews, in another exhibition of "the cooperative difference."

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Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. 53rd Annual Meeting of Members

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Nominations for trustees made by Nominating Committee on Thursday, January 3, 1991

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, 62230, do hereby submit the following names for nomination, three of whom are to be elected at the Annual Meeting of the Members, March 21, 1991, and serve for a term beginning March 21, 1991, and ending at the Annual Meeting of Members of the Cooperative to be held in 1994, at which time they or their suc-

cessors shall be duly elected, or appointed and have qualified.

District No. 1 — Wilbert H. Rueter

District No. 2 — James J. Tebbe

District No. 3 — Ronald L. Becker

Respectfully Submitted,

Cletus Tebbe

Vernon C. Huelsmann

Michael Fuhler

Dorothy Haselhorst

Fred Kleiboeker

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Michael Fuhler
Dorothy Haselhorst
Fred Kleiboeker



Youth Tour to Washington

Clinton County Electric will once again sponsor two area sophomores or juniors on an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C. This year's tour is scheduled for June 14-21.

Who may enter

Any high school sophomore or junior attending one of the many high schools in the cooperative service area may enter. It is not necessary that the contestant's home receive electric service from the cooperative. Previous winners, immediate members of the families of the board of trustees and employees of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc. are not eligible.

Essays

Contestants are to submit an essay with the theme to be chosen by the cooperative. Essays must be typed on 8½ by 11 inch paper, double spaced, one side only. Essays must be postmarked or delivered to the cooperative office no later than March 18. Essays will be judged on originality, content, accuracy of facts and composition.

Youth to Springfield

A panel of three judges will choose five finalists. These five will participate along with more than 125 other youths from other Illinois electric cooperatives in Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day in Springfield on April 10.

The day's activities will include touring the State Capitol complex, visiting with legislators and a luncheon. The two Washington tour winners will be chosen from these five finalists.

Dates of Washington trip

The two local winners will join some 50 other Illinois students, winners of similar contests by other Illinois electric cooperatives, in Springfield on June 14. They will travel on air-conditioned buses, returning June 21. While in Washington, they will visit such attractions as the White House, U.S. Capitol, Smithsonian Institution, Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial and many other national monuments and places of interest.

For complete details, contact the cooperative office in Breese: 1-800-526-7282, or P.O. Box 40, Breese, IL 62230.

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

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Age _____ Phone _____

Parent's Name _____

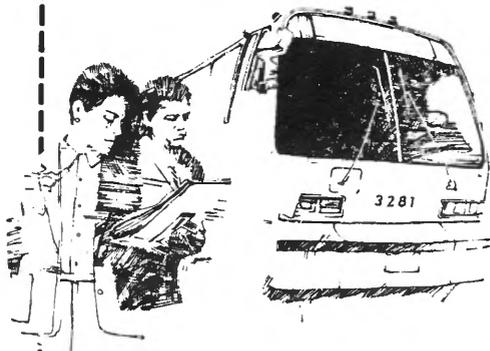
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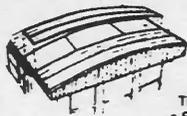
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MICHAEL OMAS MASAOAY

LAST SEEN: 01/25/89 EYES: Brown
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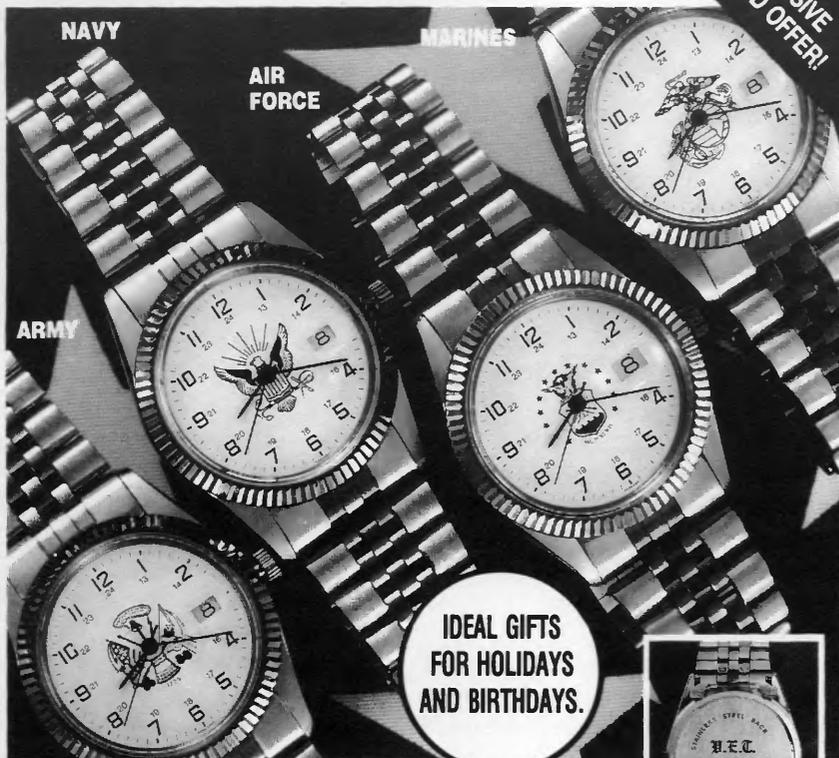
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SIPC challenge:

Federal Clean Air Act provisions

Southern Illinois Power Cooperative (SIPC) faces new challenges in months and years ahead to comply with provisions of the new federal Clean Air Act. Officials of the Marion-based power supplier, reporting during the cooperative's annual meeting at the Lake of Egypt headquarters March 21, said the legislation pushes power generators into a new era.

James R. Chapman, general manager, said the cooperative's primary objective "is our responsibility to provide a reliable and competitively priced wholesale power supply" to the three member-cooperatives. "The new Clean Air Act will complicate our obligation, and our task will become even more difficult," he

added. "It will take several years for the Environmental Protection Agency to enact all of the regulations required by the new law, but some of the new requirements for power plant operations are beginning to emerge."

Chapman said acid rain prevention will have the greatest impact on SIPC, noting that the law particularly targets sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions. "But," Chapman said, "it will be a period of time before we know the exact requirements placed on our cooperative."

SIPC is made up of three Southern Illinois electric distribution cooperatives: Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, Steeleville; Southeastern

Illinois Electric Cooperative, Eldorado; and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola. The three member-cooperatives serve about 40,000 meters within a 19-county block lying between the Mississippi and Ohio rivers.

Harold I. Dycus of Carbondale, president, continued on the subject of environmental regulations, noting that SIPC entered into an agreement in 1990 with a private company to serve as the host facility for a commercial demonstration of a coal burner designed to reduce sulfur dioxide and nitrogen oxide emissions.

"Construction of this demonstration project is part of the U.S. Department of Energy's clean coal program. If the technology proves successful, high-sulfur Southern Illinois coal could be burned. The burner would allow SIPC to meet air quality standards with our older generating units and not have to install costly scrubbers or switch to burning low-sulfur coal," Dycus added.

Dycus said the cooperative begins the 1990s with 30 years of experience. "The diligence of the board of directors and sincere commitment of management and employees has ushered in a period of stability and competitiveness," he said.

Kenneth Webb of Tunnel Hill, secretary-treasurer, said electric sales to members increased for the ninth consecutive year, up 1.4 percent from the previous year. He said SIPC used 693,172 tons of coal in 1990, compared to 589,875 tons in 1989. He noted that the cooperative paid almost \$2.5 million in taxes to local, state and federal governments in 1990.



Lawrence Wilke (seated center) of Karnak is the new president of Southern Illinois Power Co-operative. Other new officers are Kenneth R. Webb (seated right) of Tunnel Hill, vice president, and Raymond C. Mulholland (seated left) of Marissa, secretary-treasurer. Standing, from left, are James R. Chapman, executive vice president and general manager, and Charles D. Winter, attorney.

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John Apperson entertained children with magic.

Two challenges: *Clean air laws and economy*

Tougher clean air laws and continuing rural economy problems present two major challenges for Clinton County Electric Cooperative and other member-owned utilities across the state and nation.

Speaking to members attending Clinton County Electric's 53rd annual meeting March 21 at Breese, James Klingelhoef of Mascoutah, president, said, "Challenges, though, are nothing new to an electric cooperative. The founders of Clinton County Electric were challenged in the late 1930s to bring central station electricity to our rural areas. Our early leaders met that challenge, and the quality of life in our rural areas was much the better for it."

Klingelhoef said, "One of the greatest challenges we face in the 1990s is coping with the federal Clean Air Act. Because of the acid rain the northeastern part of the United States, Clinton County Electric, as well as all the Midwestern utilities, is forced to bear an unfair burden of the cost of the clean-up." He added that Clinton County Electric's manager and board are working with state and national electric cooperative associations to minimize the impact of the new regulations on cooperative members.

The cooperative continues to work with community officials to better the economy, he said, "to provide jobs for our members and to

improve the quality of life for all members of our service territory."

Manager Jim Riddle recalled the cooperative's accomplishments of 1990. "Load management continued to be a hot issue in 1990," he said. "By reducing peak demand collectively, we can all help reduce the cooperative's overall costs. Load management involves being aware of the times that the most electricity is used and then shifting some of your electric usage to off-peak times."

Riddle said more than 80 members are on the cooperative's Time-of-Day Rate and more than 1,000 have benefited from participation in the water heater control program. He added that many mem-

bers are also saving by taking advantage of the cooperative's energy resource conservation loan program, the electric thermal storage program and the recently completed state program of energy grants.

"The cooperative has many programs and rates designed to help you lower your electric bill. We also offer many services free of charge to the member," Riddle added.

"I have other good news tonight," he added. "There will not be a rate increase in 1991. In fact, barring unforeseen circumstances, we do not think it will be necessary to have a rate increase even in 1992," he said.

Secretary-treasurer Joe Voss of Carlyle reported that total revenue for 1990 was \$9,081,541. Wholesale power cost the cooperative \$6,069,400, and margins for 1990 totaled \$182,783, Voss added.

Two Clinton County Electric members won reelection to the board of directors, and a third

cooperative member was elected to his first term as a director. Wilbert H. Rueter of Carlyle and Jim Tebbe of Breese were reelected, and Ron Becker of Trenton was elected to a first term. All terms are to be for

three years.

Becker fills a vacancy on the board created by the retirement of long-time director Richard Haas of Trenton. Haas had served on the board since 1976.



Richard Haas (right) of Trenton, retired director, talks with Jim Klingelhoef (left) of Mascoutah and Ron Becker, also of Trenton. Becker was elected to replace Haas on the board.



Ruth Boeser of rural Clinton accepts a certificate of appreciation from James Klingelhoef of Mascoutah, board president. The certificate was awarded to honor her dedication and service to the cooperative. With Mrs. Boeser and Klingelhoef are director Ken Heinzmann (second from right) of Sandoval, chairman of the Advisory Committee, and manager Jim Riddle (right). Dorothy Ahlf of rural Carlyle was also honored. Both women retired from the committee after two consecutive terms.



Agriculture Secretary Ed Madigan (left) talks with Illinois electric cooperative managers Wm. David Champion, Jr., (center) of Paxton and Jeffrey D. Reeves of Bloomington when Madigan was a U.S. Representative.

New Agriculture Secretary Madigan gets high marks

Like the solid Illinois farmers he represented in Congress, Edward Madigan is most interested in what works.

