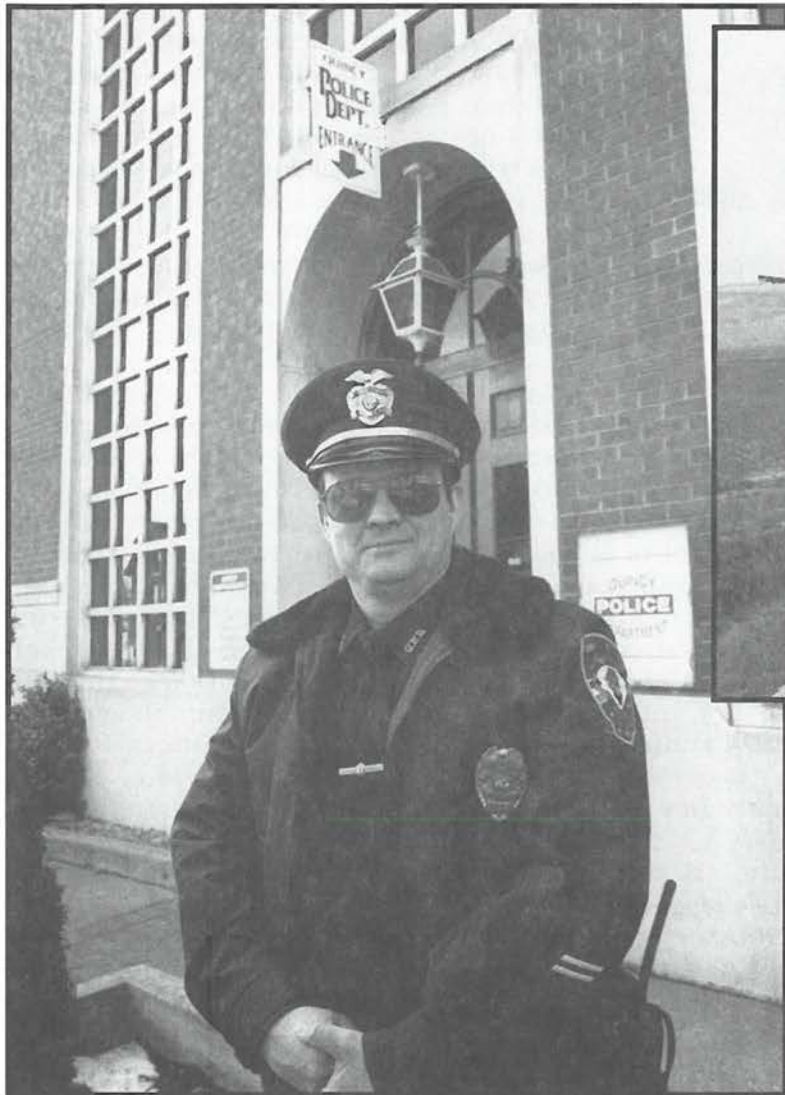


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TO REPORT AN OUTAGE

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

In an emergency, call:

Jim Thompson 222-4935

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by Douglas Aeilts
General Manager

Change, Choice, Competition – What's the impact on YOU?

The electric utility industry is undergoing fundamental changes that will have a significant impact on your cooperative. The Illinois State Legislature recently approved H.B. 362 – Electric Service Customer



Choice and Rate Relief Law of 1997. This new law ensures that the control of your electric cooperative remains with

your Co-Operative's board of directors and not with state regulators (Illinois Commerce Commission).

Your Co-Operative's board of directors has demonstrated during the past sixty (60) years that local control is essential to protecting the interest of its members. Local control is going to be even more important as the electric utility industry enters the deregulated competitive market place. The directors are elected every year at the Co-Operative's annual meeting. Every active member has an opportunity to cast their vote. If the members disagree with actions or positions that the board of directors have taken, the democratic process is in place for the members to elect new directors every year. This is local control in action!

Your board of directors recently completed its first strategic planning retreat. The purpose of strategic planning is to assess the Co-Operative's weaknesses, strengths, threats and opportunities, now and into

the future. The Co-Operative's successful future is dependent on the ability of the board of directors to respond quickly to the competitive challenges ahead.

The new Illinois Electric Customer Choice Law provides three (3) options for your board of directors to consider:

1. Should the Co-Operative continue being the exclusive electric energy provider to all our members in our exclusive service area?
2. Should one (1) or more members' or groups of members be released and allowed to "shop around" for their electric energy?
3. Should all Co-Operative members be released and allowed to "shop around" for their electric energy?

Your Co-Operative will always provide the distribution services (wires) to your house, farm or business. But other companies may be allowed to sell the electricity (kWh) through our wires to you. Should your

Co-Operative sell electricity to customers (non-members) that are not connected to our wires? Should your Co-Operative provide other "valued services" to our members and/or to non-members?

These are just a few of the difficult questions that your board of directors discussed during their first strategic planning retreat. During the next few months, additional information will be provided about many of these topics as the board prepares for the new competitive environment. ■

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Daryl Douglas Passes Away

Our deepest sympathy and prayers are extended to the family of Daryl Douglas, who died February 8, 1998, at Beth-Haven Nursing Home in Hannibal, Mo. Daryl was a lineman for Adams Electrical Co-Operative and had been employed with the Co-Operative since 1970. On August 25, 1994 Daryl was involved in an electrical contact accident at Quincy's Baldwin Field.

Daryl was born May 30, 1952, in Quincy and was a son to Jack L. and Melba Carlene (Peggy) VanBlair Douglas of Camp Point. He married Jerelyn Aden Allison on October 10, 1987.

Survivors include wife, Jerelyn Douglas; 2 sons Rylan and Logan Douglas of the home; 2 step-daughters Lindsey and Jacey Allison of the home; 1 step-son Levin Allison of the home; parents Jack and Peggy Douglas; 2 brothers; 1 sister; 4 nephews and 1 maternal grandmother. Daryl was preceded in death by both paternal grandparents and a maternal grandfather.

Daryl was a member of the Camp Point United Methodist Church and was a 1970 graduate of Central High School. ■



4-H Electricity School is March 2

The Multi-County 4-H Electricity School takes place from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday, March 2nd, at the Camp Point Community Building. Participants should bring a sack lunch. Milk will be furnished.

There are four levels of instruction:

- Group I (beginners) will make an extension cord and learn about fuses and wire size.
- Group II will wire single-pole, 3-way and 4-way switches, lights and receptacles.
- Group III will study and wire more com-

plex electrical situations.

- The advanced group will work on used appliances and will take an off-site tour.

Participants should bring a screwdriver, needle-nose pliers and some cutting pliers. Supplies will be available for those unable to bring these items.

The school is open to all girls and boys or adult leaders who want to participate. For more information, contact the extension services of Adams, Brown, Schuyler or Pike counties. ■

1998 Adams Electrical Co-Operative Cash Rebates & Financing

- \$600.00 for a Geothermal System.
- \$400.00 for Electric Air-to-Air Heat Pump with Electric Back-up.
- \$200.00 for Electric Air-to-Air Heat Pump with Gas Back-up.
- \$125.00 for an Electric Water Heater in "New Construction".
- \$125.00 for Replacing a Gas Water Heater with Electric.
- \$ 75.00 for Replacing an Existing Electric Water Heater.
- 5% Financing Available.

1998 Soyland Power Cooperative Cash Rebates (ENDS JUNE 30, 1998!)

- \$125.00 per ton for a Geothermal System.
- \$ 30.00 per kW for Any Other Electric Heating System.

Protecting the Elderly

Over the years, a shift in law enforcement priorities has equipped most officers to deal with the horrors of spousal abuse and child abuse. Still, the term "elder abuse" raises questions among even the most seasoned law enforcement officers. Too many elderly citizens are victims of physical or sexual abuse and sometimes financial exploitation. Nearly 818,000 of our elderly are victimized annually.

Elder abuse can be hard to detect and difficult to prosecute. Some elderly victims may be reluctant to prosecute their offenders; some make poor witnesses in court; others just seem to knowingly tolerate their abuse. Regardless of the type, these cases warrant serious attention.

“The TRIAD program is the most recognized effort by the law enforcement community to address the needs of our elderly population.”

Two officers from the West Central Illinois TRIAD recently completed the Elderly Service Officer training in Bloomington, Illinois. Adams County Deputy Russ Garrison and Quincy Police Officer John Douglas have successfully completed the 40-hour course and are now certified "Elderly Service Officers." This training assists officers in addressing the needs of our elderly population. Both officers are looking forward to serving the elderly community and working together to combat elder abuse in our county.

The TRIAD program is the most recognized effort by the

law enforcement community to address the needs of our elderly population. The West Central Illinois TRIAD agreement was signed on October 7, 1997, by Sheriff Robert E. Nall, Chief Michael DeVoss and John Spurrier from AARP. These local organizations are all working together to address and solve problems inherent to our older population.

"With the deterioration of the family and the continued abuse of alcohol and drugs, the potential for widespread elder abuse increases," says Deputy Garrison. "You've got to start by educating the elderly and their children. The type of picture we portray today sets the example for the next generation!"

With the TRIAD in place, the partners formed an advisory council known as Seniors and Law Enforcement Together (S.A.L.T.) to identify the particular needs of our elderly population within the Quincy and Adams County area. The S.A.L.T. council provides seniors with a vehicle to express their needs and a way to participate. The council is comprised of members from the law enforcement community, clergy, news media, senior citizen agencies, retired

teachers, businessmen and community leaders.

Future programs to benefit seniors may include: seminars on cons, scams and financial exploitation; educational programs on types of elder abuse; senior citizen classes and home security checks. If implemented, these programs will serve as a springboard for a successful crime prevention program for our elderly. But, according to Officer Douglas, much more needs to be done.

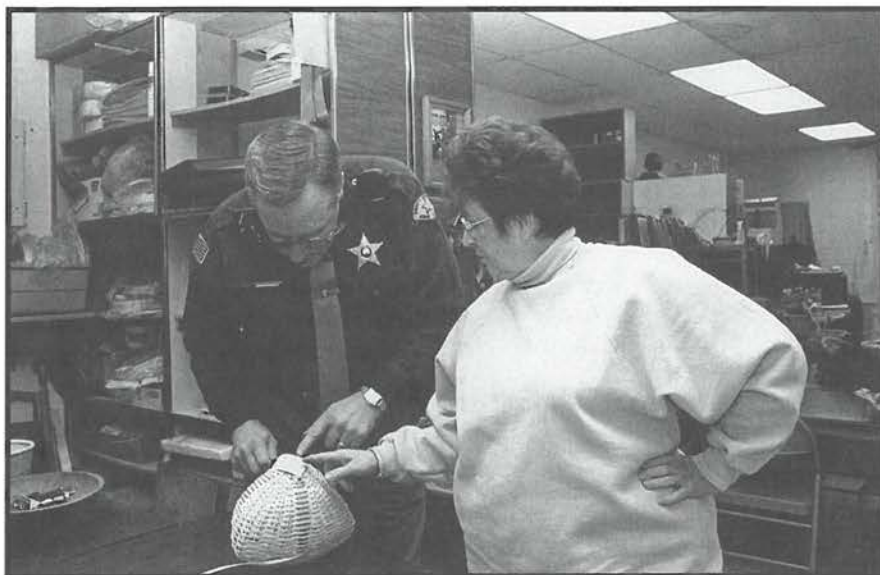
First, police need additional training. Most officers make cases of physical or sexual assault against criminals who abuse the elderly. But few officers make cases of financial exploitation, since they have not been trained to recognize the methods used by con artists.

Second, sharing information can increase the number of successful cases brought for prosecution. Improved interaction between law enforcement and social service agencies would lead to more criminal cases.

Third, create laws that require people to contact authorities if they suspect elder abuse. Forty-three states have statutes that require agencies to report



From left: Gail Beard, Hurley Scott, Deputy Garrison and Officer Douglas. TRIAD is dedicated to developing programs and improving the quality of life for Adams County senior citizens.



Adams County Activity Coordinator Gail Beard shows Deputy Garrison some of the projects completed at the Quincy Senior Center.

elder abuse. Illinois does not have any laws.

Fourth, more information. By providing programs and more law enforcement involvement, our elderly population would be better educated on how to report abuse cases and how to help.

The final strategy for combating elder abuse involves the offenders. Judges could make convicted offenders participate in mental health counseling designed to change behavior and recognize the emotional toll of their crime on the elderly victim.

Many of our elderly citizens must contend with a variety of health problems, which limit their physical or mental functioning. Some become bed-ridden and are cut off from normal contact. At the same time, mental limitations leave many older citizens highly vulnerable.

Elderly victims are more likely to report they have been "physically abused" rather than being a victim of "financial abuse." This is probably due to the perception that physical assaults are more threatening than property losses. Some elderly victims are embarrassed they have been conned or scammed. Also, the fear that relatives will believe they can't take care of themselves sometimes plays a part in the abuse going unreported.

There are 2 million people over the age of 60 in Illinois. When baby boomers become senior citizens, this number will increase 41 percent by 2020. The elderly population, over the age of 85, is the fastest growing segment in society. Unfortunately elderly citizens are more likely to be amongst the poorest groups and more likely to sustain grievous injuries or suffer lifelong financial losses.

Cover: Adams County Deputy Russ Garrison and Quincy Police Officer John Douglas.

When an elderly person is abused, neglected, or exploited in Illinois, only 1 in 12 Department on Aging's Elder Abuse and Neglect Program. This poses numerous problems for the law enforcement community.

Elder abuse is widespread and often escapes attention. Law enforcement officers need a better understanding of elder abuse and what can be done about it. Expect elder abuse to become a priority as the graying of our population continues. Our elderly citizens need protection from abuse so they can enjoy their "golden years". TRIAD believers say, "Together we can make a difference." ■



Staying in touch with his constituents is important for Adams County Sheriff's Deputy Russ Garrison.

For more information on TRIAD or ideas for senior citizen programs, please call:

**Russ Garrison, Adams County Sheriff's deputy, at
(217) 277-2200 or**

**John Douglas, Pro-act officer for the
Quincy Police Department, at (217) 228-4485.**

Member Advisory Committee Tours Headquarters

Advisory Committee members toured Adams Electrical Co-Operative's office on January 26. After a soup supper, David Stuva, manager of member services, reviewed the Advisory Committee guidelines and objectives. Douglas Aeilts, general manager, explained the history and organization of the cooperative. He also briefly reviewed the topic of deregulation.

The committee then split into four groups and toured the cooperative. Staff members answered questions about their departments as the groups learned about the different areas of the cooperative.

Adams Electrical Co-Operative organized the first Advisory Committee on October 4, 1957. Members are selected by the directors and meet four times a year. The Advisory Committee consists of 18 couples who serve for two years.

The main purpose of the Advisory Committee is to discuss the operations and activities of the cooperative. Through their feedback, the cooperative can better evaluate the effectiveness of our programs and services. ■



Jim Thompson, manager of engineering & operations, explains the operations side of Adams Electrical Co-Operative to Ronald and Sharon Knorr, Leroy and Virginia Brinkman and Diana and Dale Simon.

The following is a list of Advisory Committee members and the director districts they represent:

District 1	Richard and Linda Ward RR 1, Frederick	Harold and Dorothy Morrell RR 3, Rushville
District 2	Carl and Angela Knight RR 1, LaPrairie	Jim and Marilyn Stout RR 1, Camp Point
District 3	George and Marilyn Barry RR 1, Liberty	Mark and Lynette Schenk RR 3, Liberty
District 4	Randy and Donna Bullard RR 4, Mt. Sterling	Dan and Tammy Maggart RR 4, Mt. Sterling
District 5	Keith and Anita Marlow RR 1, Augusta	Robert and Inez Quesenberry RR 1, Huntsville
District 6	Leroy and Virginia Brinkman RR 1, Payson	Jerry and Audrie Bunte RR 2, Payson
District 7	Ronald and Sharon Knorr RR 1, Fowler	Terry and Louann Weills 5500 Greenbriar, Quincy
District 8	Kenneth and Lois Haynes RR 1, Mt. Sterling	David and Lori McNeff RR 1, Timewell
District 9	Wayne and Julie Zimmerman RR 2, Camp Point	Dale and Diana Simon RR 1, Coatsburg



