

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

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New automated pay-by-phone service already a hit with cooperative members

Free, easy and always available

It hasn't taken New-Mac Electric Cooperative members long to catch on to the convenience of the new automated pay-by-phone service, which was made available last month.

Hundreds have already paid their bill – **at no additional charge** – by calling the toll-free number and following the voice prompts.

The service is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week. After a customer's first call, the process becomes even easier as the system can save information to streamline the process. Try it today! Call **855-874-5348**.



New-Mac Electric's toll-free automated payment line

1. Call toll free 855-874-5348
2. Have your account number ready (Or, the system can look you up by your phone number if you have provided New-Mac with that number for your account. Whatever phone you call from, the system will retain that number, if you desire, for future reference. Options are given to change your phone number if necessary).
3. Just follow the prompts, and have your credit/debit card or checking account information available. (If using a checking account, you will have to provide the last four digits of your Social Security Number. You may set up a pin number for future reference).

Safety always comes first with New-Mac Electric Cooperative

May is National Electrical Safety Month, so we'd like to take this opportunity to remind our members of ways to be safe around electricity.

At New-Mac Electric, safety always comes first! Not only do we take great care in seeing our linemen are safe as they work on the power lines each day; we also want to make sure our members are careful around electricity at home, on the job, and during recreational activities. This is why a valuable resource is always available when our members (or



anyone) visits newmac.com.

On our website's home page, scroll down the left-hand side and you'll find a button with blue and red lettering stating "Safe Electricity." Clicking this link will take you to a wealth of educational options, teaching respect for electricity.

This site is loaded with interesting stories, pictures and videos that will inform and show the effects of electricity. Kids can play interactive games and also learn how to save energy around

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Think twice before cutting meter seals

A broken or removed meter seal is viewed as an indicator of meter tampering. Therefore, do not cut a meter seal without authorization from New-Mac. If electrical work needs done, requiring a seal to be broken, such work should be performed by someone with electrical training. Many times, a main breaker switch can simply be flipped to allow for such work.

Mulch available

New-Mac Electric has mulch available for \$5 per tractor scoop. Anyone interested should call the Neosho office (451-1515 or 800-322-3849) and ask for Susan or Tobey so arrangements can be made to assist you.

Assistance is available

If you are having a problem paying your New-Mac account, please call us to make arrangements. Please don't disregard paying your bill. There are programs and options (such as budget billing) designed to assist you. So, please give us a call at 451-1515 or (800) 322-3849.

LOW INCOME HOME ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROGRAM / EMERGENCY ASSISTANCE

Jasper County

(417) 781-0352

McDonald County

(417) 845-6011

Newton County

(417) 451-2206

Times change but New-Mac Electric Co-op continues on

Early newsletters tell history of local community, nation

Picking up where we left off last month, in celebration of 75 years of New-Mac Electric Cooperative, we continue our journey through the early newsletters of the co-op.

As we look at editions of *New-Mac News* from 1941, the tale of the times – World War II – was evident as undertones of patriotism could be found in many of the newsletter stories. Also, the direct impact of the establishment of Camp Crowder in Neosho meant displaced New-Mac customers and

the relocation of co-op power lines in and around the new army camp property.

