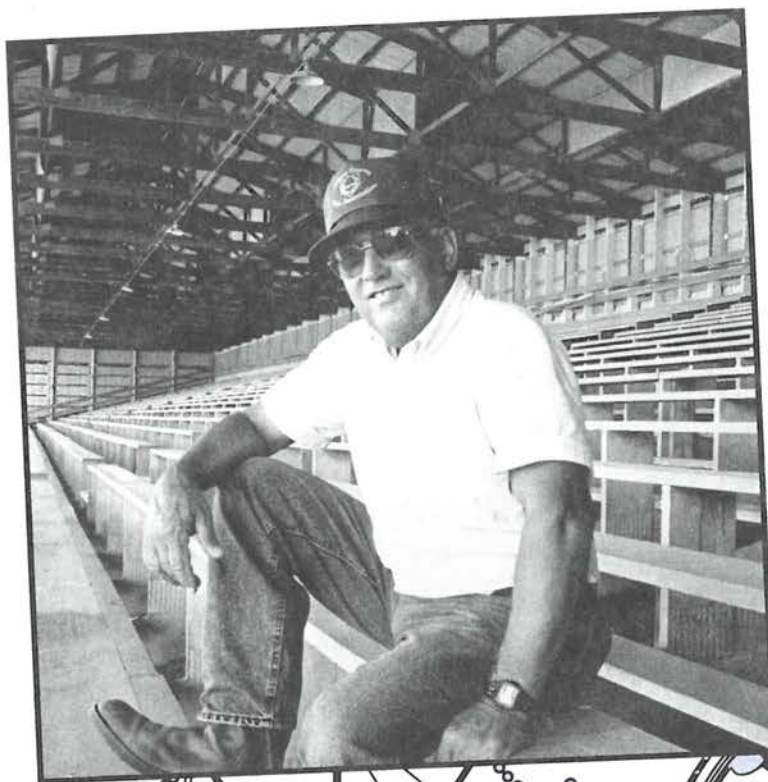


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by Douglas Aeilts  
General Manager

# Director Candidates Can Also Be Nominated By Petition

There are two ways a director candidate can be nominated for election to Adams Electrical Co-Operative's Board of Directors. The first way is by the Nominating Committee, which met on June 24, 1996. A complete report of the meeting is on page 3.



The second method to nominate a director candidate is by petition. Blank petitions are available at the cooperative's office.

The names of candidates nominated by petition will appear on the official ballot to be voted on at the Sept. 4, 1996, Annual Meeting. Any candidate nominated by petition will also have a "candidate profile" in the August Annual Report. Candidates nominated by petition are under the same guidelines as candidates nominated by the Nominating Committee.

**If you're interested in submitting a petition, please keep the following instructions in mind:**

1. Be certain the nominee is an active member (residing and receiving service) of Adams Electrical Co-Operative. The office can help you determine this status.
2. The nominee must reside in the director district where a vacancy exists or a director's term has expired. Please refer to the current bylaws for the appropriate director districts.
3. Petition can be signed by members residing in any director districts of the cooperative.
4. Twenty-five names are required on the petition. (It is recommended that you obtain two or three extra signatures in case the signer is not a member or does not qualify for some other reason.)
5. Petition **must be** turned in to the cooperative office 15 days prior to the annual meeting of members in order to have name printed on the ballot. The deadline is 5 p.m., Aug. 19, 1996. ■



# Nominating Committee Report

Pursuant to the bylaws, the nominating committee met at the office of the cooperative in Camp Point, Illinois on June 24, 1996, at 7:30 p.m. to nominate candidates for election of directors of the Adams Electrical Co-Operative. All members of the committee were present except Dixie Croxton and Marvin L. Miller. Committee members are:

District 4 Harold Lewis  
Robert Lawson  
District 5 Dixie Croxton  
Richard A. King  
District 6 Robert T. Howell  
Marvin L. Miller  
Member-at-large  
Delbur Knorr

Charles Burton, Adams Electrical Co-Operative attorney, was present at the opening of the meeting and presented each member of the committee a copy of the bylaws and called their attention to the qualifications of directors and the nominating procedure. Charles Burton served as chairman pro-tem until a chairman had been elected. Richard King was elected chairman and Delbur Knorr was elected secretary. Charles Burton then excused himself from the meeting.

