



# Clinton County Electric News

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## Across the Manager's Desk



by  
James B. Riddle

I'd like to take this opportunity to invite everyone to the 1992 Annual Meeting of Members, which will be held on Thursday, March 19, at Central High School, Breese.

Registration begins at 6:30 p.m., with the regular business portion of the meeting starting at 7:30. Gifts and attendance prizes will be awarded and the Children's Program will once again be held to help

those of you who would like to attend, but can't find a babysitter.

Join your fellow member-owners in exercising your right to vote for the trustees who represent you on the cooperative's board of trustees. And this year, you will also vote on several bylaw changes. Don't be a stranger in 1992—attend your cooperative's Annual Meeting.

## Be forewarned

It has come to our attention that Clinton County Electric members have once again been targeted by an Oklahoma insurance company using deceptive sales practices. This company claims it is gathering

information regarding group coverage through something called The National Association of Rural Cooperative Members.

This firm is not associated with Clinton County Electric nor with the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). If

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Thursday, March 19, 1992.

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Meeting starts at 7:30.  
Children's Program will start at 6:30.

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**TO ATTEND YOUR COOPERATIVE'S ANNUAL MEETING!**

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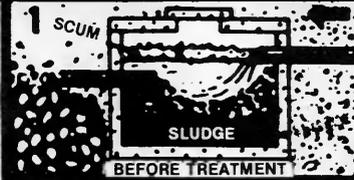
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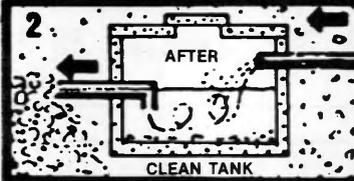
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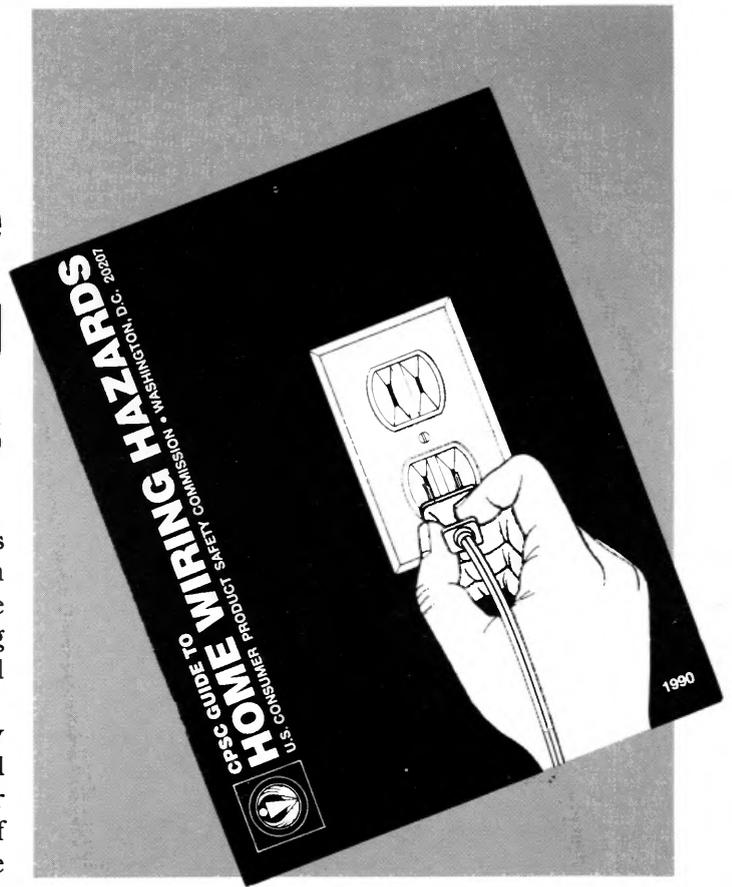
Many people treat electricity with a lot less care than they should. It's so easy to plug in an appliance or flip a switch. But some forget that the power used to light a lamp or run a washing machine is also strong enough to do physical harm.

Each year, about 1,200 people in the U.S. die by accidental electrocution and in electricity-related fires. A book available from the U.S. Consumer Product Safety Commission stresses that many of those deaths could have been prevented if people knew how to maintain their home wiring system. Using clear illustrations and a problem/solution format, the *Guide to Home Wiring Hazards* describes warning signs of electrical hazards and explains how to handle them.

One of the best things you can do to keep your home electrical system working safely is to have an electrician or electrical inspector check it at least every 10 years. Between inspections, it's important for you to do your own checking. The most obvious indication of an electrical problem is a blown fuse in your fuse box or a tripped switch in your electrical panel. This happens when more electricity is demanded in a certain area than the system was designed to handle. If turning on a particular appliance causes the problem, check to see if you've overloaded the circuit branch or if the appliance is broken. If so, let a professional make the repairs. Don't try to increase your circuit's capacity by replacing a blown fuse with a penny or by installing a larger-capacity circuit breaker to remedy a tripped switch. You'll let too much electricity flow, risking shock or fire.

Even if you've been careful not to overload your electrical system, electrical problems can still occur. And whether the problem is with a cord, plug, fixture, or outlet, the signs of an electrical hazard are the same: sparks, arcs (bright flashes of light), sizzling or buzzing, shocks, warm plugs or receptacles, or an odor of burned or overheated wiring or insulation. Don't use the problem unit until it can be repaired.

