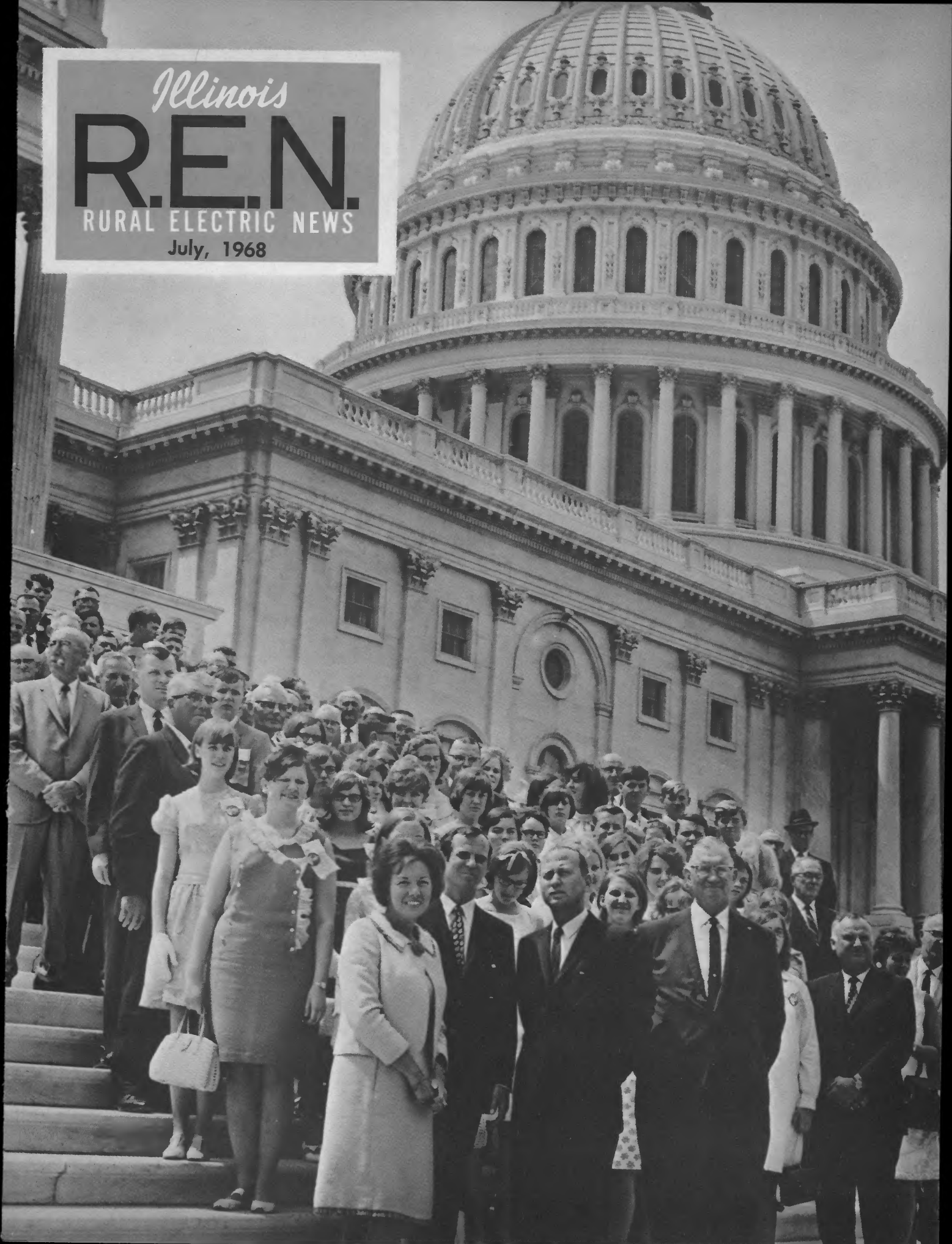


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National News Notes

Advance pay total reaches \$25 million

■ Rural electric borrowers in the last fiscal year made advance payments of more than \$25 million on their loans from the Rural Electrification Administration.

In addition, REA borrowers paid back to the U.S. Treasury approximately \$200 million in regularly scheduled principal and interest payments.

Payments by REA electric borrowers help to provide part of the funds used by the Treasury in making cash outlays under previously approved loans. For example, during this fiscal year REA estimates an outlay of \$390 million by the Treasury under the rural electric program. The \$243 million in payments back to the Treasury means that the net outlay will be only \$147 million.

Since the start of the REA program in 1935, some \$5.7 billion in loan funds has been invested in electrifying rural America. Borrowers have now paid back more than \$2.9 billion in principal and interest, including more than \$330 million in advance of due dates.

Sen. Kennedy had supported rural growth

■ "We must not wait until rural America has disappeared. A principal task of national leadership, and of the next Administration, must be to bring the needs of rural areas to the attention of the nation—and then to engage in the forceful action required to restore these areas to their rightful place of prosperity and productivity. We are not helpless, we are not trapped and hopeless. We can act, and we must act . . ."

Those words were spoken on May 22 by the late Sen. Robert F. Kennedy as he was campaigning for the presidency. During his campaign this spring, Sen. Kennedy made a number of major speeches on rural problems. In fact, only minutes before he was fatally shot in Los Angeles, he had again spoken of the need to develop rural areas.

Sen. Kennedy had been particularly vocal on electric power issues and had fought to assure electric cooperatives, municipal systems and other public bodies the fullest access to the development of power resources.

Borrowers of REA create 34,000 jobs

■ An estimated 34,000 jobs were created last year by Rural Electrification Administration borrowers which helped set up 616 projects to develop new industry, commodity facilities and tourist attractions.

That information is included in the annual report released recently by Secretary of Agriculture Orville L. Freeman. In his report, he said "American agriculture is far better equipped to play its full role in the national economy than it was seven years ago."

Net farm income in 1967 amounted to \$14.5 billion, not as high as the \$16.4 billion of 1966, but still the second highest total since 1951.

The Secretary reported that net income per farm in 1967 was \$4,576, "about \$1,600 more than in 1960, but well below the all-time high of \$5,049 in 1966."

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Politicians: Your Friends

You know, just between ourselves, this writer believes it's high time we began recognizing the good qualities of politicians. We're experts at pointing out their faults. And some politicians have an amazing number.

But most are extremely conscientious individuals, trying hard to do a splendid job—and succeeding more often than they fail.

It hurts to hear a good politician introduced in a condescending manner as if he were just out to con us out of our votes. By and large it's the good politicians who stay in business. It's the ones who render full service to the public, often with too little thanks.

SOME READERS may find this hard to believe, but a veteran Springfield newsman who has for years reported effectively the doings of our state legislature, once observed:

"Sure, I've been talking with and closely observing politicians for 20 years. I know them. Their good points and their bad. And of this I am certain: Most want to be good legislators. Most want to vote for good laws—when they can find out which are good and which are bad, and that's not always easy.

"And most legislators are as honest as most other people, like doctors and attorneys and businessmen and, yes, ministers. I'm one who believes that most people are pretty honest—and that includes most politicians."

This reporter wasn't talking for publication or for effect. He was saying just what he believes after years of the closest possible study of politicians at work. It's something to think about.

IT WAS SOMETHING to think about as this writer watched the Illinois Congressional delegation meeting recently in Washington with essay contest winners and cooperative leaders from throughout Illinois.

Some of those Congressmen have earned the respect and friendship of electric cooperative members because they're good politicians—in the finest sense of the word—and because they've intelligently supported the cooperative program, and other important causes.

Some haven't supported us at all, or at least most infrequently. And some, who haven't exactly been our best friends in the past, show signs of greater cooperation.

That's fine. We should keep in mind that intelligent people do indeed change. They gather additional information as time passes. And the better informed any politician becomes the more apt he, or she, is to recognize the merit of the electric cooperative program in Illinois and in the nation.

Politician? Some of the nation's finest citizens are politicians. It's a term that can well be used with respect. We can become incensed with the antics of the thoughtless, the showmen, the shallow—and the corrupt—just as we become incensed with such individuals in other walks of life.

But this writer likes and respects most politicians. They're our friends. They need us—but we need them, also. Heaven help us if we should fall into the trap of distrusting all—or even most—of them.

OUR COVER—Part of Illinois' recent delegation to Washington. Front row includes Representative Charlotte T. Reid of Aurora; Thomas H. Moore, general manager, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives; Congressman George E. Shipley of Olney, and Willard Bannon, Grayville, a director of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Fairfield.



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Co-ops Tell Their

By John F. Temple

Illinois Electric Cooperative representatives and friends recently told the story of their service-oriented organizations to some of their friends in Washington—the Illinois Congressional delegation.

It was hard to be sure who enjoyed it most.

Congressmen interrupted extremely busy schedules to visit with vivacious members of the Illinois essay contest youth tour, and with cooperative leaders.

AT HIS bustling office, Senator Charles H. Percy, frequently mentioned as a vice presidential possibility, looked over youth tour visitors, sought in vain for additional room, then said smilingly, "Why don't you just sit on the floor, and we'll talk."

That's what they did, while more distinguished visitors waited. More distinguished? Yes, today. But wait. Those young adults are growing up. And they're smart, sharp, vigorous, ambitious, and who knows into what greatness they may develop.

AS USUAL, the essay contest winners seemed to be enchanted with apparently easy going Congressman George Shipley who was host at the annual Congressional luncheon.

