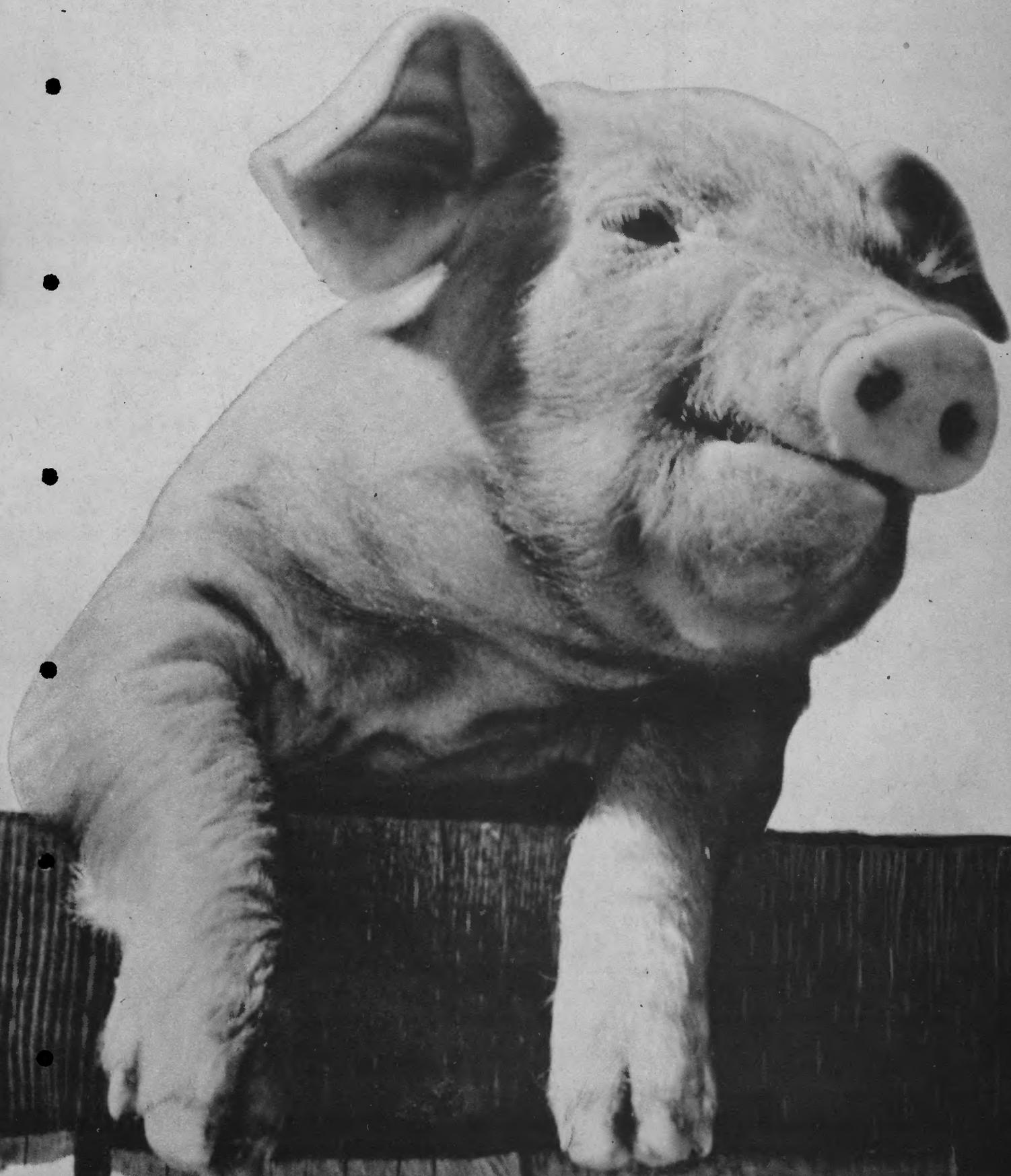


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## Our Cover

Our baby pig doesn't look very happy. But who can blame him? Modern farming methods, aided by rural electricity, have cut his life expectancy to a few short months. Fortunately, this cute little fellow will soon lose his babyish appeal, otherwise who could bear to eat a pork chop?

# No Mistaking Intent!

Despite the fact that the Humphrey-Price bill failed to become law, there can be no mistaking the intent of Congress that the Rural Electrification Administration should be a non-political agency.

By an overwhelming vote, Congress reaffirmed this intent last month by passing the Humphrey-Price legislation but to no avail since President Eisenhower vetoed it. The popularity of the bill was again proved in the attempt to override the President. The Senate gave it a more than two-thirds majority (64-29), but the House failed by the slim margin of four votes to overcome the veto (280-146).

The Administration tried to make it appear that the bill was a partisan issue aimed at discrediting Secretary of Agriculture Ezra Benson.

The purpose of the Humphrey-Price bill was to reestablish the full authority of the REA Administrator over the granting of REA loans on the basis of proved merit and further, to protect the agency from becoming a political football.

Up until two years ago, everyone with the exception of the Secretary of Agriculture felt the original REA Act contained all the safeguards necessary to protect the agency from the dangers of partisan politics. However, Secretary Benson decided that he had the authority to approve loans to rural electric cooperatives of over \$500,000, and so advised the REA Administrator.

Rural electric co-op leaders, who are members of both political parties, protested that this usurption of the REA Administrator's duties by a political appointee, the Secretary of Agriculture, violated the intent of the REA Act and that it threatened to destroy the non-partisan status of the agency. One of the reasons for REA's tremendous success has been because its non-political nature has been zealously guarded throughout its nearly quarter-century history.

While Mr. Eisenhower, Mr. Benson and Mr. Hamil, seem confident that REA's non-political status needs no reaffirmation during the present Administration, what guarantee can they give that the next Administration will carry on the tradition. The Humphrey-Price bill would have furnished such a guarantee and so it deserved the support of both Republicans and Democrats alike.

An interesting sidelight of the battle over the Humphrey-Price bill, was Senator Everett Dirksen's denunciation of it as "a bill that that should be vetoed." This is an about-face for the Illinois Senator. A little over a year ago he told Illinois electric co-op leaders: "I hope we can work out a satisfactory approach to restoring full power to the REA Administrator."

Yet Senator Dirksen led the fight to scuttle the bill. And, surprising too, was the helping hand he received from American Farm Bureau President Charles Shuman who sent 11th-hour telegrams to wavering Congressmen from farm districts urging them to uphold the President's veto.

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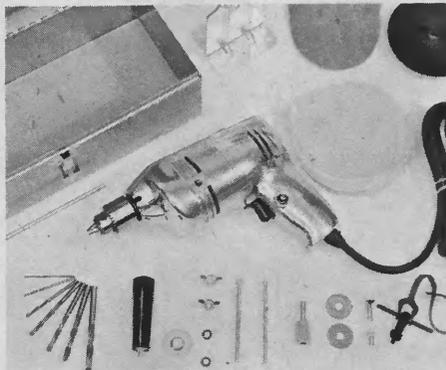
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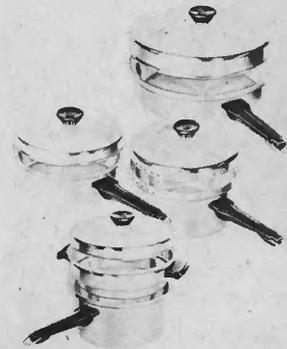
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# Safe Water . . .

## GAMBLE or

Six of every 10 wells in this country may be supplying contaminated water. Chlorination is only sure way of guaranteeing purity

BY R. G. HARTSHORN



Compact dechlorinator-filter at the kitchen sink assures safe drinking water and also removes chlorine taste.

Turning on the water tap is a commonplace occurrence. But you may be taking the greatest gamble of your life each time you touch that tap

Instead of the refreshing drink you want, you may be drawing sickness for yourself and your family. Even livestock can be infected with a dangerous water borne disease!

The startling and rather frightening truth is that over six of every 10 wells in the nation may be supplying impure, contaminated water. Some wells are contaminated from the start. Others become contaminated a short time after they've been tested and approved. Water can be checked but not guaranteed safe unless it is properly treated.

State Departments of Health have long recognized the problem. They've recommended that wells and other private water sources be tested regularly.

What happens when you learn that your well is contaminated? You then have to do without water, unless you're to risk amoebic dysentery; jaundice; a variety of irritating upsets commonly called "intestinal flu," or even that dreaded killer, typhoid fever.

Although frequent testing of the water-supply source is recommended—because it's as important as a personal medical examination—it must not be mistaken for medication. What medication and treat-

ment are to the person, proper water treatment is to the water supply.

Constant checks—as important as they are—just can't be mistaken for proper safeguards!

The best preventative measure in water safety today is proper construction and location of a well or other source followed by superchlorination-dechlorination, with fully automatic electrically operated equipment. With these, farm and rural water supplies are the source of pure, safe water. This covers wells, cisterns, farm ponds and even lakes.

The growing menace of water contamination can be traced to many things in our time. Decentralization of industry, falling water tables, flooding, subtle changes in the earth's crust—all contribute.

Wastes, dangerous bacteria, scum and residue flow through the earth searching for the path of least resistance. Rock crevasses and porous earth are underground highways along which these poisonous materials travel. Stopping-off places are wells, ponds, lakes, rivers and the seepage areas connected with these.

Folks who have prided themselves on the sparkling, clear quality of their well water, are misled on two points:

1. Underground seepage can be at work at any

# CERTAINTY?

time, introducing sewage contamination into the water from a source several miles away.

2. Deterioration of well casings can be the undoing of wells that originally were sealed against seepage.

In addition, the appearance and taste of water is never an assurance that it is pure. Many a person has learned to his regret that the water source that was the pride of his grandfather, is a contaminated mess that could spell costly doctor bills resulting from illness in the family. Livestock are extremely sensitive to water purity as recent reports of livestock epidemics prove.

Take a deep drilled well, for example. The owner may proudly report that he's getting the "purest of the pure water from old Lake So-and-So. It's some 50 miles away and has had a reputation for purity.

Then one day it's checked by state authorities who discover that it's contaminated. But let's go on. An underground current of this lake runs towards our friend's well encountering seepage from an industrial site, recently constructed.

