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National News Notes

Ellis demands investigation of overcharges

■ A demand for a Congressional investigation of power company rates and regulations has come from Clyde T. Ellis, general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association.

The demand followed charges by Mr. Ellis at the recent NRECA annual meeting that "Electric consumers are being overcharged by well over a billion dollars a year."

Mr. Ellis disclosed that NRECA economists' studies showed that 38 power companies had overcharged their customers by \$1,267,439,000 in the five year period between 1956 and 1960, assuming that 6 per cent is a fair rate of return.

No firms were named in the original statement at Las Vegas. But the Nevada Power Co. president quickly denied that his company had overcharged its customers.

Then Mr. Ellis announced that the NRECA study showed that Nevada Power Co. overcharged customers by \$8-million in five years.

Kermit Overby, NRECA director of legislation and research, has said the study "shows a critical need for state and federal legislation which would require the companies to return these overcharges to their customers."

Mr. Overby noted that the NRECA study covered only 38 companies. None are in Illinois. But Mr. Overby added:

"A conservative projection of the figures will show that American consumers are being stuck with a billion dollar annual toll as a result of the overcharges made by the commercial electric utility industry."

Montana acts to protect co-op areas

■ Territorial integrity legislation, designed to protect electric cooperatives' service areas from commercial company pirating, has been approved 38-17 by the Montana State Senate.

Leonard Schulz, an attorney for the cooperatives, pointed out during a hearing that the measure favors neither commercial utilities nor the cooperatives.

It does tell the commercial utility, however, "to keep its hot little hands off our consumer-members," he said.

The Senate-approved measure spells out the right of electric cooperatives to continue to serve an area that is subsequently annexed by a city.

Here's proud record of co-op payments

■ Rural electric systems had returned to the U.S. Treasury more than \$1.7-billion in principal and interest by the end of 1962, the Rural Electrification Administration has reported.

Payments in 1962 increased 27 per cent over 1961, with interest payments alone amounting to more than \$60-million.

REA approved \$280.5-million in rural electrification loans during 1962. For the second straight year, generation and transmission loans accounted for more than half—55.5 per cent in 1962—of the total, providing 654,885 kilowatts of new capacity.

REA Administrator Norman Clapp noted that "an adequate, dependable source of power at reasonable cost continues to be the prime concern of REA and its electric borrowers. Power requirements of all REA-financed systems last year was more than double the 1956 input, and we see no end to this fantastic growth."

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Now It's Postal Rates!

Electric cooperatives lately have come in for bitter criticism because their state publications now are eligible for non-profit second class mail privileges.

Our opponents—and they are more vocal than numerous—are writing Congressmen complaining of our reduced rates. We suggest it is important for our own friends to write their Congressmen supporting the change.

There's nothing mysterious or underhanded about this change. No special privilege is involved. Here are the facts:

Cooperative leaders long have maintained their state publications should have the same mailing privileges accorded more than 1,000 other organizations in the non-profit postal category. Congress has now said specifically that this is true.

Organizations that for years have had similar postal rates include the American Farm Bureau Federation, the National Rifleman's Association, the American Medical Association, various publications of Rotary, Lions, Kiwanis and almost countless other fraternal and veterans organizations.

A FEW NEWSPAPER publishers have found fault with recent Congressional action affecting our mailing regulations.

They fail to point out that they themselves benefit from regulations permitting them to mail their publications for only a fraction of the government's actual cost.

Some of these rates have been increased recently. But by no means all.

Weekly newspapers, for instance, pay no postage at all within their own counties.

But in all fairness, there are sound reasons for favorable postal rates for informative publications.

Since the founding of this nation, leaders have recognized the vital importance of a well-informed citizenry. Unhampered circulation of information is essential to our democratic way of life.

That is why publishers of newspapers, magazines and books traditionally have paid less for mailing their publications than all of us pay for sending first-class mail.

THIS MAKES SENSE. It's important, not only to publishers, but to all of us. Newspaper publishers do not propose that this be changed—and neither do we.

Of course one might argue that much of the information contained, say, in the typical weekly newspaper is unimportant to the nation's welfare, and that is true.

But the principal of wide and unhampered dissemination of information remains sound. We believe our nation is better off because of it. And we believe electric cooperative members—and the public at large—are better off because publications such as this and other statewide cooperative magazines, circulate with a minimum of restraint.

So . . . it is perfectly true your electric cooperative's state publication rates have been reduced. This merely brings them in line with what publications of a similar nature have been paying for years.

And attacks on our postal rates could be levied with just as much fairness—or lack of it—against, say, the American Farm Bureau Federation, or 1,000 other organizations.

It's interesting to note that these attacks really have nothing to do—directly—with other charges brought by those who would gladly destroy the electric cooperatives created by more than 140,000 member-owners in Illinois. The charges are part of a pattern. And destruction is their goal. They haven't a chance, but they're trying—hard.

OUR COVER—Democracy at work in Southern Illinois. Running ahead of schedule in construction—and costing somewhat less than expected, is the \$25,800,000 Southern Illinois Power Cooperative generating plant near Marion. It will begin production in mid-1963.

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IFEC DIRECTORS for 1963. Seated, from left, Dean Searls, chairman; F. B. Lanham, vice president, and E. R. Heacock, president. Standing, Thomas H. Moore, Wayne D. Jones,

Harold H. Beaty, executive secretary, and Paul M. Krows, adviser. He represents the Illinois Association of Farm Advisers.

Farm Council Maps 1963 Plans

Dean Searls, manager of the Adams Electrical Co-operative, and Thomas H. Moore, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, have been re-elected directors of the Illinois Farm Electrification Council.

The election took place at the Council's recent annual meeting in Urbana.

Also re-elected directors were Wayne D. Jones, Illinois Power Company; Earl R. Heacock, Central Illinois Public Service Company; Harold H. Beaty and F. B. Lanham, both of the University of Illinois.

MR. SEARLS, retiring board president, was elected board chairman. Mr. Heacock was named president, Mr. Lanham vice president, and Mr. Beaty executive secretary. Terms are for one year.

The Council is a non-profit organization of electric power suppliers, electric cooperatives, and the University of Illinois.

It is designed to further discus-

sion of mutual problems, share information and develop cooperative educational and research activities intended to "help the Illinois farmer make more effective, efficient and safe use of electrical energy and equipment."

AMONG COOPERATIVE representatives attending the recent annual meeting, in addition to Mr. Searls and Mr. Moore, were Walter R. Smith, manager of the Illini Electric Cooperative, Champaign; Lee Leonard, manager of Western Illinois Electrical Coop., Carthage; Roy L. Morris, power use adviser, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Fairfield; R. E. Robinson, sales and service engineer, Egyptian Electric Co-operative Association, Steeleville, and Robert Vander Pluym, power use adviser, Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Breese.

Mr. Leonard praised retiring board president Searls for "his great interest, diligence and effectiveness" in conducting affairs of

the Council during the past year."

The organization's annual award of merit was presented to Tex Davis, Danville, who for the past 36 years has been right-of-way agent for the Illinois Power Company in Vermilion County. The award was based on Mr. Davis' work with 4-H groups on electrical projects.

THE COUNCIL adopted a budget of \$15,390 for the current year. Much of this will go for research and educational materials.

Mr. Moore presented a resolution calling for establishment of a national farm electrification center at the University of Illinois.

It was adopted unanimously and will be sent to Congressional leaders in Washington.

The proposed national center would "do fundamental research related to biological and physical effects of electric energy on plants, on animals and insects and should open new agricultural frontiers," the resolution said.



CORN BELT Electric Cooperative officers (from left) are Frank L. Simpson, president; W. B. Ellis, vice president, and Ivan H. Snow, secretary-treasurer, with Manager T. H. Hafer.