"I don't know why," one contest winner observed. "He's young, of course, but it's not just that. He has a wonderful, quiet sense of humor, but I think the main thing is that he's so serious about this business of being a legislator, and he takes us serious too. He took time to talk with us and answer our questions and even to find out some of the things we're thinking."

Other Congressmen also impressed the young people—Paul Findley, Charlotte Reid, John Anderson, Kenneth Gray, Leslie Arends, Robert Michel, Tom Railsback, William Springer and Melvin Price to name a few.

RAYMOND W. RUSTEBERG, president of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, welcomed Congressmen and their aides to the annual luncheon. He wasn't trying to "sell" them something. He said he, other cooperative leaders from all over Illinois—and the young people—wanted to become better acquainted with them.

The feeling seemed mutual.

Thomas H. Moore, AIEC general manager, talked briefly about the cooperatives, their aims, their services to all of Illinois, and their goals of further, even greater service.

"THE ELECTRIC cooperatives of Illinois are not-for-profit consumer-owned businesses," he said quietly. "They have about 1,100 employees. They provide their members with adequate electric service at a reasonable cost. They have made a significant contribution to the welfare of the people in the areas in which they serve and to all of the people of Illinois.



Congressman Tom Railsback with youth tour members Janette Strout, LaSalle, (left) and Linda Wahlheim, Galva, and M. M. Jontz, manager, Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, Princeton.



Congressman Paul Findley with (from left) Vickie Hinck, Middletown; S. R. Faris, manager, Illinois Rural Electric Co., Winchester; Ellen Hills, Roodhouse; Mary Jane Baker, New Salem, and Cheryl Tibbs, New Holland.

Story in Capital

"One of the primary reasons for the success of the electric cooperatives is that the Congress has made appropriations to the Rural Electrification Administration so that it can provide loans to electric cooperatives for capital improvements at a favorable rate of interest.

"In consideration of the favorable rate, the cooperatives have been obligated to, and have, provided electric service to every person in their service area who desires it."

MR. MOORE thanked the Illinois Congressional delegation for its support of the electric cooperative program. He mentioned, in addition to downstate legislators, the support of Chicago area Congressmen who have no electric cooperative territory in their districts. Yet these Congressmen, Mr. Moore said, have a distinguished record of cooperative support—obviously because they believe, as do cooperative members themselves, that the cooperatives are indeed "good for all Illinois."

Mr. Moore pointed out that Illinois electric cooperatives hope, as soon as possible, to "reach the place where they will not have to depend on, or obtain, loans from the Rural Electrification Administration.

The cooperatives are working intensively on steps that will, with Congressional approval, enable them to obtain outside financing.

"Until such a plan is developed and implemented," the cooperative spokesman said, "we have no choice but to depend on loans from REA.

"Therefore, in the interim, we respectfully urge that the Congress make available sufficient loan funds so that the electric cooperatives in Illinois can heavy up existing facilities and construct new facilities essential to the adequate serving of their membership."

THERE WAS another luncheon speaker: tall, serious, Russell Toal, 16, gifted contest winner from Monroe County Electric Co-operative at Waterloo.

Reading from his winning essay he told the Congressmen in part:

"Rural electrification is one of the most important forces ever introduced in the United States, and it has been an asset not only to rural America, but also to the entire nation.

"Naturally, whatever improves the rural American is a great benefit to the entire nation, for the farmland is truly the heartland of the United States.

"Rural electric systems have increased farm production and efficiency, established new businesses, thereby creating more jobs. They have brought convenience and totally modern methods to rural America."

The youthful speaker concluded:

"Rural electrification has put our own community where it is today and it will be a highly influential force in leading the community into its future."



Russell Toal



Congressman George Shipley (fourth from left) visits with Illinois cooperative leaders in nation's capital.



Congressman Kenneth Gray with (from left) Otis Hickey, Eldorado, Alva A. Gholson, Eldorado, Congressman Gray, and youth tour members Philip Clark, Golconda, Arlene Neilson, West Frankfort, and Jackie Cornell, Rosiclare.

A Lucky Town . . .

How Little Hanover Gets New Industry

You may sometime have been involved in a mad, frantic, frustrating scramble to attract new industry to your area. It can be a sad experience.

But take heart. Listen to the story of what happened at little Hanover (pop. 1,400), set like a jewel in the beautiful rolling hills of northwestern Illinois.

All Hanover had was a 45-year-old four-story factory building that was going to waste, and a lively, independent labor force, mostly women. And, of course, an attractive town.

It proved enough.

ONE MORNING a stranger with an almost un-understandable German accent walked into headquarters of the Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative at nearby Elizabeth.

"How soon can you get electricity to the old Hanover Woolen Mill?" he inquired.

Harry W. Ehrler, line foreman and only man in the office at the moment, hesitated not at all.

"How about two hours?" he said cheerfully.

"Impossible," shot back the visitor.

"I don't believe so," Mr. Ehrler said mildly, and got to work. In less than two hours the job was done.

TODAY, Valves and Controls, Inc., a subsidiary of The Dole Valve Company which in turn is a subsidiary of Eaton Yale & Towne of

Cleveland, is the biggest employer in the Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative territory. And the Cooperative's largest member.

Into the area it pours a weekly payroll of around \$28,000. Its cooperative power bill averages \$2,200 a month. It provides year-round employment for some 350 persons. And it is growing steadily.

"**WE DIDN'T** even know the company was interested in locating here," said Maynard Mitchell, Hanover restaurant and variety store operator.

"The first we knew the building lights were on and things were happening all over the place.

"The old Woolen Mill factory was built in 1919 at a cost of nearly a million dollars. For the last several years it had been virtually unused and windows were out and the place looked terrible.

"Today it's a beautiful sight, right in the heart of town. I suppose the company spent six dollars in renovation for every dollar of purchase price. It asks no favors of us. It just wants to produce and sell—and its people want to help us help the community. And we, naturally, want to help the company."

JAMES J. KRISTAN is the company's quality control manager. He has been a member of Eaton Yale & Towne industrial "family" for 28 years.

"At Hanover," he said, "we make water mixing and temporing valves for washing machines, dishwashers and food and beverage dispensers. We also make thermostats and pressure caps for cars, vacuum controls for auto air conditioners, and zone valves for heating and plumbing. And other products.

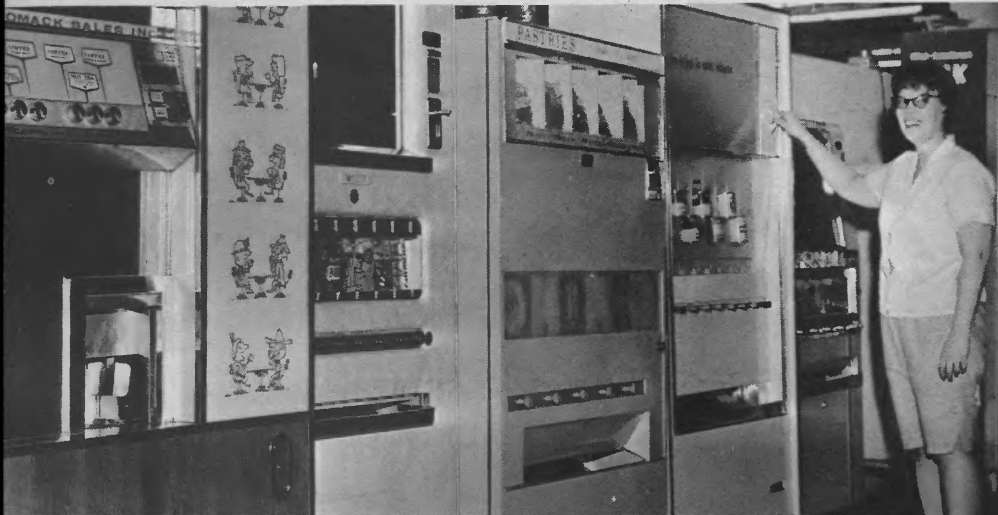
"They're distributed throughout the United States, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Mexico and many countries in Europe.

"Workers at Hanover—they come from all over the area—are good. They're conscientious. They're aware of the importance of quality and production. We like them—and they seem to like us."



Mrs. Alberta Coleman and Charles Price confer at Hanover factory.

Dole Valves and Controls, Inc., makes parts for dispensing machines such as these at the Hanover factory. Mrs. Bonnie Gilgoly says she and other employes enjoy work at the plant.



THERE ARE a few minor problems.

Like when the hunting, fishing or mushroom seasons roll around. Absenteeism spurts. But workers smile and try to make up for their absence in other ways.

You might not expect it, also, but there's a fairly high employment turnover at Hanover.

"Probably most of it is caused by the fact that husbands frequently are moved elsewhere by their employers and of course the wives go along," Mr. Kristan said.

CHARLES PRICE, general foreman, said production workers include slightly more than 260 women and about 50 men.

Farmers don't have much time to work their land and put in the necessary hours at the factory, he said. But their wives make good workers.

Take home pay may average \$60 to \$70 a week and this supplements family income. It's especially important when children are approaching college age.

There was a time not too many years ago when most area young-

summer work whenever it can. They're good workers. And many of them save their money."

MR. PRICE said one of the chief reasons the factory located at Hanover was its desirable labor supply. The company maintains excellent relations with the AFL-CIO union representing its workers. "Each has a solid respect for the other," he said.

