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"Owned By
Those We
Serve"

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Remember to watch out for
the little ghosts and ghouls
on Halloween, October 31.

Watts Your Touchstone Energy[®] Cooperative Working



The monthly newsletter of Randolph Electric Membership Corp.

Celebrating Cooperative Month

When you look at a calendar, you see that almost every day has some sort of a celebration or holiday. This is also true for the more than 48,000 cooperatives across America — "October is Cooperative Month."

Cooperatives touch the lives of virtually every person in America. More than 120 million people are members of at least one of the traditional cooperatives, such as electric, credit, telephone and agriculture. But it's the "newer" types of cooperatives that touch the majority of Americans. Food cooperatives, as well as banking, childcare, health care, housing, retailing and other different cooperatives figure into the every day lives of all Americans.

The history of your cooperative, Randolph Electric Membership Corporation, has the same storied beginning of people wanting to help people. In the mid 1930s, people living in the rural areas wanted the same quality of life that electricity offered those people in the cities. They approached the

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investor-owned utilities about bringing electricity to the rural areas and were turned away, because the electric service would never pay for itself. In the investor-owned world of doing business, it just was not feasible.

Frustrated, a groundswell started because people living in the rural areas refused to take **NO** for an answer. The government had formed a new program designed to electrify rural America called the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), but it was not off to a fast start. Rural families, that so desperately wanted the benefits of electricity, knew another way of doing business that might work - The Cooperative Way! They had worked with cooperatives for years in buying and selling food and supplies, and knew the principles of doing business that way. They worked to form not-for-profit electric cooperatives to stretch out into the rural parts of the country so they too, could enjoy the benefits of electricity.

Would it work? **Yes!** Did it work? **Absolutely!** In 1939, the original nine board members of Randolph EMC signed a note to borrow \$300,000 to build 100 miles of line to serve 1,000 people. Quickly, neighbors signed up and the rest is history!

Today, Randolph EMC serves more than 30,000 farms, homes and businesses across the five counties of Randolph, Moore, Montgomery, Chatham and Alamance. Randolph EMC prides itself on service and on being just as viable today as it was more than 63 years ago!

People with a strong desire to help other people will always be successful!



Your Touchstone Energy[®] Cooperative 



SWAP SHOP

FOR SALE:

Two Honda scooters, one is a 1999 model it has been wrecked and has front-end damage 376miles \$900, (2000) model 9436miles \$1200 call 381-3330 after 4pm.

CKC registered Chihuahua male DBO 9/01/01 all shots heartworm treatments etc. up to date, very loving good w/ children hate to part with but must due to moving pet carrier, bed, harness, leash, toys and food included good price to loving home call 336-873-9439 if no answer leave message.

Winchester 101 20 gauge over & under skeet grade \$850. 2 pigmy goats 4 mos. old one solid black one black/white want to sell to a good family looking for pets \$100 for the pair call 697-8277.

(16) 4X5 rolls of fescue hay \$25, (51) rolls of 5X6 hay \$30 this is last years hay, (36) 5X6 rolls of hay \$35 this years hay call 910-464-6220 or 910-464-5548.

Scooter power wheelchair with battery and charger bought in Jan. 2002 EC cost \$6000 will sell for \$3800 call 336-857-1980 or leave message.

Stock "cross bars" for 2002 Jeep Liberty roof rack \$100 call 704-377-8872.

Rocking chair \$50 (new), bamboo chair with multi-colored cushions \$45, lounge chair (navy blue) \$45 GC, (2) bar stools with flower colored cushions \$10 each call 336-381-9590 anytime and leave message.

Horse for sale \$1000 call 879-6162 between 4pm to 9pm.

3 Holiday Barbies 1993, 95 & 97 \$40 each. call Tony Moore 336-669-3580.

Girls and women's clothing sizes small, medium, large and others some sweatshirts assorted decorations Christmas etc. \$2 and up call 672-3998.

Whirlpool washer \$50 call 629-5240.

Pine shavings and pine sawdust tractor-trailer load, call 336-824-3388 or 919-663-0044 ask for Danny.

1986 Chevette and 1990 Blazer call Gary 910-576-0536.

Electric Frigidaire stove GC \$50 (almond in color) call 336-873-7303.

Hammond Organ 800EX excellent condition ideal for small church \$2300 call 498-5129 before 2pm.

A portable hand held Fischbein sewing machine for bags GC \$375. One 4500 lb. pallet jack GC does not leak \$100, and cleaned deer corn \$3.50 per 50-lb. bag call 336-824-8454.

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

Half-grown guineas \$4.25 - \$4.50 smaller birds \$1.75 & up great for ticks or meat many colors available, hatching eggs \$4 - \$6 per dozen call 910-947-3384 or email at jbabb@pinehurst.net.

1966 Allis Chalmers Tractor Series III gas, power steering live PTO 65 horse power \$3500 call 857-2854.

Red sex linked started pullets vaccinated & debeaked \$4.60 each, fescue & mixed grass hay square bales \$2.75 and up call 336-622-2942.

1986 Dodge Caravan new engine, front end, brakes, air compressor, new battery the works and a 1987 El Camino white Choo Choo Custom 75k miles like new call 336-672-1125.

