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TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

1. Check your fuses and circuit breakers. Do the neighbors have electricity?
2. If the problem appears to be with the cooperative's lines, call the following phone number. Give your name and map number, which is found on the bottom of your electric bill.
3. For service outages, phone:
1-800-232-4797
Local calls dial direct:
(217) 593-7701
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by Douglas Aeilts
General Manager

Your Vote Counts!

On Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1996, we have the privilege to vote for candidates who will provide leadership at the local, state and federal level. We have a tremendous right and responsibility as citizens to exercise our right to vote.



How many times have you heard people say "I don't have the time," "I don't care who wins, it won't affect me" or "My vote won't make a difference." If you think that one vote doesn't make a difference you're wrong:

- In 1776, one vote gave America the English language instead of German.
- In 1845, one vote brought Texas into the Union.
- In 1868, one vote saved President Andrew Johnson from impeachment.
- In 1875, one vote changed France from a monarchy to a republic.
- In 1923, one vote gave Adolph Hitler leadership of the Nazi party.

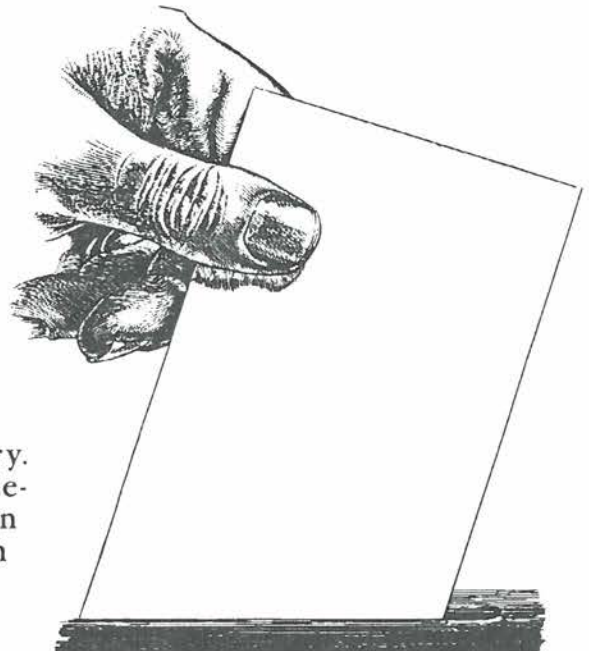
In recent history:

- More than 35 years ago, John Kennedy was elected in one of the closest presidential elections in history. Just a handful of votes, in a few key precincts in vital states, might have altered the outcome of the election and changed history. Kennedy actually defeated Richard Nixon by a margin of less than one-third vote per precinct across America.
- In 1982, Jim Thompson

son was elected to his third of four terms as Illinois governor in one of the state's closest elections ever. Thompson defeated Adlai Stevenson by just 5,074 votes, out of more than 3,673,000 cast.

- Current U.S. Senate Minority Leader Tom Daschle, when first elected to the U.S. House, won over a popular candidate by less than one vote per precinct.
- Only ten (10) votes separated first from third in the District #4 director election at the September 4, 1996 Annual Meeting. Bob Willis was elected in one of the closest director contests in Adams Electrical Co-Operative's history!

Whether it's an election for cooperative director or president of the United States, your vote counts. Be sure your voice is heard on Tuesday, Nov. 5, 1996. Get to the poles and vote. Better yet, call a neighbor who has difficulty getting to their polling location and make plans to take them with you. ■





George Clark explains the features of a new Kelvinator range at the cooperative's 1968 annual meeting.

George Clark Retires

Cooperative employee since 1956.

George Clark is retiring on Oct. 31, 1996, with 40 years of service to Adams Electrical Co-Operative. George is a 1953 graduate of Brown County High School in Mt. Sterling and has lived in the area all his life.

George started working for Adams Electrical Co-Operative on Nov. 1, 1956 as a groundman based out of Camp Point. Four years later, he transferred to the Power Use Department and sold appliances in Mt. Sterling. George is currently a serviceman in the Member Service Department.

On July 22, 1996, Mike Olson was hired as a new service technician and will be taking on many of George's responsibilities. Mike Olson is joined by another service technician, Robert Post and lead technician, Randy Rigg. These three service technicians will

continue to provide excellent appliance sales and service to the members in Brown and

Schuyler counties, as well as Adams county.

George and his wife, Vickie, have been married for five years. Vickie is a beautician. George has three children: Edward, Beth and Max. He also has one grandson, Patrick, and one step-grandson, Joe.

George has been a Brown County Board member for 14 years and serves on the Mt. Sterling Airport Committee. The Clark's are members of the Poe Baptist Church.

"I have a lot of happy memories over my 40 year career. Whether I was delivering an appliance or working on an outage call, I met a lot of interesting people," George says. "I also made a lot of friends along the way."

The board of directors and employees wish George a happy and enjoyable retirement. ■



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A Bit of Heritage

The Adams County Old Tyme Association is making history come alive! On Sept. 19, 1996 the Association sponsored "School Days" at the Adams County Fairgrounds. Hundreds of fourth grade students throughout Adams County had a chance to touch a piece of the past.