Many electrical problems and accidents can be



prevented by using appliances and fixtures only as they were intended. Don't pinch electrical cords in doorways or under rugs or furniture and never nail or staple cords. Pull the plug, not the cord, when disconnecting appliances from outlets. And don't overload outlets or extension cords. Avoid using older extension cords that may be brittle, damaged, or have a low wattage capacity. Keep your lamps and lighting fixtures from overheating by checking to see that bulbs are of the right wattage. Newer fixtures are marked with the size of the bulb you need. Although they're not always marked, most older fixtures are designed to work with a 60-watt bulb.

In addition to using your electrical equipment correctly, you can help prevent electrocution by using ground fault circuit interrupters (GFCIs). These special outlets or attachments to existing outlets stop the flow of electricity when they detect an electrical current leakage. You could get a shock from that flow of electricity before the GFCI shuts off, but the unit will prevent serious injury and death. GFCIs are most often used in wet areas of the home such as the bathroom, kitchen, or basement where the threat of an electrical shock is greater.

To learn more about keeping your home wiring system working safely and efficiently, the *Guide to Home Wiring Hazards* should be helpful. Send your name, address and 50 cents to the Consumer Information Center, Department 431Y, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

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Clinton County Electric Cooperative has been a major supplier of electricity to Clinton County and parts of five surrounding counties for more than 52 years. The Co-op has an investment of over \$11 million in utility plant with 961 miles of line to serve approximately 4,700 member-owned installations. Each member is an owner. Each member also pays the costs associated with the operation of their cooperative. If the number of members are decreased, the remaining member's proportionate share of the costs will increase.

The predominant reason for the loss of members, and potential members, has been, in recent years, due to annexation by towns with municipally-

owned electric systems. As these towns seek to grow and expand their boundaries, they typically move into areas served by the cooperative. Because of the way current legislation is written, municipally-owned electric systems move in, claim members of the co-op, eliminating the possibility of the co-op serving any new customers in the newly annexed areas. This leaves the remaining members to pay for costs that have already been expended. In a six-year period, from 1985 to 1991, Clinton County Electric has lost more than 30 members in this way, accounting for a loss of approximately \$60,000 in revenue and a loss of over \$25,000 in utility plant — because of annexation.

The electric utility industry is a very capital-intensive industry. Not only are the cost of power lines and substations a large outlay of dollars, but the major impact comes from the cost of power plant capacity that will no longer be used, but still must be paid for. Who pays for this? The answer is the remaining cooperative members.

Why should co-ops and municipalities work together? Both entities see the development of

the local economy as a critical factor, not just for the success or failure of the utility company, but for how well we can help to improve the economic base in our communities, including the rural areas. It is important that we be able to negotiate agreements which benefit both parties. This means that those most affected will maintain the ability to find their own solutions. It encourages economic coordination of our operations and improves power supply planning. It can save a lot of money on legal fees and legislative activities. It can foster the ability to work together on other matters of importance to both parties. It can lead to additional cooperative activities which are of mutual electrical and economic value to those to whom we are responsible.

The bottom line is that for every problem, there is a solution. And, even though the solution may not be simple, it is important that we try to resolve our differences so we can work to improve the quality of life and economic status of the areas in which we work and live, for ourselves and our future generations.

## Cooperative survey

All of you by now should have received a packet of information which included: yellow return envelopes to mail in your bill payments; a Service Plus brochure detailing our current programs; and a short appliance survey printed on a pre-paid post card.

If you haven't already answered the questions on the survey and mailed the post card

back to us, we urge you to take a few moments and do so.

We need your help to give us the information needed to better plan our efforts to control our wholesale cost of power and to

**Holiday closing**  
The cooperative will be  
closed Monday, May 25,  
for Memorial Day.

help you control the cost of the electric energy you use. In order to better target our programs, we need better information on the appliances you are using. It is important that we hear from as many members as possible in order to assess the effectiveness of programs we already have in place and to plan new programs to better meet your needs in the future. The end result will be lower wholesale power costs and lower average costs to our members.



Manager Jim Riddle (far left) and Jim Klingelhofer, president of the Board of Trustees of the Co-op, congratulate the three retiring members of the Co-op's Member Advisory Committee. Having served six years on the Cooperative's Member Advisory Committee, (left to right) Joe Ottensmeier, JoAnn Vonder Haar and Oscar Dickhaut were honored at the Advisory Committee's Annual Meeting held on March 30.



Motivational speaker John Foppe was the guest speaker at the Member Advisory Committee's Annual Meeting held late in March. Well-known in Clinton County (John's parents, Ron and Carol Foppe live on co-op lines near Pocahontas and, consequently, John received both his elementary and secondary education in the Breese schools), John recently graduated from St. Louis University and now travels the country speaking on motivation.



Co-op linemen pose with their "graduation" certificates, after having recently completed the week-long Hot Line School — Rubber Gloving held at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield. Those who successfully completed this course are: (front row, l to r): Dale Nordike and Dan Lampe; (back row, l to r): Mike Rainey, Doug Vonder Haar and Allan Deiters. At far right is Melvin Toennies, Operations Superintendent.



New members installed on the Co-op's Member Advisory Committee include: (front row, l to r): Lois Brink, Ruth Boeser, and Kevin Kampwerth; (back row, l to r): Vernon Mohesky, Mark Renschen and Lorraine Henrichs.

## Youth to Washington finalists honored

Five Clinton County students, as finalists in the Cooperative's Youth to Washington Essay Contest, were guests of Clinton County Electric and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives at Illinois Rural Electric and Telephone Youth Day on Wednesday, April 29, in Springfield. The Clinton County delegation included: Sarah Huegen, Maria Steiner, Lori Thole, Steven Winkeler and Brad Zieren, all students at

Mater Dei High School and all English Composition students of Mrs. Cynthia Huegen.

