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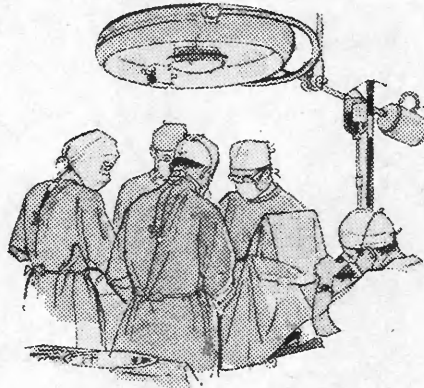
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IF UNDER 18 HAVE PARENT SIGN HERE

# Across the manager's desk

by H. G. Downey

Here we are already several days into 1972—right in the middle of last year's bills, receipts and income tax forms. If you're like many of us, you're wondering where the money went and why things cost so darned much.

Perhaps the following article (that I'm borrowing from some unknown author) will help to brighten your day and make some of the bills seem "just a little better." It's entitled "How Would You Like". . . .

To go out to the woodpile every morning and whack up enough wood for the breakfast fire in the old range?



H. G. Downey  
Manager

To hike over to the ice house every morning and get a chunk of ice so Ma could keep the milk sweet and the butter firm?

To go out to the well every morning and fill up the water buckets so Ma could wash and cook all day? (11-2B2)

To trim the wicks on a lot of kerosene lamps and polish the chimneys with old newspapers so you could read at night?

To dance all night with your best gal and then walk home four miles through snow swinging an old oil lantern.

To go to bed every night with the chickens because there wouldn't be anything else to keep you awake?

If YOU DID, you'd like to live in the GOOD OLD DAYS they're always talking about.

We prefer the good days today with all electric living. If you're still in the "Good Old Days," (before all electric living) why not go modern? Live better electrically. Now is the time for a free, no obligation survey and estimate for electric heating in your home. Call the Member Services Department today. We will be glad to make the survey and estimate.

Also here are "Nine ways to reduce this year's power bills."

We figure that folks waste about 15 percent of the electric power they



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## H & H Truck Stop on I-57



The H & H (Marathon) Truck Stop operated by Buck and Don Henken has been open for only a few months and has already gained a reputation for prompt, friendly service and good food.

The truck stop is open 24 hours a day, seven days a week and employs 12 people. Almost every night

their three acre parking lot is full of trucks and cars. The Henken's plan on adding "wrecker service" in the future. (26-7L)

Local residents and many from surrounding communities travel over to "H & H" for the good food.

Buck and Don Henken formerly operated a truck stop in Alma. They

pay for. Check these ways to stop this needless waste.

1. Use large wire to haul power around your buildings. In small wires, it wastes itself trying to crowd through.

2. Check your wiring and be sure that it does not come in contact with water pipes, eave spouting, lightning rods, windmills, trees or roofs of buildings. We find that many high bills are caused by leaks or faults in the wiring system. Why not have that wiring checked over by a good electrician and brought up to date?

3. Oil motors and equipment. The squeaky wheels need more kilowatts.

4. Learn to cut off the units of your range before the food is completely cooked; finish the job with

"free heat" left in the unit.

5. Don't leave unnecessary lights burning when you are not at home. (17-15B)

6. Place your water heater as near the sink, wash bowl and bathtub as possible. Use small pipes and insulate well on long runs.

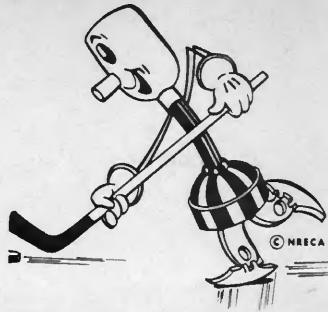
7. Stop all faucet leaks.

8. If you are blowing fuses, find and correct the shorts right away. Never put a penny behind a fuse. This will not only waste electricity, but will probably cause a fire.

9. Place your refrigerator or freezer in areas where they are not in direct blast of your heating system. Also check the door latch and gaskets of your refrigerator.

# Hi-Lites

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## LOCATION NUMBER

Look closely for your location number in this issue. You could be a lucky winner. If you find your location number, please notify Tri-County Electric Cooperative's office and we will gladly mail you a \$3 coupon to apply on your next month's bill.

## Co-op Member



both expressed appreciation for the services extended them by Tri-County employees and also were very pleased with their electric power bills as compared to their former operation.