Students tried their hand at shelling corn, petting farm animals and listening to a teacher in a one-room school house. The young people also visited with threshers, saw-mill operators, a rope maker, a printer, a quilter, a wood-carver and a storekeeper who depicted daily life more than a generation ago.

"These students and even their parents, don't remember the good ole days. They can't



Students try to make light bulbs come on by riding a bicycle connected to a generator.

imagine life without the appliances and conveniences that electricity brings," says Roger Mohrman, past Adams Electrical Co-Operative manager. "Penny and I are trying to show students what life was like before TV and computers."

"The Association invited young people to the fair

grounds to see what life was like in the early part of this century," says Willie Venvertloh, association president. "I think they left with a better understanding of the past and some of the challenges these people faced."

After touring the various displays, students were treated to kettle corn and a soda before heading back to school. If enthusiasm is a reliable gauge, "School Days" was a very educational and enjoyable outing for students. If anyone is interested in joining the Old Tyme Association or sponsoring an event, call Willie Venvertloh at (217)222-8130. ■



Tracing the history of the light bulb from an Edison lamp to compact florescent.

(On the cover)

Hundreds of 4th grade students saw history come alive September 19th. Past Manager Roger Mohrman and Penny Padgett, Administrative Assistant show young people what life was like before electricity.

Top 10 Reasons Why You should Choose Adams Electrical Co-Operative's Appliance Department

- 10 In business since 1959.
- 9 Authorized G.E. and Hotpoint Dealer.
Excellent service department with 3
full-time service technicians.
- 8 Service all brands of major appliances.
- 7 Three licensed plumbers on staff.
- 6 Large inventory of parts.
If we need to order a part, we can usually get it in 2 to 3 days.
- 5 Free delivery in Adams, Brown and
Schuyler County.
- 4 Twenty-four hour answering service.
- 3 All used appliances come with a 30 day money-
back guarantee.
- 2 We dispose of used and junk appliances.
- 1 *Small town service with
competitive city prices.*



Randy Rigg
Lead Technician

Appliances can be seen at the Camp Point
Showroom between 7:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m.,
Monday through Friday.

Adams Electrical Co-Operative
Your Full-Service Appliance Dealer Since 1959
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Robert Post
Service Technician

HOTPOINT

Roger Herren Is Elected Board President

Roger Herren of Clayton has been re-elected president of Adams Electrical Co-Operative. The board of directors reorganized Sept. 26, 1996.

Alvin Dempsey of Quincy was re-elected as vice president and Mike Kelly of Huntsville was re-elected as secretary. George Schneider of Liberty was re-elected to the position of treasurer.

Nine directors decide policy for the cooperative. This means establishing general management guidelines for the manager. It also means making

long-range plans for growth expansion.



Roger Herren

The board of directors meet the fourth Thursday of each month. At the meeting, they review cooperative activities, monitor the budget and take action on legal or political questions.

Directors also work on various board committees. Mike Kelly is Adams Electrical Co-Operative's delegate on the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative's board of directors. Lyle Vincent is the al-

ternate director. Kenneth Miller and General Manager Douglas Aeilts represents Adams Electrical Co-Operative on the Soyland Power Cooperative board. The alternate Soyland director is Roger Herren.

Besides time spent in meetings, each director spends many hours reading material to prepare for cooperative activities. Sometimes, they attend special courses or conferences to keep informed about issues facing our cooperative.

Three board members are elected each year at the annual meeting. Each director serves a three-year term. The terms are staggered so that a third of the board is up for election every year. ■

Applicants For IEC Memorial Scholarship Sought

Adams Electrical Co-Operative is participating in the Illinois Electric Cooperative (IEC) Memorial Scholarship Program. This scholarship program was established to financially assist students of electric cooperative members and is seeking applicants for the 1997 awards.

This is the second year that the scholarship fund has been available to high school seniors pursuing a college education in Illinois. Two scholarships of \$1,000 each are to be awarded. One award goes to the son or daughter of an electric cooperative

member. The other is presented to the son or daughter of an electric cooperative director or employee. The application deadline is Jan. 1, 1997. The program was established in 1994 by the board of directors of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

The fund's purpose is to help the children of electric cooperative members and provide a means to honor deceased rural electric leaders through memorial gifts, says Douglas Aeilts, general manager. "As a vital part of their community, the electric

cooperatives want to make a difference in the lives of local young people. This is one way we do that."

The recipients are selected according to grade average, college entrance test scores, work and volunteer experience, school and civic activities, and knowledge of electric cooperatives as demonstrated by a short essay.

Contact David Stuva if you want an application or more information on the IEC Memorial Scholarship program.

Phone 800-232-4797. ■

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/s/ David Stuva, Editor

First Rural Adams Leadership Academy Begins

A program to help citizens gain the leadership skills necessary to assist in economic and community revitalization efforts is being offered this fall to rural Adams County residents. Rural Adams Leadership Academy is the result of several organizations working together: Rural Adams Development Corporation, Adams Electrical Co-Operative, Adams Telephone Co-Operative, Adams County Farm Bureau, Great River Economic Development Foundation (GREDF) and the University of Illinois Extension Service Adams Unit.

