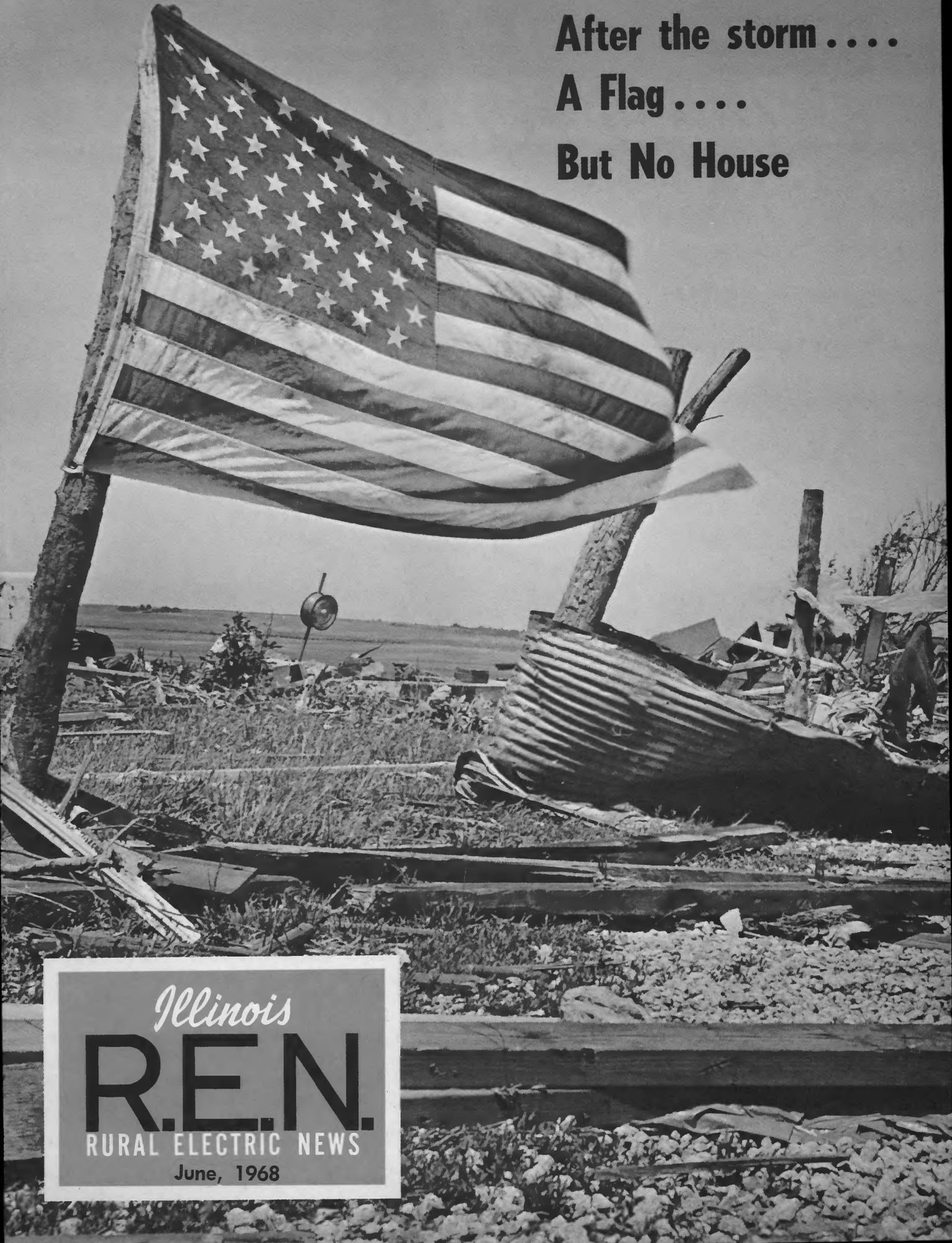


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# National News Notes

## Rural power needs increase 12 per cent

■ The rapidly growing need for electric service in rural America is pointed out dramatically in the 29th annual report of the Rural Electrification Administration.

Rural electric systems in the fiscal year ending June 30, 1967, either purchased or generated 56.3 billion kilowatt hours of electricity. That is a 12 per cent increase over the previous year's figure. Even more striking, however, is that it is a gain of 35 billion kilowatt hours over what was needed just a decade ago.

Cooperative and other REA borrowers generated 23.3 per cent of the total amount of electricity needed. They purchased 37.1 per cent of their needs from federal power sources, and another 6.9 per cent came from other public agencies.

Nearly a third—32.7 per cent—was purchased from commercial power companies. Such sales to the rural electric systems netted the power companies \$136.7 million during the last fiscal year.

## REA saluted on its 33rd anniversary

■ In a memorial to rural electrification, Congressman Melvin Price of Illinois recently called attention to the 33rd anniversary of the Rural Electrification Administration as he told his colleagues that REA is "one agency which has remained young in spirit and in its response to the developing needs of its constituency . . ."

Other praise came from Rep. Jamie Whitten of Mississippi. In his Congressional Record statement, he said "in providing service to more than 20 million rural Americans during a relatively short span of 33 years, the dedicated men and women who operate these systems have helped to build an environment making rural America a better place to live, work and play."

Rep. Whitten also called attention to rural area development programs which REA borrowers have used to help develop 216,000 new jobs since 1961. This, he said, "is a tribute to the responsible spirit of citizenship prevailing in the REA programs."

REA originally was established by executive order of President Franklin D. Roosevelt May 11, 1935. Congress gave it a ten-year mandate the following year and then, in 1944, Congress made REA a permanent agency.

## Rural electric plans advance in Argentina

■ Extension of rural electric service on a national scale in Argentina is planned following the recent signing of an agreement between the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and the Power Division of the Argentine Ministry of Mines and Energy.

Two long-term specialists along with five other men will be employed by NRECA to help plan the four-year program.

The Inter-American Development Bank proposes to loan \$20 million to help extend electric service into rural areas. Argentine contributions of an additional \$47 million also will be used over a four-year period. It is expected that 200 to 250 sub-loans will be made to finance 45,000 kilometers of line to serve 50,000 farms with 350,000 people.

Argentina has more than 500 electric cooperatives which now provide service primarily to rural towns with a limited number of extensions to farms.

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# Co-ops Plan for Future

"It has been accurately stated that the future belongs to those who prepare for it. Through your Long-Range Study Committee you have a unique opportunity to help in the preparation for a bright future for the rural electric program."

These were the words of Mrs. June K. Kraeft, senior legislative research specialist of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, speaking recently in St. Louis. She and others addressed cooperative leaders from 23 states.

Cooperatives at this moment are striving to replan their goals and programs so that they may serve their member-owners and the nation even more effectively.

**THIS WRITER** has been reporting activities of public and private governing and policy-making bodies in towns and cities for many years. But in all those years he has never seen so thorough and conscientious an effort to chart a future, unselfish course.

It would be easy for electric cooperatives, for instance, to adopt a stand pat position on financing their growing power needs. After all, Congress still provides millions of dollars a year in loan funds. Why change?

True, also, electric cooperatives are well organized through their state and national associations. They're backed by some 20 million citizens who depend on the cooperatives for vital electric power.

**BUT ELECTRIC** cooperative people are a marvelous type of individual. Strengthened by a ruggedly independent rural background, they've no desire to depend unduly on their government. They prefer to carry the whole load of service to themselves wherever possible.

Cooperative representatives say that in some instances this already can be done. Some Illinois electric cooperatives such as Corn Belt at Bloomington and Norris Electric at Newton and Shelby Electric at Shelbyville have not borrowed from the government in years.

They're proud of this and rightly so. But cooperative leaders recognize that no matter how carefully they manage, future loans may well be essential. There are numerous reasons, including the rapid expansion of power use which requires rapid expansion of costly distribution facilities.

A more dramatic example is the sudden disaster. You may recall the plight of conscientious Illini Electric Cooperative of Champaign. There, in January, 1967, an ice storm in brief hours shattered all 1,500 miles of cooperative lines. These still are slowly and painfully being rebuilt after frantic emergency repairs restored service. The loss was estimated at \$900,000.

Commercial utilities face similar dangers. They, however, can go to private money markets and borrow needed funds—and they do, regularly.

**COOPERATIVES**, through their Long-Range Study Committee, may work out a program under which, as their resources grow, an increasing number can borrow from non-government sources. Enabling legislation that would have paved the way for such loans was killed by the last session of Congress. The proposal was bitterly attacked by a united front of commercial utilities. They wish to keep the cooperatives as helpless, dependent and vulnerable as possible.