We are glad to have H & H as one of of the newer businesses on the lines of your cooperative.

## Insulator Shooters Cause Expense

Insulators damaged by gunshot sometimes do not cause trouble until stormy weather comes. Then most likely at night, an entire section of line goes dead and a lineman must climb pole after pole to find the damaged insulator. This is necessary because a damaged insulator usually cannot be detected from the ground.

Climbing the pole during the winter is dangerous work to say the least. It would not be necessary if hunters realized the inconvenience, expense and danger.

## Electric Heat on Parade



**Mr. and Mrs. Warren Morrison**  
 3 Miles West of Nashville  
 New Addition 1962  
 262 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Heated Electrically  
 Electrical Contractor—Dreas



**Mr. and Mrs. Frank E. Hicks**  
 1½ Miles West of Nashville  
 634 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Built in 1964  
 Electrical Contractor—Weeke



**Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Kisner**  
 4 Miles Southwest of Mt. Vernon  
 1,071 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Built in 1967  
 Electrical Contractor—Homeowner  
 Contractor—Scott and Shannon



**Mr. and Mrs. Paul Gill**  
 ½ Mile North of Iuka  
 754 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Built in 1964  
 Contractor—Harry Rutledge  
 Electrical Contractor—Homeowner



**Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Weigel**  
 2 Miles South of Centralia  
 1,551 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Built in 1969  
 Contractor—Geary-Boyle, Inc.  
 Electrical Contractor—Fowler Electric



**Mr. and Mrs. Richard Phillips**  
 6 Miles East of Centralia  
 810 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Converted to Electric Heat in 1964  
 New Addition Heated Electrically 1966



**Mr. and Mrs. Teddy Taylor**  
 1½ Miles Northeast of Walnut Hill  
 1,096 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Converted to Electric Heat in 1969  
 Electrical Contractor—J. D. Electric



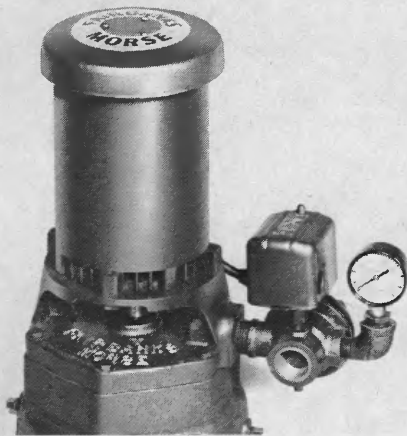
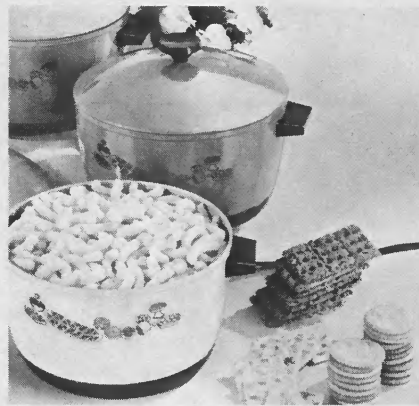
**Mr. and Mrs. Ernie Henson**  
 4 Miles East of Carter  
 1,188 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Built in 1969  
 Electrical Contractor—C. Stuber  
 Contractor—Homeowner



# What's New?

## ● Electric Snackkeeper

An electric Snackkeeper which keeps a wide variety of snacks fresh, dry and crisp has a low-heat, 15 watts heating element. The unit by West Bend eliminates excess moisture and restores freshness to chips, nuts, popcorn, pretzels, crackers and cereals. Even when plugged in around the clock the Snackkeeper will not overheat. It uses a minimum of electricity and has a 3½-quart capacity with a 9-inch outer diameter. It sells for less than \$8.

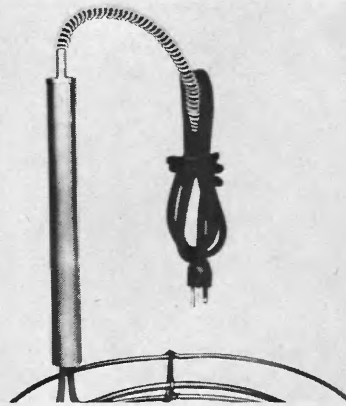


## ● Vertical Pumps

A new line of Fairbanks Morse vertical jet pumps, the MV series, is available from Colt Industries small pump operation in seven models which range from ½-horsepower single stage to two-horsepower three stage with capacities of 1,440 gallons per hour and depths to water of 200 feet. The pump is driven by a standard NEMA C motor which is designed so that water never touches the motor shaft. Versatile pressure control is provided by a diaphragm type regulator valve teamed with a pressure switch.