That pragmatic desire to get things done may have cost him a promotion in the House Republican leadership, but many believe it also landed him his new job: that of Agriculture Secretary in President Bush's Cabinet. And it's a quality expected to serve him well in the years ahead.

Well-regarded in Washington, D.C., as an effective lawmaker, and well-liked by his former constituents in east-central Illinois (15th District), Madigan is expected to be a cautious and conscientious manager of the U.S.

Department of Agriculture.

Bush chose Madigan, an 18-year House veteran with senior status on the key committees of Agriculture and Energy, to replace former Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter when Yeutter moved over to head the Republican National Committee. Madigan won an easy confirmation by the Senate in early March.

It was, no doubt, a sweet turnaround for a man who had suffered a rare and highly publicized defeat a couple of years earlier, when frustrated House Republicans rejected collegiality in favor of confrontation. On an agonizingly close 87-85 vote, Madigan lost the race for Mi-

nority Whip, the second-most powerful slot in the ranks of House Republican leaders.

"Madigan is a negotiator, not a headline-seeker," says Cliff Ouse, executive director of government relations at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. NRECA is the Washington, D.C.-based service organization for the nation's 1,000 consumer-owned rural electric systems.

"He wants to get solutions to things," Ouse adds.

Getting to a solution may have been the driving force behind Madigan's role in a vote last fall that dealt rural electric systems a stinging blow.

As a budget crisis gripped the

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Your cooperative is continuing to improve reliability through (1) an active pole inspection and replacement program; (2) a brush control and tree trimming program; (3) conversion of existing lines to heavier conductors; (4) new tie lines that will allow for alternate feeds between substations; (5) upgrading individual transformers and service conductors as required; and (6) upgrading and performing maintenance work on older substations.

While these programs are not new, more emphasis is being placed on keeping the system as reliable as we can for the benefit of the members. These are ongoing programs that will continue year after year after year. It is a never-ending job to keep the system free of trees, bad poles and obsolete equipment and devices.

The bottom line is that your cooperative is financially healthy and is being well maintained to provide the members with adequate and reliable electric service. We solicit your continued support and involvement in the affairs of your electric cooperative.

Give me a call or come by and visit. My door is always open.



Clinton County Electric linemen are building new and replacing old lines north of our Trenton 2 substation. This five-mile-long project will increase reliability in the area and tie the Trenton 2 and Breese substations together.

Time to save with T-O-D

A reminder to members on the Time-of-Day rate: March 1 started the off-peak savings period. All the energy you use between March 1 and June 30 is charged at the lower off-peak rate — no matter when you use it!

An additional reminder to those **not** yet on Time-of-Day rate — if you would like to learn more about how you can join the 80+ members already saving money the T-O-D way, call the cooperative office at 800-526-7282 for a free comparative analysis that will show your potential savings.

Standby power

Insurance against Mother Nature

Purchasing a standby generator is comparable to buying fire insurance — you may never need it, but it is invaluable when trouble arrives.

Although our electrical system is highly dependable and reliable, it is subject to the whims of Mother Nature — tornadoes, ice storms or destructive high winds.

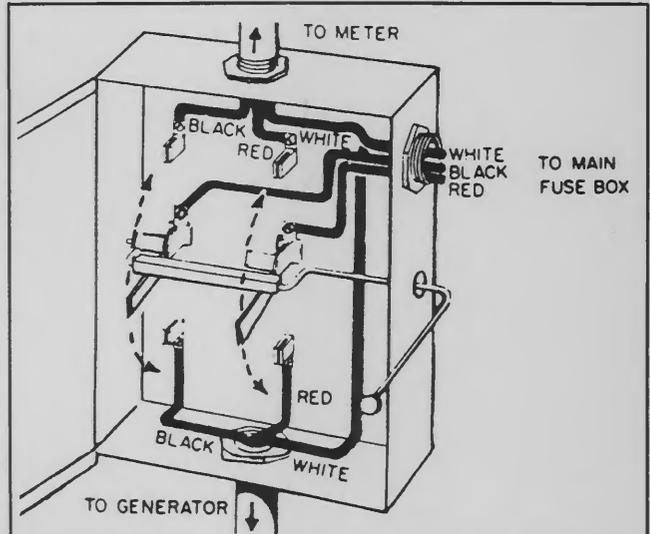
How well are you prepared to handle a prolonged outage? Now is the time to take inventory of your home and farm. Determine how you would pump water, milk cows, handle feed, keep pipes from freezing, as well as provide heat and ventilation for livestock. How will you heat your own home, keep frozen and perishable foods from spoiling and operate sump pumps and other necessary equipment?

Now is the time to sit down and carefully inventory your electrical needs. Assume that you will experience extended outages that could cause you not only inconvenience, but also financial loss. The cooperative does not sell standby generators, but we do have personnel available to help you analyze your load and make proper recommendations. And also remember, that standby generators are not normally stocked in any quantity, so don't plan on purchasing one after an outage occurs.

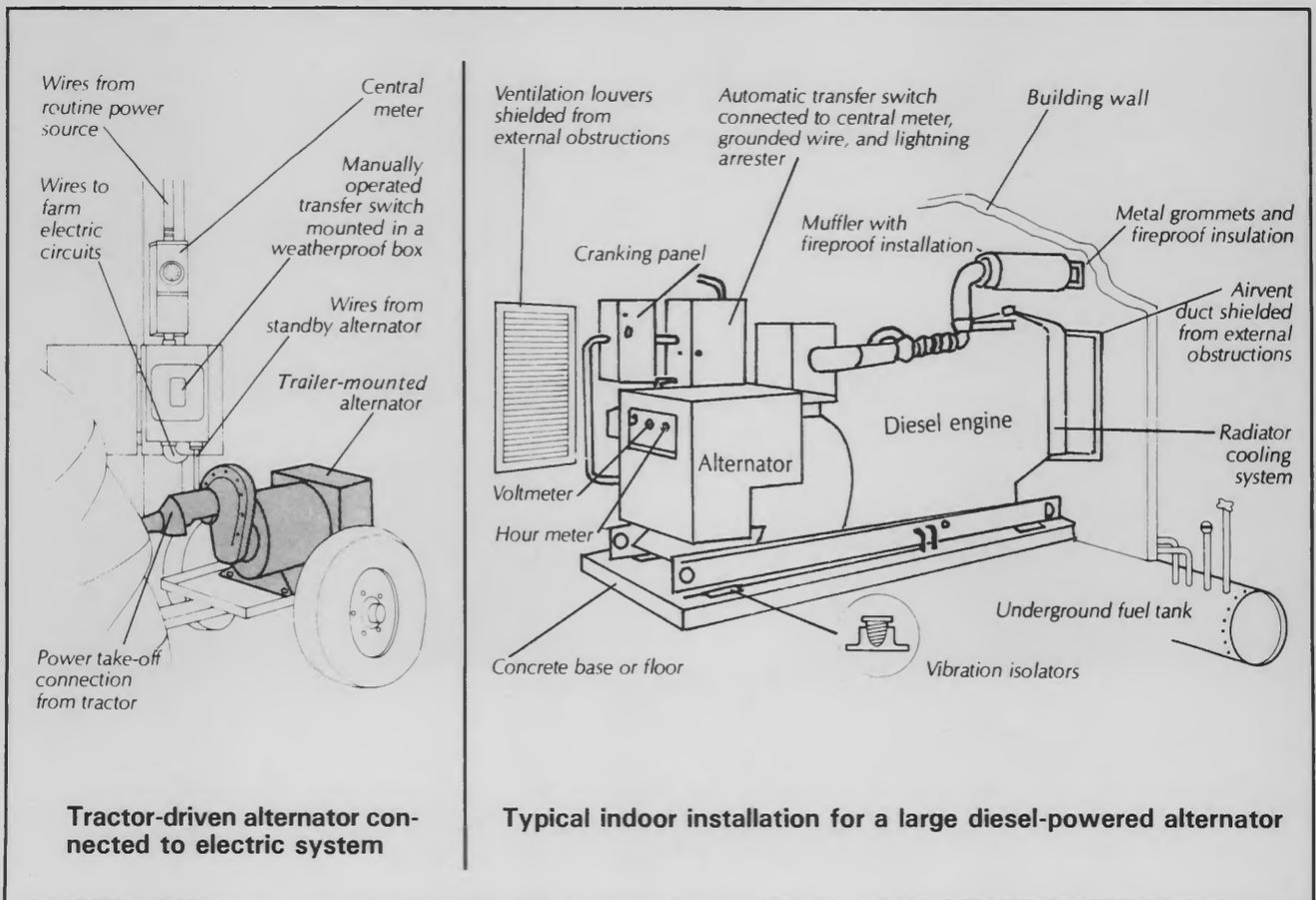
Remember, too, the installation of any standby equipment requires a positive double-throw type of

switch. Operating a standby generator without a properly installed double-throw switch is extremely dangerous and could result in financial liability.

Let us help you guard against any of those "acts of God" no one can foresee



Double-throw switches protect the linemen working to restore service and they protect your generator, too.



Tractor-driven alternator connected to electric system

Typical indoor installation for a large diesel-powered alternator

Interruptible farm rate in the works

Plans are now being finalized to ease the financial burden — at least the electrical part — of the dairy farmer and other types of farm operations. That's good news!

The cooperative is putting the finishing touches and the last details to its new interruptible rate. (Exact details of the rate will be published, pending board approval.)

This new interruptible rate, Rate Schedule No. 0018, was developed with the dairy farmer in mind, but can be suited for other types of farm operations as well, if you meet the requirements of this rate.

The requirements of the rate are relatively simple:

- It is available to members who use at least 36,000 kilowatts-hours per year (3,000 per month) and is based on the member's ability to interrupt the load during certain times of the year.
- For a member to take advantage of this rate, you must have a standby generator, or be willing to purchase one, and have a double-throw switch.
- The member shall be required to fully remove all load from the cooperative's system during periods of interruption as requested by the cooperative. Upon approximately 12 hours notice from the cooperative by telephone to the member, the member must agree to interrupt load so as to reduce the demand to zero. One hour's notice may be given during an emergency condition.
- The member shall provide a 24-hour telephone

number so that such notice by the cooperative may be given at any time to the member.

- The duration of the interruption shall be six hours under normal conditions, with eight hours under extreme conditions, with the total hours of interruption not more than 200 hours per year.
- The member must agree to remain on this rate for a period of not less than 12 months.

If the cooperative is unable to contact the member at the telephone number provided by the member, or if the member's average hourly demand during a curtailment period is greater than zero, the member will be assessed all associated fixed costs billed to the cooperative from its power supplier.

But, if you meet the necessary requirements, you could realize some real savings on an annual basis — a savings of approximately \$100 per month!

Again, this rate is available for any single- or three-phase members who are eligible to be served under Rate Schedules 01, 02, 03 or 12, and who have the capability of reducing their demand to zero kilowatts during periods of interruption (as specified above) and who have an annual kwh usage that exceeds 36,000.

You now have the opportunity to see some real savings on your electric bill. Take advantage of this opportunity now! Act now! Call the cooperative, 1-800-526-7282, and talk to John Winter. He can fill you in on all the details.

★ PUBLIC NOTICE ★

Clinton County Residence • Contractors •
Mobile Home Sales & Movers

Clinton County Zoning Ordinance Now In Effect

Before construction of any building or structure, or moving of any mobile home into or within CLINTON COUNTY, an application of zoning compliance must be completed and submitted to the CLINTON COUNTY ZONING ADMINISTRATOR.