"We expect the plant to grow substantially," Mr. Price continued. "Our industrial 'family' has perhaps 60 or 70 plants throughout the United States and in foreign countries. Our research and development people constantly are looking for new products. We haven't stood still—and we won't."

Valves and Controls for many years has operated a factory at nearby Savanna on the Mississippi River. Its people were familiar with the Hanover area and when conditions were right, the Hanover factory developed. Apparently it's been a happy move for all concerned.

DO "OUTSIDERS" such as Mr. Price feel at home in the Hanover area? They do indeed! "I spent my boyhood on a farm," Mr. Price said. "Now I've left the hustle and noise and dirt of the city. I live on a farm just one mile from the plant."

CHARLES C. YOUTZY, manager of Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative, pointed out that Valves and Controls takes an active interest in affairs of Hanover and surrounding towns. It has spent some \$18,000 in cleaning up a three-acre site adjoining the plant and fronting on beautiful Apple River that wanders through Hanover on its way to the nearby Mississippi River. Now it's a quiet, attractive recreational area.

"This is wonderful," Mr. Youtzy said. "But perhaps even more important is the keen and sincere community interest of the company's officers and workers. None are 'outsiders'. They belong here. They're members of our area family."

General manager of the Hanover factory and of the plant at Savanna is Clark Kubicki who recently moved to Hanover from Berwyn, a Chicago suburb. He started with Dole Valves and Controls 34 years ago. Mr. Youtzy calls him "a real community asset."

Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative isn't such a bad community asset itself. The people at the new factory knew they could depend on Jo-Carroll for most reliable electric service—and enthusiastic cooperation in every way. Company officials say they aren't disappointed.



Skill, dependability and a fine spirit of cooperation mark typical Hanover factory employes, company officials say. And Mrs. Irene Pratt says the factory "is a fine place to work."

sters thought college educations were beyond their reach. Not now.

Mrs. Alberta Coleman, personnel director, is typical. She and her husband have a son, Joel, a senior at Northern Illinois University, DeKalb. He's studying marketing and business administration.

"My salary helps pay the added cost of college," Mrs. Coleman said. "And of course Joel has worked at the factory during the summer and saved money. The company hires high school and college students for



Doctor, His Family Relish The Comfort, Enjoyment of Rural Living

Dr. and Mrs. Howard G. Johnson share a relaxing moment in their rural home.



A lake, trees and wildlife are a special attraction for the Johnson family, one of the many families moving into areas served by Illinois electric cooperatives.

By Charles E. Albright

Did you ever see a hawk catch a fish?"

It was a relaxed mid-afternoon conversation. Time slipped by quickly, pleasantly.

"That's a gift from our Japanese exchange student." "Leftovers taste better when warmed in the electronic oven." "That's an unusual tone on your telephone bell."

TALL, ALERT Kent Johnson dressed in faded denim trousers (it was hobo day at school) arrived just as his father was leaving to see a patient. He handed the mail to his mother, then sat down with a seed catalogue.

"No, I don't miss living in town," the eighth grader said, looking up. "This is the most beautiful place in the world."

HIS PARENTS, Dr. and Mrs. Howard G. Johnson, may say that's more youthful enthusiasm than fact, but they're as pleased as Kent with their new home in rural Cumberland County southeast of Mattoon.

"Actually, I was the last one to consent to moving out into the country," joked Mrs. Johnson who was raised on a farm. "But I insisted that our new home be all-electric. That meant building here."

(She explained that they selected Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative's service area because of attractive rates which made it practical

to heat their 2,200 square foot home electrically.)

Before leaving to see a patient, Dr. Johnson had looked out a family room window framing a small lake just a stone's throw from the house. "Every morning you see something new," he spoke, sharing sights that give him pleasure. "Birds sing. Trees are reflected in the lake's water. I've even seen a hawk drop like a stone until it spreads its wings, swooping back up with a fish in its mouth.

"Sure, I enjoy living here," he continued. "We have all the conveniences we had in town, and a lot of other things besides. And it's just a few minutes drive to Casey."

LIKE THEIR FATHER before them, Dr. Johnson and his brother, Dr. Eugene P. Johnson, attend the community's medical needs from their jointly operated clinic in Casey. Now, a third generation of the Johnson family is studying medicine. Howard and Mary Johnson's older son, James, is a freshman medical student at Washington University.

Turning aside from her hopes for her sons, Mrs. Johnson talked about her home. "We all like it here. And let me make one last point, this one from a woman's viewpoint. I work 4½ hours a day as a lab technician. Now that we have electric heat and all-comfort control in our home, I don't need the cleaning help that I had when we lived in town. It's definitely nicer out here."



FARM COUPLE CREATES CAMP ENTERPRISE NEAR PATOKA AND U.S. 51

Want to Get Away from It All? See Hubert Tolka!

They're the liveliest "retired" couple you're apt to meet anywhere.

They're Mr. and Mrs. Hubert Tolka and on August 1 they'll retire from farming and devote all their time to operating Tolka's Oak Park Camping and Resort Area.

And their five children, 5 to 15 years of age! Such happiness you'll seldom see!

The recently opened resort area is a short distance outside Patoka, north of Centralia, and just nine miles from the new and beautiful 26,000-acre Lake Carlyle.

"OUR RESORT is just getting started and it's doing quite well," Mrs. Tolka said in a recent interview. "The nicest people are coming from miles away, from several states already.

"We have room for up to 75 camping units so there's no crowding. We've a lake, just stocked with fish that won't be catching size until next season, we have fine swimming, a delightful nature trail, an attractive bathhouse with showers, plenty of electric laundry facilities, we have swings and picnic equipment—and as soon as my husband can get to it we're going to have a tree house for the children."

That's not all. Brian, 10, insists that a Go-Kart track is to be built soon and his father agrees. And

there will be hayrides—but no horses. "A small tractor will be safer for our visitors," Mr. Tolka explained.

THE TOLKAS are energetic, friendly people. How'd they happen to abandon farming, which they loved?

"A couple of years ago," Mr. Tolka said, "we took the whole family on a camping trip and had so much fun we started studying recreation as a business. I'm glad we did.

"We've worked hard creating this resort area but it's fun and it's a place of quiet and restful beauty. We preserved the trees. We built our own lake. And we're still living in the country.

"Our place isn't far from the metropolitan St. Louis area and many tourists come rushing up and down nearby U. S. Route 51. A good many are looking for just such a place as ours. They can get away from the city, have fun with their children and everyone's happy."

"Yes," said Mrs. Tolka, "and when the men want to go over to the big lake near Patoka they don't have to worry about their wives and children being bored. Bored? They're having a ball at our place!"

BOTH Mr. and Mrs. Tolka agree there's need for more such

recreational centers in Illinois.

"Deeper in Southern Illinois, around Crab Orchard Lake, you'll find a good number of recreation spots, but even these are filling up more quickly than ever," Mrs. Tolka said.

"Visitors say the need for more accommodations is strong clear up to Peoria and even beyond. So we'd gladly recommend that anyone interested enter the recreation business. We'll share our experiences with such individuals."

ABOUT ONE THING the Tolkas are firm: being a member of a fine electric cooperative such as Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Mt. Vernon, helps.

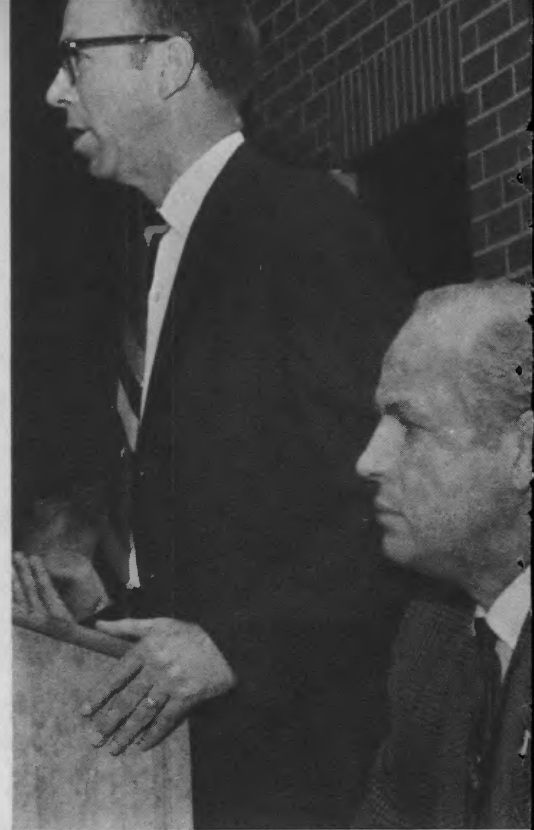
"We're convinced that a resort and recreation area such as we have created is a good investment, but we're also convinced it should be carefully planned and made as attractive and inviting as possible.

"Without plenty of low-cost, reliable electricity a business such as ours just couldn't survive. And it's wonderful that the people at Tri-County have been so helpful and cooperative. I've met the manager, H. G. Downey, and the member service supervisor, Andy Bird, and no one could be more accommodating. It's nice to belong to an organization like that. And profitable, too."



WIPCO directors consider suggested means for strengthening rural service areas.

WIPCO Seeks To Further Cut Electric Power Costs



Joe Botto (left) and William Browning note that small as well as large industry should be solicited.

