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# National News Notes

## Congress votes Dickey-Lincoln power project

■ Congress has passed and sent to the White House a \$1.9 billion omnibus public works bill authorizing flood control, power and related projects, including the Dickey-Lincoln School multipurpose hydroelectric development on the St. John River in Maine.

The Dickey-Lincoln power development had been voted out by the House earlier, but a Senate-House conference committee put the project back in the bill. On the final vote, it received House approval.

The disputed project calls for construction of a 794,000-kilowatt power complex at an estimated cost of \$227 million. This would be the first large-scale federal power project in New England and would provide a power "yardstick" in an area where electricity costs are the highest in the country, running 29 per cent above the national average.

It is estimated that the project could save New England residents up to \$9 million annually in power costs. The project would be constructed by the Army Corps of Engineers with power marketed by the Interior Department.

## \$365 million approved for electric loans

■ Congress has completed action on a \$6.2 billion Department of Agriculture appropriation bill which contains \$365 million in electric loan funds, including a \$60 million contingency fund for fiscal 1966.

Unlike the experience two years ago, neither the Senate nor House committees wrote any restrictions on the REA program into the bill.

The \$365 million allocated for electric loans was a compromise between the Senate and House bills and is identical to the total voted in last year's appropriation.

## TVA reports huge savings for consumers

■ Total electric bills of consumers served by the Tennessee Valley Authority power distributors were about \$219 million less during the past fiscal year than that paid for the same amount of electricity at average rates throughout the United States.

This report indicated that the difference amounted to an average of \$75 per residential customer for the year.

Average annual use of electricity among the region's residential customers was 10,831 kilowatt hours and the average rate was 0.92 cent a kilowatt hour. These compare with national averages of 4,814 kilowatt hours and 2.8 cents.

The report shows that sales increased sharply to the 158 local distribution systems, 35 large power using industrial plants and nine federal atomic and other defense installations. Sales totaled 69.9 billion kilowatt hours.

## Many of rural phone lines underground

■ The Rural Electrification Administration has announced that about 70 per cent of this year's rural telephone line construction financed by REA loans will go underground.

REA said because of technological developments underground installation of telephone wire and cable now costs less than building overhead facilities. Maintenance costs are correspondingly less because the lines are not exposed to weather damage.

REA engineers pioneered many of these technological improvements and are now working on solutions to the more complicated problems of installing electric lines and transformers underground.

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# On Good Citizenship

A thoughtful and conscientious city businessman recently wrote the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives questioning the fairness of some electric cooperative activities.

We welcome such letters. We welcome them because they provide an opportunity to discuss serious questions with persons sincerely concerned with cooperative problems.

So much twisted material has been presented during past years that it is no wonder misunderstandings occur.

**YOU REMEMBER** that commercial utilities first were offered the privilege of borrowing money from the federal government in order to provide electricity to rural areas, farmers and non-farmers. For the most part the utilities turned down this offer (which is still open).

But that is history.

Our businessman friend writes: "I agree that they (the cooperatives) keep prices down, furnish power where none was available at one time, have permitted mechanization of the farm and have made life on the farm comparable to town living."

But, he adds:

"**THE USE** of government funds at low rates and the non-payment of local taxes are defensible when these organizations were being started, but as a school board member for ten years, I know the tremendous taxes paid our district by utilities and the telephone company.

"The cooperatives do not pay these taxes and this results in higher property taxes for schools and other local governments. Often this results in an unequal tax burden."

**THE FACT** is that some fortunate Illinois electric cooperatives have not borrowed from the Rural Electrification Administration for several years and do not expect to. Others, despite the most careful management, have found no way to finance constantly increasing demands for power other than through the government.

There are, of course, many reasons. The most important lies in the very nature of the cooperative's territory. It is generally sparsely settled as compared with that of the commercial utilities. The average number of consumers per mile of line are around three for the cooperatives and 33 to 48 for the commercial organizations. And electric cooperatives are expected to serve all residents within their territory, no matter how remote—or expensive—this may be.

And so electric cooperative supporters are firmly convinced that low-interest provisions of the REA act have been and are a most sound investment for our government and for all our people, city and rural alike.

**BUT WHAT** of taxes?

Our businessman friend is mistaken when he believes the cooperatives do not pay taxes for the support of schools and other local taxing bodies. They do indeed. They pay just as surely as do the farmer and small businessman—and the commercial utilities.

The only taxes the latter pay that the cooperatives do not are income taxes. The cooperatives are non-profit organizations. They have no profits on which to pay income taxes. But their members, because of increased prosperity resulting from operation of their own electric distribution systems, do pay larger income taxes than they would otherwise, and so the federal government benefits substantially.

**OF COURSE** electric cooperatives don't pay as much local taxes as do commercial utilities. Neither do farmers or small businessmen. Both the latter are smaller. So are the cooperatives. In comparison with the giant size and wealth of the commercial utilities, our cooperatives are "small potatoes" indeed.

But we think we're mighty good citizens, supporting our local schools, our townships and county governments, doing our part to help make our areas, and our state, better and more prosperous than ever.

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**COVER**—Workmen are making fine progress on power plant of Western Illinois Power Cooperative, Inc., at Pearl, says WIPCO board president Dean Searls. Story on pages four and five.

## WIPCO Plant at Pearl

# Co-ops Building

By John F. Temple

**A** gleaming new electric generating plant which, if necessary, will ultimately serve the growing needs of some 35,000 members of seven west-central Illinois electric cooperatives, is rapidly taking shape on the banks of the Illinois River near Pearl, in Pike County.

Donald B. Bringman, manager of Western Illinois Power Cooperative, Inc. (WIPCO), said recently that construction is close to schedule and that the plant may well be placed in operation by next July 1, the target date.

"NATURALLY we're proud of this great project," he said in an interview. "We recognize how much it will mean to the increased prosperity of the rural areas its member-cooperatives serve.

"We're convinced that the entire area will be strengthened economically through creation of this power cooperative and that everyone, town and country residents alike, will benefit."

The 22,000 kilowatt generating

plant is owned by members of these distribution cooperatives:

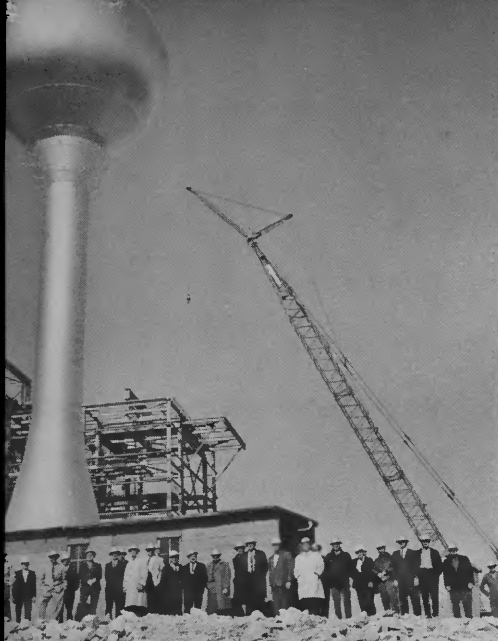
Adams Electrical Co-operative at Camp Point; Illinois Rural Electric Co. at Winchester; M. J. M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., at Carlinville; Menard Electric Cooperative at Petersburg; Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co. at Auburn; Spoon River Electric Cooperative, Inc., at Canton and Western Illinois Electrical Coop. at Carthage.

Members of these cooperatives live along nearly 12,000 miles of cooperative-owned distribution lines. Their new power facilities are being constructed through a \$7,807,000 loan from the Rural Electrification Administration. The loan will be repaid with interest to REA.

DEAN SEARLS at Camp Point, president of the WIPCO board of directors, has said creation of the generation and transmission facilities is part of an effort to provide rural area residents with electricity at a cost as near as possible to that which urban residents pay.

He said it is in the best interests

U. S. Senator Paul H. Douglas, on a recent visit to the WIPCO plant, said he is proud of achievements of the cooperative—and looks forward to major achievements in the years ahead.



WIPCO directors and other cooperative leaders at new generating facilities being built near Pearl.

One hundred feet above the Illinois River workmen calmly take advantage of good weather to speed construction.



# For the Future

of the nation's economy that no large segment of the population such as rural residents be penalized by having to pay considerably higher prices for their vitally needed electricity.

**H. T. BROWN** of New Holland, vice president of WIPCO, has pointed out that the cooperative will contribute significant funds to schools, roads and local governments through payment of all taxes commercial utilities pay except income taxes. Since the cooperatives make no profits, they are not subject to federal income taxes.