Applications for Zoning/Building permits are available at the following offices located in Carlyle.

CLINTON COUNTY CLERK, COURTHOUSE594-2464
CLINTON COUNTY ASSESSMENTS, ANNEX594-8725

For information: Thomas Wobbe

Southwestern Illinois Planning Commission344-4250

Alvin C. Willi, Clinton County

Zoning Administrator 594-8725 or 526-4942 (home)

VIOLATION SUBJECT TO FINE

Seven advantages of electric water heating

1. Heating water with electricity is seven times safer than with gas. A study by the National Fire Protection Agency found that gas water heaters caused seven times as many home fires as electric water heaters.
2. Electric water heaters require no flue or vent. They can be placed virtually anywhere.
3. Electric water heaters do not use air for combustion. Indoor air quality is uncompromised by the water heater and there is no danger of explosion.
4. Electric water heaters require less maintenance. No pilot lights! No vents, flues or heat exchangers to corrode. No open flames!
5. Electric water heaters have more insulation. They can be insulated on all sides including top and bottom because there are no flames.
6. Electric water heaters are much more efficient. The heating elements are in direct contact with the water so they are nearly 100 percent efficient. A gas water heater loses 40 to 60 percent of its heat energy up the flue.
7. The price is right! You can pick up an electric water heater at the cooperative **free of charge!** Besides that, the U.S. Department of Energy predicts gas prices will double in the next 10 years, while electric rates will remain fairly stable.

Insurance confusion

It has once again come to our attention that Clinton County Electric Cooperative members have recently received, via the mail, insurance information, bearing the words: "A National Association of Rural Co-operative Members." The name of the insurance company is Reserve National Insurance Company and Clinton County Electric is **not affiliated with this company and does not, in any way, endorse its policies.** In fact,

the group has no known affiliation with any rural electric cooperatives.

Clinton County Electric's good will has been built on more than 50 years of trust. Don't let someone trade on that good will and trust to sell you insurance — or anything else.

If you have any questions concerning this, please feel free to call 1-800-526-7282.

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.



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Attention large users — help is on the way!!

There's help on the way for all you members who use a minimum of 3,000 kilowatt-hours per month! Clinton County Electric has finalized, with board approval at the April board of trustees meeting, a rate for all of you large usage members—dairy farmers, grain farmers, etc.

This rate is available to all single- or three-phase members who have the capability of reducing their demand to zero kilowatts during periods of interruption and who have an annual usage exceeding 36,000 kwhs.

Specifications under this rate include:

Eligible members will be required to fully remove all their load from the cooperative's system during periods of interruption as requested by the cooperative. Upon approximately 12 hours notice from the cooperative to the member, the member must agree to interrupt his load so as to reduce the demand to zero. (One hour's notice may be given during an emergency condition.) The maximum duration of interruption will be six hours under normal conditions and eight hours in extreme conditions, with the total hours of interruption not to exceed 200 hours per year. The member must agree to remain on this rate for a period of not less than 12 months. If the cooperative is unable to contact the member notifying him of an interrupt, or if the member's average hourly demand during the curtailment period is greater than zero, the member will be assessed fixed costs billed to the cooperative from its power supplier.

The monthly Facility Charge under this rate, Rate No. 0018, is:

\$32.00 per month for single-phase service
\$43.00 per month for three-phase service

Energy Charge:

First 3,000 kilowatt-hours per month
@ \$.055 per kilowatt-hour
Over 3,000 kilowatt-hours per month
@ \$.05 per kilowatt-hour

In other words, if a member uses 3,000 kwhs in one month, his bill would be \$165 for the kwhs he used, plus either \$32 or \$43 for the Facility Charge, plus tax. If a member uses 8,000 kwhs in one month, his bill for kwhs would be \$165 (for the first 3,000 kwhs) + \$250 (for kwhs used over 3,000) + either \$32 or \$43 Facility Charge, plus tax. Compare these figures with what you

would be paying under Rate No. 0001: Under Rate No. 0001, for 3,000 kwhs in one month, you'd be paying \$281.60, plus tax; and for 8,000 kwhs in one month, you'd be paying \$571.60, plus tax. (These amounts include \$11 facility charge.)

In addition, over a 12-month period, you'll see a drastic reduction!

For a member to be eligible for this new rate, however, he must have a standby generator so he can totally reduce his load to zero kilowatts during periods of interruption. When there is an interruption of electricity by the cooperative, it will **only be in the months of December, January, February, July and August** our peak months. Since 1985, when the Centralia Correctional Center went on a similar interruptible rate, there has only been an average of one interrupt per year. Here's how the interruption will work:

Our power supplier, Soyland Power Cooperative, will notify us 12 hours in advance of an interruption. We, in turn, using the 24-hour emergency number supplied to us by the member, will notify the member by phone, that there will be an interruption of power and the exact time of the interrupt. The member must then reduce his load to zero at the given time. This, of course, is where your standby generator comes into play. Since you must be able to reduce your load to zero kilowatts, a standby generator is a necessity.

If you already have a standby generator, you should run it occasionally to ensure that, when you need it most, it will be ready to operate properly. If you don't have one but intend to buy one so you can take advantage of this rate, determining the size of the standby unit may be a bit tricky. Our member service advisor, John Winter, can help you with the sizing and watt rating.

And don't forget the double-throw switch! The double-throw switch is a vital part of a standby generator. Such switches protect our linemen and your generator, too!

This rate was designed especially with the large user in mind. If you're tired of high electric bills, now you can do something positive about it! If you want to see a reduced electric bill, you should consider this rate. Call us for complete details today! Ask for John Winter or Jim Riddle, 1-800-526-7282. They'll be happy to sit down with you and give you an estimate of how much money you can save. Do it today!

Be aware of the peak times, and save money!

Load management is the ability to control your usage or load so that it is used in off-peak times when electricity costs less, instead of the expensive on-peak times. The water heater timer switches, the ETS units and the off-peak electric heat, the co-op's new 100 percent fully interruptible rate and the Time-of-Day rate are all load management tools.

The Time-of-Day rate is one of the easiest ways, providing the best opportunity, to save lots of money. You have the opportunity to manage the amount of your electric bill by shifting your electric usage to "off-peak" time periods, when the cost of electricity to the co-op is lower! The reasoning behind the Time-of-Day rate is simple: When usage is lowest, it's more economical to produce electricity. When the demand for electrical energy is greatest, it is most costly. Those hours when electric demand is greatest are called "on-peak" hours, while those hours when demand is low are called "off-peak" hours. Therefore, under the Time-of-Day rate, you are billed higher charges for electricity used "on-peak" and lower charges for electricity that you use "off-peak."

Peak demands play a major role in determining how much the cooperative must pay for its power from its power supplier, Soyland Power Cooperative. A large portion of what the cooperative is charged for electricity is based upon this peak demand.

No one can be certain exactly when a peak will occur, but data collected by the cooperative indicate that peaks tend to occur late in the afternoon—between 5 p.m. and 7 p.m., winter and summer.

Time-of-Day rates discourage usage during on-peak times by making kilowatt-hours expensive during those hours and economical during off-peak hours. By making simple changes in your lifestyle, 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!

The amount of your savings depends on when you use your electricity. If most of your July kilowatt-hours (kwhs) are used between 3 p.m. and 9 p.m.—that's on-peak time in the summer months of July and August—then you won't be savings because you'll be paying 22 cents for every kwh you use during that peak time. But, if you're willing to switch some of your activities around to meet the TOD time periods, then you're

- Avoid using optional appliances (e.g. dehumidifier, dishwasher, washing machine, or electric clothes dryer) until after 8 p.m.;
- Switch off extra lights and appliances between 5 p.m. and 8 p.m. on the hottest days this summer;
- Always turn lights and TVs off when not in use.

All of these things will not only help to lower your consumption (thus lowering your bill), but also

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.) (and the
summer months of July and
August between the hours of
3 p.m. and 9 p.m.) all kwhs @**

22 cents per kwh

**During the off-peak
period—**

**(all times not
included in on-peak)**

First 1,200 kwhs @

7.5 cents per kwh

All over 1,200 kwh @

3.5 cents per kwh

in line to save really big bucks!

Even if you aren't on one of our developed load management programs, you can help us lower our demand costs, thus helping us to save thousands of dollars. Make an effort to be aware of your energy usage and voluntarily refrain from using heavy appliances and optional lighting until later on in the evening. Here are a few helpful hints that will not only help lower your own electric bill, but also help the cooperative:

- Turn up your air conditioner several degrees, so it operates less;
- Dry clothes outside instead of using the dryer;

help to lower our peak demand, resulting in more savings to you and your neighbors.

If all cooperative members do their part to hold the "peak," the price of electricity can be controlled.

To find out more about how you can save money, the Time-of-Day way, or to find out more about the other load management programs that the cooperative offers, call 1-800-526-7282, and talk to either John Winter or Harry Buller, both of whom can give you the complete details of these money-saving programs. You've got nothing to lose and a whole lot to gain!

Use an energy-efficient System:GT next winter and cut your heating bills in half!

The answer to finding energy-saving, safe, comfortable and pollution-free heating for your home can be summed up in one word — **geothermal**.

Compared to other forms of heating, a geothermal system (referred to as System:GT) is 300-400 percent more energy efficient. That means some real savings on your monthly heating bills.

How does a geothermal system, or System:GT, work? Just a few feet under the ground, the earth's heat remains at an amazingly constant year-round temperature. During the winter, a geothermal system collects this heat from the earth and moves it into your home. Liquid circulates through a closed loop of underground thermal plastic pipe. The liquid collects the earth's heat, and the System:GT efficiently transfers it to your home.

When the hot summer weather arrives, one flip of a switch turns your geothermal heating system into a geothermal cooling system. At that time, the process is turned around, providing home cooling in the brutal, blistering summertime

heat and humidity. It extracts the heat from the air inside your home and returns it to the earth.

System:GT will heat and cool your home for less money than any other system currently available. But it will do more than simply reduce your heating and air-conditioning bills. Consider some of the other benefits:

● **Low cost of water heating**—System:GT can heat your water, too. It can satisfy virtually all of your water heating needs in the summer at practically no cost. Winter savings can be as much as 40 percent.

● **Long compressor life**—System:GT has no outdoor compressor. Therefore, the compressor is not exposed to temperature extremes and severe weather conditions. Experience has proven this stable environment will significantly extend compressor life.

● **Low maintenance**—Routine maintenance is only periodic cleaning or changing of filters.

● **Cleanliness**—System:GT doesn't burn fossil fuels to produce heat. No by-products of the combus-

tion process are introduced into your home, thereby reducing your cleaning and re-decorating costs.

● **Safety**—System:GT uses safe, dependable electricity, eliminating the need for combustible fuels.

● **No landscaping restrictions**—System:GT eliminates not only the need for messy outdoor fuel tanks, but also the need for an outdoor air conditioning unit. There are no landscaping restrictions and no noisy outdoor fans on warm summer days.

● **Energy conservation**—System:GT extracts heat from the earth, called geothermal energy, and uses electricity to move it where needed. System:GT supplies three units of geothermal energy as heat for each unit of electric energy it consumes. Since geothermal energy is constantly renewed by the sun, System:GT is an effective conservation device.