Simpson Urges Okay Of 'Fair Play' Law

"We have a legal contract with the commercial power supplier stating that we will not serve anyone being served by that company."

T. H. Hafer, manager of Corn Belt Electric Cooperative, Bloomington, informed more than 500 persons of this fact at the organization's 25th annual meeting at Bloomington, recently.

Mr. Hafer said, "I am certain that legal action would have been taken against us if we had broken this contract provision."

A resolution authorizing the board to assist in organizing and becoming a member of a generation and transmission cooperative if the need arose, was approved by a vote of the members.

President Frank L. Simpson, Farmer City, reminded the members that much hard work was done "to build lines in territories not profitable to power companies."

"Corn Belt Electric should continue to serve these areas," Mr. Simpson said. "It is hoped that some legislation fair to cooperatives, commercial utility companies and municipal systems can be worked out."

The members re-elected as directors for three-year terms: W. B. Ellis, Bloomington; Edward S. Kearney, Gridley, and Harry A. Miller, Bloomington.

Mr. Simpson was re-elected president; Mr. Ellis, vice president, and Ivan H. Snow, El Paso, secretary-treasurer at the board of directors' reorganizational meeting following the members' meeting.

Mr. Snow reported that Corn Belt Electric Cooperative has repaid \$1,516,670 of \$2,604,233 borrowed from the Rural Electrification Administration.

R. Allen McMullen of Minier, r.r. 1, presented his 1962 Washington, D.C. trip winning essay. He urged students to enter the 1963 contest. John C. Hodge of Danvers, r.r. 1, also won a trip to our nation's capital last June.



COLES-MOULTRIE'S officers are (from left) Willis F. Smith, vice president; Lawrence C. Daily, president; Charles R. Sanders, treasurer, and Clifford Hawkins, secretary, with Carl E. Ferguson, manager. Edgar Mitchell is assistant treasurer.

Co-ops Help Cut Costs Of Power, Leaders Say

"The matter of wholesale power supply is still today of vital concern as it was in the early days of the cooperative."

Carl E. Ferguson, manager of Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative, stated this fact to the member-owners of that organization at their 24th annual meeting recently in Mattoon.

"Wholesale power costs in Illinois are among the highest in the nation," Mr. Ferguson said.

Members voted additional three-year terms to Directors William D. Champion, Gays, r.r. 1; Clifford Hawkins, Oakland, r.r. 1, and Edgar Mitchell, Gays, r.r. 2.

Re-elected officers at the board of directors' reorganizational meeting were Lawrence C. Daily, Humboldt, r.r. 1, president; Willis F. Smith, Lovington, r.r. 1, vice president; Mr. Hawkins, secretary; Charles R. Sanders, Sullivan, r.r. 2, treasurer, and Mr. Mitchell, assistant treasurer.

President Daily reminded the members that the electric cooperative represents the work of many with the common objective of "providing ourselves with electric service at the lowest possible cost."

Illinois must provide a territorial protection law to prevent strangulation of "an industry that is local, home grown, home owned and serving 500,000 citizens of Illinois," Mr. Ferguson said. He added:

"I urge you to talk to your representative and your senator and let them know what the rural electric cooperative has meant to you and what it has done for the rural areas."

Thomas H. Moore, Springfield, reported that territorial legislation will protect electric cooperatives, commercial utilities and municipal systems.

Mr. Moore, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, asserted that if it were not for electric cooperatives, there would be no yardstick by which to measure the cost of electricity in many cities and areas.

Clevenger Reports: Plant Progress Good

That \$25,800,000 generation and transmission plant being built south of Marion by the Southern Illinois Power Cooperative should go into operation in mid-1963, Thomas Clevenger, manager, reported at the group's recent fourth annual meeting.

And costs are being held somewhat below the original estimate.

Lewis Marsh, Washington, management specialist, Rural Electrification Administration, praised the cooperative for its achievements. But he added major problems lie ahead.

R. S. Holt, who was re-elected president of the cooperative, agreed—but he, like Mr. Marsh and others, expressed confidence that these problems will be solved as they arise.

Other officers re-elected were K. R. Douglas, vice president, and Ray Webb, secretary-treasurer.

Board membership was increased from nine to 12 with all incumbents being re-elected. In addition to the officers, these include W. L. Bradley, W. E. Hunt, George Pape, R. T. Reeves, Harry Sickmeyer and Claude Stuart.

New board members are Homer Miller, Roger C. Lentz and R. M. Bahn.

Mr. Clevenger reported that careful plans are being worked out to utilize to the utmost recreational facilities of the plant area, particularly the 2,200-acre lake which has been described as the second largest man-made lake in Illinois.

This, board members pointed out, is in keeping with the group's goal of helping to increase the economic strength of the broad area served by the cooperatives making up Southern Illinois Power.

These three are Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, Steeleville; Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Inc., Eldorado, and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola.

These cooperatives serve some 25,000 member-owners in the southernmost part of Illinois.



SOUTHERN ILLINOIS Power Cooperative directors elected recently are, from left, Homer Miller, R. M. Bahn, both re-elected and Roger C. Lentz. All board officers were re-elected at the group's fourth annual meeting.

Moore Says Co-ops Must Have 'Fair Play'

Quiet-spoken Max S. White, president of the Edgar Electric Cooperation Association, has stressed need for grass roots support of legislation designed to protect territorial integrity of areas served by cooperatives—and commercial utilities.

He addressed a near-record crowd at the cooperative's 24th annual meeting recently in Paris. He pointed out that legislators sincerely want to know what cooperative member-owners think about this "Fair Play" legislation.

Manager Maurice Johnson reported that consumption of electricity by members is doubling about every eight years. He said cost per kilowatt to Edgar Electric members is one-third less than it was ten years ago. This is true, he added, despite the fact that in many instances the costs of the cooperative have doubled or even tripled.

Thomas H. Moore, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, delivered the principal address. He told members:

"You and your organization are entitled to Fair Play—to serve all consumers, large and small, in your service areas—the same rights to which other power suppliers should be entitled. . . .

"The future of your cooperative depends to a great degree on the success of efforts to ensure these rights for territorial integrity by legislation.

"Edgar Electric Cooperative is a good organization serving good American citizens.

"We are optimistic that with your help, support and confidence, the future of Edgar Electric and other electric cooperatives of Illinois will be assured under the principles of Fair Play and the principles which have made your cooperation and this nation great."

Members re-elected Garold Farthing and H. E. Morrissey directors. Lawrence Lycan was elected to the board, succeeding Harry Murphy who was not a candidate.

Following the annual meeting board members re-elected Mr. White, president; Roy Dickerson, vice president, and Mr. Morrissey, secretary-treasurer.



EDGAR ELECTRIC Cooperative Association officers re-elected recently are, from left, H. E. Morrissey, secretary-treasurer; Max S. White, president, and Roy Dickerson, vice president. With them is Manager Johnson.

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Veteran Cooperative Leader Speaks His Piece

By John F. Temple



WORK OF CO-OPS is far from finished, say Mr. and Mrs. Emory Irwin and friend, Howard O. Bell (center). Carvings in picture all were done by Mr. Irwin who also is an accomplished painter.

Emory Quinton Irwin is a rugged individualist and an expert farmer who does his own thinking—and he doesn't think much of some arguments some folks have been advancing lately against electric cooperatives.

He and his wife, Lillian, live in the big, solid, white frame home they built 49 years ago near Petersburg—a house that could be standing straight and strong 200 years from now.

"I've been a member of the Menard Electric Cooperative since it was organized in 1936," he told an Illinois Rural Electric News reporter. "I guess I helped a little in its organization."

"Right," said Howard O. Bell, Menard manager and a long-time friend. "The minutes show you were at the first meeting in June of that year when it was decided to form the cooperative—one of the first in the nation."

Mr. Irwin also is one of the leading farmers in his area and served for years as Menard County Farm Bureau president. For years, too, he was county Republican chairman.