Participants in this year's Illinois Youth Day attended group meetings with state legislators at the State Capitol; toured the Illinois State Capitol and visited the House and Senate Galleries; toured Lincoln's Tomb and the Vietnam Veteran's Memorial; toured the Old State Capitol; visited Lincoln's Home and Neighborhood; and

were treated to a luncheon and informal get-together with the rest of the Illinois delegation.

From these five finalists, a panel of judges selected the essays of Maria Steiner and Steven Winkeler as the winners of this year's Youth to Washington tour. The three runners-up each received a \$50 Savings Bond.

Congratulations Maria and Steven!

# An old idea...improved



Sorry, Axle. Your square wheel hasn't caught on yet, but the year-'round comfort of your cave is still in fashion. In fact, our most efficient means of heating and cooling — the geothermal system — uses energy from the earth, like your cave. We'll call you when we need your wheel, Axle, but for safe, clean and efficient cave comfort, we'll call:

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Good for ALL Illinois

# Kids and water: A time for special awareness

How many times have you left a small child unsupervised, even for a brief moment? In these busy times, adults **must** remember that close supervision of young children around water is imperative to ensure their safety. With the warm weather here, it's time to take a dip in a pool, lake, ocean or other body of water. Children are naturally curious and must be supervised when in or around pools and spas, according to the National Swimming Pool Safety Committee (NSPSC).

Water and children can be a fun, enjoyable and healthy combination as long as a few simple safety rules are followed, to prevent drownings and near-drownings. Adult supervision, pool and spa barriers, and a knowledge of cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR) will help provide a safe and fun atmosphere for you and your family. Drownings and near-drownings are a very serious problem, accounting for about 300 deaths annually of children under age five. The typical drowning victim is a boy between one and three years of age, who is thought not to be in the pool or spa area at the time of an accident. Near-drownings occur even more frequently than drownings, and all caretakers of children—parents, grandparents,

babysitters, older siblings—must be responsible for supervision and for learning emergency procedures. A little knowledge goes a long way.

In addition to constant supervision, the NSPSC recommends barriers to make the pool or spa area safer. Barriers should prevent access to the pool or spa by unsupervised children. Fences should be at least four feet high with self-closing, self-latching gates, which are kept in good working order. If the house is used as one side of the barrier, the pool or spa should be equipped with a power safety cover, or doors leading to the pool should be equipped with an alarm system or self-closing and self-latching devices. While these measures do not replace supervision, they can prevent or detect access by young children to the pool or spa. NSPSC suggests these barriers be used in "layers," with each layer adding to the safety of the pool or spa.

The NSPSC also reminds parents that while many infants, toddlers and preschoolers participate in aquatic programs to make the water more enjoyable, children must still be supervised at all times in the pool or spa area and around any body of water. Learn cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR), keep a phone by the pool or spa, and make sure that everyone knows the emergency medical service phone numbers. Keep an eye on those kids and enjoy a safe and fun swimming season! To receive **free water safety information call 1-800-323-3996.**

## Drowning prevention checklist

**The NSPSC offers parents and pool/spa owners the following checklist to help prevent child drownings and near-drownings.**

### **Supervision:**

Never take your eyes off a child when he or she is in or near any body of water, even for a second.

Don't rely solely on barriers, such as fences or walls. There is no substitute for constant supervision!

Keep toys, tricycles, and other children's playthings out of the water and away from the pool or spa.

Don't consider your children to be "drown-proof" because you enrolled them in water-proofing or swimming classes.

Don't rely on inflatable devices to keep your child afloat. These are not substitutes for adult supervision!

### **Barriers:**

Make sure your pool, spa or hot tub has a fence, wall, or safety cover that guards against unsupervised access, particularly by

young children.

Make sure doors leading to the pool or spa area are self-closing and self-latching, or are equipped with exit alarms, and are never propped open. Gates should have self-closing, self-latching mechanisms. Latches should be out of reach of young children and kept in proper working order.

Make sure the safety cover is always closed when the pool or spa is not in use.

Always drain standing (surface) water from the pool or spa cover. Remember that even a few inches of water can be hazardous, especially to young children.

### **Emergency procedures:**

Learn how to administer lifesaving techniques to children, including cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR).

Install a phone, or keep a cordless phone, in the pool or spa area.

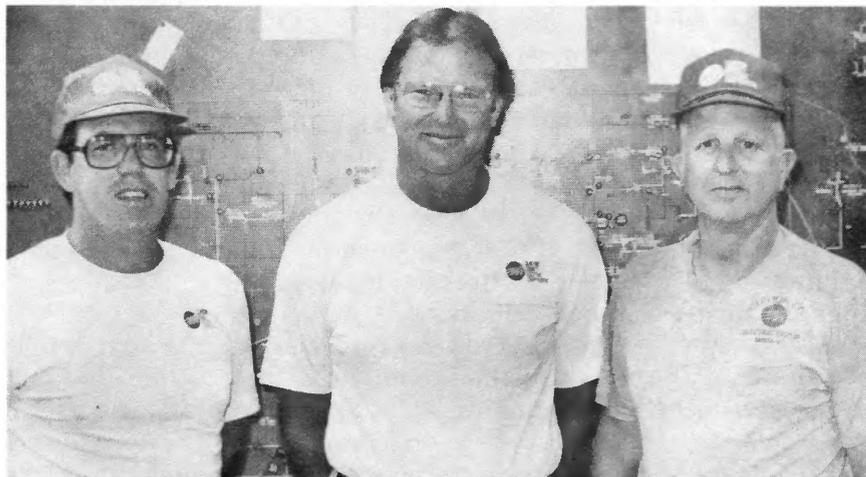
Post the emergency medical services phone number (i.e. 911) in an easy-to-see place near the pool or spa, and make sure that everyone learns the numbers(s).