For several years now, the cooperative has offered to its members an interest-free loan, up to \$6,000, for a five-year period, for the installation of an earth-coupled heat pump (a System:GT). We want you to conserve energy—We want you to have lower electric bills! We'll loan you \$6,000 at zero (0) percent interest, for a period of five years if you install one of these geothermal systems.

The loan program still stands—but there's even better news! We want you to have even lower electric bills! If you install a new electric thermal storage (ETS) unit geothermal heat pump system **combination**, the co-op will finance up to \$7,200 on that installation, for a period of 72 months, and again at **zero percent interest!** For you, the member, this means that (a) you install a geothermal heat system and an ETS unit—and we'll give you \$7,200 to pay for it; and (b) you pay us back at \$100 per month for 6 years. There's no added interest charge—it's interest free! You, the member, will get your money back, through your monthly heating



Office closing

The cooperative office will be closed Thursday, July 4. In case of emergency, the 24-hour answering service telephone number is: 526-7282. Have a happy and safe holiday!

savings, long before the cooperative does.

For those members who already have a geothermal heat pump system already in place, the cooperative will finance the installed cost of an ETS unit, at 0 percent interest, at a minimum of \$100 per month, for a maximum period of 12 months.

You can save up to 60 percent of your heating cost, 30 percent of your air conditioning cost and 50 percent of your waterheating cost with the modern, efficient System:GT. But, if you also have an

ETS unit, you can really pile up the savings! An ETS unit stores heat during off-peak hours when rates are lowest, and, when the electricity to your main heating supply is automatically turned off (this occurs when the demand for electricity is the highest), your thermostat commands the ETS unit to release its stored-up heat. It is at this time that small fans in the ETS heater circulate the stored heat evenly throughout a room so that you have adequate and comfortable heat to satisfy even the coldest days. In short, ETS heaters convert elec-

tricity into heat during off-peak hours and do not release it until the thermostat turns off your regular electric heating system during on-peak times.

You can't afford to pass this up! Call us today for more information. It could be your first step toward big savings and year-round comfort. Call 1-800-526-7282 and ask for John Winter. He'll be happy to supply you with all the details of geothermal heating, cooling and hot water and also with more information on the ETS/geothermal heat pump system combinations.

Electric safety requires everybody's energy

Whether it's work or play that has you outdoors this spring, remember to keep an eye out for overhead power lines. Your member-owned electric cooperative works to keep power lines in a safe condition. Still, we need your help . . . for safety's sake.

- Warn your children not to climb trees that have power lines running through them. Trees can conduct electricity and are particularly dangerous when wet.

- Instruct your children to fly kites in an open field away from power lines and roads. Also caution them not to try to remove a kite if it catches on a power line or pole.

- If you're using a ladder to work on your home, install an antenna or trim trees, survey your work area and overhead clearance carefully before you begin work. If a tree limb is touching a cooperative power line, call us and we'll trim it safely.

- If you're driving or towing tall farm equipment, pay close attention to the location and clearance of all overhead lines.

Electricity is the safe, clean and efficient energy source when used sensibly. But all it takes is just one careless moment to show how deadly it can be. Don't put your life on the line. Look up and live.



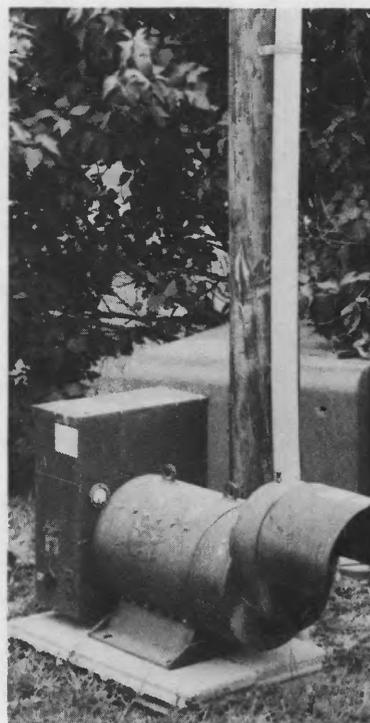
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Co-op employee Harry Buller tests the state-of-the-art computer meter reading equipment at the Larry Meyer farm, just north of Breese. The new equipment has been installed for the co-op's new Interruptible Rate.

If you have the above equipment, you can qualify for the co-op's new Interruptible Rate.

New methods and technology cut costs

Innovative new methods and computer technology team up to allow lower electric bills for large farm operations. Leaders of the co-op's latest cost-cutting efforts who will now see their electric bills reduced by hundreds of dollars annually are: Joseph Schmeink of R.R.1, Carlyle;

August Vonder Haar, Jr. of R.R. 1, Breese; August Barthe, Jr. of R.R.1, Breese; David Hempen of R.R.1, Carlyle; Lawrence Pingsterhaus of rural Bartelso; Cornelius Gebke of rural Bartelso; Joseph Voss of R.R.2, Carlyle; and Larry Meyer of rural Breese. Larry liked the sound of

the new rate so much that both his dairy and his hog operations were placed on it!

You, too, can be at the forefront of these cost-cutting measures. Why wait? Take the first step toward lowering your electric bill! Call us today. 1-800-526-7282.



Darcy Holtgrave (left) and Melia Huelsmann (right), winners of Clinton County Electric's Youth to Washington tour essay contest, met with Congressman Glenn Poshard as part of their tour of the nation's capital. Part of a contingent of 58 outstanding rural youth leaders from downstate Illinois who participated in the annual tour of Washington, D.C., the students visited the National Cathedral, U.S. Capitol, the Smithsonian museums, Ford's Theatre, The Supreme Court, the F.B.I., the Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, National Geographic and a host of memorials and monuments. As an added attraction, the students were treated to a unique reception at the Royal Embassy of Saudi Arabia during the week-long trip.

Cut bills in half while helping environment

How can you cut your heating and cooling costs and still aid the environment by conserving energy and reducing the growing demand for new pollution-generating refineries and coal-fired plants?

Geothermal systems offer better comfort and lower energy costs than their most-efficient counterparts because they transfer heat to and from the earth rather than creating heat, and that fact also makes them beneficial to the environment. Only geothermal systems deliver three to four times more energy than they consume, making them 300-400 percent more energy efficient.

Geothermal heating and cooling greatly benefits the homeowner in comfort, reliability and cost savings and payback occurs within three to five years—after that each year's heating/cooling savings goes right into your pocket!

Clinton County Electric is now offering you a deal that you just can't afford to pass up! With the installation of an ETS (electric thermal storage)/geothermal

heat pump system combination, we will finance up to \$7,200, at 0 percent interest, for a period of 72 months! With the ETS/geothermal heat pump system combination, you have the ability to cut your heating costs by more than half!

If you already have a geothermal heat pump system in place, the cooperative will finance the installed cost of an ETS unit, at 0 percent interest, at a minimum of \$100 per month, for a maximum period of 12 months.

Try tapping into the earth's free, renewable and clean energy found below your home and use a much more energy-efficient and cost-saving heating and cooling system, compared to the more traditional systems, and transform those high heating/cooling bills into big savings.

Give us a chance to explain how this dual system works. Call the cooperative—1-800-526-7282—ask for John Winter. Let us give you the details of this money-saving program.

Cut mountains down to mole hills

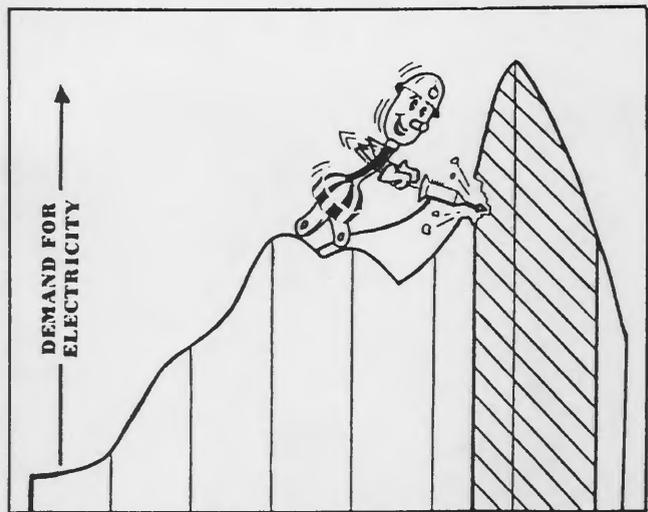
Level energy use during the peak months of July and August

When everyone uses a lot of electricity at the same time, a "mountain" of energy demand grows. In these hot, humid days of summer, mountains of demand usually occur on the very hottest days, in the early evening, generally from 4 p.m. to 8 p.m. when Clinton County Electric members come into the house, start to prepare dinner, turn up the air conditioner, use electric appliances, lights and hot water—all at about the same time!

"Peak demand" is a phrase every cooperative member should know because these peak demands, or energy "mountains," cost the cooperative—and you—money. Every time you turn on an electric appliance, you "demand" a certain amount of electricity from the co-op. Peak demand occurs when Clinton County Electric members together are using the most power. "Demand" refers 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 on your bill.

For instance, let's say you turn on a 100-watt electric bulb. You are demanding 100 watts of electricity from the co-op at that very moment. Add that 100 watts to those being used by all the other electrical appliances in your home at that moment; then add your total figure to the watts being used in every other member's home. That total number is Clinton County Electric's demand for that moment.

A large and expensive network of equipment must be maintained 24 hours a day, 375 days a year, to ensure that everyone can turn on their appliances whenever they want. The expense of maintaining enough generating capacity to do just that determines



the cooperative's "fixed costs." Every kilowatt of demand that can be moved off the peak saves Clinton County Electric money by reducing our fixed costs. Those savings are then passed along to all of our members. So it is to everyone's advantage to keep the co-op's peak demand for electricity as low as possible.

July and August are our summer "peak months." It's especially important to be aware of "peaks" and "peak demands" during these two months. You can make energy mole hills out of mountains by leveling your demand and by using some practical and easy energy-saving measures.

We can all do a little bit to help keep our electric rates stable. If all cooperative members do their part to "hold down" the peak, the price of electricity can be controlled. Everyone pitching in—everyone doing their share—that's what "cooperative" is all about.

One day your safety may depend on three numbers.

9-1-1 . . . your Emergency Telephone Number System.

It's easy to remember and easy to use. Because when you need emergency help from the fire or police department, or from an emergency medical service, you don't have time to waste.

One quick call to **9-1-1** is all you need to reach emergency service. And you don't waste time fumbling through the phone books for the right emergency numbers.

You can call **9-1-1** at no charge from any kind of phone. Your **9-1-1** service works on rotary dial, touch-tone phones and public phones.

9-1-1 . . . provided by Clinton County. In case of emergency, it's the only number you need to call.

Now Clinton County
has Enhanced

9-1-1*

Safety in Numbers

*Please continue to call the non-emergency telephone numbers for the police and fire departments for general information, and for non-emergency assistance.

Also . . . Please continue to call Clinton County Electric's emergency phone number: 1-800-526-7282.

Do you know these people?

The following is a list of members whose capital credit checks have been returned to us by the Post Office marked "Addressee Unknown." If you know any of these people, please contact the cooperative office (1-800-526-7282), or have them contact the office, with their current address.