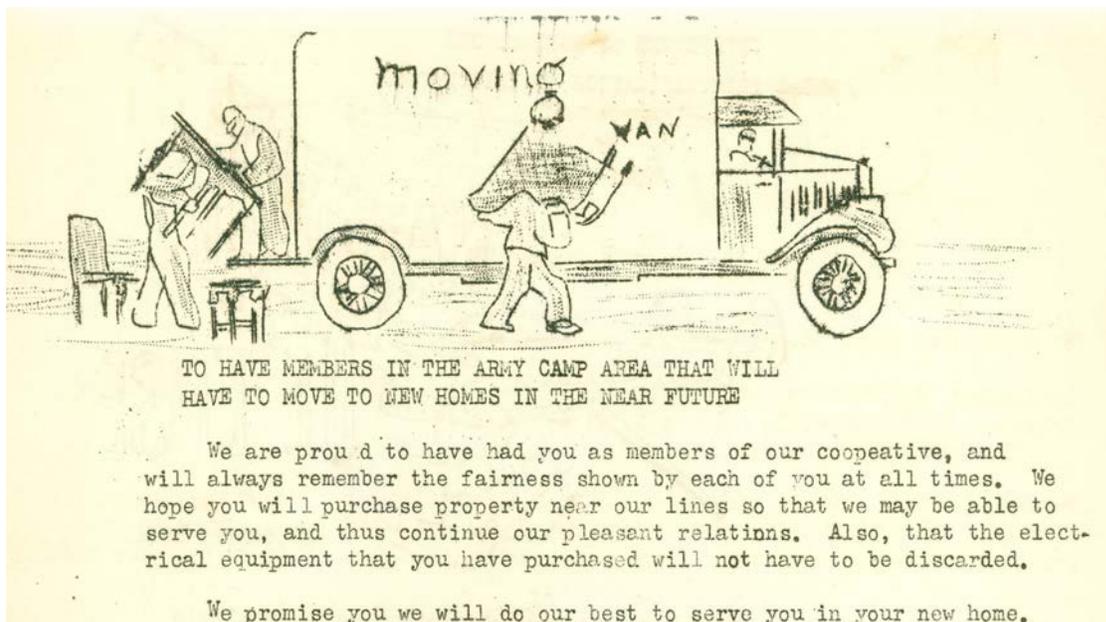
But above all, as one reads the *New-Mac News*, the novelty of this wonderful new resource of electricity can be seen in one story after another.

Enjoy our ongoing look into our co-op's history....



Mr. Frank Masters, vice president of the board, gave a very interesting report of his trip to Washington, D. C. Mr. Masters accompanied Mr. Frank Horton, engineer of Lamar, Missouri. They were joined there by members of other Missouri cooperatives. The object of this trip was to present the needs and requirements of the cooperative in Missouri for material to build additional electric lines in this state. Mr. Masters was privileged to meet several of the government officials and he talked REA to every one of them. Some of these were the vice president, Honorable Henry A. Wallace, the Honorable Cordell Hull, secretary of State, a boyhood friend of Mr. Masters. He also met Congressman, the Honorable Dewey Short of Galena, Missouri, the Missouri Senators, the Honorable Harry S. Truman of Independence, Missouri, and the Honorable Bennett H. Clark of Bowling Green, Missouri. They all gave assurance of their cooperation.

Above, New-Mac's board vice president, Frank Masters, made an interesting trip in the fall of 1941, that was detailed in the co-op's November 1941 newsletter. He met the vice president of the United States and a senator, who would go on to be the only U.S. President from Missouri. Below, the September 1941 *New-Mac News* offered best wishes to those who would be moving off of the co-op's power lines in order to make way for the coming of Camp Crowder.



FROM THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESK

In the beginning, may I extend to each of you a "Merry Christmas and a Happy and Prosperous 1942!" Many of us since the declaration of World War Number Two, will appreciate this Christmas more than the usual one, but remember, we are now starting to make the many sacrifices that must be made in the future. In order that we may continue to have this joyous occasion, be able to have love for our fellowmen, be able to express our opinions, we must consider it a privilege to to our part regardless of what it may be. In order that we may destroy selfishness, hatred, envy and greed, we must install in this generation the "Good Will Toward Men" which the coming of Christmas brings.

While enjoying this week, lets each have among our New Years Resolutions, a promise to ourselves and our cooperative that we will return our monthly meter cards promptly during the year 1942. I realize that the coming of the Army Camp has brought many responsibilities to each of us, but we should be glad to do our part in making it possible for our young men to have a good place to train.

We have had several outages the past two or three months caused by the overloading of our lines in the camp area, and there will be more or less interruptions of service and irregular voltage during the camp construction and during the relocation of our lines when the War Department orders our lines out of the camp property. That will be another part of our sacrifices for the cause while we are at war. We promise, however, that we will do our best to keep this service as near normal as possible.

At left, Superintendent C.L. Langley's column from the December 1941 newsletter reminds members of the common responsibilities shared in a time of war, and he asks the membership for understanding during a time of transition due to the relocation of power lines because of Camp Crowder. Also, it's evident from Langley's words, as well as the cartoon and caption below (likewise found in the December 1941 newsletter), it was important that each and every member turn in their meter card in a timely manner. In that day, members would read their own meter and send in the reading to the co-op for appropriate billing.