**HAROLD S. HUEY** of Plymouth, WIPCO secretary-treasurer, has observed that WIPCO will contribute much in the form of increased taxes paid by its member-owners (including income taxes) by virtue of their increased prosperity.

**S. R. FARIS**, a member of the WIPCO board and manager of Illinois Rural Electric Co., agreed. He said this already is true in the case of WIPCO's member cooperatives. Increased taxes paid by their nearly 35,000 member-owners long have

been contributing greatly to the building of better schools, churches, highways and better governmental services in their areas.

WIPCO was organized Jan. 8, 1960, at Camp Point. It now maintains headquarters in Jacksonville. Its overall payroll for some 25 regular employes amounts to more than \$150,000 annually. Within a year the number of employes will increase to around 36.

**MR. BRINGMAN** said the new power plant is a "factory" designed to work for the cooperative membership and area residents. It is not a showplace. "But," he added, "we're proud that it will mean increased prosperity for the entire area it serves."

WIPCO board members in addition to those already named are Leo Arnett, Lewiston r.r. 2; Carl Bloome, Carlinville; L. C. Groat, Canton; Walter H. Johnston, Girard; Lee Leonard, Carthage; Dale Lepper, Ashland r.r. 1; F. J. Longmeyer, Greenfield; John Sargent, Rushville; Ralph V. White, Auburn, and Charles Witt, Carlinville.

This ultra-modern generating plant can readily be expanded, if necessary, to meet rapidly growing needs of the cooperative membership it will serve.



Manager Donald B. Bringman (left) and Bob Graham, assistant steam plant superintendent. Robert W. Thieman, steam plant superintendent, could not be present when this picture was made.

A thing of beauty is this 100,000-gallon WIPCO water storage tank.



# Youngsters, Get Ready For College Without Delay

**T**een-agers, are you wondering how — or whether— you're going to college?

Parents, are you wondering how—or whether—you can send your son or daughter to school?

Then relax and listen to the views of Mrs. Louise Ross of Mattoon who knows about such things.

More than 25 years ago her husband died, leaving her with four small children to rear and educate, but without much money and apparently with no training that would enable her to earn a comfortable living.

**BUT MRS. ROSS** was resourceful. She started a telephone answering service for doctors at her home. Soon she undertook a similar service for the Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative at Mattoon.

Since then, from 5 p.m. until 8 the next morning, and all day on holidays and weekends, she takes calls from cooperative members who seek information or who wish to report trouble.

"It's been a most pleasant experience," Mrs. Ross said in a recent telephone interview. "Cooperative people are simply wonderful to work with. And the income from this work has enabled me to help send all four of my children to college."

Mrs. Ross emphasized the word "help." She didn't do it all. The young people worked too. And today Glenn, the oldest, is a doctor, a radiologist at Daviess County Hospital, Washington, Ind. Mrs. Virginia Ross Record attended Eastern Illinois University at nearby Charleston and now lives with her family in Woodland Hills, Calif. Roy M. Ross is a geologist with the Mobil Oil Company at Midland, Tex., and Read, the youngest, is working on his master's degree in city planning at Michigan State University, Lansing, Mich.

"**I KNOW** college educations are costly," Mrs. Ross told Illinois Rural Electric News, "and these costs are skyrocketing. But I'm convinced that any healthy, intelligent, determined youngster can make it. It isn't easy, but it's easier than some people believe, and it can be done. There's no question about it."

**THE REV. EDWARD W. ZIEGLER**, pastor of Westminster Presbyterian Church in Springfield and president of the Blackburn College (Carlinville) board of trustees, is another who joins Mrs. Ross in encouraging young people to go to college, even without abundant funds.

"I did it," he said cheerfully, "and it didn't hurt me. Working was the only way I could have completed my college and seminary training.

"Countless young people are demonstrating that it can be done today. I think prospective students should



Mrs. Louise Ross of Mattoon says most young people can go to college, regardless of finances. What do you think?

know that at Blackburn we have never yet turned away a student because he lacked funds."

**WHAT ADVICE** would Mrs. Ross offer young people who want to try working their way through school?

"Investigate the opportunities," she told Illinois REN. "Start early. High School students should contact their teachers or counselors. They should contact specific schools and learn about costs, work opportunities and scholarships. There aren't enough scholarships to go around. But that shouldn't stop a determined youngster, or his parents."

C. E. Ferguson, manager of Coles-Moultrie, had high praise for the work Mrs. Ross has done for the cooperative during the last quarter century.

More than 100 cooperative employees, directors, wives and children recently staged a surprise anniversary dinner for Mrs. Ross at cooperative headquarters in Mattoon. They presented her with an electric clock, selected by Mrs. Marvelle Cole and Mrs. Freda East of the cooperative staff.

**MRS. ROSS** had a ball. She met some of the cooperative "family" for the first time, although she may have known their voices and even the names of their children and much other information about them.

"They're all my friends," she said later. "When a night emergency occurs on the cooperative lines I get the facts and call out the repair crew. The men are always cheerful and considerate. They're proud of their cooperative and are determined to provide the best possible service."

And Mrs. Ross takes care of them like a mother hen. After a night call she insists that the men call her back when they return safely. She wants to know.

"A mighty nice person to have connected with our cooperative," Mr. Ferguson said.

# Southwestern Picks Beauty, Talent Winners

Miss Janice Ennen, 17, Smithboro r.r. 1, was crowned "Miss Southwestern Electric Cooperative of 1965" at the organization's 27th annual meeting recently.

Miss Ennen, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Ennen, succeeds Miss Sharon Kay Klenke, New Douglas, who was named the second runner-up in the state beauty contest held during the annual meeting of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

Miss Christine Foehrkolb, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Foehrkolb, Edwardsville r.r. 3, placed second in Southwestern's contest. The second runner-up was Miss Diane Conrad, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Udell Conrad, Alhambra r.r. 2. There were 11 contestants.

The cooperative also held a talent contest. Miss Kathy Lovett, 16,



Miss Sharon Kay Klenke (left) places the crown on this year's beauty queen, Miss Janice Ennen.

daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wilson Lovett, St. Elmo, was the winner. Miss Marilyn Klenke, 15, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Harold Klenke, Troy, placed second. Placing third among the 10 acts was Miss Evelyn Mettler, 16, daughter of Mr. and

Mrs. Albert Mettler, Old Ripley.

During the business meeting, the member-owners re-elected three directors to three-year terms. The three are Fred C. Engelke, Worden r.r. 1; Hollis McCasland, Greenville r.r. 4; and N. E. Wells, Vandalia r.r. 2.

Hold-over directors are J. W. Lodwick, Tamalco; T. E. Albrecht, Alhambra r.r. 2; Charles E. Krejci, Edwardsville r.r. 2; A. J. Krummel, Donnellson; Edward Opfer, Shobonier; and Hunt Taylor, Ramsey.

Jack A. Compton, manager of the cooperative, reported that the member-owners of Southwestern Electric now own 61.5 per cent, or \$3,476,632 of the cooperative's total assets. This truly is significant, he said, because the average membership equity in the nation's 1,000 electric cooperatives is about 25 per cent.

Mr. Compton also reported that the cooperative will absorb a one per cent increase in the Illinois Utility Tax. "This actually amounts to the same thing as a rate reduction," he said, pointing out that the one per cent increase will cost Southwestern Electric about \$15,000 annually.

# Adams Tells Plans to Build New Offices

Adams Electrical Co-operative will construct a new headquarters building in Camp Point to replace its old offices there.

John Sargent, president of the board of directors, made that announcement during the cooperative's 26th annual meeting recently.

"This summer we decided to build a new office because our present one is just too small," Mr. Sargent said. "At the present time we are negotiating for a building site. So it will probably be a year or two before you will be able to visit your new headquarters building. Your board feels that an adequate headquarters building is just part of the equipment needed to run your cooperative in the most efficient manner."

Mr. Sargent also reported that Adams Electrical lost an estimated \$20,000 in revenue because of last spring's floods in the Mississippi River bottomlands.

The cooperative disconnected over 300 meters for almost a month. There still are 24 meters that have

not been reconnected. Mr. Sargent said some service will never be restored because some buildings swept away by flood waters will not be rebuilt.

During the meeting, Miss Patti Ticken of Mendon told how much she appreciated the past year's activities in her reign as "Miss Adams Electrical Cooperative" and as state-wide queen of Illinois' 27 electric dis-

tribution and three generation and transmission cooperatives. Adams Electrical changed its annual meeting date this year and did not stage a beauty contest.

In a regular board meeting following the annual meeting, directors re-elected officers. They are Mr. Sargent, president; Harold Bond, vice president; and Horner S. Myers, secretary-treasurer.