Meanwhile, the search for a fair program—fair to the cooperatives and fair to all segments of the economy—goes on. We are confident it will end in success. For the future indeed "belongs to those who prepare for it."

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**THE COVER** scene is in Menard Electric territory near Mason City. Only debris remains of a home that stood near where someone placed the American flag. Tornado story on Pages 8 and 9.

## Can We Do More?

# Co-ops Study Ways to Help



Support of electric cooperatives at St. Louis came from Illinois Farm Bureau organization through Paul E. Mathias, IAA general counsel.

The big meeting room in St. Louis' Sheraton-Jefferson Hotel was quiet. Bright lights played on the 26-member Long-Range Study Committee and on the speaker standing at a nearby podium.

Two-hundred thirty-eight electric cooperative leaders from 23 states listened in attentive silence. Tall, serious Paul E. Mathias, veteran general counsel of the Illinois Agricultural Association, spoke.

HE POINTED out that the need for funds to meet growing requirements of electric cooperative member-owners is "increasing at an accelerated rate." Then:

"It seems obvious that the required additional financing cannot be secured from government loans.

"The present loans, of course, should be continued and repaid as per the existing loan agreements.

"In order to provide area coverage and to expand in some still unserved, sparsely settled areas or to assist in serving areas which are unprofitable, continued government loans at a low rate of interest may be necessary.

"However, with the greatly increasing demands for additional capital to serve their market and to expand and develop in their territory, the rural electric coopera-

tives must tap the capital money market.

"Legislation similar to the rural electrification bank legislation which was sponsored in the present Congress must be enacted."

THIS APPARENTLY was the view of most cooperative leaders at the St. Louis meeting. The two-day session was one of a series being held throughout the nation to reassess electric cooperative needs, goals and programs. Twenty-three prepared statements were presented.

The committee chairman, J. K. Smith, general manager of the Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative Corp., hopes a comprehensive report on its findings can be ready for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association annual meeting next March 16 through 20 at Atlantic City. The last NRECA annual meeting authorized the far-reaching study.

THOMAS H. MOORE, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, agreed in general with financing views presented by Mr. Mathias.

In his formal testimony Mr. Moore declared:

"The rural electric systems must have a permanent, adequate source of loan funds available for capital improvements. The electric cooperatives of Illinois approved of the supplemental financing program and the legislation developed by the NRECA and introduced in the 89th and 90th Congress.

"We are convinced that the principles embodied in the plan were sound and the plan as originally



J. K. Smith (left) Long-Range Planning Committee chairman, discusses problems with State Rep. James D. Holloway (center) of Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association and Ora M. Snider of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative.

# themselves

conceived was workable. The electric cooperatives in Illinois are willing to support any other workable supplemental financing plan."

**MR. MOORE** agreed that cooperatives financially able to pay a higher interest rate than the present low government should do so.

He said two principles should be included in any supplemental financing program:

"1. Rural electric systems should reach the position as soon as possible where the great majority will not have to depend on action by the Congress each year for sufficient funds to provide the necessary capital improvements.



**Ronnie J. Straw, NRECA staff economist, discussed long-range possibilities.**

"2. If, in obtaining an adequate source of funds, a choice must be made between an adequate source of funds and a specific favorable rate of interest, preference should be given to obtaining an adequate source of funds."

**MR. MATHIAS** in his testimony had numerous other recommenda-



**Among Illinois leaders: Albert J. Cross of AIEC (from left), C. E. Ferguson of Coles-Moultrie Electric and Harold S. Huey of Western Illinois Electrical Co-op.**

tions for electric cooperative consideration. His conclusion:

"The Illinois Agricultural Association is very pleased for the opportunity to present its views. The Association is in no way critical of the operations of the rural electric cooperatives in Illinois.

"These cooperatives are well managed, financially sound and are operated in the interest of their members. We have enjoyed an excellent relationship with them over the years. We are very proud of their accomplishments.

"The Illinois Agricultural Association compliments the NRECA upon the appointment of a long-range study committee. We think it is well that the rural electric cooperatives make long-range plans for the future. Definite objectives and plans should be established, as you are doing, rather than to wait for problems to arise and then deal with these problems on an emergency basis."

**STRONG SUPPORT** for adequate supplemental financing legislation came also from the National Farmers Organization of Illinois. Its president, Edgar E. Hall, made specific recommendations.

He said the cooperatives organized through the Rural Electrification Administration but fully independent have "probably done more to raise the standard of living in rural Illinois and rural America than has the advent of any other single thing in our history."

Albert J. Cross, AIEC director, legal and public affairs department, also testified. He said later he was greatly encouraged by views expressed by leaders from many states. Numerous other Illinois cooperative representatives agreed.

**Thomas H. Moore, AIEC general manager, drew applause for detailed and comprehensive report.**



# Isn't It Time for Consumers To Unite?

By John F. Temple

So far as growing numbers of consumers are concerned, there's a new mood abroad in the land.

It takes at least two forms.

One is a long-smouldering feeling of frustration over too frequent inability to obtain sound products at fair prices.

The other is a determination to speak up for consumer rights, insisting on substantial results and achievements.

**MEMBERS OF ILLINOIS'** electric cooperatives have been displaying increasing interest in this movement. Numerous of their representatives attended the first annual Consumer Federation of America meeting April 27-28 in Washington.

The group's resolution preamble pointed out:

"Mindful that as we organize the Consumer Federation of America we are creating a force unique in our country's history, we resolve that the energy we mobilize through this new instrument shall be directed to achieve intelligent solutions for the consumer problems of all people."

The group noted that correction of consumer complaints must sometimes take place through legislation. It pledged a non-partisan approach in this area.

And it directed special attention to "a careful balancing of the right in a free economy to make money against an ordering of priorities for all consumers that affect decisively the quality of life for everyone."

"Since the latter concern, impor-



Among officers of the Illinois Federation of Consumers are, from left, Robert Gibson, vice president; Jerry Voorhis, president; Thomas H. Moore, secretary, and Robert Berger, attorney. The Rev. Kenneth Smith, treasurer, could not be present when this picture was made.

tant as it is, has been without an effective spokesman, it is to fill this need in the continuing debates of our democracy that the Consumer Federation of America addresses itself."

**AND SO TODAY** consumers possess a strong, articulate and well-organized representative on the national front.

But they also have not been neglected on the Illinois front.

The Illinois Federation of Consumers has been organized to work for consumers on the state level. Its president is Jerry Voorhis, former Congressman and retired executive director of the Cooperative League of the U.S.A. He is also vice president of the Consumer Federation of America.

**THOMAS H. MOORE**, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, is secretary of the state organization and Charles W. Witt, manager of M. J. M. Electric Cooperative, Carlinville, is a member of the board of directors.

Mr. Witt stressed importance of united action on the part of consumers not only in Illinois but throughout the land.

"Our own Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives is a member of both the state and national groups. So are M.J.M. Electric Cooperative and numerous other Illinois electric cooperatives.

"One should not get the idea that these consumer organizations are designed merely to beat down prices. That is especially true in the case of farm products where the farmer has not been getting a fair share of the ultimate selling price.

"I am convinced the growing consumer movement will result in greater fairness, toward the farmer—and electric cooperatives—not less."

**MR. MOORE** pointed out that the IFC was "organized to identify, protect and serve the interest of all the people as consumers through information, education and action."

But he emphasized that the mere formation of a consumer federation

on either state or national levels will not alone solve consumer problems.

One of the things that are essential to real progress, he said, is active support of these organizations by Illinois consumers.

**MR. VOORHIS** said he couldn't agree more. He strongly urged all Illinois residents, and especially the more than 140,000 electric cooperative member-owners, to join the Illinois Federation of Consumers without delay.

A family membership costs \$5. A single family membership won't provide much of the money necessary to make the voice of the consumer really effective within the state.

But a single membership is vitally important to the ability of the federation to represent consumers. Enough such memberships will provide much of the necessary financial strength.

Other funds will come from organization memberships, from contributions and from other sources.

"But the family membership is the backbone of our organization, the key to its success," Mr. Voorhis said. "With a strong membership we can't fail to achieve the aims of consumers in a time of both great need and great opportunity."

*"Consumers are the largest economic group in the economy, affecting and affected by almost every public and private economic decision. But they are the only important group in the economy who are not effectively organized, whose views are not often heard."*

JOHN F. KENNEDY

**WHAT WILL** the Illinois Federation of Consumers do? Its members say it will:

1—Promote and protect the consumer interests.