"WHY DID you want to start the cooperative?" the reporter asked innocently.

Mr. Irwin shot him a sharp look. "We formed the cooperative as a last resort," he said firmly. "For years commercial power lines ran near my farm and those of my neighbors, but they wouldn't serve us."

"Why not?"

"For one thing, they had a gen-

tleman's agreement not to cross each other's lines. Old Hickory Hurie, a neighbor now dead, and I made many trips trying to get the power companies to sell us electricity.

"But they always said 'no.' They just didn't want farm business. They didn't want it at all. They thought there was no profit in it."

MR. IRWIN was silent for a moment, then continued:

"One company finally offered to sell a neighbor electricity if he'd pay \$500 to have the line extended to his home. And that line ran right in front of his house!

"But after the co-op was formed, they hooked him up real quick, and with no charge. They could have done it all along. A little competition can be a mighty good thing."

Mr. Bell observed quietly: "That wasn't an unusual situation. It was repeated many times in our area."

Mr. Irwin brought out a record of his expenditures over the years.

"We got electricity first in August, 1937," he noted. "The first thing we bought was a Hoover vacuum cleaner, We traded in an old, hand-operated cleaner. The price is marked at \$17.50.

"In February of 1938 we bought a Hotpoint refrigerator for \$185. You know, for \$227 in 1961 we traded that refrigerator for a new one and it was still running fine."

What kind was the new one? You guessed it: a Hotpoint.

"WHAT HAPPENED that first night when the lights were turned on?" the reporter asked.

Mrs. Irwin came into the living room and smiled happily at the question.

"We turned on every light in the house, from top to bottom," she said. "Then we drove down the road and turned around and came back just to see how beautiful it was.

"Horace Nance, our neighbor, now dead, did the same. Then Horace said, 'Look at her; she's lit up like a country church!'"

Wonderful.

"It was a grand thing then and it is today," Mrs. Irwin said in her quiet way. "It's made our lives easier and happier."

"ALL RIGHT," said the reporter, "but isn't the job of the cooperative finished? Everyone has electricity, now."

Mr. Irwin bristled just a little. "The job isn't finished," he said. "We're using more electricity than ever and we have to keep improving the system if we're going to supply all our needs.

"Why, I figure we've got 30 electric motors on the farm right now. That takes a lot of power."

"I'll bet you've even overlooked some," said Mr. Bell. "Most people do."

"Probably so. But our job isn't finished."

"You mean," the reporter persisted, "You think cooperatives have a right to go on providing electrical service to people in your territory? Even though commercial companies say they'd like to take over at least part of the job, now?"

"Certainly," shot back Mr. Irwin.

"It's our territory. We developed it when the power companies didn't want it—or us. It's our business, our property. Why should we give up the business we've worked so hard to establish?"

"SOUNDS REASONABLE," said the reporter. "But what about all those non-farm people you serve? Take that nice housing development at Lake Petersburg on the edge of town. They're not farmers. Why should you serve them?"

"Why not?" answered Mr. Irwin promptly. "Our cooperative has every right to serve every resident of our territory."

"Look at it this way: If we keep giving up the denser parts of our area, pretty soon our members will be spread so thin they can't afford to buy all the electricity they need. Through our own cooperative we're helping each other —cooperatively."

"Makes sense," said the reporter. "But suppose I wanted to set up, say, a printing business across the street from your farm. Suppose I bought two acres of land from you, built a nice plant, began to pay local taxes and provide employment for some of the area's young men and women. Would your cooperative be justified in selling me electricity?"

This time the look from Mr. Irwin was a little withering.

"Of course it would," he answered without hesitation. "Don't tell me they're making laws in this country to limit our freedom. We've a right to provide power for anyone in our area—and you know it."

"SOME FOLKS who don't like cooperatives might call you a socialist," said the reporter preparing to duck.

But Mr. Irwin grinned. "Foolishness," he said. "I call our cooperative a fine example of free enterprise."

"I really would like to get away from having to borrow from the government, but our needs keep growing. And I know we're rendering an important service to all of the people of our area."

"Consider this, too: Our cooperative is interested first, last and always in us. We own it. We control it. The interests of distant stockholders don't come first."

"One more question, said the reporter. "From your remarks I figure you think your state legis-

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There's still time to enter the big cooperative essay contest and win a free trip to Washington!

lature should support the cooperative's territorial protection legislation in the General Assembly. You think that's really 'Fair Play' legislation? And important to you as a farmer, voter, taxpayer and cooperative member?"

Mr. Irwin answered seriously:

"If that legislation protects the right of the cooperatives to continue serving all of the residents in the territory the cooperatives developed, I'm for it," he said. "We think it's fair for commercial companies to have the same protection. And our cooperatives, serving us, are our own businesses. They deserve legal protection."

"Amen," said the reporter. "I agree completely."

"I thought you did," said Mr. Irwin, with a twinkle in his eye.

Thirty-two high school students will make the one-week trip leaving Springfield, June 8, Thomas H. Moore, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives has announced.

Check your cooperative for rules and information, and do it right away.

Writing the required 1,000-word-or-less essay can be fun as well as highly educational. "I'll never forget the things I learned in the contest and on that wonderful Washington trip," a previous winner said recently. Her reaction is typical.

Most of the 16 participating cooperatives limit entries to Juniors but some include Sophomores. All can help in supplying essay information.

"Join in the fun," Mr. Moore urged. "Get those essays in now. "And if you win, you'll surely have the time of your life."

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Should There Be Some Changes Made?

This nation's consumers have been overcharged hundreds of millions of dollars annually because the Federal Power Commission has accepted "phantom" tax figures submitted by commercial power and gas companies in determining rates.

This was the testimony of Federal Power Commissioner Howard Morgan before a House Commerce Subcommittee investigating charges Mr. Morgan made in a letter to President Kennedy announcing he would not accept reappointment to the Commission.

"Rate-payers are charged for taxes that never go to the Treasury," the commissioner declared.

Commercial power companies have "siphoned off" some \$191-million a year in liberalized depreciation and tax credits, he added.

"These huge amounts have not been paid to the Treasury and will not be paid," he asserted.

This has meant a total bonanza of some \$1.5-billion dollars to the commercial power utilities since 1954, the commissioner continued.

These assertions by the government official came at a time commercial utilities have been intensifying charges electric cooperatives are receiving "special privileges" from the government.

Commissioner Morgan said many of the dividends paid by commercial power companies to stockholders are and have been "100 per cent tax-free." What is more, he added, the money that was "involuntarily extracted from the rate-payer" is then reinvested in the companies at a further loss to the consumer.

Commissioner Morgan declared that the present Federal Power Commission has been "inexcusably remiss" in failing to correct this glaring inequity.

He testified that the FPC has refused to act in some cases involving power companies because it "did not want to upset or disturb the industry."

He cited two cases where he said the FPC failed to order investigations because of fear that "the industry might not like it" and "might be less cooperative in the future."

Rep. John Moss of California, a subcommittee member, praised Commissioner Morgan for his "courage and integrity" as a Commission member.

Some committee members were hostile to the commissioner. Rep. William Springer of Champaign became engaged in a hot interchange with Rep. Moss and questioned the commissioner's "reputation for truthfulness and veracity."

Moss challenged this and other derogatory statements made by the Illinois legislator.



BLISSFUL SONGBIRDS brought down the house at Illini Electric annual meeting. Children of Mr. and Mrs. John Fruhling, they are Debra, 7, Rhonda, 6, and Sharon, 3.

Co-ops Face Crisis, Cole Tells Meeting

"Commercial utility companies' objectives are to destroy the rural electric cooperatives or cripple them until they will be forced to sell their facilities to the commercial utility companies."

Charles C. Cole, Penfield, director of Illini Electric Cooperative, expressed this view at that organization's 25th annual members' meeting recently at Champaign.

