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Political Leaders Are Interested
In Future of Electric Cooperatives

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National News Notes

Rural development requires careful, early planning

■ "When we speak of rural development, we're not just talking about tidying up the rural scene, although this is fine," said Clifford M. Hardin, secretary of agriculture, in a recent address.

"What we seek is a healthier, more even distribution of population growth in the decades ahead, in ways that will take some of the pressure off our congested metropolitan centers."

Hardin said that even in states that have lost population there are centers growing as fast as metropolitan areas. More are needed.

"Let's hope," he continued, "that cities and towns that are going to be new growth centers will do the right kind of planning and avoid the mistakes other growing cities have made in the past—too narrow streets, lack of open space, and despoilment of natural environments."

"If the building for the future is done right, some of these communities can be the prize places in all America in which to live—and at the same time they will help alleviate some of the city pressures."

Partridge says co-ops need more loan funds

■ Attainment of an adequate supply of dependable and economical electric energy in the cleanest possible manner so as to safeguard our environment—this is the new national goal Robert D. Partridge, general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, has called for in the 1970s.

He says that the main legislative goal this year should be to gain additional loan fund authorizations for the Rural Electrification Administration's electric loan program. He cited the latest NRECA loan fund survey which indicates a loan demand of almost \$1.2 billion facing REA during the next year and a half. He reports that Illinois' loan requests may total \$20,223,000 during this period.

Partridge observed that the crisis in electric power availability continues "because our nation lacks a positive over-all policy for energy and resources."

Energy crisis by no means is solved yet

■ The apparent easing of a U.S. fuels and energy crisis is "illusionary" and temporary, at best, says Hollis M. Dole, assistant secretary of the interior for mineral resources, in a speech at Stanford University.

"We have been rescued by a fortuitous combination of events," he said, including "exceedingly mild weather conditions, a general slow-down in business activity, the General Motors strike" and utilization of spare fuel capacity . . .

"My concern, however, is that having warned the public of an energy crisis that has not yet materialized, those who did so may now be accused of crying wolf. . . . The wolf was indeed at the door earlier this winter; he has merely gone away for a time. . . . But he surely will be back and he may bring the whole pack with him." . . . The solution, Dole said, is for the U.S. to develop "a stable, clear, coherent, long-range" energy policy.

Consumers raise questions about food labeling

■ The controversy over consumer protection and consumer products continues. Now comes the Food and Drug Administration with a program to require labeling on packages listing the nutrient value of the contents. But it is having an industry-supported organization do the spade-work.

As soon as FDA announced that Consumer Research Institute, supported by food manufacturers, was to do the \$100,000 study on labeling, it came under fire.

Erma Angevine, executive director of the Consumer Federation of America, said, "No matter how accurate CRI did the job, nobody would believe its findings."

David A. Swankin, Washington representative of the Consumers Union, said that the FDA is "almost asking for skepticism by inviting CRI to do it research—why get industry into it?"

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COVER—Cecil A. Partee, left, President Pro Tempore of the Illinois Senate and W. Robert Bloir, right, Speaker of the House of Representatives, with Thomas H. Moore, general manager, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives.

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A Problem Vital to All

Some of the finest people in the world are those pioneer electric cooperative leaders, many of them as active today as ever, who have played and are playing so vital a role in the development of our great rural areas.

But these men and women and their successors today face problems even more pressing and complex than at any previous time.

One—just one—problem is the rapidly developing shortage of power—at a time when electric power has become a most essential ingredient of our prosperity and future expansion.

ILLINOIS ELECTRIC cooperatives thus far have been more fortunate than most power suppliers. Even so, several cooperatives that successfully endured World War II, the Korean War, and years of the Indochina War, already have had to raise rates. Some increases have been the first in the cooperative's history.

Will the situation improve? Listen to Charles A. Robinson, Jr., staff counsel for the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association:

"This nation's electric utility industry is currently passing through what may be the most critical period in its 85-year history. Electric systems of every type and size, from one end of the country to the other, are short of generating capability, are short of fuel and are attempting to rectify both these deficiencies at a time when interest rates and labor costs are at an all-time high and fuel prices are escalating at from 50 per cent to 100 percent per year."

And John A. Carver, Jr., commissioner, Federal Power Commission, said recently: "A crisis exists right now. For the next three decades we will be in a race for our lives to meet our energy needs."

BUT HOW MUCH additional generating capacity is needed?

The Federal Power Commission estimates that the 1970 capacity should be doubled by 1980 and doubled again by 1990. Thus the nation will need four times as much generating capacity in just 20 years as it has today.

To attain his capacity, the FPC estimates that 300 additional huge thermal plants of 500 megawatts or larger capacity will be needed, 135 of them using fossil fuels, the other 165 using nuclear fuel.

The cost? John N. Nassikas, FPC chairman, estimates that the job needing to be done by 1980 alone will take about \$180 billion (in 1970 dollars) or \$210 billion if prices go up 3 per cent a year. In addition, \$7 billion will be needed for debt refunding.

That, of course, is only part of the problem facing the electric industry. Others include pollution control, environmental control, rising costs of all kinds, research, underground lines, fuel supplies, reserves . . . on and on.

ILLINOIS ELECTRIC cooperatives are part of the electric power complex. Our continuing ability to serve our members properly is tied in with the national picture. And what can be done?

Some leading students in the field say it is essential that we all work for and insist on development of a forward-looking public policy.

Fragmented policy and scatter-shot efforts will not do.

We need, these experts say, a national power policy.

Its goal should be to provide an adequate supply of dependable and economical electric energy "to meet the human and industrial needs of our society, to safeguard the quality of our environment while producing the necessary energy."

How? There are many steps. But one, a simple but important one, is resumption of lending to cooperatives for power generation, which under the Nixon Administration, has become only a trickle.

By John F. Temple

We're Learning Valu

One hears much these days about shrinking rural area population and the resulting trend toward concentration of legislative power in metropolitan districts.

Rural residents, we are told, particularly electric cooperative members, are experiencing a rather rapid decrease in the number of legislators they are able to send to the state capital and to Washington.

Thus, it is said, the voice of rural Illinois (and rural America) be-



Rep. Clyde L. Choate, House minority leader.

comes increasingly faint in the legislative chambers of our land.

In some respects all this is true—but there is a brighter side.

ALTHOUGH representatives of rural districts no longer dominate legislative bodies as they did in earlier days, the shift in the balance of power has not been as adverse as one might think.

This is true in part because legislators from urban areas are, indeed, interested in learning more about the problems of their rural neighbors.

Such legislators genuinely are concerned with the welfare of non-metropolitan districts. They recognize that only through mutual aid and understanding can many of our most pressing problems be solved. They are keenly aware that even though rural residents can't vote for—or against—Chicago legislators, they can, and do, encourage their own legislators to support legal proposals of benefit to big city districts.

Effective legislation, they say, is a two-way street. Each group, each area, benefits most through a mutual

understanding and concern for the best interests of all.

IN ILLINOIS, Chicago area legislators try hard to inform themselves about rural area problems. They work at it.

One good example occurred a couple of years ago when seven Chicago lawmakers descended on three Adams County farms during a get-acquainted tour arranged by Keith L. Wilkey, distinguished farm editor of the Quincy Herald-Whig. Dean Searls, manager of Adams County Electrical Co-operative, Camp Point, helped. So, also did Melvin E. Sims, president, FS Services, Inc.

One visitor was Representative Corneal A. Davis, born in Mississippi, today a minister and influential Chicago lawmaker. He now serves as an assistant House minority leader, working along with Representative Clyde L. Choate, the minority leader from downstate Anna.

