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National News Notes

Congress gets budget request from President

■ President Johnson's budget request for the Department of Agriculture for fiscal 1966 proposes a \$300 million Rural Electrification Administration electric loan program, the same level recommended for the previous two fiscal years.

The request suggests that \$65 million of the total authorization be placed in contingency reserves for the electric and telephone loan programs. This is the same total requested last year, but is \$85 million less than the amount specified in fiscal 1964.

Estimated collections from electric and telephone loans are set at \$168 million for the present fiscal year and \$177 million in fiscal 1966.

The President urged Congress to enact legislation to create revolving funds for REA and three power administrations: Bonneville, Southeastern and Southwestern.

The legislation would give REA a "loan account" where loan repayments by rural electric systems could be maintained and used for subsequent loans to new borrowers without returning funds to or drawing them from the U.S. Treasury.

Enactment of the legislation would reduce miscellaneous receipts of the Treasury, but would not affect the budgetary surplus or deficit.

Rural electric loans benefit 2 million users

■ More than two million consumers will benefit from loans made by the Rural Electrification Administration to rural electric distributors during 1964, Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman has announced.

Electrification loans made last year totaled \$434 million, Mr. Freeman said. The funds will finance initial service for about 173,000 new consumers and will provide improved facilities for 1.9 million consumers already served by 309 distribution borrowers. The 1964 loans also provide for 836,000 kilowatts of additional generating capacity.

Mr. Freeman said REA-financed systems now provide electricity to 5,381,000 farm and other rural consumers in 46 states, Puerto Rico and the Virgin Islands. REA-financed telephone systems now serve 1.6 million subscribers in 46 states.

In construction actually completed during 1964, REA electric borrowers brought electricity to 143,000 new consumers. Telephone systems borrowing from REA extended new or improved service to 103,000 subscribers in 1964.

Co-ops looked upon to help U.S. economy

■ Strengthening of existing cooperatives and the formation of new cooperatives to provide new jobs and economically-healthier communities throughout the country was advocated on three fronts recently.

President Johnson, in a special message to Congress which cited the role of rural electric cooperatives in revitalizing rural America, promised to help farmers "improve their economic position through cooperatives."

A study sponsored by the Small Business Administration recommends greater use of cooperative ventures by small business firms to improve their competitive position.

Testimony presented to a Senate Public Works Subcommittee hearing by a representative of the National Independent Coal Operators Association urged the appropriation of funds for the formation among small mine operators of large coal cooperatives as a means of increasing employment in Appalachia.

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What Is a Cooperative?

"What is a cooperative?" you ask. There may be scores of answers. One is, "A cooperative enterprise is one whose purpose is to provide its customers and users of its services with goods or services which they need at the lowest economically practical net cost and in the form and quality those customers desire.

"The only way to be sure this is done is for the customers or users of the services to be also the owners, and the only owners, of the business."

You could go on as Jerry Voorhis does in his book, "American Cooperatives," and say that "Cooperatives, then, are consumer-owned, customer-owned, patron-owned businesses that belong lock, stock and barrel to the same people who use their services. . . .

"They gear all their production and distribution of goods and services to what their patrons need—and say they need. Other businesses gear their production to what consumers can be persuaded to take after the business has decided what it wants to produce and at what price."

SO GO the precise definitions. But to us, cooperatives are people—people such as you, your friends and your neighbors, people working together, in the case of electric cooperatives, to provide themselves with a vital commodity that was available from no other source at a price most could pay.

Cooperatives are people. They aren't monsters. They aren't selfish, greedy, sponging, grasping, free-loaders who want the government or anyone else to provide them with unfair advantages.

Cooperatives are people. Rural Electric cooperatives are made up of farmers, office workers, union members, truck drivers, school teachers, ministers, doctors, lawyers, oil producers, church and school boards of directors and even an occasional factory owner who happens to live in a rural area to which the cooperative has brought the finest possible electric service—and to which the cooperative, through its members, will continue to bring such service.

Cooperatives are people. People such as the thousands who attended the 28th annual meeting of Menard Electric Cooperative at Petersburg, the 27th annual meeting at Illini Electric Cooperative at Champaign, the 27th annual meeting at Norris Electric Cooperative at Newton and the 26th annual meeting of Edgar Electric Cooperative at Paris.

COOPERATIVES are people. Young people, old people, students, children playing on the floor of a warm electrically heated home, grandparents snug and proud through winter nights and perhaps only vaguely aware of the tremendous contribution they have made to all their area through their long-time support of their electric cooperative.

Yes, cooperatives are people—people such as Howard O. Bell, who served Menard Electric Cooperative unselfishly for nearly a quarter-century and who, before he died recently, could say with satisfaction that he had helped make his area a far better place in which to live.

No, cooperatives are not dangerous enemies to be viewed with alarm and hamstringed with crippling legislation. They are people, friendly people who have helped make our land a better land—and who will continue this program in the future.

OUR COVER—Throughout Illinois today people such as these, who happen to be attending the Menard Electric Cooperative annual meeting at Petersburg, are crowding similar cooperative annual meetings. They're anxious to learn more about the electric cooperative they own, operate and control. They're proud of their past achievements—but they're more concerned about how they can render increasingly effective service in the years ahead.

By John F. Temple

Throughout much of Illinois these days businessmen, bankers, teachers, ministers, politicians and farm and labor leaders have been meeting with electric cooperative personnel to learn how these home-owned cooperatives serve the areas in which they operate.

Most of the "students" have been cooperative workers. These include managers, directors, foremen, linemen, secretaries and custodians, for these people are particularly eager to know in greater detail how the organizations they represent can and do discharge their obligations as "outstanding citizens of the areas they serve."

Typical of such all-day meetings was that held recently in Macomb. McDonough Power Cooperative was the host. One hundred men and women attended.

They came not only from the McDonough area but also from territory served by Spoon River Electric Cooperative of Canton, Adams Electrical Co-operative of Camp Point and Western Illinois Electrical Coop. of Carthage.

ARTHUR H. PEYTON, McDonough Power manager, pointed out that the theme of the workshop was "Good for All Americans II—An Appointment with Destiny."

Tall, quiet-spoken Ray McDon-

ald conducted the workshop, firing question after searching question at participants and urging them to



Ray McDonald (left) and McDonough Manager Arthur H. Peyton.

find the answers for themselves through study, reasoning and discussion. Mr. McDonald is a management consultant of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Associa-

We Learn About

tion management services department, Washington.

THOMAS H. MOORE, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield, said these workshops are helping cooperative personnel and community leaders to arrive at a clearer understanding of how electric cooperatives truly are "Good for All Americans."

Mr. McDonald pointed out that today there are almost countless thousands of cooperative businesses in the United States.

An example of a pure cooperative, he continued, is such a distinguished news gathering and disseminating agency as the Associated Press. Few persons normally think of it as a cooperative.

Other examples, Mr. McDonald went on, are the Railway Express Agency organized by the nation's railroads, cooperative wholesalers who supply thousands of independent grocers, and even an organization of brokers on the New York Stock Exchange.

"**DOING BUSINESS** coopera-

Mrs. Blanche Noper, secretary of McDonough Power Cooperative, and James McCurdy (center) and Dick Weller, farm advisers, visit at Good for All Americans workshop.



Cooperative Services

tively is as much a part of our free enterprise system as is any other way of doing business," Mr. McDonald said.

"Without this method of helping provide competition our economic system would not have the strength it does this day."

Mr. McDonald continued:

"We are a free people who are connected with rural electric cooperatives which are part of the most significant development affecting the lives of rural Americans in our times—if not in all history.

"We are friends who have gathered to study and think together on matters of importance to each of us individually, important to our individual electric cooperatives, important to our nation and, as we shall see, important also to the peace and prosperity of people in other countries throughout the world."

Mr. McDonald pointed out that "your cooperative is not the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) but is a locally-owned, member-controlled cooperative business that borrows money from REA,

which is an agency of the government, and repays such money with interest on schedule as a definite



Tim Miner, Ray McDonald and Ollie DeGarmo (from left) at Macomb workshop.

obligation, as an individual borrower repays a bank."

REACTION of workshop participants was enthusiastic.

"Naturally I've known a good

deal about electric cooperatives," said William George, agricultural engineer at Western Illinois University, "but this workshop has been quite helpful and informative."

"I've found it most interesting," said Tim Miner, retiring president of the McDonough County Farm Bureau.

"A splendid, informative session," said Ollie F. DeGarmo, Agricultural Stabilization and Conservation Service office manager, Macomb.

Dick Weller and Jim McCurdy, McDonough and Warren counties farm advisers, respectively, made similar comments, as did many other visitors.

"We need a better understanding of how our electric cooperatives work and their role in community life," Mr. Peyton said after the workshop. "I'm sure this has been a valuable experience for all of us."