"Legislation to protect the territorial integrity of your cooperative is one of the most serious problems faced by Illini Electric in its 25-year history," Mr. Cole asserted.

Mr. Cole told the overflow crowd that such "Fair Play" legislation should prevent invasion of territory of both the electric cooperatives and the commercial utilities.

Member-owners re-elected directors Clarence Day of Bement, Burdette Griffith of Dewey, and Clarence C. Maddox of Allerton, to three-year terms.

At an organizational meeting following the annual session, directors re-elected Mr. Maddox, president, and Ernest Schroeder, Sadorus, vice president. They named E. S. Wetzel, Atwood, secretary-treasurer.

Co-op Manager Walter R. Smith said members should be proud of the 25 years of progress in rendering a service "that many experts believed to be impractical for rural areas."

In his annual report Mr. Maddox told the members "it is becoming increasingly difficult to negotiate reasonable terms in our wholesale power contracts."

Guest speaker Lloyd Ummel, farm director of WCIA-TV, Channel 3, Champaign, told members of the importance of sending young people to college "in this age of specialization."

Manager Smith received a pin in recognition of 15 years service as did employes Howard Schweighart and Glenn Toliver.

Entertainment was provided by a vocal trio of children of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Fruhling of St. Joseph, r.r. 2: Debra, 7, Rhonda, 6, and Sharon, 3.

What's New?

● Oasis Dehumidifier



Oasis Imperial dehumidifier. Completely automatic unit with humidity and overflow control. Mar-resistant finish of copper sand multicolored and textured vinyl blends with decor of modern home. Removes up to four gallons of water per day from the air. Stops odors, mildew, mold, rust and corrosion. Suggested retail \$89.95. Ebco Mfg. Co., Columbus 13, Ohio.

● Moe Light Fixtures



"Honeycomb" series of contemporary lighting fixtures by Moe. Pulldowns, pendants and close-to-ceiling styles. Cellular material combined with modern plastics, polished brass trim. Tangerine-gold, emerald-blue or neutral. Hand shaped and colored. For all rooms. Retail \$19.95 to \$49.95. Moe Light Div., Thomas Industries Inc., 207 E. Broadway, Louisville 2, Kentucky.

MARCH, 1963

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MACOMB, ILLINOIS

The average use of 810 Kilowatt-hours per member for the month of January sets a new "high" for electricity usage for this cooperative. In January, 1962, we reached 795. To



Arthur H. Peyton
Manager

compare the cold weather of the two January's, there were 1,450 degree days in January, 1962, and 1,862 degree days in January, 1963. Are you accusing your meter of being a thief—do you say it is running too fast? There are numerous complaints that you can file against the meter when you see those kilowatts add up so fast. There are the periods of time when you accuse the meter of operating with nothing on in the house—that the meter is creeping—running at an outrageous speed. Actually the meter is a very capable instrument. It is one of the most accurate devices known in modern times. It stands by and works day and night on an impartial basis. It's only job is to let you know how much electricity you have used.

Meters are accurate within 1 per cent of 98 per cent of all meters. The usual case when they are more than 1 per cent inaccurate, you will find it is because they become dirty and slow down because of the added weight of the dirt. Lightning is a foe of meters, causing severe damage.

Why don't you give your meter the same fair consideration that you give the gasoline pump meter measuring out the gas.

Some people say that their neighbor has more appliances than they do but his meter doesn't run half as fast as mine. Considering that all people have different habits about their home, that some families use more hot water, cook more, and party more, some take more showers and baths than others. Some have one hot meal per day and others have three. So, if all appliances in homes are identical, the people's living habits would make the difference, not to mention defective wiring and defective appliances and motors which might cause excessive usage. Your wiring being too small or inadequate for your needs causes some of these complaints that you have.

While we are talking about meters, we again want to remind you that when you read your meter, read the last figure always as "0." The "0" readings are in your rate chart book for simple computation of the amount of electric energy that you use. Some of you should carefully watch if you have a meter that has five dials and read all five dials. A few still multiply your total kilowatts used by 10 because of the large amount of kilowatts that you use. It is easy to make a mistake on this kind of meter unless you carefully take into consideration these factors.

Another advancement that your cooperative has made is in its internal

control with a National Cash Register bookkeeping machine where all of the bookkeeping of the cooperative will be done by machine instead of hand posting where it is possible for errors and mistakes.

Your Board took action at their last Board Meeting to purchase a modern Cash Register which will issue the member a receipt showing the amount of cash or check that he gave to the cooperative and clearly print the amount of change that you should have back. This will be a validated receipt for your payment when you make these payments in the office. We consider this our final step toward adequate internal control, working with a modern billing machine with locked in totals and the machine bookkeeping system, makes for a system that is as near perfect as possible.

Illinois Rural

WINCHESTER, ILLINOIS

Many of our members have called to our attention the Illinois Power Company ad which has appeared in the Springfield papers on Wednesday, February 20, 1963, and the Jackson-



S. R. Faris
Manager

ville papers on Sunday, February 24, 1963. No doubt it has appeared in many more papers throughout the state.

This ad starts out with the heading: "The REA Cooperatives—Our concern—and yours." This ad is full of half-truths and untruths, with statements such as "efforts of REA cooperatives to establish themselves as unregulated monopolies"—"The REA cooperatives realize their job of bringing electric service to thinly populated areas has been completed,"—"With the aid of your tax money that was accomplished long ago"—"Now they want to serve in cities, towns and industrial areas, with the aid of tax exemption and tax subsidies, of course," etc. etc.

What's behind an attack like this on the rural electric cooperatives in Illinois by one of the large, powerful power companies? Who are they trying to influence and why?

We would like to give you our version of the answers to these two questions. Rural electric cooperative consumers who, 25 years ago, were not considered important enough as potential power users to be given any consideration at all by the private power companies, have now developed their use of power to the extent that many of them have become highly desirable customers for these power companies. In addition, the increase in population is resulting in the development of urban areas out in the rural areas

Current Lines From Yo

served by the rural electric cooperatives, creating concentrated electric service connections. Some industry is also locating in the rural areas, which are served by these cooperatives. Where such developments have taken place the private power companies are moving into these rural areas, which they refused to even consider serving when the density was two or three to a mile of line.

Such activity has taken place in many areas served by rural electric cooperatives in Illinois. In some areas, where urban development is planned, the power company has actually built lines and connected cooperative member-consumers while they were still connected to the cooperative's lines. The power company was able to do this by promising other utility services, if the consumer would take electric service from it.

So the pattern develops that as farmers and other rural establishments become large users of electric power, or urban areas develop in the rural areas served by the electric cooperatives, the power companies move in and make every effort to take over the electric service from the cooperative.

If this is allowed to continue, the electric cooperatives will be affected by loss of the investment made to serve the member consumer; it will lose the advantage to reduce unit costs which results from the increased volume of business from the larger users, and from the highly concentrated loads of an urban area. The end result will be higher costs of service and, eventually, the rural electric cooperatives will be squeezed back to the thinner rural areas to the extent that their very existence would be endangered and those farms and other rural establishments in these thinner areas would once again be reduced to living in the dark ages.

Yes, the rural electric cooperatives need and intend to have "Territorial Integrity," but the legislation we propose recognizes equal rights to territorial integrity for all power suppliers under the principal of "Fair Play." The electric cooperatives only want protection to keep the territory they have developed, in which they have borrowed funds to build their system, and which they must continue to serve in order to assure that these investments made by the member-consumers to serve themselves with electric power will not be arbitrarily taken away from them. The proposed act would be a self-executing document with administration or interpretation resting with local Illinois people in local courts in the areas where disputes, if any, might arise.