Coming from almost opposite ends of the state, they have much in common as regards legislation. Each wants to be the best possible legislator, not only for his own district, but also for all of the people of Illinois.

AND SO, Illinois legislators, rural and urban, are learning more and more about the needs and problems of all segments of the state.

As one of those seven Chicago lawmakers said after visiting west central Illinois farms:

"I've been voting on farm legislation for years, but I've had little actual knowledge of the merits of each bill. I've tried to inform myself, particularly by talking with rural area representatives whose judgment I respected.

"Now I expect to be a better legislator. I'll still ask questions and seek guidance, but I'll be better informed—and I hope I can do a better job.

"That, after all, is the aim of all serious legislators—and that includes most members of the General Assembly."

THOMAS H. MOORE, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, says he notes a steadily increasing concern on the part of urban lawmakers seeking information regarding problems of rural areas.

The reverse also is true, Moore says. Legislators representing territories served chiefly by electric cooperatives are showing increased solicitude for the welfare of their urban brothers.

ALBERT J. CROSS, director, Legal and Public Affairs Department, AIEC, also has noted this trend toward greater understanding and cooperation among urban and rural legislators.

Cross has been called one of the best informed people in the state concerning the Illinois legislative process. He knows each of the 58 senators and 177 representatives. Many are old and valued friends.

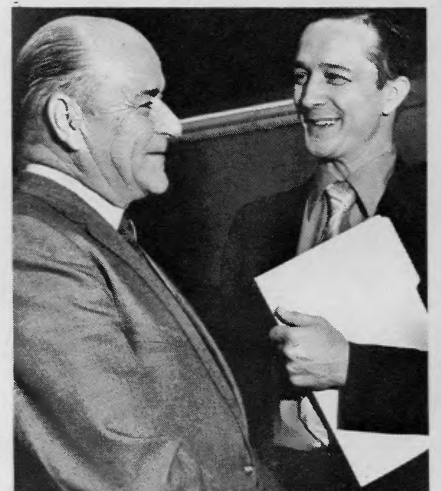
The General Assembly, he says, is far stronger because of this growing understanding of and respect for the problems of territories other than those represented by an individual legislator.

This, Cross says, is a healthy trend whose value can hardly be estimated. It means, ultimately, better legislation . . . for every section of the state.

OF COURSE not every legislator from a populous area is a newcomer among supporters helping to solve rural problems.

Two excellent examples are W. Robert Blair, a Republican, and Cecil A. Partee, a Democrat.

Blair is a young attorney of outstanding achievement from Park Forest. He is speaker of the House of Representatives, one of the most



Rep. William D. (Bill) Cox, left, with R. "Randy" Richter of the AIEC staff.

Of Legislative Unity

important positions in Illinois legislative affairs.

Blair was born in rural West Virginia, earned a law degree there, moved to Park Forest and became house counsel for and an assistant to the president of Swift & Company. In this capacity he repeatedly traveled through rural Illinois, meeting with farmers, discussing their problems . . . and often helping to solve them.

He has, says Cross, a wholesome respect for an understanding of such problems, and for the men and women of rural Illinois who are struggling so effectively to solve them as fresh problems develop. And, says Cross, he's still helping.

CECIL A. PARTEE today is president pro tempore of the Illinois Senate, another most important leader.

He was born in rural Arkansas, poor, determined, and, like Blair, extremely intelligent. He worked hard to obtain his early education in Arkansas, then was graduated from Tennessee A. & I. State University at Nashville. Later he was graduated from the high-rated Northwestern University School of Law. He is engaged in private practice in Chicago.

Partee, too, has a deep and serious interest in rural problems and particularly in the interests of Illinois electric cooperative members.

Partee isn't playing politics when he says he wants to help the cooperatives. Over the years in the General Assembly he has rendered invaluable aid and, he said, he will continue to help them so long as their cause is right.

He and other urban legislators provide such help, believing the "cause is right," and knowing that electric cooperative members can never vote for them.

RURAL RESIDENTS can, however, support the causes of urban areas when those "causes are right" and are in the interests of all of Illinois. We believe this is being done more and more—and that Illinois is far better off because of it.

We have mentioned only a few of the fine legislators who support programs of importance to electric cooperatives and to rural areas. There are many others who cannot be mentioned within this space.

But quickly let us touch on the important services of Senator James

H. Donnewald, a Democrat, of Breese, Representative Gerald W. Shea, a Democrat of Riverside, Representative William D. (Bill) Cox, a Republican of Charleston, and Senator William C. Harris, a Republican of Pontiac.

Representative Cox is majority whip of the House. He has had extensive experience in government and in the legislature he has been a strong supporter of the electric cooperatives. He is a valued friend of the cooperatives.

Representative Gerald W. Shea, a Democrat from urban Riverside, is assistant minority leader of the House. He has demonstrated repeatedly his interest in rural problems and in the welfare of the electric cooperative program in Illinois.

Senator James H. Donnewald is assistant majority leader of the Senate and is an authority on farm and rural legislation. He has always been a strong supporter of the electric cooperatives of Illinois, and has served as Senate sponsor of a number of bills introduced on behalf of electric cooperatives.

Senator William C. Harris of Pontiac, a Republican is one of the outstanding Illinois legislative leaders. He currently is chairman of the Illinois Budgetary Commission which reviews practically all budgets before they are sent to the General Assembly. During his years in the House and Senate he has been a strong and valued supporter of the electric cooperative program.

And Representative Choate, a most articulate spokesman for rural areas, particularly Southern Illinois, has always been a particularly effective supporter of electric cooperative programs and other programs affecting rural areas.

But he and other downstate legislators mentioned here, also are deeply concerned over the problems of urban residents. They are not alone.

They recognize full well what electric cooperative members are coming to recognize with increasing clarity: that the welfare of all sections of the state are closely interconnected, that the strength of one depends in significant part upon the strength of the other.

And all are working for the common good. In this direction lies progress.



Sen. James H. Donnewald, left, with Albert J. Cross of AIEC.



Rep. Gerald W. Shea, left, with R. Randy Richter of AIEC.

Sen. William C. Harris with Cross.



Can Consumers, Cooperating

From all over the nation they came, hundreds strong, representing millions of consumers concerned about lack of adequate protection in the marketplace, about health care—or the lack of it—about problems of the poor.

They came from virtually every state. And, after two days of intensive discussion, even some arguments as to procedures, they returned to their homes with renewed faith that they could, indeed, do something significant about consumer problems.

THEY HAD ATTENDED the fourth annual Consumer Assembly. They had participated in the annual meeting of the Consumer Federation of America (CFA). They had helped elect a new CFA president, 44-year-old Don S. Willner, an Oregon state senator long active in the consumer movement. He succeeds Howard T. Frazier who was defeated 315-18 in his bid for reelection.

Robert D. Partridge, general manager, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, was re-elected to a three-year term on CFA's board. William F. Matson, manager, Pennsylvania Rural Electric Association, was elected CFA vice president.

Other electric cooperative leaders

New consumers group president Don S. Willner addresses Consumer Assembly '71 in Washington, D.C.



Bayard Rustin

were active in CFA and Consumer Assembly affairs.

MRS. ERMA ANGEVINE, long closely associated with the electric cooperative movement and now CFA executive director, said the consumer group today is in a position to make consumer wishes known in the most effective possible manner.

A battery of nationally known speakers discussed consumer problems during the assembly. One was Bayard Rustin, executive director of the A. Philip Randolph institute in New York and a civil rights activist since 1947. He discussed consumer concerns of the poor and minorities at an assembly luncheon—and received a standing ovation.