- Wm. R. Adler, Germantown
E.H. Amburn, Belleville
John F. Anderson, O'Fallon
Paul R. Anderson, Collinsville
Wm. Anderson, Carlyle
Apollo Const., Inc.,
Springfield
Clifford Arnold, USAF
Regional Hosp., March
AFB, CA
David Arnold, Carlyle
William Ashby, Centralia
Robert L. Ashley, Arnold, MO
BJ's Marine c/o AD Judd,
Houston, TX
Basil Bacandreas, Centralia
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Co-op will finance the installation of geothermal heat pump/ETS combination

Clinton County Electric will now finance up to \$7,200 on the installed cost of an ETS/geothermal heat pump system combination, for a period of 72 months, at 0 percent interest.

Sound like a good deal? Well, let us tell you more. . . .

First, what is an ETS unit and how does it work? An ETS (electric thermal storage) unit stores heat during off-peak hours when rates are lowest, and, when the electricity is automatically turned off to your main heating supply (this occurs only when the demand for electricity is at its peak), your thermostat commands the ETS unit to release its stored-up heat. At this time, small fans in the ETS heater circulate the stored heat evenly throughout a room so that you have adequate and comfortable heat to satisfy even the coldest days. In short, ETS heaters convert electricity into heat during off-peak hours and do not release it until the thermostat turns off your regular electric furnace during on-peak times. The ETS unit itself has the ability to save you hundreds of dollars in heating costs, annually. Besides that, the cooperative still has some of these units left and we will give them away, on a first-come, first-serve basis, while the supply lasts!

A geothermal heat pump system moves heat to and from your home and does not burn fuel to make heat. In the winter, water circulating through a "loop" of underground pipe absorbs the heat from the earth and carries it to the geothermal unit inside the home. This heat is then extracted, compressed into a higher temperature and distributed throughout the home via a traditional air duct system. In summer, the opposite occurs: heat is removed from the home and transferred

back to the cooler earth by way of the water-filled pipes. During both the winter and summer, some of the heat being moved is diverted to the hot water tank, thus saving a homeowner an average of several hundred dollars a year—just in water heating.

Because the geothermal system is 300-400 percent energy efficient and because you're only paying for the energy that's required to circulate and compress, you're saving money with the geothermal system.

So, when you combine an ETS unit with the geothermal heat pump system, you can't lose! It's a win-win proposition! This is saving money at its best—no mess and no inconvenience!

And, for all you members who already have a geothermal heat pump system in place, if you add an ETS unit, the co-op will finance up to \$100 per month on the installed cost of an ETS unit, at 0 percent interest, for a maximum of 12 months. Remember, you get the unit free of charge—the financing is for the labor involved in the unit's installation.

You have everything to gain! Enjoy the comfortable even temperature without drafts; the safety—no flames, flues or fumes; the quiet (the geothermal system is the quietest system on the market today); and it's easy to operate! Then sit back and watch the savings roll in!

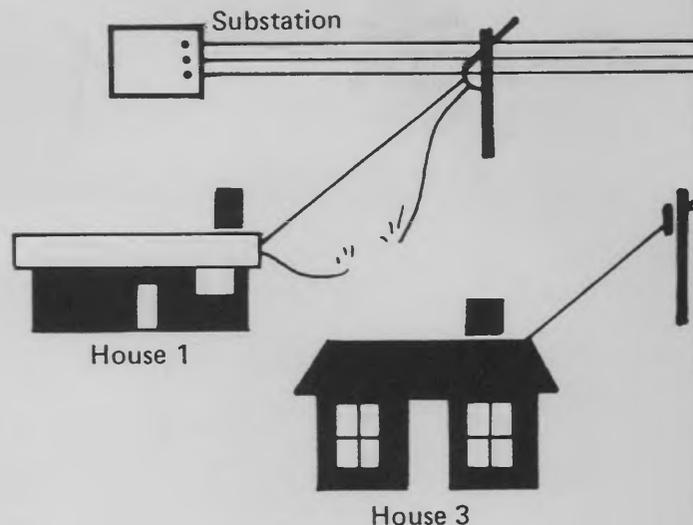
The ETS/geothermal heat pump system combination is one of the brighter stars on the cooperative member's horizon. You have the opportunity to save money on your heating/cooling costs, and the cooperative, through its loan program, is helping you do it. It's just one of our ways to serve you, the member.

LABOR DAY LET'S TAKE A BREAK...

Office closing

The Cooperative office will be closed Monday, September 2, in observation of Labor Day. In case of an emergency, our 24-hour emergency phone number is 1-800-526-7282. Have a safe and happy holiday!





Power outages

Power outages are caused by many things—storms, cars hitting poles or animals getting into the Cooperative's equipment, just to name a few. These events are beyond the control of the Cooperative. Clinton County Electric's policy is to restore power to as many members as possible in the shortest possible time.

The first calls into the office set the response in motion. The co-op office has three incoming phone lines. Often, all three lines are busy during a widespread outage. While a busy signal is frustrating, office staff work as quickly as possible to answer all calls. We do need information that you can provide—including your name and reports of anything unusual that you've

seen or heard. If you know your electric wires are down, if the transformer has failed, or if a pole is broken, please tell us when you phone in your outage. This saves time when we know what and where the problem is. We narrow in on the problem by noting the locations of those calling in to report the outage.

During working hours, the outage will be reported to a line crew near the area. That crew will investigate and then either repair the problem or call for help from another line crew. After working hours, the co-op's answering service dispatches a line crew and then provides them with the information that you have given us.

Electric water heater/time switch *an easy tool in load management*

Do you want a water heater that's safe? clean? economical? reliable? automatic? easy to install? efficient? If you answered yes to any or all of these questions, then you want an electric water heater!

Safe—electric water heaters are the safest way to heat water. There's no pilot light to go out . . . no gases to escape . . . no flue to get hot . . . no fumes to affect the air quality of your home . . . and no open flames.

Clean—electric water heaters give off no soot . . . no grit . . . no fumes . . . no grime. Your walls, curtains and upholstery all stay cleaner and the air in your homes stays cleaner—all for cleaner living.

Reliable—electric water heaters last longer because there are fewer opportunities for rusting that force you to replace it.

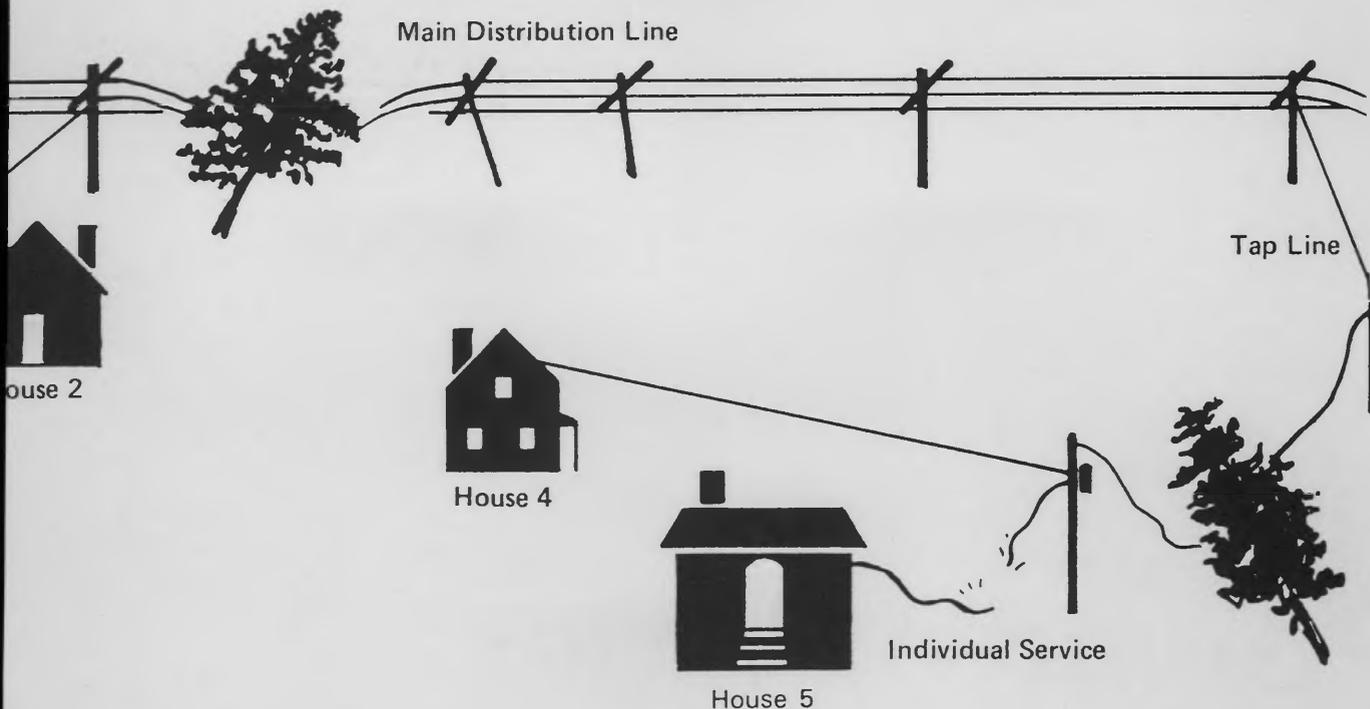
Automatic—electric water heaters have no pilot light to go out . . . no danger from escaping fuel . . . just clean, dependable quantities of hot water. There is

never a need for you to check to be sure that your electric water heater is operating safely.

Easy installation—electric water heaters need no chimney or flue connection . . . no holes in the wall or roof . . . no masonry work . . . no gas lines . . . you can prevent heat losses by not having long pipe runs.

Economical—you just can't beat the price!!! They're absolutely **free of charge** at Clinton County Electric. Just come in—pick up either a 52-gallon or an 80-gallon heater; we'll also give you, **free of charge**, a radio-controlled time switch that must be installed on your heater; you sign the warranty papers; and your water heater worries are over!

What could be simpler? What could be cheaper? What could be safer? Go care-free! Go flame-free. Get an electric water heater today! Call us or come in—1-800-526-7282.



When restoring power, the linemen go back to the source of the power—the substation. The objective, then, is to repair and restore service to the main feeder lines; when that is completed they start on the tap lines and then addressing all the individual lines running from the transformer to a member's home, working efficiently to get homes and businesses back in service. Of course, heavy rain, wind and lightning complicate the linemen's job. Working to repair storm damage takes great time and care. And safety is a primary consideration—safety for the linemen as well as the public.

An outage of any duration can be frustrating. Your

patience and cooperation are appreciated during these times.

Clinton County Electric is constantly striving to improve service without increasing costs and the cooperative has an outstanding service continuity record, thanks to maintenance programs for equipment and poles; an engineering system which keeps the fewest number of people possible without service while repairs are made; and skilled employees.

Your cooperative is at your service 24 hours a day, seven days a week.

Give yourself a rate decrease!!

If your annual kilowatt-hour usage exceeds 36,000, you now have the opportunity to see some real savings on your electric bill. Initiated in July of this year, the new fully interruptible rate, Rate No. 0018, is suited for all types of farm operations, but has a few specific requirements:

- It is available to members who use at least 36,000 kilowatt-hours per year (3,000 per month) and is based on the member's ability to interrupt the load during certain times of the year.
- For a member to take advantage of this rate, you must have a standby generator, or be willing to purchase one, and have a double-throw switch.
- The member shall be required to fully remove all load from the cooperative's system during periods of interruption, as requested by the cooperative.
- The member shall provide a 24-hour telephone number so that such notice by the cooperative may be given at any time to the member.

- The duration of the interruption shall be six hours under normal conditions, with eight hours under extreme conditions, with the total hours of interruption not more than 200 hours per year.
- The member must agree to remain on this rate for a period of not less than 12 months.