The power companies know that this is the kind of territorial protection the cooperatives want, as a committee from the Association of Illinois

Electric Cooperatives with representative power companies, Illinois Power Company, in an agreement on legal provide fair and Integrity" to all Illinois.

In view of these assume that the company wants to influence our state legislators prevent any territorialization that will methods they employ to accomplish this new low in public

The electric cooperatives, public utilities, businesses whose affairs governed by the state are users of the their representative directors who manage the cooperative. controlled cooperative to be under the jurisdiction of government regulators to protect the unprotected consumers.

Is the job of finished? The job Heavily up the adequate capacity, ing loads which are farms is proving a bigger job than the service to the rural place. Adequate power supply is a rural electric cooperative becoming bigger and

Have we, and are capital funds from the Commission Administration off these loans Illinois Rural Electric stance, has paid its 1, 1963, a total interest and \$2,829, and continues to pay annually in interest its loan. Maybe the borrowed, but it given to us and could be a lot lower to pay it back with

Our tax bill for federal taxes is annually. If we have or subsidies we want them. Of course, organization, we have therefore, pay no interest pay all the rest any

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from a new entry—the investment tax credit. The Federal Power Commission figures show that the power companies tax bonanza, through rapid depreciation and accelerated amortization, under federal tax laws, amounted to over \$2-billion in benefits at the end of 1961. (About 1/2 of the total amount loaned to all the rural electric systems). Benefits to the Illinois Power Company through that period amounted to over \$16-million. We need these facts before the public, too.

We haven't the funds to put one-quarter page ads in all the papers to tell the truth about the things mentioned in the Illinois Power Company's ad, but all of our members should tell everyone they meet these real truths about the rural electric cooperatives.

Tri-County

MOUNT VERNON, ILLINOIS

Eighteen years ago at the time of migrating to Southern Illinois, the writer was encouraged to make the move as he and his family would be residing in a milder climate. Some of the reasons given were as follows:



H. G. Downey
Manager

1. Lower winter fuel costs for heating.
2. Housing less costly as insulation, storm sashes, etc., would not be necessary.
3. Less winter preparation of automobiles.

4. Winter clothing not needed.
I am now living in the month of February, looking at figures for the month of January and dreading what March has in store for Southern Illinois weather.

January was a vicious month, 25 per cent colder than normal with five days below zero and only three days, the low was above the freezing mark. Where is that person who predicted Southern Illinois would always experience mild weather?

Many weather records have been broken in January '63 and electric consumption estimates were thrown out the window.

An examination of the almanac shows it is right this year — bad weather predicted in January and February and March, too, but maybe it predicts bad weather every year.

Dealers report that the sales of electric portable heaters has been good this winter. People are learning the value of safe, clean electric heat.

This brings to mind the decided advantage of having a supplemental electric heater or two around the home. You can use them to "boost" heat in particular rooms during extreme cold

spells, and then in the Spring and Fall you can use them as needed to replace the hard-to-regulate furnace or room heater.

One word of advice—be sure and buy a heater with a thermostat that measures the room air temperature. Many of the lower priced; so-called "thermostatically-controlled" heaters only control the heating elements temperature. These heaters will continually cycle on and off, whether or not you need the heat.

YOUTH-TO-WASHINGTON TRIP

The deadline for entering the "Youth-to-Washington" essay contest is April 10. If you have a son or daughter who is a Junior in High School, be sure and ask if they've entered.

This is a wonderful opportunity for them to spend one week in Washington, D. C.—free. The details were left in each high school during the last week of February.

You should be able to help your son or daughter write an experience-packed essay on the title "Contributions of Tri-County Electric Cooperative to its Service Area."

For more information, check with your high school or write to us at P.O. Drawer 309, Mt. Vernon, Illinois.

See you next month!

Illinois Valley

PRINCETON, ILLINOIS

Dear Member:

Your cooperative is participating in a "Youth-to-Washington" bus trip sponsored by your cooperative. All Sophomores and Juniors attending school in the area we serve are eligible to compete in an essay contest. Information can be furnished from your co-op office.



Milford Jontz
Manager

We encourage all eligible students to enter this contest.
WIRING ADEQUATE?
Is your wiring adequate on your homestead? Does concern register in your mind about the wiring on your premises when you think about adding new appliances to your farmstead? Many times each month members stop in or write our co-op office stating they wish to add certain electrical equipment.

Before adding any major appliances or equipment check your own farms' wiring system against the present load it carries. More than likely you will find that it is like much of the wiring that was installed when the co-op's service first became available in your area. Today's emphasis on electrical living has made new demands on the

capacity of this original wiring. The cooperative has heaved up its primary lines to give better service. Our members should look to their electrical farmstead system to heavy up also for more efficiency from electrical equipment.

NRECA MEETING HELD

The Annual Convention of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association was held at the Convention Hall at Las Vegas, Nevada, on January 14 through 17. Your cooperative is a member of our national association and was represented at the Convention by President and Mrs. Upton Craig, Victoria; Treasurer Mrs. Eileen Slingsby, Utica; Director and Mrs. John Bittner, Tiskilwa; Director and Mrs. Erich Hepner, Kewanee, and Director Howard Kinney, Magnolia. Secretary Mrs. Edith Kays, Ottawa, served as a member on the Insurance panel.

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CARLINVILLE, ILLINOIS

ESSAY CONTEST

We have received a good many requests for essay material on the Youth-to-Washington Bus Trip. For those who have not requested material, we wish to remind them that



Ora Snider
Manager

March 31 is the deadline for the essays to be in the co-op office.

Three preliminary winners will be selected, one from each of Montgomery, Jersey and Macoupin Counties.

From the three contestants, the final winner will be chosen and the runner up will receive government savings bonds. Materials for research will be supplied by the cooperative. We encourage any one interested to visit with us at the co-op office.

WATER HEATERS

Our water heater promotion is off to a good start. We still have available to members 40-gallon, glass-lined, quick recovery, G.E. heaters at \$62.00 plus tax. These heaters are available at the M.J.M. offices in Carlinville, Jerseyville and the following G. E. dealers: Niemann Electric, Litchfield; Lacey Electric, Gillespie; Shortal Electric, Jerseyville; and Whitby Electric, Carlinville. Don't wait, take advantage of this tremendous savings now.

NEW HOMES

With all the cold winter weather we have had, everyone is looking forward to spring, and many people are thinking about new homes. If you are one of those persons, you should be thinking about an all electric home.

Bring your plans to the co-op office and let us give you information on electric heating, wiring and, also, we have available electric kitchen and laundry planning books, as well as other pamphlets, which may be helpful in planning a new home.



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Frayser, Stell, Holleman Are New Plant Supervisory Leaders



NEW ILLINOIS Electric Cooperative Plant Supervisory Personnel Association officers are, from left, Alvin Stell, vice president; Ted Frayser, president, and Fred Holleman, secretary-treasurer.

Ted Frayser, Dongola, was named president of the Illinois Electric Cooperative Plant Supervisory Association at its recent sixth annual meeting in Springfield. He succeeds R. E. Reiman of Bloomington.

Other officers are Alvin Stell, Canton, vice president, and Fred Holleman, Greenville, secretary-treasurer.

During intensive work sessions the group carried on its purpose of "promoting improvements within each electric cooperative by shar-

ing ideas on technical and general work methods."

Suppliers of equipment, tools and materials demonstrated the latest in products and techniques.

Thomas H. Moore, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, praised work of the supervisory group membership. He pointed out that all cooperative employes have a vital stake "in the fight for survival which the electric cooperatives face in protecting their service areas."



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WELL PUT

"One of the most tactful men I ever knew," says a speaker, "was the man who fired me from my very first job. He called me in and said, 'Son, I don't know how we're going to get along without you, but starting Monday we're going to try.'"