"We're encouraging emerging leaders from businesses and the community to participate in the Rural Adams Leadership Academy," says Jim Mentesti, GREDF Director. "Given today's new challenges and difficult choices, our ability to deal with ongoing change will require expanding the pool of leadership and increased support for existing leaders."

The first Leadership Academy has a good cross section of community leaders and businesses. The participants are:

Pat Boylen, *Timewell, IL*
Douglas Campbell, *Clayton, IL*
Diane Cramsey, *Liberty, IL*
Marcia Elliott, *Liberty, IL*
Robert Nall, *Quincy, IL*
Tammy Rabe, *Ursa, IL*
Greg Schoenkase, *Quincy, IL*
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Gary Cantrell, *Clayton, IL*
Tim Eilers, *Quincy, IL*
Marge Maas, *Liberty, IL*
Kathy Powell, *Coatsburg, IL*
Matt Schmidt, *Quincy, IL*
Scott Schoonover, *Liberty, IL*
Joseph Harris, II, *Barry, IL*
Randy Kurfman, *Golden, IL*
Eric Thomas, *Quincy, IL*

Topics included in the program are: team building, state and regional issues, role of media in the



The first session featured State Representative Art Tenhouse, R-96, of Liberty and State Senator Laura Kent Donahue, R-48, of Quincy who discussed leadership qualities and how state government works. Randy Kurfman (left) is one of the participants.

community, strategic planning, resolving public issues, education, local government, ethical leadership and collaboration.

"By exploring these key issues facing our rural area, participants will have an opportunity to work with other concerned citizens to influence the impact of change in our area," says Bill Million, unit leader for the Adams County Extension Unit. "The goal is to begin a dialogue with individuals we view as folks who will make a difference in their communities."

The three month course began Wednesday, September 18 and runs for nine sessions. Classes meet weekly from 7:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. and include a continental breakfast. Sessions are held at Adams Telephone Co-Operative's meeting room in Golden. Tuition for Rural Adams Leadership Academy is \$100, which is paid by the participant, a sponsoring organization, employer or any combination.

If interest remains high, a second Leadership Academy will be planned. Those wanting more information about the program should call Bill Million, Unit Leader University of Illinois Co-operative Extension Service Adams Unit, (217)223-8380. ■



Seated from left: Norm Walzer, Rural Affairs Council, Randy Dickhut, Adams County Farm Bureau and Walt Rowland, Manager of Adams Telephone Co-Operative. General Manager Douglas Aeilts, talks about opportunities and challenges facing rural Illinois.

What Can You Do With Five or Ten Acres?

Landowners, growers and the public can explore opportunities for alternative production on small acreage by attending "Putting Small Acreage to Work." This seminar is scheduled for Saturday, November 16 at Illinois Central College in East Peoria, Illinois.

The seminar, sponsored by the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service and Illinois Central College will provide participants with information on evaluating alternatives, dried herbs, herbs for food,

brambles, organic farming, dried flowers, ostriches, beekeeping, range chickens, elk, and marketing outlets. Through break-out sessions, panel discussions and lectures, participants can learn how to succeed with such business endeavors. Successful growers as well as university personnel, will suggest ways for new farmers to use small acreage to earn a liv-



ing, make a second income, or for farmers to diversify their operations and tap into niche markets.

The seminar is November 16, with registration from 8:30 to 8:50 a.m. A registration fee of \$25.00 per person or \$40.00 per couple is due by November 12. This fee includes meals,

session proceedings and fact sheets.

For more information, please contact Elaine Smillie or Pete Fandel, at the Woodford

County Extension

Service at (309)467-3789. ■

Cooperatives — Expanding People's Horizons!

Adams Electrical Co-Operative is one of the nation's 47,000 cooperative businesses celebrating Cooperative Month during October. The 1996 theme is "Cooperatives — Expanding People's Horizons."

Cooperatives are found in every state of the union and serve approximately 120 million people — nearly half of the population of the United States and 30 million of that number are served by 1,000 electric cooperatives in 46 states. There are 26 electric cooperatives in Illinois and Adams Electrical Co-

Operative serves 7,200 members in Adams, Brown and Schuyler counties.

Providing electric service the cooperative way distinguishes electric cooperatives from other kinds of electric utilities. The cooperative's members have a voice by voting in cooperative matters and can be elected as a cooperative director or trustee.

Since the cooperative is locally owned and controlled, it plays a major role in the community. Electric cooperatives from coast to coast are involved in com-

munity activities and programs such as conducting safety programs at school and the local library, helping elderly citizens repair their homes, sponsoring local events, helping to get new businesses or new housing started and contributing computers or satellite dishes to schools and community hospitals.

"Whatever benefits the cooperative helps the community and its citizens," says General Manager, Douglas Aeilts. The theme, "Expanding People's Horizons," exemplifies what cooperatives are all about! ■