Below top, from the April 1941 edition of the *New-Mac News*, we learn that Leonard Yates, Jr., who served on the cooperative's board, was pretty proud of what his wife could do with their new electric range. It also begs the question, do they still make "breeches" today? Below bottom, Mr. and Mrs. Marion Mitchell not only were enjoying electricity, they were proving themselves to be innovative with at least one appliance, as reported in the November 1941 co-op newsletter.



We do not have space enough here to list every one that was in the dog house this month. We think the superintendent's suggestion for a New Years Resolution on the 1st page of the letter is an excellent idea.

Energy Partners' Recipe of the Month:

MARY LINCOLN PIE

Submitted by New-Mac member: **Dusty Cummings**

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| 2 eggs | ½ tsp. vanilla |
| ½ cup heavy cream | ¼ cup butter or oleo |
| 1 cup brown sugar (packed) | 9" pie shell |

Separate whites from yolks. Beat yolks. Cream together slightly. Stir in brown sugar and melted butter. Beat until mixture is smooth. Add vanilla. Beat vigorously with rotary beater. Beat egg whites until they hold their shape. Add to yolk mixture. Pour into unbaked 9" shell. If desired, add a cup of pecans, coconut or raisins. Bake 15 min. at 400°. Then 25 min. at 325°.

Send your recipe, along with your name and account number, to: Recipes, c/o New-Mac Electric Cooperative, P.O. Box 310, Neosho, MO 64850; or recipes@newmac.com. If your recipe is selected, New-Mac will apply a \$15 credit to your bill.

Mr. Leonard H. Yates, Jr., Secretary and treasurer of the Cooperative has purchased a new electric range. He says his wife has the biscuits brown now before he can get his breeches on.

Mr. and Mrs. Marion Mitchell have found another use of electricity. They were having quite a time trying to get the paint on the wall straight, so they got an attachment for their electric sweeper and blew the paint on. They are proud of the neat job it did.

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the house.

The website is also a valuable resource for school teachers. There is a page on the site dedicated to "Teacher Materials". It offers printouts, lesson plans, activities and much more.

So visit newmac.com for information on how to stay safe around electricity this month and every month! Or, if you do not have access to the Internet, stop by or call our office and we can provide printed electrical safety information.



SafeElectricity.org is an award-winning website that has been providing information to consumers and helping with the safety education activities of electric cooperatives and educators since 2001. All these resources are just a click away at newmac.com.

Fundraiser held in support of Crowder agriculture students

New-Mac Electric Cooperative is just one of many who recognize the utmost importance of agriculture. That appreciation was on display April 2 at the Joplin Regional Stockyards.

Most notably, the Newton County Cattlemen's Association and the stockyards put on a benefit auction with the proceeds going to help agriculture students (better known as Aggies) at Crowder College.

The event raised over \$7,700 for the Aggies, thanks largely to the biggest auction item – donated *initially* by the Cattlemen's Association.

That item was a 620-pound calf, which was the first and last thing up for auction – as well as item No. 2, 3, 4, 5... and finally No. 37. The calf was bought by the first top bidder and then donated back and coupled with the second auction item. That practice continued with each subsequent winner until the final item came up, and that bidder took the calf outright (a tradition with many benefit auctions) – at \$2.02 per pound.

The other auction items were donations from the community, including an electric grill from New-Mac.

Jay Wilkins, an agriculture advisor at Crowder, said the funds will directly help cover things such as travel expenses and entry fees, as the students compete in local, state and national competitions. "Every penny will go for the students' expenses," he said.

Wilkins was very appreciative of all the supporters of the event, as the Aggies regularly participate in fundraising but rarely bring in more than a few hundred dollars. The Cattlemen's Association is looking into making the auction an annual occurrence.



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At left, a large number of supporters turned out April 2 for the Crowder Aggies Fundraiser, hosted by the Newton County Cattlemen's Association and the Joplin Regional Stockyards. Above, Wayne Davis (middle) is pictured with the auction item he won – an electric grill donated by New-Mac Electric.