A mile farther a faulty septic tank—a dangerous center of serious contamination—pours its poison into the "pure" water of Lake So-and-So that's moving underground. Just 500 yards from the well itself, drainage from a new inter-state highway trickles into the soft earth and finds its way to the water table.

Our friend, the well owner, of course, doesn't know these things. Unfortunately—and dangerously—he's tapping his private water supply, unaware of the many dangerous consequences. To warnings from experts, he replies: "Why this well water is the purest—it's from old Lake So-and-So."

When he does learn the facts, what's he to do? The answer luckily is simple enough. The installation of a chlorine purification system can be made inexpensively and easily.

Here's the way you can be sure your well supplies safe, pure water: First, properly locate the well as far away from any known source of contamination as possible; then have a skilled well driller properly construct the well. Finally, install an automatic, electrically controlled chlorination-dechlorination system. This system consists of a compact chlorinator that feeds chlorine into the water line with each operation of the pump.

Chlorination is the best way to sterilize water for perfect safety. Over 96 per cent of all cities in the country chlorinate their water.

Chlorinated water then flows through a compact filter that removes dirt specks, scum and other

microscopic impurities. The chlorine taste is removed by the filter after the chlorine has done its job. There's an additional benefit: Where present, rust staining, sulphur tastes and odors are also removed.

The choice is up to you!

Will it be water from a water source that is in constant danger of becoming contaminated? Or will it be perfectly clear, pure water, chlorinated and filtered with a convenient chlorinator-dechlorinator?

This simple automatic chlorinator feeds ordinary household laundry bleach into water system each time pump works, killing disease germs.



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with public power . . .

# EVERYONE WINS!

By Terry Gunn, *Illinois Rural Electric News*, Special Washington Correspondent

You might be surprised by the answers you would get if you stopped the next 10 people you meet to ask, "Do you think the Federal power program has any influence—good or bad—on your family's cost of living?"

You'd be amazed to find how few Americans realize that the "yardstick" provided by Federally generated electric power is one of the big factors—and has been for years—in keeping electric rates low for everybody, while other living costs soar.

That's true in the cities, (Charts 2 and 3), and even more so, in areas served by the rural electric, (Chart 1).

You've probably heard people say something like this:

"I'm all in favor of rural electrification. I don't think the power companies would have ever built the lines to all those people out in the country.

"But I don't see why the rural electric systems make such a fuss about things like TVA and other Federal power projects.

"Why don't they just run their own businesses and let it go at that?"

That's a good question, and a natural one.

The answer is largely a matter of dollars and cents. Before the rural electric systems can distribute power, almost all of them must buy their power at wholesale. Where does it come from?

Many of the systems are located near enough to Federal projects to buy from them a substantial part of their power needs. These projects now supply about one-third of the total power purchased by all rural electric systems. Most other systems buy all or part of their wholesale power from private power companies—or about half of their total requirements, nationally.

## Few Co-ops Generate

The rest is purchased from public bodies, such as towns, or generated by the systems themselves. Only a few have generating plants of their own. Other systems have banded together to set up generation and transmission cooperatives. But most of the wholesale power comes either from private companies or Federal projects.

Without Federal power, the systems would be at the mercy of private power companies for the bulk of their wholesale needs. And the power companies could set rates for all the traffic would bear.

Thus Federal power projects provide a degree of competition in a field that would be almost completely lacking otherwise. The government measures the cost of producing power at its dams and steam stations, and sets up a yardstick to measure wholesale electric power rates.

This yardstick has been invaluable to the rural electric systems. In 1940 they paid an average of well over one cent (12 mills) per kilowatt-hour for whole-

sale power purchased from private companies. Today, the average is down by one-third to 7.9 mills.

During the same period average cost of Federal power dropped from nine mills per kilowatt-hour to 5.3 mills. It's easy to see that the wholesale cost of power follows trends set by Federal power projects.

The pattern is repeated throughout the country. When a Federal project is built and wholesale power rates established, the private power companies in the area lower their rates. This not only benefits the systems which are in a position to buy the Federal power, but others in nearby locations. And it doesn't hurt the power companies, or their investors. Actually, they're better off today than ever before. (See Box).

## Power Companies Win, Too!

Earnings are up for all of the nation's largest power companies. In 1955, they were almost three times as large as they were in 1937, the first year comparable statistics are available from the Federal Power Commission.

But earnings gains, available to common stockholders of the nine private utilities serving in areas bordering TVA are twice as good. They have soared six and a half times from 1937 to 1955.

In Louisiana, for example, rural electric co-ops tried for years to negotiate a more reasonable wholesale power rate with the private companies.

Rates ran as high as one cent per kilowatt-hour until the Southwestern Power Administration, which markets Federal power in adjoining states, revealed plans to sell wholesale power in Louisiana. This action, coupled with co-op moves to build generating stations of their own, led to lower rates from the power companies. As a result, Louisiana co-ops paid an average of 5.4 mills per kilowatt-hour in 1956.

When the Administration raised rates for power marketed by Southwestern Power Administration, power companies throughout the area served notice that they would hike their rates, too.

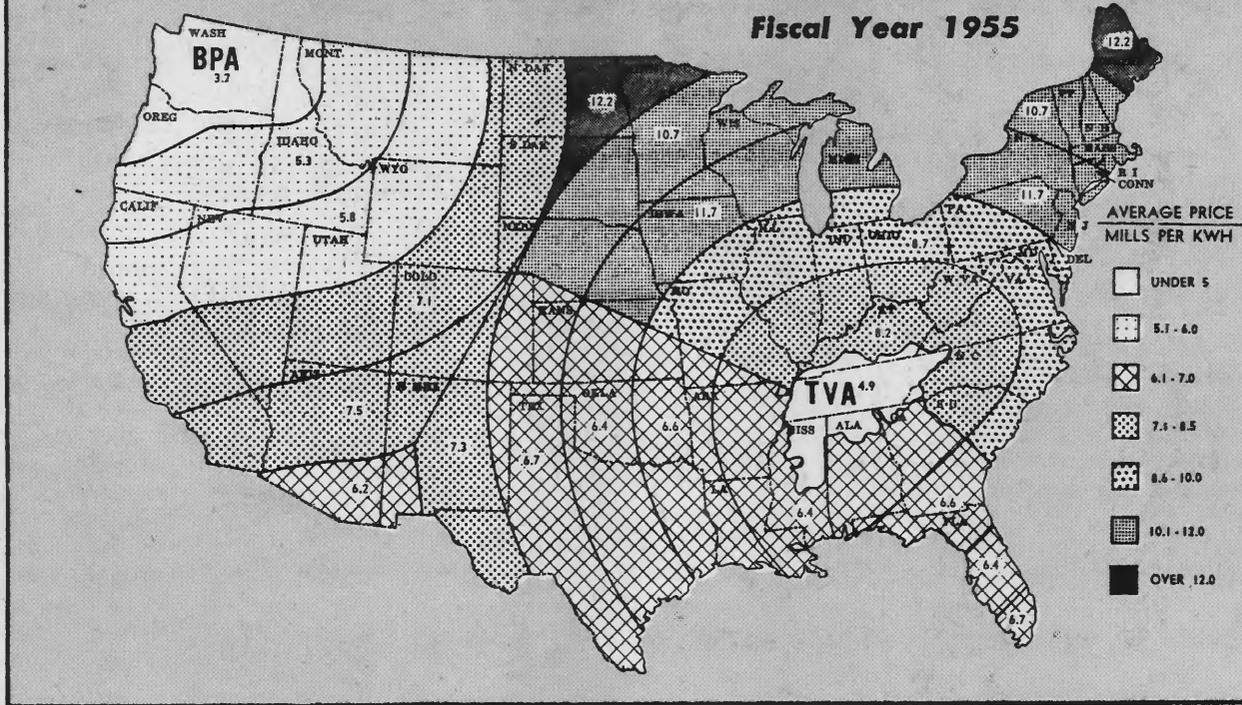
So Federal power projects, and policies that govern them, are of vital concern to rural electric members.

The cost of wholesale power now takes 32 cents of every dollar the systems take in. When those costs increase there's a good chance that the rates charged members will have to go up, too.

Everyone wins when electric rates are kept low through competition by example furnished by Federal power programs like the Tennessee Valley Authority and the Bonneville Power Administration.

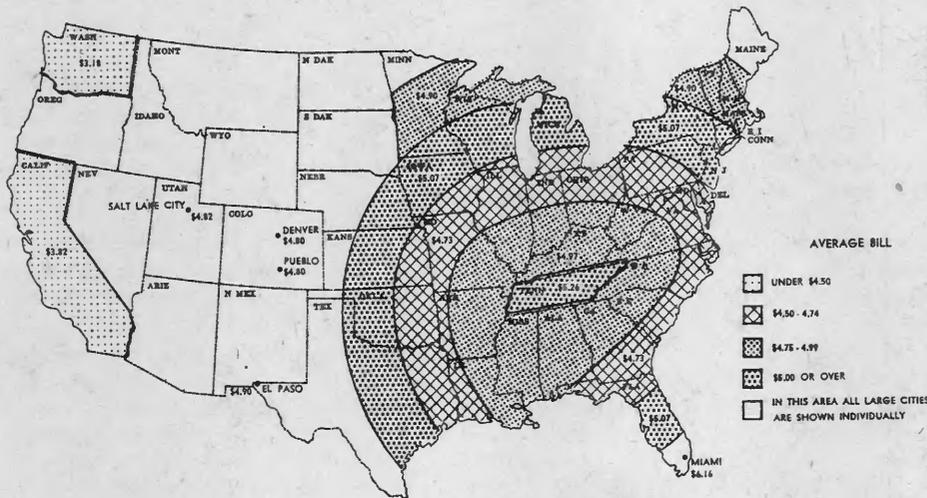
They help us all keep the cost of living down.