2—Provide statewide coordination of consumer activities.

3—Study consumer issues and prepare fact-finding reports.

4—Advise on consumer legislation and secure consumer legal aid and protection.

5—Stimulate the exchange of consumer information among members.

6—Develop programs of consumer education.

7—Serve as a clearinghouse for action on consumer problems.

8—Sponsor statewide consumer conferences.

9—Represent the consumer point of view.

**FOUNDERS** of both the state and national consumer organizations, and these include a great many electric cooperatives members, point out that for the first time the American consumer's interests will be guarded and fought for consistently at the state and national level by permanent, coordinated organizations.

Virtually every special interest group in the nation already has such organizations, particularly in Washington.

And now consumers have their effective spokesmen.

**HOW EFFECTIVE?** That rests immediately with the members, particularly on a state basis.

Mr. Moore has pointed out that in order for a state organization to be effective it must have the financial strength to function with skill and decisiveness.

The Illinois Federation exists. It has the capacity to achieve great good. The need for it is tremendous, and widely recognized.

So, too, is the need for new membership. Now. It's an individual family decision. Will you risk \$5 to help make this Illinois Federation of Consumers a most effective spokesman for your interests—and for the interest of all consumers?

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After the Storm . . . .

# Co-ops Rush



Skilled workers struggle to restore power near Wapella—and succeed.

Efficient men and equipment reset this pole near Mason City in just 10 minutes.



*"Nature in the raw is seldom mild." An old advertising slogan.*

Relentless storms such as those striking Central Illinois May 15 bring death, injury and tragedy to hapless individuals in their paths.

Less serious, but bad enough, they also bring sudden, tremendously expensive service interruptions and great financial loss to electric cooperatives, owned by the very people who suffer most from such storms.

**TORNADOES** and high winds caused at least \$80,000 damage to lines and equipment of Menard Electric Cooperative, Petersburg (\$19,000 or more) and Corn Belt Electric Cooperative, Inc., Bloomington (\$60,000 to \$70,000).

Managers John Root of Menard and G. V. Beer of Corn Belt said service was restored with surprising quickness, considering the shattering damage. They praised their member-owners for cooperation, understanding and patience during the emergency.

Mr. Beer said damage at Corn Belt exceeded that sustained by Corn Belt during the January, 1967 ice storm. At that time Illini Electric Cooperative, Champaign, chalked up losses totaling \$900,000.

**OTHER** cooperatives hit by high winds during the May 15 storms included Illini, Eastern Illinois Power Cooperative, Paxton; Spoon River Electric Co-operative, Inc., Canton; Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Inc., Greenville, and Monroe County Electric Co-operative, Inc., Waterloo.

But hardest hit by far were Menard and Corn Belt.

**TWO THINGS** contributed particularly to faster restoration of service.

First, the Illinois Electric Cooperative Emergency Work Plan, first to be organized in the nation several years ago, swung smoothly into action.

At Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative headquarters in Springfield, Lyle E. Dunham, director of member services, alerted W. L. Walker, manager of Shelby Electric Cooperative, Shelbyville and C. E. Ferguson, manager of Coles-Moultrie Cooperative, Mattoon. Emergency help might be needed, he said. Preparations started at once.

# Repairs of Lines

AT 11 O'CLOCK on the night of the storms Mr. Beer called back. Yes, Corn Belt needed crews and equipment. Things were bad there. Later it was discovered that 75 miles of line were severely damaged.

Back went calls to Coles-Moultrie and Shelby. Highly skilled crews, with ample equipment, reported to the stricken area at daybreak.

Dennis Tachick, manager of Eastern Illinois Power Cooperative, Paxton, also sent help to Corn Belt, and gladly. The Paxton based cooperative had a rough time in its home territory. It suffered 1,000 outages due to high winds, lightning and tree limbs blowing across lines. Tired crewmen worked all night and the next day restoring service.

MEANWHILE, Menard Electric crewmen struggled with quiet efficiency to make emergency repairs. But less than 24 hours after the storms struck it was apparent Menard men alone couldn't do it all, in time.

Manager Charles W. Witt of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., Carlinville, and Dean Searls of Adams Electrical Cooperative, Camp Point, promptly sent men and equipment.

Other cooperatives stood by. Typical reaction came from S. J. Miller, manager of Wayne-White Counties

Electric Cooperative, Fairfield. He said, "We'll always send help whenever needed. So will every other cooperative in the state."

THOMAS H. MOORE, general manager of AIEC, observed later, "All this willingness to help, and this dedication on the part of workers, is surely typical of the spirit that makes our electric cooperatives strong."

There, of course, is another factor involved in the speedy cleanup of storm damage. That is the skill with which men worked.

Elwin Delong, staking engineer at Menard Electric and a former safety instructor, watched three Menard men maneuver a massive, \$20,000 truck into position, then raise and set a pole that had been blown from the earth.

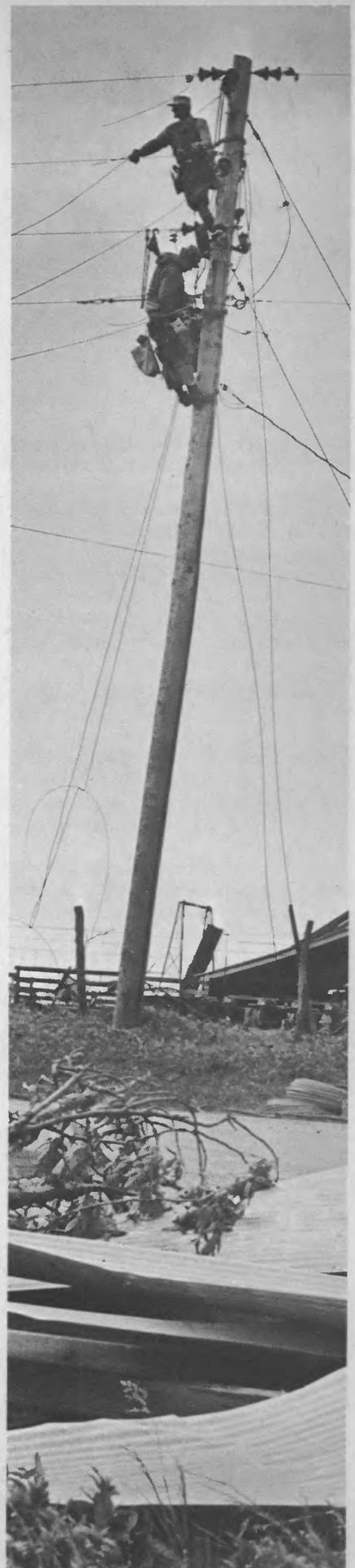
The operation took just ten minutes. The men moved swiftly on to the next location.

"Look at them," Mr. Delong said admiringly. "They don't seem to hurry. They're not rushing about aimlessly. They're making every movement count. And they're carrying out, almost instinctively, every safety rule they've learned. That takes years of experience. They're simply great."

Cooperative member-owners think so too.—J.F.T.

Shattered trees, wrecked lines, demolished buildings near stricken Wapella.

(Right) Tired men restore service to a battered area near Mason City.



# Little Towns Too Now Have Bright Lights

By Charles E. Albright

A small, energetic man listened carefully as the speaker explained how townships can extend their services. For James Harpster it wasn't just another meeting. For him an idea was born, and he soon would make it pay dividends.

"Those folks up at Loogootee have been paying taxes the same as everybody else, only they weren't getting as much for them," said the road commissioner of Fayette County's Lone Grove Township, recalling his thoughts at the township officials meeting.

"So, I thought I'd surprise them and give them a Christmas present," he chuckled. "We were a little late for Christmas, but they were surprised, and pleased too."

**THE SURPRISE CAME** through joint efforts of Mr. Harpster and Jack A. Compton, manager of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, after Mr. Harpster had learned that tax moneys could be used to install street lights in unincorporated areas.

So, on Jan. 19, 1967, the people of Loogootee again experienced the thrill of electric service, much as they had on June 5, 1940, when Southwestern first brought electricity to the tiny village.

One of the excited townspeople turned up the volume on his hearing aid, grunted a "Heh" to his questioner and then replied, "You know how dark it used to be. Well,



Even late at night, the mercury vapor lights conveniently keep Old Ripley's main street and house fronts bright enough for safe walking.

it's so bright now I don't even have to turn on a light when I get up at night to go to the bathroom."

**OTHERS WERE** equally impressed. Within a few weeks, a committee formed the "Loogootee Lighting Association," imposed the first tax ever levied by the village and paid the cost for more street lights.