Lawrence Leenerts (left) was elected to a three-year term on the board of directors. John Sargent (center) and Lester Hussong were re-elected to the board.





These cooperative leaders were honored for 25 years of service during the silver anniversary recognition luncheon held as part of the recent Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives 24th annual meeting. From left are: (seated) Elmer W. Nagel, Steeleville; William Jasper (Jack) Ervin, Sparta; Harold Shepherd, Albion; William E. Jones, Edwardsville; Lela Hohl, Greenville; Mrs. Lucille Krebs, Breese; Gertrude Wolf, Waterloo; K. R. Douglas, Karnak; John Hartline, Dongola. Back row: John Adkisson, Oblong; C. Nelson (Dutch) Worner, Manito; N. H. Lovin, Mt. Vernon; Leonard Wood,

Jacksonville; Clay Trimble, Newton; Ralph Hastings, Louisville; Ralph Smith, Flora; Leo P. Esker, Waterloo; John Sargent, Rushville, and Gerald Dempsey, Camp Point. Unable to be present when this picture was made were Claud McAfee, Brighton; George Pape, Jacob; Deon Pinkerton, Carrollton; Frank L. Simpson, Farmer City; Noble W. Spain, Galatia; Wilburn W. Withrow, Urbana; Lee W. Leonard, Carthage; Francis Wittenbrink, Mt. Vernon, and Homer T. Brown, New Holland.



NEW HEADQUARTERS OF ASSOCIATION OF ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVES



# Proxmire Warns of Danger

A warning that a "farm-led depression" might occur if the economic strength of rural areas across the land is not strengthened came recently from U. S. Sen. William Proxmire (D.-Wis.), speaking in Springfield.

The senator was principal speaker at a seminar conducted by the Committee for Rural Economic Survival of Great Falls, Minn. More than 250 farm, business, educational, religious and civic leaders attended.

Against a background of unprecedented overall prosperity, the warning sounded strange—to some. But Sen. Proxmire was deadly serious.

HE SAID "good times" are being taken too much for granted. And already the signs of trouble ahead may be seen in the empty store fronts in country towns in Illinois and across the nation.

In a press conference the senator said he is not predicting a major farm-led depression, perhaps within



Sen. Proxmire

two or three years—but the seeds are there.

They are there, he said, in part because of the unequaled efficiency of this nation's farmers—and their inability thus far to obtain a fair share of the dollars spent for their products.

SEN. PROXMIRE in an interview praised the contributions and

the influence of Illinois' 27 electric distribution cooperatives and their nearly 140,000 member-owners.

They have, he said, along with the nearly 1,000 such cooperatives throughout the nation, done much to make possible the tremendous advances in agricultural production.

But much more remains to be done. Not only must the multiplying electricity needs of the cooperative member-owners be met—that is a major undertaking in itself—but costs also must continually be reduced, brought more closely in line with similar costs of electricity in urban areas, so that rural residents will not be penalized.

SEN. PROXMIRE asserted that rural area residents nationally pay 20 to 25 per cent more for their residential service than do city consumers.

Other seminar speakers included religious and banking representatives.

Arnold Paulson, Great Falls, national chairman of the committee, said his group has conducted more than 150 seminars throughout the nation during the past year.

"Throughout all our seminars," he said, "our challenge has been that people prove us wrong. So far, no one has been able to."

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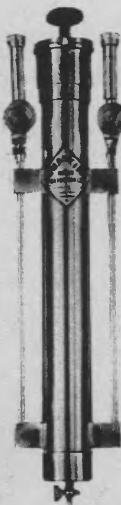
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Directors re-elected are (from left) C. E. Beadle, O. E. Garrett and William Groennert.

## Tri-County Board Names E. C. Champ

**E.** C. Champ, Woodlawn, has been elected president of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., to succeed Reuben Young, Odin.

William Groennert, Addieville, was elected vice president and O. E. Garrett, Kinmundy, was named secretary-treasurer at the board of directors reorganizational meeting following the cooperative's 28th annual meeting recently.

**MEMBER-OWNERS** re-elected three directors to three-year terms. They are Mr. Groennert, Mr. Garrett and C. E. Beadle, Centralia r.r. 5.

Other board members are D. E. Hanes, Mt. Vernon r.r. 6; Philip Heggemeier, Nashville; C. Glenn Jones, Odin, and Raymond Pitchford, Nashville.

Officers reported that Tri-County Electric will distribute \$87,293 in patronage credit refunds to its member-owners during December.

**IN TWO EARLIER** refunds in 1963 and 1964, the cooperative distributed \$133,904 for the years 1939 through 1944. Next month's refund is for the years 1945 and 1946.

Tri-County Electric officers said they plan to continue an annual program of refunding capital to the membership without impairing the cooperative's sound financial condition.

"Your cooperative is not in the business to make money, it is in the business to provide you with good electric service at reasonable cost," said Mr. Young, the retiring board president.

Manager H. G. Downey said more than 500 persons attended the annual meeting.



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Mr. Landfield, who formerly worked on the Chicago Sun and later the Chicago Sun-Times, is co-publisher with George Davis.

Mrs. Landfield formerly worked for the exacting City News Bureau in Chicago and is the author of hundreds of encyclopedia articles. Her newscolumn appears in the weekly newspaper her husband and Mr. Davis publish.

The new book is a collection of essays, articles and critical commentary on the life and the time, much of it written in a humorous vein.

"The Other Side of the Sheet" may be obtained by writing Mr. Landfield, Mt. Sterling, Ill., 62353, or by ordering from any bookstore or from the publisher, Exposition Press, Inc., 386 Park Ave. South, N. Y., N. Y. 10016. The price is \$4.

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can get prompt service.

## LOAN APPROVAL

Our most important news item this month is the approval of our loan in the amount of \$436,000 from the Rural Electrification Administration in Washington, D.C. Word was received here on Oct. 8 that this loan had been approved. The bulk of this will be used for a heavy tie line from the vicinity of Chestnut Hills to the Menominee area. Another line will be built in the Chadwick vicinity. This will also include a substation.



Charles C. Youtzy  
Manager

## WORK PROGRAM

In the past month our construction crew has been busy on road moving jobs. It seems like all road commissioners are changing some roads in their townships. Some of these roads have needed changing for quite awhile, but funds for these changes were not available before.

The days of the 1½, 3 or 5 KVA transformer are a thing of the past. It is like the Model T Ford—they were good in their day. The members' load is growing so fast it is hard to realize that the average member's wiring is absolutely inadequate at this time. It is normal to add more appliances and equipment without thinking if your wire size is large enough to handle the load you are putting on it. We would like to see all of our members have some competent wireman check their wiring to see if it is adequate and not a fire hazard.

## MEETINGS

Manager Charles C. Youtzy attended the Illinois Commerce Commission meeting which was held in Springfield on Oct. 4 and 5.

The Region V annual meeting was held in Des Moines, Iowa, from Sept. 29 through Oct. 1. Manager Youtzy, Directors Victor Ricke and Morris Birkbeck and Attorney William Petty attended this meeting.

A meter and transformer school was held at Springfield on Oct. 7 and 8 with line foreman Harry Ehrler attending.

# Current Lines From

## Farmers Mutual

GENESEO, ILLINOIS

A series of member information meetings will be held at various points in our area. The first of such meetings was held Monday, Oct. 25. Judging from the interest shown by the group present, it was indicated that the meeting was informative and worthwhile.



LeRoy V. Hard  
Manager

Ira Sieben, a director of the cooperative, spoke at the meeting and described the early development of the cooperative and told of the many problems which were prevalent during the formative years.

Jacob Gottsche, another director and former president of the cooperative, told of the many problems of development which have plagued the cooperative since its beginning. He also told about the problems of power supply and the effect that it has had on the system over the years.

Paul Mallinson, a cooperative director and also a director on the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' board, explained the advantages and benefits of belonging to the state association. Mr. Mallinson also told of the many services which are made available through our state association and he described how these benefits are used by the local cooperatives.

George Dodge, the board president, gave a report on how the local board meetings are conducted and described the agenda and the financial report that are made by the manager on a monthly basis. Mr. Dodge also stated that each of the cooperative's members should be proud of the record of Farmers Mutual and indicated that he felt greater effort should be put forth to receive complete understanding as to the intent and purpose of the cooperative.

The film, "The Rural Electrification Story," was shown. Information also was given with regards to our loan procedure, the long range plan for the cooperative was explained,

The Northern District managers met at Jo-Carroll Electric in Elizabeth on Wednesday, Oct. 13 and enjoyed a luncheon at Chestnut Mountain Lodge.