The nominating committee nominated the following mem-

bers as nominees for director:

**District 4: Lyle D. Lewis,** representing Mt. Sterling, Elkhorn, Ripley, Cooperstown and Versailles Townships of Brown County.

**District 5: Michael Kelly,** representing St. Mary Township of Hancock County, Bethel and LaMoine Townships of McDonough County, Birmingham, Camden, Huntsville and Brooklyn Townships of Schuyler County.

**District 6: John Kestner,**

representing Melrose, Fall Creek, Payson, Richfield and Beverly Townships of Adams County, Kinderhook, Barry, Fairmont and Hadley Townships of Pike County. ■



Richard A. King, Chairman



Delbur Knorr, Secretary



Members of the 1996 Nominating Committee are (from left): Richard A. King, Harold Lewis, Delbur Knorr, Robert Lawson and Robert T. Howell. Not pictured are Dixie Croxton and Marvin L. Miller.

## Mark your calendar...



The board of directors encourages you to come to the annual meeting this year. Keep in mind that what makes Adams Electrical Co-Operative unique is that it is YOUR cooperative. You have a voice, and the annual meeting is a good way to let it be heard. We hope to see you there.

Mark your calendar to attend the annual meeting on Wednesday, September 4, 1996, at Bailey Park in Camp Point. Registration begins at 5 p.m. We will be announcing more details in the coming months. ■



From left: John Begeman, director from Quincy; Paul Bruenger, president from Loraine; Bill Nisbet, vice president from Mendon and Mary Nisbet, recording secretary from Mendon. The 12 directors who make up the Adams County Fair Board represent all areas of the county.

by David Stuva

## Behind The Scenes at the Adams County Fair

For six days every year, the Adams County Fair is one of Adams Electrical Co-Operative's largest accounts. The 1995 fair used more than 40,000 kWh's to keep the lights shining and the carnival rides moving. The 1995 fair also consumed about 300,000 gallons of water during the same period.

Besides utilities, other big expenses include: \$70,000 in premiums and prize money, quality country music acts, which are at least \$20,000 each, and insurance costs of \$8,000! Considering these big ticket items, a \$250,000 annual budget seems "bare bones."

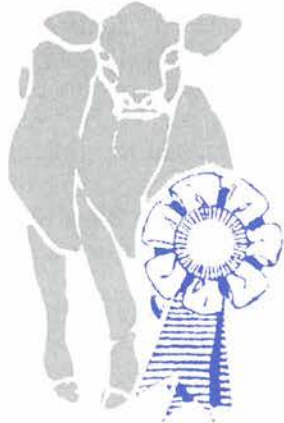


"A lot of people don't realize the amount of money it takes to put on a fair," says Paul Bruenger, president of the Adams County Fair Board. "Without volunteer help, the fair just wouldn't happen!"

County road commissioners volunteer their time and trucks to haul gravel. Adams Electrical Co-Operative donates old poles for security lights, while employees work after hours to help do the wiring. The Adams County "Old Tyme Association" helps mow the grounds and maintains several historical buildings on the fair

grounds. The list of volunteers and contributions is impressive, but not nearly as impressive as the 12 directors who volunteer thousands of hours without pay!

"Some of our directors take vacation before and during the fair, just to make sure everything gets done," Paul says. "Our directors provide tractors, mowers, bulldozers, trucks and other equipment without any reimbursement. That's dedication!"



The main source of revenue for the fair comes from gate receipts. The fair also collects money from concessions, carnival rides and booth space. In fact, the 84 rental booths were already reserved by July 1.

The first Adams County Fair was held in 1941 and was strictly agricultural. Fifty-five years later, the Adams County Fair is still one of the largest agricultural fairs in Illinois, but the appeal has broadened.

"Our country music acts are a big regional draw," director John Begeman says. "The shows are a large investment, but they bring people to the fair. That makes the concessionaires, exhibitors and displayers all happy."

The recent extension of Illinois 336 should improve traffic flow to the fairgrounds. The county has also resurfaced county road 1250E. In addition, the fair board is making improvements in the parking areas.

"We are in the process of graveling lanes between the rows where we park cars," John adds. "This will make it much easier to get cars out of the grass parking area, especially if it rains."