# CHART I AVERAGE PRICE OF POWER PURCHASED BY REA BORROWERS Fiscal Year 1955



The influence of Federal power projects on wholesale rates to rural electric systems is shown by this map. Note that the average cost of purchased power

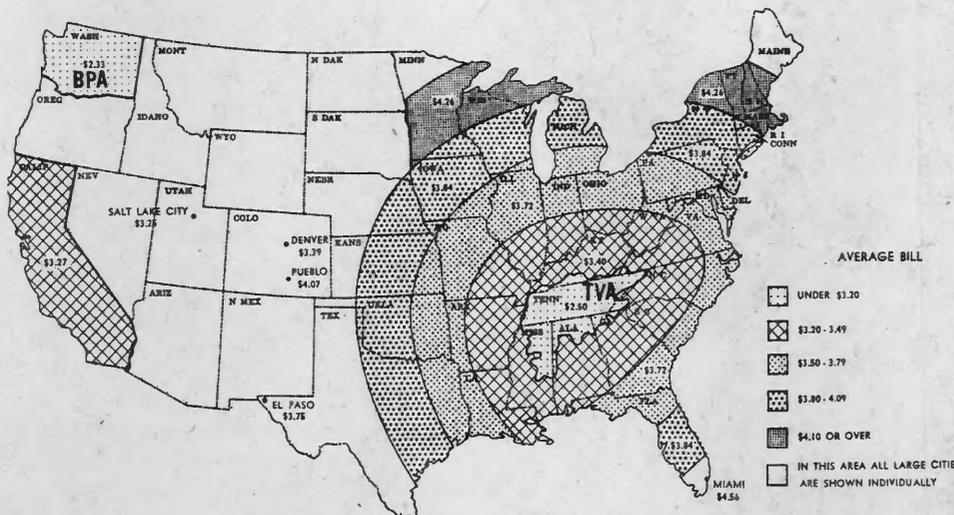
is progressively higher as distance increases from the Tennessee Valley Authority (TVA) and Bonneville Power Administration (BPA).



## CHART 2

### In Large Cities—Average Cost of 100 KWH. Residential Service, 1932

In the depression days of 1932, and before TVA was born, residential rates in the large cities of Tennessee and surrounding states were among the highest in the nation. Lowest rates were found in the State of Washington, largely because of the influence of municipally owned electric systems in Seattle and Tacoma.



## CHART 3

### In Large Cities—Average Cost of 100 KWH. Residential Service, 1956

In the inflation year of 1956, when a dollar was worth much less, 100 KWH. of electricity cost less everywhere. But rates were lowest in the TVA area and surrounding states in the East—and in the Bonneville area of the West. As distance from these two great Federal projects increases, both city and rural rates are progressively higher.

# Gadget keeps tractors from overturning



No bigger than a man's hand, the little objects are claimed to keep tractors from overturning.

■ In appearance the small object above looks like a piece of pipe plugged at both ends and with one nut protruding. It's less than five inches long and one inch in diameter. Yet, its inventor, Jesse Young, claims this "gadget" will prevent tractors from overturning and maiming or killing the operators.

Called, "Young's Safety Device For Tractors," the small protector mounts on the side of the tractor and is interconnected to the machine's ignition system. "It is set to operate at a predetermined degree of elevation, usually between 40 and 45 degrees," Young explains. "Then when the front of the tractor rises to that angle the device activates and cuts off the tractor's power, righting the tractor."

According to Young, who tested the device himself, it's foolproof. "Any tractor equipped with one of my devices will not rear-up and tip over," the inventor confidently declares. He says this makes it comparatively safe even for children to drive tractors.

Young, a lineman for Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, made the safety appliance in his spare time in his home workshop in Elizabethtown. He says it took him a year to perfect it. He's applied for a patent.



Jesse Young, the inventor of the tractor safety device, demonstrates how the gadget prevents his tractor from overturning when it rears up to a 45-degree angle. Then, it turns off the engine.

The co-op lineman and part-time inventor got the idea for the gadget three years ago when a friend of his overturned on a tractor and suffered crippling injuries. Then later, Young read about another man who was killed in a similar tractor mishap. Young felt both accidents could have been prevented. The problem was how.

"I figured that if I could develop some way of mechanically turning off a tractor before it reached a critical height, then I could help prevent such terrible accidents. It's almost impossible for the driver to react quickly enough to do something himself," Young says.

"I know from my own experience. I tried out my safety device before I applied for a patent. I chained a tractor to a tree, then gunned it until the front end started to rise. I had the protector

set at too high of an angle and the tractor almost overturned before the device activated and cut off the ignition. You, know, I just sat there and was too paralyzed with fear to think about jumping."

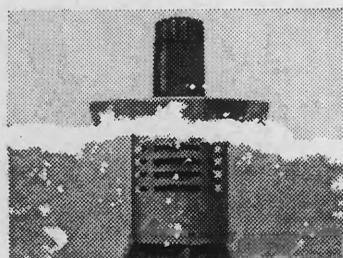
Young says he had to remake his protective device five times before coming up with a satisfactory model. "My first one was too bulky and not reliable enough. It consisted of switches, relays and coils. It was just too complicated." After months of effort and experimentation, Young devised a small, compact model that was much less complex.

For the present, Young expects to make the safety device in his small workshop and to sell it for around \$20. He says he doesn't expect to get rich. "But, if my invention saves just one life I'll be amply rewarded," the safety-conscious co-op lineman remarks.



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## Humphrey-Price bill killed as House fails by four votes to override President Eisenhower's veto

■ The Humphrey-Price bill died last month as the House failed by a narrow four-vote margin to override President Eisenhower's veto. The vote was 280-146, four shy of the required two-thirds majority.

In the crucial showdown tests in both houses of Congress, members of the Illinois congressional delegation split sharply along party lines.

All 14 Democratic House members voted for the measure, co-authored by Illinois Congressman Melvin Price. All 11 Republicans opposed it in the vital April 30 action.

### MRS. SIMPSON SWITCHES

In the House's unsuccessful overriding action, Illinois Congresswoman Mrs. Sid Simpson, voted against Humphrey-Price. Previously, on April 15, she had been the only Republican member of the Illinois delegation voting for it.

Similarly, Illinois Senators Everett Dirksen (R) and Paul Douglas (D) split their votes, as the Senate on April 28 successfully nullified the President's veto of the previous day. The Senate vote was 64-29, two more than necessary.

Strongly endorsed by rural electric systems throughout the nation, the bill would have returned full loan-making authority to the REA Administrator.

Under provisions of Reorganization Plan No. 2 of 1953, Agriculture Secretary Benson two years ago, issued a secret order making all REA loans of more than \$500,000 subject to his review and approval.

Subsequently an REA loan application for \$42-million filed by 18 Indiana rural electric cooperatives was delayed. This was in May, 1957. To date the loan has still not been made.

REA Administrators between 1938 and 1953 had the sole authority to approve or disapprove loans.

All during Senate action on the bill which began with passage of the measure of a 60-27 vote on April 8, Senator Dirksen led the Administration's fight to kill Humphrey-Price.

### DIRKSEN CALLS FOR VETO

Even before the House passed it by a 254-131 count exactly a week later, Dirksen, anticipating the approving action, called for a veto.

Emerging from a GOP policy conference at the White House on the morning of April 15, he said, "If there ever was a bill that I would urge a veto on, that was one."

Moments before the Senate on April 28 voted to override the President's veto of Humphrey-Price, Dirksen, leading the opposition, said REA Administrator Hamil had appeared before the Senate Government Operations Committee and claimed there had been no interference from Secretary Benson's office on REA loans.

A short time later, however, he admitted, "there has been a little difficulty with respect to a cooperative in Indiana."

Senator Douglas strongly backed the bill.

"It is the duty of Congress to pass legislation which in its opinion is best for the nation," he declared on April 27, urging the Senate to overturn President Eisenhower's veto.

"I believe that the present policy of the Secretary of Agriculture is unwise and not in the national interest," he asserted, "and therefore the veto power should be taken away from him."

Sharp differences of opinion on the House side were voiced by Representatives Price (D) and Leo C. Allen (R). Allen took substantially the same position as Dirksen.

Price however said: "I feel that this is a needed move to preserve the vitality and purpose of this useful agency, (REA) which has brought light and power to rural America."

### WHITE HOUSE PRESSURE

The Administration left no stone unturned in its fight to uphold the President's veto. The day before the House vote, the White House went to work on the 16 Republicans who had originally voted for Humphrey-Price, and succeeded in persuading nine of them to switch. These included Congresswoman Simpson.

President Eisenhower summoned a number of Congressmen to the White House for personal talks and personally gave telephone lectures to others.

Even former President Herbert Hoover was brought into the battle by the Administration. Hoover issued an 11th hour statement urging the House to sustain the President.

A few hours before the House vote, wavering congressmen from farm districts received telegrams from American Farm Bureau President Charles Shuman asking them to uphold the President's veto.

Here's how Illinois Congressmen voted on override of President's veto of Humphrey-Price Bill.

Dist.	Congressman	Voted For	Voted Against
1	Dawson (D)	X	
2	O'Hara (D)	X	
3	Murphy (D)	X	
4	Derwinski (R)		X
5	Kluczynski (D)	X	
6	O'Brien (D)	X	
7	Libonati (D)	X	
8	Rostenkowski (D)	X	
9	Yates (D)	X	
10	Collier (R)		X
11	Pucinski (D)	X	
12	Boyle (D)	X	
13	Church (R)		X
14	Hoffman (R)		X
15	Mason (R)		X
16	Allen (R)		X
17	Arends (R)		X
18	Michel (R)		X
19	Chiperfield (R)		X
20	Simpson (R)		X
21	Mack (D)	X	
22	Springer (R)		X
23	Shiple (D)	X	
24	Price (D)	X	
25	Gray (D)	X	
Senators:			
	Douglas (D)	X	
	Dirksen (R)		X

# DOZEN'

children, and each backed up the one who did the correcting. Stearns recalls that they used the switch method on the older children, and then changed to child psychology on the younger members of the family. "We were mellowing then," he remarks. And, as far as he can determine there wasn't any difference in the way each method worked on the children. "There's not a spoiled one in the lot."

At about the time the Stearns were raising their family, much of rural America was still without electricity. Consequently the couple worked without the many modern appliances found in today's homes which ease the everyday household chores.

