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in Robbins, Aug. 1-3.



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The monthly newsletter of Randolph Electric Membership Corp.

Randolph EMC Board of Directors Elects New President and Vice President

At the June meeting of the board of directors of Randolph EMC, Steve Harris was elected to serve as president of the cooperative and Bobby Wright as vice president.

Mr. Harris has been a member of the board since 1990. He and his wife Virginia have two grown sons and live in the Carthage/Seven Lakes area. A graduate of N.C. State University, Mr. Harris is a commercial and residential contractor who has brought a wealth of building experience to Randolph EMC during his tenure on the board. Interestingly enough, when first elected to the board of directors in 1990, Mr. Harris said, "I have always felt that Randolph EMC was a "People Helping People" business. That same feeling exists today and I would like it to continue even more so."

Bobby D. Wright was elected to serve as the vice president of the board of directors of Randolph EMC. Mr. Wright and his wife Ellen have two grown children. First elected to the board of directors in July 1987, Mr. Wright has served in many capacities during his 15-year tenure.

Larry Routh and Jerry Bowman were re-elected to continue to serve the cooperative as secretary-treasurer and assistant secretary-treasurer, respectfully.

Outgoing board president Delbert Cranford will remain on the board. Mr.



Steve Harris will serve as REMC's new president of the board of directors.



Bobby D. Wright will serve as REMC's new vice president of the board of directors.

Cranford said, "I have been proud to have served as president for six years. We have several people very capable of serving as president and I decided to let them have the opportunity."

Over 1,000



People Attend the 64th Annual Meeting of Randolph EMC

statewide contest, linemen must call dispatch, climb the 40' pole, lower the injured lineman to the ground, climb back down, take off their climbing gear, and give cardiopulmonary resuscitation (CPR)—all under 3 minutes to have a chance to win.

Afterwards, Pike Electric, a contractor that works for REMC, put on a high voltage demonstration showing how an electrical system works. Their safety demonstration displayed many of the everyday hazards a lineman faces. They operated fuses, showed the after effects of digging into a line, and revealed other safety precautions linemen must follow.

Inside the school, at the annual meeting, several booths were set up so that members could meet the Carolina Country magazine staff, greet the Touchstone Energy national branding effort personnel, and talk with the TSE Services staff that conducts energy savings efforts in both residential and commercial areas.

The business portion of this year's annual meeting was greeted by a larger-than-normal crowd. Member attendance was up almost 40 percent from last year. The beginning of the meeting started with the presentation of the colors by the Randolph County Honor Guard. Then the singing of our National Anthem by Camille Boone, a rising freshman at University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and an invocation by pastor Harold Hammond of Farmer. Before the actual business portion of the meeting took place, the children's program started. This spe-

Executive Vice President/General Manager Dale Lambert addresses Annual Meeting audience

June 21, 2002 was a beautiful day from many vantage points, but especially Randolph EMC's. First, the weather was exceptional. It was a clear, warm day and evening, but weather never affects the members of Randolph EMC at their annual meeting because the meeting is held indoors in the air-conditioned gymnasium of Southwestern Randolph Middle School.

The day started off with a health fair coordinated by the Randolph Hospital and their staff. Several hundred members had glucose, cholesterol, blood pressure and other health checks performed by the hospital's staff. In addition, a children's vision screening was done by Dr. Mark Roberts, a member of Randolph EMC.

Next, a pole top rescue demonstration was performed by the crews of Randolph EMC. Safety is an important priority at REMC. A pole top rescue is a contest that REMC linemen compete in each year. As part of the contest, a situation is presented with an "injured" lineman on a pole. To compete in the



Randolph EMC linemen perform pole top rescue demonstration.

cial program allows the children to leave the meeting under the guidance of cooperative personnel. Next came the business part of the meeting in which three directors were sworn in, a financial report was given and Executive Vice President and General Manager Dale Lambert gave his report and a general overview of the condition of the cooperative. From those reports, the members heard that their cooperative is in excellent shape. The business portion of the annual meeting lasted less than 1 hour.

At the conclusion of the meeting, over 110 door prizes were given away.



Kids are an important part of A Randolph EMC Annual Meeting.