## THANK YOU

A note of thanks was received in the office from Mr. and Mrs. LeRoy Foecking of Galena for the prompt service they received from Jim Riley, one of our linemen, during the Sept. 10 storm.

## NEW EMPLOYEE

Lloyd (Frankie) Price has been hired as an apprentice lineman. Frankie is a former Western Union employee. He is married and has an infant daughter. He is no stranger to the project as he worked at Jo-Carroll with the trimming crew a number of years ago.

## IN MEMORIAM

Robert Wand, our maintenance lineman from Mt. Carroll, passed away Sept. 28 at the Savanna City Hospital after a lingering illness. Bob was a lineman at Jo-Carroll for 25 years and will be missed by his employer and many friends.

## COLLECT AND NON-COLLECT CALLS

Collect calls will be accepted for reporting outages of the cooperative's electric service or hazardous conditions such as tree limbs on the hi-lines. If your collect call is not accepted you will know the trouble has already been reported. However, if your transformer fuse is out, you'll need to let us know about that.

Collect calls will not be accepted for such purposes as reporting that a member is moving, that he is having trouble with his own electrical wiring or equipment or for reporting a meter reading. The electrical wiring beyond the meter location belongs to the property owner. Please call an electrician of your choice for servicing this wiring as well as your electrical equipment.

## ANNUAL MEETING

A date and place have been set for your 26th annual meeting and a program will be planned later. It will be held Dec. 4 in Savanna at the high school gymnasium, so start making your plans to attend.

# ur Co-op Managers!

the long range financial forecast of the cooperative was described and the monthly reports were shown to those present, inviting their criticism and suggestion.

Refreshments were served at the close of the meeting and many of those present indicated that an enjoyable evening had been experienced. You will be hearing more about this type of meeting in the future and we invite your comment in regard to them.

## Wayne-White

FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS

The last session of the General Assembly of Illinois increased the state utility tax from 3 to 4 per cent.



Owen J. Chaney  
Manager

This tax is not to be confused with the sales tax we are all familiar with.

Many of our members remember when a 3 per cent tax was added to each monthly electric bill. In 1959, your co-op saw fit to absorb this tax as an operating cost, and this amounted to a decrease in the cost of electricity to members. Although 3 per cent of the average farm and home monthly electric bill is small, the total utility tax paid to the state the first eight months in 1965 amounted to \$54,057.00, or approximately \$6,750.00 per month.

Beginning Sept. 1 this tax was increased to 4 per cent of our total billing which will also be treated as part of our operating costs. Most power suppliers pass this tax on to the customer and act only as a tax collector. The members of this co-op should be proud of the fact that the co-op is able to relieve the members of this tax.

Southern Illinois has again been blessed with a bountiful harvest. There have been anxious moments; dry weather during the growing season, wet weather at the beginning of the harvest. In spite of this we have marketed or stored a good crop. The bread basket has again been filled and we can be thankful and proud of the part we have

played to keep this nation free and great. A joyful Thanksgiving to all.

## Norris

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Here are a few things I would hate to see. They would make me sad and lonely.

First of all, I would hate to see a time come in this great country of ours when the young of our land would fail to be thrilled and when tinges of excitement wouldn't run up and down their bodies at the names of "Drums Along the Mohawk" or "Across the Wide Missouri" or the word "Shenandoah" or the words "Arikaree" or "Beechers Island" or names like Sublette, Kit Carson and Mountain Men.



Damon Williams  
Manager

If this ever comes, then we have lost something out of our American heritage that will never be replaced. The study of history is a fascinating and absorbing subject—and to me our basic foundation of this country lies in those legends, truths and myths that have been handed down, not too long ago, by people that you and I knew. I will not isolate or tell you where these stories come from. It is up to you to dig them out.

One in particular always fascinated me, and that was the Battle of Oriskany, one of the bloodiest that was fought in our early revolution.

Read all these stories and try to find out where the above names are mentioned. They are part of your heritage and they are part of you, and without some of the acts and some of the things that were accomplished by these names that were mentioned above, probably you and I wouldn't be here living in the richest and best country in the world.

October has faded and gone and

the golden haze is beginning to leave. With it comes a sadness and a longing of things that are unfulfilled and that we know are gone forever. But it is a wonderful time nevertheless. And with it—it always brings such memories of these remarkable early figures in our history that played such a predominant part, yet are fading very swiftly in the dim, dusty paths of forgetfulness.

Men like Sir William Johnson who was such a vital influence with the Indians in the years preceding the Revolution. He died in 1774. How many of us really know who he was and what an interesting life he lived? People like General Nicholas Herkimer and Mohawk Chief Joseph Brant who were outstanding military commanders.

Remember, this is in the east, not the west. It seems like our more colorful, picturesque west (which is a country that I love) has gained far more notoriety with men like Red Cloud, Fetterman, Hickok and Hardin than some of the very wonderful and rugged individualists and times that existed in our east and in our own midwest.

Names like Mandan are sometimes forgotten by our people; Iroquois and Ojibway who played such an important part in the war of 1812; Red Jacket who was one of the chiefs and was so great a figure in western New York prior to the war of 1812.

How many people know about them? This is something that would be very interesting for some of our young readers to dig into. It could open up a whole new world of entertainment for you that you could not and will not find on television.

*A pastor resigned his pulpit. Following the benediction, a dear lady took him by the arm and said: "Pastor, Pastor, what in the world are we going to do now that you are leaving?"*

*Trying to console her, he very graciously said: "My dear sister, don't you worry yourself about that. God will send someone to carry on who will do even a better job than I."*

*She let out a deep sob and said: "That's what they told us the last time a pastor resigned!"*

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*In all too many cases the thirst most easily quenched is the thirst for knowledge.*

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New plant supervisory personnel officers are (from left) Howard F. Schweighart, James O. Killam and Wylie C. Jones.

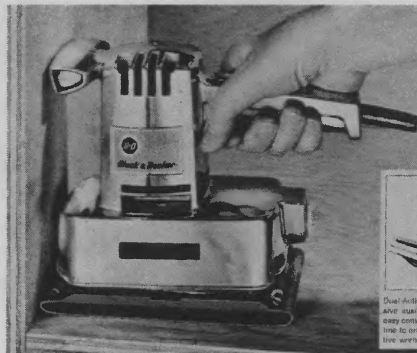
## Plant Supervisory Personnel Elect Jones President

Wylie C. Jones, operations superintendent for Monroe County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Waterloo, has been elected president of the Illinois Electric Cooperative Plant Supervisory Personnel Association.

Mr. Jones succeeds Fred A. Holleman, Jr., operations supervisor for Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., Greenville.

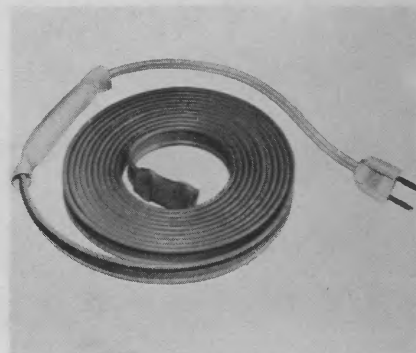
The association's other new officers are Howard F. Schweighart, operating superintendent for Illini Electric Cooperative, Champaign, the vice president, and James O. Killam, crew foreman for Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co., Auburn, the secretary-treasurer.

# What's New?



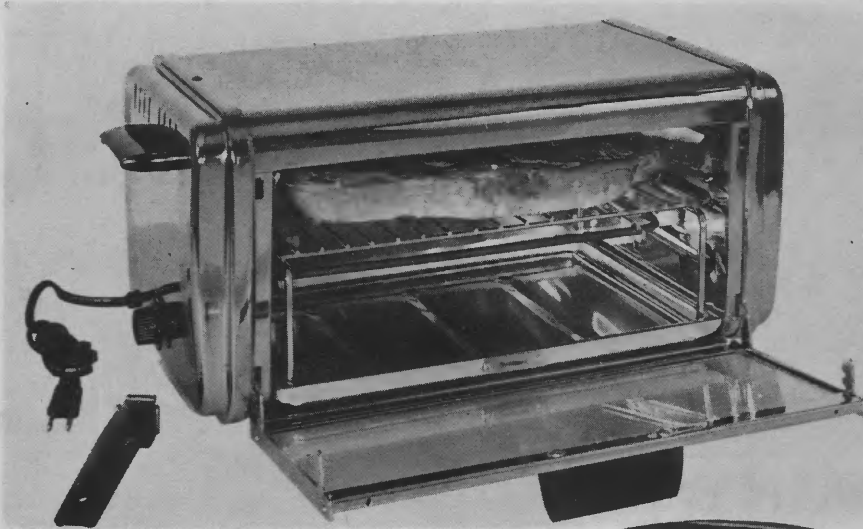
### ● Sander

A new dual-action sander which provides sanding patterns for various wood grains, metals, plastics and other materials has been added to the product line of Black & Decker Mfg. Co. A lever allows the user to sand in orbital or straight-line patterns. Smooth finish sanding that virtually eliminates follow-up sanding is achieved by positioning the unit for straight-line motion. The orbital pattern is for fast material removal. Weighing 5½ pounds, Model U-240 has a contoured swept-back handle for easy one-hand control and sells for \$31.88.