NICHOLAS JOHNSON, a 36-year-old member of the Federal Communications Commission, made it plain in his address that although consumers have made some progress, they've a long battle ahead against "the corporate state." He said their only hope is through organized unity. They simply can't protect their vital interests on an individual, unorganized basis.

Johnson agreed with other speakers that consumers need more and better information so that they can choose between products based on performance and price. But, he said, some major merchandisers bitterly opposed giving consumers such information. It can, he said, most readily be obtained through united,



ring About Needed Reforms?

determined consumer action and local, state and national levels.

SENATOR EDWARD KENNEDY in the closing assembly address urged consumer groups to play more active roles in what he called a growing national movement for health reform.

He said comprehensive reform could be achieved only if the voice of the consumer is effectively heard.

The senator urged strong CFA support for the health security program which he and 24 other senators have introduced in Congress.

Goal of the program, he said, is to create a system of comprehensive national health insurance and to use the insurance mechanism as a lever to accomplish major improvements in the nation's overall health care system.

Kennedy said the most insidious gap in our health system today is the way we have ignored the health consumer. For too long, he said, this nation has allowed the system to operate chiefly for the advantage of those who provide the service—not for the benefit of those who receive it.

Yet, he added, it is the consumer who has the greatest stake in the quality of the health system.

"FOR MILLIONS of our citizens," Kennedy continued, "high quality medical care is simply not available at any price.

"Rarely, if ever, in our history



Don S. Willner

has a call for reform so united so many different groups of people in the nation. Our current health crisis cuts across all political, social, economic and geographic lines.

"It affects rich and poor, black and white, old and young, urban and rural, business and labor alike."

Senator Kennedy said it is "a cruel paradox" that after a generation of brilliant advances in medical research, the American consumer has never been worse off in terms of receiving the full benefit that medicine is now capable of delivering.

"We are winning no Nobel Prizes for our ability to translate the promise of the laboratory into the reality of better health care for our people," he said.

"We are not even holding our own in comparison with the other major industrial nations of the world," he added.

"We trail 12 other nations in infant mortality, 17 others in life expectancy for males, 10 other nations in life expectancy for females and 15 others in the death rate for middle-aged males."

"In each of these categories we ranked better a generation ago," the senator declared.

Can consumers bring about vitally needed reforms? They're trying. We shall see.

Senator Edward Kennedy makes Consumer Assembly plea for vastly improved health care.



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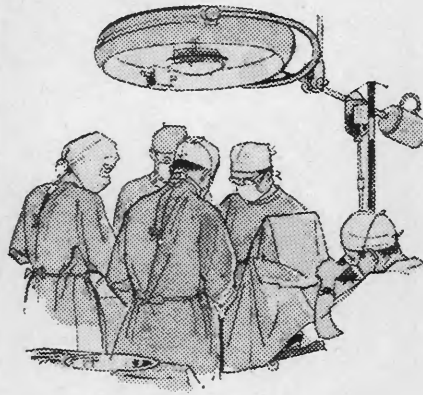
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Retreat Offers Peace and Quiet Rest

By Bob Patton

“There is a place of quiet rest . . .” situated in a secluded place near Galesburg known as the Good Samaritan Retreat Center.

The retreat, six miles south of Galesburg near Lake Bracken, is operated by the Good Samaritan Sanitarium and Hospital, Inc., a not-for-profit, religious, charitable organization.

The owners are Dr. and Mrs. J. D. Wang, who also own the Good Samaritan Sanitarium and Hospital in Knoxville.

The all-electric retreat was completed late last year and is to be open on a year-round basis, according to Dr. Wang. It is served by the Spoon River Electric Cooperative with headquarters in Canton.

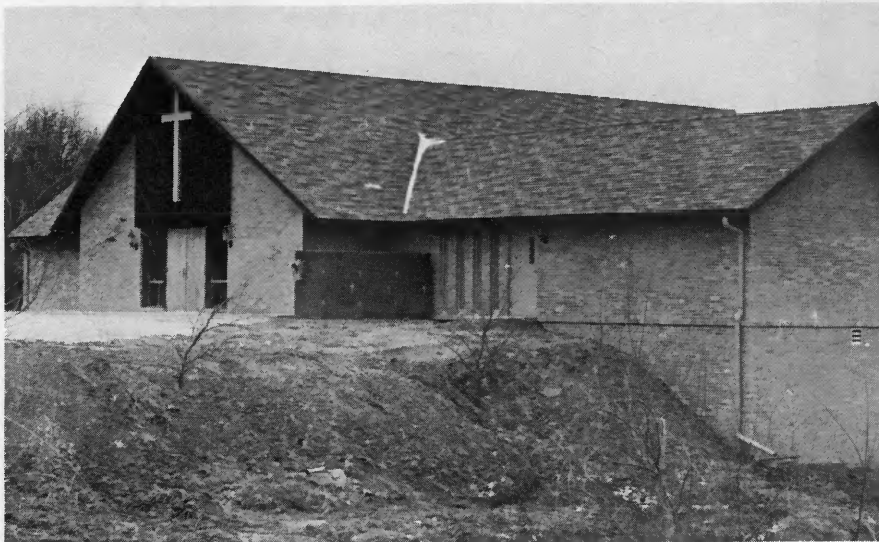
“The retreat is not a hospital . . . it is not a home for the aged . . . it is not a rehabilitation center . . . it is not a church . . . it is not a home, but, yet, it is everything,” Dr. Wang said.

“We have put together an educational type program to enable people distressed with problems to find their places in society,” Dr. Wang said.

The retreat, surrounded by a 40-acre rolling meadow and woodland, is an attempt to get away from professionalism, Dr. Wang said.

Two beautiful buildings grace the hillside across from a woodland of red and white pines. The center of activity is the Bethel building, a modern, yet, rustic chapel, which houses several classrooms, a lecture hall, a library, conference rooms and a beautiful stained chapel window.

Philadelphian Hall, a 20-room



dormitory to accommodate a minimum of 40 people, overlooks the small ravine whose stream winds its way among the young willows which cling to the banks. Each room is lighted and heated electrically and decorated in attractive decor.

Within the dormitory is a cafeteria where low-cholesterol and well balanced meals are served without the use of tea, coffee and animal flesh. Meats are supplemented by vegetable fat by-product substitutes.

Food, prepared by volunteer workers in an all-electric stainless-steel kitchen, is provided by the International Nutritional Laboratory.

Basic rules of the center are designed to maintain a healthful and spiritual atmosphere. Dancing, card-playing, smoking, drinking and cursing are not permitted.

“The retreat encourages wholesome, beneficial activities that will prepare members to serve their fellowmen in a meaningful manner,”

Dr. Wang said. “It’s a place where people can go just to get away from the hustle and bustle of everyday life.

“Our doors are open to anyone who might wish to come stay a few days, a month or even a year.” The institute is supported by the payment for lodging, food and other materials and from voluntary contributions from individuals and organizations.

Since opening day last fall, people have been slow coming to the center, Dr. Wang said. “That’s because we have not been organized too long,” he said.

Early this spring, Dr. Wang plans to set up a stop smoking clinic and a marital counseling clinic. “We conducted a clinic to stop smoking for five people soon after we opened. Even though only a small number attended, they all have quit smoking and others are asking about our program,” Dr. Wang said.

In regard to other services Dr. Wang said, “We offer a progressive school for students who will find learning by doing in an educational environment conducive to character building and personal development.

“It is a home for people who seek hope, harmony and happiness and who wish to achieve good family relationships. In short, it is a social institution where life may be made more meaningful, purposeful and healthful,” Dr. Wang said.

The Bethel building (left) and Philadelphian Hall set across the ravine from Dr. and Mrs. Wang’s home.



