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Everett Read testifies in capitol on loans

■ Everett R. Read, president of the Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative, Elizabeth, impressed the House Committee on Agriculture recently in Washington with testimony concerning the first Rural Areas Development loan made in Illinois.

The loan was made by Mr. Read's cooperative to Chestnut Hills Resort, Inc., near Hanover. It was used to purchase electrically-powered, snow-making equipment, for lighting the ski area and for large electric motors.

"I want to assure you gentlemen," Mr. Read told the House committee, "that the directors of our co-op are level-headed business-minded individuals and as such they would not have assumed the full responsibility for such a loan if they thought it was not to the best interests of the cooperative and the area it serves. . . ."

"The additional revenue which we will obtain from the Chestnut Hills resort will be an important factor in our being able to maintain a sound financial position and, at the same time, provide good service at a reasonable rate to the entire co-op membership.

"We want this resort to stay in business. The owners already have invested \$400,000. . . . They needed help to get over the hump and they came to us as a last recourse. Their business this year has been improving every month."

Mr. Read also stressed the importance of fresh money the ski resort was attracting to the area. "Every resident of this district benefits," he said. "It was our intention to benefit our whole territory when we made the loan, and this we did."

REA plans help for harassed co-ops

■ The Rural Electrification Administration has announced it will assist rural electric borrowers to protect service areas threatened by power companies and municipalities.

"It is in the public interest that the (rural electric) systems enjoy freedom from encroachments and restrictions upon their growth in the areas they developed in good faith," REA Administrator Norman M. Clapp said in a policy bulletin.

"They are entitled to fair play—to serve all consumers, large and small, in their service areas even when these areas are annexed or incorporated into municipalities."

Mr. Clapp asserted that encroachment upon service areas of REA-financed electric systems is "a grave problem of steadily increasing proportion. It merits the serious consideration of every system whether or not it is now itself threatened."

Murray urges support of farm measures

■ William E. Murray, Rural Areas Development Specialist, recently told the Senate Committee on Agriculture and Forestry that two sections of the 1962 omnibus farm bill would strengthen and speed up rural areas development.

"Rural electric systems clearly realize," he said, "that their future success is dependent upon a rural America where there are more and better economic opportunities for residents along with essential community facilities."

He called special attention to Title I authorizing the secretary of agriculture to promote use of idle land for recreation.

This, he said, would help meet the need for recreation facilities and for income-producing projects in rural areas.

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Better Days Ahead

Two facts vitally important to all of us become increasingly clear concerning our electric cooperatives.

One is that commercial power companies have launched a national rather than merely a state or local campaign against us.

The other is that our cooperative member-owners are becoming increasingly aware of this and are determined to protect their rights and interests. And in this last lies the hope—and confidence—we have for the future.

These facts were particularly evident at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association's 20th annual meeting recently in Atlantic City.

There, before some 6,000 member-owners, Kermit Overby, director of NRECA's legislative and research department, spoke of "the vast extent of the opposition campaign that is being unleashed against the rural electric co-ops; the intensity of the attack; the subtlety of its appeal to build an iron curtain of suspicion between your fellow citizens and you. . . .

And Clyde T. Ellis, NRECA general manager, stressed a long and depressing list of problems faced today by our cooperatives.

Then he uttered these important words:

"While we have many problems, we also have the strength and capacity for the leadership required to deal with them in dynamic and imaginative ways.

"Your task has not been simply to set poles and string wires. You've learned to think in terms of thousands of people, of millions of dollars, of fresh new ways to do complicated jobs, of management practices, engineering, insurance, public relations and public affairs.

"You've found that the old ways wouldn't work so you had to develop new approaches; innovate, take risks and think and worry.

"You have a proud record of leadership and accomplishment. Our growing strength lies in the quality of leadership this program has developed—and in the cause for which we fight."

In this Mr. Ellis is right. You sense it in talking with co-op representatives throughout the state.

You note the clearly evident skill and drive and determination of cooperative members and leaders. You note also their refreshing sense of fair play and civic responsibility.

These men and women are loyal and able citizens. They're bent on helping themselves and their areas, unselfishly through their cooperative efforts. And they're convinced there is a place for both cooperative and commercial power.

There need not always be conflict between commercial utilities and our cooperatives. But that time of mutual confidence and esteem is not hastened by any campaign of harassment on the part of commercial utilities, either on a state or national level.

Of the future, Secretary of Interior Stewart L. Udall said at Atlantic City: "I am optimistic enough to believe that in the years ahead more of the private utilities will choose the mutual gains of cooperation over the waste to themselves and to the nation that results from blind opposition.

"If our plans are sound, if we can bargain from strength, public power will achieve its legitimate goals, private power will thrive and the nation will move forward.

"The national interest requires that we have the world's best electric system. We have the resources, the technical competence, the management skills. . . .

"Competition between strong public and strong private leadership will best assure that we reach the highest goals of national growth and national productivity."

OUR COVER.—Those who know Miss Dixie Tanner of Marion best say she's just as sweet as she is pretty—and that's saying a great deal. She was second place winner in the Miss Rural Electrification contest recently at Atlantic City. She's from Southeastern Illinois Electric Co-op.

Over 6,000 Co-op Leaders Attend NRECA

More than 6,000 persons representing this nation's 980 rural electric systems left their 20th annual meeting in Atlantic City recently apparently more anxious than ever to improve electric service to their member-owners.

From Illinois' 27 cooperatives alone more than 100 leaders braved the worst Atlantic City storm in a generation to attend day and night sessions.

They heard Clyde T. Ellis, general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, list co-op achievements and then declare:

"The unprecedented accomplishments of this program are a testament to your vision, your courage and your capacity for leadership . . .

"Now you must lead again—and, this time, lead from the strength of your accomplishment, from the strength of the organizations you have created, and from the strength that is in each of you as an individual leader."

Ellis recalled that "we've had to fight with both fists even to stay alive in this program."

And he warned that "our toughest fights are probably still ahead. Anyone who doubts this should spend a little time out on the battlefields."

He referred specifically to vital problems in Idaho, Arizona, California, Montana, North Carolina, New Mexico, Virginia, Indiana, Illinois and other states.

And while he stressed difficulties, he also stressed the bright prospects for continued success and achieve-

ment, based on dedicated hard work.

One sparkling convention highlight was the crowning of beautiful Dixie Tanner, 19, of Marion, as second place winner in the "Miss Rural Electrification 1962" contest.

First place—by one-half point—went to Miss Patricia Burns of Georgia. She received \$1,000 in scholarships. Miss Tanner, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hobart Tanner, received scholarships totaling \$650. She is a student at Southern Illinois University and plans to become a teacher.

Secretary of the Interior Stewart L. Udall in his convention address called the cooperative principles "an indispensable part of our free enterprise system."

"To achieve the maximum efficiency of its electrical production facilities," he continued, "our nation needs fully integrated electrical systems, large interconnections between systems and regions, and interchanges of power."

And, the secretary said, "I regret that some private utility spokesmen still consider the government an intruder in the field of power generation and transmission."

He declared:

"If our plans are sound, if we can bargain from strength, public power will achieve its legitimate goals, private power will thrive and the nation will move forward."

Three Illinois leaders addressed convention sessions and a fourth, John L. Knuppel, Petersburg, state association attorney, got almost with-

in "swimming distance" before record high water turned him back.

Captivating an audience of men and women was Mrs. G. N. Hodge of Milford. She presented an illustrated talk on the Latin American trip she and her husband took last year with key co-op leaders from this country.

Her husband is president of the Eastern Illinois Power Cooperative.

Mrs. Hodge, with her husband operating a slide projector, gave a lively account of talks with Latin American residents concerning problems that their own cooperative might help solve.

Dean Searls, manager of the Adams Electrical Co-operative, Camp Point, participated in a panel on annual meetings. His talk elicited dozens of questions.

Searls stressed the importance of good attendance at annual meetings and said that a considerable expenditure is justified if it gets results.

He highly recommended Illinois' annual meeting caravan through which several cooperatives join together to provide better programs and better facilities for their meetings.

As many as 4,700 people attend Adams Electrical's meetings in a town of 1,100.

Through careful planning the cooperative has been able to serve lunch to 3,700 persons in just 34 minutes. The cost was 61 cents per plate.

At one annual meeting, the manager related, electric clocks were given each member who attended with his



Dean Searls, left addresses NRECA convention.



Norman M. Clapp, REA Administrator, right.

Meeting

assigned "partner." The response was terrific.

"Some of you may say that you can't afford this kind of expenditure — prizes and lunches—for annual meetings. But I say, what better and less expensive method have you to improve member and public relations for your cooperative in your community, in addition to getting the necessary quorum out to conduct a legal annual meeting?"

Thomas H. Moore in his address stressed the need to keep cooperative members well informed about cooperative problems, needs and activities. Moore is general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield.

"We must avoid at all costs the false assumption that as long as members do not have outages and we hear no complaints, that everything is 'rosy'.

"That would put us in the same category with the commercial, profiteering power companies. Our members want to know about the operations of their business.

"The members need to know if you expect to provide them service in the future. It is our job and our responsibility to keep them informed."

Moore pointed out that electric cooperatives across the nation are becoming increasingly aware that carefully planned and coordinated cooperatives are to continue to exist."

These programs, he said, are aimed at a truthful presentation of facts.

He cautioned that cooperatives "cannot afford to assume that every member of every cooperative is acquainted with the facts regarding the operation, responsibilities and goals of their cooperative as are you managers, directors and key employees."

"Truth," Moore said, "cannot be denied. But if you keep it hidden in your own minds or in the records of your cooperative, it is not effective against those who attack your cooperative.

"Put this same weapon of truth in the hands of your members and they will protect their own business."

Norman M. Clapp, Rural Electrifi-

LINE RELOCATION

Electric service on all lines served by Farmers Mutual Electric Co. out of Genesso will be interrupted for short periods during April while the cooperative's transmission lines are being relocated to provide clearance for an interstate highway.

APRIL, 1962



Mr. and Mrs. G. N. Hodge at Atlantic City meeting. Mrs. Hodge was one of the speakers.

cation Administrator, told the convention:

"You represent nearly 5,000,000 rural consumers; 20,000,000 Americans; one-ninth of the population of this great nation.

"You have shown the experts that the blessings of electricity can be brought to rural America on a sound economic basis where they said it could not be done."

But Clapp spoke also of what he called a crisis facing rural electrification, "a crisis compounded of greater needs for electric power, of mounting encroachments upon the service territories of cooperative rural electric

systems, and of a massive propaganda assault upon the REA program by predatory power companies seeking to skim the cream again — on milk they did not produce."

Clapp said there is a tremendous need "to re-energize rural electrification with that old missionary zeal which characterized its drive and leadership in the early days of the program.

"With it, the current challenges will be met and the crisis overcome. With it, we will go on to greater achievements in the service of America. Twenty million strong, working together, cannot fail."