### ● Heating Tape

"Therm-Band" is an automatic heating band designed by Edwin L. Wiegand Co., Pittsburgh, Pa., to eliminate water pipe freeze-up in homes, livestock watering tanks and poultry houses. A dual heat control protects the heat band from burning out because of the heat regulating wire alloy which automatically controls its own heat output. A thermostat, spliced between the cold lead and heated section, is pre-set at 38 degrees Fahrenheit so the band will heat only during freezing temperatures. "Therm-Band" is covered with moisture-proof polyvinyl chloride.



### ● Broiler-Baker

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**THE SKELETON OF THE MATTER**

The anatomy of any association or club includes four kinds of bones: (1) wish bones, who want someone else to do the work; (2) jaw bones, who talk a lot but do little else; (3) knuckle bones, who knock everything others try to do, and (4) back bones, who get behind the wheel and do the work.

**MEOWWWW!**

Two women met on the street after a long absence. Said the first: "Gracious, Dorothy, I haven't seen you for seven years. You certainly have aged."

"You too, Eleanor, dear. I wouldn't have recognized you except for the dress and hat."

**NO TIME FOR ENEMIES**

A man who had never been particularly noted for high moral standards was extremely ill, and it was feared that he was dying. A clergyman was called in to give the man an opportunity to "make his peace with God."

"Now," the clergyman asked, "do you wish to renounce the devil?"

"Well," gasped the dying man, "right now I don't think I should be making new enemies."

**OH CAPTAIN! MY CAPTAIN!**

Visitors were being shown around the battleship that had just arrived in port. The guide paused before a bronze plaque on the deck and with bowed head said, "this is where our gallant Captain fell."

"Well, no wonder," said one little white-haired old lady. "I nearly tripped over the stupid thing myself."

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"Grand Coulee?" asked a friend softly, with a smile.

"Yes!" exclaimed the bishop, "it's one of the world's biggest!"

**A FARMER'S CHOICE**

First farmer: "The senator shore made us a whoppin' two-hour speech didn't he?"

Second farmer: "Yep, but a half hour's rain woulda done us farmers more good!"

**HOOT MON!**

A canny Scot was engaged in an argument with a conductor as to whether the fare was to be 5 or 10 cents. Finally, the disgusted conductor picked up the Scot's suitcase and tossed it off the train as they were crossing a bridge. It landed with a mighty splash. "Hoot mon," screamed the Scot. "First you try to rob me and now you've drowned my boy."

**SOME STICKY SUBJECTS**

"King Solomon," declared a little girl in Sunday school, "is my favorite character in the Bible—because he was so kind to ladies and animals."

The startled teacher demanded, "Who told you that?"

"Nobody told me; I read it myself in the Bible," asserted the little girl. "It says Solomon kept seven hundred wives and three hundred porcupines."

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**PURRRRR—TY CUTE**

The schoolboy's essay on cats read:

"Cats that's made for little boys and girls to maul and tease is called Maltese cats. Some cats is known by their queer purrs—these are called Pursian cats. Cats with bad tempers is called Angorrie cats. Cats with deep feelin's is called Feline cats."

**QUOTABLE QUIPS**

Sign over egg department in credit grocery: **FRY NOW! PAY LATER!**

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The only thing that's more expensive than education is ignorance.

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You never realize how level-headed a man is until he starts to lose his hair.

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The man who can smile when things go wrong has probably just thought of something he can blame it on.

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A guest of honor is a man who eats a meal he doesn't want so that he can get up and tell a lot of stories he doesn't remember to people who've already heard them.

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The man who loses his head is usually the last one to miss it.

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One of the hardest things a youngster faces nowadays is learning good manners, without seeing any.

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There is only one endeavor in which you can start at the top and that's digging a hole.

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A pessimist is a person who builds dungeons in the air.

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Overheard in the executive dining room: "His speeches are like the horns on a steer—a point here, a point there, and a lot of bull in between."

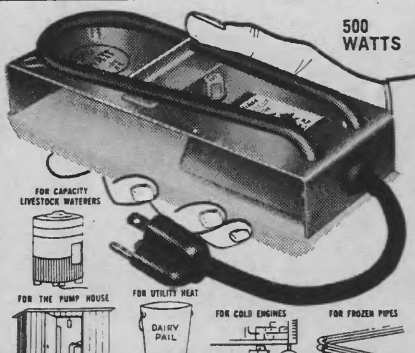
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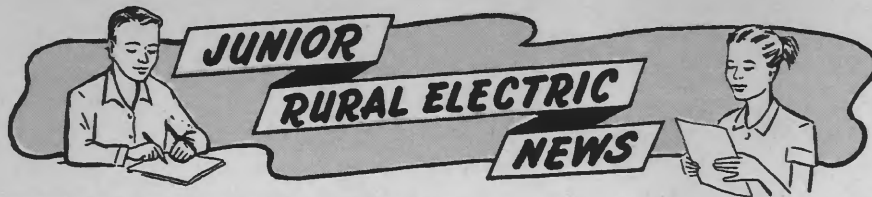
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# PEN PALS

Dear Pen Pals:

As I write this, it is one of those beautiful bright sunny Fall days but, no doubt, by the time you read this it will be much colder with snow and Thanksgiving will be in the offing. All of us have so much to be thankful for each year and some years more so than others.

This year make yours a real "Thanks" giving. Give thanks not only for, but to, all your loved ones and friends. If you do, I bet you will find that the people who know and love you will be thankful they do.

I'm thankful to receive so many nice letters from all of you and that I can bring you some more Pen Pals.

Send any letters for publication to: Dee Steel — Jr. Rural Electric News, Box 1180, Springfield, Ill. 62705.

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**JUNIOR PAGEL**, r.r. 2, Effingham, Ill. 62401. 12 yrs. old and in the 7th grade at Central Junior High. Blonde hair and green eyes. Hobbies—reading, watching TV and listening to the Beatles. Also enjoys all kinds of sports. Please send pictures if possible.

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**NORTON LEE CORTZ**, Maysville, Ill. 11 yrs. old and in the 4th grade. Likes peanuts and wants to work on peanut farm when he grows up. Would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 9 to 13.

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**ANN CHARLES**, r.r. 2, Mt. Carroll, Ill. 61053. 9 yrs. old and in the 4th grade. Blonde hair and hazel eyes. Hobbies—reading and listening to the Beatles. Would like to hear from girls of all ages.

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**BOBBIE TALBERT**, r.r. 2, El Paso, Ill. 61738 13 yrs. old and attends El Paso High School. Red hair and brown eyes. Hobbies—listening to hit records, modern dancing, swimming and all sports. Would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 13 and 16.

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**LOU ANN WOOD**, 633 N. 8th St., Breese, Ill. 8 yrs. old. Brown hair and blue eyes. Hobbies—dancing, collecting rocks, embroidering, listening to radio and watching television. Would like to hear from boys and girls all ages.

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**CYNTHIA GRAMMER**, r.r. 2, Waltonville, Ill. 13 yrs. old. Brown hair and blue eyes. Lives on a farm and has 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Hobbies—playing piano, reading and drawing. Would like to hear from girls and boys from 12 to 14. Please send pictures if possible.

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**GINGER GETTINGS**, r.r. 1, Fieldon, Ill. 10 yrs. old and in the 5th grade. Red hair and green eyes. Hobbies—reading, ice skating and bicycle riding. Would like to hear from boys and girls of all ages. Send pictures if possible.

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**MARY MARTIN**, r.r. 2, Claremont, Ill. 62421. 12 yrs. old and in the 7th grade at Claremont Grade School. Brown eyes and brown hair. Hobby—riding ponies and horses. Would like to hear from boys and girls same age. Send pictures if possible.



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**JANE CHILTON**, P.O. Box 169, Chandlerville, Ill. 11 yrs. old and in the 5th grade. Brown eyes and brown hair. Belongs to 4-H club. Hobbies—crocheting and cooking. Would like pen pals between 11 to 13 years old.