"We liked the first lights so well that we wanted more of them, and now the whole town is lighted," explained a committee member.

Word soon spread. Chris Sachan, the road commissioner in neighboring Wilberton Township, learned how enthused the people of Loogootee were and he decided street lights would be a good thing for

Augsburg and St. Paul. The helping hand of electricity again was extended.

To the west lay the town of Old Ripley in Bond County, another area served by the cooperative. Here the town was incorporated and could supply its own tax money, letting Southwestern's linemen install street lights in another settlement.

**FRED C. ENGELKE**, the cooperative's president, got firsthand reaction to the new street lighting program.

"A fellow I didn't know came up to me at a funeral we both were attending, asked if I was the co-op's president and then said how glad he was to get the street lights," Mr. Engelke remembered.

**MANAGER COMPTON** explained that the cooperative's board of directors decided to encourage the use of street lights by cutting the normal rental price of \$3 a month for the 175-watt mercury vapor security light. The cooperative installs and maintains the lights for only \$30 a year. In addition, Southwestern supplies a "bonus" light for each light installed by a township or municipality.

"We hope to continue working with townships in our service area on similar arrangements and install lights at the intersection of rural roads," Mr. Compton said. "Safety could be greatly increased as it has been everywhere these automatic dusk-to-dawn lights are in use."

St. Paul's Immanuel Lutheran Church and School are lighted by the modern, dusk-to-dawn lights.



# Young People Awarded Tour

Fifty-two of Illinois' finest young people recently left Springfield on a one-week expense-paid visit to the nation's capital.

They represented electric cooperatives in most sections of Illinois and earned the trip by winning essay contests sponsored by participating cooperatives.

Typical of the young people are the two alert contestants from Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Mt. Vernon, pictured here. They're Mary Kay Witges of Scheller and Tony Draege of Mt. Vernon.

Essay contestants were described by Jerry L. Campbell, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives tour director, as "among the finest young people in the state."

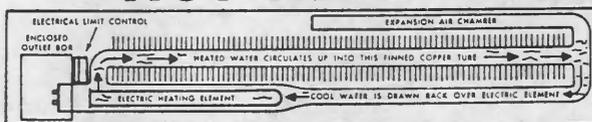
Andy Bird, Tri-County member service supervisor, said he agreed completely with this statement.



Typical of outstanding Illinois young people selected to participate in this June's Illinois Youth Tour to Washington are Mary K. Witges of Scheller and Tony Draege of Mt. Vernon. With them are Jerry L. Campbell, tour director, of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (left), and Andy Bird, member service supervisor of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Mt. Vernon. Tri-County sponsored the trip of the two young people. Mr. Bird drove them to Springfield, departure point of the tour.

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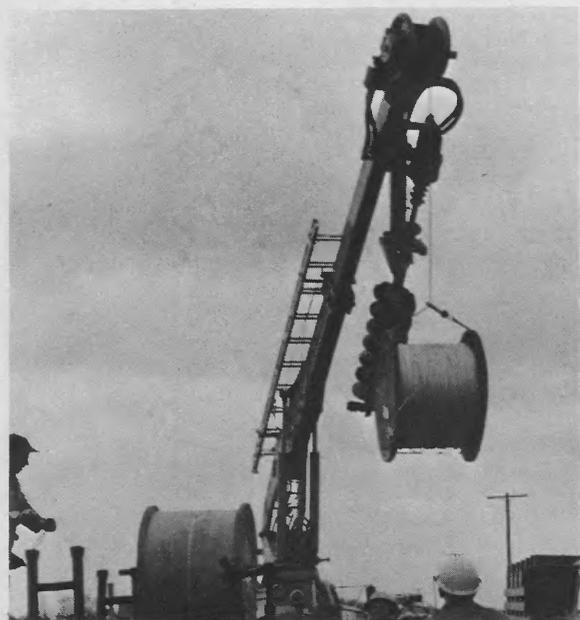
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Cooperative Crews Spring Into Action

# Tornadoes Rip Across Central Illinois



Crews rush repairs and restore service as electric cooperatives use a statewide emergency plan to send men and equipment into stricken areas.



ILLINOIS RURAL ELECTRIC NEWS



Twisted and torn roof metal lies against a pole where it was hurled by the tornado. Other storm wreckage tore out sections of line.



Looking like a battlefield, this area in Mason County shows the battering it took from the tornado which hit in the late afternoon of May 15.



Pigs root up a previously well tended lawn as they stray beyond broken fences. Some livestock were killed, others injured and still others missing.



The storm's fury is apparent from this broken board which penetrates an electric line pole.



Electric lines dangling from a pole frame the wreckage of a smashed farm home, one of many destroyed in the Wapella area in Dewitt County.



A storm victim looks at the wreckage of his home where he and his wife escaped serious injury by crouching behind a home freezer.



Those made homeless dig through the wreckage, hoping to recover some possessions. Volunteers joined in the work of repairing storm damage.

# What's New?

## Sieben Is Honored By Co-op

A young design engineer, representative of a new breed of cooperative members, this month takes over the duties of Ira L. Sieben on the Farmers Mutual Electric Company board of directors.

Mr. Sieben is the last incorporator on the Geneseo board. He retired recently after serving 32 years.

Of his successor he said: "He's a keen young man with much to offer the cooperative. I think we will learn from him—and he probably will learn from us. It was time for me to step down and I'm glad he's taking my place."

MR. GOODNEY isn't a farmer, as are all the other board members, Mr. Sieben said. "He's a graduate engineer working for the John Deere Industrial Works, Moline, and his knowledge and experience should blend well with the skills of the other directors."

The new director and his family live in a housing development near Geneseo, served by Farmers Mutual. The cooperative gradually is serving more and more non-farm members.

MR. SIEBEN recently was honored at a dinner meeting of directors and employees of the cooperative, and their wives.

He's a small alert and lively man whose quick wit and cheery outlook belie his 84 years, and he doesn't look like a pioneer—but he is.

He helped organize Farmers Mutual at a time when a nearby commercial utility refused to serve him without a payment of \$1,500 to \$2,000.

"I didn't have to pay the cooperative anything," he recalled with a chuckle.

HE PREDICTED a great future for Farmers Mutual. He said it has a splendid manager in Morris Deul, a fine board and a wonderful group of members who, in fact, own and control their own organization.

"We'll have plenty of problems in the future," he said, "but we'll solve them just as we have in the past, and the whole area will continue to be better off because of the contributions made possible by Farmers Mutual."

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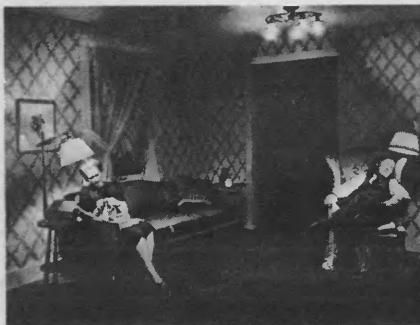
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## 'Don't Reuse Chemical Containers'

# Stop! Those Cans Can Kill You

Careful, those innocent looking "empty" cans pose a real threat, perhaps even to your life. And, remember, no one is immune.

Those words of caution come from a man who knows what he's talking about. O. L. Hogsett, a safety specialist with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, has carefully researched accidents to group their causes and attempt to prevent them from happening.

There's still plenty of chances for accidents though, he warns. A growing threat, particularly in rural areas, is the increased number of discarded containers that held chemicals. To keep pace with growing food needs, Illinois farmers are using a vast number of chemical products. For instance, today's farmers use nearly 500 basic chemicals in more than 54,000 registered pesticide products.

Compounding the problem is the fact that insects have become immune to some poisons, leading to the use of more hazardous chemicals

such as organic phosphorous compounds. "Really it's difficult to realize just how potent these chemicals are becoming," Mr. Hogsett observes.

**THE SAFETY SPECIALIST** lists these simple rules for safe handling of chemicals:

1. Read the label before each use.
2. Use the chemical only as directed.
3. Store the chemical in its original, labeled container in safe places, particularly out of reach of children.
4. Take proper precautions in disposing of all containers.

**MR. HOGSETT** calls particular attention to Rule No. 4. Warning that these containers are not fit for any type of reuse, he recalls incidents occurring because people assumed the containers were safe.

"One farmer built a float from barrels that held ag chemicals," Mr. Hogsett said. "When the barrels rusted through, and they will, the residue contaminated his pond, killing all his fish. It's a good thing

no one was swimming in the pond."