The muddy waters of two mighty rivers sparkle with promise, particularly for those who can visualize both yesterday and tomorrow.

Over the ages, people have been encouraged to settle along the shores of the Mississippi and Illinois rivers. Such wealthy resources could not slip by unused. Yet, some say their potential has barely been tapped in west central Illinois, much of which is bounded by the two rivers.

Looking ahead, these people claim that the area's resources, including the two rivers, can be used to attract new developments for greater economic growth.

An example is the new electric generating plant on the Illinois River south of Pearl in Pike County. That plant of Western Illinois Power Cooperative, Inc., (WIPCO) has been in commercial operation only 18 months, but has already helped lower electric costs.

HOMER T. BROWN of New Holland, president of WIPCO's board of directors, called for suggestions on how the power cooperative can effectively strengthen its rural service areas and further lower power costs. As a result, a seminar was scheduled so that WIPCO directors could learn what rural

area development principles have been successful.

"Ever since WIPCO was organized in 1960 its main function has been to lower power costs for the people it serves," explained Donald B. Bringman, the power cooperative's manager.

"Our own generating and transmission system is doing this. One of the best ways to further reduce power costs is to bring new loads to our service area. We hope to do this."

IT'S REASONABLE to expect that load development will lower power costs substantially, according to Joe Botto, executive director of Yankee-Dixie and former head of the industrial and rural area development department of East Kentucky Rural Electric Cooperative. That generating cooperative, he said, reduced its rates considerably after industrial loads were attracted to its service area.

Mr. Botto, although enthusiastic, had a word of caution for WIPCO's directors. "Don't expect overnight results," he told some 35 seminar participants. "It's long-range work. And it's not an easy program, but returns certainly make it more than worthwhile."

Another speaker who urged in-

volvement in rural area development activity was A. E. Ramsey, director, industrial development and public relations, Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, Steelville.

New industry, he said, has been attracted to southern Illinois, improving economic conditions there. Among other things, this has meant new jobs, higher income and increased energy sales for Egyptian Electric, Mr. Ramsey said.

A third speaker was William Browning of the state of Illinois Department of Business and Economic Development. After reviewing the department's functions, he encouraged WIPCO's participation in area development work and recommended procedures that have achieved results.

WIPCO DIRECTORS have also heard from John A. Quinn, assistant professor of community planning and agricultural economics, University of Illinois.

Mr. Quinn commended WIPCO for its interest and its leadership. "Forums like this," he told his listeners, "bring these important matters to our attention for appropriate action. Consider these things with the knowledge that your work will improve not only your own operation but the entire area."

Who Wants To Save A Life?

So you've been driving all these years. You're pretty sure you're an expert. Accidents won't happen to you!

That, friend, could be your problem.

Many people just like you—and me—are dangerous drivers, contributing unnecessarily to the startling increase in highway deaths.

Authority for this statement is a smiling, soft-spoken expert in the field, Lt. Daniel L. O'Brien. He's a veteran of 18 years with the state highway police. And among other things, he's in charge of safety education for the state Department of Public Safety.

HE LOOKED right at this reporter. "How long," he asked "since you took a driving lesson, since you practiced, since you read a book on safety and driving?"

"If you're a golfer you've read books on that subject and probably you've taken lessons. And you practice often. If you're a bowler you study that game.

"You'd say it is ridiculous to assume that because you 'learned' golf or bowling in 1920 there's no need for further study and training.

"Yet there are countless drivers speeding over our highways today who got a license in 1920—and haven't improved their skill much since then."

BUT IN THOSE intervening years cars have become faster and more lethal. Highways have become vastly more crowded. And accidents how they've skyrocketed!

In 1966 some 53,000 persons died as a result of automobile accidents in this country. That is nearly

twice as many as the total of 33,411 twenty years earlier.

What will it be in 1980. Will YOU be around to find out?

LT. O'BRIEN and associates, including the National Safety Council, would like to help you stick around.

They're promoting a "Defensive Driving Course" which they're confident will save many, many lives. Yours could be one, they say. Here's how it works:

The course lasts eight hours, all classroom work, taught usually at night. Instructors are specialists from the state Department of Public Safety. Each of Illinois' 14 state police district headquarters has such a specialist on its staff. He'll be glad to answer questions about the courses.

Almost any group can initiate a course: a church, civic club, Parent-Teacher Association, country club, bridge club—or electric cooperative.

First step: call or write your state police district headquarters. You don't know the address? Write Lt. D. L. O'Brien, 212 Iles Park Place, Springfield, Ill. 62703. You'll get action.

The only charge is 55 cents per student for instructional materials. The courses are for adult licensed drivers. You learn advanced "defensive driving" skills that help avoid accidents and save lives.

ENROLLMENT requirements are somewhat flexible but Lt. O'Brien prefers a minimum of 15 students and a maximum of 50. This facilitates questions and discussions.

"This program is two years old," the lieutenant said. "Illinois was among the first states to participate and this year we'll train some 20,000 adult drivers. Within two years we may be training 35,000 to 40,000."

Lt. O'Brien's blue eyes twinkled but his smile had a touch of frustration. "Adults are wonderful," he sighed, "but they can be a bit of a problem, too.

"In vehicle accident prevention we have three factors: the road, the vehicle and the driver. We're improving the highways impressively. We're making progress in improving the vehicles. And now we're making progress in improving the driver—but sometimes it seems this

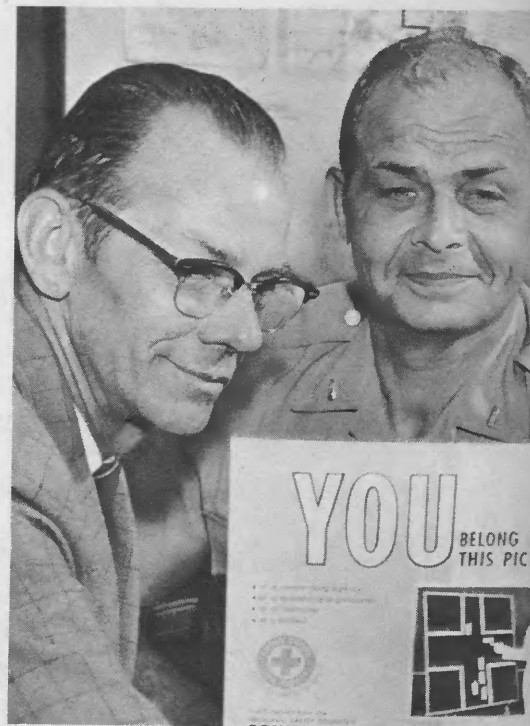
change is almost against his will."

STILL, the lieutenant is optimistic. He knows "defensive driving" courses can save lives and motorists are coming to realize this also.

Numerous firms sponsor such courses during work hours. One factory class meets from midnight until 2 a.m. Companies find results gratifying.

"I wish Illinois' 27 distribution cooperatives would each sponsor such classes," Lt. O'Brien said seriously. "It would be a great community service. These cooperatives, I know, are unusually civic minded. They're area leaders. Their leadership in this field could be priceless.

"I'd like to hear from every one of their managers or power use advisers or community relations directors. People respect these cooperatives and their leadership can be most effective."



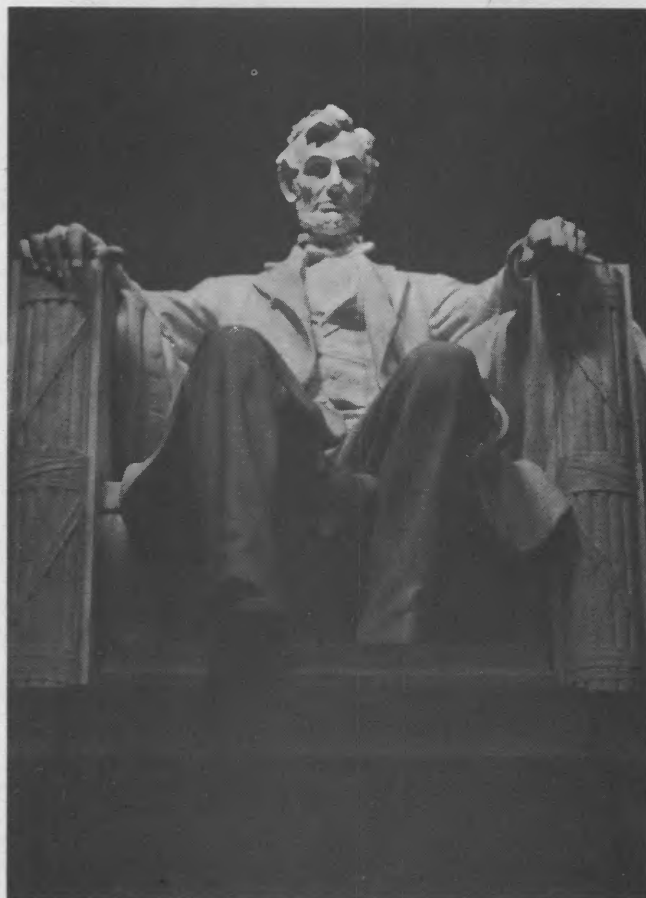
Lyle E. Dunham of the AIEC staff with Lt. D. L. O'Brien, safety education specialist.

LYLE E. DUNHAM, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield, director of member services, has attended one of the "defensive driving" courses.