Clarence M. Smith, right, of Greenville, receives from Rambler representative keys of new automobile he won at national convention.

Co-op Leaders

host to

Illinois Congressmen



Senator Paul H. Douglas, right, talks with Charles C. Cole, left, and Milo Thurston during congressional dinner in Washington.

Tall, white-haired Sen. Paul H. Douglas, fresh despite a long day in Congress, minced no words when he addressed the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' congressional dinner recently in Washington.

He lauded his hosts for past achievements. He said they face even greater problems. But he predicted success for their service efforts.

Earlier some 65 Illinois rural electric cooperative leaders had visited Illinois legislators in their Washington offices, exchanging views.

Robert R. Wagner, Burnside, association president, presided at the April 3 dinner.

Speakers included Charles C. Cole, Penfield, association legislative chairman; Milo Thurston, Pulaski, an association director, and Thomas H. Moore, association general manager.

U. S. Rep. George E. Shipley of Olney, long a supporter of electric cooperatives, introduced Rep. Signey R. Yates, Chicago, expected to oppose Senator Everett M. Dirksen (R.-Pekin) this fall.

"Support of farm interests," Yates said, "is important not only to farmers but to urban dwellers, for it has been truly said, destroy our farms and grass will grow in the streets of our cities."

The veteran legislator asserted there is room for both cooperatives and private utility systems in Illinois. The two can live side by side, each serving their own territories.

Sen. Douglas pointed out that electric cooperatives sometimes are criticized because they borrow money from the government at 2 per cent.

At congressional dinner, from left, are Thomas H. Moore, Walter R. Smith, and Robert R. Wagner.



"Your rate still is justified because you have taken the responsibility of serving entire areas, including most thinly populated areas," he continued.

Sen. Douglas made it clear legislators could expect cooperatives to seek further government loans. The volume of electrical consumption on farms, he explained, has increased so rapidly that great sums are needed to finance beefing up of co-op lines and modernization of facilities.

Milo Thurston told legislators, "The problem of wholesale power supply is probably the most difficult one faced by the electric cooperatives at this time. . . ."

"All too often the cooperative finds itself at the mercy of a single supplier, such as was the case in Illinois. . . ."

"I truly believe the commercial power companies would cease fire on the front lines if they got legislation passed to amend the REA act eliminating generation and transmission loans.

"With control of the wholesale power and dual rates, they could in a very few years have many electric cooperatives at their mercy."

Charles C. Cole told legislators that electric cooperatives "must protect our right to serve new business developed in our areas and to retain that which has been developed."

"As our towns and cities grow and as new industries locate in our territories, commercial utility companies insist on serving them and claim that the cooperatives should withdraw," Cole continued. "Now we must modernize our laws to protect our territories."

Moore reported that "Electric cooperatives have done far more than merely modernize our farms. With your help they have provided an economic boom to the citizens of the state and have rekindled the spirit of Americanism in the hearts and minds of many of our citizens.

"They have built a new bulwark for democracy."

He urged that the Department of Agriculture be permitted to maintain and expand its facilities in basic research for the use of electricity in agriculture.

In Illinois, Moore said, electric cooperatives provide jobs for more than 1,000 persons. Their annual payroll of nearly \$6 million flows back into the communities in which these people live and work.

Congressmen attending the dinner meeting in addition to those named included Reps. Kenneth J. Gray of West Frankfort; Melvin Price of E. St. Louis; Peter F. Mack Jr. of Carlinville; Paul Findley of Pittsfield; Leslie C. Arends of Melvin; John B. Anderson of Rockford, and Roland V. Libonati of Chicago.

Sending representatives were Sen. Dirksen who has served in Congress since 1933 and is now the Republican floor leader; Rep. Robert H. Michel of Peoria, Robert B. Chipfield of Canton and William L. Springer of Champaign.

Norman M. Clapp, REA administrator, Clyde T. Ellis, NRECA general manager, and key staff members also attended.

Farmers Studying Beef Test Results

An ultrasonic recorder that could go a long way toward speeding improvement of the nation's beef cattle has been tested on the Polled Hereford farm of Glenn Brown near Athens in Sangamon County.

Results now are being studied by Brown and University of Illinois agricultural specialists. Their reports will be watched closely by farmers throughout the midwest.

"The device is designed to evaluate muscling characteristics of beef breeding animals," Brown said. "It is an animal science project of the Southwest Agricultural Institute of San Antonio, Texas.

"Similar equipment has been tested at several universities but never has it been subjected to such careful testing on a mid-western farm."

Under supervision of Don Wideman, animal geneticist of the institute, more than 100 high quality Polled Herefords were examined last month on the Brown farm.

Also examined were several Shorthorn bulls brought by Les Mathers & Son of Mason City, Horned Herefords brought by Tomlin & Wolland, Mason City, and several Red Angus bulls of Norman Peters & Son, Springfield.

Some were taken next day to the University of Illinois where they were slaughtered and the machine predictions checked against the carcasses.

A total of 45 of the animals are to be killed and checked at the university and at the Peters Packing Plant in Springfield.

The new ultrasonic recorder measures in live animals the amounts of lean and fat in the ribeye area.

If the device is accurate enough, and many observers believe it is, breeders will have a new tool to aid in selection of best blood lines.

This would be of tremendous importance. Size of ribeye is estimated to have a heritability of 69 per cent.

Thus any method that results in more effective selection of outstanding meat producers contributes materially to faster herd improvement.

Brown and others, however, aren't making hasty predictions. They want carefully evaluated tests to speak for themselves.



Don Wideman operates ultrasonic recorder.



Checking beef records from left are Mr. and Mrs. Glenn Brown of Athens, Edwin Bay, Sangamon County farm adviser, and Don Wideman, animal geneticist, Southwest Agricultural Institute, San Antonio, Texas.

Edwin Bay, veteran Sangamon County farm adviser, watched the Brown farm tests with interest and assisted in the work.

"A lot of smart people think we're on the verge of a change to a meatier type of beef with changing standards of selection of both market and breeding animals," Bay said. "This machine could be very important."

Testing at the Brown farm attracted cattle experts from several states.

Harry Russell, livestock extension specialist from the University of Illinois, participated in the testing.

"We hope to obtain one of these recorders at the University of Illinois for use in this state," he told a REN reporter.

"If we progress to the point where we can predict with a high degree of accuracy with this machine we would make it available to breeders throughout the state. It would be scheduled for use on a nominal fee basis. Breeders could check young replacement bulls and females they would use in their herds or offer for sale to other producers.

"We don't feel that this thing is going to turn the cattle business upside down. But there certainly are superior animals in Illinois herds that need to be identified and used more liberally."

Russell described Brown, the Sangamon county Polled Hereford breeder, as one of the nation's outstanding breeders.

Brown was the first Illinois farmer to participate in the beef performance testing program of the University of Illinois.

Through this program he already has records identifying sires and dams for all his calves. He also has records on weaning weights and rate of gain on steers headed for market.

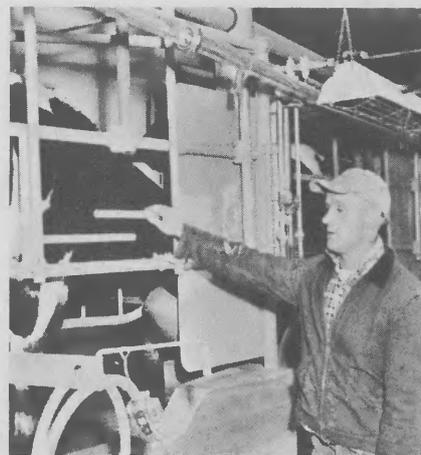
He is a member of the Menard Electric Cooperative at Petersburg.

Alvin Beckmeyer admires his all-new, milk-house, milk-parlor. Ten picture-windows, each four by eight feet, give this cow palace a modern look.



Picture-window Milk House

All new installation pays dividends—
Cows produce premium milk—
Electricity is the heartbeat of operation



Beckmeyer in his "all-electric" milking parlor, where he milks his herd twice a day.

BY JOSEPH P. GAFFIGAN

Have you seen a ranch-style milk house with picture windows?

It's the latest thing for contented cows!

Alvin Beckmeyer, 36, of near Carlyle has one with ten, 4 by 8 foot, Thermopane windows. The stone-block building is 52 feet long and 20 feet wide in the milk-room and 14 feet wide in the elevated milk-parlor area.

"I didn't want to build a new building," said Beckmeyer. "I'm sure glad now that I did."

Beckmeyer had to make a decision when the milk laws changed. The St. Louis market could no longer accept his milk under the old milk barn and can system.

Why not remodel his old building? "It would not have been practical

to try to bring the old barn up to standard," said Beckmeyer. "The expense would have been terrific and even then my old building didn't lend itself to the proper setup."

This left two alternatives. He had to get out of the milk business, or build an entirely new, properly equipped building.

Out of the question thought Beckmeyer. The cost would be prohibitive.

No harm though in asking around about ideas and costs of a new building, he reasoned.

Beckmeyer looked over several building plans for milk-parlor, milk-room buildings. He was attracted most by a plan drawn by a milking machine company.

Building cost estimates turned out to be reasonable. The Clinton County

Electric Cooperative at Breese spelled out his wiring and heating needs. The co-op folks were helpful and enthusiastic.

Beckmeyer decided to build, and turned his plans over to a contractor.

"I am very happy with my new plant. The return on my investment is very satisfying too," asserted Beckmeyer.

Speaking to Melvin Toennies, fieldman for the cooperative, Beckmeyer said, "Electricity and the proper equipment sure make the big difference."

He pointed out the two, 1½-horsepower motors for the vacuum and the milk flow line. These motors do the milking and pipe the milk to the 400-gallon cooling-storage tank in the milk room. This does away with hand milk-

Chestnut Hills Ski Resort

Good for the entire business area

By John F. Temple

Does a rural electric cooperative perform valuable service by improving job opportunities and prosperity through well-secured loans to area industrial electricity users?

"YES," said residents interviewed recently in Jo Daviess and Carroll counties. Not one dissented.

In that area directors of the Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative, Inc., have loaned \$22,068.25 to the Chestnut Hills Resort, Inc., near Hanover, in Jo Daviess county.

The money had been borrowed by the cooperative from the Rural Electrification Administration. It has been used by the resort to help pay for electrically-powered snow-making equipment, for electric motors and for outdoor lighting of the resort's ski area.

The loan brought criticism from some outside areas, particularly from U. S. Rep. Robert H. Michel (R-Peoria).

But area residents interviewed by a REN reporter refused to go along with this criticism.

The view of quiet-spoken Orill Daniels, president of the Elizabeth State Bank, was typical.

"We think this project is of great importance to our area," he said. "The bank itself loaned the resort some \$75,000. Both the bank and the cooperative loans are amply secured. There's no danger of a loss.