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Leaders Seek More Supplies of Power

Delegates to the recent Mid-West Electric Consumers Association annual meeting in Denver heard Senator George McGovern declare, "It is a travesty that this nation has no national grid system to interlink power-short areas with potential sources of surplus supply elsewhere."

He said there is a "desperate need" to expand research into a variety of energy sources and equipment.

The South Dakota senator, touching on availability and costs of fuels, called for stronger action by the Justice Department's Antitrust and Monopoly Division. He urged a review of the Interior Department's leasing policy regarding gas deposits under Federal lands. He advocated consideration of a TVA-like corporation to develop the huge coal supplies of the West.

AND, SENATOR McGOVERN declared, "It is time we took a hard look at the basic organization of our entire power supply system."

He said Leland Olds' idea of "giant power" has never received the thorough and objective evaluation it deserves. Under this concept, separate generation and transmission organizations would provide bulk electric power to local utilities that would continue to be responsible for distribution and marketing.

Annual meeting delegates representing ten states in the Missouri Basin urged the Federal government to expand its electric transmission facilities. They said their action was taken because federal power sales and revenues in the area are "sharply more than what was anticipated by studies."

In another resolution the electric consumers association asked for legislation enabling the Federal government to construct thermal generating plants.

KENNETH HOLUM, former assistant secretary of the Interior, reported on studies concerning possible building of a giant generating plant on the coal fields of Montana or Wyoming.

He said legislation authorizing the creation of public agencies for the purpose of financing and building bulk power facilities would be sought in both those states.

Senator McGovern, however, particularly caught the attention of delegates when he discussed areas where, he said, action is imperative to minimize the effects of the en-

ergy crisis facing the nation. Numerous policy decisions, he said, deserve the earliest possible attention.

Thus delegates of ten states in the Missouri Basin join other workers in the power area in an apparently rapidly growing apprehension that development and wise distribution of adequate power supplies is not at all keeping pace with rapidly growing demands for such power.

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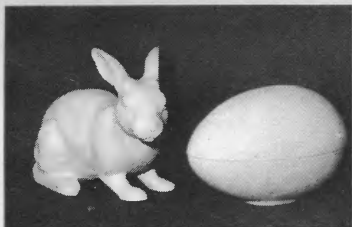
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Rural Areas Hit by New Loan Ruling

The Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) insured loan program for rural housing has seen its fiscal 1971 ceiling lowered by a third—some \$500 million.

Robert D. Partridge, general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, said the slash resulted from Administration action, reported in the new federal budget.

He described the action as "a cruel blow to thousands of low income rural families who have no other hope of obtaining decent housing except through this program."

THE COOPERATIVE News Service said knowledgeable observers of the rural housing campaign have been hard pressed to explain the loan ceiling reduction, particularly in view of the explanatory material covering the FmHA program in the previous federal budget. This said:

"Over half of the nation's substandard housing is located in rural areas. As part of the Administration's effort to improve the quality of the environment and upgrade rural communities, technical and financial assistance to low-and-moderate-income rural residents' housing will be expanded."

Now, halfway through the fiscal year this budget message was speaking about, the FmHA insured loan program has been lowered from \$1.457 billion to \$946 million.

"THE ACTION is more surprising," said CNS, "when one learns that by the end of November FmHA had already committed \$526 million in 42,000 loans—and had in the mill an additional 71,000 loan applications which would have taken care of the ceiling the Administration had first set. From a needs answered view, the program was certainly, therefore, a resounding success."

"But most surprising is the fact," CNS continued, "that this program was having no negative effect upon the budget because it involves no appropriations. . . . Because FmHA sells its 7¼ per cent interest loan paper to private sources at between 6 and 7 per cent interest, the program actually makes money for the government."

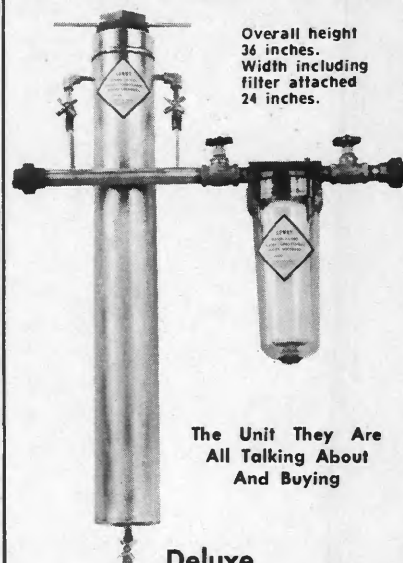
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Hamil Points to Progress Made By Cooperatives

David A. Hamil, administrator of the Rural Electrification administration (REA), recently praised telephone cooperative leaders for their part in modernizing rural telephone service.

In a Houston, Texas, speech before the National Telephone Cooperative Association, Hamil declared:

"We used to hear a lot about the need to increase the capabilities of rural telephone systems so they could equal the quality of service being provided to people in the cities.

"In many rural communities today, telephone service is superior to that provided in many urban areas."

THE NATIONAL REA administrator said that about 40 percent of the service provided by the more than 800 cooperative and commercial telephone systems financed in part through REA is single party.

"For the past five years," he went on, "85 per cent of all new construction contracts approved by REA called for underground service."

In another talk at the annual meeting of Kansas Electric Cooperative, Inc., Hamil called for Kansas rural electric cooperatives, along with the other nearly 1,000 electric cooperatives in the nation, to be ready for the "climate of change" in the decade of the 1970s.

"DETERMINATION and self-reliance that Kansans have displayed since early pioneer days are only part of the story," he said. "We must grow and change as our consumers and their needs grow and change. Our way of doing business must change because we are now in the big leagues of the electrical industry.

Other cooperatives leaders in Illinois such as H. G. Downey, manager of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Mt. Vernon, and Arthur H. Peyton, manager of McDonough Power Cooperative of Macomb, to name only two, long have been practicing this philosophy.

From one end of Illinois to the other, from Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative on the Wisconsin line to Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative down by Cairo, Illinois electric cooperatives are changing to meet changing needs. None are standing still . . . waiting for progress to pass them by!

Watch Out for Smiling Crooks Who Say They're Cooperative Workers

WATCH OUT! Someone—some-where and in some way—is looking for a gullible victim. And that victim could be you, especially if some business proposal is not as it appears to be and you fall for it.

All over Illinois electric cooperative members are finding themselves prospective victims of schemes designed to part them from their money. And all too frequently the "gyp artists" pose as electric cooperative workers, in part because they know cooperative members have the highest confidence in cooperative employees.

SUCH A CASE occurred recently in one cooperative territory—but it didn't work. The "Victim" was too smart.

Here's about how the event unfolded:

Two men, pretending to be cooperative employees, called on an elderly widow.

"My co-worker and I have been checking the problem on the electrical lines all morning and we've finally traced the trouble to your house," one man said, in effect. "We'll use our special test equipment and check your meter."

While the man plugged the "testing equipment" into an electrical outlet, his co-worker walked outside to read the meter. His companion called to him, "Raise it three points

. . . no, that's not enough; raise it six."

After this was "accomplished," the men proceeded to check all the light fixtures in the widow's home. Then they requested payment of \$48.

The woman hesitated, then offered to write a check. The man objected. "If you pay in cash we'll deduct \$10 and it will cost you only \$38, he said.