"You can't help but come out of this program a better, safer driver," he said recently. "It's well worth your time. And figures show that rural area driving is far more dangerous than driving in cities. In Illinois rural accidents account for 65.5 per cent of auto fatalities. This record can be improved!" —J.F.T.

Illinois Youths Visit Washington

Electric Co-op
Essay Contest
Winners Spend
Exciting Week



After visiting the Abraham Lincoln Memorial, Illinois youths and those from 20 other states fill the White House lawn to hear and then shake hands with President Johnson.





Trip winners leave the Capitol Building on way to visit Sen. Charles H. Percy in his office.



Congressman George E. Shipley answers questions of Illinois high school students in a spirited session on the responsibilities of the nation's citizens.



Manager L. C. Groat of Spoon River Electric Co-operative, Canton, and trip winners Stephen Naff and Lisa Danner share table with Rep. Tom Railsback during lunch with Illinois congressmen.



Following a busy seven days in Washington, Illinois youngsters make their way to the buses for the return trip home.

Why the finest heat can be the most economical for you

The question is, of course, can electric heat be economical in any form... even as a self-contained hot water system.

Probably the best way to answer this question is to tell you about a school board meeting I attended recently. The subject being discussed was a school addition. Everything was fine until a representative of the local gas company got up to make a statement.

He said without the slightest hesitation that to heat the school electrically would cost 7½ times as much as gas. At which point, I almost fell out of my chair.

So I got up and asked him if he was trying to give the board the impression that a typical 1,100 square-foot home, now being heated with International hot water electric heat at a cost of \$110 a year, could actually be heated with gas at a cost of \$20 a year. He got a little flustered at that, and never did come out with a straight answer.

The fact of the matter is that under the most favorable circumstances, the amount of gas fuel consumed to heat this 1,100 square-foot home would cost a minimum of \$65 a year... a fact you can check with your own gas company!

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What's New?



● Storage Compartments

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● Electric Tractor

Sunset Equipment Co., St. Paul, Minn., says its new battery powered tractor-dozer offers an easy way to clean barns. Power is provided by two 6-volt batteries, readily rechargeable with the 25-ampere automatic charger which is part of the unit.

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● Mini-Phonograph

Philco-Ford Corporation's line of 20 portable phonographs ranges from a tiny phonograph-only to a top model FM/AM/FM stereo with full 20 watts of peak music power. In her right hand, the girl is holding a radio-phonograph (Model 1379) which has a suggested list price of \$29.95. She also has a phonograph-only model, "The Hipster," which lists at \$14.95. "The Hipster" plays Philco-Ford's Hip Pocket (HP) and other 45 rpm records. Model 1379 plays all 45's and 33 1/3 LP's.

Con-Con Plan Wins Wide Support

Illinois voters next November have an opportunity to approve or reject a proposal for a new constitutional convention which would review the state's century-old constitution and attempt to bring it up to date.

Support for the proposal has been widespread—but success of the undertaking is not assured. The chief reason for apprehension among its supporters is fear not enough voters will realize the importance of the move.

But not long after their nomination, both the Republican and the Democratic candidates for governor took a firm public stand in support of a new constitution for Illinois.

BOTH Democratic Governor Samuel H. Shapiro and Republican nominee Richard B. Ogilvie emphatically urged voters to approve a constitutional convention — Con-Con—in November.

This is not surprising. Earlier many other state leaders such as State Senator Paul Simon, the Democratic candidate for lieutenant governor, and State Superintendent of Public Instruction Ray Page, a Republican, took similar action.

Earlier this year while he was still Illinois governor Otto Kerner told a group of Con-Con advocates:

"The future growth and development of Illinois will depend upon getting a flexible state constitution. . . . Our antiquated constitution is lethargic and unwieldy when it comes to allowing government to deal with modern problems."

Judge Kerner pointed out that the Illinois constitution is 2½ times longer than the federal

constitution. He said its provisions, especially those involving revenue, are far too inflexible.

More than 70 of Illinois' leading officials, including heads of various professional, business, labor, agriculture and civic organizations heard Judge Kerner's remarks.

CO-CHAIRMEN of the Illinois Committee for a Constitutional Convention are William J. Kuhfuss, president of the Illinois Agricultural Association, and Kingman Douglass Jr., Chicago investment banker.

Mr. Kuhfuss and Mr. Douglass in a joint statement declared:

"The proposed constitutional convention offers voters of Illinois a chance to start machinery in motion that can lead to modernization of our outdated constitution.

"In approving a convention, voters will not be committing themselves to a new constitution or to any changes in our laws.

"They will only be authorizing the calling of a convention which could work out the acute problems of a constitution that hasn't been rewritten for nearly 100 years. The convention's proposals must go back to the voters for final approval.

"We enthusiastically support the convention and will seek in the next few months to help voters understand the merits of the

convention.

"With that understanding we hope Illinois voters will approve the convention at the polls in November.

"The Illinois constitution needs modernization to provide for the critical needs of a growing and dynamic state. It is now time to approve a constitutional convention and get about that work."

A **WIDE** variety of organizations and informed individuals this month are united in agreement that a constitutional convention is in the best interests of Illinoisians. The Chicago Sun-Times said in a recent editorial:

"The result of continuing dependence upon an outmoded constitution is frequent governmental paralysis in the face of rising challenge.

"It is, in fact, necessary to circumvent the constitution in many cases in order to allow the state to be governed at all."

And Samuel W. Witwer, general counsel for the Illinois Committee for Constitutional Convention, has declared:

"We have developed a system of open evasion, a system of subterfuge; while we try to develop respect for the law we have had a constitution that is openly flouted and violated at every turn."

Among those at session at which a constitutional convention was urged were, from left, former Governor Kerner; Kingman Douglass Jr. and William J. Kuhfuss, co-chairmen of the Illinois Committee for a Constitutional Convention; James McCaffrey, Better Government Association, Springfield; Maurice W. Scott, Taxpayers Federation of Illinois, Springfield; Thomas H. Moore, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives; W. R. Hahn, Illinois Broadcasters Association, Springfield; Mrs. Helen Turner, Business and Professional Women's Clubs of Illinois, and Wayne Stoneking, Illinois Education Association, Springfield.



Smile Awhile

SMART MAN

A young father, talking with his seven-year-old daughter, had given creditable answers to a couple of the youngster's questions when she told him: "Gee, daddy, you're the smartest man in the whole world."

He felt elated—but not for long. His daughter added: "I'll bet you know almost as much as mommy."

NOT QUALIFIED

The personnel department of a large bank received many female applicants for a position. The personnel manager finally found one girl who delighted him.

"You're just what we need to be the new receptionist," he informed her. "Attractive, good voice, well poised. By the way, what's your present salary?"

"Three hundred dollars a week," replied the beauty.

"Sorry," snapped the personnel man without pausing for an instant, "you're too tall."

UP, UP AND AWAY

The young doctor, a strong advocate of early ambulation, was explaining to a patient about to have an appendectomy:

"A few hours after the operation, I want you to sit on the edge of your bed and dangle your legs. After lunch, I want you to stand on your feet for a few minutes. By dinnertime I want you to be walking around your room."

"Doctor," the patient sighed wearily, "do you mind if I lie down for the operation?"

NAME PLEASE

"Now sir," said the sidewalk interviewer, "if you found an expensive billfold on the street containing a lot of money, would you return it to its owner?"

"Yes," answered the pedestrian, "if my name wasn't on it."

"Naturally," agreed the interviewer. "What is your name, by the way?"

"Genuine Leather," was the quick answer.

GROWN-UP

Father to teen-age daughter: "This should make you feel very grown-up—your very own telephone bill."

TAKE YOUR TIME

"I'll make a new sport coat for you," agreed an overworked tailor, "but it won't be ready for 30 days."

"Thirty days!" protested the customer. "Why, the Lord created the entire world in six days."

"True," said the tailor. "And have you taken a good look at it lately?"

MONEY MATTERS

Two nickels used to buy a lot, But now it seems too strange: They only buy two postage stamps; My, how dimes do change!

GO WEST!

The elderly farm couple sat in their rocking chairs in front of the fireplace one wintry night in Iowa. "The years are passing us by, Sarah," said the old man.

"Yes," she agreed.

"We're getting older," he said, "and pretty soon one of us will be left."

"That's right," she said, "and when that happens, I'm moving to California."

BEATNIKS ANONYMOUS!

"You say there's actually an organization called 'Beatniks Anonymous'?" Smith remarked to his seatmate as they rode home on the bus. "How does it function?"

"Well," replied his companion, "if a member feels like taking a bath, he phones another member who rushes over, shuts off the water, and sits with him until the feeling passes."

RIGHT FORMULA

Surprised to see his teen-aged son busy at mowing and raking the lawn, the puzzled father went to his wife for an explanation of the miracle. "Well, I tried everything under the sun to get him to do it last week but nothing worked." Then she added triumphantly, "Today . . . I just told him that I lost the car keys in the grass."

NIGHT ATTACK

Tenderfoot: Is it true that a mountain lion won't attack you at night if you carry a flashlight?

Guide: Well, that all depends on how fast you carry it.

FOOD STORAGE

A cannibal visited his neighbor in order to see his new possession, a huge food freezer.

Admiring it, the visitor inquired, "How much does it hold?"

"Well," the neighbor replied thoughtfully, "it holds the two fellows who brought it."