Two of the six bikes, trikes and big wheel winners ready to "ride home" after the meeting.



A piece of our history

crumbles

At the annual meeting on June 21, 2002, Executive Vice President and General Manager Dale Lambert of REMC announced that the old facility that used to house Randolph EMC's operations on Highway 42 in Asheboro would soon be taken down. For several years, the old facility has been for sale with no real interest shown due to its obsolescence. It was decided that the property was of more value if the buildings were removed. The process to remove the buildings and driveways began in late June.

Interestingly, in August 2001, an article was written showing the old site prior to the building of the offices. It was captioned, "Hwy 42 near Hwy.674 sure has changed since 1952" (top). The same can be said of today's pictures, taken in early July 2002 (right).

The building, which first opened on August 16, 1954, was one of the most modern of its time. The use of pre-stressed concrete was in its early development stages and people came from far away to see its use in the building of the office complex. Originally, the building was built to support a second floor, but those ideas were later abandoned because of handicapped requirements, parking and other reasons. Some people might call it progress, but for those members and employees who used the building for more than 43 years, it is with mixed emotions that they watched it being removed.

Many people have asked, "What will become of the property?" At present, there are no definite plans. The board of directors of Randolph EMC decided to clear the property and review any and all options that may become available.

Above photo shows the 1952 site prior to the construction of the REMC headquarters.

Old office prior to demolition



Old office being demolished



Pre-stressed concrete columns



Parking area being removed



Warehouse comes down



Operations House being moved





SWAP SHOP



The **Swap Shop** is a free public service to the members of Randolph EMC. All items for sale must be priced. Please include a membership number as shown on your power bill. Send item descriptions to Carla Bostick, c/o SWAP SHOP, P.O. Box 40, Asheboro, NC 27204. Questions? Contact Carla at 336-625-5177.

Due to publication time restraints, many items have been sold before members receive the issue. Also, REMC reserves the right to edit or carry ads over to the following month if limited by available space. We apologize if this causes any inconvenience to our members.

FOR SALE

Baby rabbits
\$5 and \$10 each all kinds of colors call 336-498-9786.

Oak coffee table like new
\$45 call 879-5290.

Treadmill w/ digital counters & 3 sets of weights
1yr. old used very little \$250 negotiable call 629-0967.

1 Bright red all steel heavy duty trailer
5X10 bed w/tail gate new tires plus two extra tires on rims and lights EC.

1996 red Dodge Dakota Sport
like new 4cyl, 5-speed, AC, radio, only 95K \$5500 call 910-439-1394.

3BR, 1 BA brick home with hardwood floors, heat/air and fenced in backyard owner will finance call 629-0428(daytime) or 629-3712(night).

Upright piano tuned sounds/plays good \$125 call 626-7639.

1981 Oakwood single wide 2BR, 1BA appliances remain needs few repairs and buyer needs to move \$2200 OBO call 910-464-1588.

65 Mustang 260 V8 motor has been overhauled \$1000 call 336-873-7732.

1.66 acre wooded corner lot with well/septic on Bass Mtn. Rd. in Snow Camp. Land perks for 3BR 2BA home, has a 1987 Norris singlewide home on it 3BR 2BA all appliances stay EC land/home package \$45000 negotiable call 336-376-8487.

Terry Resort fifth wheel w/ living room slide out plus

Silverado tow truck ready to roll call 336-873-8555 to inspect.

Turkeys \$15 each pheasants \$5 each call 464-3749.

1988 Mazda B2200 pickup truck EC, 5-speed, CD player, AM/FM radio, new carpet/upholstery, low mileage, short bed, tool box and bed liner.

1953 Ford Jubilee tractor 2-speed transmission, good paint & tires engine in EC call 336-879-5119.

Whirlpool Washer very clean and well kept w/ recent tub seal. 2-speed, 5-cycle with magic filter load and temperature selector \$40 call 336-873-7048 after 12p.m.

Mobile home space for rent \$125 per month call 464-3459.

3 point hitch 20 disk harrow (new) \$475, Athen Bogg 8 disk pull type \$200, M.E 3 point hitch 3-16 trip bottom plow \$450, 2-2-14in. bottom plow \$250-\$300, 3 point hitch Lely lime & fertilizer spreader holds 500lbs. \$550 all in GC call 336-241-2405.