Mrs. Stearns did her washing by hand. And, she cooked on an old coal stove which had to be constantly fired. Inside plumbing was only a dream. Baths were given in an old tub with water heated on the stove. It was truly a Saturday



The rural couples' 13 children are all married, except the youngest, a boy who is a senior in high school. They all live within 15 minutes' drive of their parents, and are frequent visitors.

night ritual. It wasn't until REA came into existence in the late 30's that the Stearns' farm was electrified.

Now, the Egyptian Electric Cooperative, Steeleville, serves the home-place, besides those of the Stearns' children, all of whom are married except the youngest, who is a senior in high school. The married children live within 15 minutes drive of their parents' home. "We get to see at least two of them every day," Dad Stearns points out.

"Mother and I haven't lost our children, we have merely acquired more through their marriages,"

Stearns likes to believe. The couple have 38 grandchildren and two great grandchildren of which they are very proud.

The Stearns realize that they probably could have raised their large family a whole lot easier if they had had electricity. But, as things turned out, they say they were too busy to worry about not having it. And because they didn't worry much and accepted what came along, good or bad, the Stearns think that is the main reason they were able to handle a large family. "Worry never solved any problem," Dad Stearns declares.

IT'S A LARGE GATHERING WHEN THE CHILDREN, GRANDCHILDREN AND TWO GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN COME HOME.



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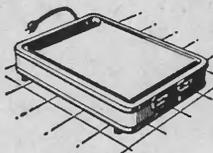
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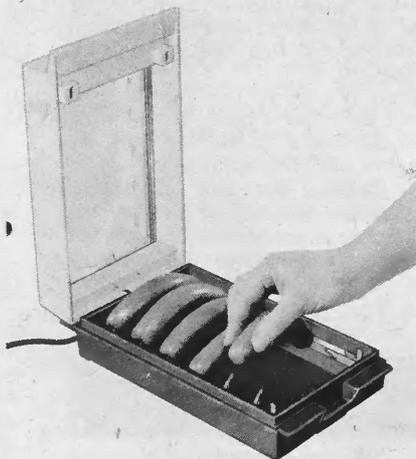
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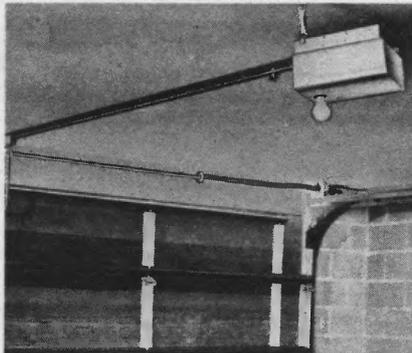
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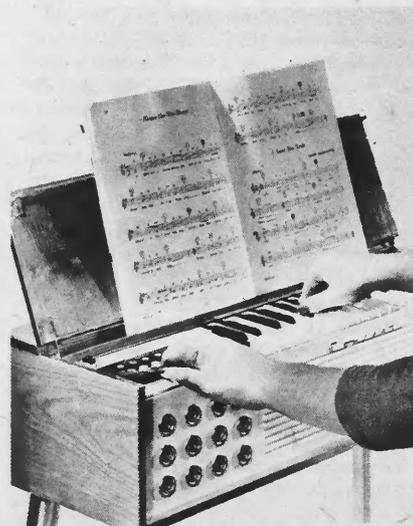
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Along about this time of year, managers of rural electric systems begin shedding bitter tears in their beer, moaning and sobbing and wishing that they had taken up something else such as shark fighting, deep sea diving or diffusing atomic bombs—the reason being that it is the storm season.

When storm season comes, we have outages. When we have outages everybody gets unhappy, even down to the manager's wife, who claims he is snappish, does not eat his food properly and has a tendency to kick at the dog when he comes home.

Our heaviest months for these outages are May, June and July, and the reason that we have trouble is because of lightning and wind. So, the next time you see a thunderhead boiling in the southwest with the rumbling and roaring of thunder, you can bet your bottom dollar that somebody along the line is going to be left without current.

NOT SMART ENOUGH

Also, we as human beings think we are pretty smart but we have never devised a way of building and constructing power lines to guarantee 24 hour service, seven days a week. It just can't be done, and isn't done, except for some joker who comes along trying to kid us. But we know better because we know the power does go off.

Lightning is a big offender, along with our ever-loving shade trees that grow in our pastures or in our front yards. When the beautiful green leaves of spring burst forth upon our trees, they are wind catchers. When they catch wind, the limbs blow out of the trees and across our power lines and off goes the current.

This makes us all unhappy because it means that a lot of people are working long hours and in the worst of weather conditions. It also means that some of us are out of current and are liable to have to eat bologna sandwiches instead of fried steak for supper.

So, everyone of us complains about it, but the amazing thing is, we all seem to live through it and get along pretty well after the storm passes.

CUT TREES

There is one thing we can do and it is very simple, direct and to the point—cut our shade trees which are under or close to the power lines. The second thing is to hope that the lightning, which does more damage than anything, does not hit our own power line but goes down the road and clobbers our neighbor's instead. We have the most expensive outage

protective devices made by man installed on our lines but none of them can be guaranteed to withstand the terrific pressures placed upon a wire which is about the size of a lead pencil. When lightning hits such a wire that is stretched for hundreds of miles in all directions it has to go somewhere and that somewhere is to the ground.

When it goes to the ground it is liable to chose your transformer, meter or house wiring, or ours, as the path it wants to take. When it does, "boom," out goes the lights. That is the way it goes and we, being human beings, make the best of it and we come up smiling—at least most of the time.

Corn Belt

Here are the rest of the questions asked by members at the annual meeting which we think will be of general interest to you members.



T. H. Hater

1. How often should we have our writing checked?  
A. There is no definite period of time which should be followed. We suggest that any time you see anything questionable about your wiring, or when your appliances and equipment do not seem to be working well, or, and at any time when you are going to add another piece of equipment which uses a lot of current, then have it checked. At any of these times that you would like to have your wiring checked just contact the office by card or telephone and this co-op will ask a power use man to stop at your place.

2. You have previously asked how many items that we own use electricity. How many were reported?  
A. Each two years we send members a return postal card on which to check the electric equipment they are using. After these are summarized in the office we print in this column a list of the items and the percentage of our members using them. This is the year for this survey and you may have a card to check even before you get this column. We hope everyone will check and return the card promptly.

3. Please list the yearly attendance record of the directors and please save your money at Christmas and don't send out light bulbs. Ours were not any good. We never have received a good one.  
A. The attendance record for most of our directors has been very good and it is always made available to the

nominating committee at their meeting when considering nominations for election of directors. We think this is the proper place for it but, of course, it will be made available to any member on request.

We are sorry that somebody has never received a good light bulb at Christmas time. Anyone who receives one which will not work may have it replaced by simply notifying the co-op office. We have replaced one or two dozen bulbs each year but you must notify us so we can do this.

4. Why the booster committee?  
The man from our territory does nothing and does not even attend annual meetings. They should at least be changed once in a while.

A. Since we don't know the member you referred to we can't explain for him. Over the years the booster committee has done considerable volunteer work for the cooperative and we feel that it has been worthwhile. Maybe it would be a good idea to change the membership more often and we will be glad to pass this suggestion on to the Board of Directors. We will be glad to hear from any other members on this plan because the reason for having the booster committee is to have a representative from each township in the co-op office for discussion at least once a year.

5. We would like good music at the annual meeting or at least group singing.  
A. We agree that this is an item that we missed at our last meeting. We are glad to have the comment and will pass the idea on to the committee for next year.

M.J.M. Electric

This is the time of year when people make plans for their vacations, or for some other type of summer relaxation. Some of our members like to fish, others like to drive around and look at the scenery, while still others like to water ski or boat ride.



A. C. Barnes

But an entire summer's relaxation cannot be had during a two-week period. It should be spread over a longer time for a better enjoyment. As a result we find that many persons are building summer cabins near the rivers in our area in which they plan to enjoy their leisure hours.

Many of these cabins are being located in isolated areas. One construction of cabins is along the Illinois River, between Nutwood and Pere Marquette State Park. The largest

group of cabins in this area is located in the Coon Creek section. There's a possibility that eventually 250 cabins will be located in this area. We have already extended electric service to almost half that number.

We take pride in calling attention to one of our co-op members—Jack Rundquist—who is featured in a small way in the current issue of Farm Quarterly. Jack lives northwest of Butler, and his highly mechanized and electric feed and grain handling setup is the subject of the magazine article.

Tri-County

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- If no answer call—Francis Wittenbrink, Mt. Vernon—5418
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- Marion County  
Office—Salmon 74.
- If no answer call—Robert Worley, Odin 722.
- If no answer call—Paul Po., Salem—942-W4.
- Washington County  
Call—Charlie Swain—Nashville—7-8484.
- If no answer call—Amos Weeks, Nashville—7-5772.

We would like to report this month on the achievement of 100,000 hours of work without a lost time accident. It has been a long, long time and Saturday night, and Saturday night, and Saturday night.



H. C. Downey

All of us want to pass through this life without injury, because we know what pain is and how it hurts, yet some of our actions, at work, at home, or in traffic indicate we believe we are immune to accidents.

Our banquet, attended by 85 people, was pronounced a success and all departed resolved to achieve another such record. We are very proud of our employees and their safety practices. Our supervisors deserve credit for their enforcement of our rules for safety and our crews merit recognition for their cooperation in this important task.

Plans are progressing well on the work of our transmission line from Parok to Kimmunity. Nearly all right-of-way has been obtained and clearing has started. Our foreman, Leo

Revis, is in charge of clearing activities and will be so engaged for several weeks. The framework of new Kimmunity substation is in and footings will be poured soon.

The wave of flu has hit our employees, weeping sick leave records. The longest absence was by Archie Ferguson who had a severe case.

We hope those of you who are being surveyed by telephone enjoy the chats you have with Marilyn Sendelbach, assistant to Andy Bird. We are seeking information to guide our future member power use programs and to help plan for future growth. We very much appreciate your answers.

In Jefferson County a big road improvement program is underway on the Richview road. There will be some power interruptions for members served from the lines being moved, but Francis Wittenbrink, operating superintendent, and LeRoy Ren, crew foreman, have arranged to keep these to a minimum. See you next month.

