

Railway Finance Authority*Darrel Rensink, secretary; 800 Lincoln Way, Ames 50010; 515/239-1111*

FRED MCKIM, chair, West Bend; term expires 1996

JOSEPH H. HARPER, vice-chair, Blue Grass; term expires 1992

CARMEN E. HALVERSON, Cedar Falls; term expires 1994

NORAL D. JOHNSON, Essex; term expires 1996

MOLLY SCOTT, Spencer; term expires 1994

The five member board is appointed by the governor, subject to Senate confirmation. The director of the Department of Transportation serves as secretary to the board and the Iowa Department of Transportation employees serve as staff. To assure that the state follows a single transportation policy, the authority is directed to exercise its duties and powers consistent with the policy and plans of the Iowa Transportation Commission.

The Iowa Railway Finance Authority was established by legislation in 1980 for the financing of railway facilities. The authority will enable the state to actively participate in preserving vital components of Iowa's rail system.

VOTER REGISTRATION COMMISSION*W. Douglas Lovitt, director; Hoover State Office Building, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-5781*

WILL LYNCH, designee for state chair of Republican Party of Iowa

J.P. STEFFEN, designee for state chair of Iowa Democratic Party

TIM WADDELL, designee of the Iowa secretary of state

The Iowa Voter Registration Commission determines general policy to be followed by the state registrar of voters and county commissioners of registration. It adopts rules and standards regarding forms and procedures to be used in the registration process.

The commission actively promotes registration and participation in elections by all Iowans. Each year, millions of postcard registration forms are made available from hundreds of sites across the state. Information concerning registration procedures and deadlines are routinely released to the public before major elections.

Established in 1976, the commission is composed of the chairs of the two major political parties and the secretary of state, or their designees. Commissioners serve no specific terms.

**VOTING MACHINES AND
ELECTRONIC VOTING SYSTEMS,
BOARD OF EXAMINERS FOR***c/o Secretary of State, Statehouse, Des Moines 50319; 515/281-5865*

CURTIS P. MINEART, chair, Washington; term expires 1994

LOIS SCHNOOR, Maquoketa; term expires 1994

DONALD W. SPENCER, Ruthven; term expires 1994

Requests for certification of voting equipment and voting booths are submitted to the secretary of state, who then notifies the Board of Examiners of the time and place for the examination and testing of the equipment. Following administrative rules and the requirements of the *Code of Iowa*, the board examines and tests the equipment and determines whether or not the equipment may be used in the state. The reports of the Board of Examiners are filed and kept in the Office of the Secretary of State. Only voting machines or systems and voting booths approved by the Board of Examiners may be used at Iowa elections. Board members are appointed by the governor for five-year terms.

Opposite: Late fall comes to the Motor Mill along the Turkey River in Clayton County. Photo by Doris J. Olmstead, Manchester.