"Chestnut Hills needed an extra push to get over the hump. It had exhausted its credit. The cooperative stepped in. The whole area, farmers and townspeople alike, will benefit.

"Both the bank and the cooperative are interested in gaining new industry for our area. Chestnut Hills is a new industry, just as a new factory would be."



Resort owners Ronald Jirik and Kenneth Hanson with Charles C. Youtzy, Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative manager.

Here are observations of others interviewed:

Hugh Ross, Jo Daviess county farm adviser—"Recreation is becoming an important part of our economy. Our farm population is declining. We need new job opportunities. I expect recreation to provide more in the future. This area, of course, is particularly beautiful and rich in historical values."

Ralph Rife, Elizabeth service station operator—"Naturally I've noticed a big difference in my business. On Sunday afternoons I guess half my customers have been from out of town, with skis fastened to their cars. They come from Rockford, Springfield, Peoria, St. Louis, and a tremendous number from Chicago.

"With planned expansion at Chestnut Hills, that project should become a major year-round attraction and all of us will benefit."

Marion (Pete) Schmidt, Elizabeth cafe owner—"I'm not sure the resort management has been too shrewd. They've expanded too fast. But I don't doubt the potential is there. And I'm sure the electric co-op does the whole area an important, vital service when it lends sound financial support to a new industry coming into our territory. We need such help, and badly."

Mrs. Leonard Stadell, housewife, of near Elizabeth—"Sure I'm in favor of that co-op loan to Chestnut Hills. Why not? It's brought more tourists to this area and created new job opportunities.

"It just makes good sense for the co-op to help bring new industry to our area and I'm all for it."

Archie L. Jackson, proprietor, Grant Hills Motel, near Galena—"I read where Rep. Michel criticized the REA for that Chestnut Hills loan. I couldn't disagree with him more.

"The loan helped Chestnut Hills

and Chestnut Hills helped area business, including mine. Everyone benefits."

Sam K. Byers, co-publisher, the Galena Gazette—"Things have improved here. There's been a chain reaction. Business is better. Tourists dollars are passed around. That loan to Chestnut Hills helped us all."

Benjamin Rosenthal, Galena mayor—"Chestnut Hills definitely needed a bit of financial aid. It had exhausted other resources. I figure Galena certainly benefited when the co-op helped out and we're all better off."

Homer Gray, Hanover grocer and butcher—"Chestnut Hills has really helped us a lot. It's a new industry, a new use for those hills that have been there, idle, for thousands of years. The co-op did us a real service."

And that's the way the interviews went.

Charles C. Youtzy, manager of the cooperative and mayor of Elizabeth, said, "Our directors spent a lot of time checking out that Chestnut Hills loan. We know it's helping businesses of all kinds in the area served by Elizabeth, Galena, Savana and even Dubuque, Iowa, 28 miles away."

Everett R. Read, co-op president, recently told the House agriculture committee in Washington:

"The Hanover resort is the co-op's biggest customer and promises to grow bigger every year.

"That is one of the important reasons our co-op agreed to make a loan when the company could not get financing for snow-making equipment from other sources.

"The owners already had invested \$400,000 in buildings, roads, ski-lift and other facilities. They needed help to get over the hump and came to us as a last resort.

"Our loan wasn't great but it came at a time when it was sorely needed."

Read pointed out that many ski resorts, even in northern areas, regard snow-making machinery as essential to their business. That was true in the Chestnut Hills case.

"It looks now like our whole area will benefit from this investment," Read said. "We directors feel we have strengthened our cooperative and helped the whole territory. That's a fine thing."



Ralph Rife



Orill Daniels



Everett R. Read

ing and the back-breaking lugging of cans to the milk shed.

"As for the old way, believe me, I just would not go back to it. I'd quit first," declared Beckmeyer.

The value of auger motors has been well established. They route the corn and supplement to the hammer-mix-mill and from there to the storage bins or direct to the feed bins in the milking stalls.

Pointing to his 50-gallon electric water heater, Beckmeyer grinned and said, "Warm water for clean-up is sure important. Guess we take it for granted but we would miss not having it."

"The co-op people steered me right on that heating cable in the concrete floor," said Beckmeyer. He likes the way this system keeps the floor warm and dry. He's happy too with the two, 35-inch overhead quartz-rod electric heaters, which keep the operator's area warm.

Beckmeyer raises his own corn and oats on his 180-acre farm. He buys the necessary protein supplement.

In the milking parlor, the three milking stalls are of the diagonal, saw-tooth, by-pass type. This places each cow in her own enclosure and she can enter and leave without disturbing the cow in front or behind her.

How fast can the herd be milked? Beckmeyer smilingly admitted, "I'm not too good at it yet. It takes me about 45 minutes to milk 23 Holsteins." With more practice he feels he will be able to handle about 40 cows per hour.

Beckmeyer is proud of the fact that his milk always brings a premium rating at the market. This is based on the butter-fat content above the standard 3.5 per cent. These tests are run by the dairy and by the Sanitary Milk Producers Association, representing the milk producers.

What are his plans for future expansion?

"My wife, Ruby, and I have discussed this. If our sons stay around when they grow up, we will build the herd to about 60 head," said Beckmeyer. The children are Debra, 7, Larry, 4, and Kevin, 2.

Memorials

Director dies at NRECA Meeting

Funeral services for H. H. Barlow, of Shawneetown, director of Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Eldorado, were held at the Immanuel Methodist Church at Shawneetown, Saturday March 10.



Barlow

Mr. Barlow died suddenly March 6, at Atlantic City, New Jersey while attending the NRECA annual meeting.

Surviving are his widow, Edith; two daughters Mrs. Ann Dempsey of Sparks Hill; Mrs. Isobel B. Richeson of Shawneetown; and several grandchildren. A retired farmer, Mr. Barlow had represented the southern section of Gallatin County on the Board of Directors of Southeastern Co-op since 1952, and served as its president in 1959-1960.

Menard Director dies after illness

Funeral services for Archie Zook of Athens, a director of Menard Electric Cooperative, Petersburg, were held at the Mott Funeral Home, Athens, on March 17.



Zook

Mr. Zook died at Memorial Hospital, Springfield, March 14. He had been in ill health for several months.

Surviving are his widow, Anna, of Athens; a son, Robert of r.r.2, Athens, and one grandson. Mr. Zook was an active farmer and auctioneer and had regularly attended board meetings of the electric cooperative. He served on the board as vice president since 1958, and as a member since 1943.

Retired co-op manager's wife dies

Funeral services for Mrs. John G. Waggoner of Mattoon were conducted at the Smysor Christian Church near Gays, Tuesday, March 20.

Mrs. Waggoner, wife of Coles-Moultrie Co-op's recently retired manager, died March 18 in Mattoon Memorial Hospital, following a lingering illness.

In addition to Mr. Waggoner, surviving are two sons, John Boyd of Lockport; Richard of Walnut Creek, California, and one granddaughter.

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Eastern Illinois Power Co-op 25th Annual Meeting



Eastern Illinois Power Cooperative officers re-elected at an organization meeting following the co-op's 25th annual meeting are from left to right: Clement Ikins, Onarga, vice president; G. N. Hodge, Milford, president, and R. L. Stanford, Loda, secretary-treasurer. Dennis L. Tachick, co-op manager is at the right.

"Support members of the legislature who have supported the interests of cooperative members," urged G. N. Hodge, Milford, president of the Eastern Illinois Power Cooperative, Paxton.

He addressed more than 650 persons attending the cooperative's 25th annual meeting, March 17, in the South Side Grade School auditorium at Watseka. It was the larg-

est such meeting in at least ten years, according to Hodge.

Said Hodge, "The rural territories, which 25 years ago the power companies refused to have anything to do with, have all of a sudden become attractive to them.

"And now they have launched a vicious propaganda campaign to discredit the cooperatives," he pointed out.

Other speakers included Jerry Voorhis, executive director of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A., Chicago; Dennis L. Tachick, co-op manager, and R. L. Stanford, Loda, co-op secretary-treasurer.

During the business session, the members re-elected as directors, Clarence Grosenbach, Thawville; R. L. Stanford; John C. Anderson, Milford; G. N. Hodge; Clement Ikins; William F. Ringler, Strawn; Howard Taylor, Cullom; Holly Ludwig, Danville, and Elbert Weston, Rossville. Durl A. Speckman of Clifton was elected to succeed his father, Arthur, and John Poppe, Jr., of Anchor, was elected to fill the vacancy created by the death of F. A. Landau.

Directors Stanford and Ringler were awarded 25-year service pins as members of the original board and incorporators of the cooperative.

Awards for 22 years of service went to co-op employes, Reuben Kietzman, Jessie Fiets, and A. P. Barbieur.

Employes given pins for 15 years of service were Don Allison, Cy Anderson, and Arthur King. Twelve employes and two directors received ten-year pins while nine employes and one director were given five-year pins.

18th Annual Job Training and Safety Conference



Members of the Illinois Job Training and Safety Committee shown are, seated, left to right, Chairman Jack Compton; Secretary-Treasurer C. M. Douglas, and Joe Ware. Standing, left to right, C. M. Scott, safety instructor; Dennis L. Tachick, and Deon Pinkerton, line superintendent of Illinois Rural Electric Co., Winchester.

More than 200 persons from most sections of Illinois attended the 18th annual two-day Job Training and Safety Conference which started Thursday, March 29 at the St. Nicholas Hotel in Springfield.

The conference is sponsored by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, in cooperation with the vocational education division in the Illinois Department of Public Instruction.

Jack Compton of Southwestern Electric Cooperative of Greenville, chairman of the Illinois Job Training and Safety Committee, gaveled the meeting to order.

"Safety is good business and it's everybody's business," said Harold Huey of Plymouth, a director of Western Illinois Electrical Coop. of Carthage and director of region five, of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

"Safety is a man-sized job," said Thomas H. Moore general manager of AIEC, Springfield. "Every individual must practice safety measures after learning them."

Chairman Compton reported that C. M. Scott and Don Davis, Safety Instructors for the Committee, visited the 27 electric cooperatives about eight times during the past year, and gave the line personnel instructions in safety and actual on-the-job training in procedures.

Scott and Davis also conducted the annual hot-line training school at Southern Illinois University, Compton reported.

Dennis Tachick, manager of Eastern Illinois Power Co-op at Paxton, presided at the Thursday afternoon session. Speakers at this session included H. A. Gruetzmacher of Washington, D. C., a representative of the NRECA Insurance Department, and Larry Crann of Washington, representing the electrical engineering division of REA.

S. R. Farns, manager of Illinois Rural Electric Co., Winchester, conducted the evening session.

The Friday morning session was presided over by Joe Ware, maintenance superintendent of Norris Electric Company of Newton.