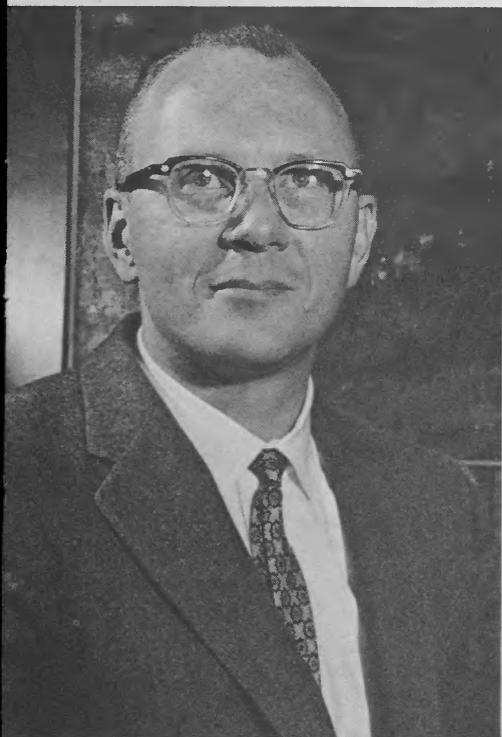
To combat these problems, the Illinois Rural Safety Council in cooperation with the National Agricultural Chemicals Association is working to inform the public of these dangers.

"**IN THE LAST THREE** years in Illinois alone we had 10 fatalities attributed to chemicals," Mr. Hogsett said. "And 33,000 people are treated annually in poison control centers around the state. Many people forget just what a poison is designed to do. If it'll kill bugs, it'll kill you."

Although containers may appear empty, most still hold traces of the chemical, he continued. Even if they are completely empty, residue remains. This residue can be removed, but only through exact procedures not recommended for home use.

"You can't wash it off either," Mr. Hogsett cautions. "This means you can't reuse these containers. Take them to a landfill and tell the operator just what the containers held so he can dispose of them properly."

"Don't set fire to them either. Toxic fumes can spread for miles. These fumes will kill plants. They can kill you too."



Thomas Goodney (above), new director of Farmers Mutual Electric Company. He succeeds Ira L. Sieben (right), receiving gift from Simon Vandersnick, board president, on behalf of the cooperative. With Mr. Sieben is his wife.





**LONG WALK**

Two camels were walking across the desert together and one said to the other, "I don't care what they say, I'm thirsty."

**SPACE VISITOR**

A man was sitting on the back steps one day when a space ship landed. A fantastic-looking creature came out. It had two heads with a single eye in the middle of each. It had only one arm growing out of the center of its chest and walked on flippers.

"Earthling," the thing said, "take me to your leader."

"Are you kidding?" the guy replied. "What you want is a plastic surgeon."

**CLIPPED WORDS**

Of things which curiosity stir—  
More than hot news or caper—  
Is the open space left by the hole  
Of a clipping from the paper.

**WOES OF A BOSS**

The owner of the restaurant was complaining to a waitress: "Each week you break more things than your wages amount to. What can we do about it?"

The waitress shrugged her shoulders and said, "I don't know, unless you raise my wages."

**DOCTORS**

The irate husband, going over the cancelled checks from the previous month, exploded to his wife: "You mean you gave the doctor \$5 and all he did was paint your throat?"

"What did you expect?" she replied. "Wallpaper?"

**FINIS**

The honeymoon's certainly over,  
And Cupid winds up on the shelf,  
When he quits helping her with the dishes  
And starts doing them himself!

**OH, FROGS!**

A New England manufacturer was in the market for bullfrog skins, and a Texan promptly wrote that he could supply any quantity up to

100,000. "Send them all," invited the manufacturer.

A few days later one forlorn frog-skin arrived with this attached to the box:

"Turned out this is all the frog-skins there was. The noise sure fooled me!"

**TV**

The television-addicted tot answered the front doorbell and, discovering a brush salesman on the steps, called out, "Hey, Mommy, it's a live commercial!"

**STORY TIME**

Mother: "Willie, sit down and tell your sister a story."

Willie: "I can't sit down; I just told Daddy a story."

**MAJOR HOLIDAYS**

"We celebrate only three major holidays here, suh," bragged the Texan. "The battle of the Alamo, Sam Houston's birthday, and January 20."

"What's January 20?" asked the visitor.

"That's the day the new Cadillacs come out, son."

**LATE FOR WORK**

The janitor reported ten minutes late for work and the manager asked: "What did they do in the army when you were ten minutes late in the morning?"

"Everytime I came in late," the janitor said, "they all stood up, saluted, and said, 'Good morning, Colonel!'"

**SLOW MOVING TRAFFIC**

As the couple whizzed down the high-speed expressway they passed by an elephant lumbering along on the shoulder of the road. "Heavens," exclaimed the woman, "what do you suppose that elephant is doing on this expressway?"

Glancing at the fast-disappearing image of the huge animal in the rear-view mirror, her husband replied, "Well, now, I reckon he's doing just under four miles an hour!"

**FISH STORY**

A fisherman was taken to court and fined \$10 for catching 15 more black bass than the law allowed.

"Do you have anything to say?" asked the judge.

"Yes, your Honor," smiled the fisherman, "I'd like six copies of the court record to show to my friends."

**WHITE LIE**

Returning home very late one night, a man alibied that he had been out with his business manager.

"That's nice," said his wife. "He's waiting for you in the living room."

"Well," snorted the man, "who you gonna believe—me or your eyes?"

**QUOTABLE QUIPS**

Dog pound: Used cur lot.

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Old-fashioned is what you will be—if you live long enough.

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The owners of airport hotels can truthfully say that roomers are flying.

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Sign on the office door of a Cape Kennedy space executive: "Out to Launch."

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Be careful what you say around the grade school set. They're always on the lookout for some good bad words to repeat.

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The modern husband believes that a woman's place is in the home . . . and he expects her to go there immediately after work.

**FILM SPECIAL!**

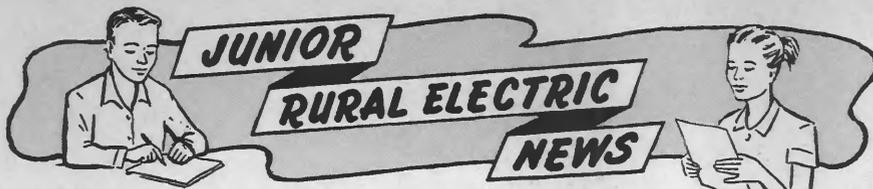
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# PEN PALS

Here are some boys and girls anxious to become pen pals.

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**KEITH JOHNSON**, 202 S. Poplar St., Onarga, Ill., 60955. 10 yrs. old and in the 5th grade. Hobbies—models and animals. Will answer letters from kids ages 10-12. Send picture if possible.

**ROY W. BRAND**, r.r.1, Box 70, Fufts, Ill., 62244. 13 yrs. old and in the 7th grade. 5' tall. Likes hunting and swimming and is interested in auto mechanics. Would like to hear from boys and girls 12-13 yrs. old.

**DIANA BRAND**, r.r.1, Box 70, Fufts, Ill., 62244. 15 yrs. old. Brown hair, hazel eyes and is 5'1" tall. Birthday—Mar. 9. Hobbies—collecting gum wrappers. Would like to hear from kids of all ages. Send picture if possible.

**GLENDA WRIGHT**, r.r.1, Grantsburg, Ill., 62943. 12 yrs. old. Has red hair, green eyes and is 5' tall. Will answer all letters. Would like to hear from boys and girls 14 and up.

**STEVE CHAPMAN**, r.r.5, Carmi, Ill., 62821. 13 yrs. old and in the 8th grade. Has brown hair and eyes. Hobbies—baseball, basketball and football. Likes to ride Honda's. Would like to hear from boys and girls 12-14. Will answer all letters. Send picture if possible.

**BARBARA GRZEGOREK**, r.r.2, Box 187, Nashville, Ill., 62263. 11½ yrs. old, blond hair, blue eyes and is 5'1" tall. Hobbies—teaching animals tricks, horseback riding, hiking and bicycling. Loves all animals especially horses and dogs. Would like to hear from boys and girls of all ages. Send picture if possible.



Will answer all letters.

**MARILYN KUHL**, r.r.1, Bogota, Ill., 62416. 12½ yrs. old and in the 7th grade. Birthday—Oct. 12. Long brown hair, brown eyes and is 5'3" tall. Hobbies—horseback riding, bicycle riding and likes to dance. Would like to hear from boys and girls 13-15.