The Adams County Fair, which is organized not-for-profit, owns 104 acres and maintains 16 permanent buildings. No alcohol is allowed on the fairgrounds.

The recording secretary for the Adams County Fair is Mary Nisbet. This is a part-time

position that becomes full-time during the fair. Another important part-time employee is Gerald Kuhn, who does all types of maintenance work.

"We also hire nine temporary employees to help out during the fair," John says. "They do everything from painting buildings to helping Mary in the office. The directors get compliments every year on how neat and clean the fairgrounds are."

"Our directors are committed to making the Adams County Fair one of the best in Illinois. Most directors volunteer for this job because they want to give something back to the community and provide a good family atmosphere for entertainment."

John says with a smile, "A lot of the directors grew up around the fair and want to preserve these memories so children can continue to enjoy them. I guess the fair just gets in your blood!" ■



Recording Secretary Mary Nisbet gets help folding fair flyers from her grandchildren, Beth, Kelley and Kristen Kretzer.

Cover — President Paul Bruenger says being president of the Adams County Fair Board is almost a full-time job!

## Adams County Fair Board

### Officers

|                                     |                     |
|-------------------------------------|---------------------|
| Paul Bruenger, <i>Loraine</i> ..... | President           |
| Bill Nisbet, <i>Mendon</i> .....    | Vice President      |
| Ron Gaus, <i>Quincy</i> .....       | Secretary           |
| Steve Pieper, <i>Quincy</i> .....   | Treasurer           |
| Mary Nisbet, <i>Mendon</i> .....    | Recording Secretary |

### Directors

|                                 |                               |
|---------------------------------|-------------------------------|
| Bill Beckman, <i>Plainville</i> | John Begeman, <i>Quincy</i>   |
| John Benz, <i>Quincy</i>        | Norm Henze, <i>Camp Point</i> |
| Bill Hyer, <i>Liberty</i>       | Brad Kestner, <i>Clayton</i>  |
| Bob Maynard, <i>Mendon</i>      | Bob McCleary, <i>Mendon</i>   |

## Budget Billing Available

Any residential member with a primary residence may join the cooperative's budget billing plan. The plan does not provide a lower assessment schedule or cost more money.

It allows a member to pay a flat monthly charge for a 12-month period. Any power cost adjustment is itemized separately on the monthly bill and is not included in the budgeted amount.

To qualify, a member must have a satisfactory credit rating or furnish acceptable references. The member will receive a meter reading card each month showing the amount of the budget payment. We ask that you send us the meter reading each month, but pay only the budgeted amount.



After paying these 12 equal payments for your electricity, any adjustment due to any overpayment or underpayment of the actual bill for the year will be rolled into the next 12 months payments.

In the event the member becomes delinquent in the budget payments, they will automatically forfeit their privilege and revert to regular billing.

If you are interested in the budget billing plan, contact the cooperative office. Cooperative personnel will explain the benefits and obligations of the plan and work out budget payments. Members already on budget billing need not contact us. ■

## Notification: Assignment of 1995 Margins

Assignments of 1995 margins to members doing business with Adams Electrical Co-Operative were calculated in June 1996. A total of \$351,612 of margins has been allocated for 1995. The factor for rural residential service is .03546394.

To calculate your specific allocation, multiply your net electric bill in dollars (Net = Gross bill less applicable sales tax) times the factor above. If you need assistance in calculating your allocation, please call the cooperative office.

This amount is only an accounting credit. It cannot be claimed at the present time nor can it be applied against your current electric bill.

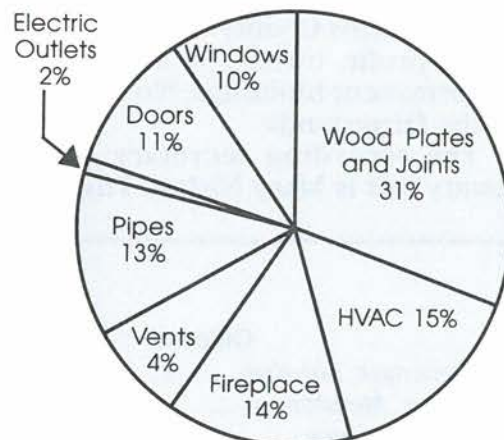
The cooperative has just paid 1972 capital credits so it will be some time before we will pay 1995 capital credits.