"One out of every 20 people needed first aid during the past year," said A. B. "Jack" Shehee, Chief of Borrowers Safety, REA, in stressing the importance of first aid and safety measures. He told of nine lives which were saved last year by the use of proper first aid methods.

The conference members were visibly shaken by a color film, "Death on The Highway," shown by Corporal Stewart E. Grant, of the Illinois State Highway Patrol. The movie left nothing to the imagination.

"Speed alone, or the combination of speed and drinking or just plain carelessness, cause most of the accidents," Corporal Grant stated.

The Friday afternoon session was presided over by C. M. Douglas, manager of the Monroe County Electric Cooperative of Waterloo, and secretary-treasurer of the state safety committee.

Don Davis conducted the "Turtle Club Award" ceremony in recognition of those making proper use of the yellow hard safety-hats for prevention of head injury.

C. M. Scott directed the gadget hour demonstration which featured ideas worked out by superintendents and linemen to make the job safer and more efficient.

Monroe County

PRESIDENT INJURED

Wm. H. Niebruegge, president of the Monroe County Electric Cooperative, received injuries in an automobile accident several weeks ago. The accident happened in the vicinity of



C. M. Douglas
Manager

Gorham. Mr. Niebruegge in the company of three other men were enroute to a levee meeting at Cape Girardeau. Mr. Archie Wehl, attorney for the levee district, and a levee commissioner from Dupo, were in the front seat of the Falcon car, and Mr. Niebruegge and Mr. Syl Altes, a member of the cooperative and a member of the Harrisonville Levee & Drainage District Commissioners, were in the back seat.

According to our information, a car coming from the South was over on the left hand side causing a head-on collision, killing Mr. Wehl and the other man who was driving the car. Mr. Altes was injured but was released from the hospital the same evening. Mr. Niebruegge is now in the St. Joseph Memorial Hospital at Murphysboro. His injuries were a ruptured palate, injured elbow, and a broken and splintered left leg immediately above the knee. This leg is now in traction and Mr. Niebruegge will have to stay in the hospital until same is healed sufficiently that they can move him from Murphysboro to the vicinity of Waterloo or Valmeyer.

During Mr. Niebruegge's absence Mr. Raymond W. Rusteberg, vice-president of the cooperative, has taken over the president's duties.

ELECTRIC HOUSE HEATING

Mr. Lawrence Kaiser who resides between Hecker and New Athens, is installing electric house heating. Mr. and Mrs. Kaiser's home is a two-story, frame house. For insulation they will have fibre glass insulation blown between the studding on the outside as well as on the ceiling part of the building. The electric heating will be of the baseboard type both downstairs and upstairs.

We are very much interested in this particular heating job inasmuch as it is the first heating job being installed on our system where the insulation is being blown in between the studdings. The company doing this work, however, guarantees the insulating job.

Another heating job is the Earl Rieso home. Mr. and Mrs. Rieso's home is located Northwest of New Athens. They are doing a complete remodeling job and will have radiant heat on the first floor and baseboard heat on the second floor. Some of the insulation will be bat type, and where the plaster is not removed from the walls or between the joists the insulation will be blown in.

So far we haven't had one complaint

on electric house heating. In one of our early issues we will have some of the larger homes which are being served by this cooperative and have electric house heating. We will have pictures of the homes outside and inside. The two that we are now contemplating taking pictures of are the Roy J. May home North of Waterloo and the Albert Crook home between Waterloo and Red Bud. Both are very modern homes and have electric radiant heating. We hope to have these pictures for you in a very early issue of this magazine.

COOPERATIVE PURCHASES LAND

For the past year your board of directors have been discussing the purchase of property for a future headquarters building for your organization. They have also been discussing the proper location for such a building. After investigating the matter thoroughly we found that the best location would be in the vicinity of Waterloo. This is more to the center of the area, which we serve. We must take into consideration banking facilities, the post office, and other facilities when selecting a location.

A committee of four, three directors and the manager, have been looking at different locations in the vicinity of Waterloo. The committee recently met and recommended to the board of directors the purchase of 16.92 acres of land North of Waterloo. This property was owned by Mr. Lawrence Arthur of Detroit, Michigan. The board of directors accepted the recommendations of the committee and authorized the purchase of this property.

The property is on State Route 3 about ¼ of a mile North of the Waterloo city limits on the West side of the highway, just West of the Mrs. Julia Crocker Horine property, or South of the B-Hive Restaurant. City water is available to this location as well as a cooperative three-phase line with which the cooperative can serve their building, which will no doubt have electric heat such as radiant or heat pumps.

Your board of directors does not have any immediate plans for construction. They intend to take their time in selecting the type of building which they believe would be to the best advantage of the cooperative. After they agree on the type of building it will be necessary to employ an architect and no doubt have several sets of plans drawn before they agree to the arrangement and size. As mentioned before, there are no immediate plans and it may be two, three, four, or five years before the building is actually constructed. The land was purchased inasmuch as property is becoming very scarce in this particular location. The entire pro-

Current Lines From Ya

gram is just in the planning stage for the future.

ATTENDS NATIONAL MEETING

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond W. Rusteberg attended the annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association which was held in Atlantic City under dates of March 5, 6, 7, and 8. Most of you members no doubt read about the terrific storm they had along the East coast. Atlantic City being in the middle of the whole thing. Mr. Rusteberg says it was quite an experience, but he does not choose to have the second round. Many of the hotels were without electric power, making it necessary for the delegates to climb 15 flights of stairways. The Rustebergs were fortunate in staying at a hotel where electric power was available.

Even though the convention experienced a two-day storm, the annual meeting was a very successful one.

DUSK-TO-DAWN LIGHTING

We have just received a shipment of dusk-to-dawn lights. Any member who is interested in lighting up their premises throughout the entire night for a charge of \$3.25 per month can have this light by signing an application. The cooperative furnishes the entire light, maintains same as well as the bulb. The bulb itself is a mercury type, and the cooperative furnishes the electric energy to operate the light.

Quite a bargain. Why don't you take advantage of it?

Illinois Rural

At the time this is being written we have about two more weeks in which the weather can be just right for freezing rain and we may still get it.



S. R. Faris
Manager

We now believe, however, that the winter of 1961 and 1962 will pass without an ice storm. Even though this has been one of the hardest winters we have had for a long time, our record of continuity of service throughout our system has been one of the best, for which we are grateful.

March, as usual, threw us a curve on the night of March 20, when a lot of rain and high winds put some lines down where banks caved off and other places where poles were washed out. Trees and limbs caused very little damage on primary lines, however, which proved that our line clearance program is paying off. Many individual services were torn down by limbs from shade trees in the yards, how-

ever. This we will though, as we cut out the shade trees.

During this storm places where the away or caved off blew the line over road to the point line would be only the road. This resultly dangerous conducting the road urge that everyone conditions may exist kind or after the line the clear of any lightning. Unless the line is still energized and conditions can be energized it is on the ground to consider all wires stay away from the energized line is not fatal, will cause jury. To those of pass the word along community who man-

Have you read news releases by the private utility which he proposed heads of 14 rural electric to work out the per area limits? It said proposal after a bulletin Electrification Administration, Washington, D. C., co-ops to work for state legislation to tion of service, provide and confirm borrowing and extend annexed to municipal

He further stated tion would result the areas the co-ops would end what public utility costs

This would leave that the electric cooperative have been raiding customers. The imp is absurd. In the cooperative it has never to a customer of unless and until released by the public cooperative.

This same public sale power contract cooperatives in Illinois that the electric extend service to customers.

This same private court action to keep cooperative from serving adjacent to the co line and to which ready has one un It has also filed an the Southern Illinois tive to stop flooding

our Co-op Managers!

have to live with, don't expect to clear

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rapidly filling the reservoir at the cooperative's Marion plant site.

Is it reasonable for people who publicly hold out the "olive branch" to the electric cooperatives which they have done so much to discredit, to at the same time take every possible action to harass and delay the orderly growth and development of the rural electric cooperatives? The general public must know the truth about these matters and it's up to us to tell them.

Wayne-White

What is the difference between a cooperative business and an ordinary commercial business?

The big difference is the fact that the ownership is different. In the commercial type one group of people, the stockholders, go into business to sell goods or service to other people.

In a cooperative, the owners are the same people as the consumers. They go into business because they need something and believe they can get it best by establishing their own business to serve themselves.

A cooperative is always a locally-owned business because its customers are local people. It is easy to know what its needs are. There is a natural interest to provide as much quality and service as possible at the lowest practicable net cost to the member-owners.

The basic difference between cooperatives and other types of business is their motive—their reason for being in business. All co-op members should remember this.

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Your cooperative will assist with 4-H electric projects in Wayne, White, Edwards and Hamilton counties again this year. The 4-H electric project is for boys and girls enrolled in the 4-H agricultural program. In first-year electricity, we deal with electrical safety, wiring, electric heat, lighting and electric motors.

During the first-year course a simple electrical appliance is made by those enrolled to be displayed at the county fair or the county 4-H show.

The second-year deals with more advanced electric applications and a more advanced or complicated appliance is made.

We have just finished an electric school in Hamilton County and Edwards county.

The electric activity for Home Economic 4-H members for 1962 is

"Pressing Garments" and will deal with pressing equipment and irons. Check with your Farm or Home Adviser for dates of these meetings in your area.

M.J.M. Electric

With the coming of spring, building is beginning to start at a slow pace in our area. The District Council of the Assemblies of God Church has begun construction on a 24-unit dormitory, and they have, also, started remodeling a large dairy barn, which will be converted into another 24-unit dormitory. Both the buildings will use electric ceiling cable for heat. Also, the construction of a 16-unit electrically-heated motel has been started on Route 66.



Ora Snider
Manager

This type of development in a rural area is desirable, since it will provide work for the local construction trades, and on completion will bring other persons into our area. However, these projects will not provide steady employment or new jobs for the area, and since Macoupin, Jersey and Montgomery Counties have been designated by the government as an area eligible for Rural Area Development, we need something, which will provide badly needed jobs for our rural unemployed.

This presents a challenge to all of us interested in our rural areas. We, at M.J.M., are ready and willing to assist in any way we can to further this cause. We invite any rural group, who is interested or has an RAD project in mind to contact us. We cannot take the lead in the project, but we can offer much assistance in developing it.

The RAD program is not a miracle drug, which will cure the economic problems in a community over night. It is a program that depends entirely on local initiative to get the "ball rolling," and it will take the local leaders and persons interested in the rural areas to start any project. After enough interest is created on a local level, other organizations will "hitch on" to the bandwagon, and it can turn out to be a program which will benefit everyone.

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Mr. Ralph Sides, co-op lineman, who will care for the area between Brighton and Walshville, has moved to Mt. Olive. For our members in this territory, his telephone number is Mt.

Norris

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Last month I had to go and shoot off my big mouth about lightning!

Sure enough, which is the way it usually happens, lightning caused us a lot of trouble in March.