## ● Stock Tank Heater

An automatic temperature-controlled stock water tank heater has been developed by Ristance Corporation. The unit has a 1,500 watt heating element. It's waterproof, rust resistant and can be submerged to the bottom of the tank. It has a six-foot cord with a spring wire cover to protect it from livestock. The Chore-Time H-409 has a 3-prong grounding type plug. It operates by just plugging it in and carries a one year guarantee.



## ● Light Dimmers

A wide variety of dimmers that provide either full range lighting control or two levels of light have been introduced by Leviton Manufacturing Co., Inc. Backed by a full-year warranty the dimmers include rotary and push-on/push-off types for walls; a thumb-operated Hi-Lo dimmer; a full range dimmer that attaches to lamp cords; a wood-grained, decorator-styled table lamp dimmer that plugs into any standard outlet, and a full range lamp socket dimmer.



# Partee Lauds Farm Bureau Cooperation

Cecil A. Partee, president pro tempore of the Illinois Senate, recently lauded the Illinois Agricultural Association for recognizing the common interests of Cook county and downstate residents—and “helping to bring our state together.”

Senator Partee, a Chicago attorney, commended the IAA for working closely with rural and urban legislators in efforts to solve common problems. He spoke at the IAA's 57th annual meeting in Chicago.

BASICALLY, we are one people in one state, the Senate leader said. The people of Cook county want and deserve a decent income, decent housing, good police protection and good educational facilities for their children, he continued. So do the people downstate.

Family income, the senator said, including farm family income, is a problem commanding serious attention.

“Illinois cannot remain a strong and prosperous state unless one of its goals is adequate income for all families—farm and non-farm, urban and rural,” he added.

Among important steps that should be taken by state government is a “strong effort to encourage the development of commercial and industrial enterprises and rural areas.”

The senator said this would enable young people in rural areas to work and live in the areas in which they were reared, and thus reduce out-migration.

SENATOR PARTEE, who grew up in rural Arkansas and is a graduate of two great universities, said there is serious need for maximum efficiency in state and local government. Costs, he said, must be kept under control—but inflation and demands for more governmental services may discourage substantial reductions. Thus it becomes even more important that all people be able to earn adequate incomes.

“In my opinion,” he said, “the most equitable tax system is one that—insofar as is possible—is based on the ability to pay.”

Senator Partee asserted that in order for the farm economy to remain sound, farmers must gain an increase in net farm income or a reduction in property taxes.



## Across the manager's desk

by H. G. Downey

In these United States we have operated for generations under the assumption that our natural resources were limitless. Now each day seems to bring an increasing awareness that there are limits—at least to the sources from which we presently produce most of our electrical energy.

Reserve supplies of natural gas and oil are dwindling. Coal prices have increased drastically. Electric generating facilities are hard pressed to keep abreast of your growing needs for power. There is an energy crisis and each of us should share the responsibility



H. G. Downey  
Manager

for conservation.

This approach has a certain appeal to all of us. As we use energy wisely, we make our income dollars reach farther. In our homes the key to the economical use of electric energy for both heating and cooling applications is insulation. Good insulation, properly installed, offers those of you who heat your homes electrically the utmost in comfort and convenience for the fewest number of energy dollars. The same is true of summer conditioning where adequate insulation, by keeping heat out, reduces the power load placed on your air conditioning equipment and gives you the most comfort for each dollar spent for power. (31-32A)

This emphasis on conservation is not new with our electric cooperatives. Ever since there has been consumer-owned rural power service, the administration has been to "use power wisely and economically."

For many years, the Member Services Department of your cooperative has been available to help you with the economical use of electricity. The members of the department try to keep abreast of the latest developments in wiring, heating, lighting and insulation. If you have problems or questions, give us a call, here at the Mt. Vernon office. We'll do our best to help you.



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## 11th Annual Material Handling Show Will Be March 21-23 at Nashville



Special displays featuring farmstead applications of electric heating and lighting, a home show demonstrating kitchen and home appliances and extensive dealer and manufacturers' exhibits of the latest equipment for farm automation and mechanization will highlight the 11th annual three-day Farm Materials Handling Show at Nashville, March 21-23.