**JUDY SEXTON**, r.r.1, Grantsburg, Ill., 62943. 13 yrs. old. Has long brown hair, blue eyes and is 5'2½" tall. Hobbies—dancing and listening to records. Would like to hear from boys and girls 14-17. Send picture if possible.

**CINDY PACE**, r.r.1, 135 Avalon, East Alton, Ill., 62024. 10 yrs. old and in the 5th grade. Blond hair, green eyes and is 4'8½" tall. Hobbies—reading, girl scouting, sewing and horseback riding. Would like to hear from boys and girls 9 on up. Will answer all letters.

**ANITA PACE**, r.r.1, 135 Avalon, East Alton, Ill., 62024. 11 yrs. old and in the 6th grade. Has blond hair, green eyes and is 4'10" tall. Hobbies—swimming, dancing, acrobatic tricks and watching TV. Would like to hear from boys and girls 10 and up.

**DEBBIE PACE**, r.r.1, 135 Avalon, East Alton, Ill., 62024. 9 yrs. old and in the 4th grade. Has blue eyes. Hobbies—reading, horseback riding and cooking. Would like to hear from boys and girls any age. Will answer all letters.

**MARCIA COPLAN**, r.r.4, Macomb, Ill., 61455. Blond hair and green eyes. Hobbies—swimming and baking. Would like to hear from girls 9-12.

**CHARLOTTE POWELL**, Box 123, Industry, Ill., 61450. Black hair and blue eyes. Would like to hear from girls of all ages.

**NANCY JARBOE**, r.r.2, Monticello, Ill., 61856. 13 yrs. old and in the 8th grade. Light brown hair and blue eyes. Is 5'3½" tall. Hobbies—reading books, listening to radio and records and watching TV. Would like to hear from teenage boys and girls. Will answer all letters.

**LINDA JARBOE**, r.r.2, Monticello, Ill., 61856. 14 yrs. old. Birthday—June 19. Dark brown hair and blue eyes. Is 5'3¾" tall. Hobbies—listening to records and radio, painting and dancing. Would like to hear from boys and girls 14 and up. Send picture if possible.

**WANDA HORSFORD**, 28 Hamilton Terrace, New York, N.Y., 10031. 13 yrs. old and in the 7th grade. Hobbies—knitting and dancing. Would like to hear from boys and girls 13-16.

**LINDA WRIGHT**, r.r.1, Loda, Ill., 60948. 13 yrs. old and in the 8th grade. Brown hair and blue eyes. Birthday—

April 16. Would like to hear from boys and girls 12-16. Will try to answer all letters. Send picture if possible.

**CONNIE PRICE**, r.r.1, Loda, Ill., 60948. 12 yrs. old and in the 7th grade. Brown hair and blue-grey eyes. Birthday—April 12. Hobbies—horseback riding, cooking, sewing, baseball and football. Would like to hear from people of all ages. Will try to answer all letters. Send picture if possible.

**RUBY CLENDENNY**, r.r.1, Kampsville, Ill., 62053. 15 yrs. old. Brown hair, blue eyes and 5'5½" tall. Lives on a farm and loves almost all animals. Hobbies—dancing, playing records, gymnastics, basketball, volleyball, bowling and almost any other sport. Will answer all letters from people of all ages.

**DARLA RUTHERFORD**, Shawneetown, Ill., 62984. 12 yrs. old and in the 7th grade. Birthday—June 11. Black hair, brown eyes and 5'1" tall. Hobbies—swimming, keeping scrapbooks and boating. Would like to hear from boys and girls 12-14. Will answer all letters.

**SHIRLEY KINGERY**, r.r.2, Neoga, Ill., 62447. 9 yrs. old and in the 3rd grade. Birthday—July 11. Enjoys drawing and singing. Would like to write to a girl 8 to 9 yrs. old. Send picture if possible.

**BARBARA WILLIAMS**, r.r.3, Flora, Ill., 62839. 13 yrs. old and in the 8th grade. Brown hair and eyes. Birthday—Aug. 23. Hobbies—horseback riding, reading mysteries, listening to records and radio and dancing. Will answer letters from boys and girls 13-14.

**JANE BUHRMASTER**, r.r.2, Paxton, Ill., 60957. 10 yrs. old and in the 5th grade at Clara Peterson Grade School. Brown hair and eyes. Birthday—April 17. Hobbies—swimming, cooking, fishing and 4-H. Would like to hear from boys and girls of all ages. Send picture if possible. Will answer all letters.

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# Dairy dinners



Chicken on Sunday with oven green beans, tossed salad and a lattice-topped fruit pie or Frozen Orange Tarts

## COUNTRY GRAVY CHICKEN

1 cup flour	1/4 teaspoon garlic powder
5 teaspoons salt	1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 teaspoon pepper	2 tablespoons chopped parsley
3 large chicken breasts, halved	1/2 teaspoon rosemary
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter	1/4 cup chopped green onions
1 tablespoon flour	1/2 cup diced celery
1 cup milk	1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms, drained
1/2 clove garlic, diced, or	

Mix flour, salt and pepper in a paper bag. Shake chicken pieces, one at a time, in bag to coat thoroughly. Brown chicken in melted butter in large skillet. Arrange chicken pieces in 2-quart shallow casserole. Blend in 1 tablespoon flour with the fat remaining in the skillet to form a smooth paste. Remove from heat. Add milk, garlic and salt; stir until blended. Return to heat and cook, stirring constantly, until mixture reaches simmering point. Set aside. Sprinkle the parsley, rosemary, onion, celery and mushrooms evenly over the chicken in the casserole. Top with prepared gravy and bake at 350 degrees 45 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

## OVEN GREEN BEANS

2 pkgs. (9-oz. each) frozen green beans	2 tablespoons butter
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Combine green beans and butter in 1 1/2-quart covered casserole. Cover and bake at 350 degrees 45 minutes.

## VEAL CUTLETS IN MUSHROOM GRAVY

1/4 cup flour	1/8 teaspoon pepper
1 teaspoon salt	
6 veal cutlets, 1/2-inch thick	1 can (4 oz.) sliced mushrooms
1/4 cup (1/2 stick) butter	1 cup milk
1/4 cup chopped onion	Minced parsley

Combine flour, salt and pepper; coat meat with mixture. Reserve remaining flour mixture. In large covered skillet melt butter; brown meat about 10 minutes on each side. Add onion and mushrooms with liquid; cover and simmer 20 minutes or until veal is tender. Remove meat to warm platter and keep warm. Stir 1 tablespoon flour mixture into drippings in pan. Remove from heat; gradually stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Cook 2 additional minutes; pour over meat. Garnish with parsley. Makes 6 servings.

## FROZEN ORANGE TARTS

<b>CRUST:</b>	orange juice, thawed
2 cups vanilla wafer crumbs	1/2 cup sugar
1/2 cup finely chopped nuts	1 egg white
2/3 cup melted butter	Yellow and red food coloring
<b>FILLING:</b>	1 cup dairy sour cream
1/4 cup frozen concentrated	

Place 12 paper baking cups in muffin pan. Combine crumbs, nuts, and butter; press mixture evenly inside baking cups. Bake 8-10 minutes at 350 degrees, cool. Filling: In a mixing bowl combine juice, sugar and egg white. Beat at high speed until soft peaks form (about 10 minutes). Add food coloring. Gently fold in sour cream. Spoon into tart crusts; freeze. To serve: Remove baking cups. Variations: Lemon or Lime Tarts: Substitute (for orange juice and coloring in recipe) 1/4 cup frozen concentrated lemonade and yellow coloring, or 1/4 cup frozen concentrated limeade and green coloring.

## ROAST LEG OF LAMB

1 onion, sliced	1/4-1/2 teaspoon leaf rosemary
1 carrot, diced	1 leg of lamb, about 6 pounds

Combine onion, carrot and rosemary in bottom of shallow roasting pan. Place lamb on rack in roasting pan; sprinkle with salt and pepper. Bake at 325 degrees 30-35 minutes per pound or until meat thermometer registers an internal temperature of 170 degrees-180 degrees depending upon desired degree of doneness. Remove lamb to heated platter and keep warm while making gravy being certain to include drippings and vegetables (which have been mashed and strained) in bottom of pan.