If you meet the necessary requirements, you could realize a savings of approximately \$100 per month! This rate is available for any single- or three-phase members who are eligible to be served under Rate Schedules 01, 02, 03 or 12, and who have the capability of reducing their demand to zero kilowatts during periods of interruption and have an annual kwh usage that exceeds 36,000.

There are already 14 co-op members signed up for this new fully interruptible rate. Give yourself a break today! Call the cooperative's Member Service Department at 1-800-526-7282 for all the details. Act Now!

Interested in being on the Advisory Committee?

The Cooperative's Advisory Committee was organized to provide a liaison between the membership and the board of trustees and the management.

Advisory Committee members' duties include: (1) to provide ideas to the board of trustees on major issues (such as rates, property and equipment purchases, facility improvements, insurance, etc.); (2) to build and maintain a favorable climate of opinion of the whole electrical program as provided by Clinton County Electric in the minds of all the members and the public through involvement and education; and (3) to develop among the members of the Cooperative a sense of ownership and responsibility to the co-op.

The Advisory Committee meets four times a year (January, March, July and October) and in the past members have provided invaluable assistance at the co-op's area meetings, Annual Meeting, the co-op's 50th

Anniversary Open House and have supplied the co-op with members' insight on important issues such as rates and new programs.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the co-op's Advisory Committee, please fill out the coupon below, clip it out and either mail or bring it in to the office. All cooperative members, whether you've belonged to the co-op one year or 25 years, are eligible. (Past Advisory Committee members are also welcome.)

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The time of day when you use your washer, dryer, oven, water heater and other major electrical appliances makes a difference on your electric bill. When you join Clinton County Electric Cooperative's Time-Of-Day Rate Program (TOD), you'll find savings when you operate appliances in a certain time period. Your neighbors on the TOD Rate are saving an average of 25%.

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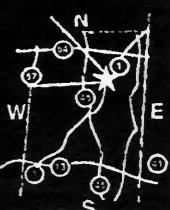
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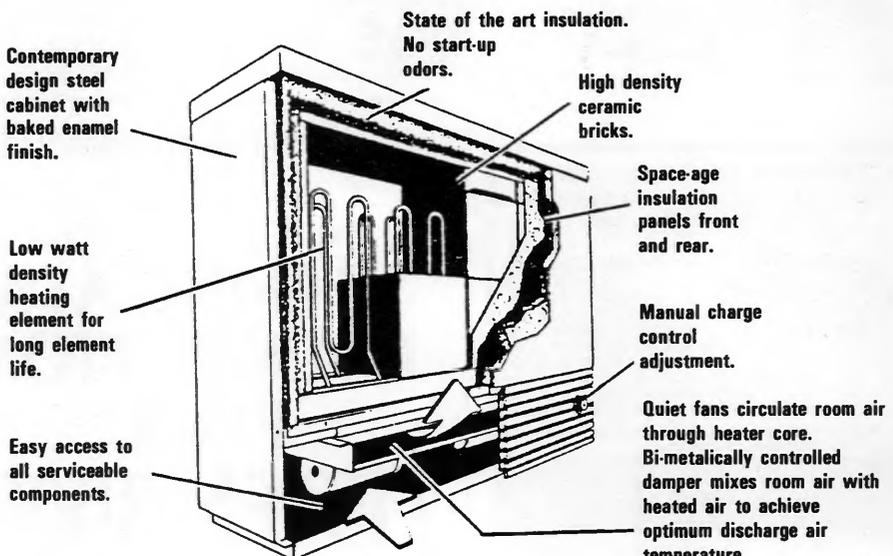
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Reduce heating bills with ETS unit

You may not believe it right this minute, but winter is just around the corner! You need to be thinking about reducing your high heating bills. And, if you're heating your home electrically, there's no better way to reduce your heating bills than with an ETS unit.

Electric thermal storage (ETS) heating is a clean, safe, comfortable and reliable method of heating your home. It's extremely efficient and can provide cooperative members considerable savings in heating costs.

Electric thermal storage units consume electricity only during off-peak hours—those times of day when there is a surplus of electric supply. These heaters convert this off-peak electricity to heat and store that heat in specially designed, high-density ceramic bricks.

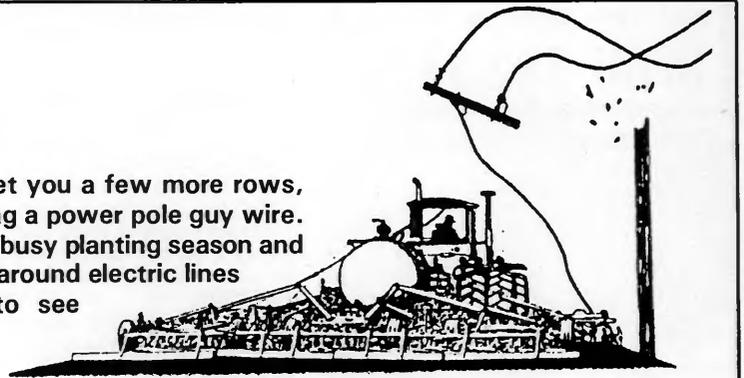
During the day, as the room thermostat calls for heat, small, noiseless fans in the heater circulate the stored heat evenly and quietly throughout the room.

What's more, the ETS heaters are safe and versatile and insulated with space-age material to prevent the outer surface from heating up intensively. They also come in earth-tone colors to complement any decor.

If you think electric thermal storage heating is right for you, call us, and we'll send you a rate comparison with the amount of savings you'll be realizing with an ETS unit. If you're not sure, call us anyway, and we can give you more details concerning electric thermal storage heating.

Be CAREFUL

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.



Co-op's money-saving programs!

Many of the following programs are not new—they've been in place for several months, if not years. All are geared at saving you money—maybe even a considerable amount of money.

- Members can buy heating kilowatt-hours at 3.3 cents per kwh on the Dual Heat Rate, compared to an average of 8.0 cents per kwh at the standard rate. Let us tell you how the installation of an ETS unit qualifies you for the Dual Heat rate.

- Members not only qualify for the low heating rate with the ETS unit, but the co-op will **give you free of charge an ETS unit**. All you have to pay for is the installation cost.

- The cooperative offers a no-interest loan, up to \$6,000, for a period of five years, when the member installs a new geothermal heat pump system. And, if you decide to install an ETS unit in addition to the heat pump system, the cooperative will finance that combination at 0 percent interest, up to \$7,200, for a period of not more than six years.

- The cooperative offers an Economical Development Rate for those who are interested in starting a new business in our service area.

- The Time-of-Day Rate has proved to be the most popular among members who want to save money on their electric bills. Members who make small changes in their lifestyles are finding they can save a lot of money—sometimes up to 25 percent.

- The cooperative offers **free of charge** a 52-gallon or an 80-gallon water heater to members and, with the water heater, also **free of charge**, is a radio-controlled time switch that enables the cooperative to turn the water heater off at the co-op's high peak times. More than 1,000 members have taken advantage of this offer since its inception in 1986.

- As of this past spring, the co-op offers a fully interruptible rate to members who use a minimum of 36,000 kwhs per year and who have the ability to fully interrupt their load, at the request of the co-op.

- Then, of course, we still offer the security light change-out program, whereby members who still have the old mercury vapor lights can install a new high-pressure sodium security light for a \$25 change-out fee, with the member keeping the old light.

- Our Member Service Department has an excellent Safety Program and Demonstration that can be adapted to your organization, club or school.

- The co-op will also come out to your home and conduct an energy audit, recommending proper insulation, ventilation and weatherization measures for your new or remodeled home.

- If you are looking for guidelines in wiring your home, garage, barn, etc., make sure you get a **free** copy of the Wiring Specification handbook.

- If you are thinking about a new heating or cooling system, make sure you call us. We figure your home's heat loss, size your new electrical system and estimate your annual energy costs.

- The cooperative also offers a Budget Billing plan, designed to equalize monthly electric payments. It is available to members with a good payment record.

- The co-op's Crime Watch Program is an on-going service to our members aimed at reducing rural crime.

- As another service, the cooperative offers to its members light bulbs and smoke alarms at reduced prices.

- Each month every member of Clinton County Electric receives a copy of this magazine, the REN. The REN is the primary source we have of getting important information to our members.

How can we afford to do all this? Every one of our member programs is geared to helping both you and the co-op use electricity more efficiently. When we lower our peaks as a co-op, the cooperative experiences direct savings. Those savings can then be passed along to you.

You win. The co-op wins.

As always, remember that your cooperative is only a phone call away. We'll be happy to assist you in choosing an energy savings package best suited to your particular needs. We encourage you to call the Member Service Department to get more information on any of the above items you think might benefit you and your family. We have several brochures that describe each of our programs in more detail, and we can mail you information that will help answer your questions. And we're always happy to spend time with you on the phone discussing your unique situation. And we'll be more than happy to make a personal visit to your home—just call to make an appointment. So if you would like more information, just give us a call at 1-800-526-7282. Or drop us a line and let us know what programs you'd like us to send more information about. We're here to help you.

New addresses needed

With the advent of the new 911 Program, most rural Cooperative members have been assigned new addresses by the Post Office. If you have not already done so, please send us your new address.

The post offices in the area are still forwarding

mail with the old rural route numbers, but will only do so for a limited period of time. It is essential that we have your correct address.

We thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

I-70 Growth Association

Electric cooperative a key participant in multi-county development effort

Products with the label "Made in Southwestern Illinois" lining the shelves of stores for Japanese shoppers in Tokyo and Osaka?

That's one avenue of rural development being explored by the I-70 Growth Association—a team of 13 communities whose goal is to attract industry to the area. What role can Japan have in local economic improvement? The country can play a dual role, speakers at an August meeting of the group said. Japanese companies could locate manufacturing facilities in southwestern Illinois, and Japan could become a customer of goods produced in that region.

Guest speakers at the meeting talked about the importance of Japan as a trade partner and about how the group can promote the Interstate 70 corridor as prime territory for development.

"We can help export your products to Japan," said Linda Hasegawa of Japan-U.S. Trans Asso-

traditionally bow low from the waist.

Thayr Richey, also of Japan-U.S. Associates, warned the gathered community leaders that economic development will not happen overnight.

"There are very few secrets in rural development," he said. "Focus on the long-term and hustle. From what I know about this area, I think you have a lot going for you. Don't expect rapid changes, though. Set a five- to ten-year deadline for achievements."

John Hemmer, director and Tokyo manager of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, said international markets are beginning to gain a new image of what Illinois really is.

"It's more than the city of Chicago. It's becoming more recognized by international business as a place to live and a place to do business," Thayr said.

He told the I-70 group to "identify what you are as a community and don't keep it a secret." However, he advised them not to try to be everything to everybody. "Success has come to those who focus on their strengths and promote these."

Thomas H. Moore, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), commended the members of the I-70 group for their leadership in rural development and outlined ways in which the AIEC can assist their efforts through Southwestern Electric Cooperative. The electric cooperative has helped spearhead this new movement. Soyland Power Cooperative, Southwestern's power supplier, has been an active participant in the formation of the new economic development group.

Gary Wobler, manager of Southwestern Electric, told his audience, "There are three kinds of people. Those who watch it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened. Well, we're going to make a difference and make it happen."

Group members toured the participating communities in July, and the association is preparing brochures and a video highlighting what the communities have to offer. Community profiles featuring available sites for new company facilities have been created.