WEAKNESSES

Overheard in a restaurant: "I wish they'd take these mirrors off the front of cigarette machines. I hate looking at a weak man."

QUOTABLE QUIPS

Someone described recent TV as a vast wasteland. Today that would make it a painted desert.

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People go on vacations to forget things . . . and when they get there they find out they did.

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Accountant: Desk Jockey.

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Wives look at retirement as having to put up with twice as much husband on half as much income.

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Sign at reducing salon: "Let us help you win the losing game."

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The worst thing about doing nothing is that you can't stop and rest.

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MIDDLE AGE: When the hardest thing to raise in your garden is your knees.

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Clippers: Hair planes.

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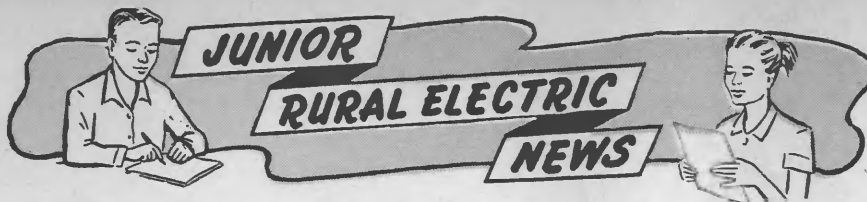


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PEN PALS

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CONNIE STEPHENS, Trilla, Ill., 62469. 12 yrs. old and in the 7th grade. Birthday—Dec. 12. Hobbies—horseback riding and drawing. Has red hair and blue eyes. Would like to hear from boys and girls of all ages.

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DEBRA COX, r.r. 3, Flora, Ill., 62839. 13 yrs. old and in the 8th grade. Birthday—April 29. Hobbies—cooking, sewing, horseback riding, and listening to records. Would like to hear from boys and girls 13-15.

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DEBRA KING, 626 Austin Ave., Flora, Ill., 62839. 13 yrs. old and in the 8th grade. Birthday—April 2. Hobbies—cooking, sewing, horseback riding and listening to records. Would like to hear from boys and girls 13-15.

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KAREN RODERS, 429 Holman St., Flora, Ill., 62839. 13 yrs. old and in the 8th grade. Birthday—Aug. 3. Hobbies—cooking, sewing, horseback riding and listening to records and radio. Would like to hear from boys and girls 13-15.

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CHERYL WHEAT, r.r. 5, Green Acres, Springfield, Ill. 11 yrs. old. Hobbies—animals, plants and rocks. Also likes sports. Would like to hear from boys and girls 9-13. Will try to answer all letters.

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MARILYN GRAFF, r.r. 1, Middletown, Ill., 62666. 15 yrs. old and a sophomore in high school. Brown hair and blue eyes. Hobbies—just about anything. Would like to hear from boys and girls near her age. Send picture if available. Will answer all letters.

JULY, 1968

ELIZABETH HARDIEK, r.r. 1, Dieterich, Ill., 62424. 11½ yrs. old and in the 6th grade. Has light brown hair and blue eyes. Birthday—June 28. Hobbies—reading, listening to records, bicycle riding, some piano and watching TV. Would like to hear from boys and girls 10-13.

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KATHLEEN BELL, r.r. 2, Canton, Ill., 61520. c/o J. E. Munger. 12 yrs. old and in the 6th grade. Birthday—Aug. 16. Brown hair and eyes and is 5'2" tall. Likes camping, cooking, sewing, swimming and watching TV. Would like to hear from girls 12-14.

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SANDY LOEPKER, r.r. 1, Bartelso, Ill., 62218. 10 yrs. old. and in the 5th grade. Brown hair and green eyes. Hobbies—knitting, swimming, playing piano and writing letters. Would like to hear from girls 10-11. Will answer all letters.

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SHELLEY SABO, r.r. 1, Box 92, Pawnee, Ill., 62558. 10 yrs. old. Brown hair and blue eyes. Birthday—April 30. Hobbies—horses, rabbits, dogs and all animals. Will try to answer all letters. Please send picture if possible. Would like to hear from boys and girls 9-11.

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SUSAN ATTEBERRY, r.r. 1, Geff, Ill., 62842. 10 yrs. old and in the 5th grade. Birthday—June 17. Blond hair and blue eyes. Likes all animals. Hobbies—drawing, horseback riding and dancing. Would like to hear from boys and girls 10-12. Will answer all letters.

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MARY H. STEVENS, P.O. Box 141, Metropolis, Ill., 62960. 13 yrs. old, 5' tall and has long brown hair and brown eyes. Hobbies—cooking and baking. Would like to hear from boys and girls from 12 on up.

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JANET HAMILTON, r.r. 3, Shelbyville, Ill., 62565. Blond hair and blue eyes. Enjoys swimming, reading and listening to records. Would like to hear from boys and girls 11-14. Send picture if possible.

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KATHY PASCHAL, r.r. 2, Roseville, Ill., 61473. 12 yrs. old and in 5th grade. Blond hair. Birthday—April 9. Hobbies—swimming, reading, writing. Would like to hear from boys and girls all ages. Send picture if possible.

TINA GULLEY, RFD 1, Grantsburg, Ill., 62943. 10½ yrs. old and in the 5th grade. Birthday—July 11. Brown hair, blue eyes and 4' 8" tall. Hobbies—reading, bicycle riding, walking, volleyball and watching TV. Would like to hear from boys and girls 8-13. Send picture if possible. Will try to answer all letters.

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PAMELA ROSE CLARK, r.r. 1, Pittsburg, Ill., 62974. 8 yrs. old and in the 3rd grade. Brown hair and eyes. Hobbies—reading, horseback riding and painting. Likes all animals. Would like to hear from girls and boys 8-12. Will try to answer all letters.

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SUSAN JANE CLARK, r.r. 1, Pittsburg, Ill., 62974. 11 yrs. old and in the 6th grade. Black hair and blue eyes. Hobbies—horseback riding and drawing. Would like to hear from boys and girls 11-15. Will try to answer all letters.

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Tomatoes



■ A splash of color can cheer up the cook as well as brighten the meal. And one of the best brighteners around is the lively red of fresh tomatoes. You'll want to use them lavishly this time of year and use them with beef. The two foods are old friends. Their flavors complement each other in many a favorite recipe. For a starter try these ideas:

- Pour $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups of tomatoes over a pot roast the last hour of cooking. It makes first-class gravy, especially if a clove of garlic and a little thyme are cooked with the meat.

- Add a cup of tomatoes and your favorite seasonings to $1\frac{1}{2}$ pounds of ground beef for meat loaf. Use about a cup of soft bread crumbs as a binder.

- Put extra flavor and moistness in ground beef patties by adding $\frac{3}{4}$ cup of tomatoes to 1 pound of ground beef. Use $\frac{1}{2}$ cup uncooked, quick-cooking oats as a binder, season to taste. This combination offers a different flavor and helps you stretch a pound of meat to serve 6.

- Pour $2\frac{1}{2}$ cups of tomatoes over browned round for Spanish steak. Add chopped onion and green pepper, salt and pepper. Cook till tender.

For breakfast, broil or fry sliced tomatoes, broiling the ripe ones and frying the green ones. For lunch, make tomato sandwiches or stuff and bake whole tomatoes. As a side dish at suppertime, count on old favorites such as scalloped tomatoes, tomato and cottage cheese salad. Or make a main dish Jambalaya casserole.

Then put some away for winter by making your own juice. If you have freezer space, it's easy to freeze stewed tomatoes or tomato juice. This eliminates the processing step. Be sure you leave plenty of headspace to prevent breaking of jars.



FOR A satisfying lunch or supper dish, stuff tomatoes with ground beef, bread crumbs, soup mix. Use them in a variety of ways while they are plentiful. Bake them, scallop them, and stew and can them, too. When canning tomatoes, boost the flavor with the addition of 1 tablespoon of corn syrup to each quart

MARINATED TOMATOES

Slice peeled ripe tomatoes into shallow dish. Cover lightly with thinly sliced green onion with tops. Sprinkle with salt, and a bit of basil. Pour French dressing over all. Chill well, drain before serving.

STUFFED TOMATOES

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| 6 large tomatoes | 1 tablespoon corn starch |
| 1 pound ground beef | 1/4 cup water |
| Water | Buttered crumbs |
| 1 envelope chunk chicken noodle soup mix | |

Remove stem ends from tomatoes. Scoop out pulp; drain, reserving juice and 1 cup pulp. Turn tomato shells upside down on absorbent paper. Brown ground beef in skillet; drain off excess fat. Add enough water to tomato juice to make 1 1/2 cups. Pour into skillet with meat. Stir in soup mix. Bring to boil. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add reserved tomato pulp. Blend corn starch with 1/4 cup water. Stir into mixture in skillet. Cook over low heat, stirring constantly, until thickened. Spoon into tomato shells. Top with bread crumbs. Arrange in baking dish. Pour in enough water to cover bottom 1/3 of each tomato. Bake in 350 degree oven until crumbs are browned, about 15 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

Note: Any leftover meat may be baked in an uncovered casserole and served with stuffed tomatoes.