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**CYNTHIA WALTERS**, r.r. 2, Marshall, Ill. 13 yrs. old and in the 8th grade. Brown hair and blue eyes. Hobbies—playing baseball, football, basketball and swimming. Would like to hear from boys and girls from 13 to 18 years of age. Send pictures if possible.

**GEORGIA CURRY**, r.r. 2, Thompsonville, Ill. 12 yrs. old. Blonde hair and blue eyes. Hobbies—roller skating and playing the piano. Plays the clarinet and is learning to play the saxophone. Would like to hear from boys and girls from 12 to 16. Please send pictures if possible.

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**PAM GARRETT**, r.r. 2, Louisville, Ill. 62858. 9 yrs. old and in the 4th grade. Hobbies—swimming, softball, sewing, writing letters, reading books and likes music. Would like to hear from boys and girls all ages. Send pictures if possible.

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**CINDY MOTSINGER**, r.r. 2, Marion, Ill. 10 yrs. old. Brown eyes and brown hair. Hobby—reading. Would like to hear from boys and girls own age.

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**DEBBIE ZELLERS**, r.r. 1, Dennison, Ill. 8 yrs. old and in 3rd grade. Brown hair and blue eyes. Hobby—collecting rocks. Would like to hear from boys and girls 8 to 10 years old.

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**RITA WORKMAN**, 153 Elm St., Cottage Hills, Ill. 14 yrs. old and attends Wibur Trimpe Jr. High School. Brown hair and hazel eyes. Hobbies—horses and books. Would like to hear from boys and girls all ages.

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**JIM ADAMS**, r.r. 2, Paxton, Ill. 17 yrs. old. Brown hair blue eyes. Hobbies—coon hunting and model cars. Would like to hear from boys and girls between the ages of 14 and 19.

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**ROSEMARY KAUFMAN**, r.r. 1, Galena, Ill. 61036. 12 yrs. old. Brown eyes and brown hair. Plays clarinet in school band. Hobbies—birdwatching and horseback riding. Has horse called Star.

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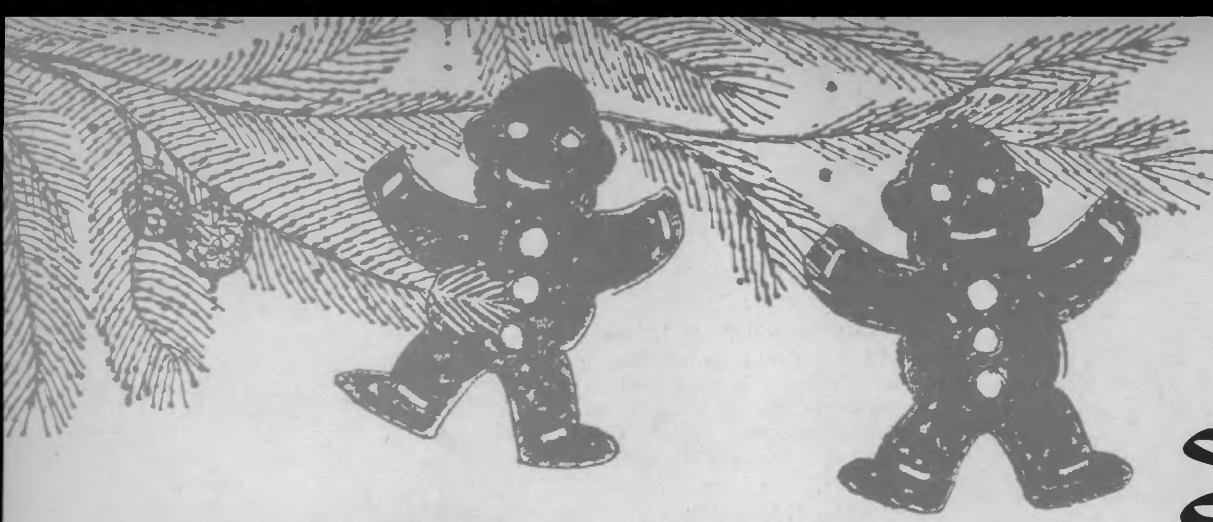
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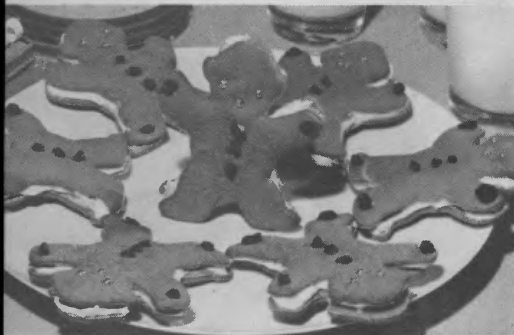
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*Our holiday recipes are a sprightly mixture of old and new favorites. We hope they find a place in your entertaining and help make this the happiest Holiday Season ever.*



Our jolly gingerbread men are lemon filled

### FILLED GINGERBREAD MEN

- ½ cup soft shortening
- 1 cup brown sugar
- 1½ cups dark molasses
- ½ cup cold water
- 6 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 2 teaspoons soda

Mix thoroughly shortening, sugar and molasses. Stir in water. Sift next six ingredients, stir in. Dissolve soda in 3 tablespoons cold water and stir in. Chill dough. Roll out on floured board with floured roller. Use gingerbread boy cutter, transfer to lightly greased baking sheet. Decorate half the men with raisins and dragees before baking. Bake at 350 degrees about 15 minutes. This will make 15 real thick ones or 30 thinner ones. This recipe makes tasty crisp cookies which we found easier to handle than most dough we had tried before. Frost undecorated gingerbread men with 1 tablespoon Lemon Butter Fluff Frosting. Place decorated man on top of frosting. Press together. You may use a package of Gingerbread mix, using as directed on pkg.

### LEMON BUTTER FLUFF FROSTING

- 3 tablespoons cream cheese, softened
- 1 tablespoon cream
- ¼ cup soft butter
- 2 cups sifted powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons grated lemon peel
- 1½ teaspoon lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon vanilla

Mix all ingredients until fluffy.

### FROSTED CHRISTMAS WREATHS

- 1 package hot roll mix
  - 2 tablespoons melted butter
  - ¼ cup sugar
  - ½ teaspoon cinnamon
  - 1 cup dark or light raisins
- Creamy glaze

Prepare hot roll mix as directed on package. Turn dough out onto floured board and roll to rectangle about 12x15". Spread with butter. Sprinkle with sugar, cinnamon and raisins. Roll as for jelly roll to make 15" roll. Cut into 1" slices, place 3" apart on greased baking sheet. Flatten slices with broad spatula. Let rise ½-hour. Bake at 375 degrees 15-18-minutes. Frost while warm with creamy glaze. Makes 15 rolls.

CREAMY GLAZE: Mix 1 cup pow-

dered sugar, 1½ tablespoons soft butter, 1 teaspoon vanilla and 1 tablespoon hot water to make medium thick glaze. Add few drops more water if too stiff. Tint pale pink or green if desired.

### MERRY MINCEMEAT BELLS

- ¼ cup shortening
- ½ cup brown sugar (packed)
- 1 egg
- 1 cup flour
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon cinnamon
- ½ teaspoon allspice
- ½ teaspoon cloves
- ¼ cup milk
- ½ cup mincemeat
- ½ cup chopped walnuts
- ½ Candied orange peel strips
- Maraschino cherries

Cream shortening and sugar. Stir in unbeaten egg, beat until smooth. Resift flour with baking powder, salt and spices. Add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, mixing well after each addition. Fold in mincemeat and walnuts. Spoon into greased muffin pans or custard cups. Bake at 350 degrees 30-35 minutes. Just before serving, cut each cake into half, put cut side down on plates. Use orange peel strips for bow of bells and maraschino cherries for clappers. Serve with hot Raisin Rum Sauce to 8-10.

### RAISIN RUM SAUCE

- 1 cup sugar
- ½ cup butter or margarine
- ½ cup table cream
- ½ cup raisins
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 teaspoon rum extract

Combine sugar, butter and cream. Heat to boiling. Add raisins, vanilla and rum. Let stand a minute to plump raisins.