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(Left to right) Linemen Mike Rainey, Gary Albers and lead lineman Gene Edwards, whose quick response to an outage call may have saved the life of a young Centralia man involved in an auto accident in the early morning hours of June 21, are pictured above. Also shown is co-op office manager and dispatcher Josie Timmermann.

## Cooperation in action

The quick response and actions of three Clinton County Electric Cooperative linemen who were investigating a power outage report may have saved the life of a young Centralia man involved in a traffic accident in the early morning hours of Sunday, June 21.

The accident occurred on the Diekemper Curve east of Huey on Route 50 when the driver of a west-bound pick-up truck apparently failed to negotiate the turn and his truck ran off the road, struck an embankment and became airborne, severing a power pole 15 to 20 feet above ground level. The driver was thrown about 100 feet from the road and the truck landed another 20-30 feet further into the field. Neither driver nor vehicle could be easily nor readily seen from the roadway by passing motorists. The exact time of the accident is not known, but it is estimated that

it occurred about 1 a.m., the time the power outage was first noticed by residents in that area.

A routine outage call—customer north of Boulder out of power—was answered by Clinton County Electric dispatcher Josie Timmermann. Within seconds another call came in—this time from south of Boulder. Timmermann then notified linemen Gene Edwards and Mike Rainey (both from Carlyle) and Edwards, not knowing how extensive the outage might be, told Timmermann to have lineman Gary Albers (of Breese) meet them at a Boulder location. It was 1:25 a.m.

Edwards and Rainey proceeded east on Route 50 and as they rounded the first of the curves east of Huey, the linemen noticed that all the lights in that area were out, thus determining that the outage was more far-reaching than first thought. As they came around Diekemper's

Curve, they saw the broken pole. They turned their truck around to face west so the truck headlights and spotlights would have a better vantage point to survey the damaged pole. At this point, Albers, coming from Breese, caught up with his two co-workers. As the lights from the truck illuminated the area, the linemen spotted the wrecked vehicle some distance away out in the field. Rainey grabbed a flashlight from his truck, and he, Albers and Edwards proceeded towards the wrecked vehicle and thus came upon the accident victim lying unconscious in the field.

In little more than 60 minutes, the co-op plus several county agencies banded together to aid another human being. What started out to be a routine outage call ended up being anything but normal and routine. Rural living — cooperation — people helping people — all in a night's work.

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it? Well, we've got the solution — a cooperative gift certificate! Apply any amount you wish to their account — Birthdays! Christmas! Anniversaries! You

name it!

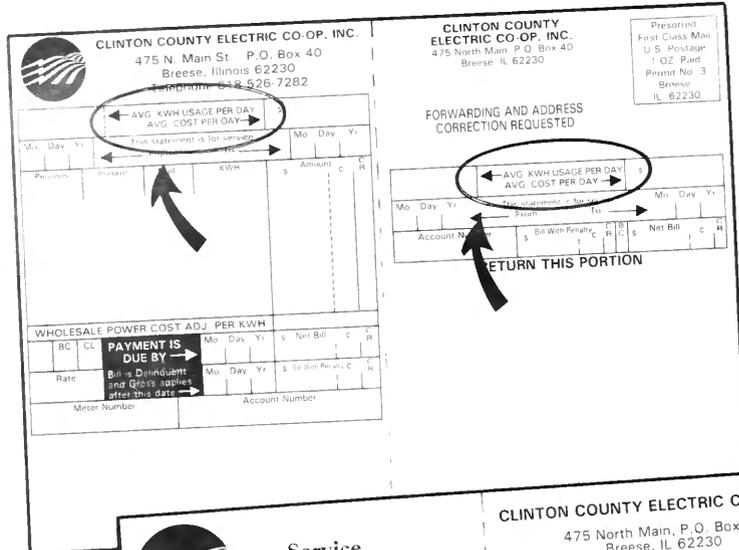
It's a neat idea. Come in and talk to us about it!

## A new look

The cooperative will change to a new billing statement within the next few months. The new format (see right) will contain all of the information as the old one, but it will also contain some new information. For example, at the upper left and upper right sides of the bill, just below the cooperative name, please note that we are providing you with the average KWH used per day and the average cost per day. The "tall bill" (as it is called) will also allow us space on both halves of the card for messages: such as "Don't forget your Annual Meeting" or to remind you that a peak season is starting.

The back of the bill will also look different. We took advantage of the space on the back to remind you each month of our "SERVICE PLUS" information regarding different rates and programs that are available to you the members.

We are confident this slight change will not cause any inconvenience to any of our members.





**Service Plus**

Ways to lower your energy costs

**Rates**

- Off-peak Electric Heat
- Time-of-Day (TOD)
- Interruptible
- Economic Development

**Programs**

- Security Lights
- ERC Loan Program
- Water heaters/time switches

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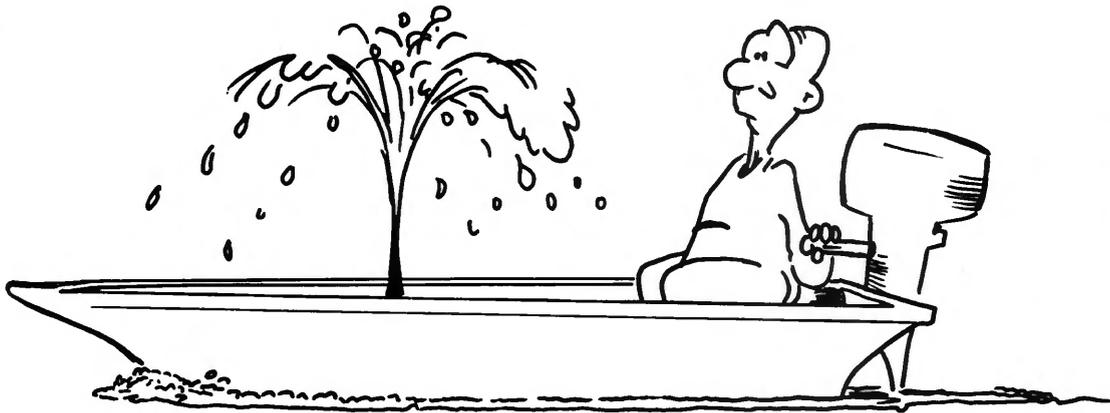
**NOTICE**