What happened in that month? Our first heavy bombardment from lightning storms caused one of our Robinson Substation transformers to be damaged severely.

On a routine maintenance patrol, our maintenance personnel reported that the temperature gauge, which such large transformers have, showed an abnormally high oil temperature. We immediately checked the amphere demand on each of the feeders coming from it and found that the load was normal and all phases were in balance. This told us we had something wrong with the transformer.

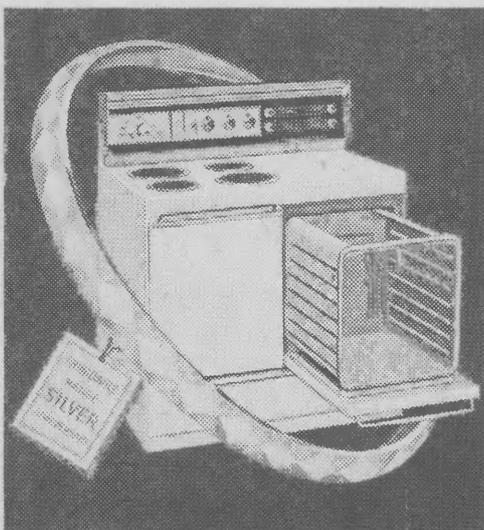
Consequently, and this is the important part of this story, it took exactly 17 minutes to remove the burned out transformer from the line and restore service with a SPARE transformer that we had at the substation. If this extra or spare transformer had not been sitting there at the station, all the people in that area could have been without service for hours and hours and hours, because it takes special, heavy-duty equipment to move such transformers, as the average weight is from 10,000 to 15,000 pounds. This, along with the muddy conditions that exist would have caused us a great deal of difficulty in securing a new transformer if the spare had not been available.

Now then, I would like to set back smug-like and smart-alecky and take all the credit for having the spare transformer there, but I can't do it and be honest at the same time. Who really deserves credit is our Board of Directors, as they have seen to it, against some opposition from outside engineers (not connected with Norris Electric) that each of our substations have a spare transformer to guard against such a catastrophe that happened on March 14. This was a rough outage and can be real serious, for the older our substations become, the more apt such calamities are liable to happen. So, the Directors deserve credit for seeing to it that a little extra money is spent to provide adequate service. Don't you agree?



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"Do you require my husband's services as a sheriff or as a veterinarian?"

"Both," came the reply. "We can't get our dog's mouth open, and there's a burglar in it!"

NOTHING TO IT

The husband of a woman who recently learned to drive was dismayed upon returning home and seeing the car in the living room.

"How in the world did you land our car in here?" he asked.

"Nothing to it," she replied. "When I got to the kitchen, I simply made a left turn."

DUMP TRUCK TROUBLES

The driver backed his dump truck too far over a fill and the weight of the load lifted the front end off the ground several feet.

"What are you going to do now?" asked another driver.

The driver contemplated his situation, then replied, "I think I'll grease it. I'll never have a better chance."

LOVELY EVENING

A wife dragged her protesting husband along with her to dinner with some acquaintances. Once during the evening, the host and hostess left the room and the irate husband said, "Well, I hope you're enjoying yourself, because I'm not! The man's a bore, the woman's a snob, the meal was awful, the drinks were watered,



"Oh please, Mother, I can keep him with my dolls."

the chairs are hard and this room's like the South Pole. We don't really know these people and we don't want to, and speaking for myself this is the last time I'm coming to this house!" A moment later the host returned, beaming, and dived behind the settee. "Got something here that will amuse you," he said roguishly. "I switched the tape-recorder on when I went out just now. Thought you'd be amused to hear what your voices sounded like. I'll play it back now . . ." And he did. And the husband was quite right when he said he'd never enter that house again.

MIX-UP IN SIGNALS

A wealthy Indian parked his Cadillac in front of a gambling place in Las Vegas, and entered the hotel carrying a satchel filled with \$500,000. After making an inquiry at the desk, he was royally escorted to the roulette table.

After two-hour play, the Indian lost all his money. He drove to the mountains and began to send a smoke signal, "Please send me another \$500,000." Just at that moment, an atomic bomb explosion went off some miles

behind him, the mushroom cloud billowing into the sky.

A few hours later, the Indian read the answering smoke signal in the distance. "The money is on the way, but don't holler."

TEXANS SPEAK UP

Among the spectators watching a famed Mexican matador perform in the bull ring was an outspoken Texan. The fight reached the stage where the matador, armed with only his cape, was taunting the bull to charge him. He avoided the animal's sharp horns only by inches, and flipped the cape aside as the bull roared past. He did this several times, until the Texas cowboy could stand it no longer. He got to his feet and shouted, "Bud, he ain't never going to run into that sack unless you hold it still!"

FIRST LESSON

The boxing teacher had just finished giving a new pupil his first lesson. Taking a look into the mirror at his flattened nose, his puffy eyes, and the holes where his teeth had been only minutes before, the pupil asked in a quivering voice: "Do you offer correspondence courses?"

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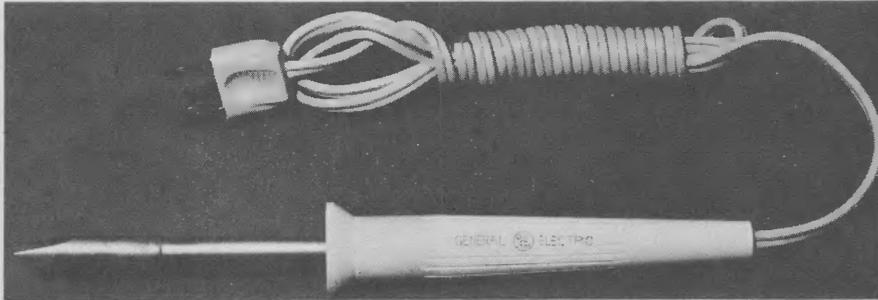
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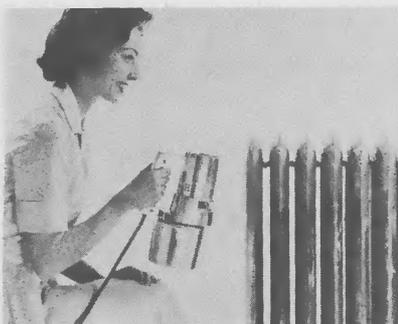
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The light source is a neon glow-lamp, which will last up to three years or more. It uses less than five cents of electrical current per year, operating 24 hours a day. There is no need to disconnect, no bulb replacement. Just plug in and forget.

Simple to install, it costs only \$1.98.

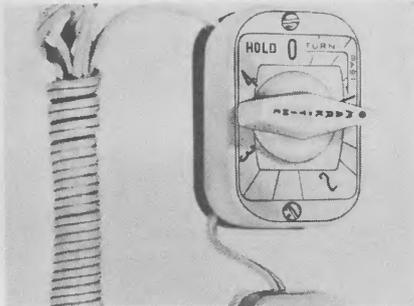
This unit can be purchased directly from the factory: Glar-Ban Corporation, Post Office Box 34, Station B, Buffalo 7, New York.

● New Type Paint Gun



locate but contact GE, Graybar and Independent Electric supply houses. It is known as the new Penline-120 soldering iron and should cost between seven and eight dollars. It is just the thing for the handy man.

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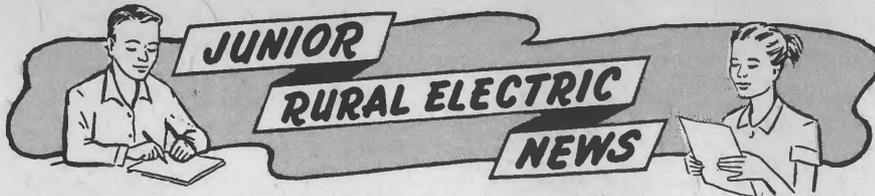
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Rose of Sharron, Mixed Colors 1 to 2 ft.	.09 ea.
Red Ozier Dogwood 1 to 2 ft.	.10 ea.
Pussy Willow 1 to 2 ft.	.19 ea.
Hibiscus Malow Marvel.	.09 ea.
Russian Olive 1 to 2 ft.	.19 ea.
Red Barberry 1 to 2 ft.	.29 ea.
White Althea 1 to 2 ft.	.12 ea.
Jap. Snowball 1 to 2 ft.	.59 ea.
Red Snowberry 1 to 2 ft.	.10 ea.
Sprea Anthony Water Dwarf-Red 1 ft.	.49 ea.
White Snowberry 1 to 2 ft.	.29 ea.
Sprea Thunbergii 1 to 2 ft.	.29 ea.
French Lilac Red or White 1 to 2 ft.	.98 ea.
FLOWERING TREES	
Magnolia Grandiflora 1 to 2 ft.	.98 ea.
Dwarf Red Buckeye 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Milmosa Pink 3 to 4 ft.	.19 ea.
American Red Bud 2 to 3 ft.	.19 ea.
White Flowering Dogwood 3 to 5 ft.	.29 ea.
Pink Flowering Dogwood 2 ft.	.98 ea.
Golden Chain Tree 1 to 2 ft.	.69 ea.
Smoke Tree 1 to 2 ft.	1.49 ea.
Purple Leaf Plum 2 to 3 ft.	.49 ea.
Red Flowering Peach 2 to 3 ft.	.49 ea.
Red Flowering Crab 2 to 3 ft.	.69 ea.
Golden Rain Tree 1 to 2 ft.	.39 ea.
White Flowering Peach 2 to 3 ft.	.49 ea.
Chinese Red Bud 1 ft.	.69 ea.
Tulip Poplar Collected 2 to 3 ft.	.19 ea.
Alanthus, Tree of Heaven 2 to 3 ft.	.19 ea.
European Bird Cherry 3 to 4 ft.	.98 ea.
May Day Tree 3 to 4 ft.	.98 ea.
Double-Pink Flowering Cherry 3 to 4 ft.	2.49 ea.
SHADE TREES	
Silver Maple 3 to 4 ft.	.19 ea.
Weeping Willow 3 to 5 ft.	.39 ea.
Chinese Elm 3 to 4 ft.	.25 ea.
Catalpa Fish Belt Tree 2 to 3 ft.	.19 ea.
Ginko Tree 1 to 2 ft.	.39 ea.
Ginko Tree 3 to 4 ft.	1.59 ea.
Lombardy Poplar 3 to 5 ft.	.18 ea.
Sycamore 2 to 3 ft.	.19 ea.
Pin Oak 2 to 3 ft.	.69 ea.
White Ash 2 to 3 ft.	.19 ea.
Sugar Maple Collected 3 to 5 ft.	.39 ea.
Norway Maple 2 to 3 ft.	.98 ea.
Ky. Coffee Tree 1 to 2 ft.	.69 ea.
Sweet Gum Tree 1 to 2 ft.	.19 ea.
White Birch 2 to 3 ft.	.49 ea.
Japanese Maple 1 to 2 ft.	.98 ea.
Crimson King Maple (Pat. No. 735) 2 to 3 ft.	2.49 ea.
FRUIT TREES	
Belle Georgia Peach 2 to 3 ft.	.39 ea.
Eiberta Peach 2 to 3 ft.	.39 ea.
J. H. Hale Peach 2 to 3 ft.	.39 ea.
Stayman Winesap Apple 2 1/2 to 4 ft.	.59 ea.
Red Delicious Apple 2 1/2 to 4 ft.	.59 ea.
Yellow Delicious Apple 2 1/2 to 4 ft.	.59 ea.
Montgomery Cherry 2 to 3 ft.	.89 ea.
Kieffer Pear 2 to 3 ft.	.89 ea.
5-N-1 Apple, 5 different varieties on each tree 3 to 4 ft.	2.49 ea.
VINES	
Red Scarlet Honeysuckle	.29 ea.
Wisteria Purple	.39 ea.
Bitter Sweet	.19 ea.
Clematis Vine Collected	.19 ea.
Concord Grape Vine	.39 ea.
Trumpet Creeper Collected	.09 ea.
NUT TREES	
Hazel Nut 2 to 3 ft.	.69 ea.
Shell Bark Hickory 1 to 2 ft.	.69 ea.
Black Walnut 1 to 2 ft.	.39 ea.
Butter Nut 1 to 2 ft.	.49 ea.
Chinese Chestnut 1 to 2 ft.	.69 ea.
Hardy Pecan Seedlings 1 to 2 ft.	.69 ea.
EVERGREENS	
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American Holly Collected 1/2 to 1 ft.	.19 ea.
Short Leaf Pine, Native Collected 1 to 2 ft.	.19 ea.
Mountain Laurel, Native Collected 1 ft.	.29 ea.
Rhododendron, Native Collected 1/2 to 1 ft.	.39 ea.
Iris Juniper 1/2 to 1 ft.	.39 ea.
Pfitzer Juniper 1/2 to 1 ft.	.39 ea.
Christmas Ferns Collected	.19 ea.
Canada Hemlock, Collected 1 ft.	.19 ea.
Cherry Laurel 1/2 to 1 ft.	.29 ea.
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50 Tenn. Beauty Strawberry	1.49
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PEN PALS

