



PHONE FACTS

Message From Your Manager



Harlon Parker, Manager

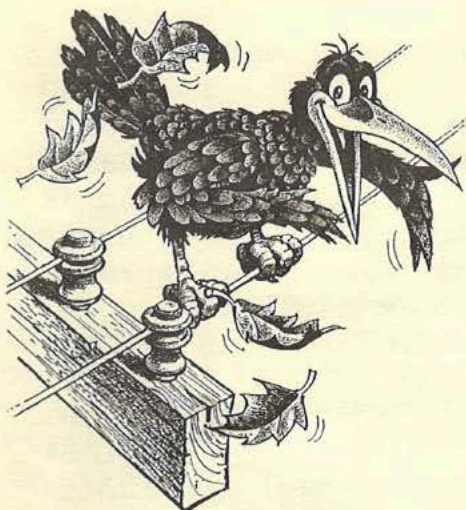
We hope you appreciate one community resource that is often taken for granted, your local telephone company, Ballard Rural Telephone Co-op. The Co-op looks out for the community's telecommunication needs. It cares about our children's education and our economic development. It provides jobs and is heavily involved in local activities through our contributions to charities and volunteer organizations. Ballard Rural Telephone Co-op employees and Board of Directors are all proud members of our community and respond quickly to our service needs. Ballard Rural Telephone Co-op keeps on top of the demand for new technology. With all that is taking place in telecommunications business with mergers, acquisitions and the intense competition, it is reassuring to receive reliable state of the art service from a phone company such as Ballard Rural Telephone Co-op. Thanks to you, as loyal and devoted members of the Cooperative who share our vision for the future, we would like to ask for your continued support.

We would like to report that construction in the Heath and Kevil area is complete. We have subscribers upgraded into three remote switches at Heath. Work has begun on the upgrade of five remotes in the Kevil area. We plan to add additional fiber cable between LaCenter and Wickliffe during 1998 which will give us a complete fiber ring.

F.Y.I.

(For Your Information)

In the near future, it looks like western Kentucky will take on a new area code. This will mean that our 502 code will be changed to another code. You may want to consider this when ordering your bank checks or any business or residence stationery. It may be a good idea to cut back on the amount you order until we find out what our new code will be.



Left to right: Randy Grogan, Kevin Romaine, Stephen Jones II, Cindy Wicker, Mark Viets, Cheryl Scott, Joe Flowers, Raylyn Peyton, Ted Solomon, Rodney Watson and Earnie Yates.

Blood Donors

The December 4th blood drive had eleven (11) employees participating. This demonstrates the community leadership displayed by Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative employees. It is a good feeling to have a part in an effort to save a life. A special thanks to the pictured employees and also thanks to Ballard Rural Telephone Cooperative for allowing each employee who gives blood the privilege of taking off four hours with pay at a later date.