

### Easy Chicken Pot Pie

- 1 2/3 cups frozen mixed vegetables, thawed
- 1 cup canned chicken
- 1 (10 3/4-ounce) can condensed reduced-fat cream of chicken soup
- 1 cup Reduced Fat Bisquick
- 1/2 cup skim milk
- 1 egg

Heat oven to 400 degrees. Mix vegetables, chicken, and soup together and place in ungreased 9-inch pie plate. In a medium bowl, stir Bisquick, skim milk, and egg together until blended to make batter. Pour batter on top of chicken mixture. Bake for 30 minutes or until golden brown. Makes 6 (1/2 cup) servings.

CALORIES 240  
 FAT 8g (sat 2g); PROTEIN 14g;  
 CALCIUM 39mg; SODIUM 860mg;  
 FIBER 3g; IRON 0.2mg;  
 CARBOHYDRATE 29g



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## FROM THE CEO'S DESK

J. Ronald McElheney

One of the most significant opportunities you have as a customer occurs during the cooperative's upcoming annual meeting. Your Chairman, Hugh Batts, and I will be reporting on how Jones-Onslow performed in 2007, as well as, ways the cooperative is preparing to continue serving the customers in the future.

If all stays the course, the electric utility industry as we know it today is in for some dramatic changes in the coming years. You can hardly pick up the paper, watch the news, or browse the Internet without coming across some media report concerning emission reduction, global warming, climate change, or the use of renewable resources to power our homes and cars.

Last year, the State of North Carolina passed legislation mandating the addition of renewable resources by electric utilities' to their wholesale power portfolio in the next couple of years. And, still hot off the streets of our nation's capital, is the federal energy bill that was passed. While not accomplishing everything that was hoped for with the bill, lawmakers have spoken clearly about how they feel on the issues mentioned above—additional policies and laws are sure to come down the road.

Let me be the first to say that Jones-Onslow and its employees are good stewards of the environment and believe in doing what is right and fair—we all have children and grandchildren and we are as concerned about their future as the folks in Raleigh and Washington are concerned about their families. But, WE also have an obligation to you, our customers. WE are here to look out for your best interest when it relates to providing affordable, reliable, electric service. The legislation and laws that have been passed are coming, but they will be coming at a price. And, someone will have to pay.

We will continue to work on the state and federal level, voicing the cooperative's opinions and concerns about the state of the electric utility industry. We will also voice our concerns about how these changes will affect the customers that have come to rely on us.

Changes are coming but we need to make sure common sense is used—there must be a balancing act between environmental stewardship and the price EVERYONE will be paying for it.

### Did You Know?

The appliances in your home account for about 20 percent of your total energy consumption. Refrigerators and other kitchen appliances use most of that energy, so it's important to think of two costs as you shop for new appliances. The first cost is the purchasing price of the item, and the second cost is the price of appliance operation. You will pay the operating cost for the entire time you use the appliance, so take it into consideration more than the purchasing price of an item.



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## Hargett Selected To Fill Vacancy On Cooperative Board of Directors...

Cecil Hargett was recently appointed to the cooperative's Board of Directors to fill the remaining term of Edward Cole. Cecil is married for almost 43 years and have three children and two grandchildren. A former North Carolina State Senator for

Mr. Cole passed away in August of last year while still an active member of the board. He had served Jones-Onslow and its customers in that position for more than 21 years.

Mr. Hargett began his term on the board on October 23, 2007, and will complete Mr. Cole's unexpired term which runs through Jones-Onslow's upcoming 2008 Annual Meeting.

A Jones County native, Hargett graduated from Richlands High School and later North Carolina State University. He is a military veteran, serving in the United States Air Force from 1960-1964. He now lives in the Hubert/Bear Creek area of Onslow County and has been the Contracting Agent for the North Carolina License Plate Agency in Onslow County for 15 years. He and his wife, Annette, have been



District Six (Jones and Onslow counties), Mr. Hargett has established himself as a leader in the community and in his profession. He is past President of the Richlands Chamber of Commerce, 2-time past President of the North Carolina License Plate Agency Contractor's Association, and is currently serving as a board member of the Swansboro Chamber of Commerce. He is also a member of Richlands United

# Plans Now Underway For 2008 Annual Meeting of Members

Plans are now being made for the cooperative's 2008 Annual Meeting of Members.

This year, the event will be held on Friday, March 28, at the American Legion Building at the Onslow County Fairgrounds in Jacksonville. Registration will begin at 5:30pm and the business meeting will get started at 7:00pm.



The Annual Meeting is an event for the entire family. It provides the opportunity for customers to learn firsthand, about the cooperative, the various services offered, and Jones-Onslow's role in making our community a better place to live, work, and raise a family.

Special entertainment will be provided throughout the evening and, as has become a tradition, drawings will be held during the event with hundreds of dollars worth of gifts to be given away.

So make plans for you and your family to attend this year's Annual Meeting of Members.



## ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS Want To Visit Our Nation's Capital?

Attention high school juniors! Are you ready to spend a week this June in the nation's capital with kids from across North Carolina and the United States? Then check out the 2008 Rural Electric Youth Tour sponsored by Jones-Onslow EMC.