Hi Pen Pals,

School will soon be out — ah happy day! But, at the present time, those final exams are staring each of you in the face, aren't they? It would be nice if schools could get along without those—but guess that dream will never come true. Anyway, at least, there is the pleasant side of life that shortly after those dreaded exams, then a summer of fun and frolic. By the way, don't forget your Pen Pals, and here are some more too. Send any letters for publication to: Judy Parker, Jr. Rural Electric News, Box 1180, Springfield, Ill.

RIDES GO-CARTS



I am 11 years old and my birthday is September 2. I have brown hair, green eyes, weigh 90 pounds and I am five feet, two inches tall. I go to the Watson School. My hobbies are riding go-carts, collecting rocks, collecting stamps and collecting literature about machinery. I live on a farm. I would like to hear from anyone between ten and 13 years of age.—Steven Lister, Watson, Ill.

ENJOYS SPELLING

I am 13 years of age and in the eighth grade. I have black hair and blue eyes. I am five feet, six inches tall and weigh 108 pounds. My nickname is "Titan." My hobbies consist of sports mostly but I enjoy track best of all. I would like to have someone write to me who knows how to dance because I don't know how. I would like to hear from Pen Pals between the ages of 12 and 16.—Harry James Herter, Golden Eagle, Ill.

COLLECTS MOVIE STAR PICTURES

I am 11½ years old and my birthday is September 9. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I weigh 94 pounds. I am five feet, two inches tall. My hobbies are collecting pictures of the Lennon Sisters, Fabian and Ricky Nelson. I attend Crestwood Grade School. I am in the seventh grade. My favorite subjects are Spelling and Arithmetic. I have three pets—two kittens named Patricia and Pee Wee and my calf's name is Junior. I would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 14 years of age. I would also like a picture, if possible.—Sandra Lynn York, R.R. No. 3, Box 106, Chrisman, Ill.

ENJOYS BAKING

I am 10 years old. My birthday is June 26. I am in the fifth grade at Patoka Grade School. I have blue eyes and brown hair. Do I have a twin? I like to sew and bake. I would like to hear from boys and girls between eight and 12 years of age. Will answer all letters I receive. Would like a picture, if possible. —Connie Walker, R. R. No. 2, Patoka, Ill.

LIKES TO WALK

My hobbies are reading, writing, and walking. I have one cat, and four dogs. We live on a farm.—Priscilla Reames, Gorham, Ill.

RIDES BICYCLE

I am seven years old and in the third grade at Hull Elementary School. My birthday is August 27. My hobbies are riding bicycles, reading, and coloring. I enjoy washing dishes and taking care of my younger brother and sister. I have several pets on our farm. I would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of seven and 11.—Kathy Annette Ward, Hull, Ill.

PLAYS BASKETBALL

I am 13 years old. I have auburn hair and grayblue eyes. I like Pat Boone. I like some Rock n' Roll music. I like to skate, swim, dance, hear Rock n' Roll and play basketball. I would like to hear from boys and girls between 13 and 16. I would like lots of letters.—Gwen Tate, Raleigh, Ill.

LIKES TO WRITE LETTERS

I am 14½ years old. My birthday is September 14. I am five feet, three and one-fourth inches tall. I have light brown hair and brown eyes. My favorite singers are The Everly Brothers, Jack Scott, Elvis Presley, Frankie Avalon, Annette Funicello and Connie Francis. My hobbies are listening to records by the Everly Brothers, writing letters and answering letters. I would like to hear from boys and girls between 14 and 18.—Jeanie Orr, c/o James Orr, R. R. #1, Pittsburg, Ill.

LIKES ROCK 'N' ROLL MUSIC

I would like someone from a foreign country to write to. I am 11 years old. I am five feet tall. I have reddish brown hair and blue eyes. My birthday is November 26. My hobbies are playing Rock 'n' Roll music and twirling my baton. I would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 15. I will answer all letters, if possible.—Linda Smart, R. R. No. 1, Moweaqua, Ill.



New Manager at Coles-Moultrie

Carl E. Ferguson, line superintendent and engineer for the Kay Electric Cooperative at Blackwell, Oklahoma, for 12 years, has been selected manager of Coles-Moultrie



Electric Cooperative, Mattoon, effective about April 9, President R. C. Daley, announced. He succeeds John G. Waggoner, who had asked to be replaced as soon after January 1 as possible.

A native of Texas, Mr. Ferguson was graduated from the Oklahoma Institute of Technology in 1950, with a degree in Agricultural Engineering.

Mrs. Ferguson is the former Miss Bonnie Laurine Maxey of Mascoutah, Illinois. Mr. and Mrs. Ferguson have three children, ages 11, 8, and 4.

AUGUST BIRTHDAY

I am 12 years old and by birthday is August 12. I go to Perry Grade School. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I have a brother 17 years old. My hobbies are cooking, driving tractors and listening to the radio. I always go to the ball games at home.—Ruth Anne Roberts, R. R. #1, Chambersburg, Ill.

APRIL BIRTHDAY

I am 11 years old and my birthday is April 4. I am four feet, five inches tall. I have hazel eyes and blonde hair. I like basketball and swimming. I'd like to hear from boys and girls between 11 and 14. I am in the sixth grade at White Hall Jr. High School.—Martha Smith, R. R. #3, Roodhouse, Ill.

WANTS PEN PALS

I am seven years old and in the second grade. I would like to have Pen Pals—ages six to eight.—Cindy Vonceil Reames, Gorham, Ill.

LIKES LITTLE CHILDREN

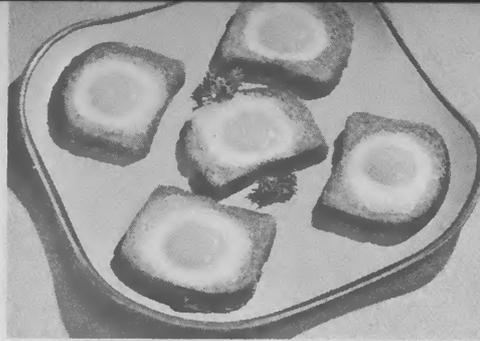
I am 11 years of age. I like to play with little children. I would like to get letters from all ages. I have two sisters and two brothers younger than me. Also I have two sisters and one brother older than me. I will try to answer all letters as soon as I can.—Melissa Reames, R.F.D. #1, Gorham, Ill.

MAKES POTHOLDERS

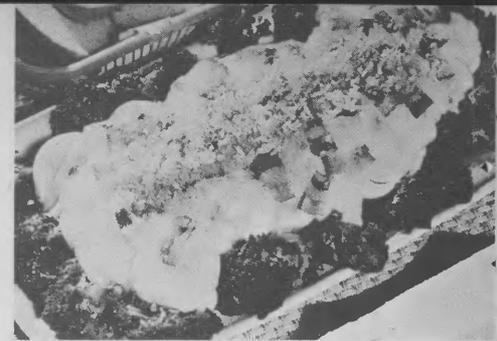
I am 10 years old. My birthday is May 6. I have light brown hair and hazel eyes. I am four feet, six and one-half inches tall. My hobbies are listening to Rock 'n' Roll music, making potholders, and sewing. I am in the fifth grade and go to St. Mary's School. I would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of eight and 13. I will try to answer all letters. I would like my mailbox to be full of them. —Jane Schaefer, R. R. No. 1, Taylorville, Ill.

for the homemakers

By Judy Parker



Eggs-in-the-hole: Cut circle in bread, set in buttered skillet, slip egg in hole, brown both sides



Broccoli and Egg Bake, a main dish idea made delectable by a nippy cheese sauce

A dozen ways with

Because hens are always industrious souls and because they're more-so-than-ever in the Spring, it's a good time to use them in dozens of ways that you can't afford when the price is higher. Compared with other proteins, eggs give you a lot for your money even when they cost more than they do now. For a few cents, two large eggs give you as much high quality protein as a serving of meat. They also provide Vitamin A, Vitamin D and two of the B vitamins to protect your health. The egg yolk holds a rich store of iron for rich, red blood, plus phosphorus and other minerals needed by the body. When you buy eggs, you may find a price difference of as much as ten cents a dozen in a single egg counter—and you don't have to wonder why. Egg prices depend on two things: grade and size, both of which are plainly marked on the carton. Grade refers to inner quality; size refers to weight per dozen. Egg grades are like school grades in that the highest is the best. Grade A are ideal for poaching, frying and cooking in the shell. Grade B are acceptable for scrambling and combining with other foods. At this time of year, large eggs are sometimes the best value. On a cost per pound basis, large eggs are a better value if cost difference is no more than six to eight cents. Buying a good egg is just a start toward serving a good egg. Low temperature agrees with eggs. Keep them stored in the refrigerator from the time you buy them. They lose quality rapidly at room temperature. Cook them slowly—whether on top of the range or in the oven. There's nothing more delicious than a boiled egg but we hope these recipes will tempt you to be more adventurous.