## CHEESE-BAKED CAULIFLOWER STUFFED-TOMATOES

1 small cauliflower	6-8 medium tomatoes
<b>Cheese-Onion Sauce</b>	
1 tablespoon butter	1 cup milk
1 tablespoon finely chopped green onion	1 1/2 cups (6 oz.) shredded Cheddar cheese
2 tablespoons flour	1-2 tablespoons browned bread crumbs
1/4 teaspoon salt	

Cook cauliflower in boiling salted water until just tender; drain. Separate flowerets and set aside. Cut out centers of tomatoes (save for soups, stews, etc.) and turn upside-down to drain. Meanwhile, prepare Sauce. In a saucepan melt butter; saute onion until tender. Stir in flour and salt. Remove from heat; gradually stir in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Cook 2 additional minutes. Remove from heat, stir in Cheddar cheese until melted. If necessary return to low heat to finish melting cheese. (Do not boil.) Cool slightly. When ready to serve, place tomatoes in baking pan and heat in 400 degree oven 3-4 minutes (drain, if necessary). Fill each with 2 tablespoons Cheese-Onion Sauce and 2-3 flowerets. Top with remaining Sauce and sprinkle with bread crumbs. Return to oven 3-5 minutes, just long enough to heat through.

## DILLED NEW POTATOES

2 pounds new potatoes	1/2 teaspoon sugar
1/3 cup butter	2 tablespoons snipped fresh dill, or
1/2 teaspoon salt	1 teaspoon dried dill weed

Scrub potatoes and partially pare around centers. Place in skillet in gently boiling salted water. Cover and cook about 15 minutes, or until just tender. Drain off water, add butter and heat, shaking pan frequently, until butter is melted and potatoes are lightly browned. Sprinkle on salt, sugar and dill, shaking pan so as to "roll" potatoes in the dill. Makes 6-8 servings.

## PINEAPPLE BUTTERMILK SHERBET WITH RHUBARB GINGER SAUCE

1 quart buttermilk	thawed
2 cans (6-oz. each) frozen pineapple juice concentrate,	1 3/4 cups sugar
	1 teaspoon grated lemon rind

Rhubarb Ginger Sauce:

1 quart diced rhubarb	1/2 teaspoon ginger
1 cup sugar	

Combine buttermilk and pineapple concentrate; blend in sugar and lemon rind. Turn into 2 refrigerator trays and freeze until almost firm; then, remove from trays and beat until fluffy. Return to trays and freeze until firm. Place rhubarb and sugar in saucepan, cover and cook very slowly until tender, about 25 minutes. Stir in ginger. Chill before serving over sherbet. Makes 12 servings.

## MARBLED BROWNIES

Chocolate layer:

3/4 cup butter	1 1/2 cups sifted cake flour
3 squares (3 oz.) unsweetened chocolate	1/2 teaspoon baking powder
3 eggs	1/2 teaspoon salt
1 1/2 cups sugar	1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla

Melt together butter and chocolate over hot water; cool slightly. In a large mixing bowl beat eggs; add sugar gradually. Beat until thick and light colored. Add chocolate mixture; beat at high speed 1 minute. Sift flour, baking powder and salt together; add with vanilla to chocolate mixture.

Cheese layer:

1/4 cup sugar	1 egg, beaten
2 tablespoons butter	1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 tablespoon cornstarch	1/4 teaspoon salt
1 cup cottage cheese, sieved	



Leg of lamb, cauliflower-stuffed tomatoes, dilled new potatoes and pineapple butter sherbet



Veal Cutlets in Mushroom Gravy over noodles, squash-tomatoes, rolls and raspberry cake



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Cream sugar and butter; blend in cornstarch. Add cottage cheese, egg, vanilla and salt; mix well. Spread half the Chocolate Layer in bottom of buttered loaf pan, 13 x 9 x 2-inch. Pour Cheese Layer on top. Spread remaining Chocolate Layer over all. Press back of spoon into batter several times to form marbled effect. Bake at 350 degrees 40-45 minutes; cool. Cut into bars or squares. Makes 24 brownies.

#### RASPBERRY FILLED CAKE

1/2 cup (1 stick) butter	1 package (10 oz.) frozen raspberries, thawed
1 cup sugar	1/2 cup raspberry syrup
2 eggs	2 tablespoons sugar
1 teaspoon vanilla	1 1/2 tablespoons cornstarch
2 cups sifted cake flour	1 tablespoon lemon juice
1 tablespoon baking powder	1 1/2 cups dairy sour cream
1/2 teaspoon salt	
2/3 cup milk	

Butter and flour two 9" cake pans. Cream butter. Gradually add sugar; beat until fluffy. Beat in eggs, one at a time. Add vanilla. Sift together dry ingredients; add to creamed mixture alternately with milk, beginning and ending with dry ingredients. Spread in pans. Bake 25-30 minutes at 350 degrees. After 5 minutes turn out onto racks to cool. Drain raspberries; save 1/2 cup syrup. In a small pan combine sugar and cornstarch; gradually add syrup. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened; cook 2 more minutes. Add lemon juice. Chill. Fold syrup and raspberries into sour cream. Spread half the filling between cake layers and the rest on top. Refrigerate until served.

#### THREE-WAY BUTTERSCOTCH PIE

1 baked pie shell, 9-inch	3 egg yolks
3/4 cup firmly packed light brown sugar	3 tablespoons butter
1/3 cup flour	1 teaspoon vanilla
1/2 teaspoon salt	3 egg whites
2 cups milk	6 tablespoons sugar

In 2-quart saucepan combine brown sugar, flour and salt; mix well. Blend in milk. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thick and smooth. Beat egg yolks until thick and lemon colored. Add a small amount of the hot mixture to egg yolks. Return to mixture in saucepan. Cook, stirring constantly, 3 minutes. Remove from heat; add butter and vanilla. Cool slightly. Pour into baked pie shell. To make meringue, beat egg whites until they begin to stiffen. Add sugar, a tablespoon at a time, and continue to beat until stiff peaks form. Spread over warm filling being sure meringue touches crust all around. Bake in 350 degree oven 15 minutes or until meringue is lightly browned. Cool, then chill before serving. Serves 6-8.

**CHOCOLATE BUTTERSCOTCH PIE:** Grate 2 squares (2 oz.) semi-sweet chocolate. Sprinkle over warm filling. Spread meringue carefully over chocolate and bake as above.

**PECAN BUTTERSCOTCH PIE:** Add 1/4 cup chopped pecans to pie crust dough before rolling out. Bake as usual.

**ORANGE BUTTERSCOTCH PIE:** Sprinkle 3 tablespoons grated orange rind over warm filling and carefully spread meringue over orange rind. Bake as above.



Next time you bake brownies, give them new flavor and appeal by swirling plain dough with chocolate. Serve milk. June is Dairy Month



# color



■ That ugly lampshade! Those drab slipcovers! Every home has a few of these dull spots, and depressing they are. You could replace, or even recover. If you're not planning such a wholesale re-decoration project, try the ingenious possibilities of accent decorating, instead.

A room with a brown couch, beige rug and white drapes is "nice", but dull. Now add a tossing of pillows in tangerine, golden yellow and chestnut brown. Zing . . . there's new life in the room! You might even change the drapes to a golden hue; paint the flowerpots rich chestnut; tint the burlap lampshade a rich tangerine. What have you done to the room? Very little . . . purchase-wise, but there's pure magic in the effect. This bit of magic is what accent decorating is all about. All it takes is three basic ingredients: a little thought, a little boldness, and several little packages of dye.

You'll be amazed at how many items in your home that "died" will live again . . . dyed! Here are some "starter" suggestions that are quick and easy.

Cast your eyes 'round the house. If you spy anything made out of straw, know that it is eminently dye-able. Oversized basket for the children's toys might be your first project. Have a family conference to let them select their favorite colors. Then . . . into the dye. The baskets will dry beautifully bright in the personal color choice of each child.

Reintroduce the same colors in other corners of their rooms. Do "jewelry" baskets for their bureaus, bulletin boards for their walls, a clothesline and clothespins for hanging up their "paintings".

Wood takes to dye like the proverbial duck to water. To put a new face on an old dresser, sand off its finish and then apply a concentrated Rit solution to the unfinished wood. Smooth it on with a

sponge or brush. When it's dry, simply wax or shellac it for a permanent finish. Dye letter boxes, book shelves, wooden picture frames, headboards, chairs and tables. For a fashion-conscious teenager's room, use one of the "kicky" colors of the moment such as fuchsia, yellow or royal blue. You might even scramble the colors in a Mondrian-style dresser with one color for one drawer, another for the next. Repeat the drawer shades in throw pillows, a wastebasket, bulletin board, curtains or bedspread.