AND CHARLES MILLER, president of McDonough Power Cooperative, observed:

"The men and women attending this workshop asked keen, penetrating questions. They exchanged views with one another. I am sure they came away with a far better understanding of what our cooperatives are attempting to do—and are doing—to bring about greater prosperity for all residents of our area, town and country alike."

Ready for workshop session to start are, from left, Haskell Martin, Francis Robbins, Keith McMillan, Mrs. Lorene Barker, Francis Scott and Roy Gore.



M.J.M. Takes Major Role In Job Corps Promotion

"We've been surprised and highly pleased with the interest shown thus far in our efforts to provide young people in our area with information concerning Job Corps opportunities."

Charles W. Witt, manager of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative of Carlinville was speaking. "Based on our experience, we'd say any electric cooperative would be performing a useful public service by aiding its area in this manner."

M.J.M. was asked by the Office of Economic Opportunity to tell the story of the Job Corps to the rural area served by the cooperative, and that job is being done.

"**FIRST WE SET UP** a meeting at the cooperative headquarters in January, inviting interested young people to attend," said Morris Deul, cooperative director of member services.

"Sixteen boys, mostly 16, 17 and 18 years old, showed up. We were interested that a good many parents came too. Almost all asked questions.

"Most of these boys were school drop-outs, but they were and are good youngsters. They've had trouble getting jobs. They need help. They're not delinquents. They can become splendid, valuable, productive citizens if they get the help and guidance they need, now."

"**THAT'S RIGHT,**" said Wayne Gilworth, a member of the cooperative board of directors. "That's one reason the cooperative is so anxious to help in any possible way"

"We feel that our cooperative as a good citizen can help our area in many ways," said Henry Egelhoff, board vice president.

"One way is meeting the community need for more information on such a subject as the Job Corps. We're glad we're in this program and intend to continue our efforts diligently."

The cooperative has used newspaper advertising, public meetings and other techniques to tell the Job Corps story.

MR. WITT has addressed the

Carlinville Rotary Club. As a result, Dr. R. E. Leasman, school superintendent, asked that the information be presented to Carlinville Junior and High School students who could spread the word and this was done by Mr. Deul.

Miss Jacqueline Harris, Macoupin county home adviser, asked for material to present to various women's groups. Lions Club leaders arranged for an information program. Newspapers cooperated effectively.

"No one pretends," Mr. Witt said, "that the Job Corps program is a cure-all to school drop-outs or joblessness among teenagers. But it is one of the tools.

"We've had two young men sign up, George Howard and Paul Scott, both 18. They've been sent to a camp at Oregon."

WHAT WILL Job Corps young people learn?

"Plenty," said Mr. Witt. "They'll learn to work, they'll learn discipline, they'll learn to develop and use their natural abilities.

"They'll learn to speak and write well and what to say when they go for a job. They might learn to operate a bulldozer, construct a dam or road, work with a forest ranger, cut down trees, or drive a truck.

"They might learn to be an auto mechanic, a salesman, a hospital technician or an office machine repairman."

"The purpose of the Job Corps is to help boys and girls 16 through 21 years who are out of school and can't find a job. The purpose is to help them get and keep a good job, or perhaps return to school, successfully, or possibly to find a career in the Army or Navy.

"What some people don't realize is that the armed services don't really want youngsters who are trouble-makers or who lack the ability to learn and work effectively. No one else does.

"This whole Job Corps program offers great opportunities for many young people. And our cooperative welcomes the opportunity to make this information available in our area."

M.J.M. director Wayne Gilworth (left), member services director Morris Deul (center) and Charles W. Witt, manager, consider M.J.M. progress in spreading data on Job Corps opportunities.



Edgar Electric Co-op Enjoying Steady Growth

Edgar Electric Cooperative Association "is sound financially and is enjoying a continuous and steady rate of growth," Manager Maurice Johnson told over 400 persons at the cooperative's 26th annual meeting in Paris recently.

Mr. Johnson announced that capital credit refunds will be made to the estates of deceased members by the first of May. "No other system of distributing electricity can offer as many advantages as those furnished by the electric cooperative," he said.

"You own this system and you have a voice in operating it," Mr. Johnson continued. "It is being operated at cost. Any margins received in excess of those needed to operate the system are credited to you as your capital investment in your cooperative. Being a non-profit organization, you will always enjoy the lowest possible rates."

MAX S. WHITE of Chrisman, board president, reported that he is



New Edgar Electric Cooperative director Joseph Welsh (left), talks with board president Max S. White.

proud of the cooperative's achievements in bringing members excellent service. "Your board of directors stresses the idea of furnishing the best service possible and more economical rates than any other electrical supplier could bring you," he added.

Edgar Electric enjoyed its best

year ever financially last year and increased its membership equity by \$86,000 in addition to paying more than \$30,000 in taxes, the cooperative president said.

Members re-elected Mr. White and Byron McCoy of Paris, r.r. 3, to the board for three-year terms. Joseph Welsh of rural Marshall was elected a director to replace Roy Dickerson of West Union, who retired after 16 years service with the cooperative.

MR. DICKERSON was presented an engraved silver tray by Mr. White who said the board will miss Mr. Dickerson and "his broad knowledge and his good judgment."

Following the meeting the board reorganized and re-elected Mr. White as president and H. E. Morrisey of Paris, r.r. 3, as secretary-treasurer. Lloyd Ross of Westfield, r.r. 2, was named vice president to succeed Mr. Dickerson.

ALBERT J. CROSS, director, legal and public affairs department, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, was the meeting's principal speaker. He said electric cooperatives depend upon bi-partisan support because "propositions we stand for are good for all Illinois and for all America."

Coles-Moultrie Members Told Of Need to Become Informed

Manager C. E. Ferguson stressed the importance of informed members telling the electric cooperative story when he addressed the 900 persons attending the Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative's 26th annual meeting in Mattoon recently.

The public must be made aware of the facts that rural residents would not be receiving low-cost dependable electric power without the cooperatives, Mr. Ferguson said.

THE RECORD average 507 kilowatt hour usage per month by Coles-Moultrie consumers last year illustrates the increasing dependence of cooperative member-owners upon electricity, the manager said. The members averaged only 40 kilowatt hours a month in 1939.

"This dramatically focuses attention on the fact that your electric system must keep ahead of your needs for power and that the job of rural electric cooperatives is not finished," Mr. Ferguson said.

Lawrence C. Daily, president of the board of directors, also recalled the successes enjoyed by the cooperative in the past 25 years and said "Our hope is that the next 25 years will bring even greater success in your members enjoying the fruits of your own service organization.

"I am confident that each member, each director, each employe is dedicated to that purpose," he continued. "The people of this cooperative—members, directors and employes united for the common purpose of providing electric service at cost—are its greatest assets."

The member-owners re-elected two directors to three-year terms. They are Willis F. Smith of Lovington, r.r. 4, and Hershel W. Gardner of Casey, r.r. 4.

THE BOARD reorganized and re-elected officers who are Mr. Daily of Humboldt, r.r. 1, president, Mr. Smith, vice president; Clifford Hawkins of Oakland, r.r. 1, secretary;

Charles R. Sanders of Sullivan, r.r. 2, treasurer, and Edgar Mitchell of Gays, r.r. 2, assistant treasurer.

The seventh director is William D. Champion of Gays, r.r. 1.

In the afternoon session, Dr. Leon H. Appel, pastor of the Christian Church in Lincoln, spoke on how to lead a happier and more meaningful life.

Paul M. Krows (center), who retired recently after working 27 years as Moultrie county farm adviser, was presented a gift for his rural electrification work by Coles-Moultrie Electric President Lawrence C. Daily (right) and Manager C. E. Ferguson.



**Howard O. Bell,
Veteran Manager,
Dies At Age 60**



Howard O. Bell

Howard O. Bell, manager of Menard Electric Cooperative of Petersburg for the last 16 years, died Feb. 27 in a Springfield hospital. He had long suffered from a heart condition but had continued his duties until he entered the hospital for the last time Feb. 15.

Mr. Bell had been a Menard Electric Cooperative employe for 23 years and it had been planned to present him with a gold watch at the organization's annual meeting — held the day he died.

His long-time friend and retiring Menard Electric board President Homer T. Brown, expressed the cooperative membership's sadness at his death.

"His contributions to the community in which he lived and to the eight-county area served in part by Menard Electric are beyond price," he said. "They will remain an unforgettable monument to a splendid gentleman and a great servant of his fellowman."

Many cooperative people from distant points attended funeral services for Mr. Bell at Petersburg.

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SIPC's New Power Plant Lowers Costs

Southern Illinois Power Cooperative's new generating facilities are furthering the goals of providing electricity at the lowest possible cost, according to R. S. Holt, president of the cooperative's board of directors.

Mr. Holt, in a report at the cooperative's annual meeting recently, said the generating plant near Marion is operating most efficiently. The 99-megawatt generating plant was completed in 1964 and produces electricity for member-owners of three distribution cooperatives: Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association at Steeleville, Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Inc., at Eldorado and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative at Don-gola.