Plans for the popular show in southern Illinois are well advanced under the general chairmanship of Andy Bird, Tri-County Electric Cooperative, according to Donald Ahrens, an agricultural engineer at Southern Illinois University in Carbondale, who is coordinator of the planning committee.

Exhibitor interest in the show is grow-

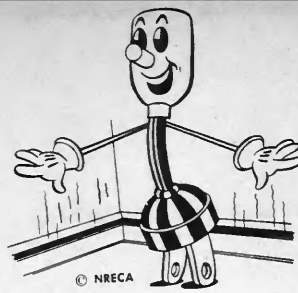
ing. Displays in three permanent buildings and outside spaces on the Wagon County Fairgrounds at the south of Nashville will include a variety of mixing, grinding, and distribution handling machinery; grain handling and conveying equipment; livestock feeding handling equipment; milking electrical set-ups for mechanizing automating many high-labor enterprises on the farm, and many other kinds of saving machinery and equipment speedy and efficient operations of to farm families.

Parking facilities and buildings for interior exhibitors have been installed at the fairgrounds. The home show demonstrations have been expanded

## LIVE BETTER--FARM BETTER



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## Home Show Fairgrounds



the interest of the entire farm family and other visitors. Displays will be open without charge throughout the show. Hours will be 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. on March 21; 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. on March 22, and 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. on March 23. (37-8G)

The show has shown continued growth because of the cooperation of sponsoring groups and their personnel who all work willingly to get the job done. Sponsors include most electric power suppliers serving the region—including electric cooperatives and the Illinois Power Company; the Illinois Farm Electrification Council, the Southern Illinois University School of Agriculture at Carbondale and the cooperative extension service of the University of Illinois.

## Electric Heat on Parade



Mrs. Neal Morgan  
 4½ Miles Southwest of Mt. Vernon  
 1,201 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Contractor—Arthur Puckett  
 Electrical Contractor—Arthur Puckett



Mr. and Mrs. Luther Hester  
 4½ Miles South of Mt. Vernon  
 808 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Converted to Electric Heat in 1962  
 Electrical Contractor—George Donoho



Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Gregory  
 2 Miles Northwest of Bluford  
 New Addition Heated Electrically 1969  
 360 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Contractor—Homeowner  
 Electrical Contractor—Homeowner



Mr. and Mrs. Ben Laur  
 Sheller (32-30A)  
 279 Sq. Ft.  
 Beauty Shop and Office Heated Electrically 1970  
 Electrical Contractor—Harold Frick



Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Eyre  
 ½ Mile East of Sheller  
 1,449 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Built in 1969  
 Electrical Contractor—Homeowner



Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Niemann  
 Lakewood Subdivision—Salem  
 1,580 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Built in 1961  
 Contractor—Martin Hampton



Mr. and Mrs. James Boldrey  
 3½ Miles Southwest of Mt. Vernon  
 706 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Rebuilt Storm Damaged Mobile Home  
 1970  
 Contractor—Art Puckett  
 Electrical Contractor—Art Puckett



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Dean Thalman  
 2 Miles Southeast of Patoka  
 1,213 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Built in 1960  
 Contractor—Alva Jett  
 Electrical Contractor—James Phinney

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Send 50¢ for Big Chick Catalog

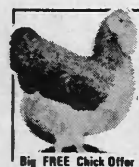
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GRAIN BELT HATCHERY

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## • Plants, Trees

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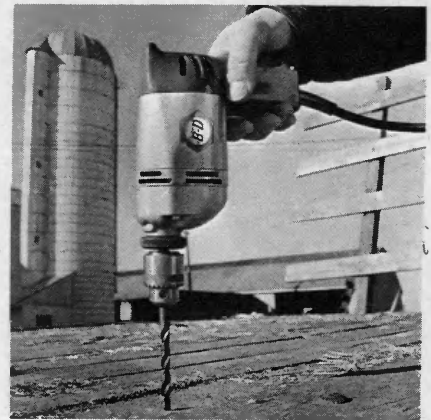
## • Decals-Signs-Badges

DECALS, NAMEPLATES, Badges, Trucksigns. Hard-hat labels. All kinds. Seton Nameplate Corp. Dept. IR, New Haven, Conn. 06505.