Each year, Jones-Onslow sponsors four rising high school seniors on the youth tour. Why? Because the program helps young people learn about cooperatives and the cooperative way of doing business. It also allows the youth to grow in ways we hope will benefit our community in the future.

Many of Jones-Onslow's past youth tour participants have used their experiences to provide leadership when they returned to their schools and communities.

Jones-Onslow's Youth Tour representatives will be chosen through an essay contest with a pre-selected topic concerning electricity. If you're interested in this year's youth tour, contact your high school guidance counselor or call the cooperative office at (910) 353-1940 or (800) 682-1515 and speak with the cooperative's youth tour coordinator, Paula Redick.



## 2008 NOMINATING COMMITTEE

A Nominating Committee has been selected for the purpose of nominating individuals for election to the position of Director in Districts One, Two and Three. This committee is scheduled to meet in February 2008. The committee's names and addresses are as follows:

| <i>District One</i>  | <i>District Two</i>   | <i>District Three</i>  |
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| <i>Mr. Robert (Bobby) Edens<br/>P.O. Box 155<br/>Sneads Ferry, N.C. 28460-0155</i> | <i>Mr. W.C. Jarman<br/>198 Thomas Loop Road<br/>Jacksonville, N.C. 28540-8518</i> | <i>Mr. William Haddock<br/>2314 Wyse Fork Road<br/>Trenton, N.C. 28585</i>     |
| <i>Mrs. Linda Kellum<br/>1446 Kellum Loop Road<br/>Jacksonville, N.C. 28546</i>    | <i>Mrs. Iris Horne<br/>555 Cedar Fork Road<br/>Beulaville, N.C. 28518</i>         | <i>Mrs. Judy Smith<br/>3167 NC Highway 58 North<br/>Trenton, N.C. 28585</i>    |
| <i>Mr. Bobby Provost<br/>178 Great Neck Landing Road<br/>Hubert, N.C. 28539</i>    | <i>Mr. Tony Padgett<br/>P.O. Box 272<br/>Jacksonville, N.C. 28541-0272</i>        | <i>Mrs. Eula M. Koonce<br/>7224 NC Highway 41 West<br/>Trenton, N.C. 28585</i> |

## Summary Of Bylaws Pertaining To The Annual Meeting...

Any natural person, firm, association, corporation, business trust, partnership or body politic shall be eligible to become a member of, and, at one or more premises owned or directly occupied or used by him, to receive service from Jones-Onslow Electric Membership Corporation. No person shall hold more than one membership in the cooperative.

An Annual Meeting of the members, for the purpose of electing directors, hearing and passing upon reports covering the previous fiscal year, and transacting such other business as may properly come before the meeting, shall be held on the last Friday of the month of March of each year. Provided, that for good cause, the Board of Directors may fix a different date for such Annual Meeting not more than thirty (30) days prior or subsequent to the date established for such meeting in this Section.

Attendance in person of at least two percent (2%) of the then total members of the cooperative shall be required for the transaction of business at any meeting of the members. If less than a quorum is present at a meeting, a majority of those present in person may adjourn the meeting to another time and date.

The election of directors shall be completed at each legal meeting by the members. The business and affairs of the cooperative shall be managed by a Board of eleven (11) Directors, which shall exercise all the powers of the cooperative except such as are by law or by the cooperative's Articles of Incorporation, or Bylaws conferred upon or reserved to the members.

The cooperative's eleven (11) Directors shall be so nominated and elected that, at least three (3), but no more than four (4), shall be residents of each of the cooperative's three (3) Directorate Districts.

It shall be the duty of the Board of Directors to appoint, not less than fifty (50) nor more than one hundred fifty (150) days prior to the date of the Annual Meeting of Members, at which directors are to be elected, a Nominating Committee, consisting of three (3) members from each of the cooperative's

- three (3) Directorate Districts, and who are members of the cooperative, but are not incumbent directors or close relatives thereof. The Nominating Committee will nominate members for the Directorate District seats which are up for election each year. Voting by proxy will not be permitted.

- Any two percent (2%) or more members of the Cooperative, acting together, may make additional nominations in writing over their signature, listing their nominee(s) in like manner and filing the same with the Cooperative not less than thirty-five (35) days prior to the meeting of members. The Committee shall prepare and post at the principal office of the cooperative, at least twenty (20) days before the meeting, a list of nominations for directors to be elected. Should there be two or more candidates for the same Directorate seat then elections will be held by mail ballot. The ballots will be mailed in the Official Notice.

- A Credentials and Election Committee of at least five (5), and no more than thirteen (13), shall be appointed by the Board at least ten (10) days before any meeting of members. It shall be the responsibility of the Committee to pass upon all questions that may arise with respect to the registration of members in person, to count all ballots cast in any election, unless delegated by the Board to an independent auditor, or in any other ballot vote taken, and to rule upon the effect of any ballots irregularly marked. The Committee's decisions on all such matters shall be final.

- Each member who is not in a state of suspension, shall be entitled to one vote and no more upon each matter submitted to a vote at a meeting of the members. A member, which is an association, corporation, business trust or body politic may be present in person and vote at such meeting by and through a duly designated representative, qualified as such upon registering for the meeting. At all meetings of the members, at which a quorum is present, all questions shall be decided by a majority of the members voting thereon, in person, except as otherwise provided by law or by the cooperative's Certificate of Incorporation or Bylaws.