L. THOMAS CLEVINGER, SIPC manager, reported that the first year's operation came within 4 per cent of the projected load, reflecting a 12 per cent increase in the use of power by members of the three distribution cooperatives.

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in southern Illinois," Mr. Clevenger said.

"Operation of the plant as an additional source of reasonably priced, dependable electric power is one of the important factors contributing to the growth and development of the industry and recreation of the area."

Mr. Clevenger also reported that 34 miles of new transmission line are to be constructed and made ready for improved service to consumers by 1966. Preliminary surveys for the additional lines are now underway.

ORA M. SNIDER, SIPC's information director and lake development manager, reported that 3,000 acres adjoining the 2,300-acre Lake of Egypt are for sale. The cooperative had to purchase 7,500 acres to develop the plant and lake, and some of that land is now available for developing recreational areas and home sites.

The Lake of Egypt and its 93 miles of shoreline as a recreational complex makes the area desirable for cottages and homes, Mr. Snider said.

Mr. Holt was re-elected president of the board of directors at an organizational meeting after all directors were re-elected to one-year terms. Other officers re-elected are K. R. Douglas of Karnak, vice president, and Ray Webb of Tunnel Hill, secretary-treasurer.

ROGER C. LENTZ, manager of Southeastern Illinois Electric, was named assistant secretary to succeed R. T. Reeves, manager of Southern Illinois Electric.

Other directors are R. M. Bahn of Carbondale, r.r. 2; W. L. Bradley of Omaha; W. E. Hunt of Broughton, r.r. 2; Homer D. Miller of McClure; George Pape of Jacob; Harry Sickmeyer of Campbell Hill, r.r. 1, and Claude Stuart of Olive Branch.



SIPC President R. S. Holt (center) talks with other board officers Roger C. Lentz (seated), assistant secretary; Ray Webb (left), secretary-treasurer, and K. R. Douglas, vice president.



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Co-op Hires John Root As Manager

Menard Electric Cooperative of Petersburg has employed John Root, 41, of Millboro, Va., as manager to succeed Howard O. Bell who died recently after serving 16 years as manager and a total of 23 years with the cooperative.

Mr. Root for nearly 12 years has been assistant manager of B.A.R.C. Electric Cooperative at Millboro, Va., a cooperative with about the same membership as that of the Illinois organization.

The new manager started his duties with Menard on March 8. Announcement of his appointment was made at Menard's annual meeting on Feb. 27.

HOMER T. BROWN, retiring board president, told cooperative members the search for a new manager had gone on intensively since last October when Mr. Bell submitted his resignation, agreeing to continue his duties on a limited basis until a successor could be found.

Fifty-three applications were received. Eight men were interviewed by the board as a whole.

Board members told Illinois REN that Mr. Root received extremely high recommendations from a variety of knowledgeable leaders in the electric cooperative field.

"With his knowledge and experience relating to cooperative operations, we feel our cooperative will continue to succeed as it has in the past," Mr. Brown said.

MR. ROOT'S wife, Mary, and their children, Marcia, 17, and Pamela, 13, will move to Illinois at the end of the school year.

The new manager has studied at three colleges and after graduation taught high school mathematics and science for three years. He has been active in many civic and youth programs. He is a member of the Baptist church.

In a telephone interview after announcement of his employment he told Illinois REN that he was delighted to be coming to Menard Electric and to Illinois.

"I've enjoyed tremendously working with the people of this Virginia cooperative," he said, "and now I'm looking forward to new responsibilities at Menard."

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WIPCO Making Excellent Progress, Officers Report

Excellent progress is being made in the formative years of Western Illinois Power Cooperative, Inc., retiring Board President Walter H. Johnston said at the cooperative's fifth annual meeting in Jacksonville recently.

Mr. Johnston of Girard said "It has been a real struggle to hold operational costs down, but this has been done through prudent management. Construction costs are somewhat above previous estimates, mostly because of the general upturn in the nation's economy."

DONALD B. BRINGMAN, WIPCO manager, also reported on the progress of WIPCO's new generating plant on the Illinois River near Pearl. Plans call for completion of the plant and start of operations there in mid-1966.

Mr. Bringman said the construction costs are being held down as well as possible through a "concentrated effort."

The 22,000-kilowatt plant is being built to combine the power requirements of seven member electric distribution cooperatives and to achieve advantages of volume production and use of larger, more efficient generating units.

WIPCO is a power producing cooperative serving seven distribution cooperatives. The seven are Adams Electrical Co-operative, Camp Point; Illinois Rural Electric Co., Winchester; M. J. M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., Carlinville; Menard Electric Cooperative, Petersburg; Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co., Auburn; Spoon River Electric Co-operative, Inc., Canton; and Western Illinois Electrical Coop., Carthage.

DEAN SEARLS of Camp Point was elected president of the generating cooperative to succeed Mr. Johnston who served two one-year terms.

Mr. Searls, manager of Adams Electrical, said "WIPCO has been in operation for some 18 months now and is making splendid progress toward its goal of helping its member cooperatives provide their individual member-consumers with electricity at the lowest possible cost. In this manner it is benefitting all its membership and, indeed, all the residents of its territory, town and country alike."

HAROLD S. HUEY of Plymouth was elected secretary-treasurer, succeeding F. J. Longmeyer of Green-

field. Re-elected were Homer T. Brown, New Holland, vice president; and S. R. Faris, Winchester, assistant secretary-treasurer.

All directors, two from each of the seven distribution cooperatives, were re-elected for one-year terms except E. R. Hild of Illiopolis who was not a candidate. He was succeeded by Dale Lepper of Ashland.

Re-elected were Mr. Searls, Mr. Johnston, Mr. Brown, Mr. Huey, Mr. Longmeyer, Mr. Faris, Carl Bloome, Carlinville, r.r. 2; Leo Arnett, Lewistown, r.r. 2; L. C. Groat, Canton; Lee Leonard, Carthage; John Sargent, Rushville, r.r. 1; Ralph V. White, Auburn; and Charles W. Witt, Carlinville.



WIPCO officers and manager talk things over. From left are Homer T. Brown, vice president; Donald B. Bringman, manager; S. R. Faris, assistant secretary-treasurer; Harold S. Huey, secretary-treasurer and Dean Searls, president.

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MOUNT VERNON, ILLINOIS

ATTENTION PARENTS OF HIGH SCHOOL JUNIORS: Have you talked to your high school "juniors" and encouraged them to write an essay and win a free trip to Washington, D.C.? The details of the contest were listed in last month's issue of the Rural Electric



H. G. Downey
Manager

News. In case you missed that story, the high school English teachers have the material or you can contact the Member Service Department of your cooperative. The trip has proved very enjoyable and educational in past years and experience helps make them better each year.

About 50 boys and girls from several of the electric cooperatives in Illinois and their chaperones will leave Springfield on June 5. They will tour the Gettysburg Battleground, visit the Capitol and Congress, dine with two or three congressmen, cruise down the Potomac and "see" Washington, D.C., before returning on June 13.

Tri-County will sponsor three boys or girls on this tour—encourage your sons and daughters to enter.

Now is the time to insulate your home—next summer it will be too hot to work in your attic and it's already too late to get the advantage of it from last winter's fuel.

Insulation and insulating techniques have improved greatly in the last few years. Today it is a waste of money and comfort to not insulate our homes. Insulating will not only save heating or air-conditioning costs, but will also make our homes more comfortable. There is no need to "roast on one side and freeze on the other" today.

Insulation will add a great deal of "comfort" no matter how you heat or cool your home. However, electric heat does one of the best jobs of letting the insulation work. Electric heat does not draw in cold outside air to keep a fire going and thereby reduces drafts and losses of fuel.

Your cooperative has a special "wiring allowance" for members who install electric heat — let us work with you.

New Meters — 5 digit. Several years ago, when your cooperative

was younger, the average monthly usage by members was less than 100 KWH per month. At that rate the standard four-dial meter took 100 months (over 8 years) to reach 9,999 and then "turn over" to all zeros again. The problem of figuring your bill when the meter turned over did not happen too often.

Today, many Tri-County members use over 1,000 KWH per month. This means their meter would start over at least once a year and sometimes twice. In order to help this situation all of the meters that your cooperative is now buying are "5 digit" meters. This means they will go all the way to 99,999 before they start over. This should be a help.

If your meter is replaced and you get one of the newer type—be sure and read and put down all of the five numbers when you figure your bill.

See you next month.

McDonough

MACOMB, ILLINOIS

PATRONAGE REFUND

In late March all members who were users of electricity during the year of 1964 will receive their patronage refund checks for the margins of that year. This check is the smallest one we have made and the reason for the reduced percentage of margins can be charged directly to the March 1964 sleetstorm. This storm covered a large portion of the cooperative's area, causing about \$25,000 worth of damage to lines as well as the inconvenience to many members who were out of electricity during that time. These expenses in 1964 resulted in your patronage refund check for the year being reduced approximately 50 per cent.