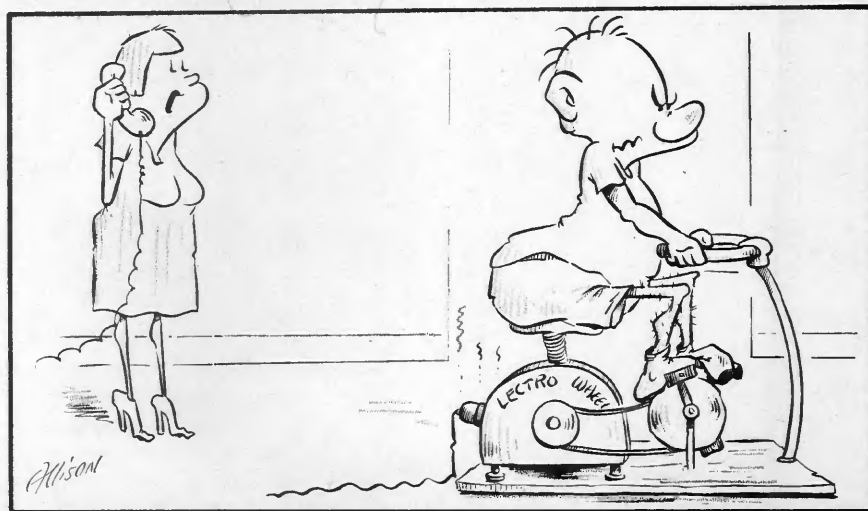
No, answered the woman, becoming increasingly suspicious. She always wrote a check to her electric cooperative. The men should have the cooperative send her a bill.

The men protested but without success. They left without collecting one cent.

BUT MANY PEOPLE are not as alert as this widow. Many have been gyped. They take for granted that if someone appears, wearing a hard yellow hat such as linemen frequently use, he must be all he represents himself to be.

This isn't true!

If someone comes to your home providing a "quick answer" to a real or imagined electrical problem which he has traced to your location, double-check. Should you not recognize him or see him driving one of your cooperative's familiar vehicles, contact your cooperative office immediately. Everyone will be glad—except the crook.



"He was coming around the last lap three lengths in the lead—and blew a fuse."

What's New?

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● Automatic Spin-Rinse

Hoover's spin-drying washer features a new automatic spin-rinse cycle. The rinse action saturates the load with fresh water, then spins it out while flushing the spin basket. The final ultra-high spin leaves the clothes damp-dry. The twin-tub capacity permits a second load to be washing while the first load is spin drying. The suggested retail price is \$189.95.



● "Dialite" Controls

Three 1971 ranges in the Tappan Electra 800 series feature new "Dialite" controls with illuminated indicators showing top unit settings on a vertical scale. Homemakers simply dial the desired cooking temperature. Other features include Life 'N Lock top, removable elements, automatic clock, and a choice of continuous or pyrolytic cleaning oven.



● Gallery Collection

Pretty enough to bring to the table is this gallery collection of electric cooking appliances by Westinghouse. Each of the three new collections contain five appliances and are expected to sell for less than \$120.



● Porta-Cool

Hotpoint's 1971 Porta-Cool air conditioners operate on 115-volt with cooling capacities from 5,000 to 8,000-BTU per hour. The units feature a low fan speed for quiet nighttime operation. The conditioned air is discharged out of the top of the unit to provide a canopy of no-draft cooling.

"No matter how wonderful an area is, no matter how attractive, it simply can't grow, prosper and attract happy, contented residents unless it offers the essential facilities they demand . . . good schools, a good hospital, good recreational opportunities . . . and, extremely important, outstanding professional people, particularly doctors."

Robert W. Vander Pluym, power use adviser for Clinton County Electric Cooperative at Breese, some 30 miles east of St. Louis, was talking seriously with friends. They nodded agreement.

"We're getting a marvelous new hospital, mostly through our own community efforts," Vander Pluym went on. (The St. Joseph/Clinton Hospital that cost \$3.8 million has 100 beds and is as modern as tomorrow.) "But we do need more doctors and other professional people, lawyers, nurses, teachers, architects, dentists, people who will help make our area even more attractive than crowded metropolitan areas.

"Let's do something about it."

SO HERE IS HOW one area is tackling this all-too-common problem:

A group of business and professional people, and their friends took the lead. Early this year they launched the Clinton County Challenge for Doctors. They asked Bob Vander Pluym to lead the drive. But it is no one-man show. Hundreds of people are pitching in with ideas, suggestions, work and encouragement. It's another community challenge as was that beautiful new hospital and numerous other civic-community projects.

CLINTON COUNTY Electric Cooperative, Inc., through its employees, its manager Joseph H. Heimmann, its board of directors and its extensive membership, all are helping.

"Concerned individuals decided that there had been too much competition for doctors among the communities of our area," Vander Pluym observed in a recent interview. "Nearby Trenton had been seeking a doctor for a long time. With a population of more than 2,000, it

Aids in Doctor Drive

had even built a fine medical center—but its efforts to attract a doctor had been unsuccessful. The facility stood vacant. We decided that we'd all concentrate on Trenton. If a prospect turned down Trenton, he might be interested in one of the other splendid towns of our county."

The real work began. Visits . . . letters to medical centers . . . hospitals . . . Up went attractive signs at all highways leading into the county. Material and work on the signs were donated by groups and individuals. The cooperative itself placed them on its own light poles . . . provided attractive mercury-vapor lights . . . and the power to operate them.



Robert W. Vander Pluym, left, and Joseph H. Heimann, along with other representatives of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., long have played leading roles in backing projects of importance to the broad area served by the member-owned organization.

A BEAUTIFUL brochure is being prepared. It will detail the delights of the Clinton County area, its fine, efficient farmers (many of shrewd German decent), its recreational attractions at nearby Lake Carlyle, one of the largest man-made lakes in the midwest, its brand new hospital, its wonderful schools.

Various towns in the area are contributing \$40 to \$400, based on population, to help finance the search for doctors and other professional people.

"We won't stand still," said Vander Pluym. "Our towns aren't going to die on the vine as we're told some towns must do. We'll make sure we can offer the services and attractions that will draw fine new residents to our area."

ONE DOCTOR—two, really—have already come. They are Dr. Maximino Floreza and his wife, Dr. Belen Floreza. They've settled at Trenton. And that new medical facility is a busy place.

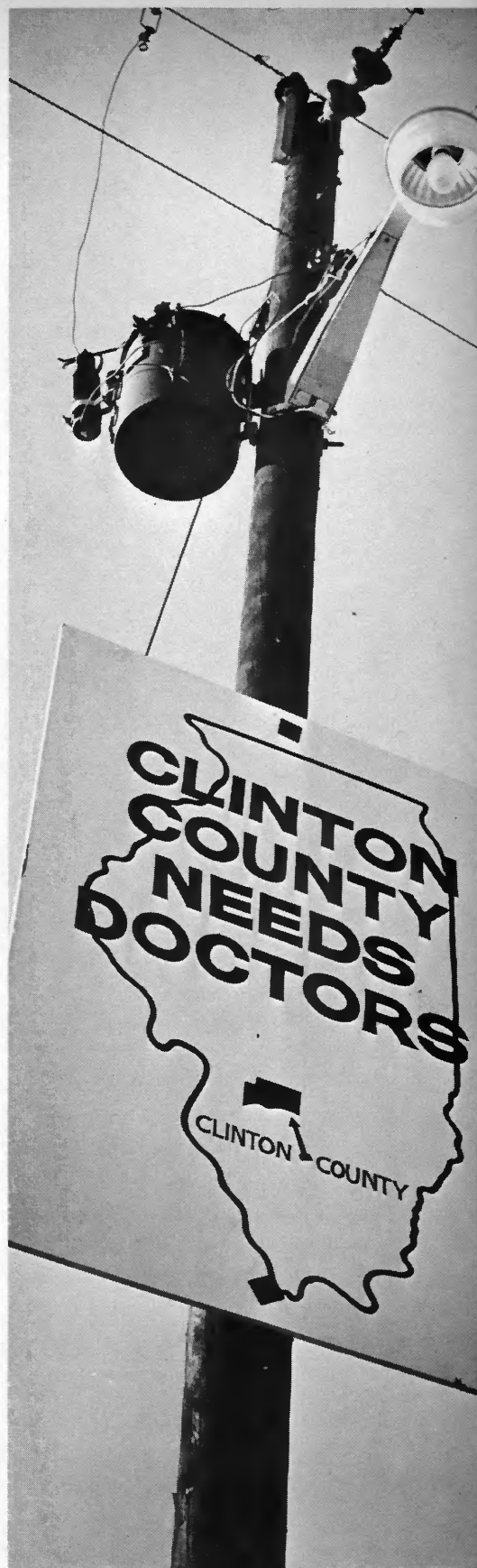
But the signs remain. The area's need for more professional people continues.