- OUTSIDE DEPOSITORY AVAILABLE AFTER HOUR PAYMENTS
- SAVE THE LATE CHARGE. PAY THE AMOUNT DUE NO LATER THAN THE DUE DATE
- DETACH AND RETURN THIS PORTION OF THE STATEMENT WITH PAYMENT.

**CODES**

R	Regular Bill
M	Minimum Bill
E	Estimated Bill
F	Final Bill
P	Prorated Bill
A	Annual or Seasonal
B	Budget Billing
S	Security Light Only
K	Contract Minimum
I	Inactive with Balance
N	New Account
C	Changed Meter
"C"	In Cr. Column denotes a credit or credit balance
W.P.C.A.	Wholesale Power Cost Adjustment

# Save yourself!



Ahoy, neighbor! There you are, enjoying life's passing scene, when you get the odd feeling that there's a leak somewhere. At first, maybe your feet are a little chilly. Before long, your whole body may have this uncomfortably cool sensation. No doubt about it. There's a draft around here.

All it takes is a slim space one-twelfth of an inch wide around a door or window in your house. That's like a hole in your wall 4 by 5 inches wide, letting in our frosty Midwestern winter and letting out all that air you're heating and cooling. It's enough to sink your energy budget.

SAVE YOURSELF...all those dollars that are seeping through your home's cracks and insufficient insulation. Save yourself now, before your timbers start to shiver. Modern weatherization — such as weatherstripping, caulking around windows and doors, and adding efficient insulation in the attic — will pay for itself in lower heating and cooling costs. Your electric cooperative has a crew that can advise you on the best course for your particular home. Fix those leaks now. Winter will be here sooner than you think.



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# I wanted some answers

I'm 32, I've got a wife and a son, and I'm on electric cooperative lines.

When I moved into this subdivision, I didn't know much about cooperatives. They did good work 50 years ago bringing lights to the farms, but that doesn't mean much to me today. I just want good electric service and I don't want to pay a lot.

My first bill was a little more than I expected, so I went to my co-op to get some answers. They were very helpful, and I learned some things. Like rural co-ops have fewer customers per mile of power line than city utilities do, so there are fewer people to share the expense. That makes sense. And it costs more to maintain lines that go for miles into the countryside. I can understand that, too.

I also learned that I'm a member of my utility, not a customer. I can elect neighbors to serve on the co-op board of directors, or I can even run myself. I'd never heard of such a thing.

I brought home some of the co-op's brochures about rate programs that can help lower my bills and use electricity more efficiently. I think there are a couple I can try.

This was all pretty new to me. *There's more to an electric cooperative than a monthly bill in the mail.*



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## Across the Manager's Desk



by  
James B. Riddle

### Sales remain down — no rate increase for '92

As I told you I would in the June issue of the Connection magazine, I want to let you know what is happening financially with your cooperative. As of the end of July 1992, we have sold 2,440,000 **fewer** kilowatt-hours than for the same period in 1991. This is due to the

warmer-than-average weather we experienced last winter and the cooler-than-average summer we've just finished. Lower kilowatt-hour sales means \$279,000 **less** revenue.

Also, your co-op's cost of power is **up** \$28,000 over 1991 and interest income is **down** almost \$30,000 with lower interest rates and fewer dollars to draw interest on. Although these items are all very significant, we have been able to **reduce** our other operating expenses by more than \$60,000 from 1991. Increase in operating efficiencies made by your Board of Trustees, management, staff and employees have enabled your cooperative to maintain the same rates since May of 1987, and we know they will remain

unchanged through 1992.

Without the continued member participation in incentive programs such as the Interruptible Rate, Time-of-Day Rate, Electric Thermal Storage units (ETS) and the water heater control program, our power cost would be even higher and your rates would be going up sooner than necessary. Without cooperation from everyone involved, none of the programs or incentives offered would work. The success of our programs and the rate stability continue only if we work together.

As always, our door is open and our focus is on your best interest. Come by and see us or give us a call. I'll let you know how things are going.

## Interested in being a neighborhood meter reader?

Every so often we have an opening for a neighborhood meter reading position. If you are interested, fill out the information below and return it to the co-op office. We will keep your name and application on file and when the need arises we will contact you.

I am interested in being a Clinton County Electric Cooperative neighborhood meter reader.  
I am a member of Clinton County Electric.

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Address \_\_\_\_\_

Town, Zip \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Do you rent/own your Home? \_\_\_\_\_

How long have you lived at this residence? \_\_\_\_\_

Are you now employed? \_\_\_\_\_ If yes, where? \_\_\_\_\_

Send this form to:

Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc.  
ATTN: Meter Reading Program  
P.O. Box 40  
Breese, IL 62230

# DBS — Direct Broadcast Satellite

Clinton County Electric is conducting a survey to determine our members' interest in a new type of rural television service, Direct Broadcast Satellite System, which is essentially the same as cable TV in towns, at a

cost and programming comparable with cable TV. Because there are upfront costs involved for the co-op, your response to the survey will help determine the feasibility and practicality of the co-op participating in

this program.