25 acres prime hunting land in Montgomery County near Lake Tillery. 2-acre pond and hunting shack on property planted in pines owner will finance \$125,000 call 336-672-3122.

FOR RENT:

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

Very nice 4BR, 2BA home located 4 miles east of Ramseur fireplace, carpet, kitchen appliances and central air/heat \$750 per month call 704-395-2643.

WANTED:

Registered pigmy nanny goats call Tony Moore 336-669-3580.

Horse quality hay within 75 miles of Carthage prefer round bales state type, bale size, price, location & if delivery is available call 910-947-3384 or email at jbabb@pinehurst.net.

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“Special People”

can bring out the best in *“Special People”*

Sometimes it goes beyond just being a business. Especially when children are involved. For Jim and Mary Bullins, it never has been about business. It's ALWAYS been about kids! That's why “Jim's Kids,” a non-profit organization, founded by the retired Sophia truck driver, that assists over 200 disabled children and adults from across the country, is celebrating it's 20th Anniversary. The two-day event takes place each year in July at the Liberty Road Baptist Church. On Friday night, the gospel singing and music draw a huge crowd. It's free for all those that attend, but a love offering is taken to support Jim's Kids. On Saturday it's the big event! Jim Bullins calls it, “Christmas in July.” This year's theme took a slightly different approach as it was called “Christmas in Hawaii.” Bullins challenged everyone to come to the party in his or her finest “Hawaiian” wear. Grass skirts, Hawaiiaian shirts and flowers hilighted the attire that everyone wore to the party.

A very special guest attended this year's party named Onie Frances Rogerson. Onie had written a letter to Carolina Country, the rural electric cooperatives' statewide magazine, and it was featured in the “letters to the editor.” In her letter, Onie stated, “I want you to know I am a little handicap. I can't say some of my words to good and I didn't finish school. I was slow in learning...” She mentioned that she helps her family by cooking, cleaning, washing dishes and bringing in wood. Jim Bullins read that letter and was so touched by it, that he immediately knew that Onie needed to attend the 20th Jim's Kids Celebration. Hotel rooms were donated and Bullins sent Onie money for her letter so she could attend. He called it, “a job well done.” For Onie Frances Rogerson, and all those that attended, it was a blessing that won't be forgotten for a long time.

Randolph EMC salutes members like Jim and Mary Bullins for taking the time to make special moments for “Special People.”



Pictured (left to right) Dale Lambert, Executive Vice President & General Manager of Randolph EMC; Jim Bullins founder of Jim's Kids holding the edition of the Carolina Country magazine featuring the letter from Onie Rogerson; Onie Frances Rogerson and Dave Rowe Manager of Member & Public Relations at Randolph EMC.

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A WORD ABOUT Randolph Electric

Dear Members,

Over the past year, and especially the past few months, there have been numerous reports of companies that focused on improving the bottom line of their financial statements at all costs. Wall Street scandals, faulty accounting practices and the manipulation of energy markets have headlined newspapers and the nightly news.

For some of these companies, management and/or their boards of directors lost sight of their fiduciary duties to their customers, their stockholders, their employees and the general public that depended on them in so many ways. These actions have led to inquiries, investigations and indictments of the individuals involved. Many of our elected officials, regulatory bodies and the American citizens are demanding appropriate oversight and accountability. Because of these revelations, accountability and integrity have stepped out of the shadows and moved to the forefront of importance in how businesses should operate, as well they should.

Integrity and accountability have always been important to Randolph EMC. These are two of Randolph EMC's core values and commitments to our members. To recognize that one is accountable, one must also recognize to whom they are accountable. At Randolph EMC, we understand to whom we are ultimately accountable. We are not owned by shareholders in faraway places without any direct involvement in the organization. We understand that the members we work for everyday own this organization. I continually stress to our employees that the people we look in the eye as we go about our jobs, the people that depend on us to provide the best service possible, are the reason for this organization's existence.

Cooperatives are member-owned and democratically controlled by the people who use their goods and services. The members elect representatives from the membership who are responsible for setting policies and guidelines by which to operate and for providing direction for the organization. Cooperatives exist and operate solely for the benefit of their member-owners. They are founded on many of the same democratic

principles that our country was founded upon. For over 63 years, Randolph EMC has existed for only one purpose, to serve its members. For a number of years, I have kept the following description of "What is a Member" posted on my wall as a reminder of that purpose.

What is a Member (Author Unknown)

A member is the most important person in any cooperative. A member isn't dependent on us; we are dependent on them. A member isn't an interruption of our work; they are the purpose of it. A member does us a favor when they join; we aren't doing them a favor by accommodating their needs. Members are a part of our cooperative, they are not outsiders. A member isn't just dollars in the cash register; they are human beings with feelings like our own. A member is a person who comes to us with needs and wants, and our job is to fill them. A member deserves the most courteous attention we can give them. They are the lifeblood of this and every cooperative.

The cooperative form of business is special because cooperatives exist solely for the benefit of their members. Randolph EMC is not about making profits for investors in faraway places. We are about providing the most reliable, cost-effective electric service possible. We are about working for the owners of our organization, our members. After all, we are directly accountable to you.

Cooperatively Yours,

Dale F. Lambert
Executive Vice President and
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