

Energy Partners

A monthly look at the happenings of and related to:



New-Mac Electric Cooperative

Your Touchstone Energy® Partner
The power of human connections

New-Mac offers great resource for National Electrical Safety Month

Even though May has been designated as National Electrical Safety Month, at New-Mac Electric, we believe electrical safety is worth focusing on every month! That is why a valuable resource is always available when our members (or anyone) visits newmac.com.

On our website's home page, you'll find a big button with blue and red lettering stating "Safe Electricity." By clicking on it, a wealth of educational options are presented to site visitors.



By clicking on this link from newmac.com, site visitors can find games, all kinds of information, and even classroom aids for teachers.

Kids can be occupied for hours upon hours playing interactive games teaching them both to respect electricity and also how to save energy around the house.

There's also plenty for adults, as compelling stories, pictures and videos will inform and show the effects of electricity.

The website could also be particularly useful for teach-



See *Safe Electricity*, page 4 The Safe Electricity home page is full of educational options.

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Energy Partners is a monthly publication of New-Mac Electric for the purpose of informing members of the programs, services and happenings of, and related to, the cooperative.

Farm audit program offered in Missouri

Missouri farmers have the opportunity to receive a discounted energy audit, as well as assistance in purchasing more efficient equipment, thanks to a program funded by the U.S. Department of Energy and operated by the Missouri Department of Agriculture, the University of Missouri and EnSave, Inc.

The program is called the "Missouri Agricultural Energy Saving Team – A Revolutionary Opportunity" or MAESTRO.

MAESTRO offers farm Energy Management Plans (EMPs) and Technical Assistance (TA). Through EMPs and TA, farmers will receive recommendations of energy efficient

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Plan ahead

Any plans of additions or upgrades on your property should include New-Mac in the early stages.

Contact the engineering department about any project that will require additional electrical service. Calling New-Mac early will not only expedite the process, but it could also render money saving advice.

Contact the engineering department at (417) 451-1515.

Please don't lock us out

Remember New-Mac Electric always needs to have access to your meter both for periodic inspections and in the event of an outage. So, make sure the co-op can get to your meter, and any existing lock arrangements with New-Mac need to be maintained.

Mulch available

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

Outage reporting

To report an outage, have your location number (found at the top of your bill) ready and call 451-1515 or (800) 322-3849.

Another  on the lines 

It was and is his Navy

Veteran recalls his days of service to country

Thanks to pretty girls, there's one less farmer, and today, our nation has one more to honor for many years of service.

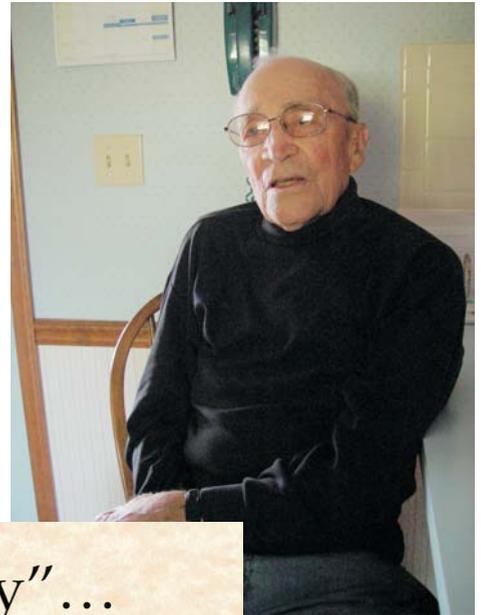
Allan Ensor was raised on his grandmother's farm along with four siblings in Maryland. As he was nearing high school graduation, he thought farm living was the life for him.

"I intended to be a farmer," he said. "Then my brother joined the Navy. He came back and told me about all of the things they had been doing and all the pretty girls they had met.... I was in the Navy two months later on a six-year contract."

Little did he know then, six years would take him through World War II and just get him started on more than 37 years in the Navy and Naval Reserves, including 24 years of active service.