Please remember, in order to receive capital credits, you must be a member and have service in your name. If you are receiving electric service in someone else's membership or the service is in the name of a deceased person, you will not receive capital credits. The capital credit check will always be issued in the name of the person on the membership, or the estate of a deceased member.

If you have moved, please provide the cooperative with your new address so we can send your future capital credit checks. Please contact Kris Stanley, office manager, if you have any questions. ■

## Sources of Air Leakage

If you've been carefully sealing electrical boxes but buying cheap windows, you've probably been throwing dollars to the wind. The story is told by the accompanying chart, which was created by Dennis Creech of the Southface Energy Center in Atlanta, Georgia for use in its builder training courses. The data for the charts came from studies done in different parts of the country. Because the charts are based on rough national averages, they can vary considerably depending on the particular house design. However, they do paint a picture of what generates most of a home's air leakage and where you should concentrate your energy saving efforts. Not surprisingly, the data showed infiltration to be a major cause of heat loss, with the biggest culprit being sills and the intersection of walls and ceilings. ■



Source: Southface Institute



### 30" Electric Range with Self-Cleaning Oven

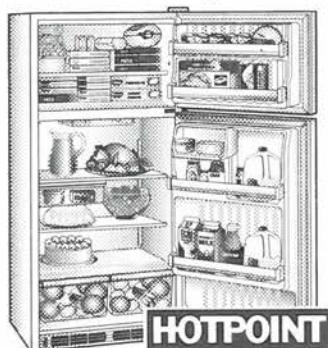
- Easy to clean upswept cooktop.
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- Auto oven shut-off turns the oven off after 12 hours.
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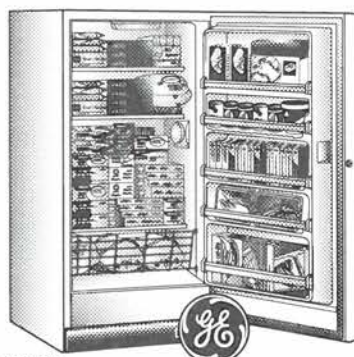


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- Gallon storage on door.
- 2 see-thru vegetable crispers.
- Equipped for optional icemaker.

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# HOTPOINT

# The Musty Odor and Mildew Plague

Mildew is caused by mold spores that float through the air, says Barb Cooper, Consumer and Family Economics Educator with the Springfield Extension Center. When the environment is warm, damp and dark, the spores grow with gusto and we have mildew. It appears as black, grey or whitish specks and has a musty odor. As mildew grows, it discolors and stains fabric and surfaces.

To prevent mildew from growing, increase air circu-

lation by using exhaust fans to remove moisture and portable room fans for internal air circulation. Damp homes and basement areas may need a dehumidifier. Air conditioners can aid in lowering moisture levels in homes.

Cleaning areas and items that have mildew on them can be challenging. Use a disinfectant cleaner or a chlorine bleach solution to kill the mold spores.

Dry items using an electric heater, hair dryer or fan.

Sometimes, placing items in the



bright sunshine for a day will aid in eliminating mildew. Fungicide sprays can be used to inhibit mildew growth on surfaces that are difficult to clean with a water solution.

Treat stains on clothing and textiles with a laundry prewash. Then, launder in the hottest water appropriate for the fabric. Use chlorine bleach in the laundry water if safe for the fabric. Read and follow garment care labels. Non-washable garments will need to go to a dry cleaner for stain removal and cleaning. Treat mildew stains as soon as possible. Mildew permanently damages textiles if allowed to stay on the fabric surface for extended periods. ■

*Source: Barbara Cooper, Extension Educator, Consumer and Family Economics, Springfield Extension Center 217-782-6515*

## Sponges — Good Cleaning Aids

Sponges are often better than cloths for cleaning kitchen and bathroom surfaces. They hold more liquid and distribute the cleaner faster and more evenly over the area being cleaned. A bonus is that they're easy to hold and you can even cut them to fit your own hand size.

Cellulose sponges are great for regular cleaning. Nylon-backed sponges are helpful for tougher jobs where you need a firmer grip. Launder sponges frequently to remove soils and germs. ■

*Source: Barbara Cooper, Extension Educator, Consumer and Family Economics*