# What's New?

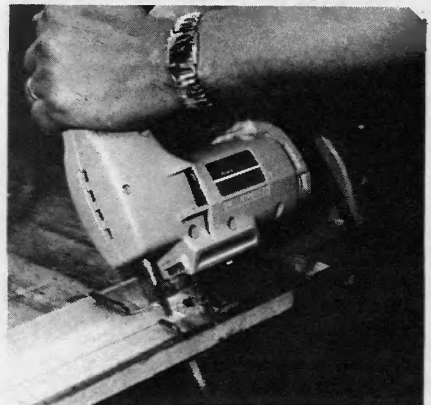
## • New Scru-Drill

Black & Decker introduces a versatile new commercial duty  $\frac{3}{8}$ " Scru-Drill designed for fingertip selection of screwdriving or drilling. The drill's positive clutch permits maximum torque in driving screws, yet disengages when the screw is fully seated to prevent screwhead damage. A reversing switch allows quick removal of screws. A twist of the selector collar instantly converts the tool to a rugged drill for heavier duty boring. The tool sells for about \$45.



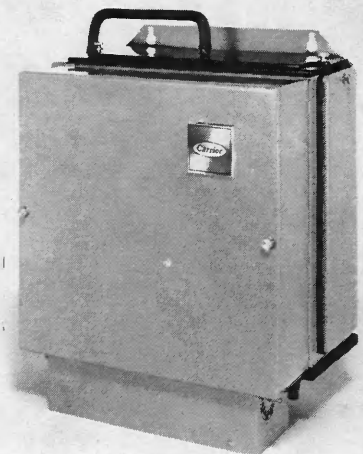
## • Speedy Jigsaw

Skil's new double insulated jigsaw models for home and professional use feature tilting foot, adjustable to 45 degrees in either direction for beveled or angular cutting. They also include adjustable, two-position foot for splinter resistant and rough cutting. The operator can adjust speed from zero to 3,500 strokes per minute and retails for about \$40. The saws will cut wood, plastics, composites and metals.



## • Water Fountain

Decorative outdoor water fountains, mini-indoor fountains, elaborate waterfall fountains or outdoor lighting are available from the Little Giant Corporation. Swivel jets permit the enjoyment of cascading water for creative designs.



## • For Sale

SURPLUS BARGAINS—War, government, industrial surplus at savings to 80%! Clothes, boots, cots, tents—bargains for farm home, outdoors. SEND FOR FREE CATALOG—must give zip code. SURPLUS STORE, Sioux Falls, S.D. 57102.

55 Gal. Drums for Trash Burners. \$2.00 Each. Rhea Fletcher Oil Supply. Salem, Illinois. 548-3187.

Pipe and Rods for Construction uses. \$70.00 per ton. Rhea Fletcher Oil Supply. Salem, Illinois 548-3187.

**(More Ads on Page 23)**

## • Central Humidifier

A central bypass humidifier which adds up to 24 gallons of moisture a day to dry winter air of homes and small commercial establishments has been introduced by Carrier Air Conditioning Company. One model features a round take-off on the back. Either humidifier may be installed with upflow, down flow or horizontal furnaces.



# Blame the Meter... But It Won't Help

So you're mad. Downright mad. That dog-goned electric meter's no good. It keeps charging for more power than you use.

You have our sympathy. But if you'll pardon the expression, the chances of your being right—and the meter wrong—are remote.

LISTEN to Norman Hatfill, president and general manager of Electric Laboratories and Sales Corporation, Mattoon, who may know as much about electric meters as anyone in the mid-west. He says:

"It's natural to suspect a meter is at fault when one's power costs keep going up.

"But our firm tests and inspects countless meters for cooperatives in Illinois, Indiana and Ohio. We find very few are inaccurate. And of those we do find, 99.99 percent register slow—in favor of the customer."

HOW ACCURATE should an electric meter be?

"Well," says Hatfill, "it's infinitely more accurate than the service station meter that measures the gasoline flowing into your tank. There's just no comparison. It's also more accurate than gas and propane meters.

"It's even more accurate than the fine scales used by your butcher.

"And the typical electric meter is even more accurate than that fine watch for which you paid so much.

"One reason is that electric meters, like fine watches, have fine jeweled movements. But the meters have an advantage. Their works are larger. They're not slamming around every time you move your arm."

HATFILL RECENTLY directed a three-day meter instruction school at Mattoon, attended by some 45 persons from 16 Illinois electric cooperatives.

The school was the idea of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives Job Training and Safety Committee headed by Basil Taylor, line superintendent for Illinois Rural Electric Co., Winchester, