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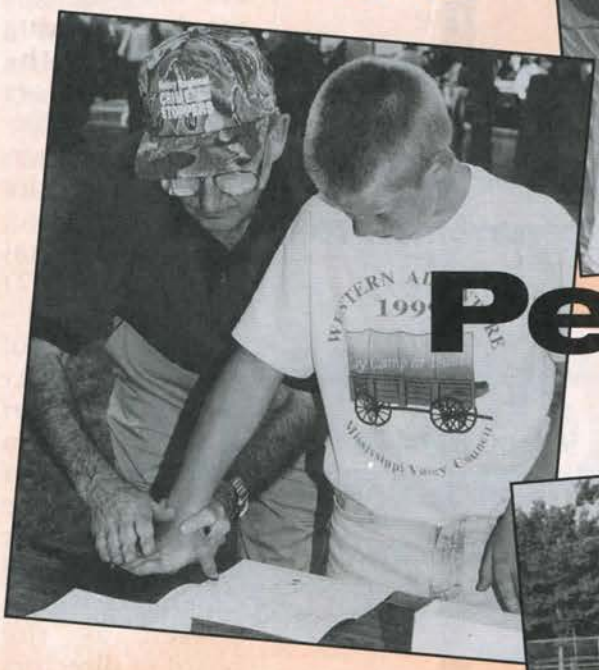

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Manager's article

by Douglas Aeilts
General Manager

Another Annual Meeting has been successfully completed. The weather was great, several local businesses set up displays and a large crowd attended the business meeting. A big *thank you* to the employees for the hard work preparing for and ensuring that everything ran smoothly throughout the evening. A big *thank you* also to the Future Business Leaders Association for helping serve the meal to over 1350 members and guests. Their assistance is especially appreciated for assisting many elderly people with carrying their plates to the table area. I want to give a special thank you and congratulations to Steve Jennings, Manager of Finance and first year Coordinator for the Annual Meeting. Comments and suggestions have been collected from Members and employees in preparation of next years Annual Meeting.

> *"The Cooperative's past success can be partially contributed to directors making sacrifices to further the Cooperative's goals and objectives."*

Two (2) new directors and one (1) incumbent were elected at the Annual Meeting, Jim Benz of Quincy and Ed Wagner of Mt. Sterling, and Mike Tenhouse of Camp Point was elected to his fifth (5th) term. Adams Electric Cooperative has always been fortunate to have very capable individuals serving on the board of directors. One (1) essential component for the Cooperative to be successful is for the directors to be committed to the Cooperative, the Cooperative principles and dedicate adequate time for board meeting preparation, attendance at board meetings and various educational seminars. The Cooperative's future success will be partially determined by the sacrifices and dedication of these three (3) individuals working in harmony with the other six (6) directors to prepare for the evolving changes of the electric utility industry. I am looking forward to working closely with the board of directors on the many challenges and opportunities of the future.

At the Annual Meeting, two (2) directors retired – Alvin Dempsey of Quincy and Roger Herren of Timewell. Alvin and Roger have a combined service of 27 years. Their knowledge and experience will be missed as the board of directors debate and discuss the future of the Cooperative. The Cooperative's past success can be partially contributed to directors making sacrifices to further the Cooperative's goals and objectives. I have enjoyed working with both Alvin and Roger during my six (6) years as General Manager. The board of directors and I want to say *thank you* to Alvin and Roger for their service to the Cooperative and wish them the very best in the future.

Two directors retire from board

After 27 combined years of service, Alvin Dempsey and Roger Herren retired from Adams Electric Cooperative's board of directors at the 61st Annual Meeting, September 6, 2000.

Alvin has represented District 7 for the past 12 years. For five of the 12 years Alvin served as vice president of the board.

Roger has represented District 8 for the past 15 years. Herren has served seven years as treasurer of the board, three years as president and has served as an Alternate Director to Soyland Power Cooperative for over seven years.

Both Alvin and Roger have seen many changes occur at the Cooperative through the years. Their dedication and contributions to the board will be missed. The directors and employees of Adams Electric Cooperative wish them the best of luck.

From left: Alvin Dempsey, District 7, General Manager Doug Aeilts and Roger Herren, District 8.

EMPLOYEE SPOTLIGHT

Jim Thompson, manager of engineering and operations, has been with Adams Electric Cooperative for five years. Jim is responsible for the design, maintenance and construction of the Cooperative's distribution system. Thompson oversees the electric metering, the Cooperative fleet and inventory and warehousing functions. Jim has a Bachelor of Science degree in Electrical Engineering and is a Professional Engineer in the state of Illinois.

Along with his wife, Michelle and sons Zak and Chad, the Thompson's reside at Eastate Estates in Quincy. Michelle and Jim are anxiously awaiting the arrival of their third child, due in March 2001. Jim and his family are members of St. Dominic's Church in Quincy.

In his spare time, Jim is a member of the National Society of Professional Engineers, is president of the Lake Association for Eastate Estates, is a wolf leader in his sons Cub Scouts troop and helps with coaching the different sports teams that Zak and Chad are involved with. Besides spending time with his family, Jim is an avid hunter and fisherman.

When asked what his favorite thing about his job was, Jim explained that he enjoys working with fellow co-workers and likes the challenges of providing cost effective, reliable power and service to Cooperative members.

Jim Thompson
Manager of Engineering and Operations

Adams Electric Cooperative's
61st Annual Meeting

Without a cloud in sight and a gentle fall breeze drifting in, Adams Electric Cooperative Members and their families enjoyed yet another Annual Meeting of Members at Bailey Park in Camp Point.

More than 1,300 people attended Adams Electric Cooperative's 61st Annual Meeting. Mike Tenhouse of Coatsburg was reelected to the board of directors. Edward Wagner of Mt. Sterling was elected director for District 8. Wagner replaces long time director Roger Herren who was unable to run for office due to term limitations. Also elected was James Benz of Quincy, who will represent District 7. Alvin Dempsey, who has represented District 7 for the past 12 years, chose not to run for reelection.

General Manager, Douglas Aeilts explained to the Cooperative Members that the electric utility industry is continuing to experience unprecedented changes that to-date, have had few direct impacts on Adams Electric Cooperative. But, that every change that occurs, will have a direct or indirect impact on the Cooperative's future. The Cooperative business model has the potential to provide benefits to its Members that other electric consumers will likely not receive.

Deregulation, the restructuring of the electric utility industry, was once again a topic at the Annual Meeting. The Illinois General Assembly approved the "Electric Service Customer Choice and Rate Relief Law of 1997." This will allow for residential customer choice beginning on May 1, 2002.

There are four parts to an electric utility bill: generation, transmission, distribution and stranded costs. The only part of the bill that will be open to customer choice will be the generation cost.

California, Rhode Island and Pennsylvania have already experienced deregulation. Those three states have quickly learned that deregulation is less about "Customer Choice" and a lot more about "Money," big money!

Adams Electric Cooperative Members are currently using the most efficient billing system available – self-read/self-billed. The Members read their meter and calculate their own monthly electric bill from rate books provided by the Cooperative.

Due to deregulation the Alternative Retail Electric Supplier (ARES) will require access to a members meter and its information on a daily, hourly, minute or possibly instantaneous basis. Consequently, the traditional mechanical electric meter that members currently have will not be sufficient to provide this type of information.

The board of directors has authorized the implementation of a pilot project to start installing an Automatic Meter Reading (AMR) system. The system is called a Two Way Automatic Communications System (TWACS) and will use the Cooperative's electric lines from the substation to the electric meter as a communication line. Implementation of this system should start this fall and be completed by the end of 2001.

General Manager Aeilts also commented on the strong commercial and industrial growth Adams Electric Cooperative has been experiencing.

This year the new Super Wal-Mart and Gem City Ford dealership opened for business. Under construction are the Tri-Township Fire Station, additional buildings on the John Wood Community College campus, a 40,000 square foot spec building at the Baldwin Field Business Park, and an expansion at the C & L Tiling manufacturing facility in Timewell. Also in the coming months, work will begin on the Illinois Youth Center located west of Rushville. Adams Electric Cooperative will be the power supplier for the new facility.

A new program from Adams Electric Cooperative was announced at the Annual Meeting. Adams Home Services will be offering long distance telephone plans, weatherization and surge protection.

"Cooperatives work together, they cooperate! We have been

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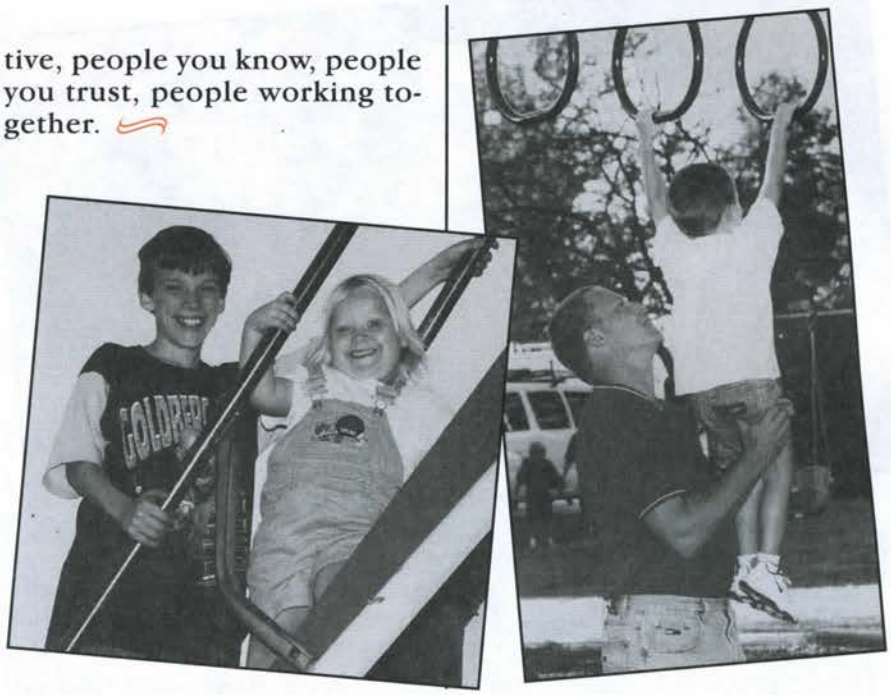
working on forming alliances to try to lower costs and/or bring new services to you, our members," said President Bob Willis. Willis explained that the Cooperative priorities were different than an investor owned business. Cooperatives are for the total benefit of their Members. That was a responsibility that Adams Electric Cooperative embraced when they first began and is a responsibility they embrace as they enter the 21st century.

Adams Electric Cooperative is and always will be, locally owned and operated by and for the people it serves.

Adams Electric Cooperative, people you know, people you trust, people working together.



Prize List

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Allgeier, Martin & Assoc., Inc.	Hand Mixer ***Rita Mowen, Liberty***
Drake & Scruggs	Halogen Light ***Raymond Barton, Mendon***
Dueco Inc.	Toy Truck ***Ed Wagner, Mt. Sterling***
Electric Lab & Sales Corp.	Hand Mixer ***Arnold Eilers, Augusta***
Fletcher-Reinhardt Company	12" Oscillating Fan ***Harold Sherrick, Bowen***
Heintz Electric	Cooler ***Merle Kuntemeier, Payson***
Klingner & Associates 3 Hats, 3 Coffee Cups	Solomon Corporaton 12 Golf Balls ***Janet Knorr, Golden*** ***Jim Meyer, Fowler*** ***Donald Higgins, LaPrairie***
North Pacific Lumber Co	Picnic Back Pack ***Lois Hyer, Camp Point***
US Office Products	Desktop Reference ***Jerry Seals, Ursa***
United Utility Supply	Crockery Cooker ***Allen Petri, Mt. Sterling***
White Electric Company	Work Light ***Dolores Duncan, Fowler***
Woodward Auto Supply	Car Quest Toy Truck ***William Duncan, Fowler***
Adams Electric Cooperative	$25.00 Billing Credits ***Wayman Main, Camp Point*** ***Dean King, Liberty*** ***Gale Hanning, Rushville*** ***Donald Owens, Baylis*** ***Sylvester Bordewick, Quincy*** ***Mike Kelly, Huntsville*** ***Leaton Starman, Quincy*** ***Mary Veith, Mt. Sterling***
Adams Home Services	Free Installation with the purchase of a home security system **Wilma Koetters, Fowler** Free Blower Door Test ***Earl Huber, Quincy***

Grand Prizes

General Electric Refrigerator

Neil Waner, Golden

Maytag Dishwasher

Dean Harness, Sutter

Small objects can cause big problems!

Working on power lines can be a dangerous job. Linemen occasionally need to climb up and down poles in bad weather, at night or in areas where a bucket truck can't get close.

Something as simple as tacking up political signs, no hunting signs, garage sale or special upcoming event signs can endanger a lineman's life.

How can something like that endanger a persons life? A lineman uses sharp, pointed steel gaffs to climb the poles. If a gaff hits a metal object like the head of a tack used in posting a sign, this could keep the gaff from getting a firm hold in the wood of the pole. The lineman could easily fall or slide down the pole and be badly injured.

Old nails still in the pole greatly increase the chances of injury. Nails and tacks may also tear the lineman's rubber gloves. These special gloves provide the lineman protection from electricity, even a pinprick makes the gloves unsafe and unusable.

Next time you have an upcoming event or sale – please do not use Cooperative poles for signs and posters!

Signs such as the one pictured can cause serious problems for linemen.

Staying safe around electricity

Electricity is a good friend to all of us. It cooks dinner, dries clothes, refrigerates food, lights the dark and much more. This good friend, however, can become your worst enemy if you are not careful.

Electrical safety is something you must not take for granted. According to the National Electrical Safety Foundation, one person is electrocuted in the home every 36 hours and one person is electrocuted at the workplace every day.

Additionally, every year, approximately 155,000 electrical fires occur claiming more than 700 lives, 6,800 injuries and $2 billion in personal property damage.

The following are a few safety tips to remember:

- Farm equipment requires extra caution. Be alert at all times and remember the location of all poles and guy wires.
- Be aware of your surroundings when working on a roof. Using ladders or raising antennas can be fatal if they come in contact with an energized line.
- Before cutting trees and branches, be sure that your tree will not come into contact with any power line when it falls.
- Call JULIE (1-800-892-0123) if you need to dig. Many buried services can be dangerous if contacted.
- If an appliance repeatedly blows a fuse, trips a circuit breaker, or if it has given you a shock, unplug it and have it repaired or replaced.

There are certain things you can do to prevent injuries or, at the very least minimize them. The National Ag Safety Database recommends the following precautions:

Proper fire extinguishers– If a fire starts as a result of electricity, then use only fire extinguishers recommended for electrical fires, these are labeled as a C, BC or ABC extinguisher. Never throw water on an electrical fire and if there's no extinguisher, use baking soda.

If someone is being shocked– disconnect the power source by turning off the circuit breaker only. Never try to unplug the cord, move the line with any object or grab the person.

Machinery entangled with overhead wires– If entanglement occurs with overhead power lines while operating machinery, never try to leave the machinery. Wait until help arrives because the machine itself can be energized, acting as a path for the electricity to ground. If you try to leave the machine, you could be electrocuted.

Fall house cleaning special

Dishwashers

Hotpoint $309
HDA3420
(Qty. 1)

GE $339
GSD3420
(Qty. 2)

GE $499
GSD4920
(Qty. 1)

Microwaves

GE $389
JVM230
(Qty. 2)

Wall Oven

Magic Chef $369
9512XUB
(Qty. 1)

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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