AUTHORITY

For a good 15 minutes the three women at the next table had gone after a mutual acquaintance hammer and tongs, cutting her to ribbons. Finally there were a few seconds of silence as they rested their claws. Then one of them sighed, "I tell you, she's a real menace. You don't know that woman like I do."

"Oh yes I do," countered another. "I know her every bit as well as you do."

"Piffle," snorted the first woman. "How could you possibly know her as well as I do? I'm her best friend."

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CALAMITY

Art Van Horn reports that a mother in a suburban home discovered her teen-age son slumped dejectedly in a living-room chair last Sunday afternoon, the picture of anguish and depression. She asked her husband, who was sitting nearby, what calamity had struck their offspring.

"He wants to go to the drug store down at the corner," Dad said, "but the car won't start."

TAKING CARE OF SURPLUS

While campaigning in a rural section of the Midwest for a Congressional seat, a politician ran into an unfriendly crowd at one stop. Halfway through his speech he was suddenly pelted with tomatoes and overripe fruit. His presence of mind, however, did not fail him. His next remark, as he wiped the missiles off his face and shirt front, turned boos into cheers.

"My critics," he said jauntily, "may not think I know much

about farm problems—but they'll have to admit I'm being a big help with the farm surplus!"

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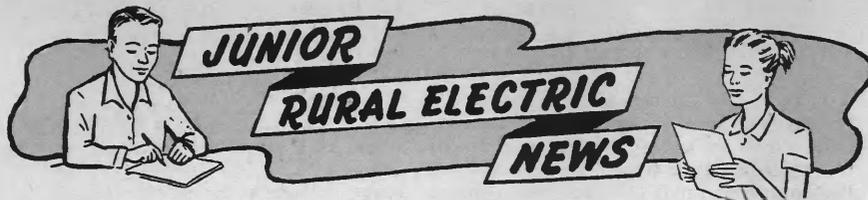
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PEN PALS

Hi Pen Pals,

Thank you so much for the splendid cooperation you have extended us in replenishing our Junior letters, since we completely discarded all of our old ones and started out anew. Keep Up The Good Work and send in some more. Address them to: Judy Parker, Junior Rural Electric News, Box 1180, Springfield, Ill.

LIKES SPORTS

I am 12 years old and in the seventh grade. My birthday is August 1. I have brown hair and greenish eyes. I weigh 101 pounds. I am five feet, three inches tall. My hobbies are dancing, ice skating, roller skating, bowling and swimming. I would like to hear from boys and girls of ages 12 to 14.—Donna Hoffmann, r.r. 2, Lou-Del-Sub, Waterloo, Ill.

PLAYS BASEBALL

I am nine years old. My birthday is in August. I have black hair and brown eyes. I weigh 67½ pounds. I am four feet, five and one-fourth inches tall. I am in the fourth grade at Windsor Elm Grade School. My hobbies are swimming, playing baseball, football, basketball. I would like to hear from boys and girls between nine and 11 years of age.—Carolyn Kay Rincker, r.r. 2, Windsor, Ill.

WE WANT PEN PALS

We are sisters ages 14 and 15. Our birthdays are August 6 and 5. We have 14 brothers and sisters. We like cooking, sewing, baby-sitting, and watching TV. We like to have more Pen Pals—we have one but want more. We like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 14 and over. So hurry up and write. We love letters.—Joan and Sue Curry, r.r. 1, Mason City, Ill.

PLAYS BASKETBALL

I am ten years old and my birthday is August 18. I go to Wallace Grade School. I am in the fifth grade. My hobbies are riding horses, raising lambs, playing baseball, playing football and most of all playing basketball. I have hazel eyes and dark blonde hair. I weigh 85 pounds. I am five feet, one inch tall. I would like to hear from girls and boys between the ages of nine to 12. Send a picture, if possible.—Paul Hiermann, r.r. 2, Ottawa, Ill.



SIXTH GRADER

I am 11½ years old and in the sixth grade. I have two brothers. My birthday is July 7. Would love to have lots of Pen Pals. Will answer any letters I receive.—Monica Smith, Rockport, Ill.

LIKES TO TWIST

I am 12 years old. I have light brown hair and blue eyes. My birthday is September 21. I am in the seventh grade. I go to Breese Grade School. My hobby is dancing. I won a twist contest at a school party. I would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of ten and 13. Come on twisters! I will try to answer all letters.—Mary Charleston, r.r. 1, Pocahontas, Ill.

COLLECTS ROCKS

I am 12 years of age and in the seventh grade. I am five feet, three inches tall and weigh 100 pounds. I like to collect rocks and read. I like school and have eight teachers. I live on a 380-acre farm and raise hogs and some cows, besides crops. I would like to hear from boys and girls between 11 and 15. Be writing soon.—Terry R. Smith, r.r. 1, Virden, Ill.

WANTS PEN PALS

I am 10 years old. My birthday is January 23. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I like to write letters and ride horseback. I would like to hear from boys and girls of all ages. Try to send a picture if possible. I will answer all letters I receive.—Karen Ann Bohnsack, r.r. 2, Elizabeth, Ill.



PLAYS PIANO

I am 12 years old. My birthday is February 26. I have light brown hair and green eyes. I am in the sixth grade in LaGrove Grade School. I play the clarinet in the band but I also play a trumpet and saxophone. I also play the piano. I am in my third year of 4-H. I like to ice skate and roller skate. I would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 11 and 14. I'll try to answer all letters I receive. Don't let my name fool you—I am a girl.—Jerry Spencer, r.r. 1, Farina, Ill.

LIKES ROCK 'N' ROLL

I am 11 years old and in the sixth grade. My birthday is November 12. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I am five feet, one inch tall. I am crazy about Rock'n'Roll music, famous singers and stars such as: Rick Nelson; Shelly Fabre; Mary Wells; Paul Anka; Richard Chamberlain; and Paul Petersen. I would like to hear from boys and girls from 11 to 15 years of age.—Nola Lightle, r.r. 2, Griggsville, Ill.

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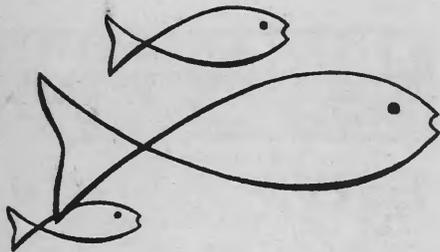
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SALMON POTATO BAKE

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| 2 tablespoons butter or margarine | 1 teaspoon salt |
| ¼ cup chopped green onions | Dash cayenne |
| 2 tablespoons flour | 4 cups diced cooked potatoes |
| 1½ cups milk | 2 cans (7½ oz.) salmon |
| 1 tablespoon horseradish | ½ cup grated cheese |

In saucepan melt butter and in it saute onions for 5 minutes. Stir in flour. Gradually stir in milk and cook, stirring, over low heat until sauce is thickened. Stir in horseradish, salt, cayenne and potatoes. Arrange potato mixture in greased shallow baking dish and make two hollows in center. Empty salmon into the hollows, sprinkle with cheese, bake at 375 degrees 20-25 minutes. Serves 4.

SALMON SANDWICHES

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| 1 pound can salmon | 1 cucumber, peeled and chopped |
| 1 tablespoon chopped parsley | ½ cup mayonnaise |
| 1 tablespoon lemon juice | 1 tablespoon French Dressing |
| 1 tablespoon grated onion | Salt to taste |

Drain and flake salmon. Combine with remaining ingredients. Enough filling for 6 large sandwiches. To make sandwiches in photograph: in the rear is a long loaf of rye bread made into sandwiches. Then loaf reformed and a long skewer, anchored at each end with a radish, is run through the center to hold them together. In center, half a loaf of pumpernickel is spread generously with salmon filling and decorated with tomato and cucumber slices. In the foreground, the bottom half of a long loaf of French bread is heaped with salmon filling and decorated with twisted slices of cucumber.