Dyeing is a very simple process. Larger items can be done in the washing machine, smaller ones in a sink or basin. Brushes and sponges are handy for large non-fabric accessories. Once you start your dyeing spree, you'll find spots all through the house where you'll want to add the magic of accent decorating. Dip dried grasses in bright colors and put them in a decorator jar for the mantle. Dye seashells and paste them around the border of an old mirror to add a unique touch in the bathroom. Give faded place mats and napkins a new wash of color to spark the dining room.

Remember, though, that color speaks an emotional language. Choose your colors accordingly. Work and play areas should be bright and cheerful. Highlight them with sharp yellows, bright greens and splashes of brilliant reds. Select soft, subdued color schemes for sleeping areas and use restful blues and greens for rooms that will be used for study purposes.

Use these suggestions as a starting point . . . you're sure to have plenty of ideas of your own. Become a master in the art of accent decorating and you'll be delighted to find that the new bright colors in your home will "color" your entire outlook.



**DYED IN THE WOOD:** Accentuate lovely wood grains by applying warm concentrated dye solution to the unfinished wood with brush or sponge. After the wood dries, wax or shellac the piece. **COLOR IT CHEERFUL:** If the children's room is looking dogeared, perk it up with color. Dye foam pillow covers to match bulletin board. Use felt in contrasting shade to line or back shelves. **A-TISKET, A-TASKET,** a green or yellow basket. A wonderful idea for putting toys away is giving each child his own basket dyed a favorite color. Wicker and natural straw "take" to dye quickly.

■ From snails to turtle soup, milk to macaroni — just about anything is liable to end up in a can these days. In fact, the average household opens anywhere from 900 to 1,500 of these metal cocoons every year. And, to “cut corners” conveniently, many women have been outfitting their kitchens with electric can openers.

In most models, the cutter completely severs the top which is lifted out of the way by a magnet, while the can itself is held in place until removed. Manually controlled electric can openers require the lever or button to be pressed only long enough to puncture the can and start the cycle; the motor shuts itself off when the can is opened. The majority have front openers, although some models feature an opener where the cutting mechanism is positioned on the side of the case.

Every electric opener has either a cutting wheel that revolves freely or a stationary cutter — wheel or blade—that pierces the can, then removes the lid as the can is turned against it. Fixed cutters can maneuver the corners of square or rectangular cans more successfully; those on new models open all sizes and shapes of cans.

Any type of cutting device must be kept clean because it is sure to become encrusted with food. This clogs its action, is highly unsanitary, and can transfer flavor from one food to the next. When dull blades are forced through a can, metal particles may fall into its content, so both cutting wheels and stationary blades should be kept sharp; also, a clean cutter remains sharp longer. It should be wiped with a sudsy cloth after use, then removed and scrubbed in hot soap or detergent suds at frequent intervals.

Electric can openers should never be immersed in water because of motor damage and personal safety, so the cutting assembly must come out for thorough washing. Some types are difficult to remove, a factor to consider when buying an opener. Models with exposed rather than enclosed units are usually easiest to handle. First unplug the appliance, then follow the manufacturer's directions for removing the gears.

The importance of scrupulous cleanliness is emphasized in use-care and warranty manuals; most of these include detailed, diagrammed procedures for removing and replacing

the parts. This is often just a matter of loosening and then tightening a pair of screws. The magnet can usually be removed by lifting it upward and outward. The cutter wheel or blade and the magnet should be washed in hot suds, rinsed and thoroughly dried before being replaced. The point at which the cutting wheel or blade is attached needs to be lubricated occasionally.

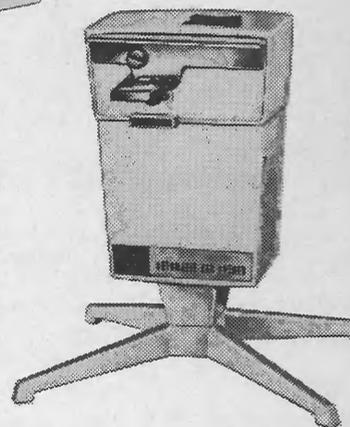
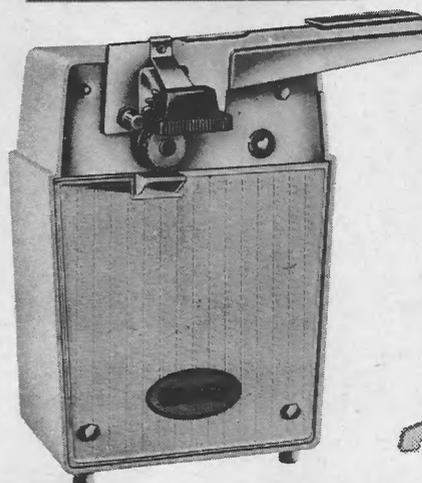
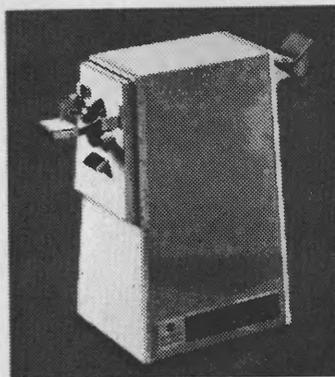
Many can openers include one or more added accessories—such as bottle opener, knife sharpener, knife-and-scissors sharpener, ice crusher, and even a pencil sharpener. It is important to wash and wipe knives before sharpening, because greasy or wet surfaces coat the grinding wheel and impede its efficiency.

Many electric opener magnets will

not hold aluminum lids; such tops must be “hinged” by stopping the cutting action before the lid is completely cut. Rimless cans, like those which contain evaporated milk, cannot be opened electrically so it is wise to hold on to an “old faithful” manual can opener. This type also needs to be kept clean by washing in hot suds, preferably after each use.

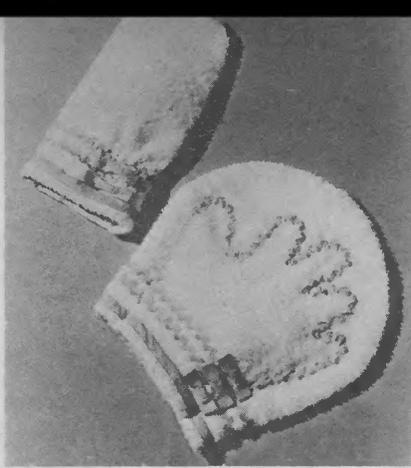
Current electric openers—which come in pastels, brushed chromes, woodtones, and even avocado—are designed with a “clean look” and deserve to be kept that way. Whatever the cabinet, it should be wiped off frequently with a clean cloth wrung out of hot suds; abrasive cleaners are not recommended. The cord should be disconnected, pulled taut through a folded damp cloth, then wiped dry after reuse.

## Clean cutters “cut corners”



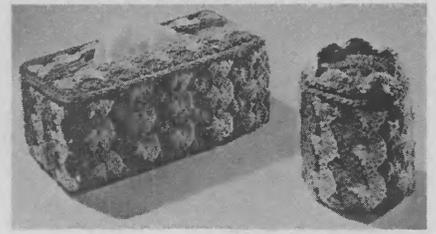


1. Crochet a wardrobe of accessories for your bathroom. Add covers for toilet seat, waste-basket and bench, plus floormat. Add edging to organdy curtains and terry cloth towels



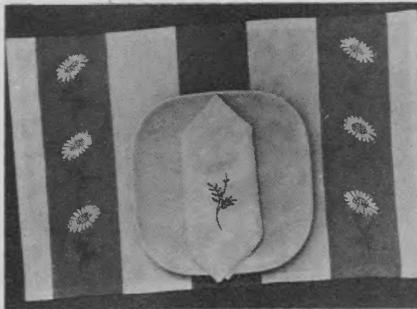
2. Gives yourself the terry cloth mitt treatment, one for washing and one for powdering. Good way to use worn towels; trimmed with colorful rick rack and bias tape.

## Brighten bathroom

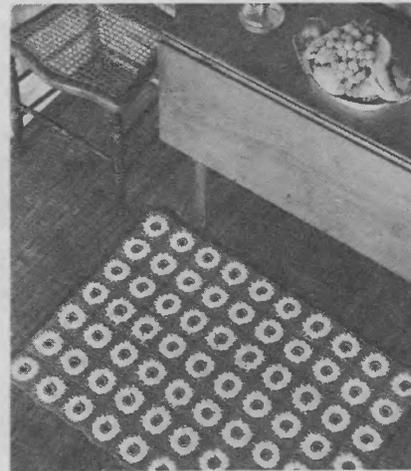


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