Arthur H. Peyton
Manager

In our March *Watts New*, we listed the names of several hundred people who have moved from the lines and have patronage refund due them if we could find their correct address. If you know of the location of any of these people, you would be doing them a favor and

Current Lines From

also helping the cooperative establish communication with them.

AID TO FOREIGN COUNTRIES

Where do cooperatives fit into our U.S. foreign policy? Through the Agency of International Development, the cooperative program is being extended to the foreign areas to bring our ideas of democracy, individual dignity and provide initiative down to the grass roots of those countries in a way that the people can understand and share.

Three years ago, the Humphrey Amendment to the Foreign Assistance Act of 1961 and approved by President Kennedy set the pattern for bringing this new way of life to each farmer and person in these countries. Specialists in all types of cooperatives — farming, banking, grain and even our own electric cooperative program — are waging a war against poverty in these areas.

President Johnson recently indicated that there is no better way to express our interest than to present a pattern for cooperative programs in our foreign assistance. The impact of this effort is recently being felt in Latin America. Our own National Association of Rural Electric Cooperatives, through a contract with AID, has sent specialists to Latin America where they have educated the leaders and pointed out to the people what the rural electric cooperative can do for them. With the people being willing to help themselves, it is a means of raising the living standards, developing markets and improving the productivity of their areas. We all know that electricity on the farm raises the level of living by providing the comforts that electricity brings and making possible sanitation and reducing the heavy work which is now necessary to produce the crop. In stressing the need and value of cooperatives to these people, it is with a philosophy that motivates the people and joins them together in their economic ventures. It is our hope that they will join in the performance of getting something done together which they could not get alone. It is a method of self help.

In a recent speech by Senator Morse in Macomb, he pointed out

Co-op Managers!

that where you start with economic reform in the underprivileged countries it can result in a farmer owning a small piece of land and providing a living for his family which develops into pride of ownership and paves the way for the next step which would be political reform. After these two reforms in this order are accomplished, it is felt that we would not have to fear a foothold of communism in their country.

Norris

NEWTON, ILLINOIS

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To report an outage after Office Hours call Mrs. Wilma Bever, Newton; Joe Ware, John Tabb, or Gene French, at Newton; Francis Smith at Claremont, or Cloyce Johnson at Lawrenceville.

It will soon be springtime and there are a lot of signs that indicate this welcome visitor from outer space will soon be among us.

One of the usually forgotten signs which can be dedicated to one of the most unsung groups of people in the world is the martin bird house watcher. Do you know anybody that owns a martin house? They are among the world's most dedicated people. They get into violent arguments over when the birds arrive; they fight "spatsies" and starlings with an unmitigated hatred; they try to get rid of them by any means, fair or foul, from shotgun to poison; and they watch with bated breath each year when the little purple visitors from somewhere south of us arrive. Usually it's sometime in February or early March, depending upon your locality. Anyway, if you want to get into a knock-down, drag-out argument, just insult one of these little twittering birds to somebody that has put up homes for them and you'll get into one of the biggest donnybrooks you have ever been into in your life.

If that sounds like sour grapes—that's exactly what it is! Because for the last three years I've done everything I could to get these stu-

pid martins to build in houses that I have put up and so far I've batted exactly zero. All the rest of my friends that go in for this ardent and interesting hobby seem to have but little difficulty in having the things stacked on top of one another and practically begging to get into their houses. So far all I've managed to accomplish is to raise about 500,000 "spatsies," a crop or two of starlings and a lot of blue smoke that usually comes when somebody is issuing cuss words. Alas, that's the way it goes.

But anyway, that's one of the signs of spring. One other sign that you can look forward to, in order to tie this somewhat interesting (?) column into the great field of electric co-op management, is that when spring comes, lightning storms come and when lightning storms come we all usually expect to be out of service at sometime or other. That's a happy thought, isn't it??

Wayne-White

FAIRFIELD, ILLINOIS

A free enterprise system is a means of conducting a business based on private property rights in which one individual or group of individuals may, within a broad set of rules developed by society, establish, own and operate a business.

Goals of such a business are to produce goods and services primarily for others; to conduct a business in which there is a real profit or increase in income for themselves; to create a business in which a group of individuals or business organizations band together and own and operate a business to provide needed goods and services to themselves at cost.

This means that an individual, a partnership of two or more, a corporation for profit, a corporation for service and a cooperative, usually incorporated to provide a service such as a rural electric cooperative, fall within the meaning of a free enterprise business. Doing business co-

operatively is as much a part of our free enterprise system as is any other way of doing business.

The basic reasons for a cooperative are:

1. To increase the efficiency of the member's business.
2. To gain bargaining power.
3. To influence the condition of trade.
4. To help the consumer make his dollar go farther.
5. To obtain services not otherwise available.

In this day and age there are very few individuals or corporations that do not in some way benefit directly from cooperatives. A large percentage of our insurance companies operate under the cooperative laws. Our newspapers have their Associated Press; railways have the Railway Express Agency; small stockbrokers have recently organized a cooperative. Local television stations have recently organized a national cooperative of their own. Most of our independent grocery stores belong to a cooperative buying organization. We have many local cooperatives; too numerous to mention, that we are familiar with, operating as a free enterprise business for the good of their members.

Our Rural Electric Cooperative is a "Free Enterprise Business" owned and controlled by the members it serves. Although the government is engaged primarily in establishing and in carrying out the general rules to be followed by this and various other private businesses, it does not engage directly in the business operation itself. As the mortgage holder, it has certain rights and has set up certain rules and regulations for us to follow. As long as these rules and regulations are met, the cooperative is our business.

Our 9-year-old Phil attended a 4-H Club Roundup last summer for the first time. He was amazed at the farm products boys and girls had raised. When he saw a 70-pound pumpkin being placed on exhibit by a friend of his, he could hardly believe his eyes.

"What a prize he'll get!" he exclaimed.

Then he spied a large eggplant his friend laid down next to the pumpkin. Phil's eyes grew even larger.

He gasped: "And he'll get another one for that big plum!"



Damon Williams
Manager



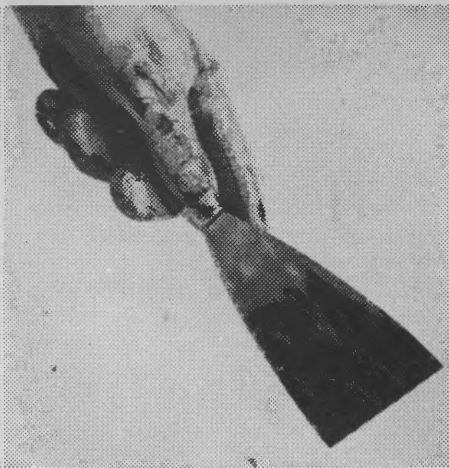
Owen J. Chaney
Manager



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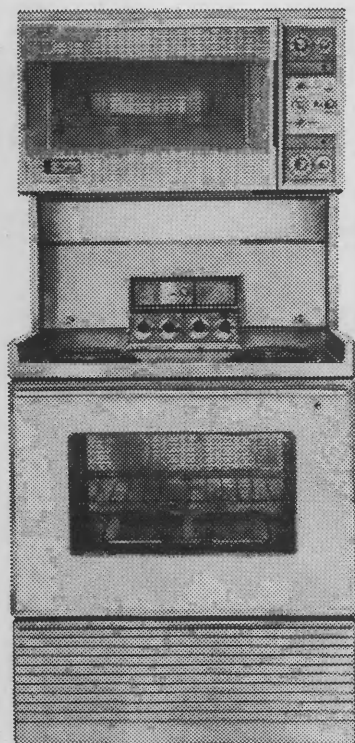
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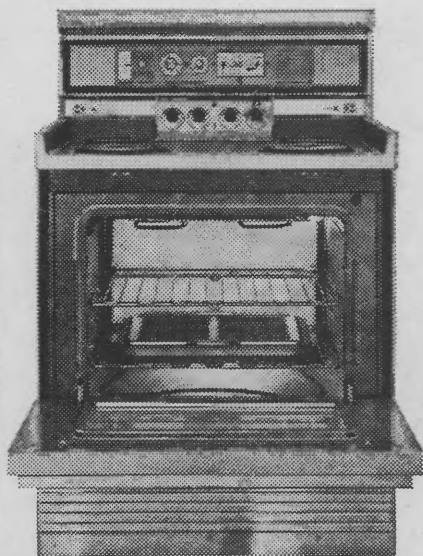
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MARCH, 1965

What's New?



● Mercury Floodlamp

A new, 175-watt, internally reflectorized, color-improved mercury floodlamp has been developed by General Electric Co. for use where efficient and economical widebeam floodlighting is desired. The lamp comes in a weather-resistant R-40 bulb with a medium-screw base and operates in any position. It is designed to have a life of about 16,000 hours and a beam spread of 156 degrees.