Salmon specials



SALMON POTATO BAKE



SALMON PARTY LOAF



FISHERMAN'S PIE



SALMON LEMON LOAF

for Lenten meals

SALMON PARTY LOAF

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| 2 envelopes plain gelatin | 1½ cups sour cream |
| ½ cup cold water | 1 tablespoon lemon juice |
| 1 pound can salmon | 2 tablespoons minced onion |
| 1 cup finely chopped cucumber | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup finely chopped celery | Dash pepper |

Soften gelatin in water. Stir over low heat until gelatin is dissolved. Drain, flake salmon. Mix salmon, gelatin and remaining ingredients. Spoon into 1½ quart oiled mold, chill until set. Unmold and garnish with cucumber slices. Serves 6.

FISHERMAN'S PIE

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| 3 medium potatoes | 2 cans celery soup |
| 1 10-oz. pkg. frozen peas | 1 pound can salmon, drained |
| ¼ cup chopped onions | ¼ teaspoon salt |
| 1 4-oz. can sliced mushrooms | Dash pepper |
| 3 tablespoons butter or margarine | |

Peel, boil, mash potatoes. Cook peas according to directions. Saute onions and mushrooms in butter 5 minutes. Combine celery soup, salmon, mushroom-onion mixture, salt, pepper and peas. Turn into 1-quart casserole. Spoon potatoes in a ring around edge of dish, bake at 350 degrees 25 minutes. Serves 4.

SALMON LEMON LOAF

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| 1 large lemon | ½ teaspoon salt |
| 1 pound can salmon | 1 teaspoon thyme |
| 2 cups soda cracker crumbs | 3 eggs, slightly beaten |
| Pinch pepper | |

Shave yellow rind from lemon and cut into slivers with scissors. Flake salmon in a bowl, add liquid from can, lemon slivers and juice from lemon. Add remaining ingredients, mix well. Spoon mixture into a 4-cup loaf pan, bake at 350 degrees 35 minutes. Serve hot or cold to 6.

KETCHIKAN BISQUE

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| ½ cup butter or margarine | 1 8-oz. bottle clam juice |
| 1½ cups chopped onions | 1 can (1 pound) stewed tomatoes |
| 1 cup chopped green pepper | 1 pound can salmon |
| ½ cup flour | 3 cups milk |
| 1 can beef consomme | |

In large saucepan, melt butter. Add onions and green pepper, saute 10 minutes. Stir in flour, cook until flour is lightly browned. Gradually stir in consomme, clam juice, tomatoes and salmon liquid from can. Break salmon into large pieces, add to soup mixture. Bring to a boil, stirring occasionally. Stir in milk, heat to serving temperature. Serves 8.

SALMON HASH

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| ¼ cup butter or margarine | ¼ teaspoon hot pepper flakes |
| 1 medium onion, sliced | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 1 medium green pepper, chopped | 2 (1 pound) cans salmon |
| 1 cup chopped celery | 2 cups diced cooked potatoes |
| ¾ cup chili sauce | |

In a skillet melt butter. Add onion, green pepper and celery and saute 10 minutes. Stir in chili sauce, pepper flakes, and salt and pepper. Bring to a boil. Stir in drained and flaked salmon and potatoes. Cover, cook over moderate heat about 10 minutes. Serves 8.



KETCHIKAN BISQUE



SALMON HASH

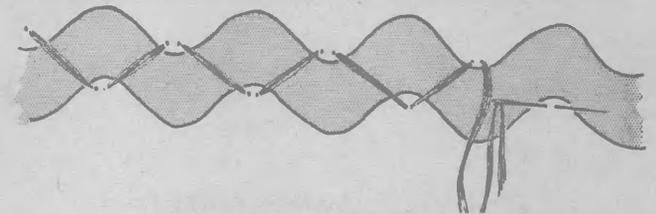


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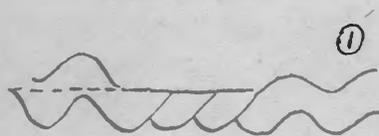
COUNTRY GIRL CHARM APRONS

These simple gingham aprons inherit their country girl charm from many long and sturdy rows of rick rack; happy peasant attitude is the result of a colorful contrast of embroidery, an oh-so-easy stitching effect. This peasant-type stitch has a charming effect on solid colored fabric as well as gingham checked fabric. You'll enjoy applying it to more than aprons. It's suitable for children's clothes, play clothes, sport and daytime dresses as well as household things such as curtains, table linens, pillow cases, towels. Have fun with this new idea. By alternating colors of embroidery thread and rick rack, by using various sizes of rick rack and some bias tape in combination with the rick rack, you can create some of the most attractive trim accents, and ones which are highly original and very fashion smart.



This detail shows the simple zig-zag running stitch that tacks the rick rack bands to the apron. Just run the needle in and out of a bit of fabric at each "V" in the rick rack, crossing the rick rack from side to side. Use embroidery floss in a contrasting color.

TRICKS WITH RICK RACK

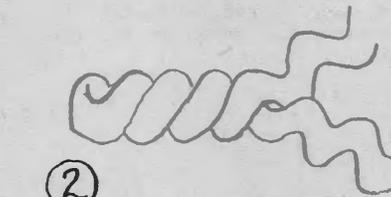


RICK RACK ROSES

Come warmer days, we'll see the roses blooming everywhere. We'll see them in gardens, of course, but why not on dresses, too? The most feminine of flowers, rosebuds are a traditionally dainty way to trim little girl's clothes. Bigger girls can read and learn the easy way to give their dresses the same delicate hand-detailed look. Tiny, pink buds may be made easily and inexpensively from regular sized rick rack and will bloom beautifully on your warm weather wardrobe.

Two kinds of roses may be made by following these easy directions:

1. To make a ¼-inch deep blossom having a flat base: cut 4 inch length of regular rick rack. Beginning at one end, fold lower points up. Continue to twist all points up in same direction, working at your ironing board and pressing as you go. Or a basting thread may be used to hold points in place. Roll end between fingers, hand tacking frequently on under

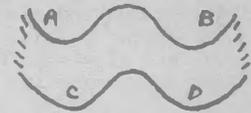


side to hold roll. For full blown effect, fold 3 or 4 points down and hand tack.

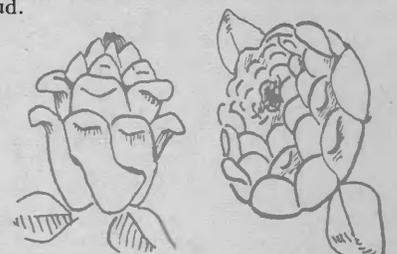
2. To make a ½-inch bud with a round base: cut a 6-inch length of regular rick rack. Fold in half to make double and interlock together one point over the other. Starting with cut end, roll strip on itself between fingers. When finished, hand tack folded end securely to roll. For full blown effect see No. 1. Either of these may be made with Jumbo rick rack if a slightly bolder rose is desired. Simply increase the length to the strip of rick rack used. Let practice and your own eye determine how large these should be.

The flat buds are perfect accents on collars, pockets, or scattered over sweaters. Two tiny leaves are sewn at each bud edge to complete. As a craft project, these are delightful glued in an oval arrangement to the front of a dime store apothecary jar. Perch one on the top, too. A nice addition to your powder room.

The longer buds are excellent for sweater buttons. Simply sew in place where original buttons were. When sewing, do so near base of bud, leaving a ⅛-inch thread shank for ease in closing. Leaves are attached to buttonhole side of closure to fall at base of bud when sweater is buttoned.



To Make Leaves: Cut a "W" shape from avocado green Wright's regular rick rack. Fold A and B to meet at underside. Hand tack securely in place. Bring point C and D together. Secure with hidden stitches. Make two leaves for each rosebud. Applique to garment right next to bud.