CURRIED EGGS

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| 3 tablespoons butter or margarine | 1 teaspoon salt |
| ½ large apple | 1 tablespoon curry powder |
| 1 medium onion | 1 tablespoon flour |
| 1 clove garlic | 1 cup stock or 2 bouillon cubes |
| | 6 hard-cooked eggs |

Melt butter in saucepan. Stir in finely chopped apple, chopped onion, minced garlic, salt, curry powder and cook until tender. Stir in flour till smooth, cook several minutes. Add stock or bouillon cubes dissolved in 1 cup boiling water, cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until sauce thickens

and bubbles. Cut hard-cooked eggs into quarters. Add to sauce. Don't stir so eggs will keep shape. Serve to 4 with hot cooked rice.

CREOLE EGG CASSEROLE

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| 8 oz. pkg. egg noodles | 1 can (1 lb.) tomatoes |
| ¼ cup butter or margarine | ¼ teaspoon oregano |
| ½ cup finely chopped onion | 2 teaspoons sugar |
| ¼ cup diced green pepper | Salt and pepper |
| ¼ cup flour | 8 hard-cooked eggs |
| 1 cup milk | 2 tablespoons chopped parsley |

Cook noodles in 3 quarts salted boiling water until tender. Drain. Melt butter, add onions and green pepper, cook over low heat till tender. Blend in flour, add milk slowly while stirring. Stir constantly while cooking until thick. Add undrained tomatoes, oregano and sugar. Season with salt and pepper. Arrange alternate layers of noodles, eggs and tomato mixture in greased 2-qt. casserole. Sprinkle with chopped parsley. Bake at 350 degrees 35 minutes. Serves 4 or 5.

EGGS A LA KING

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| 1 cup chopped celery | ½ cup milk |
| ¼ cup chopped green pepper | 1 cup diced process cheese |
| ¼ cup finely chopped onion | 4 hard-cooked eggs, chopped |
| 1 can cond. celery soup | 6 stuffed green olives, sliced |

Cook vegetables in 2 tablespoons hot fat till tender. Add soup, milk and cheese; heat and stir till cheese melts. Add chopped eggs, olives, heat. Trim with extra egg, sliced. Serve on toast. Serves 4.

BROCCOLI AND EGG BAKE

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| Cheese Sauce | |
| 3 tablespoons butter or margarine | ¾ teaspoon pepper |
| 3 tablespoons flour | ¼ teaspoon paprika |
| 1½ cups milk | ¼ teaspoon prepared mustard |
| ½ teaspoon salt | ¾ cup shredded sharp cheese |

Melt butter in sauce pan. Stir in flour, mixing smooth. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly until thickened. Add ½ cup cheese, stirring until melted. Season with salt, pepper and mustard. Set aside.

Broccoli and Egg

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| 2 pkgs. frozen broccoli spears | ¾ cup melted butter or margarine |
| ½ teaspoon salt | ½ cup sliced stuffed olives |
| 6 hard-cooked eggs | 6 slices crisp bacon |
| ¾ cup bread crumbs | 1 tablespoon butter |

Cook broccoli in small amount of boiling water with ½ teaspoon salt until just tender. Do not over-cook, drain. While broccoli cooks, shell and slice eggs. Combine melted butter with crumbs, tossing to mix. In bottom of buttered 1½-qt. baking dish arrange ¼ cup buttered crumbs. Cover with half of drained broccoli. Arrange a layer of eggs and the sliced olives. Sprinkle with crumbled crisp bacon. Arrange remaining broccoli. Pour remaining sauce over and sprinkle with rest of crumbs. Dot with butter, sprinkle with ¼ cup shredded cheese. Bake at 325 degrees 25-30 minutes. 6 servings.

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PICKLED EGGS

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| 8 eggs | 4 whole black peppers |
| 2 cups cider vinegar | 1 whole clove |
| 2 tablespoons sugar | ¼ teaspoon caraway seed |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1 garlic slice |

Hard-cook eggs. Remove shells. Cool eggs completely, then put into 1-quart jar with tight-fitting lid. In saucepan combine vinegar and rest of ingredients; bring to boil. Reduce heat, simmer, uncovered, 10 minutes. Strain, and discard spices and garlic. Pour hot liquid over eggs, cover tightly. Refrigerate 2 days to develop flavor. To serve, drain off pickling liquid. Cut eggs into halves or quarters. Serve as a relish or as a garnish on bowl of tossed green salad.

EGGS FU YUNG

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| 1 teaspoon soy sauce | 1 cup bean sprouts, drained |
| 1 teaspoon dark molasses | 1 cup finely chopped onion |
| 1 teaspoon cider vinegar | 6 eggs, slightly beaten |
| 2 teaspoons cornstarch | 1 teaspoon salt |
| ½ cup chicken broth | 1 teaspoon soy sauce |
| 1 cup finely chopped cooked ham or pork | Salad oil |

Combine 1 teaspoon soy sauce, molasses, vinegar and cornstarch in saucepan, stirring smooth over low heat. Gradually stir in chicken broth, bring to a boil, stirring. Reduce heat, simmer 10 minutes. Sauce will be thickened and clear. Keep warm. In bowl, combine ham, bean sprouts and onion. Add eggs, salt and 1 tablespoon soy sauce, stirring just till combined. Slowly heat oil in skillet. Add about 2 tablespoons egg mixture (like pancakes). Saute, turning once, just until browned on both sides. Remove and keep warm. Repeat until all is used. Arrange on hot platter, pour sauce over them. Serves 4 to 6.

ASPARAGUS SOUFFLE

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| 1 pint asparagus | ¼ teaspoon pepper |
| 4 tablespoons butter or margarine | ½ cup milk |
| 4 tablespoons flour | ½ cup asparagus water |
| ½ teaspoon salt | 4 egg yolks, beaten |
| | 4 egg whites |

Cut asparagus in ¼-inch pieces and simmer in boiling water until tender. Make a cream sauce by melting butter, blending in flour, salt and pepper and adding milk and asparagus water. Cook until thick, stirring constantly. Add beaten yolks to sauce, then mix sauce with asparagus. Fold in egg whites beaten stiff. Place in buttered casserole. Place casserole in shallow pan of water, bake at 350 degrees 1 hour or until fork inserted in center comes out clean. Serve with cheese sauce.

CHEESE SAUCE: Melt 2 tablespoons butter or margarine. Add ¼ cup flour, cook 5 minutes. Heat 1½ cups milk, gradually add, cook until smooth—15-20 minutes. Add ¼ teaspoon salt, pepper and 4 tablespoons snappy grated cheese. Stir until cheese melts. Pour over souffle, serve immediately.

DEVILLED EGGPLANT

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| 1 quart cooked eggplant | ½ cup diced pimentos |
| 4 eggs, beaten | ½ cup sauted onions |
| 2 cups milk | ½ cup sauced peppers |
| 1½ teaspoons salt | 2 cups bread crumbs |
| 1 teaspoon sugar | ½ cup butter or margarine |
| Dash of pepper | 2 teaspoons baking powder |
- Peel, dice and cook eggplant in water until tender, drain

and cool. Beat eggs, add milk, salt, sugar and pepper. Combine the eggplant with pimentos, onions, and peppers. Add egg mixture, fold in bread crumbs. Add melted butter and baking powder. Mix well, pour in greased baking dish. Top with melted butter, sprinkle with paprika. Bake at 350 degrees 20-30 minutes.

GERMAN CHOCOLATE POUNDCAKE

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| 2 cups sugar | 3 cups sifted flour |
| 1 cup shortening | ½ teaspoon soda |
| 4 eggs | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 teaspoons vanilla | 1 package German's Sweet Chocolate |
| 2 teaspoons butter flavor | |
| 1 cup buttermilk | |

Cream sugar and shortening. Add eggs, flavors and buttermilk. Sift together flour, soda and salt and add. Mix well. Add chocolate that has been softened in warm oven. Blend together well. Cook in 9-inch stem pan that has been well greased and dusted with flour at 300 degrees about 1½ hours. When done, toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Place cake under a tight-fitting cake cover while still hot and leave covered until cold.

GRAHAM CRACKER PIE

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| 3 egg whites | 18 ground graham crackers |
| ½ teaspoon cream of tartar | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1 cup sugar | ½ pint whipping cream, whipped |
| 1 cup chopped nuts | |

Beat egg whites until foamy, add cream of tartar. Beat until stiff. Add sugar, nuts, graham crackers, vanilla, fold until well mixed. Bake in greased pie pan at 350 degrees 30 minutes. Cool, top with whipped cream.

BAKED PRUNE WHIP

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| 2 cups cooked prunes, drained | 4 tablespoons confectioners' sugar |
| 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel | 4 egg whites |
| 2 teaspoons lemon juice | |

Remove pits from prunes, mash to a pulp. Add lemon peel, juice and 2 tablespoons sugar, blend well. To beaten egg whites, add remaining confectioners sugar; beat until stiff. Fold prune mixture into whites. Pile lightly in greased baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees 20-30 minutes. Serve with Custard Sauce. To make combine 3 beaten egg yolks, dash salt and ¼ cup sugar. Gradually stir in 2 cups scalded milk. Cook over low heat until mixture coats spoon, stirring constantly. Remove from heat, add 1 teaspoon vanilla. Chill.

LEMON JELLY CAKE

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| 1 cup butter or margarine | 3 cups sifted cake flour |
| 2 cups sugar | ¾ cup milk |
| 1 tablespoon baking powder | 6 egg whites, stiffly beaten |

Cream butter and sugar with mixer. Add sifted dry ingredients alternately with milk. Fold in egg whites. Bake in 3 greased and waxed-lined 8-inch layer pans at 350 degrees 25-30 minutes. Cool on cake racks. Put cake together by spreading Lemon Filling between layers and just on top. Frost sides of cake with fluffy white frosting. Sprinkle with coconut, if desired. **LEMON FILLING:** Combine ½ cup butter or margarine, 1 cup sugar, 6 egg yolks and grated rind and juice of 2 lemons and cook over low heat, stirring constantly until thick. Cool. Place between layers and on top of Lemon Jelly Cake.

FREEZER

FUN

ONE OF THE JOYS of owning a home food freezer is having a plentiful, year-round supply of garden-fresh frozen vegetables to add zest to weary off-season menus.

Whether you use home-frozen vegetables or those that are commercially-frozen and packaged, a dash of imagination will transform any "garden-variety" vegetable into an exotic dish to tempt the taste buds of the most discriminating cook.