We are trying to determine the level of interest and need for this service in our area. It is essential that we get your input, even if you are not interested.

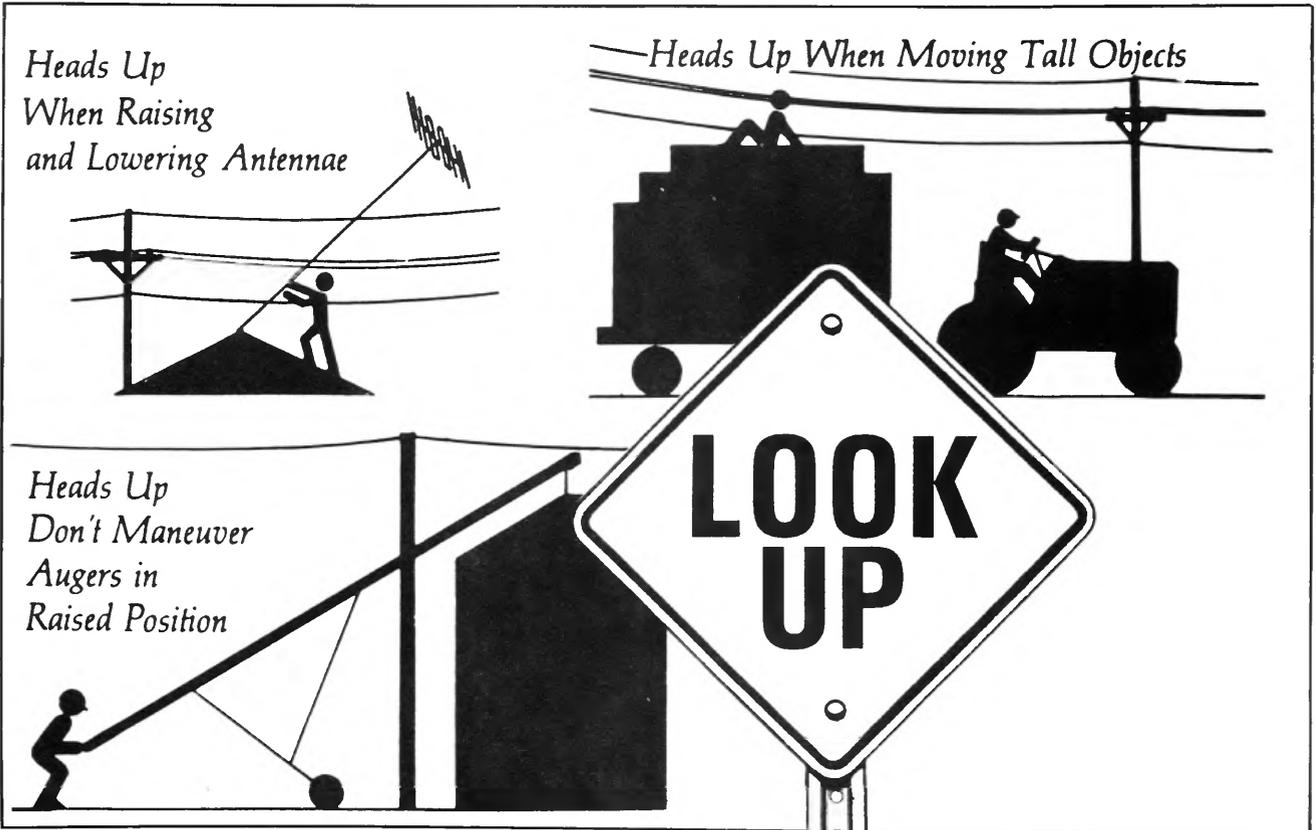
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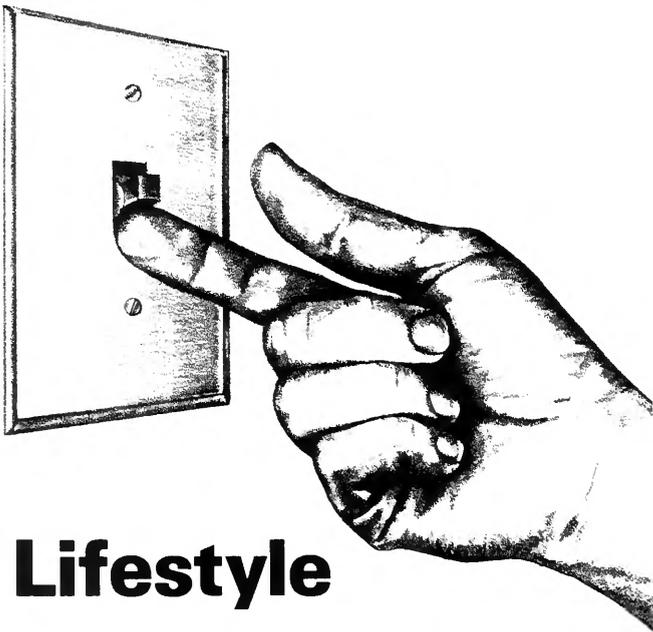
1. How would you rate the quality of your current television reception?  
 Excellent       Good       Fair       Poor
2. How many television channels can you receive without the aid of cable or a satellite dish?
3. Do you currently have access to cable television services?     Yes     No
4. Do you have a satellite dish?     Yes     No  
 (If yes, Do you purchase satellite programming?     Yes     No
5. Would you be willing to subscribe to a complete satellite television service, which includes a new state-of-the-art, 18-inch fixed satellite dish and receiver, 17 of the best channels of cable TV programming, all for \$24.95 per month, and optional access to an additional 100 pay-per-view movie and sports channels at an additional cost?     Yes     No

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_





# Lifestyle can make a difference

You know, you have complete control over how you use your electricity. You choose the ingredients that are necessary for you to maintain your standard of living.