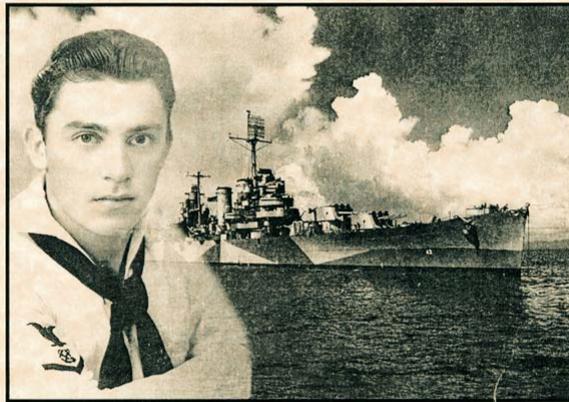
He ended up as a Senior Chief Petty Officer with the Reserves, and he served a decade as a recruiter.

As a recruiter, Ensor won multiple awards for being one of the top recruiters for the southwest



Allan Ensor, above, recounts one of the many stories that can be found in his book (at left) detailing his World War II experiences.

"My Navy" ... My Ship



WORLD WAR II MEMOIRS

of

ALLAN D. ENSOR
Boatswain's Mate First Class
U.S. Navy

portion of Missouri. One might suggest, he was an obvious recruiter because not only is he passionate about the Navy, he's got stories to tell.

At the urging of his family, Ensor has put many of these tales into print with writing of "My Navy" ... *My Ship*. In this book, he tells of enlisting with the Navy a year before the bombing of Pearl Harbor and then offers readers a first-hand account of some defining occur-

rences in the Second World War.

The introduction of Ensor's book states: "This is a story about the U.S. Navy, a Navy ship, and a scrawny farm kid from Taylor, Maryland, who had never been more than 30 miles from home until after his 18th birthday."

Then comes the stories – most taking place with the setting being the U.S.S. Nashville, Ensor's ship.

He tells of being on the task force that launched the planes for the "Doolittle Raid" on Tokyo,

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Clockwise from right, Ensor receives a plaque honoring him as the top Navy recruiter for Southwest Missouri; The walls of Ensor's home tell the story of his past; Ensor, now 88, points to his discharge certificates from both the Navy and the Navy Reserve.



○ Ensor

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which was the first air raid by the U.S. on Japan, coming in response to the bombing of Pearl Harbor.

Following that raid, the Nashville was assigned to the waters of the Northern Pacific to halt the advance of the Japanese near the Aleutian Islands, off the coast of Alaska. During this bombardment of the enemy, Ensor said he was loading a 108-pound shell every three-and-a-half seconds.

Then the Nashville was deployed to the South Pacific to aid in the Solomon Islands campaign and would work its way up the New Guinea coast supporting troop landings.

Ensor, who was a Boatswain's Mate First Class, recounts an occasion when he was entrusted with weighty responsibility. He *piped* aboard General Douglas MacArthur, when the U.S. commander made a visit to the Nashville. *Piping* was a task given to Boatswain's mates in which they would summon the crew to work or signal the boarding of officials with the use of a whistle known as a boatswain's pipe.

Also, before his six years were up, he married a young lady, who happened to be from Carl Junction, Mo. Following the war, the newlyweds became Southwest Missouri residents in Carl Junction, where they would begin raising three boys. He would also become a linotype operator for three area newspapers – *The Joplin Globe*, *Wise Buyer* in Webb City and *The Carl Junction Standard*.

The boys and his military experience made Ensor a natural fit for

leadership in the Boys Scouts. He served the Carl Junction troop for 10 years – five years as Scout Master and five more on the committee.

All the while, he continued in the Navy Reserve, which started just two years following his stint with the Navy.

"That's the wisest thing I ever did," he said.

Eventually, he'd become a recruiter, which wasn't easy but the Navy storyteller still managed – once winning the prize for being the area's top recruiter.

"The thing of it was, it was during Vietnam and the guys didn't want to be drafted," he said.