Almost any vegetable, no matter how good it is to start with, improves by cooking in bouillon, broth or stock, rather than in water. Another taste trick is to season mixed vegetables with a pinch of herb such as marjoram, thyme or savory.

Topping buttered asparagus with grated Parmesan cheese is highly recommended, too.

Another variation is to cut carrots in thin strips, cook and combine them with hot buttered asparagus. The ways you can vary beans are almost endless. Here are a few ideas:

(1) Simmer a package of green beans with one-quarter chopped onion and celery. (2) Rub pan with garlic before cooking frozen beans. Season lightly before serving. (3) Just before serving, top seasoned green beans with one-third cup finely chopped apple mixed with one-half teaspoon brown sugar. (4) Brown one-half cup of chopped mushrooms lightly in butter or margarine. Sprinkle over cooked green beans. (5) Add one chopped pimiento to seasoned lima beans. (6) Pour a nippy cheese sauce over seasoned wax beans. (7) Garnish with sliced toasted almonds or crisp bacon bits.

Hardly anyone feels neutral about Brussel sprouts. Either you take to them like an Englishman or you don't take to them at all. To convert you, season Brussel sprouts with two tablespoons of melted butter and one teaspoon of bottled meat sauce.

To give broccoli a different party dress than the usual hollandaise, pour over the vegetable one-quarter cup of mayonnaise or salad dressing blended with one teaspoon of prepared mustard and one teaspoon of lemon juice. It's

excellent over cauliflower, too. Another dressing for broccoli is one-third cup each of mayonnaise and sour cream combined with one teaspoon minced onion and a dash of cayenne.

The next time you prepare frozen cauliflower try one of these ideas: brown butter lightly and pour over the cooked vegetable; blend one-quarter cup of sour cream with two tablespoons of catsup and one teaspoon of minced parsley and mix lightly with cooked cauliflower; crumble crisp bacon over buttered cauliflower.

Corn, an all-American favorite served almost any way, takes on added flavor for special occasions with one of these variations: (1) Mix one-quarter cup of chopped, ripe olive with cooked succotash (half corn-half lima beans). Cook

cut corn using light cream instead of water and season with minced parsley and garlic salt. (2)

Season commercially packaged cut corn with butter and a teaspoon of curry powder. (3)

Brown slivered blanched almonds in a little butter and toss with succotash. (4)

Add a pinch of marjoram, thyme or savory to buttered corn.

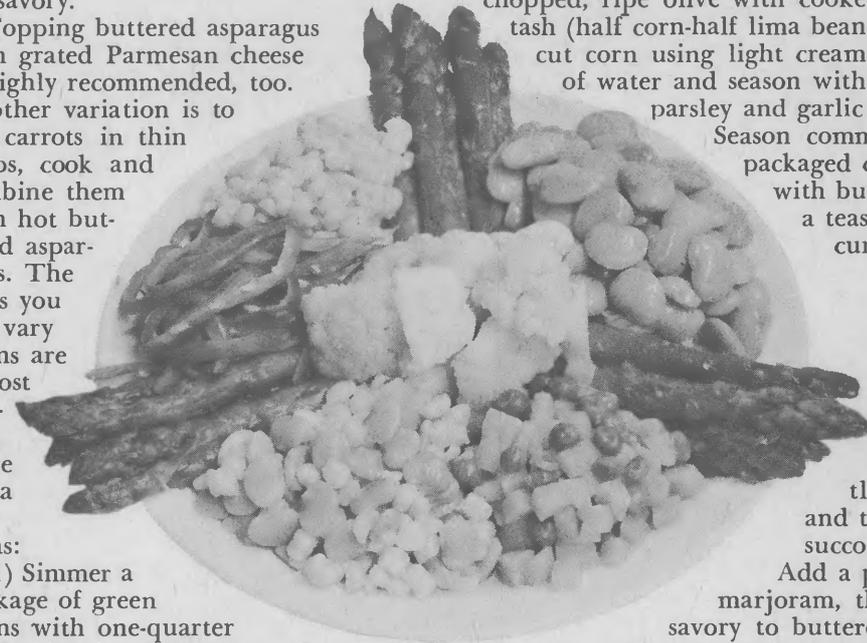
When you take a package of frozen French fries from your freezer, before heating toss in a mixture of one and a half teaspoons dry mustard and one-quarter teaspoon each celery salt and garlic salt.

To peas add one teaspoon of finely chopped onion and one-half teaspoon of crushed dried mint leaves to a package of frozen peas and carrots. Other variations: (1) Toss a handful of chopped watercress in green peas just before serving. (2) Mix a few chopped stuffed olives with seasoned green peas.

Popeye's favorite food becomes everyone's choice when you top cooked spinach with grated cheese, crumbled, cooked bacon, or one-half teaspoon of grated lemon rind.

Here's a new idea: add a tablespoon or two of maple, or maple-blend syrup to a package of frozen, mashed squash. It's delicious. Or cook a tablespoon or two of minced onion, minced parsley or green pepper with squash.

But go easy with these seasonings. Their pungency easily can overshadow the delicate flavors of vegetables.



*Adding new sauces,
onions or spices
to frozen vegetables
makes it fun to
clear out food freezer
to make room
for this year's
spring and summer
garden produce*



Pretty poke bonnet—It's both pretty and practical for 12 to 18 month-old girl. Sturdy pique will form flattering frame for baby's face

Bonnets for babies



Old-fashioned—Reminiscent of Grandmother's day is this delightful dust cap. Ribbon matches polka dots, lace peeks out beneath brim

THERE'S nothing like a new hat to give a lift to a woman's spirit, and even the tiniest tot gets a twinkle in her eyes at the prospect of a pretty new bonnet. You can make little girls' hats much cheaper than you can buy them. Choose a crisp, washable cotton fabric such as pique or organdy. Both these fabrics are easy to sew and will keep their shape. Make your child's bonnet as dainty and becoming as you like by trimming it with lace, ribbon, and decorative machine stitching. There are plenty of bonnet patterns available, or you can use our directions to make a simple poke bonnet or dust cap reminiscent of Grandmother's day.

WHITE PIQUE POKE BONNET

(For one-year-old girl)

Materials needed: $\frac{3}{8}$ yard cotton pique; $\frac{3}{8}$ yard cotton batiste for lining; $\frac{1}{4}$ yard stiff interlining; 1 yard 1-inch wide lace; $\frac{1}{2}$ yard ribbon; and matching thread. Tissue paper or brown wrapping paper for pattern. Compass or sharp pencil, string, and thumbtack for drawing circle. Ruler.

To make patterns for crown and brim: For crown, draw circle 12" in diameter. Mark off 7" section on bottom of circumference. Find center of 7" section and mark point 2" in toward center of circle. Draw arc joining two sides of 7" section through 2" indentation. This curve will form back of neck. For brim, draw rectangle 13 $\frac{1}{4}$ " long and 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide. Round off top corners of rectangle.

To cut out: When cutting out, allow $\frac{5}{8}$ " seam allowance for all seams. Cut out crown section from cotton batiste for lining. Cut out another crown section from pique for outside of bonnet. Cut out brim pattern twice in pique and once in stiff interlining.

To make brim: Seam pique brim sections and interlining together on wrong side, stitching along top with curved corners and down both 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ " sides. Trim away excess fabric around seams and turn to right side. Press.

To make crown: Make 1" box pleat at neck edge of crown, both on batiste and pique. With right sides together, seam lining to pique along curved neck edge. Turn to right side and press. Stitch row of gathering stitches around remaining curve of crown and gather this section to fit brim.

To make lace trim: Cut bias strip 1" wide and 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ " long. Turn and press down raw edges $\frac{1}{4}$ " on both sides along length of strip. Gather 1" wide lace to measure 14 $\frac{1}{2}$ ", and baste gathered edge to underneath section of bias strip. Place bias strip $\frac{3}{8}$ " in from raw edge of brim with lace extending to front of brim. Stitch both edges of bias strip to brim. If desired, decorative stitching may be added to center of bias strip, before lace is basted to underneath section.

To attach brim to crown: Stitch the brim to crown. Hand overcast raw edges to lining. Tack ribbon ties to bonnet.

ORGANDY DUST CAP

(For 18-months-old girl)

Materials needed: $\frac{3}{8}$ yard polka dot cotton organdy; $\frac{3}{8}$ yard plain white cotton organdy for lining; 1 yard 4" wide pleated lace; 1 yard $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide ribbon; matching thread. Tissue paper or brown wrapping paper for pattern. Compass or sharp pencil, string and thumbtack for drawing circle. Ruler.

To make patterns for crown and brim: For crown, draw circle 12" in diameter. Measure and mark $\frac{1}{2}$ " in from edge for seam allowance. For brim, draw circle 11" in diameter. Again mark $\frac{1}{2}$ " for seam allowance. Make a third circle 2 $\frac{3}{4}$ " in from outer edge. Cut out brim around outer circle and cut out inner circle.

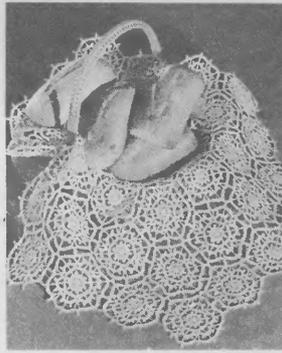
To cut out: Cut out brim and crown in polka dot organdy and repeat in plain white organdy for lining.

To make brim: Sew lining to brim around outside edge, right sides together. Cut away excess seam allowance. Turn to right and press.

To make crown: Place wrong sides of lining and crown section together. Run two rows of long machine stitching $\frac{1}{2}$ " from edge. Gather crown to 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ ". Stitch brim to crown.

To add pleated lace and finish: Pleated lace 4" wide is used on underside of brim. Cut this lace to measure 19 $\frac{1}{2}$ " and stitch to underside of brim along the seam line that joins crown and brim. To finish cap, tack $\frac{1}{2}$ " wide ribbon around outside of hat where brim joins crown. Tack a bow on each side of cap.

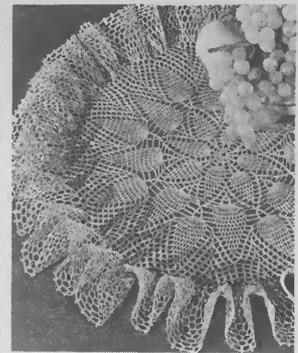
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2. Checkerboard Set



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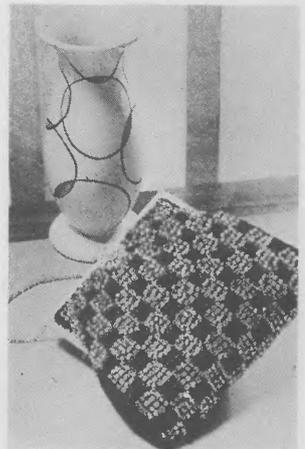
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