"This is a long-time community improvement program," Vander Pluym said. "Our people are determined to do whatever is necessary to achieve our goals."

Doctors . . . or anyone else with ideas or suggestions, are invited to call Vander Pluym at Clinton County Electric Cooperative headquarters, Breese, Illinois (618) 526-7282. The address is 475 North Main Street. It isn't hard to find. Breese, prosperous, lively and progressive, has only 2,800 people. The county itself has some 25,000 residents—and eight resident doctors.

But such wonderful people!

Help them if you can. Vander Pluym and his fellow workers would like to know the experiences of other communities seeking doctors. Share the knowledge! Lots of people, including some fine physicians, lawyers and others, will be better off.



Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Inc., aids drive for doctors and other professional people by donating mercury-vapor light, power and space for such signs as this. It's part of our good neighbor policy, says Joseph H. Heimann, manager.

Smile Awhile

TALL TALE

He had returned from a winter's vacation in Florida, and was telling his friend about the enormous fish he had landed. "It was so big," he said, "it took a power winch to land it and a crane to get it off the boat. It was too big to eat, so I took a picture of it."

"Well," said the friend, "what are you waiting for? Show me the picture."

"Oh," said the fisherman, "I don't carry that picture around with me. It weighs 15 pounds!"

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LAST RESORT

"What's wrong, Charlie? You look depressed."

"Well, I am. When I left home this morning I had \$100 in this suit. I've looked through every pocket except one, and I can't find it!"

"Why don't you look in that pocket?"

"I'm afraid to. If it isn't there, then I'll really worry."

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LATE DATE

Brother: "I thought I told you not to tell Mother how late I came in last night."

Sister: "I didn't. I just said I was too busy setting the breakfast table to notice the time."

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BIG DIFFERENCE

Sergeant: "So you're complaining of finding sand in your soup."

Private: "That's right, Sarge."

Sergeant: "Did you join the Army to serve your country or to complain about the food?"

Private: "I joined the Army to serve my country, not eat it."

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YOU CAN'T ALWAYS WIN

A political candidate, shaking hands vigorously with an elderly man in a small mountain town, said, "Yes, sir, I believe I went to school with you."

Replying with a straight face, the voter said: "Well I never went but three days and you weren't there on any of them."

If You Hurry, You May Still Win A Great Trip to Washington

We've been talking with Randy Richter, administrative assistant to Thomas H. Moore, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (take a long breath, we're getting to the point soon), and he says that in most participating cooperatives, eligible high school students still have time to enter the 1971 Youth to Washington competition. Richter is youth tour director.

Time is important, because this June 12 some 50 lucky winners will leave Springfield on a week-long, expense-paid trip to the nation's capital—and the time of their lives.

The thing to do now is to contact your own cooperative, or perhaps your high school principal, and find out if you're eligible to compete. Do it right away. Deadlines vary from cooperative to cooperative, but not much time is left.

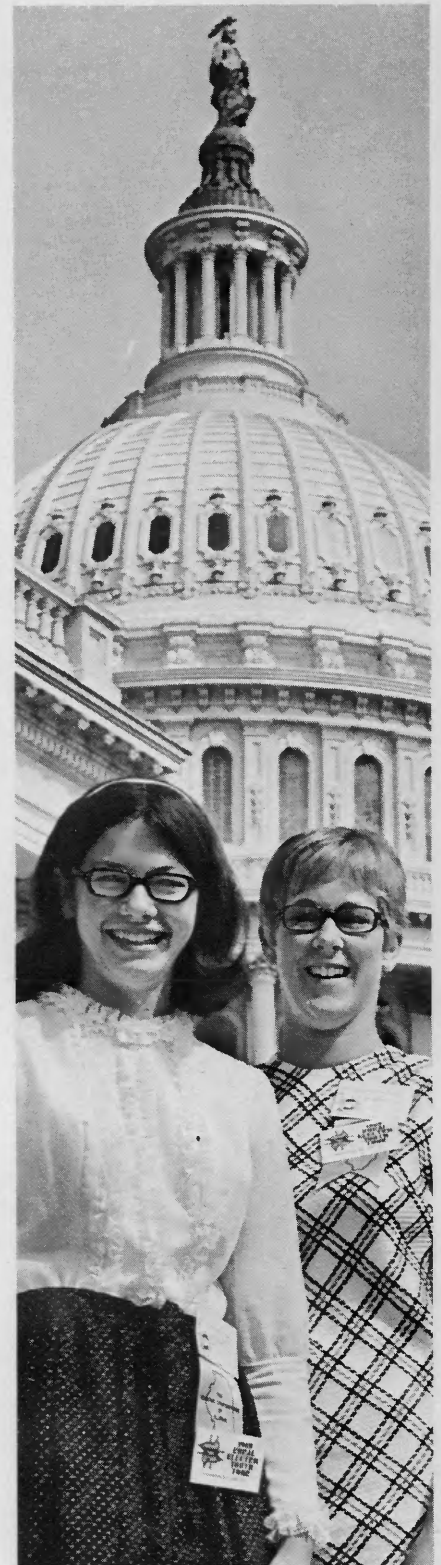
Most cooperatives are determining their winners through essay contests. Most limit participants to high school juniors. But find out about your own cooperative.

You think you can't win a trip that's worth hundreds of dollars, simply by writing an essay? Probably most of the young people who have actually won in past years had the same doubts. But they entered, and won . . . and will never forget the wonderful times they had as a result—or the wonderful friends they made.

Remember, you'll travel in air-conditioned buses, stay at a fine motel on the bank of the Potomac River close to downtown Washington, you'll meet some of the nation's outstanding lawmakers—and will have opportunities to talk with them.

You may be surprised at how interesting, and well informed, most Congressmen are.

Of course you'll visit lots of historic spots and you'll enjoy the advantage of having available at all times some of the finest guides anywhere. You might even persuade one of them, Randy Richter, to race you to the top of the Washington monument. That should be fun! Trying to persuade him, that is.



Is it fun to be in Washington—with 800 or more essay contest winners from all over the nation? Ask anyone! Ask Pattie Reedy, Lovington, left, and Linda Atchison, Sullivan, former Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative winners.

Pen Pals

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Farm Materials Handling Show Scheduled for March 23-25

Virtually everything is in readiness for the 10th annual Southern Illinois Farm Materials Handling Show March 23 through 25 at the Washington County Fairgrounds just outside Nashville.

Ivan Holler of Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Fairfield, general chairman of the show, predicted that more than 4,000 persons would attend.

Hours will be 11 a.m. until 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 23; 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. Wednesday and 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. Thursday, March 25.

Admission is free. This probably will be the largest show of its kind ever sponsored in Southern Illinois, Andy Bird of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Mt. Vernon, said. Bird is another long-time backer of the event, along with Tri-County and other Southern Illinois electric cooperatives and their representatives.