TOMATO AVOCADO MOLD

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| 1 pkg. lemon gelatin | 1/2 cup chopped stuffed olives |
| 1 cup hot water | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup tomato juice | 1/2 cup mayonnaise |
| 1 cup diced celery | 1 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese |
| 2 diced avocados | |

Dissolve gelatin in hot water. Add tomato juice. Cool, chill until thick. Whip with rotary beater, add celery, avocados, olives and salt. Combine mayonnaise and cheese. Fold into gelatin mixture. Turn into oiled mold. Chill until set. Serve on salad greens to 8.

CHICKEN AND RICE JAMBALAYA

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| 1 broiler-fryer chicken, quartered | 1/4 teaspoon pepper |
| Water | 1/2 teaspoon basil |
| 3 stalks celery, halved | Dash cayenne |
| 2 carrots, split lengthwise | 2 bay leaves |
| 1 onion, sliced | 1 cup uncooked rice |
| 1 bay leaf | (not precooked variety) |
| 1/4 cup margarine or butter | 4 peeled tomatoes, coarsely chopped |
| 1 large onion, chopped | 1/2 teaspoon file powder |
| 1 tablespoon sugar | 2 tablespoons chopped parsley |
| 1/4 teaspoon thyme | |

Put chicken, water to cover, celery, carrots, sliced onion and 1 bay leaf into deep kettle. Cover; bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer until chicken is tender, about 1 hour. Cool chicken slightly, discard bones and skin, and cut meat into large chunks. Strain stock; reserve 4 cups. Melt margarine in large, deep skillet. Add chopped onion; cook over low heat, stirring frequently, until tender. Combine reserved chicken stock, sugar, thyme, pepper, basil, cayenne and remaining 2 bay leaves. Stir rice into mixture in skillet, then pour in seasoned stock. Add chicken and tomatoes. Bring to boil; cover and cook over low heat until rice is tender, about 15 minutes. Stir in file powder and heat until slightly thickened. Add parsley; toss with fork. Makes 4 servings.

HOME CANNED TOMATO JUICE

For each quart of tomato juice, you will need 3 to 3 1/2 pounds of tomatoes. A bushel of tomatoes will be enough to make 12 to 16 quarts of juice. Select firm, red-ripe tomatoes avoiding those with cracks or decayed spots. Prepare only enough for one canner load at a time. Wash and rinse the tomatoes; quarter and cut out core and stems. Place in a kettle and simmer over low heat, stirring occasionally until soft. Put tomatoes through a food mill. Add 1 teaspoon salt and 1 tablespoon corn syrup for each quart of juice. Reheat juice just to boiling. Pour the hot juice into hot scalded jars to within 1/4-inch of the top. Remove air bubbles. Wipe around top of jar. Cover, following manufacturer's directions. Process 15 minutes (pints and quarts) in boiling water bath. Take jars from bath and set 2 or 3 inches apart on several thicknesses of cloth; let cool, about 12 hours. Test for seal, following manufacturer's directions.

To Prepare Boiling Water Bath: If you don't have a boiling water bath canner, an ordinary kettle with a cover and a rack in the bottom may be used. The rack should hold the jars about 1/2-inch above the bottom of the canner and the kettle should be deep enough for the water to cover the jars at least one inch over the top without boiling over. Before filling the cans with the juice, fill the canner about half full of water and heat the water over low heat. The water should be hot but not boiling when you put in the jars for processing. After the jars are in the canner, add boiling water to cover. Cover kettle and when water comes to a fast rolling boil, start counting the time.

SOUTHERN CRYSTAL PICKLES

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| 1 1/2 gallons green tomatoes | 1 teaspoon nutmeg |
| 1 cup slaked lime | 1 teaspoon ginger |
| 8 cups sugar | 1 1/2 tablespoons salt |
| 6 sticks cinnamon | 8 cups vinegar |

Wash, drain and cut small tomatoes into 1/4-inch slices. Dissolve lime in 1 gallon of cool water. Pour over tomatoes. Let stand 24 hours in cool place. Rinse through several changes of cool water, drain. Add sugar, spices (tied in bag), salt and 1 cup water to vinegar (add more salt if wanted). Boil 3 minutes. Let stand until cold. Add tomatoes. Boil until tomatoes are clear and syrup thick. Pack, hot, into hot jars. Process pints and quarts 10 minutes in boiling-water bath.

JIFFY PIZZA 'BURGERS

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| 1 pound ground beef | 2 tablespoons finely chopped onion |
| 1/2 cup soft, fine bread crumbs | 1/2 teaspoon oregano |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1 package (4-ounce) shredded sharp cheddar cheese |
| 1/4 teaspoon pepper | 2 tablespoons chopped parsley |
| 1 can (1-pound, 12-ounce) tomatoes, well drained | |

Mix ground beef with bread crumbs, salt and pepper. Pat out lightly into a 9-inch skillet to form a "crust". Spread tomatoes over and sprinkle with remaining ingredients in order listed above. Cover. Cook on low for 10 minutes. Cut into quarters. Makes 4 servings.

TOMATO KETCHUP

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| 2 gallons tomatoes | 2 teaspoons mustard seed |
| 2 cups chopped onions | 1 teaspoon allspice |
| 2 tablespoons salt | 2 sticks cinnamon |
| 2 cups sugar | 2 to 3 cups vinegar |
| 1 tablespoon celery seed | 2 tablespoons paprika |

Wash, drain, core and chop tomatoes. Peel and chop onions. Cook tomatoes with onions until soft. Press through sieve. Boil rapidly until reduced about 1/2. Add salt, sugar and spices (tied in bag). Boil until thick. Add vinegar and paprika. Boil about 5 minutes, or until as thick as wanted. Pour, boiling hot, into hot jars. 3 sweet red peppers may be added if desired.

JIFFY SPANISH RICE

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| 1 lb. ground chuck beef | 1 cup quick-cooking rice |
| 1 large onion, sliced | 2 teaspoons salt |
| 1 med. green pepper, chopped | 2-3 teaspoons chili powder |
| 1 No. 2 1/2 can tomatoes | Salt to taste |

Break meat into small chunks in large skillet. Add other ingredients and mix well, cover. Cook on low boil for 30-35 minutes.

GREEN TOMATO MINCEMEAT

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| 4 quarts (24 to 28 medium) finely chopped green tomatoes | 2 teaspoons salt |
| 2 quarts (8 to 10) pared, finely chopped tart apples | 1/4 teaspoon allspice |
| 1 pound raisins | 1/4 teaspoon cloves |
| 4 tablespoons minced citron, lemon or orange peel | 2 cups packed brown sugar |
| 1 tablespoon cinnamon | 3 cups granulated sugar |
| | 3/4 cup vinegar |
| | 1/4 to 1/2 cup lemon juice |
| | 2 cups water |

Combine all ingredients and cook mixture slowly until tender and slightly thickened. Stir frequently to prevent sticking. Pour into hot, sterile jars, fill jars to top and seal. Store in cool, dry place. Makes about 4 quarts.

GREEN TOMATO MINCEMEAT CAKE

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| 2 1/2 cups flour | 3 unbeaten eggs |
| 2 teaspoons baking powder | 1 cup milk |
| 1 teaspoon soda | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1 teaspoon salt | 1/2 cup chopped pecans |
| 1 1/2 cups sugar | 1 1/2 cups green tomato mincemeat |
| 1/2 cup shortening | |

Sift flour, baking powder, soda and salt together. Cream sugar shortening well. Blend in eggs, beating after each addition. Combine milk and vanilla alternately with dry ingredients to creamed mixture. Stir in pecans and mincemeat. Bake in three 9-inch pans which have been greased and floured. Bake at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Frost with creamy lemon frosting: Cream 1/4 cup butter or margarine with 1/4 teaspoon salt. Blend in 3 cups confectioners' sugar alternately with 3 tablespoons hot cream. Add 1 tablespoon lemon rind and 1 teaspoon lemon juice.

GREEN TOMATO PIE

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| 4 cups sliced quartered green tomatoes (about 5) | 1/2 cup light corn syrup |
| 1 cup sugar | 2 tablespoons lemon juice |
| 5 tablespoons corn starch | 1 teaspoon lemon rind |
| 1 1/4 teaspoons salt | 1 tablespoon margarine |
| 1 1/4 teaspoons nutmeg | 1 recipe pastry |

Prepare tomatoes. Combine dry ingredients in a medium saucepan. Stir in corn syrup, lemon juice and lemon rind. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until mixture comes to a boil. Remove from heat. Using 1/2 the pastry, roll 1/8-inch thick. Line a 9-inch pie pan. Drain tomatoes, and place in crust; pour corn starch mixture over tomatoes. Dot with 1 tablespoon margarine. Roll out remaining pastry for top crust. Make several slits in crust to permit escape of steam. Place crust over pie; seal and flute edges. Bake at 425 degrees for 40 minutes.