Participating towns are Altamont, St. Elmo, St. Peter, Brownstown, Vandalia, Mulberry Grove, Greenville, Pocahontas, Highland, Smithboro, Troy, Keyesport and Pierron.



Thomas H. Moore (left) executive vice president and general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), discusses with Gary Wobler, manager of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, ways in which the AIEC can assist the I-70 Growth Association.

ciates, an Indiana-based consulting firm for American and Japanese companies. "More than 1,000 manufacturing companies from Japan are operating in the United States. You need companies along I-70, not only from Japan, but from Southeast Asia and Europe. I know this community needs new jobs."

Hasegawa stressed the importance of understanding the customs of the American and Japanese cultures. For example, the customary business handshake is new to the Japanese, who

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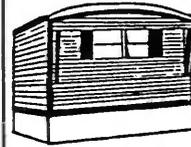
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Across the Manager's Desk



by
James B. Riddle

The theme for October, Cooperative Month, is "Cooperatives: Meeting People's Needs," and so we pause just a minute to reflect on how we here at Clinton County Electric can better meet your specific needs.

Clinton County Electric Cooperative works hard at meeting the

demands of its members for quality electric service. In attaining this goal, we are working to develop programs and rates beneficial to our consumers and we are taking the lead in economic development programs to further benefit our members and our communities.

A cooperative, like Clinton County Electric, is owned by the people who use it, providing them with the opportunity to voice ideas and opinions that could make a difference. You, the members/owners, control rates, policies, member rights and privileges through a duly elected board of trustees. We follow the principle of "one member-one vote" regardless of the number of kwhs purchased by any one member.

Not only do we supply electricity, but we offer service plus. It is the many incentive programs and rates, and the thought and care that goes into them, that truly exemplifies us as "meeting people's needs."

Clinton County Electric operates for the mutual benefit of all members. Local control, through a locally elected board of trustees, ensures that all members have a voice in the operation of the co-op.

As your co-op's manager, my primary objective is to ensure that Clinton County Electric continues to operate for the mutual benefit of all members, providing adequate reliable electric service at the lowest cost consistent with sound business practices for the good of all our members.

Sign up now for new Interruptible Rate!

If you haven't already done so, right now is the ideal time to sign up for the new Interruptible Rate. Although the benefits of the reduced demand do not take effect until December 1, if you sign up now it gives us time to install your meter and other equipment so that by December 1, the first of the winter's peak months, you'll be ready to go.

If your annual usage is at least 36,000 kwhs, you are eligible for this new rate.

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Area meeting dates announced

Every year in November the cooperative holds several informational area meetings to update the members on activities at the co-op.

The trustees of Clinton County Electric have announced the dates of this year's area meetings:

- Thursday, November 7—Bethlehem Lutheran Church Basement, Ferrin, 7:30 p.m.
- Tuesday, November 12—St. Felicitas Church Basement, Beaver Prairie, 7:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 14—Knights of Columbus Hall, Breese, 1:30 p.m.
- Thursday, November 14—Albers Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m.

These meetings are always informal get-togethers, allowing you, the members, to ask questions and/or make comments. Topics to be discussed this year include: the new Interruptible Rate for large farm

operations; the proposed bylaw changes; incentive programs; and system improvements. If you have any questions or concerns, you can bring them up at this time, or we'll be happy to talk with you after the meeting.

There will be several prizes awarded at each of these meetings: Five lucky members will go home with an extra \$20 and there will also be a drawing for one \$150 cash prize at each of the meetings. Attendance prizes will be given to everyone upon adjournment.

A light lunch consisting of cold cuts plus coffee and/or soda will be served following the meetings.

You are welcome to attend any or all of the scheduled meetings. Don't miss this opportunity to meet and talk with your co-op's manager and other employees, as well as its trustees. See you there!

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



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.

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.



For the Clinton County Cooperative Extension Service and 4-H referendum.

November 5, 1991

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October is Energy Awareness Month

Do you think you're energy literate?

Do you know enough about R-values to choose the proper insulation for your attic? Can you tell an appliance store clerk which EER your new refrigerator should have? Are you getting enough Btus from that old window air conditioner?

Memorizing vocabulary lists is for fifth graders, but there are some words electric cooperative members should recognize. How many do you know? Fewer than 20? Get your nose back in that high-school science book. More than 30? Wow! You must have been a studious fifth grader!

Alternating current: a flow of electricity through a conductor that continuously reverses its direction. Nearly all electricity generated in the U.S. is alternating current.

Blackout: a total power failure over a large area; usually caused by equipment failure.

Brownout: a small, temporary voltage reduction; may be brought on deliberately by a utility to conserve electric power during periods of high use.

Btu: British thermal unit. The amount of heat needed to raise the temperature of one pound of water by one degree Fahrenheit.

Circuit breaker: a switch that opens an electric circuit when a short occurs.

Conductor: a material that allows an electric current to pass through it. Also, the wire that carries electricity in an electric distribution or transmission system.

Conservation: careful use of resources.

Current: a flow of electrically charged particles.

Direct current: electricity that flows through a conductor

in a single direction.

Earth-coupled heat pump: an efficient electrical device that heats or cools by moving heat into or out of a building. It uses an antifreeze solution or refrigerant in a pipe buried in the ground to collect or disperse heat. Also called geothermal system, ground-source heat pump or water-source heat pump.

Energy audit: a study of residential, commercial or industrial buildings to show energy users how to save money by using energy more efficiently.

Energy efficiency rating (EER): a measure of how efficiently an appliance uses energy. A higher EER means greater efficiency.

Fossil fuel: materials such as coal, oil or natural gas used to produce heat or power. These materials were formed in the ground millions of years ago from plant and animal remains.

Fuse: a protective device for electric circuits containing a wire designed to melt and open the circuit under abnormally high electric loads.

Ground-fault circuit interrupter (GFCI): a device that instantly breaks the circuit when a short develops. Required for outlets in bathrooms, kitchens, outdoors or wherever electric equipment might come into contact with water.

Hydroelectric energy: electricity generated by flowing water.

Interruptible rate: a lower rate for customers who let the utility turn off their electricity temporarily during periods of high demand.

Kilowatt: the basic unit of

electric demand, equal to 1,000 watts; average household demand is 10 to 20 kilowatts.

Kilowatt-hour: a unit of energy or work equal to 1,000 watt-hours. The basic measure of electric energy generation or use. A 100-watt light bulb burning for 10 hours uses one kilowatt-hour.

Load management: a program used by an electric utility to control its customers' use of electricity during times when their demand for electricity is high. Can involve reducing voltage or cutting off air conditioners, water heaters or irrigation pumps for short periods by remote control. Electric cooperative members who participate may pay a reduced rate.

Nuclear fission: the splitting of an atomic nucleus, resulting in the release of large amounts of energy; the process a nuclear reactor uses to provide heat for electric generation.

Nuclear power: electric energy generated using heat produced by an atomic reaction.

Peak load: the amount of electric power required by a consumer or a utility during highest demand.

Power theft: tampering with a meter to lower electric bills; a dangerous and illegal act.

Reactor: a complex machine that heats water to boiling, producing steam to turn a turbine that generates electricity. The heat for boiling the water is produced by the splitting of uranium atoms.

Electric cooperative: a consumer-owned business organized to bring central-station electric service to rural people after Congress passed the Rural

Gressette failed to note that big investor-owned utilities like his weren't interested in serving those areas before co-op electric service helped fuel their growth. But he did volunteer that investor-owned and municipal utility rates are often lower than those of the co-ops. Balancing the Chamber's piece, however, were interviews with Bob Bergland, a former Secretary of Agriculture who now heads the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and congressional supporter Rep. Glenn English (D-Okla.), as well as Bowman and some of his co-op's consumers. One unidentified co-op member interviewed for the piece offered a personal defense: "We are loyal (to the co-op) because we feel it's more or less a family organization."

Farm poverty rate stays lower than national average

The number of people living in poverty rose sharply in 1990 to 33.6 million—a jump of 2.1 million—and the median income of the American family dropped to under \$30,000, the Census Bureau said. At the same time, the government reported that the farm poverty rate is running at low levels for the fourth year in a row—the result of stronger farm income and families that often hold two jobs, according to one analyst. The Census Bureau said the farm poverty rate for 1990 was 11.2 percent, virtually unchanged from the preceding year. The U.S. average was 13.5 percent, up a dramatic 5.5 percent, its highest level since 1986. "For the fourth consecutive year, there was no significant difference between the farm and non-farm poverty rates," the Bureau said. "Typically, the poverty rate has been higher for the farm than the non-farm population." The 1990 poverty line was \$13,359 for a family of four. The Bureau showed that the income gap between rich and poor continues to widen with the middle class getting squeezed. The farm poverty rate has been on par with the U.S. average since 1987. "Farm income was pretty good last year and farm households tend to be stable, typically married couples," Calvin Beale, a U.S. Department of Agriculture demographer, said in analyzing the report. Married couples tend to have higher incomes than one-parent families. "It's gotten so it doesn't surprise us anymore that the farm poverty rate should be lower than the non-farm (rate)," Beale said. Meanwhile, the rural poverty rate was 16.3 percent, compared with 15.7 percent in 1989. The rural poverty rate has exceeded the U.S. average for the past couple of decades. Rural America, home to a quarter of the U.S. population, has recovered more slowly than urban areas from the recession of the 1980s.

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Clinton County Electric is pleased to play a small role in your holiday celebration this year and in the future, working in the cooperative spirit to continue improving the lives of our member-owners and to secure their energy future. We



are committed to keeping your holidays bright and beautiful—always.