Sponsors include not only electric cooperatives but also Central Illinois Public Service Company, Illinois Power Company, the Illinois Farm Electrification Council, the Cooperative Extension Service, University of Illinois, and the School of Agriculture, Southern Illinois University.

Literally hundreds of vocational agriculture students and their instructors from dozens of area high schools will take advantage of the opportunity to study the latest in farm equipment, much of it electrically operated.

Homemakers will swarm into all-weather buildings to see electrical products of all kinds, designed to make their work easier and more efficient. Latest models of many kinds of appliances will be on display.

And farmers! They'll come from Southern Illinois, Missouri, Kentucky and Indiana to learn "what's new"—and what to do about it.

Factory representatives and other specialists will be on hand all three days to answer questions, offer suggestions and listen to comments. They'll impart reliable information—and they learn from their visitors, also.

Lunch will be available on the grounds. And many of the exhibits will be in all-weather buildings.



Elmo A. Cates, manager of Clay Electric Co-operative, Inc., of Flora, strides past an exhibit at an earlier Farm Materials Handling Show.

for the luck of the Irish

■ Should you perchance be thinking of St. Patrick's Day, you'll find a few dishes to make up a meal "in the greens." Green carnations there must be for the centerpiece. Choose pea soup for a starter. Serve this in a cup with croutons. Our seafood stuffed potatoes are gourmet fare. Of course, there's corned beef as easy to make as jumpin'-off-a-log, it is! No colleen would be caught without a recipe for soda bread. And chances are she won't tell you exactly how she made it. Even desserts put on a bit 'o the green. Under that cloud of meringue is pistachio ice cream. Begorra! At least invite all the angels you know, like helpful neighbors and relatives, for tea or coffee and serve them Coconut Dream Squares.

ST. PATRICK'S SCONES



COCONUT DREAM SQUARES



- CHOCOLATE PISTACHIO PIE**
 1 1/4 cups graham cracker crumbs
 1/3 cup finely chopped almonds
 1/4 cup sugar
 1/3 cup butter, melted
 1 quart pistachio ice cream
Chocolate Sunday Sauce
 2 egg whites
 1/4 cup sugar

Combine cracker crumbs, almonds and 1/4 cup sugar. Stir in butter, mix. Firmly press over bottom and sides of 9" pie pan. Bake at 350 degrees 8 minutes. Cool. Fill crumb crust with ice cream. Freeze until ice cream is firm. Prepare Sunday Sauce. Beat egg whites until formy. Add 1/4 cup sugar, 2 tablespoons at a time, beating throughly. Continue beating until stiff shiny peaks form. Beat 5 minutes longer. Spread over pie. Bake at 400 degrees 3-5 minutes, or until lightly browned. Serve at once with chocolate sauce. (For deeper meringue, double recipe.)

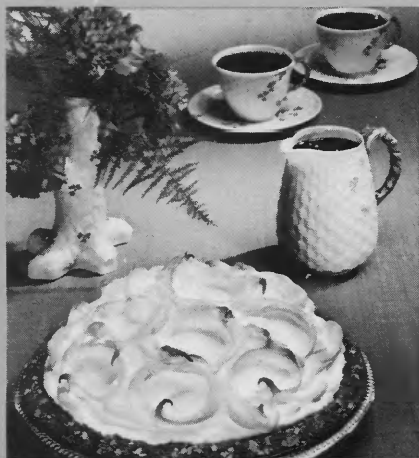
CHOCOLATE SAUCE: Place 4 sqs. semi-sweet chocolate and 6 tablespoons water over low heat. Stir until melted. Add 1/4 cup sugar, stir until dissolved. Boil gently 4 minutes, stirring. Remove from heat, add 2 tablespoons butter. Serve hot.

- LEPRECHAUN MINT FREEZE**
 1 cup heavy cream
 1/3 cup sugar
 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1/8 teaspoon peppermint extract
 5 drops green food coloring
 2 sqs. semi-sweet chocolate, coarsely grated

Whip cream just until it will form soft peaks. Add sugar, vanilla, peppermint extract, and food coloring. Fold in grated chocolate. Spoon into 4-oz. paper cups. Freeze until firm—about 3 hours. Serves 5.

- COCONUT DREAM SQUARES**
 1 cup sifted flour
 1/4 cup packed brown sugar
 1/3 cup soft butter
 2 eggs
 1 cup packed brown sugar
 1/4 cup flour
 1/2 teaspoon baking powder

CHOCOLATE PISTACHIO PIE



- 1 teaspoon vanilla
 1 cup cookie coconut*
 1 cup chopped walnuts

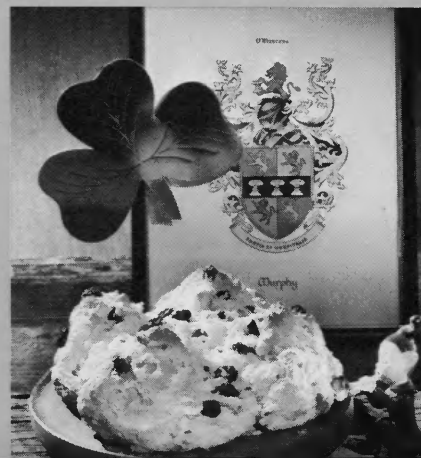
*Or use 1 1/3 cups flaked coconut
 Combine 1 cup flour and 1/4 cup brown sugar. Add butter, mix thoroughly. Press firmly into an ungreased 9" square pan and bake at 350 degrees for 15 minutes. Meanwhile, beat eggs until light. Add 1 cup brown sugar gradually, beating constantly until mixture is light and fluffy. Sift 1/4 cup flour with baking powder; fold into egg mixture. Add vanilla, coconut and nuts; mix thoroughly. Spread on top of baked mixture in pan, return to oven. Bake 20-25 minutes longer, or until lightly browned. Cool. Cut into squares. Makes 2 dozen.

POMMES DE TERRE MARIN
 (in color)

- 6 large Idaho potatoes
 6 tablespoons butter
 1 1/2 cups hot milk
 1 1/2-2 lbs filet of sole
 Milk or white wine
 (enough to cover fish)
 1/2-3/4 lb. cooked shrimp or crabmeat
 Salt and pepper to taste
 Parmesan cheese

Scrub potatoes and bake on rack in oven. About 10 minutes before they are done, simmer filet of sole in milk or wine until tender (about 5-10 minutes). When potatoes are soft, remove a lengthwise slice from the top of each hot potato. Scoop out the contents and mash or press through a ricer. Add salt and pepper and the butter melted in hot milk. Whip until light and fluffy. Pile potato mixture lightly into shells, leaving deep hollowed centers. Lift the filet of sole from the liquid. Reserve this liquid for the Mornay sauce. Divide the sole into six portions and place in the hollow of each potato. Top with cooked shrimp or crabmeat. Pour Mornay Sauce over seafood. Sprinkle top with grated Parmesan cheese.

COUNTRY CORK SODA BREAD



Bake at 375 degrees until lightly browned. NOTE: When used as fish course instead of main dish, use only 1/2 lb. filet of sole.

MORNAY SAUCE

- 3 tablespoons butter
- 3 tablespoons flour
- Liquid from poaching
- 1/2 cup shredded Swiss cheese
- Salt and pepper

Over low heat, cook together butter, flour, milk from poaching, adding enough milk to make 1 1/2 cups altogether. When very hot, stir in shredded cheese, salt and pepper.