Something new is this side-by-side refrigerator-freezer which has 24 cubic feet of storage capacity in less than 36 inches of space. The Hotpoint food center has 15 foot frost-free refrigerator and a 9 foot frost-free freezer (left)

The task of cleaning underneath and behind the refrigerator has been simplified by General Electric by putting some models on wheels (middle)

Outdoor living is more enjoyable with this compact 2-cubic foot refrigerator that can be rolled around on a wheeled cart wherever it's needed. Porta-cold, like its big brothers in Hotpoint refrigerator line, has standard warranties (far left)



COOL

COMBINATIONS

To illustrate that major appliances and kitchen design can keep up with the latest in decorator trends, Westinghouse has equipped this kitchen in "mod" black and white with a zebra-striped panel on the freezer part of this refrigerator. Opposite the breakfast area, the food preparation center is mounted on black cabinets. At right beside stacked washer and dryer is another refreshment center

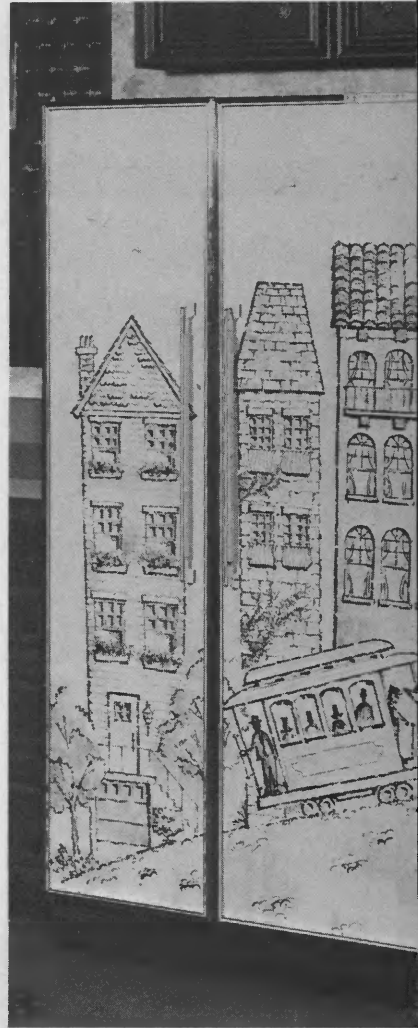
Last, personalized styling of home appliances is easy with this 1968 side-by-side freezer-refrigerator combination with special designer doors by Frigidaire. San Francisco cable car scene has been placed over original doors and secured by replacing removable trim and door handles

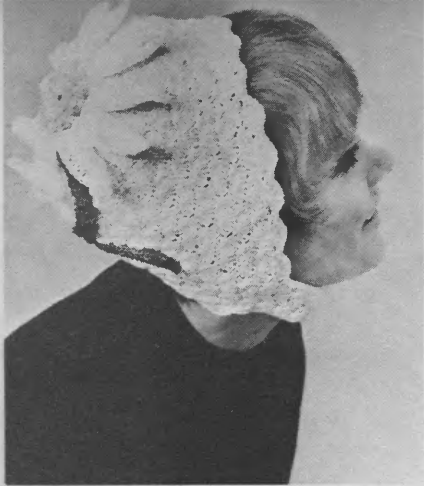
■ If you are shopping for a new refrigerator-freezer, chances are you'll be delighted with what you find in the new models. The most important questions to ask yourself are: 1) Does it have the storage arrangements, convenience features, capacity and style to serve me best over the years? 2) Will it be dependable and durable? Here are some of the conveniences you will find:

- More storage space in the same size refrigerator-freezers.
- Models where neither refrigerator nor freezer sections ever need defrosting.
- Sleek, straight-line styling that allows appliance to fit in like a built-in.
- Combination refrigerator-freezers with side by side sections that sometimes take no more space than a conventional refrigerator.
- Automatic icemakers so you

can reach in and get ice cubes without ever refilling the trays.

- Moist sections with high humidity which allows you to store food unwrapped without it drying out or losing flavor.
- Meat keepers that maintain meat up to a week without freezing it.
- More models on wheels that roll out for easy floor cleaning.
- Cantilevered shelves supported at the back that can be shifted easily to different positions for bulky foods.
- Slide-out shelves makes all storage accessible.
- Compact models for special niches and entertaining.
- Freezer sections are real freezers keeping food at zero temperatures.
- There's an endless selection of color and panel patterns to blend with any decor.





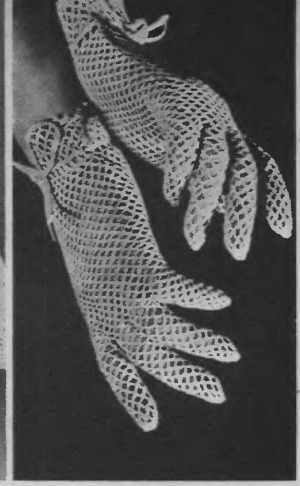
1. Daisy-Topped Car Helmet



2. Child's Pleated Dress



3. Girl's Blouse



4. Gloves

Summer selections



5. Lace Pillows

1. She has a daisy on her cap. She grew it herself with a crochet hook and cotton yarn. Use white for the helmet and petals, green for the stem and yellow for the flower center. The helmet style, strapped under the chin, is perfect for motoring with the top down. So come for a ride

2. This flower child is wearing the dress of her dreams. It's dainty and soft and pink. The skirt falls in a slightly pleated effect from a yoke top. It's knit of super fingering yarn. And you can make one in sizes 4-8

3. A bright young girl plays the separates game for school and fun. This crocheted blouse in girl's sizes 8-14 mixes with skirts and pants. Made of cotton yarn, the belted and banded style calls for a choice of gay colors

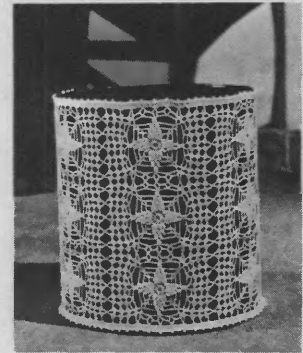
4. Femininity goes all the way to your fingertips. Lacy gloves complete this season's romantic fashion outlook. This pretty pair is crocheted in cotton yarn with finely braided trim, bow-tied at the wrist. Make them now

5. Pillow confections are whipped into a pale green or pink froth. These delicious pastries are concocted with a crochet hook and knitted worsted. Each cover, trimmed with lace and ribbon, fits over a 9-inch round foam pillow. A feminine boudoir is the place to put them immediately.

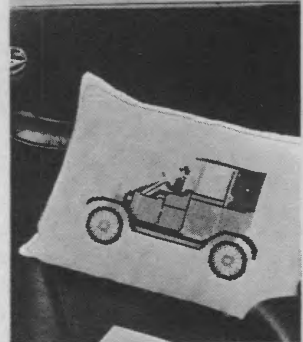
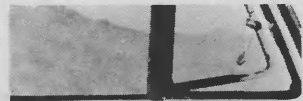
6. Crocheted lace is a balmy way to refurbish an old wastebasket. The basket is first covered with colored felt as a contrasting backing for the lace. The lacy cover is done in pretty flower motif of white crochet cotton

7. This pillow is a super deluxe model. An antique car aficionado will appreciate its fine lines. The auto design is worked in a cross-stitch, with cotton floss on a linen cover. Finished, the pillow measures about 11 x 16 inches. In a masculine den or recreation room, it is the perfect ingredient. We made this in silver grey linen.

8. Mother's bag always fascinates a little girl. This crocheted handbag is especially enticing for summer wear. It has two compartments, each with its own foldover flap and button closing. The handle may be made longer to hang from your shoulder. The size is a compact 5 1/2 x 9 inches



6. Wastebasket Cover



7. Car Pillow



8. Child's Bag

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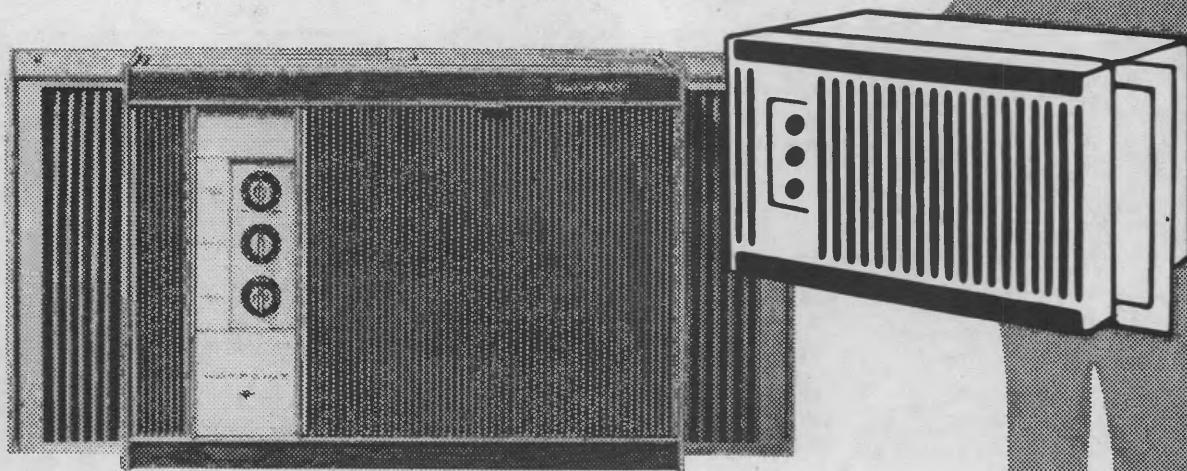
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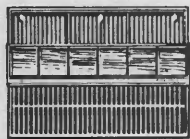
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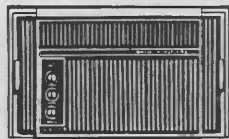
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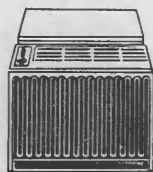
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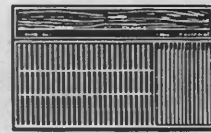
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