● Cattle Feeder

A new J-trough silage electric cattle feeder which feeds cattle progressively or all at once has been introduced by the James Mfg. Co., Fort Atkinson, Wis. A hinged side is closed at the start of feeding until the trough is filled with feed. Then the side is pulled open to dump all the feed at once to prevent crowding and shoving. Thereafter the feed is delivered progressively from one end to the other until the bunk is filled.

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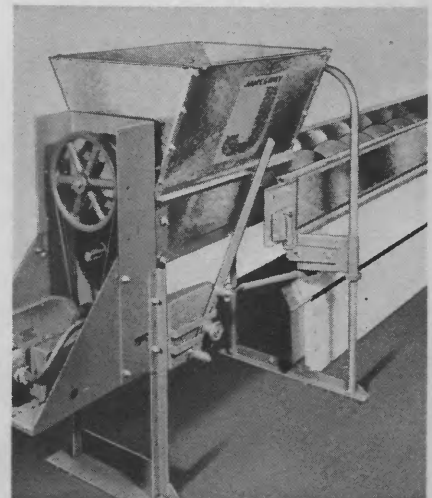
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● Sharpens Clippers

A do-it-yourself method of sharpening electric home hair clippers has been developed by Beck's Grinding Service. The company claims it takes only five minutes to insert the "Magic Home" sharpening strip and sharpen the clippers for a neater and faster job of cutting hair. Instructions are attached to the strip which may be ordered from Beck's Grinding Service, P.O. Box 3224, Albuquerque, New Mexico. Post-paid \$1.49.





LARGE ORDER

The employes had raised \$50 for the boss's present. "We want to buy something that will make a tremendous show for the money, something that will look big," said the leader. "Anyone a suggestion?"

Piped up the office wit: "Buy him fifty dollars' worth of rice and boil it."

ACCURATE REPORTING

Asked by his teacher to write an essay on Christopher Columbus, a small boy very proudly produced the following epic:

"Christopher Columbus went on a journey but he didn't know where he was. Then he came back again and he didn't know where he had been."

WEL-L-L-L

Father: "Don't you think Junior got his intelligence from me?"

Mother: "He must have. I still have mine."

MODERN GENERATION

Vacationing on a farm, the city family was on a walking tour, inspecting the barns and stables. Suddenly, the smallest member of the group, a seven-year-old girl, sighted a tiny colt. "Look, Daddy," the girl exclaimed, "a foreign horse."

THE PLAIN TRUTH

Patient: "Doc, tell me in plain English exactly what's wrong with me."

Doctor: "You are just plain lazy."

Patient: "Now could you give me the medical term to tell my friends?"

QUOTABLE QUIPS

St. Patrick's Day makes an Irishman feel as important as a Texan feels the year around.

A husband is really broken in when he can understand every word his wife isn't saying.

Medical authorities say wrinkles are hereditary. We inherit them from our children.

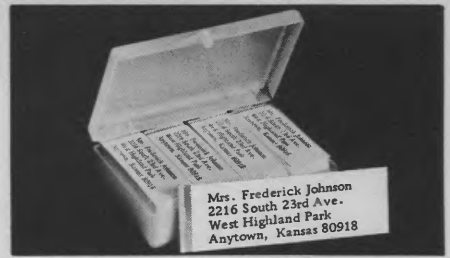
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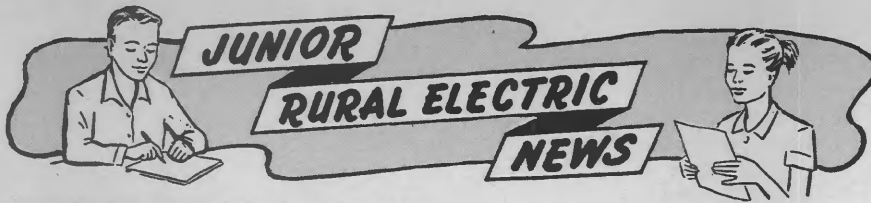
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PEN PALS

Hi Pen Pals,

March is here. That month of frustrating weather when we can have sunshine, rain and snow all on the same day. But we know that spring is not far away. Here are some new Pen Pals so get out your pens and get busy.

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

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STAMP COLLECTOR

I am 13 years old and my birthday is Feb. 25. I am 5 feet 2 inches tall. I am in the 8th grade in Covington Grade School in Oak Lawn. I like almost anything. I am a newspaper boy, delivering a suburban newspaper every Wednesday and Sunday. Some of my hobbies are model collecting, stamp collecting, coin collecting, reading, model railroads, and I also like sports. But most of all I love eating. I can play the piano, guitar, clarinet, and accordion, although not too well. I will answer any letter and would like to hear from anyone. Send picture if possible. Jay Blomquist, 9130 S. 52nd Court, Oak Lawn, Ill. 60453

PLAYS PIANO

I am 11 years old and 5 feet, 4 inches tall. I have brown hair and brown eyes. I live on a farm and have one brother who is 15 years old. My hobbies are playing the piano, reading, cooking, sewing and I am in 4-H. Please send a picture if possible. I will try to answer all letters I receive. I would like to hear from boys and girls 10 and 11 years old. Karen Younker, r.r. 1, Edinburg, Ill. 62531

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LIKES MODEL AIRPLANES

I am 10 years old. My birthday is Feb. 12. I have dark blonde hair and blue eyes. I go to Serena Grade School. I am in the 5th grade. I like to make model airplanes and fool with electricity. I would like to hear from girls and boys between the ages of 9 and 11. Please send pictures if possible. Charles Bowers, r.r. 2, Sheridan, Ill.



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SLEEPS IN TENT

I am 12 years old and my birthday is July 17. I have two brothers and one sister. Both of my brothers and I have tents. In school I usually play baseball with the boys. I have 30 pigs to take care of. I have blue-gray eyes and blonde hair. I am 5 feet 3 inches tall. I would like to hear from boys and girls from 12 to 14 years old. Send picture if possible. Rebecca Gale, r.r. 1, Altona, Ill. 61414

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ANIMAL LOVER

I am eight and a half. I am in the third grade. I would like pen pals aged 8 to 10. I have a pony named Trigger. My hobbies are horseback riding, baseball and swimming. I love animals. I have a dog named Tammi Lou. I will try to answer all letters. Send picture if possible. I have brown eyes and brown hair. Please write to me. Jeanie Parrish, r.r. 1, Hull, Ill.

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LIKES SPORTS

I am in the first year of high school. I am 5 feet tall and weigh 130 lbs. My birthday is Nov. 17. I am 15 years old. I have brown hair and eyes. My hobbies are reading, singing, sewing, softball and I like many other sports. I would like to hear from girls and boys between 14 and 16. Please send picture if possible. Mary Ann Cavaness, r.r. 2, Jonesboro, Ill. 62952



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BATON TWIRLER

I am 11 years old and in the 4th grade. My hobbies are twirling the baton and cooking. I have blue eyes and dark hair. My birthday is Jan. 1. I never have had a pen pal before. Send pictures if possible. I would like to hear from boys and girls from 10 to 13. But all letters are welcome. Earlene Sue Williams, r.r. 1, Chandlerville, Ill. 62627

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By Dee Steel

Shrimp is the most popular shellfish in America. We eat ten times as many shrimp as any other shellfish. Our chief source is the Gulf Coast. Shrimp can be bought in the green state (uncooked and unshelled); cooked in the shell; cooked, deveined, without the shell; in cans; plain frozen, or partially prepared for cooking, then frozen. Shrimp in the U.S. range in color when raw from greenish gray to reddish brown but differ little in taste or color when cooked. They are usually priced according to size: jumbo shrimp cost the most but are easiest to peel and devein. One reason this shellfish is so popular, in addition to the convenience feature, is that it combines well with other foods.

SHRIMP RIVIERA

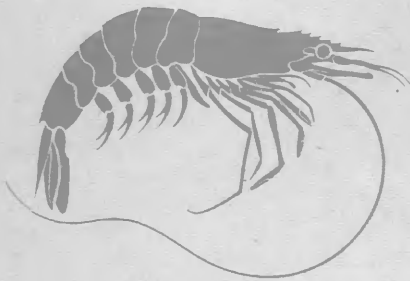
2 pounds raw shrimp, fresh or frozen,
or two (8 or 10 ounce) packages peeled
and deveined shrimp
3 tablespoons butter
1½ cups chopped celery
½ cup sliced onion
1 clove garlic, minced

1 tablespoon flour
1 No. 303 can tomatoes
1 8-ounce can tomato sauce
2 tablespoons chopped parsley
1 teaspoon oregano
1½ teaspoon salt
½ cup pitted black olives

If necessary, peel and devein raw shrimp. Melt butter in a large skillet. Add celery, onion, and garlic; cook until vegetables are tender. Sprinkle in flour and stir until lightly browned. Add tomatoes, sauce, parsley and oregano; season to taste with salt and dash of pepper. Simmer 10 minutes. Add shrimp and olives; simmer 3 minutes, or until shrimp are done. Serve on hot fluffy rice that has been tossed with sliced mushrooms. Makes 4 or 5 servings.