### RICE IMPERIAL

- 1½ cups finely chopped mixed candied fruits
- ½ cup fruit juice
- ½ cup uncooked rice
- 1½ cups milk
- 4 egg yolks
- ½ cup sugar
- ¾ cup milk
- ½ teaspoon vanilla
- 1 envelope unflavored gelatin
- 2 tablespoons cold water
- 1 cup heavy cream, whipped
- ½ cup currant jelly

Marinate candied fruit in fruit juice. Cook rice in 1¾ cups milk over low heat until tender, about 40 minutes. Combine egg yolks with sugar, ¾ cup milk and vanilla. Cook over lowest heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Soften gelatin in cold water, stir into egg mixture. Add rice, blend well. Chill until mixture begins to set. Fold in 1 cup of the marinated candied fruit and whipped cream. Arrange remaining candied fruit attractively on bottom of



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# Holiday Fare

8-inch ring mold. Spoon rice mixture into mold. Chill at least 4 hours; unmold onto chilled serving plate. Garnish with currant jelly.

## PEACH AMBROSIA

- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) frozen sliced peaches, just thawed
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup flaked coconut
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice

Drain peaches, reserve syrup. Arrange alternate layers of peaches and coconut in serving dish. Combine peach syrup and lemon juice, sprinkle over peaches and coconut. Chill, serve within an hour to 4 or 5.

## SOUTHERN AMBROSIA

- 2 cups orange sections, free from membrane
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup sugar
- 6 drops almond flavoring
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups flaked coconut

Place oranges in serving dish. Combine sugar and water, heat until dissolved. Add sugar syrup and extract to oranges, stir well. Fold in coconut. Chill, serve to 4.

## HOLIDAY AMBROSIA

- 1 cup diced fresh pineapple
- 2 cups diced orange sections
- 1 cup Malaga grapes, halved, seeded
- 2 tablespoons lemon juice
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup coconut (flaked)
- 8 maraschino cherries, drained

Combine fruits, lemon juice, sugar and coconut. Top each serving with a cherry. Makes 8 servings.

## HEAVENLY WHITE FRUIT CAKE

- 3 cups flour
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoons baking powder
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- 1 cup candied cherries
- 1 cup candied pineapple
- 2 cups drained watermelon pickle
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups pecans
- $1\frac{1}{2}$  cups walnuts
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cups blanched almonds
- 2 cups white raisins
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup sugar
- 5 eggs
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup apple cider

Sift flour, baking powder and salt together. Cut cherries in half. Cut pineapple and watermelon pickle in pieces about the size of an almond. Break pecans in pieces, leave walnuts whole, cut almonds in thick slices. Mix fruit, nuts and raisins with several tablespoons of flour mixture. Cream butter and sugar thoroughly. Add eggs, one at a time. Add flour mixture to creamed mixture, alternately with apple cider. Fold in fruit and nuts. Grease large tube pan, line with brown paper, grease paper. Bake at 300 degrees until done.

## BASIC POULTRY STUFFING

- 3 tablespoons butter, margarine or poultry fat
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup chopped celery

- 3 tablespoons parsley
- 3 tablespoons chopped onion
- 1 quart bread cubes
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon poultry seasoning
- 1 teaspoon salt
- Pepper to taste

Melt fat in frypan, add celery, parsley and onion, cook a few minutes. Add bread with seasonings. Mix lightly. Calculate the amount of stuffing needed by allowing  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup of bread cubes for each pound of poultry. For oyster stuffing, add 1 cup oysters heated in their own liquid and drained. You may also add  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup chopped nut meats.

## ROSY APPLES

Wash, core and peel apples half way down. Place on square of foil. Fill cavity with cranberries. Sprinkle with nutmeg. Make sugar and water syrup, add few drops of red food color. Pour over apple. Bring foil over, twist at top. Put in baking dish, bake at 350 degrees 45 minutes.

## "NO-COOK" FONDANT

- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup margarine
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup light corn syrup
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- 1 lb. confectioners' sugar

Cream margarine slightly, blend in corn syrup, vanilla and salt. Add sifted sugar all at once, mix in, knead with hands. Turn out onto board, continue kneading until well blended. Store in cool place. Shape as desired.

**MINT PATTIES:** Substitute 1 teaspoon peppermint or wintergreen flavoring for vanilla. Tint desired color with food coloring. Shape into balls or roll thin and cut into desired shapes.

**ORANGE OR LEMON CREAM:** Substitute 2 teaspoons orange extract or 1 teaspoon lemon extract for vanilla. Tint orange or yellow. Shape as for Mint Patties.

**ALMOND DIAMONDS:** Substitute 1 teaspoon almond extract for vanilla. Mix in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup coarsely chopped, toasted almonds. Roll out  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, cut in diamonds.

**CANDIED FRUIT SQUARES:** Substitute rum extract for vanilla. Mix in  $\frac{1}{2}$  cup finely chopped mixed candied fruit. Roll out  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick, cut in squares.

**MOCHA LOGS:** Add 2 teaspoons instant coffee. Shape into rolls 2" long and  $\frac{1}{2}$ " thick. Roll in chocolate sprinkles.

**CHRISTMAS BON BONS:** Roll No-Cook Fondant into  $\frac{1}{2}$ " balls. Roll in multi-colored decorators.

**NUT CREAMS:** Shape into  $\frac{1}{2}$ " balls.

Press between 2 walnut or pecan halves.

**STUFFED FRUIT:** Shape into small finger-shaped rolls, stuff into pitted dates, prunes or dried apricots. Roll in sugar.

**CHOCOLATE PATTIES:** Add  $\frac{1}{4}$  cup cocoa to sugar before sifting.

**FRUIT FONDANT:** Divide into 4 or 5 batches. Flavor each batch, tint with food coloring, shape into miniature fruit shapes.

## CREAMY CARAMELS

- 2 cups light cream
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup corn syrup
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup margarine
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup broken pecans
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Heat cream to lukewarm. Take out 1 cup, set aside. Add sugar, syrup and salt, cook over medium heat 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Add other cup of cream slowly so mixture does not stop boiling anytime. Cook 5 minutes longer, stirring. Stir in margarine, about a teaspoon at a time. Turn heat to low, cook, stirring to 248 degrees or until a firm ball forms in cold water. Remove from heat, add vanilla and nuts gently. Let stand 10 minutes. Pour in one corner of lightly greased 8" square pan, letting flow to rest of pan. Do not scrape the cooking pan. Cool to room temperature. Turn block of candy onto cutting board, if candy sticks heat bottom of pan slightly, cool. Mark off into  $\frac{3}{4}$ " squares, cut with sharp knife. Wrap each caramel in waxed paper. Dust with confectioners' sugar if to be eaten right away.

## QUICK CHOCOLATE FUDGE

- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup margarine
- 3 sq. unsweetened chocolate
- $\frac{1}{4}$  cup milk
- 1 lb. confectioners' sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 cup chopped pecans

Heat margarine, chocolate and milk in saucepan over low heat until melted. Cool to lukewarm. Gradually beat in sugar and salt, stir in vanilla and pecans. Put into greased 8" square pan, press down with waxed paper. Let stand until cool. Cut into 30 pieces.

## SPICY TOASTED PECANS

- $\frac{1}{2}$  lb. ( $2\frac{1}{2}$  cups) shelled pecans
- 1 tablespoon margarine
- $\frac{1}{2}$  cup sugar
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon nutmeg
- $\frac{1}{2}$  teaspoon cinnamon

Toss nuts with melted margarine. Spread in shallow baking pan. Sprinkle with sugar, nutmeg and cinnamon. Bake in 350 oven, stirring frequently, until toasted, 15-20 minutes.

# Foil fantasies



**FOR THE HOME.** Make your home sparkle with the spirit of the coming holidays. To make Christmas angels or choirboys, as well as attractive fans, pinwheels and miniature Christmas trees from aluminum foil, just follow these directions.

**Shining Christmas Angel:** (1) Cut off a 36" strip of 12" foil and decorate bottom edge with Christmas cellophane tape. Fold into 1½" pleats, hold top together with transparent cellophane tape. (2) For head, cut 5" circle from heavy pink paper, draw an angel's face. Cut strips of ribbon for hair, tape around face. Tape one end of a pipe cleaner to back of head and other end to top of foil dress to hold head in place. Cover the back of head, ends of ribbon and pipe cleaner with second 5" circle of pink paper. (3) To make wings, cut a 12" square of foil in half diagonally to form two triangles. Loosely pleat each triangle on one 12" side to shape wings and tape to sides of angel. Spread wings out and up. (4) Seam back of skirt together with tape, spread out so angel stands on table. Make song book from heavy white paper trimmed with Christmas tape folded in half. Cut out hands from paper, tape them to book and dress. Make halo from small strip of foil, attach to angel's head.