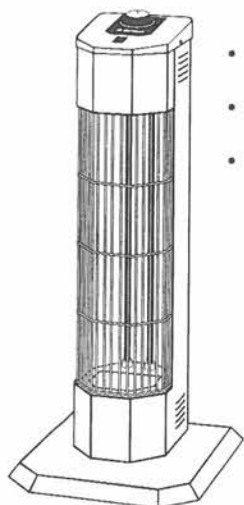
New Employee in Operations Department

Terry Plunk started work full-time January 13, 1998 as Adams Electrical Co-Operative's new forester assistant. Terry has been employed part-time at Adams Electrical Co-Operative since June 1997.

Plunk is a 1989 graduate of Rushville High School and worked previously at Boehm's Lawn & Garden doing tree trimming, spraying and yard spraying.

Terry lives at Turtle Lake in Rushville and enjoys playing softball and other sports in his spare time. ■

Quartz Upright Heater



- 1500 watt setting
- Tip-over safety switch
- Automatic on/off setting

\$35.00

20.6 Cu. Ft. Capacity No-Frost Refrigerator

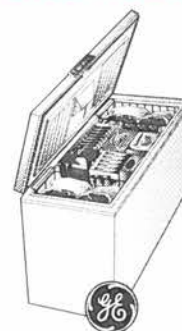


- Adjustable glass shelves with snack pan.
- Gallon storage on door.
- 2 see-thru vegetable/fruit crispers.
- Equipped for optional icemaker.

CTX21GAX

\$699.95

14.8 Cu. Ft. Capacity Chest Freezer



- Adjustable temperature control with audible alarm.
- 2 removable sliding baskets.
- Interior light and lock with self-ejecting key.
- Upfront defrost drain.

FH15DX

\$429.95

Built-In Dishwasher



- 6 cycles including Pots & Pans and Water Saver cycles.
- 6-hour delay start option.
- Heated Dry and Hi-Temp Wash options.
- 3-level wash action.

HDA3420ZBB

\$379.95

Ribbon Top Range with Self-Cleaning Oven

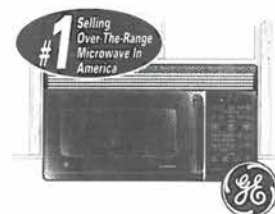


- Smooth, easy to clean patterned glass ceramic cooktop.
- 4 hot lights stay on until surface cools.
- Auto oven shut-off turns the oven off after 12 hours.
- Black glass oven door.

RB787GY

\$659.95

Spacemaker II Microwave Oven



- Large 1.3 cu. ft. oven cavity with temperature probe, 900 watts.
- Turntable On/Off feature.
- Interactive scrolling display conveniently provides step-by-step instructions.
- Full-view cooktop light, night light and hi-capacity, 2-speed exhaust system.

JVM1340BW

\$389.95



David Stuva
Member Services Mgr.

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

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Candace Weeks
Member Services Asst.

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Careers In Rural Electrification

Adams Electrical Co-Operative participated in a "Career Exploration Day" at Central Junior High School January 27, 1998. David Stuva, manager of member services, and Ed Covey, journeyman lineman, spent two hours answering a variety of questions about working at Adams Electrical Co-Operative.

The Career Exploration Day is coordinated by Pam Arnold, Director of Guidance for Central High School. Pam and her husband, Don, are members of Adams Electrical Co-Operative.

Rural electric cooperatives offer a wide variety of career opportunities. These range from technical occupations such as engineering, construction and line work, to positions in clerical, secretarial, financial and administrative areas. Also important are member services, public and community relations and marketing.

These jobs require varying degrees of skill, education, personal qualities and experience. They also offer varying opportunities for on-the-job training and advancement. Cooperatives vary greatly in size and type, from a small distribution cooperative with fewer than 25 employees, to a large generation and transmission system with hundreds of employees. The average cooperative employs about 50 - 60 persons. ■

Top: Journeyman lineman Ed Covey helps students try on protective gear used for climbing poles and handling energized electric lines.