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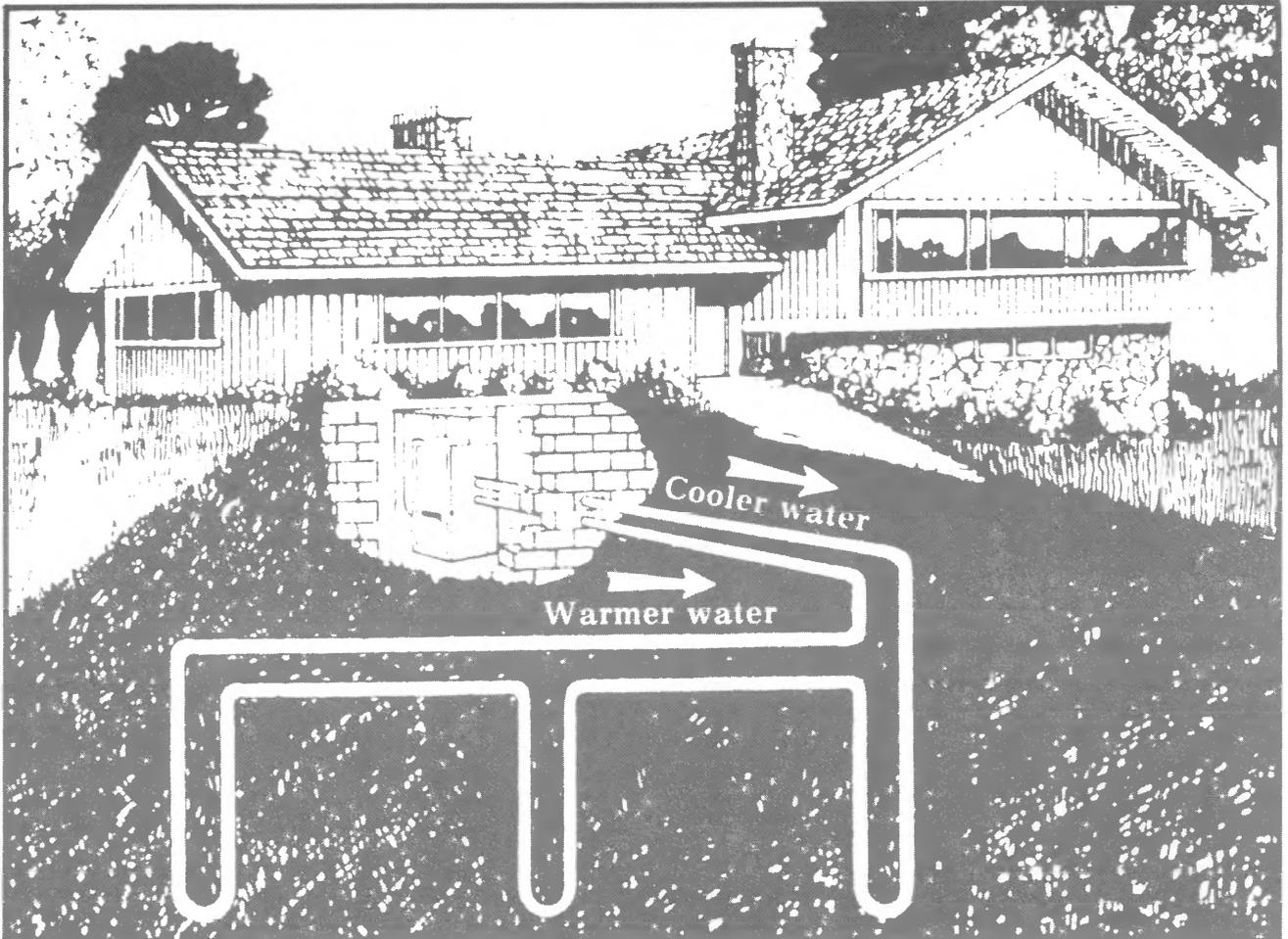
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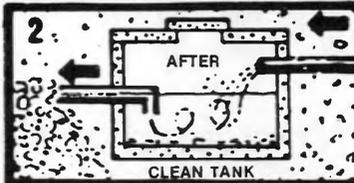
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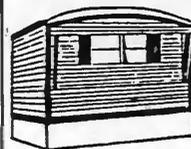
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said, and soil moisture remained low in many parts of the basin, particularly North Dakota. Prolonged precipitation loss in the region imposed hardships on farming, power, recreation and tourism industries, with upper basin states—Montana, Wyoming and the Dakotas—hit hardest. Drought conditions closed lake resorts, killed crops and hurt fish spawns.

Gas gets a boost

Last year's amendments to the Clean Air Act will make natural gas an increasingly popular power-plant fuel in the years to come, but coal will continue to generate more than half the nation's electricity, the government predicted. The Annual Outlook for U.S. Electric Power, released by the Energy Department's Energy Information Administration, said utilities will rely on scrubbers, fuel switching and emission allowances to meet the requirements of the new law. It forecasts a price increase of only one-tenth of a cent per kilowatt-hour by 2010, although the increase could be more than three times that in areas that burn large amounts of high-sulfur coal. Power producers—including non-utilities—are expected to build less coal-fired generating capacity in the next two decades, with the difference offset by an increase from plants fueled by natural gas. "The additions to gas-fired capacity will help put natural gas ahead of nuclear power as the second-largest contributor to electricity generation in the nation," the report concluded.

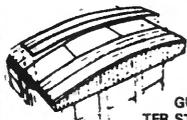
Manager's photograph earns top state honor

A photograph by William C. (Bill) Lemons, manager of McDonough Power Cooperative of Macomb, has been selected as the first place entry in the adult division of the "Scenes of Illinois" photo contest conducted by the Illinois Secretary of State's Office. The photograph, entitled "Blackeyed Susan Sunset," was picked from a large number of entries submitted by outstanding photographers from across Illinois. The photograph will be printed in the 1991-92 Illinois Blue Book, the 45th edition of the official state reference book. The photograph is on display in the Centennial Building in Springfield.

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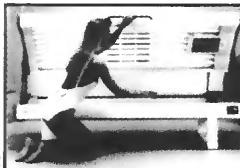
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Manager Jim Riddle addresses the 105 members who attended the meeting in Albers.

Area Meetings 1991

Clinton County Electric Cooperative provides more than electric service and it's that little difference that makes it unique from all the other utilities was the clear message conveyed by Manager Jim Riddle throughout the four Area Meetings in early November. Manager Riddle was also the bearer of some really good news which was no rate increase for the rest of 1991 and, barring unforeseen incidents like major ice storms, rates will remain the same in 1992 also.

The 1991 Area Meetings are history and once again record crowds attended all four. Over 300 members attending the four meetings had the opportunity to hear Manager Jim Riddle speak about cooperative activities during the past year, construction completed and in progress, the Service Plus programs offered to cooperative members and the new cooperative newsletter, **Clinton County Connections**, which will begin publication in February, 1992. Bylaw changes to be voted on at the Annual Meeting in March, 1992, were also discussed. Members also participated in a Question/Answer session which proved to be very beneficial and informative as questions on the co-op's new interruptible rate, the Security Light program and

annexation of cooperative territory by municipals, to name a few, were fielded by Riddle and Member Service Advisor John Winter. Riddle commented that he was very impressed with the enthusiasm and the interest shown by the members at this year's meetings, and stated, "Rather than let me stand there and lecture, the members took the opportunity to inquire about programs, ask questions about cooperative policies and procedures and to voice their concerns about events concerning them and their cooperative. That's what these meetings are all about."

Following the attendance prize drawing, members were treated to a light lunch consisting of cold cuts, soda and/or coffee.

Lucky winners of the attendance prizes were:

Darlene Quick	\$150	Steve Holtgrave	\$ 20
Mrs. Stewart Knolhoff	\$150	John Hempen	\$ 20
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Joyce Butts	\$ 20	Emma Graesser	\$ 20
Harold Haumesser	\$ 20	Alvin Pingsterhaus	\$ 20
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John White	\$ 20	Arvel Lesseg	\$ 20
Alfred Michael	\$ 20	Ray Spihlmann	\$ 20
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Robert Jansen	\$ 20	Norman Endres	\$ 20
Paul Bergmann	\$ 20	Casper Richter	\$ 20

Bylaws specify nomination procedure

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

For a list of nominating committee members, date of meeting or any other information concerning the nominating committee, please contact: James B. Riddle, General Manager, Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., 475 North Main St., P.O. Box 40, Breese, IL 62230; (618) 526-7282.

Clinton County Connections

Starting with the February issue, members of Clinton County Electric Cooperative will begin receiving a 4-page tabloid newsletter featuring just Clinton County Electric news, events and other important information members should know and other pertinent details we feel cooperative members ought to be aware of.

This newsletter, entitled **Clinton County Connections**, will be published just six times a year—February, April, June, August, October and December, alternating with the REN magazine.

Please let us hear your comments—favorable or unfavorable—about the new publication. If you like it—tell us. If you don't—let us know. Our approach to future member information will be determined by the feedback of comments we receive. Also, if there are any items of interest you think we should include in either the **REN** or **Clinton County Connections**, give us a call. We want to hear from you. Contact: Clinton County Electric, Sue Laux, Secretary, 1-800-526-7282, or drop us a line with your bill payment.

Seasons Greetings

*from the trustees and employees of
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Make-ahead holiday



BISCUIT DOUGH ORNAMENTS

Heat oven to 350 degrees. Mix 2 cups biscuit mix and 1/2 cup boiling water until soft dough forms; beat vigorously 30 seconds. Turn onto cloth-covered board well dusted with baking mix. Gently roll in baking mix to coat; shape into ball. Knead 10 times. Roll 1/8-inch thick. Let stand uncovered 5 minutes. Cut into desired shapes, using cutters of 2 sizes to obtain cutouts, or design your own patterns. (Cutout decorations can be attached by brushing with beaten egg yolk and pressing gently into surface of larger shape.) If ornaments are to be hung, make a hole in each 1/4 inch from top with end of plastic straw. Bake on ungreased cookie sheet until golden brown, 8 to 10 minutes. About ten 4-inch ornaments.

SHRIMP DIP

1 cup celery, cut fine
1/2 cup green onion, finely chopped
1 large pkg. cream cheese, softened
1/2 cup mayonnaise
1 can shrimp, cut up
1 1/2 teaspoons lemon juice

Mix all ingredients together and chill several hours before serving.

BUFFET CHICKEN ELEGANTE

3 quarts water
2 tablespoons salt
1 teaspoon olive oil
1 pkg. (5 oz.) wide egg noodles
1/4 cup green pepper, chopped
1/2 cup onion, chopped
3 tablespoons butter, melted
1 can (10 3/4 oz.) cream of chicken soup, undiluted
1/2 cup milk
1 can (6 oz.) mushrooms, sliced and drained

1/4 teaspoon black pepper
1 carton (12 oz.) cream style cottage cheese
1 small package almonds, sliced
3 cups cooked chicken, chopped
1 pkg. (10 oz.) mild Cheddar cheese, shredded
1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese
Paprika (optional)

Bring water, salt, and olive oil to a boil; slowly add noodles. Allow water to return to a boil; cook 12 to 15 minutes, stirring occasionally. Drain and set aside. Saute green pepper and onion in butter until tender. Remove from heat; stir in soup, milk, mushrooms, black pepper, cottage cheese, and almonds. Arrange half of the noodles in an ungreased 13 x 9 x 2-inch baking pan; cover with half of soup mixture. Top with half of chicken; sprinkle with half of the Cheddar cheese. Repeat layers. Top with Parmesan cheese; sprinkle with paprika, if desired. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

PUNCH BOWL CAKE

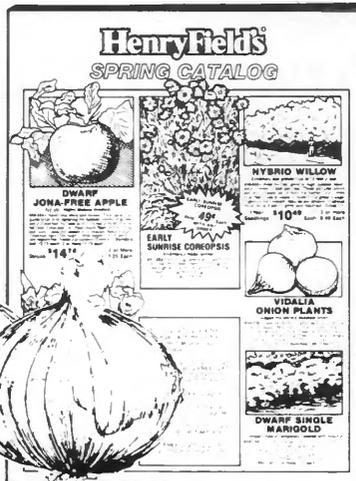
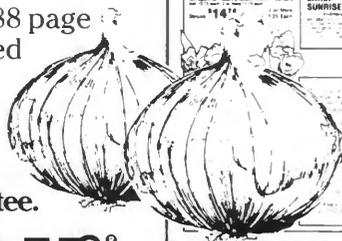
1 pkg. yellow cake mix, baked as directed
2 (3 oz.) boxes vanilla instant pudding, mixed as directed
2 cans cherry pie filling, removed from can of course!

1 large can crushed pineapple
1 medium container whipped topping
1 large container whipped topping
Chopped pecans to taste

Crumble 1/2 of cake into bottom of punch bowl, add a layer of pudding, pie filling, pineapple, whipped topping and pecans. Repeat until all ingredients are gone, ending with whipped topping and pecans. Keep chilled until ready to serve, or if you're alone for the weekend, until you are ready to PIG OUT!!! Remember: It is not polite to lick the bottom of the punchbowl when all of the good stuff is gone.

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