SHRIMP A LA KING



SHRIMP RIVIERA—serve with hot fluffy rice

FRENCH FRIED SHRIMP

1 cup flour
 ½ teaspoon sugar
 ½ teaspoon salt
 Dash black pepper

1 egg, beaten
 1 cup water
 1 lb. cooked fresh shrimp

Combine all ingredients except shrimp, beat well to make smooth batter. Peel shell from shrimp, leaving last section and tail intact. Cut through back to divide in half, do not sever; remove black vein. Dip shrimp in batter, fry in deep hot fat 2-3 minutes. Drain on paper. Shrimp are better if allowed to stand in batter several hours.

SHRIMP CURRY

1½ lbs. fresh shrimp
 ¼ cup butter
 2 tablespoons chopped onion
 2 teaspoons curry powder
 ¼ cup flour

2½ cups milk
 1 teaspoon salt
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 1 teaspoon finely chopped ginger root or dash of ground ginger

Cook shrimp according to directions. Melt butter, add onion, cook until golden. Stir in curry powder and flour, blend. Add milk, stirring slowly until sauce thickens. Add salt, lemon juice and ginger root. Add shrimp and let stand in sauce over low heat for about ½ hour before serving. Serve hot with rice and curry accompaniments such as chutney, diced bacon, chopped hard-cooked eggs, and raisins. Serve accompaniments in individual bowls with the curry. The accompaniments can make the curry.

SHRIMP A LA KING

1½ pounds shrimp, fresh or frozen
 ¼ cup butter or margarine
 ½ green pepper, cut in strips
 ¼ pound mushrooms, sliced
 ¼ cup flour

3 cups milk
 1 pimiento, cut in strips
 1 teaspoon Worcestershire
 Salt and pepper to taste

Shell and devein shrimp. Cook in boiling salted water 3 to 5 minutes until shrimp are pink. Drain. Melt butter, add green pepper and mushrooms and cook until soft. Remove from heat. Add flour and stir until smooth. Return to heat. Add milk gradually, stirring constantly until thick and boiling. Remove from heat. Add pimiento, Worcestershire, salt and pepper. Add shrimp. Serve on split buttered English muffins, buttered toast or in toasted bread cups. Makes 6 servings.

SHRIMP CROQUETTES WITH TOMATO SAUCE

2 cups cooked shrimp, fresh or frozen (1 pound)
 3 tablespoons butter
 3 tablespoons flour
 1 cup milk
 1 small onion, grated

1 cup fine dry bread crumbs
 2 tablespoons lemon juice
 1 teaspoon minced parsley
 ½ teaspoon salt
 ½ teaspoon pepper
 Fat for deep frying

Grind shrimp or chop very fine. Melt butter. Remove from heat and blend in flour. Over low heat, slowly stir in milk and cook until thick and smooth. Combine well with shrimp, onion, bread crumbs, lemon juice, parsley, salt and pepper. Chill thoroughly. Shape into croquettes or balls. Fry in deep hot fat (365 degrees) until browned (about 4 minutes). Drain on absorbent paper. Serve with Tomato Sauce. Makes 4 servings. **TOMATO SAUCE:** Combine one can condensed cream of tomato soup with ¼ cup heavy cream. Heat thoroughly and serve in a sauce boat with shrimp.

SHORELINE CASSEROLE

4 ounces elbow spaghetti
 2 tablespoons fat or drippings
 ¼ cup chopped onion
 ¼ cup chopped green pepper
 ½ clove garlic, minced

1 tablespoon flour
 ½ teaspoon salt
 1½ cups cooked tomatoes
 1 cup cooked shrimp (5-oz. can)
 Buttered bread crumbs

Add 2 teaspoons salt and spaghetti to 3 cups boiling water. Boil rapidly, stirring constantly, for 2 minutes. Cover, remove from heat, let stand 10 minutes. Meanwhile, melt fat in pan. Add onion, green pepper and garlic and brown lightly. Stir in flour and salt. Add tomatoes and cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Fold in shrimp. Rinse spaghetti with warm water and drain well. Arrange in 1½ quart casserole or 4 individual casseroles. Pour shrimp sauce over spaghetti and mix lightly. Sprinkle with bread crumbs. Bake at 350 degrees about 30 minutes. Makes 4 servings.

CURRIED SHRIMP

2 (8 oz.) packages frozen uncooked breaded shrimp

2½ tablespoons butter or margarine
 ½ teaspoon curry powder

Let shrimp thaw. Melt butter over low heat and add curry powder. Blend well by stirring but do not let butter burn. Arrange breaded shrimp on foil or pie pan. Brush with curried butter. Place in preheated broiler. Broil 7 minutes on one side. Turn, brush with curried butter and broil 7 minutes on other side, or until shrimp is golden brown. To hasten browning, baste with curried butter once or twice during broiling. Serve hot. Makes about 30 appetizers; 6 main-course servings. (If served as a main course, accompany the shrimp with a bowl of chutney.)

SHRIMP AND MUSHROOMS IN FOIL

1 lb. shrimp, cleaned
 ¼ cup melted butter or margarine
 ½ cup canned sliced mushrooms
 2 tablespoons chopped green onions
 1 tablespoon chili sauce

⅓ cup chopped parsley
 ¼ teaspoon salt
 ¼ teaspoon garlic salt
 Few drops Tabasco
 Few drops Worcestershire

Divide shrimp between 3 or 4 pieces of foil; top with mushrooms. To butter add green onions, chili sauce, parsley, salt, garlic salt, Tabasco and Worcestershire. Pour over shrimp. Close foil to make tightly sealed packets. Grill foil packets on or close to hot coals 5-10 minutes, or until shrimp are done. Makes 3 to 4 servings.



SHORELINE CASSEROLE



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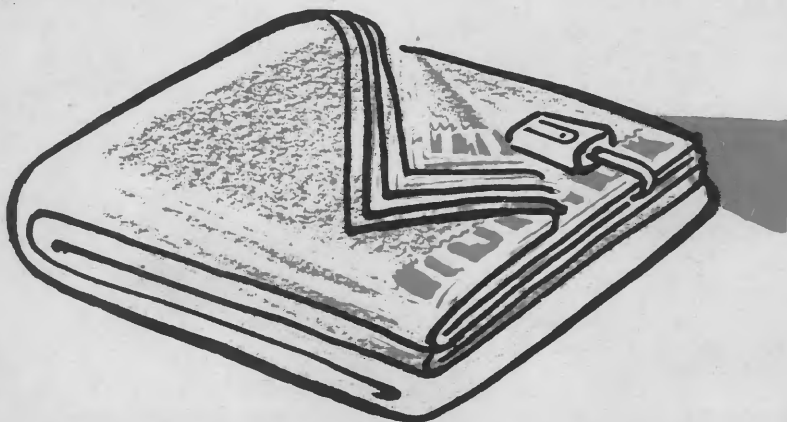
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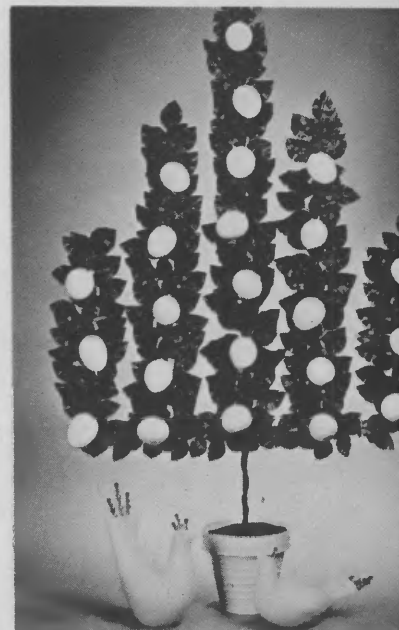
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IT'S EASY TO WASH ELECTRIC BLANKETS