Fashion designers have predicted a ladylike look for 1963. While clothes will have the effect of fit, they will not be snugly fitted. Hemlines will be much the same as they have been and waistlines will be natural, nowhere or high...SO the shape story is understatement—fashions lightly fitted, softly tailored. The best clothes are pared down to a pure, simple, elegant line anyone can wear. Count on the new, spare, clean-cut shapes to make you look taller and slimmer. As you study the fashions on this page (all in the lower-price budget), look for details that compose the new look:

THE SUPPLE WAIST... definitely unclined and most comfortable. It's achieved by easy fitting that skims the body without stopping for waist seams or, if the waist is marked, it's by a sash or little tie casually knotted. In contrast, the waist-and-whirl look accents a tiny midriff via a wide, wide belt. Overblouses are top fashion around the clock.

SKIRTS... young, outgoing, gay in a number of versions, A-line, side-pleated or pleated all around, gored, full-circled or easy straight.

AT THE TOP... necklines are collarless, round or straight across from shoulder to shoulder. Or they're importantly treated with wedding-ring collars, cowls or cap-like collars that curve away from the neck. Look for little scarf ties, side buttoning and tab details. Suits are more important than ever. Their jackets are slightly longer.

OFTEN FORGOTTEN are sleeves... cool-weather coverage left to companion jackets, coats or stoles. **FABRICS** have an "open air" look that's lacy and loopy. See this look in everything from Spring suits and coat woolens to wide-mesh linens and spider-web cottons. Look for rough, hopsacking weaves and rustic flaxspun textures. In contrast, note the importance of tightly woven ottoman and crisp herringbone weaves.

COLORS for spring are clear but definitely softened and whitened for an ex-

The fashion story

tremely pretty and feminine look. White is wonderful for everything... don't overlook the patriotic impact of white sparked by red and blue. High-toned pastels pure and sunny, but certainly not vibrant, will be the volume color direction. The palest tints are seen as neutrals and as ground shades for seasons prints. The combination of varying tones of a color is particularly fresh and flattering. Look for pretty pinks with mauve, red or coral casts... for singing yellows in combination with champagne and mustard tones... for the new neutrals, the successful fall neutrals will be interpreted in creamy off-white tones of oatmeal, beige, sand, and a lightened camel, golden straw... asparagus and foam green. Willow, a grayed watery green is spring's newest neutral. Plan on one summer malted brown dress, chocolate, butterscotch or amber. Blues with a lavender cast are good. And, of course, navy always. Don't forget smart black and brown accented with stark white, important in a season with an unsaturated desire for color.

HAIR REVIEW... It's the neat, natural look—gone are the over-teased, bubble coils of yesteryear. Hairdos are smoothly, closely shaped to the head for a young look. The emphasis on natural look has inspired a trend to brown hair color.

ACCESSORY TIPS... There's a new feeling of freshness in spring and summer accessories. In shoes, the look is open and light—rounder, less pointed toes and definitely lower heels. In handbags, a much smaller size is preferred—no more outside ones. Jewelry is mainly unmatching. Rather than the go-together necklace, earring, bracelet... perhaps a bold, sparkling pin for emphasis on a princess dress. That's our fashion story. Fashions from National Cotton Council.



A fitting tribute to Miss America 1963, Jacquelyn Mayer, is this simple, oval-neckline dress with sleeved jacket which ties at the neck. It's made in Everglaze Minicare cotton



Overblouses—two piece knit by L'Aiglon and a story-telling print by Ship 'n Shore



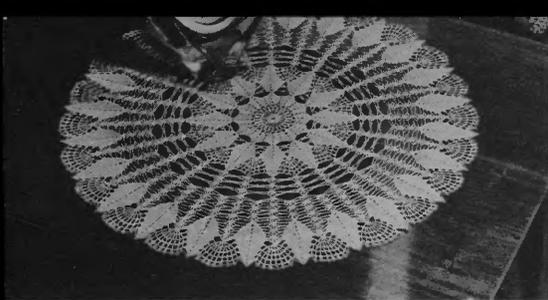
Hip-length top, belted town dress by Georgia Bullock. Right, made by Simplicity pattern



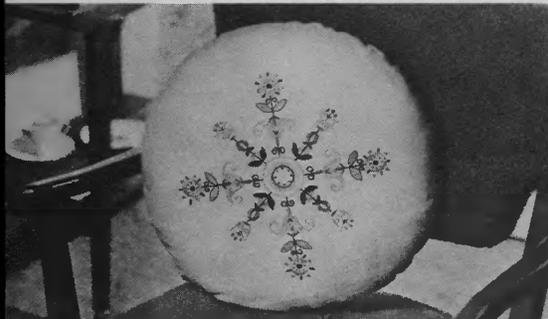
Sleeveless dress and jacket and cutaway jacket and slim skirt, both by Stephanie Koret



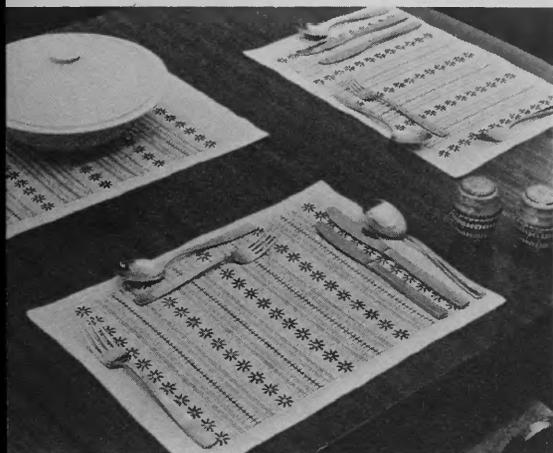
Shifts are most important 63' silhouette (by Koret). White duck capri set, back-buttoned



1. Doily



2. Crewel Embroidery Design



3. Placemats

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2. Crewel embroidery, which results from a combination of stitches, is currently enjoying a tremendous renaissance in popularity. We're sure you'll want to jump on our embroidery bandwagon because this is an elegant example in this technique. This throw pillow is decorative "must"

3. Every meal looks like a gourmet's delight when it's served on placemats as striking as these. The design is created by alternating the vivid embroidered colors with hemstitches. Although the look is one of intricate "drawn work" the process is actually much quicker and simpler

4. Looking for a sweater that'll go for everything and that'll add that special touch of glamour to every outfit? You needn't look further than this short sleeved cardigan. And, with this basic style, you can take your pick of materials since directions are included for knitting with cotton thread for warm weather or with worsted for cold winter

5. Here's a stunning example of the new look in cardigans—lean, long and easy lined. In the hip-tip length, this one switches with ease from town to country manners depending on the outfit beneath. The open rib design of cardigan results from a simple two-row pattern, the contrasting front and neck bands from an even simpler knit one-purl one rib

6. The pillbox is making a great comeback this season. Here's your chance to make our needlecraft interpretation—a crocheted pillbox, topped with a lavish helping of fluffy fringe. It's made of Turbo knit whipped up in a jiffy

7. In addition to selecting appropriate china, silver, flowers and glassware for an occasion, there's fun in choosing the tablecloth that will flatter both the decor and the hostess that made it. Here's one to complement both

8. You can put your best foot forward when both are clothed in a pair of slippers like these. There's a big bonus included—three other pairs of afghan stitch slippers



4. Knitted Cardigan
Crocheted Carry-all Bag



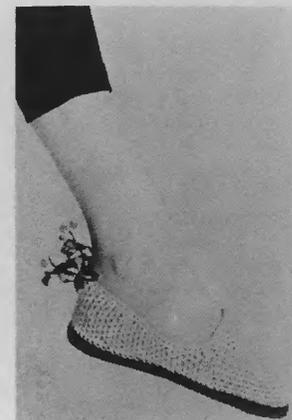
5. Bulky Cardigan



6. Fluffy Pillbox Hat



7. Table Cover



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