The way you live and the way you use your electrical appliances have a greater impact on your consumption of electricity than the number of appliances you have.

We in Illinois have relatively good lifestyles, and we tend to use more energy than the national average. This applies to all forms of energy, not just electricity.

Let's take a look at some of these "lifestyle considerations" that can make your electric bill appear to be higher than "normal."

## Family size

Let's face it, there is a direct relationship between the number of people living at home and the amount of energy that is used. That's especially true if you have teenagers at home. In addition, if friends and relatives are visiting, you can expect to use more energy for cooking, baking, laundry and hot water.

## Space heating and cooling

From a comfort standpoint, most of us prefer to be relatively cool in summer and warm in winter. Others prefer temperature extremes. In Illinois, humidity plays an important part in our year-round comfort, too. If we operate dehumidifiers in

summer (and to lesser degree, humidifiers, in winter), this contributes to our household energy consumption because they tend to run continuously. Portable space heaters, air conditioners, and fans in such places as the garage and basement also contribute to our energy consumption.

By taking a look at our "comfort" lifestyle in terms of maintaining relative humidity and temperature, we can use energy wisely in many ways. These range from adding insulation, weatherstripping and caulking to simply turning down the heat and turning off the air conditioning in a room not being used.

## Water heating

About 15 percent of the energy used in the average American home is for water heating. Hot water plays a very important role in everyone's lifestyle—but many lifestyles require substantial quantities of hot water, and that results in higher energy use.

Ask yourself some of the following questions:

"When I take a bath, do I use hot water sparingly, or is the tub completely full of water?"

"Do I take short showers, or do I stay in the shower until the hot water gets cold?"

"Do I repair leaky faucets, or simply let them drip and waste hot water?"

"Do I operate automatic washers and dishwashers with a full load, or just whenever it's convenient? (Like with a pair of jeans or just a few dishes)?"

## Appliance use

We have a host of time- and labor-saving appliances available to help us do our work whenever we need their service. Your appliances work for you around the clock, whenever you choose to use them. Wise use of appliances can have a positive effect on your energy consumption.

For example, ask yourself questions like these:

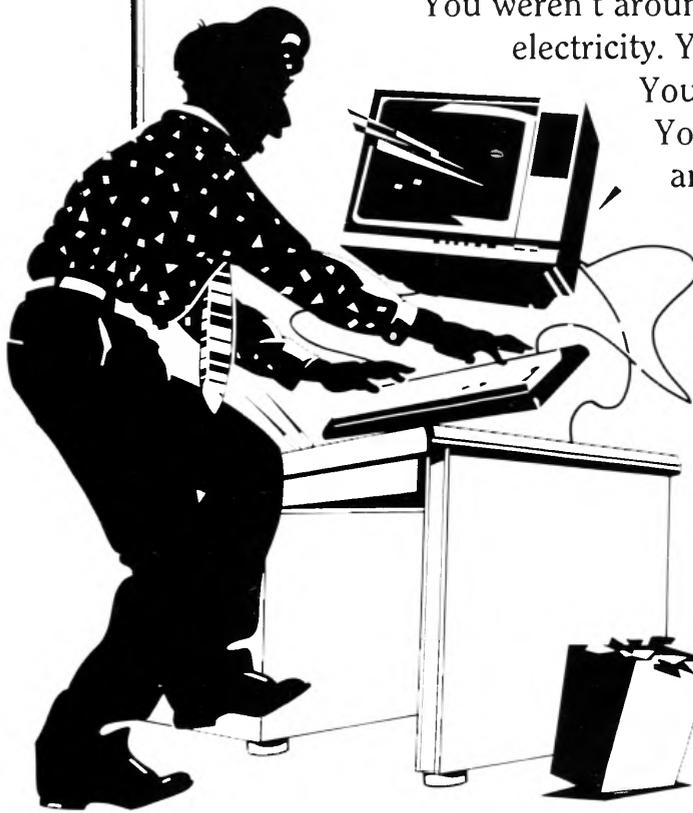
"Do I turn off lights when a room is not in use, or do I leave them on?" "Does my television set entertain the entire family, or does it entertain an empty room?"

"Do I leave the oven on 'warm' for an extended period of time, or do I cook many dishes at once and then turn the oven off?"

These are prime considerations that affect the amount of electricity you use to maintain your lifestyle. All Americans are part of the residential sector, and spirited energy management consciousness is likely to start at home.

The effects of a home and farm energy management program can pay big dividends!

# We power the computer generation



You weren't around when farms didn't have electricity. You never even lived on a farm.

You never had kerosene lamps.

You DO have a stereo system and a VCR and a personal computer. All you know is that your power comes from an electric cooperative, and you're called a member instead of a customer. All you're asking for is reliable service at a reasonable price....Membership in a cooperative means that the electric utility is YOUR

organization. It's more than paying a bill each month. The cooperative was formed especially to serve your community. YOU

elect its directors. YOU receive capital credit refunds. YOU are a member-owner. Your electric cooperative is looking ahead to what you and your children will be needing in the coming years.



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## Across the Manager's Desk



by  
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Once again, large crowds attended all of our area meetings held earlier this month, and I want to thank all of those dependable members who came again this year. Each year normally the same members attend these area meetings, and I believe everyone has a good time.

Some good questions, com-

ments and suggestions highlighted the discussions at this year's meetings and we always welcome the views and opinions of our members.