He even recruited his oldest son, Allan Jr.

"It really suprised me when he came and told me he was wanting to take a test for the Naval Reserve, because I had never asked or talked to him about it."

Even though Ensor opted not to become a farmer, the time came when he needed to get back to rural living. So, in 1990, he bought property in the Spurgeon area, where he built a house and has been a New-Mac Electric Cooperative member ever since.

And still, to this day, living on his 20 acres, he's content not to be farming his fields.

"I just think Navy," he said. "That's all I know."

Energy Partners' Recipe of the Month:

STUFFED ZUCCHINI

Submitted by New-Mac member: **Patricia Paden**

- 1 large zucchini
- 1 onion, chopped
- ¾ lb. hamburger or turkey burger
- bread crumbs
- 1 egg

Split zucchini in half lengthwise. Remove seeds. Scoop out part of the pulp. Chop up pulp and add to meat. Stir up all ingredients and put into the zucchini cavity. Bake at 300° till browned. Cover with foil. Bake till tender, about an hour. Sprinkle with cheese before serving.

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



AUTO-CHARGE AUTHORIZATION

Name _____

Account Number _____ Map Number _____

Email _____

Daytime Phone # _____

Credit/debit card to which you wish amount to be charged:

- VISA American Express
- MasterCard Discover

Credit/debit card # _____

Expiration Date _____ Security Code _____

Name as it appears on the card _____

Beginning date to charge _____

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I, (print name) _____, do hereby authorize New-Mac Electric Cooperative, Inc., to charge my monthly electric bill to the card indicated above. I certify that I am duly authorized to charge on this card. I understand that my electric bill will automatically be charged on this card each month and that I will receive a monthly bill as well as a charge slip, via U.S. Postal Service, indicating the amount charged. This authorization shall remain in effect until I revoke it in writing and deliver the writing to New-Mac Electric. I shall indemnify and hold harmless New-Mac Electric from and against any losses, claims, judgments, liabilities, or expenses for damage of any kind caused by, or arising from, this authorization or any acts authorized by it.

Customer Signature _____ Date _____

Complete this form and get started with our auto-charge option.



Auto charge makes for one less thing to do

Nowadays, many have found using a debit or credit card is a convenient way to pay bills.

However, when everyone is trying to pay the same bill at the same time in the same way, sometimes waiting to get a card payment processed is inevitable.

This is why New-Mac Electric offers an auto-charge option for customers who like to pay their bill each month with a credit or debit card. Simply fill out an auto-charge authorization form (at left), and New-Mac will process your payment for you each month on the 25th calendar day (or next business day in the event of holidays or weekends).

If you have any questions, contact the New-Mac billing department at 451-1515 or 800-322-3849. If you would like to be on "auto-charge" for the month of May, bring the completed form to the New-Mac office prior to May 20.

Don't assume your account has been processed unless you have been notified by the billing department.

Get started with our auto-charge option today and know you've got one less thing to do at the end of the month.



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- Levelized Billing**
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Questions? Comments?

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○ Farm audits

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equipment that will save them money. The EMP looks at ways to save energy on the whole farm. The cost for the EMP is \$250 (a \$1,500 value). This amount will be reimbursed when the farmer installs energy-saving equipment outlined in the EMP. The equipment must save more in energy costs than the value of the EMP plus the equipment to earn the reimbursement. Technical Assistance (TA) looks at a specific technolo-

gy or practice rather than the whole farm. The TA is free (a \$500 value) to the farmer.

Farmers who receive an EMP or TA and want to install the recommended energy-saving equipment can receive a grant up to 75% of the total project cost, not to exceed \$5,000. Or, MAESTRO will work to achieve 3% financing on loans up to \$50,000 to install the energy saving technology on the farm.

For more information, contact Patrick Davis at the University of Missouri Extension office in Neosho at 455-9500.

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ers. There is a page on the site dedicated to "Teacher Materials". It offers printouts, lesson plans, activities and much more.

So, visit our website 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.