Pony saddle and bridle with blanket \$50 call 910-576-5241.

Antique wardrobe w/ mirror on both doors wardrobe is solid walnut from the early 1930's \$600 call 625-6317.

2.5 ton gas pack w/central cooling \$900 negotiable, organ \$900 negotiable call 910-464-1877.

3 ft. X 7 ft. coin operated pool table \$650 call 910-464-3540.

6000 Red Sex link started pullets vaccinated & debeaked \$4.60 each, fescue & mixed grass hay square bales \$2.75 each call 336-622-2942.

1994 Freedom mobile home 14X70 2BR, 2BA, central air/heat pump & Duke Power insulation package all appliances, alarm system and 12X12 deck included \$14000 call 336-622-1127.

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A WORD ABOUT Randolph Electric

Dear Members,

I want to thank the members who attended our 64th Annual Meeting on June 21st at Southwestern Randolph Middle School. The annual meeting is an important event for the cooperative because it gives our members the opportunity to come together and hear reports about the condition and the operation of their cooperative for the past year. Several different topics were covered and I want to give an overview of some of them.

Cooperatives working together to benefit our members, have proven very effective through the years. Randolph EMC, along with the other electric cooperatives in North Carolina, continually work together to bring mutual benefits to our respective members. By working together, we benefit from the economics of scale that would not be possible for each cooperative to achieve individually. Some specific examples include bulk construction material purchases. This is achieved through our statewide materials cooperative Tarheel Electric Membership Cooperative (TEMA). We work together on employee training and safety programs through the North Carolina Association of Electric Cooperatives (NCAEC).

Another extremely important benefit from cooperatives working together is for our wholesale power supply needs. This is achieved through our wholesale power supplier North Carolina Electric Membership Corporation (NCEMC). NCEMC is the second largest energy cooperative in the nation. Even with this ranking, our market power purchases are still relatively small in the national energy markets. Maintaining the lowest wholesale power cost possible is extremely important because it is by far our largest expense, representing almost 57% of Randolph EMC's total operating costs.

With this in mind, in an effort to help control and manage our wholesale power cost, Randolph EMC, through NCEMC, joined with other Generation and Transmission (G&T) Cooperatives within the United States as members of the Alliance of Cooperative Energy Suppliers (ACES). ACES helps us manage our energy portfolio in the market place by taking advantage of our combined presence instead of each G&T performing these functions on their own. Through these efforts, we are able to manage our energy supply portfolio risk more effectively and reduce the risk to each individual G&T. The combined presence in the market place for these G&T's is approximately 13,000 megawatts. As we move for-

ward, we will be pursuing other opportunities where cooperatives can work together for the benefit of our respective members.

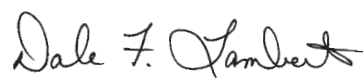
Another subject that was discussed at the Annual Meeting was the impact of the economy on our operations. During the past two years, our service area has experienced some very difficult economic times. The recession has hit many of our members hard because of lost jobs due to plant closings, layoffs and reduced work hours. Randolph EMC has also been directly affected by the economic slowdown in several ways. We have mentioned many times that weather is a driving factor in kilowatt-hour sales. In 2001, our commercial and industrial kilowatts-hour sales were lower than the previous year. This was driven by the slowdown in the economy and reduced output from these accounts which resulted in reduced energy usage.

Our work force has also been affected because of the drop off in construction. In addition to Randolph EMC personnel, we utilize contractors for construction work. Since January of 2001, we have reduced our combined work force by almost 10%. For REMC personnel, we have chosen not to fill some jobs that have been vacated. We hope the worst is behind us and the economy is picking up steam. I believe it will still take several months before we will see substantial positive efforts in new construction.

We will continue our efforts to reduce costs and operate as efficiently as possible. We will also continue the tradition of providing the best service possible for our members.

If you attended the annual meeting this year, let me again thank you for your presence. If you were not able to attend this year, please make it a point to attend next year and be active in your cooperative.

Cooperatively Yours,



Dale F Lambert
Executive Vice President and
General Manager