Shelby

Office Hours — 8:00 to 5:00 Monday through Friday. Telephone 1540. To report outage after 5:00, Saturday, Sunday and holidays, call Shelbyville 1271, 1038, 891, 1398, 589; Ashmorton 1591, 1018; Sonnington 2881; Fama 4383; Mode 518.

It's good business to plan for all your water needs both present and future, when you plan for your automatic electric water system.



W. L. Walker

You know, from your experience with electrical wiring, that it is much cheaper to install all of the wiring and electrical outlets at the beginning than to pay an electrician to do small, piecemeal jobs later on. The same is true of water systems.

But, perhaps you don't have the cash to do all of the work at one time. In this case, there are two alternatives: First, you can design your basic system adequately and in such a way that the system can be expanded easily and without major changes; or, you can take advantage of low cost financing and complete the entire system at the start. This gives you the advantage of using your water system while you are paying for it. Actually, the system can be made to pay for itself through increased production.

Most farm families don't realize how much hot water they consume unless they are still using "kettle on the stove" methods. If so, they use it sparingly and not in the quantities they desire or require for good health and cleanliness.

Here are some things to consider in planning water systems:

1. Be sure the water is pure and you have an adequate supply. You will be using a lot more water with your new water system. Don't buy just any pump. Investigate the advantages of various types and makes and find the one that suits your particular requirements. Most farms need a system that is capable of pumping 400 to 600 gallons per hour at 20 to 40 pounds of pressure.
2. Make sure that the pipe sizes are adequate to handle water needs. Be skeptical of anyone recommending anything less than one-inch pipe for feeder lines. Remember you need larger pipes when forcing water long distances. Greater pressure won't solve the problem.

3. Plan to install a sufficient number of outlets. Every building should have at least one exterior water outlet for convenient use, particularly in case of fire. In the home, provide additional outlets for such water using appliances as the automatic washer and dishwasher. You may not intend to buy them now, but the installation costs will be cut considerably if you can have these outlets installed with the rest of the system.

4. Plan to run water lines to the poultry house, the hog house and the barn. There is where your water will increase production. You'll get more milk, more eggs and your livestock will grow faster if they have all the fresh water they can drink all of the time.

5. And don't forget your garden. Arrange to have water easily available so you can keep your plants fresh and growing during the summer dry seasons.

Planning is important. Water systems are not complicated and are not too expensive. But careful planning is important if you expect to get the most for your money. We will be happy to supply you with literature or assist you with the planning of your water system.

LOTS OF HOT WATER

Now that the rural Saturday night bath is rapidly becoming outmoded, it might be surprising to know how much hot water farm families with water hot water farm families with water systems use in a month. Here are the records for a family of four: 486 gallons for washing hands, 224 gallons for the tub baths, 292 gallons for dishwashing and 120 gallons for laundry. Add to this amount 30 gal-

lons a month for shaving needs for the head of the house and you have a rather impressive total.

All this hot water can be supplied at a turn of the faucet for less than 10 cents a day. Considering all factors it actually costs less to heat water with an electric water heater than it does to heat a fraction of this amount of water on the kitchen stove.

In addition to economy of operation, electric water heaters have many other advantages. Like other electrical appliances, they require no flues and can be installed in any location for greatest efficiency and convenience. Because they are safe and clean, they can even be installed as a section of the kitchen cabinets with the table top models serving double duty as work space.

The convenience brought about by the modern water system and the electric water heater makes rural living a far cry from granddaddy's day of fetching water from the pump and heating it on the kitchen stove.

IT'S FREEZER TIME

It is high time that you prepare your home freezer for the fruits and vegetables which will soon be ready to package and freeze.

First, we suggest that you give your freezer a good cleaning inside and out. Remove all the leftover foods and then defrost the inside of freezer and wash it out with mild warm soap suds, or warm soda water. Dry thoroughly. Be sure you clean under the door or lid gasket and note its condition.

Now that we have the freezer cleaned, it will be time to rearrange the frozen meats, fruits and vegetables, remembering there is a new crop coming on soon. Possibly strawberries will be the first harvest to go in the freezer this summer.

FREEZER PROMOTION

If you are one of the few families on the cooperative line who do not have a home freezer, now is the time to consider the purchase of either an upright or chest type. Your Shelby Electric Cooperative has joined with 14 other electrical cooperatives in offering free gifts to those members who buy home freezers during the period from now through July 15.

All that is necessary to receive your choice of the free gifts is to present your purchase receipt to the office here in Shelbyville and make your selection of either an electric fry pan, electric drill set or a set of waterless super-thick aluminum cookware. These gifts will be in stock at the office so you can see them and make your choice and take it home with you at that time.

Remember, the free gifts are for those families who are purchasing a home freezer or refrigerator-freezer for the first time. In other words, you must be a new user of a freezer and it must have not less than four cubic feet of freezing area or 140 pounds of capacity.



## RAISES RARE BREED OF DOGS

Mrs. Estalene Beckman, breeder of rare Samoyed dog, is pictured at left with top two champions in her dog kennel. The dogs have won several trophies for their mistress, some of which are displayed below.



**M**rs. Estalene Beckman of near Clayton, raises and shows one of the oldest breeds of domestic dogs known to man. Called the Samoyed after its native handlers who live in Eastern Siberia, the dog is believed to have been developed over 1,000 years before Christ.

The Samoyed people, nomads of the cold arctic country of Russia, use the dogs to work their large herds of reindeer. A mild, kindly race of humans, these nomads of the North treat these dogs as members of their family, showering them with love and affection. As a result the Samoyed dog displays a sense of trust and loyalty not often found in canine breeds, Mrs. Beckman explains.

"Though the dog is slightly large—about 21 inches high at the shoulders—and usually comes running toward you, which is somewhat frightening at first, these dogs wouldn't harm a fly. I've never heard of any of them biting anyone. They don't know how to be mean," Mrs. Beckman says.

European arctic explorers discovered the dog and used it to pull their sleds. Towards the end of the last century, some of the Samoyeds were taken to England and bred. They were introduced into this country in the early 1920's, and are still a comparatively rare breed of dog, here. There are less than 5,000 of them in the U.S. today.

"Often the Samoyed is confused with the Eskimo dog," Mrs. Beckman says. "But these other breeds of Arctic dogs are bigger than the Samoyed, and are seldom even half white. The Samoyed weighs only around 50 pounds and is either all white or biscuit and cream."

Though the Samoyed's home country is north of the Arctic Circle, the dog seems to thrive in any climate. He quite naturally withstands the bitterest winter weather. In summer he sheds his undercoat which acts as underwear. He is protected against the sun by his coarse outer coat. Besides his white coloring reflects the sun's rays, thus keeping him comparatively cool, Mrs. Beckman remarks.

The rural homemaker, whose husband farms 260 acres in Adams County, saw the breed of dog for the first time in 1951 while on a fishing trip to Minnesota with her husband. The following year, she purchased her first purebred Samoyed pup. Then, 10 months later she got a female mate for the dog. "That's how I started my kennel," she recalls.

"I purchased one more male. I've raised all the rest of my breeding stock from these three animals." Today Mrs. Beckman's kennel consists of 13 dogs, five of which are champions of their breed. Just recently two of her dogs were judged best of breed and best of opposite sex at the annual Heart of America Kennel club show at Kansas City.

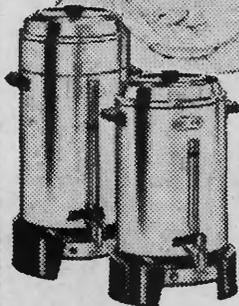
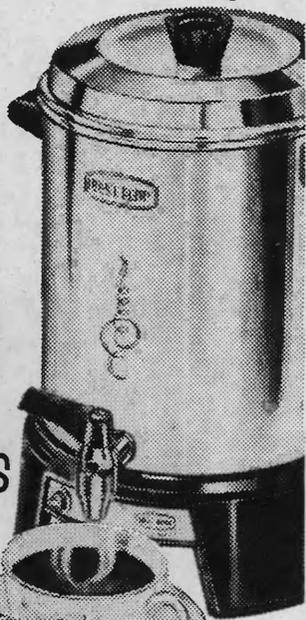
Since Mrs. Beckman started showing her dogs six years ago, she has won numerous ribbons and trophies, which are prominently displayed in the living and dining rooms of her home.

These dogs, because of their pure bloodlines and also the fact they are still rare in this country, sell from \$75 to \$200 a pup. Mrs. Beckman says they make good pets for children. They can also be trained to work livestock.

The Beckmans are members of Adams Electrical Cooperative, Camp Point.

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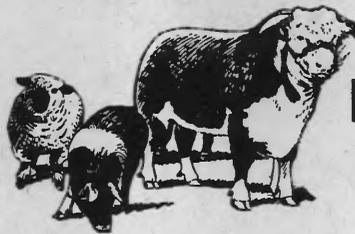
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# Co-op leaders meet with Congressmen



■ Sixty three Illinois rural electric co-op directors and managers were hosts to their Congressmen, April 27, at the annual Congressional breakfast sponsored by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in Washington, D. C. Seven representatives, one Senator, and four Congressional aides, attended the breakfast-meeting held in the Congressional Hotel.

Program speakers explained why Illinois electric cooperatives oppose raising the interest rate on REA loans, and also why they favor passage of a Senate resolution sponsored by Senator George Aiken of Vermont.

Damon Williams, manager of Norris Electric Cooperative of Newton, outlined the reasons why the Aiken resolution was needed. He pointed out that in rulings made by the U.S. Comptroller General Joseph Campbell the authority of the REA Administrator to make certain loans was disputed.

## Contradicts Intent

The interpretation of the REA Act by the Comptroller General sharply contradicts the intent of Congress and the interpretation that REA administrators have been operating under since the beginning of the agency nearly 25 years ago. Both REA Administrator David Hamil and Agriculture Secretary Ezra Benson have taken issue with Campbell over his ruling. The Comptroller General contended that only persons who the private power companies do not wish to serve, are eligible for REA-financed electricity. Under this view, opponents of the Campbell ruling point out, there never could have been a successful rural electrification program.

Williams said that the Aiken resolution would "clear the air of all smog and misunderstanding" concerning the interpretation of the REA Act, and urged that it be passed.