CORNER BEEF AND CABBAGE

- 5 lbs. corned beef
- 2 tablespoons pickling spices
- 3 carrots, quartered
- 3 onions
- 1 head cabbage, wedged

Wash corned beef, cover with cold water, add spices tied in cheesecloth. Simmer until meat is tender. Add carrots and onions last hour and cabbage last 20 minutes of cooking time.

Serve beef on platter with vegetables around it. Pass Horseradish Sauce made by melting 3 tablespoons butter in pan, add 3 tablespoons flour, blend. Add 1 1/2 cups boiling beef stock all at once, stirring until smooth. Season with horseradish.

COUNTRY CORK SODA BREAD

- 4 cups sifted flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon soda
- 1 cup raisins
- 1 tablespoon caraway seeds
- 1 3/4 cups buttermilk
- 1/4 cup cooking oil

Resift flour with baking powder, salt and soda. Toss in raisins and caraway seeds. Add buttermilk and cooking oil. Mix just enough to moisten dry ingredients. Shape dough into two mounds on greased baking sheet. Cut deep cross in top of each loaf with sharp knife. Bake at 350 degrees 50 minutes. Makes 2 loaves.

ST. PATRICK'S SCONES

- 3/4 cup raisins
- 2 cups sifted flour
- 3 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 1/2 cup evaporated milk
- 1/2 cup thick strawberry jam

Chop raisins coarsely. Resift flour with baking powder, salt and sugar. Cut in shortening. Add beaten eggs, evaporated milk and raisins. Mix to moderately soft dough. Turn out on floured surface and divide in half. Roll or pat each piece into a 7 1/2-inch circle. Carefully fit one piece into buttered 8-inch round cake pan, pressing dough about 1/4-inch up sides of pan. Spread with jam. Cover with remaining dough. Cut through dough with sharp knife dividing it into 6 wedges. Bake at 425 degrees 20-25 minutes. Serve hot.





A RAINBOW IN YOUR GARDEN

■ A splash of color bordering your garden path . . . bright patio plantings . . . a touch of rainbow on your window sills . . . graceful hanging baskets overflowing with lovely blossom—all this can be yours with Belgian begonias. Longest lasting of all bulbs, start your garden rainbow early with healthy tubers. Fill a shallow box with a mixture of peat moss or leaf mold and sand, not too firmly packed. Place the begonia tubers in the box, hollow side up. Leave plenty of room for root growth, at least an inch between. Then cover with an inch of soil and put the box in a warm—60° F. or more—bright spot with soil barely moist. They are slow starters. When they are about four inches high, transplant them in their summer-long home. When transplanting in pots, fill with rich soil two-thirds full, adding fertilizer. Set begonias firmly about eight inches apart, cover roots lightly with an inch more soil. The same method goes for planting a border in your garden. For formal effect, point all leaves in one direction and blossoms will face same way. If soil is heavy, add peat moss since drainage is important. Loosen ground, mix six parts peat moss and one part dried manure and add equal part of the soil. They'll be healthier if fed every three or four weeks. Water generously in hot weather. Soil or mulching should never come in contact with stalk of plant. Nip all wilted leaves. If powdery mildew forms, dust with sulphur. Create corsages, float some blossoms in a bowl, combine them in centerpieces, and make at least one hanging basket. To form a fuller basket, when the first flower bud appears pinch off tubers which do not show more than two branches. Begonias are equally pretty planted around birdbaths, garden statues, inside wheelbarrows or gaily-painted barrels. You'll be delighted all summer long with begonia blooms brightening your garden and your home. When November rolls around or the first frost, all growth will break free from the tubers. Lift them out of the ground with large balls of earth. Wash carefully and allow them to cure in the sun for several days until they are hard and dry. Store them in a cool, frost-free place until you see the first signs of new growth early next spring. Then, you can start preparing anew for another season with a rainbow in your garden.

■ If you analyze and use all the features your electric range offers, you'll have more time to do other things. First, no matter how long you've had your present range, read your instruction manual. Most give cooking hints and recipes, as well as directions on using each part of the range, or information on available accessories. If you've lost your owner's manual, write the manufacturer for one. You'll find his name, address and model number (be sure to give that) somewhere on the range. Then, analyze all the features your range has and decide how you can best use them—even the ones you may not have been using, such as:

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Warm or low temperature oven settings. Use this to warm serving plates or dishes; to keep foods warm before serving. Also use it to freshen potato chips, popcorn and snacks or to thaw frozen foods.

Range light. Use as a kitchen night light.

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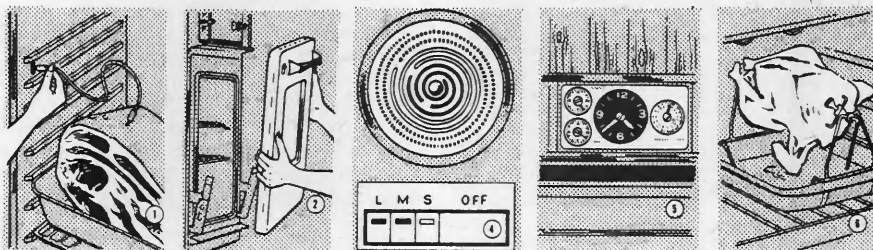
Oven. To get the best baking results, follow package or recipe directions and suggestions on types of pans. Also, be sure the range is level.

Rotisserie. If your range has this attachment use it to cook whole chickens, turkey roll, or ham as well as roasts.

Range features ease cooking chores



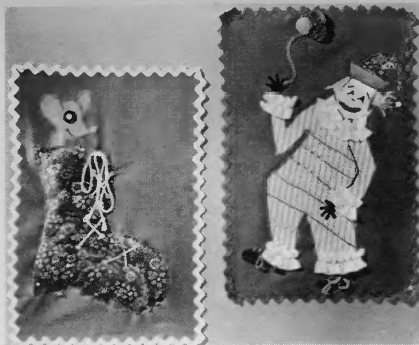
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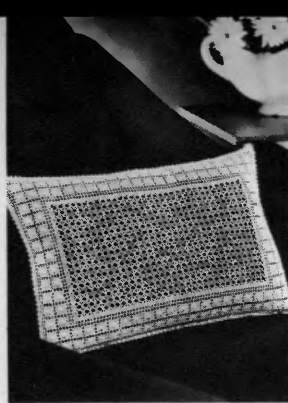
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1. Mouse and Clown Wall Hangings



2. Pillow Top



3. Tweed Beret



4. Tote Bag



5. Half-Moon Flower Cape

One-of-a-kind

1. Stitch up a pair of zany pinups. These two comic characters are delightfully decorative in a youngster's room. Cut from scraps, these applique pieces are stitched to a heavy cotton background by machine embroidery and framed in rickrack.

2. The pillow puts on its best spring finery. A lacy slipcover is seasonable attire. This airy cover is crocheted in a filet design with picot edging—11½ x 15½ inches.

3. Get your head together under this bonnie chapeau. The beret is made in rounds of single crochet, starting at the center top. It's the tweedy type, mixing two colors of fingerling weight yarn. Put it on at a tilt because a beret looks best that way.

4. A tote bag is for toting and here is one with all the room you need. Do it the patchwork way, using crocheted squares. Each 7" square is done in the star stitch with rug yarn. The pieces are sewn together and seams embroidered over chain stitch.

5. Are you looking for something to get all wrapped up in? Here's a new caper. Instead of crocheting the whole wrap, just do 17 flower medallions and a lacy edging. These trimmings are sewn around a half-moon shaped cape made of tubular jersey.

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7. The cardigan goes tender, for when a girl feels that way, too. This knitted blouse is done in a eyelet pattern. Ruffle trim makes a winsom finish along the wrists, neckline and buttoned front. It's done in fingerling yarn sizes 10-16.

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