**Ornamental Fans:** Double fold foil to make strip 4"x12". Use two or

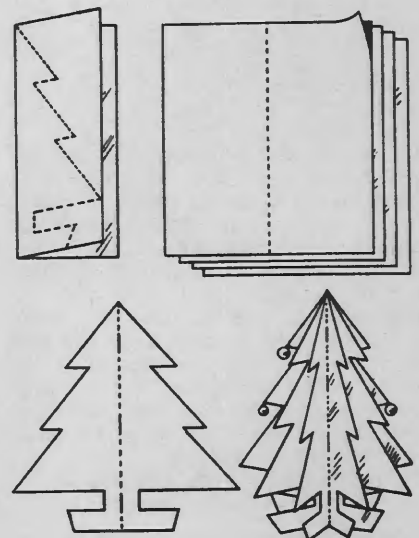
more contrasting colors, design Christmas tapes and tape them to foil along folded edge. Pleat the foil. Tape cut end of foil together, open out the fan. Tie on a little sprig of flowers and ribbon from old hat trimmings.

**Pinwheels:** Double fold foil to make a strip 5"x12". Use two or more contrasting colors and design tapes, tape them to foil along both folded edges of foil, also cut edge. Pleat the foil. Fold a small piece of tape in half, secure around the center of pleated strip. Now open out and join ends so they meet, taping them together to form a pinwheel.

**Choir Boy:** Using heavy paper, form a cone about 12" high. Wire a styrofoam ball and attach to inside of the point of cone with cellophane tape. Tear off two 12"x6" lengths, one 30"x6" length and one 40"x6" length of foil, fold into ½" pleats. Tape the 40"x6" pleated strip to center of cone to form skirt of cassock and the 30"x6" strip to tip of cone to form surplice. For sleeves, tape the two 12"x6" pleated pieces to top of cone. Fringe foil, use for hair. Cut half circles from blue paper for eyes, a circle of red paper for mouth, attach with pins. Collar is small paper doily. Add ribbon bow at neck. For song book, use a piece of red paper, taping it to ends of sleeve. A trio of these colorful figures will brighten any corner of your home.

GOT some aluminum foil on hand? That's almost all you need to make sparkling ornaments that won't catch fire. From the top is a shining Christmas Angel, pinwheels, fans and a choir boy. A trio of these boys could keynote your Christmas table

**TABLE TREE**, 12 inches high, is made from free-hand pattern cut from a 12-inch square of light cardboard folded in half. Tear off eight 12-inch squares of foil and four squares of heavy paper. Paste together to form four squares—a layer of paper in the middle and foil on top and bottom. Trace pattern on squares and cut out four trees. Staple trees together through centers, or sew on sewing machine, open out in all directions. The base is formed by the tub and tree should stand up nicely. Decorate with tiny balls cut from colored foil and sequins



# a Glowing Christmas Card

WITH LIGHT: Your whole house—its doorways, windows, roof and shrubbery—is a broad canvas upon which you can paint a colorful holiday picture using strings of Christmas lights and outdoor-type flood lights and spotlight bulbs. How you will send holiday greetings to those who pass by is limited only by your ingenuity and pocketbook. The decorations may be child-appealing with storybook figures or keyed to the religious theme of the season. But don't be carried away with enthusiasm—don't over-decorate. Each illustration on this page shows several types of lighting integrated to give one over-all composition. Such coordination of display is the secret of beautiful Christmas lighting. Make an over-all lighting plan so the total effect is gay but not gaudy.



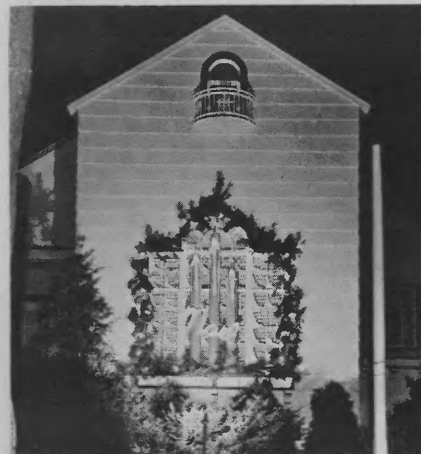
Inviting entry is framed with simple evergreens—small outdoor lights. Floodlights on sides of picture window create attractive patterns (try colored lights). Christmas tree inside completes picture. An unusual idea is placement of lights in flower box at second-story window



Patterns of light on side of home uses Snowball and regular bulbs. Garlands are "lighted ice." Packages with floodlight complete picture



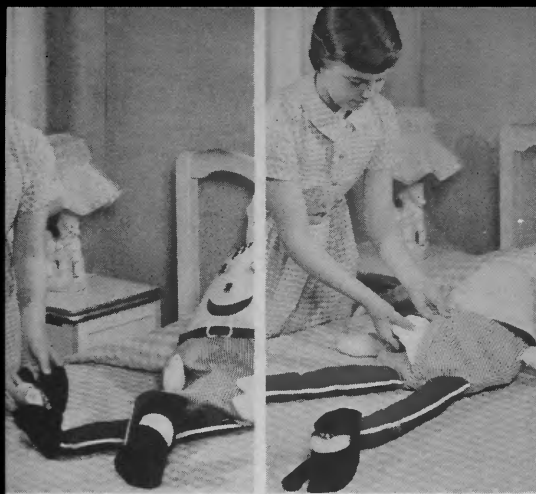
Many a proud homeowner will want to floodlight his home and "tie" it up with a bright plastic ribbon for the holidays. We suggest using a pair of 150-watt outdoor projector bulbs placed just far enough away to evenly light the entire house. Add your personal touch to the package



Center of this window decoration is three electric-lighted candles. Trim it with lighted greenery—floodlight entire facade from lawn



Hidden floodlights bring whole house into view. Strings of lights outline features of house. Twinkling lights on indoor tree can be seen through panes of glass criss-crossed with tinsel—ornaments hang in center of each "diamond." Illuminated plastic figures are ready-made



1. Humpty-Dumpty Pajama and Slipper Bag for the youngsters



2. Choo Choo Apron



3. Shaggy Hat

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# Last-minute gifts



4. Baby Bib Edging

1. A delightful looking little nursery rhyme character. But don't let his cute look deceive you—for he's as useful as he is decorative. You see, this Humpty-Dumpty is really a pajama and slipper bag for youngsters—stuff pajamas in his back and slippers in feet. He's easy to sew with our actual-size paper pattern

2. An iron-on original made from one yard of polka dot or blue denim, trim with bright Bondex or applique with actual size pattern

3. Loop yourself or someone else into fashion with this delightful pixie cap. The base is simply a series of single crochets, plushly covered with fringing bits of knitting worsted

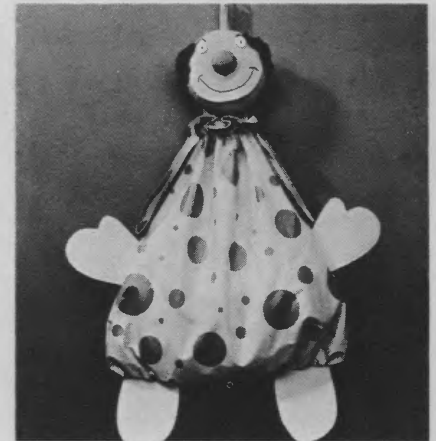
4. While there are times when a fine white lacy trim is perfect for bibs and other such baby practicalities, try using brilliant shades of thread for some items. The design is simple, even a beginner at crochet can do it

5. A laughing joy of a gift is this clown laundry bag. There will be no picking-up-after, once he's put in charge of a little one's room. This is a real king-of-the-circus kind of clown, complete with polka dotted baggy pants, oversized hands and feet, bright round orange nose and even green fringed hair!

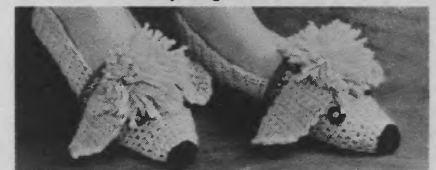
6. Plush pink poodles will keep your toes toasty warm and glamorous. Crocheted, they have black felt noses, floppy ears and jeweled collars. They'll be your wardrobe pet

7. Warm, lovely and decorative, is this crocheted tea cozy. Finished in no time at all, it will add a clever charming touch to tea-time entertaining and it's practical besides

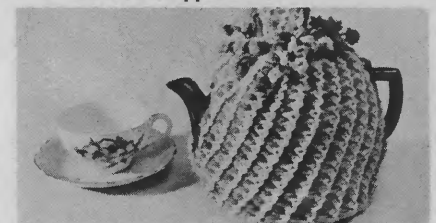
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5. Clown Laundry Bag



6. Pink Poodle Slippers



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