■ Keep the luster and good looks of your electric blanket by washing and drying it in your own home laundry equipment. While today's electric blankets are invariably machine washable, there are some older blankets that require special care. So be sure to check the manufacturer's label on the blanket for particular directions first. Once the washability is determined, it is a simple washing project. For washing an electric blanket requires no more time or effort than that needed for the caring of a regular type of blanket. Certainly there is no need to feel skeptical about washing electric blankets because of the wiring inside. The wiring, say the experts, is so well insulated that soap and water cannot touch it. Begin by placing the blanket in your washer with cold or warm water and a light duty detergent or specialty product. It's also a good idea to tie or sew up the plug inside a corner of the blanket or washcloth. If machine doesn't have blanket cycle, it's a good idea to stop machine and let blanket soak 15 minutes or allow machine to agitate or tumble no longer than two minutes. Advance dial to spin and let spin long enough to drain tub. Fill with rinse water, agitate blanket a minute or two. Spin again. When you're ready for drying, preheat dryer at normal temperature for five minutes. A towel or two may be inserted in your dryer to act as a buffer. Place blanket in dryer, allow it to tumble about 20 minutes. This will dry the blanket most of the way, but for best results, hang on a line to complete drying process, preferably lengthwise over two parallel clotheslines. To restore texture to new appearance, lay it on a smooth surface and brush thoroughly with your hands to get complete fluffiness and smoothness. Then finish up by simply pressing the binding at either end with a cool iron. Avoid ironing any other portion of the blanket. To store, fold the blanket carefully lengthwise and then from top to bottom. Be sure to be as neat as possible in the folding. Speaking of storage, by the way, the best possible way to do this is to keep the carton in which the blanket is originally packaged. If not this carton, use an old sheet and wrap blanket, placing it flat on a shelf or in a drawer. Here are some important do's and don'ts in washing and drying your blanket . . . For best results, place blanket in machine by itself . . . Never put your electric blanket in the wringer. This type of treatment could play havoc with the electrical wiring system inside . . . Avoid knotting or twisting unnecessarily in the laundering process, particularly when placing it in machines . . . Make sure that your dryer is at a high temperature level when you place the electric blanket in it. This allows you to take the blanket out in minimum time . . . Above all, never dry clean your electric blanket or use cleaning solvents, which damage insulation of wire.



Sassy Spider

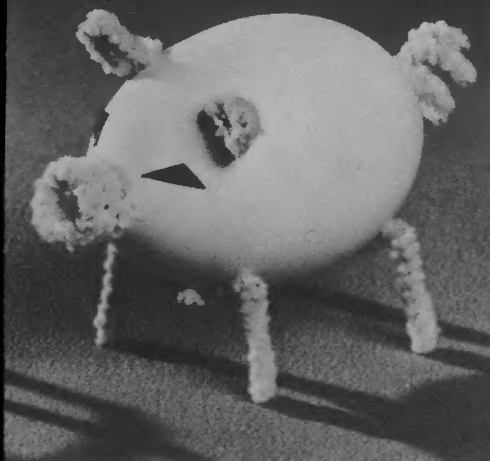


Sophisticated "Lemon Tree"



"Mary's" Garden

easter egg creations



Perky Pig

The ancient art of egg dyeing—it was brought to this country by Dutch settlers as part of their Easter festivities—has acquired some modern overtones. Besides the usual coloring of eggs to help Peter Rabbit, you can fashion anything from a perky pig to a sassy spider out of tinted Easter eggs. Eggs may be hard-boiled or “blown,” though “blown” eggs have several advantages: the lightness of the empty shell allows greater variety in decoration, the decorated shells may be saved and used next year—and the raw eggs can provide a bonanza of omelets, cakes and custards.

To “blow” an egg, pierce both ends of the egg with a sharp-pointed skewer or manicure scissors; the holes should be about the size of a small pea. Be sure to puncture the inner membrane. Then hold the egg over a bowl and blow through one hole until the contents come out the other. A “mass production” method—suitable for club or church group projects—is to sterilize the blower attachment on somebody’s vacuum cleaner, and hold this instrument to a hole in the egg! After “blowing” an egg, rinse the shell in cool water and drain well. Since the egg shell is so much lighter than the egg itself, spoon the dye bath over the shell to insure an even dye distribution—and be sure to let the shell drain well and dry completely. Now for some artistic ventures:

To make the Egg Pig: Use a pink or orange-dyed hard-boiled or

“blown” egg; colored pipe stem cleaners and black plastic tape or construction paper. For nose and tail: Wind two 4-inch pipe stem cleaner pieces around a pencil for coil effect. For nose, keep coil tight; for tail, loosen coil. Fasten nose and tail to ends of egg with quick-drying household cement or jeweler’s glue. For ears: To make each, bend 2¼-inch pipe stem cleaner piece in half, then in half again, shaping it into an oval. Bend the smaller end slightly for cementing onto egg. For legs: To make each set (front and back), bend ends of 3¼-inch piece of pipe stem cleaner down an inch, and bend back up to form legs about ½-inch long. Then curve center section of each leg-piece to fit underside of egg and cement in place. For eyes: Cut black triangles with manicure scissors and stick into place.

To make the Spider: A hard-boiled or “blown” egg can be used. Cut three 4½-inch pipe stem cleaner pieces for legs. Bend each piece down at a 90-degree angle 1¼-inches from each end. Bend ends of each piece back ¼-inch and flatten double thickness for feet. With quick-drying household cement, secure leg pieces to small end of dyed egg or eggshell. Make hat from toothpaste, medicine or milk bottle cap; make facial features from plastic tape, felt or construction paper; cement hat and features into place. Don’t be surprised if you’re egged on to add to your eggshell menagerie!

For Garden Flowers: Use pastel dyed eggshells. For flower stem, generously cover end of short, thin dowel stick (or 2 pipe stem cleaners) with quick-drying household cement or jeweler’s glue and gently glue it into hole at large end of eggshell. Cover hole at small end by gluing on sequin or tiny pieces of paper, plastic tape or felt. Cut various shaped “petal collars” from pastel construction paper, shelf paper or paper doilies; with manicure scissors, cut small hole in center of each “collar”. Push each up on dowel stick and glue to bottom of eggshell. Wind dowel stick with bias strips of green crepe paper or ribbon. Glue crepe paper or artificial leaves near base of “stem”. Anchor

“stem” of completed egg flower firmly in center of large gumdrop. For Mary’s head: Dye an eggshell pale pink or pale orange. Using small end of egg for chin, glue fancy sequins in place for facial features. (Features can be made from felt, plastic tape or construction paper if preferred.) Make hair from narrow strip of yellow, brown or black crepe paper, fringed and curled—and glue into place. Make hat from a 5-inch circle of paper decorated with artificial flowers and ribbon; glue into place. For skirt: Make cone from pastel construction paper or lightweight cardboard by cutting a semi-circle 16 inches in diameter. Staple, tape or glue skirt together in back and trim skirt with part of paper doily, a bright bow and tiny artificial flower. For blouse: Use paper of same type and color. On a fold, cut a triangle 5 inches wide and 5 inches high. Then from center of folded edge cut small circle for neck. Glue or staple tips of blouse to top of skirt front and back. To assemble: Glue short, thin dowel stick into hole at chin end of eggshell head. Slip blouse and skirt up on dowel stick and glue into place. Slip a long strip of paper through blouse and glue ends of strip together in front for arms.

A “Lemon” Tree can either form the final touch for Mary’s garden, or can be used independently as a striking table centerpiece:

To make the “Lemon” Tree: Although this looks elaborate, it’s really very simple to make. Wire coat hangers, bent to design, make the basic tree. Artificial leaves placed as thickly as you like, are wired to tree “branches.” Yellow eggshells (with pipe stem cleaner glued into hole at large end and, if you want, tiny sequins or beads glued to cover hole at small end) are secured to tree by wrapping pipe stem cleaners around tree “branches” until egg “lemons” are snugly in place. Stems of leaves and “lemons” plus the tree “trunk” are wrapped with floral tape, crepe paper, ribbon or plastic tape. The completed tree is anchored into a flower pot filled with sand, modeling clay or quick-drying plaster of paris.



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Dwarf White Buckeye, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.69 ea.
Cherokee Chief Dogwood, 2 ft., Pat. No. 1710	2.49 ea.

SHADE TREES — 1 or 2 years Old

Silver Maple, 3 to 4 ft.	\$.18 ea.
Silver Maple, 4 1/2 to 6 ft.	.49 ea.
Weeping Willow, 2 to 3 ft.	.39 ea.
Weeping Willow, 4 to 6 ft.	.59 ea.
Chinese Elm, 3 to 4 ft.	.25 ea.
4 1/2 to 6 ft.	.59 ea.
Catalpa Fish Bait Tree, 2 to 3 ft.	.25 ea.
Ginko Tree, 1 to 2 ft.	.59 ea.
3 to 5 ft.	1.98 ea.
Pin Oak, Red Oak or Scarlet Oak, 3 to 5 ft.	.98 ea.
Lombardy Poplar, 1 to 2 ft.	.07 ea.
Lombardy Poplar, 2 to 2 1/2 ft.	.12 ea.
Lombardy Poplar, 3 to 4 ft.	.18 ea.
Lombardy Poplar, 4 1/2 to 6 ft.	.39 ea.
Faassen Red Leaf Maple, 3 1/2 to 5 ft.	2.95 ea.
Sycamore, 3 to 4 ft.	.49 ea.
Sugar Maple, Collected, 3 to 5 ft.	.39 ea.
Sweet Gum, Collected, 2 to 3 ft.	.49 ea.
White Birch, 2 to 3 ft.	.49 ea.
White Birch, 4 1/2 to 6 ft.	1.98 ea.
Crimson King Maple (Pat. #735), 3 1/2 to 5 ft.	3.49 ea.
Tulip-Tree, Collected, 3 to 5 ft.	.49 ea.
Sunburst Locust (Pat. No. 1313), 4 1/2 to 6 ft.	4.95 ea.
Schwedler Maple, 3 1/2 to 5 ft.	2.95 ea.
Cutleaf Weeping Birch, 3 1/2 to 5 ft.	2.98 ea.
Silver Variegated Maple, 3 1/2 to 5 ft.	2.98 ea.
Kentucky Coffee Tree, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.69 ea.
American Linden Tree, 3 to 4 ft.	.98 ea.
Skyline Locust (Pat. No. 1619), 4 1/2 to 6 ft.	3.98 ea.
Sassafras, Collected, 2 to 3 ft.	.49 ea.
Scarlet Maple, Collected, 4 to 5 ft.	.98 ea.
Yellow Wood, 3 to 4 ft.	1.98 ea.
Willow Oak or White Oak, Col., 2 to 3 ft.	.98 ea.
Russian Mulberry, 2 to 3 ft.	.49 ea.
China Berry, 2 to 3 ft.	.49 ea.
Sycamore Maple, Purple Leaves, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Black Gum, Collected, 2 to 3 ft.	.69 ea.
American Elm, Collected, 3 to 4 ft.	3.98 ea.