"This resolution makes sure that the

power of allocating loans to rural electric cooperatives still rests with the person that Congress originally intended it to, namely, the REA Administrator.

State Association President F. J. Longmeyer, with the assistance of three other Illinois co-op directors, discussed the effect of increasing the present 2 per cent interest rate on REA loans would have on Illinois rural electric systems.

## Insignificant

Longmeyer said that the interest rate issue had been used to try "to undermine public confidence" in rural electric co-ops. He added that compared to the vast good that the co-ops have contributed to the nation's welfare, the "interest rate issue" was insignificant.

Advocates of a higher REA interest rate, are unable to prove what the average cost of money is to the government. "The only certainty about the cost of government borrowings," he said, "is that it will fluctuate continually, and that it is difficult if not impossible to discover an equitable method of determining it.

Because of the fact that electric co-ops agreed to serve everyone who wanted electricity in their areas in return for two per cent money, the potential earning power of co-ops has been curtailed. The average density for co-op service in Illinois, is less than three consumers to the mile, Longmeyer said.

## Would Hurt Co-ops

"We doubt that even today you could get private power companies to serve many of the sections we are serving even if you agreed to loan them money at one per cent. A density of

less than three customers to a mile would not be very attractive to power companies. If cooperatives were forced to go out of business, there would be thousands of farmers and rural people in Illinois who would no longer be able to get service," Longmeyer said.

Increasing the interest rate from 2 to 4 per cent would cost Illinois co-ops an extra \$1,270,000 a year, he declared. This additional cost added to other rising costs, would cause many cooperatives to fail.

"The policy of Congress has been that no farm or rural family in America should be denied the benefits of electricity. Rural electric cooperatives have made this policy a reality. An increase in the REA interest rate, however, would seriously threaten the ability of many cooperatives to provide area-wide service. It would also threaten the existence of many more electric co-ops," Longmeyer asserted.

Panel members appearing with Longmeyer told of how an increase in interest would affect their co-ops specifically. These members were: Homer D. Miller, director, Southern Illinois Electric Co-op, Dongola; H. L. Vortman, director, Illinois Rural Electric Co., Winchester; and Everett Read, director, Jo-Carroll Electric Co-op, Elizabeth. A. E. Becker, State Association manager, gave a summary of the program.

Congressmen attending were: Senator Paul H. Douglas; Representatives Melvin Price, George E. Shipley, Kenneth Gray, Mrs. Sid Simpson, Peter F. Mack, W. L. Springer, Barratt O'Hara; Congressional Aides Jim Cromwell, Janet Simpson, Marie Morrison, and George Scully.

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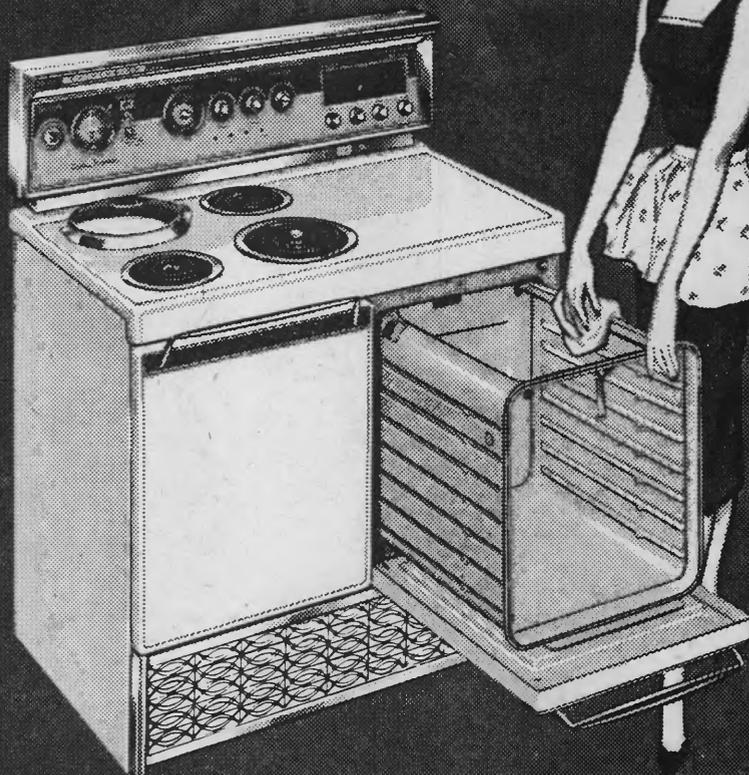
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By Judy Parker

# MILK in the

**FROM SOUP TO DESSERT**, dairy products used generously in cooking can add greatly to the nourishment in meals. Drinking milk, of course, is the simplest way to get the good from milk but there are many opportunities in cooking to get part of the daily requirement.

There's sound reason for giving some thought to this easy way of getting more milk into the menu. When families in this country are not well fed, the nutrient they most often lack is calcium. And we know the main source of calcium in our food supply is milk. The other nutrients it contains—too numerous to mention—make it a very special food bargain. The protein is of the best quality that food offers so small amounts of protein foods such as meat, fish and poultry can be extended and enhanced by milk, adding to eating enjoyment.

Here are some ideas and recipes using dairy products to add variety to your daily diet:

### CREAM OF VEGETABLE SOUP

- 2 tablespoons chopped rutabaga
- 2 tablespoons chopped carrots
- 2 tablespoons chopped onion
- 2 tablespoons chopped celery
- 2 tablespoons melted fat
- 1 tablespoon flour
- 1 quart milk (skim milk may be used for the calorie counters; or  $\frac{3}{4}$  cup non-fat milk solids to 4 cups warm water.)
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt

Cook the finely chopped vegetables in fat 10 minutes. Add flour, stir until blended. Heat milk, add little of vegetable mixture to it and stir well. Combine with rest of milk and salt and cook 10 minutes.

### HEAVENLY HAMBURGER BAKE

- 8 slices bread
- 1 tablespoon butter or margarine
- $\frac{1}{2}$  pound ground beef
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup diced onion
- 2 tablespoons diced celery
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1 cup shredded American cheese
- 2 eggs, beaten
- 1 cup milk

Spread bread lightly with butter and arrange in bottom of eight-inch square baking dish. Toast lightly in moderate oven. While bread is toasting, brown meat with onion and celery in butter or margarine. Mix in mustard. Spread meat mixture over toasted bread. Sprinkle shredded cheese on top of meat. Cover with remaining bread slices to make sandwiches. Combine eggs with milk and pour over bread. Bake at 350 degrees 40 minutes.

### CHEESE RICE FONDUE

- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups milk
- 1 cup boiled rice
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups shredded cheese, Cheddar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, well beaten
- 1 teaspoon butter
- Paprika

Mix all ingredients except paprika, reserve half cup cheese. Pour into buttered one-qt. casserole. Bake at 375 degrees 30 minutes. Just before baking time is up sprinkle with remaining cheese and paprika. Serve this with a crisp green salad and top with chocolate frosted butter cookies.

### BUTTER COOKIES

- 2 $\frac{3}{4}$  cup sifted flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon baking soda
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup butter or margarine
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups sugar
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup sour dairy cream

Sift dry ingredients together. Cream

butter, or margarine, add sugar, mix well. Add eggs, vanilla and sour cream. Blend in dry ingredients. Drop teaspoons of dough onto buttered cooky sheet and bake at 400 degrees 10 minutes.

### CHOCOLATE BUTTER FROSTING:

Cream  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup butter, add  $\frac{1}{3}$  of a 1-lb. package of confectioners' sugar and cream thoroughly. Add dash salt, 1 tablespoon milk and 1 teaspoon vanilla. Blend. Add 1 unbeaten egg and 2 squares unsweetened chocolate, melted. Add remaining package of sugar. Beat until smooth. If too thick, add more milk.

### THE BROWN COW

- 4 large ripe bananas
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chocolate malt drink powder or chocolate syrup or sauce
- 4 cups cold milk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Peel, slice bananas into bowl and beat with electric mixer or rub through coarse strainer. Add powder or sauce, vanilla and a little milk. Add rest of milk and mix well. Top each serving with a scoop of chocolate or vanilla ice cream.

**FROSTED BROWN COW:** Add some ice cream to the banana mixture and whip up before adding milk.

**THE PURPLE COW:** Use equal parts of cold milk and grape juice, adding the juice slowly to milk. Top with vanilla ice cream.

**THE WHITE COW:** Make as above omitting the chocolate and using plain malted milk powder.

### COTTAGE CHEESE-FRUIT SALAD

A pleasant way to get some of your day's quota of milk is to include cottage cheese at lunch or dinner. A fruit salad ring around the cheese make a popular combination. Paprika adds color and seasoning to this bowl of cheese. Choose fruits for varied color, flavor and texture. Finish off with mayonnaise mixed with whipped cream. Try this for a combination: 1 pound cottage cheese; 1 grapefruit, peeled and sectioned; 2 oranges, peeled and sliced; 1 red apple, sliced;  $\frac{1}{2}$  avocado, peeled and sliced;  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup peach slices;  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup pineapple chunks and 6 lettuce cups.

### SOUR CREAM PRUNE CAKE

- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup butter or margarine
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  cups sugar
- 3 eggs, separated
- 1 cup commercial sour cream
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 2 cups sifted flour
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- 1 $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 cup cooked prunes, cut up
- 1 cup chopped walnuts

Add soda to sour cream, set aside. In



The "brown cow" is party fare with cookies



Heavenly hamburger bake for teenagers



Cheese fondue—butter cookies—dairy rich

# menu



A platter of cheese with crackers and fruit is not only an easy and popular way to solve a dessert problem but it can help to solve a nutrition problem, too—getting enough milk into family meals. Cheese, like fluid milk, is rich in mineral calcium, needed for strong bones and teeth and other food values besides.

large mixer bowl cream butter and sugar, using medium speed. Add egg yolks, blending well. Sift dry ingredients together. Add alternately with sour cream to creamed mixture. Stir in prunes and nuts. Fold in gently stiffly beaten egg whites. Pour into greased and floured pan (13 x 9 x 2) or two 9-inch layer pans and bake at 350 degrees until cake tests done. Prepare topping and pour over sheet cake while still warm. Make your favorite caramel frosting for layer cake.

