

Electricity use linked to living

Research reveals that there is a clear link between the use of electricity and the standard of living in countries around the world.

An interesting question is: Does one determine the other?

And does the United States have the highest standard of living because it uses the most electricity or does it use the most electricity because it has the highest standard of living?

That's a chicken-and-egg question no one can answer.

But statistics from more than 100 countries show that these two indicators rise or fall together.

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today uses more than 16 times as much electricity per hour as he did in 1920.

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The electric machinery he runs allows him to do the work of 683 men.

For all that work, he draws the highest wage of any worker in the world and that wage allows him to live better than any worker in the world.

But take away his electric machines and the bottom falls out.

His productivity drops, his wages drop and his standard of living drops.

A number of people are suggesting curtailing the use of electricity.

Many sincere environmental groups and social critics are advocating a slow-down of normal electric growth.

This, they hope, will buy time for solutions to problems like pollution, unemployment, housing and urban congestion.

MANY EXPERTS ARE convinced that the answers to the problems can be found in more electricity, not less.

Electricity is one of the cleanest forms of energy there is.

Substituting it where possible for less than clean sources of energy is a sure step toward real progress against pollution.

More than half the effective new pollution control devices being patented today run on electricity.

If we stop electric growth what chance will we have of getting new sewage treatment plants built?

Or of pushing ahead with rapid transit or recycling trash?

Some ways of making electricity are not so clean.

But instead of burning fuel in ten thousand homes for heat, electricity advocates suggest that it makes more sense to burn the fuel in one power plant and deliver clean electricity for heat to those ten thousand homes.

That eliminates 999 sources of air pollution, leaving only the power plants to worry about.

And cleaning up the exhaust of that plant's smokesack would be far easier and far cheaper than trying to stop the smoke of ten thousand chimneys.

Problems like unemployment, housing and urban congestion are largely money problems and in a sense, electricity generates money.

Used properly, electricity generates productivity and productivity generates capital. And used properly, capital solves problems.

The electric industry is advocating growth in directions that will get long overdue things done.

They are working for it and hoping no one will pull the plug.

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Members of bar choose candidates

OAKLAND COUNTY — The Oakland County Bar Association, following the polling of its approximately 1,450 members, has announced its choice of "qualified" candidates for circuit and probate court judge.

With 749 valid ballots returned, Oakland Circuit Court Judge Robert B. Webster received 86 percent of the ballots cast for best qualified among three candidates for the circuit court.

William M. Travis, one of three candidates for a new probate court seat, has been voted best qualified after receiving approximately 58 percent of the ballots cast.

Travis, presently Oakland Probate Court register, will oppose attorney Barry M. Grant and John J. O'Brien on the primary ballot.

Webster, appointed to the circuit bench in 1973 after the retirement of Judge Clark Adams, must campaign for election to that six-year post on the August primary ballot.

Candidates District Court Judge James R. Stelt and attorney Stuart H. Brickner will oppose Webster.

CAC taps new board

The Birmingham-Bloomfield Community Action Council (CAC) has elected its board of directors for 1974-75. The board will be composed of the following officers of CAC: Dr. Jerry Tobias, president; Rev. Edward N. Schneider, vice-president; Harold L. Moll, treasurer; and Marietta Mezey, secretary.

The three community youth programs sponsored by CAC will be represented by their administrative directors: Leonard Schwartz, Common Ground; Diana Vincent, Hotline; John Genova, U-Turn; and by the boards of directors: Steve Schiller, designate of Mary Jane Wilson, chairman, Common Ground; Mark Moore, chairman, Hotline; and Ed Ledermann, chairman, U-Turn.

The three communities supporting CAC will also be represented on the board of directors. Bloomfield Township will be represented by Deloris Little, Township Clerk. Representatives from Birmingham and the City of Bloomfield Hills will be named later.

CAC was formed in the summer of 1970 to form a co-ordinated effort to deal with the concerns and meet the needs of youth in the communities of Birmingham, Bloomfield Hills, Bloomfield Township and the areas encompassed by the Birmingham and Bloomfield Hills School Districts. Its purpose is to serve as an umbrella agency for the disbursement of funds to programs that are designed to meet the youth needs of this area and which have been approved by the board of directors.

CAC has been financed chiefly to date by grants from the three communities and Oakland County but more funds are needed.

CAC plans to have "Town Hall" meetings in the coming year as a means of introducing the present programs to the public, hoping for greater community participation.

2 residents head units

Roger B. Smith and John C. Dean, both of Bloomfield Hills, have signed on as top volunteers in the 1974 U.F. Torch Drive campaign.

Smith, GM vice president and group executive in charge of non-automotive and defense group, heads the campaign's industrial unit. He will direct the solicitation for funds for some 2,000 Detroit-area industrial concerns.

Dean, chairman of the board and president of Ford Motor Credit Co., will head the metropolitan unit of the Torch Drive. Within Dean's campaign unit are all governmental offices on every level from federal to local municipal governments, the public schools systems in the tri-county area, and 24,000 small metropolitan businesses.

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