FRUIT TREES — 1 or 2 years Old

Belle of Georgia Peach, 2 to 3 ft.	.45 ea.
Belle of Georgia Peach, 4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Elberta Peach, 2 to 3 ft.	.45 ea.
4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
J. H. Hale Peach, 2 to 3 ft.	.45 ea.
4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Hale Haven Peach, 2 to 3 ft.	.45 ea.
4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Dixie Red Peach, 2 to 3 ft.	.45 ea.
4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Golden Jubilee Peach, 2 to 3 ft.	.45 ea.
4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Golden Jubilee Peach, 4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Champion Peach, 2 to 3 ft.	.45 ea.
4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Stayman Winesap Apple, 2 to 3 ft.	.55 ea.
Stayman Winesap Apple, 4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Red Delicious Apple, 2 to 3 ft.	.55 ea.
Red Delicious Apple, 4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Yellow Delicious Apple, 2 to 3 ft.	.55 ea.
Yellow Delicious Apple, 4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Early Harvest Apple, 2 to 3 ft.	.55 ea.
Early Harvest Apple, 4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Red Rome Beauty Apple, 2 to 3 ft.	.55 ea.
Red Rome Beauty Apple, 4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Red Jonathan Apple, 2 to 3 ft.	.55 ea.
Red Jonathan Apple, 4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Lodi Apple, 2 to 3 ft.	.55 ea.
4 to 6 ft.	.98 ea.
Montmorency Cherry, 2 to 3 ft.	.98 ea.
Black Tartarian Cherry, 2 to 3 ft.	.98 ea.
Kieffer Pear, 2 to 3 ft.	.98 ea.
Orient Pear, 2 to 3 ft.	.98 ea.
Bartlett Pear, 2 to 3 ft.	.98 ea.
Apricots—Moopart or Early Golden, 2 to 3 ft.	.69 ea.
5-N-1 Apple-5 Varieties on ea. tree, 3 to 4 ft.	2.49 ea.
Nectarine, 2 1/2 to 4 ft.	.79 ea.
Damson Plum, 2 1/2 to 4 ft.	.69 ea.
Red June Plum, 2 1/2 to 4 ft.	.69 ea.
Methley Plum, 2 ft. 49 ea., 3 1/2 to 5 ft.	.89 ea.
Burbank Plum, 2 ft. 49 ea., 3 1/2 to 5 ft.	.89 ea.

DWARF FRUIT TREES — 1 or 2 years Old

Dwarf Elberta Peach, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf Red Haven Peach, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf Belle of Georgia Peach, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf Golden Jubilee Peach, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf Red Delicious Apple, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf Yellow Delicious Apple, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf Winesap Apple, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf Montmorency Cherry, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf North Star Cherry, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf Bartlett Pear, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf Kieffer Pear, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.
Dwarf Plum—Blue, 3 ft.	1.98 ea.

VINES — 1 or 2 years Old

Red Scarlet Honeysuckle, 1 ft.	\$.29 ea.
Wisteria, Purple, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.35 ea.
Bitter Sweet, 1 ft.	.19 ea.
Clematis Vine, Collected, White, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.39 ea.
Grape Vines, Concord or Niagara, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Grape Vines, Luttie or Fredonia, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Trumpet Creeper, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.15 ea.
Yellow Jasmine, 1/2 ft.	.49 ea.
Vinca Minor, Clumps, Collected.	.09 ea.
Halls Honeysuckle, 1 ft.	.19 ea.
English Ivy or Boston Ivy, 4 to 8 inches.	.29 ea.
Enonymus Coloratus, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.29 ea.

NUT TREES — 1 or 2 years Old

Hazel Nut, 1 to 2 ft.	.69 ea.
Butter Nut, 1 to 2 ft.	.39 ea.
3 to 4 ft.	.98 ea.
Chinese Chestnut, 1 to 2 ft.	.69 ea.
3 to 5 ft.	1.69 ea.
Hardy Pecan Seedlings, 1 to 2 ft.	.89 ea.
Stuart Pecans, Paper Shell, 3 1/2 to 5 ft.	3.98 ea.
Black Walnut, 1 to 2 ft.	.39 ea.
English Walnut, 2 to 3 ft.	2.49 ea.
Shell Bark Hickory, 1 to 2 ft.	.69 ea.
American Beech, Collected, 3 to 4 ft.	.98 ea.

EVERGREENS — 1 or 2 years Old

Glossy Abella, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.29 ea.
American Holly, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.19 ea.
Rhododendron, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Pfitzer Juniper, 1/2 to 1 ft., low spreading.	.59 ea.
Cherry Laurel, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.29 ea.
Nandina, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.29 ea.
Boxwood, 1/2 ft.	.35 ea.
Irish Juniper, or Savin Juniper, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.45 ea.
Red Berry Pyracantha, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Burfordi Holly, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Wax Leaf Ligustrum, or Jap. Ligustrum, 1/2 ft.	.39 ea.
Colorado Blue Spruce, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.39 ea.
Mountain Laurel, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.19 ea.
Canada-Hemlock, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.15 ea.
Short Leaf Pine, Collected, 1 ft.	.19 ea.
Christmas Ferns, Collected	.19 ea.
Red Cedar, Collected, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.19 ea.
Hetzi Holly, 1/2 ft.	.49 ea.
Japanese Holly, 1/2 ft.	.49 ea.
Foster Holly, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Yellow Berry Pyracantha, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Andorra Juniper, 1/2 ft.	.49 ea.
Cedrus Deodara, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.59 ea.
Japanese Yew, Taxus Spreading, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.79 ea.
East Palatka Holly, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Baker Arborvitae, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.59 ea.
Berkman's Arborvitae, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.59 ea.
Globe Arborvitae, 1/2 ft.	.59 ea.
Creek Juniper, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.59 ea.
Gardenia, White Blooms, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.59 ea.
Camellia Sasanqua, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.79 ea.
Norway Spruce, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.49 ea.
Enonymus Radicans, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.59 ea.

BERRY PLANTS, ETC. — 1 or 2 years Old

Black Raspberry, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.35 ea.
Red Everbearing Raspberry, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.39 ea.
Dewberry, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.19 ea.
Figs, 1 to 2 ft.	.98 ea.
Bosen Berry, 1/2 to 1 ft.	.39 ea.

BULBS, PERENNIALS — 1 or 2 years Old

Pampas Grass, White Plumes.	.39 ea.
Hibiscus, Mallow Marvel.	.09 ea.
Hollyhocks, Mixed Colors, Roots.	.19 ea.
Cannas, Colors, Red, Pink, or Yellow.	.19 ea.
Irish, Blue, Roots Collected.	.19 ea.
Day Lilies, Roots Orange Flowers, Collected.	.19 ea.
Creeping Phlox, Pink or Blue.	.19 ea.
Blue Bells, Roots Collected.	.19 ea.
Maiden Hair Fern, Roots Collected.	.19 ea.
Fancy Leaf Caladium, Red or White.	.39 ea.
Gladiolus, Pink, Red, White.	.07 ea.

BERRIES, FRUITS AND HEDGE PLANTS — 1 or 2 years Old

10 Rhubarb, 1 Yr. Roots.	1.00
10 Asparagus, 1 Yr. Roots.	1.00
50 Strawberry—Blakemore or Tenn. Beauty.	1.49
50 Gem Everbearing Strawberry.	2.49
100 South Privet, 1 to 2 ft.	2.98
25 North Privet, 1 to 2 ft.	1.98 ea.
25 California Privet, 1 to 2 ft.	1.98 ea.
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