#### TOPPING:

- 1 cup sugar
- 1/2 cup buttermilk
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon white sirup
- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cook in saucepan or skillet until light colored (just before it spins a thread). Cool slightly and pour over cake. Sprinkle with nuts.

#### PINEAPPLE FLUFF

- 5 1/2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1 cup sugar
- 4 eggs, separated
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 2/8 cup drained crushed pineapple (No. 1 can)

Scald milk (do not boil). Mix flour, 1/2 cup sugar and salt. Stir in hot milk. Cook until thick, 20-30 minutes. Beat egg yolks. Add some hot mixture to yolks then combine both. Cook few minutes longer over low heat. Cool, add vanilla. Beat egg whites to frothy stage; add remaining 1/2 cup sugar gradually and beat till stiff. When cooked mix is cold, fold in beaten egg whites and add pineapple. This mixture is a pretty yellow color. Divide into thirds. Color 1/3 delicate green and another 1/3 delicate pink. Fill tall parfait glasses alternately green, yellow and pink. Garnish top with half cherry and mint leaves. Or decorate with whipped cream. This serves 12.

#### SOUTHERN SPOON BREAD

- 3 cups milk
  - 1/2 cup corn meal
  - 1 teaspoon salt
  - 1/4 teaspoon baking powder
  - 3 eggs, separated
  - 2 tablespoons butter or margarine
- Scald milk, add corn meal and cook till mix is very thick over low heat. Add salt

and baking powder. Beat egg yolks until light and add small amount of hot mix then combine both mixes. Add butter and fold in egg whites beaten to soft peak stage. Turn into buttered 1 1/2 qt. casserole and bake uncovered at 350 degrees 25-30 minutes or until well puffed. Serve immediately.

This fluffy light bread has a moist texture like a souffle. It is often served with meat instead of potatoes and is especially good with lots of butter or margarine. Just try creamed chicken or beef over spoon bread. The family should be at the table when the bread comes out of oven so it can be served while still light and fluffy.

#### CREAMED EGGS

- 1/4 cup butter or margarine
- 1/4 cup flour
- 2 cups hot milk
- 6 hard-cooked eggs, quartered
- Salt and pepper

Melt butter or margarine and blend in flour. Add milk and cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Add eggs, season. Heat and serve on toast. (If desired, add to the butter or margarine, 2 teaspoons worcestershire sauce, grated onion, or 1/4 to 1/2 teaspoon curry powder.

**WITH FISH, POULTRY, MEAT:** Make a thin white sauce by reducing the butter and flour to two tablespoons each. Use fewer eggs, if desired, and add one to two flaked fish, chopped meat or poultry.

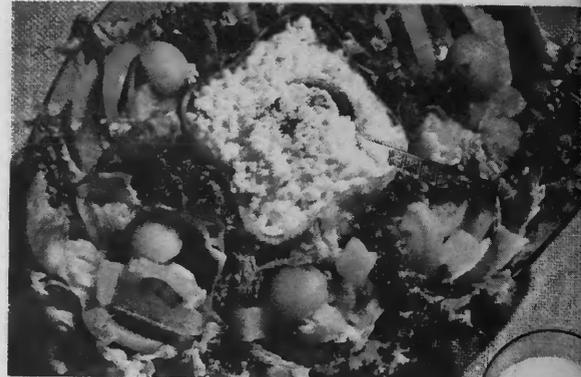
**AS AN EGG SAUCE FOR FISH:** Add three finely chopped hard-cooked eggs to the thin white sauce and serve hot over fried or baked fish.

#### OYSTER STEW

- 1 pint oysters
- 3 tablespoons butter or margarine
- 1 quart hot milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Paprika

Melt butter or margarine, add the oysters and their liquid and cook over low heat until the edges of the oysters begin to curl if fresh ones are used (about three minutes). If canned oysters are used just heat thoroughly. Add milk and salt and reheat. Sprinkle each serving with paprika.

Cottage cheese-fruit salad of your design

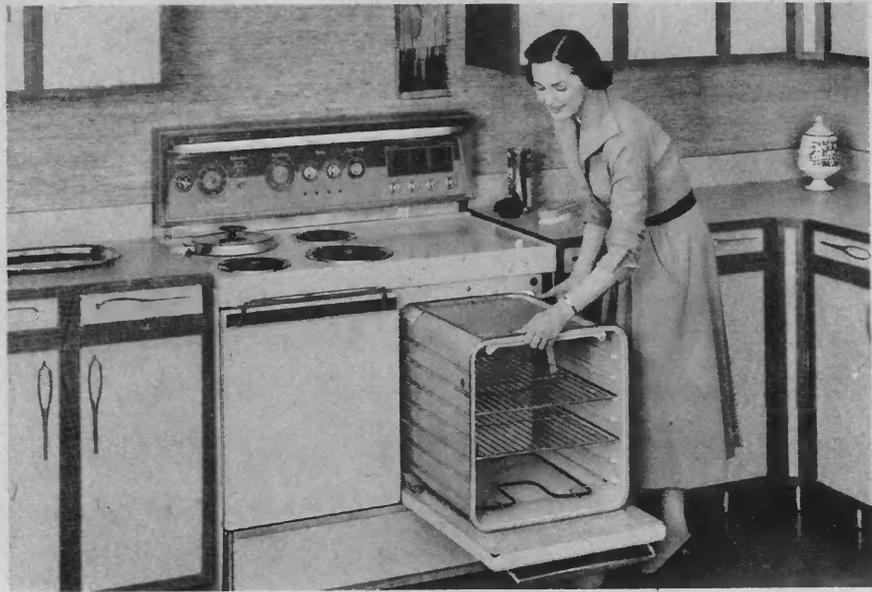


A prize prune cake using dairy sour cream



Cream vegetable soup for calorie counters





## NEWEST RANGES:

*so easy to clean!*

ASK ANY HOUSEWIFE to name the job she hates the most and more than likely she'll say, "Cleaning the kitchen range." Now let's take a look at the new ranges on this page designed especially to ease this chore. Other easy-to-clean features are glass enclosed control panels with removable switches. Neat for under-range cleaning are full width storage drawers which come out so you can sweep or vacuum even the farthest corners. Practically all models are finished with stain resistant materials. Most white and colored ranges are finished in porcelain enamel and the metal finishes do not require special polishing to keep them bright. Many ranges have raised edge around the top area to prevent food spilling down the sides and removable drip trays and surface units to ease cleaning. However, biggest improvements have been made on oven cleaning.

The oven door comes off this General Electric range (at the top left) so you can do an easy and thorough cleaning job. Then when you've sponged off the door, back it goes.

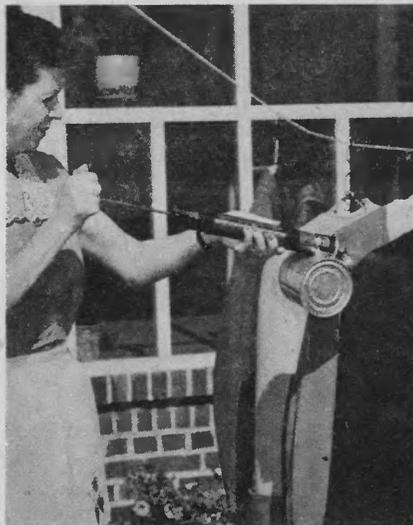
Frigidaire range oven (shown at top right) pulls out like a drawer and rests on drop-down door. Then the top lifts out, exposing the inside of the oven for easy cleaning.

Even if your pot runneth over there won't be any trouble—the raised edge all around the top of this Hotpoint (above) range catches the spillover and prevents any dripping.

Oven walls of Kelvinator (right) ranges are protected from spatters by throw-away aluminum foil liners. Racks hold the liners in position and they are so easy to change.

These surface units unplug like a lamp cord on a Westinghouse range (at the far right) to make cleaning a joy. Drip pan below and the chrome ring around unit also come out.





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1. Good housecleaning is always one of the very best insect control practices. Special attention should be given to cleaning closets and along and behind the baseboards. The tiny larvae of these pests can live in cracks in the floor, walls and shelves, behind and under the quarter round and baseboards. From these areas, they have only a short distance to travel in the average home to wool garments. If possible, put all your woolens in a closet that won't be used during Summer months. Fumigate the closet by spraying thoroughly.

2. Winter garments moving into storage can be quickly and easily pest-proofed with sprays sold under many names (directions come with them) or with a simple hand sprayer filled with a five per cent DDT oil spray. Apply spray lightly and uniformly until the surface of garment is moist. When dry, the woolens can be hung in the closet with the assurance they will be safe from insect attack.

3. Moth flakes and crystals provide good protection for stored woolens that can be placed in seldom-opened and nearly airtight storage containers. When used in such containers as well-built chests with tight-fitting lids, or zippered garment bags, the fumes from chemicals reach a level of concentration that will kill the larvae of clothes moths. Vapor from newer cedar chests kill small larvae but is not effective against larger ones. Therefore make sure woolens are free of larvae when stored. Dry-cleaning kills all stages of insects but gives no permanent protection unless the cleaner applies special treatment. Brushing and sunning woolen articles gets rid of insects.

4. For assured protection from wool insect feeding, rugs and carpets should be sprayed on both sides thoroughly with a household oil spray containing five per cent DDT. Damage is more likely to occur on untreated rugs in hard-to-clean places under low furniture. Regular vacuuming of rug picks up many insects or their eggs hidden in wool nap. In fact, rugs vacuumed once a week and in general use every day is protected from damage by insect pests for 12-18 months.

5. Washable woolens such as sweaters, socks, blankets and scarves are protected from insect damage when washed or rinsed in water containing a few spoonfuls of EQ-53 which is a product sold under different trade names. It may be added to the wash water while woolens are being machine-washed, or may be used in the rinse water in a basin when more delicate woolens are being laundered.



Each year moths destroy enough wool to clothe approximately one million people! Hard to believe, isn't it?—especially when storage of your winter coat and other woolens actually takes so little time and effort. Remember these pointers when storing your winter clothing to protect it from destruction by moths. Now first things first—be sure to clean all your woolens before storing.