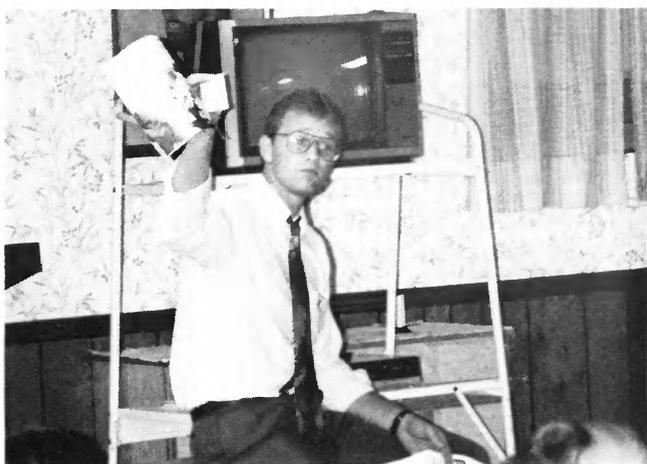
If you've never attended one of the area meetings, I would encourage you to do so next year. We keep these meetings as short as possible while still being very informative.



The Area Meeting held on November 5 at Ferrin attracted a record number of members.

### Office closing

The co-op office will be closed Thanksgiving Day and the Friday after Thanksgiving.  
In case of an outage, call 526-7282.



Manager Riddle updated members attending the Ferrin Area meeting of the current affairs of the Cooperative.



Members of the Board of Trustees listen attentively as audience participation discussions centered around the various programs the Cooperative offers to its members.



Clinton County Electric Cooperative linemen recently replaced a 55-foot transmission pole on the Bartelso 69KV line with new truck unit No. 12. Prior to purchasing the larger basket truck, the Cooperative was not able to replace a pole of this size and had to contract the job to someone else.

## Deck the halls — with care

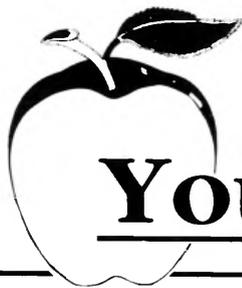
Electricity keeps the coffee hot, bakes the cookies, lights the tree, plays your favorite Christmas carols, and warms your home. Electricity lets you spend your valuable time on important things, by doing the work for you, reliably.

Lights and decorations are an important part of the holiday season. Take a little extra time to decorate safely as well as beautifully.

- Use only outdoor lights and cords in your yard or outside your home.
- When decorating outdoors, keep ladders and decorations away from overhead power lines.
- Inspect your cords and lights. Replace any cords you find that have cracked or loose sockets,

or exposed wires. Also check for frayed, broken or scorched insulation.

- Keep paper and tinsel away from hot lights.
- Make sure your artificial tree is certified fire-resistant. Your natural tree should be well-watered: keep cord and lights away from the tree's water dish.
- Unplug cords when you string lights. Unplug lights before you go out or go to bed.
- Have adequate lighting to welcome visitors and returning shoppers on dark winter nights.
- Stop using any cord that gets hot to the touch during use.
- Place electrical fixtures out of reach of children.



# Your health

It began five years ago, an important mission clouded by skepticism. The goal: an international network of volunteers offering life-saving blood marrow to those with fatal blood diseases.

Many in the health community doubted that anyone would undergo

## Marrow donors provide hope for recovery

even minor surgery for a total stranger. But today, the National Marrow Donor Program (NMDP) has more than half a million volunteers in the United States, Germany, Israel and Italy. All have registered to donate marrow — a jelly-like substance contained in bone cavities that produces the white blood cells vital to the immune system.

"We have grown rather remarkably," says NMDP spokeswoman Jessica Fallon, recalling how doctors had predicted that the volunteer pool would probably never exceed 50,000. Fallon explains that the Minneapolis-based program, established in 1987 by congressional authorization, began with the names of 10,000 blood platelet donors — "the kind of person who understood the need for blood products."

For critically ill patients unable to generate normal blood cells, a marrow transplant is often the last attempt at long-term recovery. Those who might benefit from this state-of-the-art treatment, however, must first find a volunteer with matching marrow. While 30 percent are matched with a family member, the remainder must look to unrelated donors. Depending on how common a person's marrow type is,

the odds of a successful search range from one in 100 to one in 1 million. Currently, only a third of those who consult the registry find a match suitable for a transplant; many die before a compatible donor is located.

"This is cutting-edge technology, and it's just entering the public consciousness that there's something like this for people with leukemia, lymphoma and other blood disorders," Fallon says.

To its credit, however, the NMDP currently makes 45 matches a month. Its goal is 25 a day and, by 1995, a national network of one million volunteers of all races.

The marrow collection process takes a couple of hours, requires a one-night hospital stay and is relatively painless. Still, becoming a marrow donor entails making a physical and psychological pledge, not to be taken lightly.

The pact is a seven-step process that begins when an eligible volunteer, in good health and between 18 and 55, contacts one of NMDP's 101 U.S. donor sites, which include community blood banks and local Red Cross centers. There the prospective donor gives two tablespoons of blood and agrees to join NMDP's registry. A lab identifies the volunteer's tissue type. Testing is either free or costs between \$48 and \$78, depending on the facility.

The donor's tissue type is entered into the NMDP's international database. After a preliminary match is made, additional (free) blood tests verify a precise match. A physician must confirm that the volunteer — whose anonymity is protected — is in excellent health.

Donor counselors then fully explain the marrow collection procedure — performed at no cost to the donor — and present the option to proceed or withdraw.

At any given moment, some 9,000 people are seeking a matching marrow donor. To learn how to join the National Marrow Donor Program's National Registry, call 1-800-654-1247.

—Rural Electric News Service

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