*It's time to  
pack away  
winter woolens*

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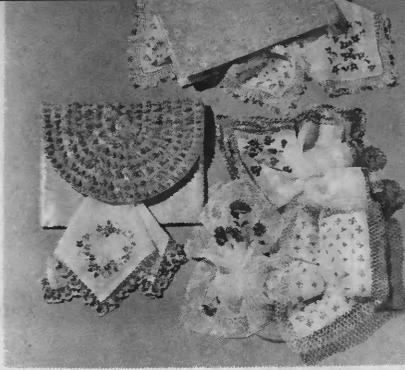
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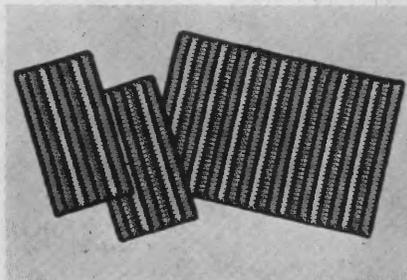
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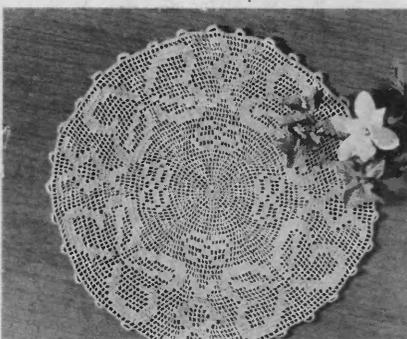
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# Smile Awhile

## CLASSIFIED

The hill-billy father was puzzled by the draft classification sent to his son. "What does 'F-X' stand for?" he asked the draft board official.

"It means," the other replied gravely, "even if we're invaded by the enemy, don't come!"

## SICK CALL

When a man called a veterinarian in a nearby town the operator asked, "Is this a personal call?"

"Of course not!" snapped the caller. "It's my dog that's sick."

## QUICK CURE

"Why didn't you stop when I blew my whistle?" demanded the cop.

"I'm a little deaf," the lady driver explained apologetically.

"Well, don't worry," the officer reassured her. "You'll get your hearing tomorrow."

## NO ELEPHANTS, EITHER

Psychiatrist: "Why do you keep snapping your fingers?"

Patient: "It keeps the tigers away."

Psychiatrist: "Why, there aren't any tigers within 6,000 miles of here."

Patient: "It works, doesn't it?"

## SHORT MEASURE

The voice on the other end of the theatrical agent's phone said: "I'd like to present my really extraordinary number to you."

"What is your number?"

"I swallow yard-long swords."

"But my dear fellow, that's not extraordinary!"

"Wait! Listen! I'm only 33 inches tall!"



## UNDERSTANDS

The blonde at the next table had been gushing for 15 minutes about her latest big date—to her girl friend's obvious boredom — when the young man himself walked in.

"There he is!" she whispered ecstatically, and indulged in another dramatic sigh. "I see that face every time I close my eyes!"

There was a brief silence and then the other girl said drily, "I see what you mean. It looks better that way!"

## COMMENTS

These days driving is like Russian roulette—you never know which driver is loaded.

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By the time the average man finds he is finally getting out of the woods, he's bushed.

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Spring — that glorious time of the year when your neighbor comes by with an invitation for golf just as you have your hands full of storm windows.

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Civilization can be measured by the degree of helplessness when the electricity goes off.

## PARTNERS

"The boss just offered me an interest in the business," the young clerk confided to the pretty steno.

"He did?" she asked in surprise.

"Yeah," the young man replied reflectively. "He said if I didn't take an interest in the business pretty soon, he'd fire me."

## QUICK THINKING

An Englishman heard this toast at a banquet:

"To the ladies, to the ladies, to the ladies. The best part of my life I spent in the arms of another man's wife—my mother."

Impressed with it the Englishman decided to use it at an affair he had been called upon to propose a toast.

He arose confidently, and started: "To the ladies, to the ladies, to the ladies: The best part of my life I spent in the arms of another man's wife" . . . he hesitated, became flustered and blurred . . . "by Jove, I forgot her name."

## A HOUSEWIFE

"Why didn't you report the robbery at once?" an insurance agent asked a woman claimant. Didn't you suspect something when you came home and discovered all the drawers opened, and the contents scattered?"

"Not really," she replied. "I thought my husband had been looking for a clean shirt."

## DOWN PAYMENT?

A man asked his friend for a \$1,000 loan.

"I need it for a dowry for my daughter. I promised the groom-to-be \$2,000," he explained, "and I've only got \$1,000."

Said the friend: "Why not give the groom your thousand now and tell him you'll give the other grand later?"

Said the father: "the thousand for later I got; it's the thousand for now that I need."

## IRATE READER

The editor was busy at his desk doing nothing when the phone rang. On the other end was an irate subscriber.

"I noticed in your paper today," said the good citizen, "that you printed I was dead!"

"Zatso?" was the indifferent retort. Where are you speaking from now?"

## SCIENCE IS WONDERFUL

The young feed salesman listened to a prospective customer, a substantial poultry farmer, explain how mystified he was that one of his chickens was suffering from a malady he couldn't diagnose.

The young, eager salesman, anxious to serve, offered to send the hen in to his company for laboratory diagnosis. Happily, the farmer agreed, wrung the bird's neck and turned it over to the young fellow.

About a week later, the young man received a 10 word letter from his company which popped his eyes out. It read: "The bird you sent us died of a broken neck."



**JUNIOR  
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# PEN PALS

**Hi Pen Pals,**  
School will soon be over for another term, vacation is here once again! Are you going camping, vacationing, or have special plans for the summer? How about sharing them with your Pen Pals? Here are some more Pen Pals waiting to hear from you too! Address any letters for publication to Judy Parker, Jr. Rural Electric News, Box 1180, Springfield, Ill.

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### ENJOYS SWIMMING

My birthday is August 13. I am nine years old. My hobbies are swimming, reading, and riding my bicycle. Also play ball. I am in the third grade at Chadwich Grade School. I have two pets. I have a lamb, his name is Spot and a dog and his name is Spot too. I would like to hear from girls and boys between the ages of nine and 12.—Beverly Pitts, R.R. No. 2, Chadwich, Ill.

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### CHEERLEADER

I am 13 years old. My birthday is May 4. I go to school at Tamms Grade School and I am in the eighth grade. I have brown hair, blue eyes and I am five feet, five and one-half inches tall. My hobbies are cheerleading, which I have been for three years, playing basketball, writing letters, and watching TV. I wish to hear from boys and girls of all ages.—Sherry Croft, Tamms, Ill.

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### AUGUST BIRTHDAY

I am 12 years old and my birthday is August 15. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I am five feet, two inches tall. I go to Chrisman High School and I am in the eighth grade. I would like to hear from boys and girls of all ages. I would also like to have pictures, if possible. I will try to answer all the letters I receive.—Kay McVicker, R.R. No. 3, Chrisman, Ill.

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### ROLLER SKATES

I have short blonde hair and blue-gray eyes. I am five feet, six inches tall. I am 16 years old and my birthday is December 27. I enjoy riding, roller skating, and movies. I would very much like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 15 and 19.—Margaret Donaldson, Herrick, Ill.

### LIKES SPORTS

I am 14 years old. My birthday is February 21. I have brown hair and light blue eyes. I am in the eighth grade and my teacher's name is Mr. Cox. I go to Ava Grade School. I like sports and I like to listen to popular music. I would like to hear from girls and boys from 14 to 16 years of age.—Phyllis Jean Roseme.



R.R. No. 1, Ave, Ill.

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### LIKES TO WRITE LETTERS

I am 13 years old and my birthday is September 29. I have dishwater blonde hair. I am four feet, five inches tall and weigh 99 pounds. My hobbies are listening to the radio and some sports. I like to write very much. I would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 18.—Lillian Mae Nichols, R.R. No. 2, Tower Hill, Ill.

### RIDES BIKE

I am 12 years of age and my birthday is April 28. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I am four feet, 10 inches tall. My hobbies are reading books, riding my bike and swimming. I would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 12 and 15.—Beverly Chaudoin, R.R. No. 2, Watseka, Ill.

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### PLAYS CORNET

I am about four feet, 10 inches tall. I have dark brown hair and I have a dark complexion. I am 12 years old. My birthday is June 24. My hobbies are playing the cornet, piano, collecting stamps, nappkins and listening to music.—Donna Schober, R. R. No. 2, Morrisonville, Ill.

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### LIKES ELVIS PRESLEY

I am 15 years old. My birthday is September 29. I am five feet, six inches tall. I weigh 105 pounds. My pets are a parakeet, dog, and two sheep. My hobbies are dancing, listening to Elvis Presley, and listening to Rock'n'Roll music. Would like to hear from girls between 14 and 18. I would like pictures too.—Shirley Cardwell, R.R. No. 2, Roadhouse, Ill.



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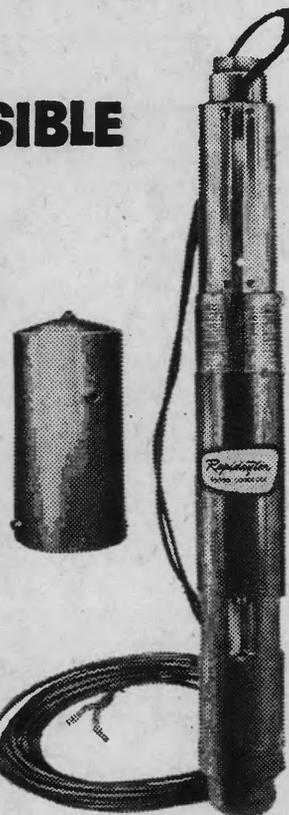
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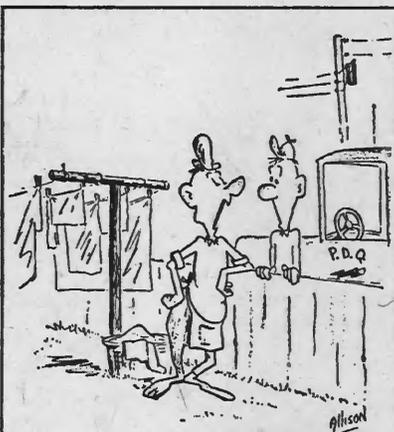
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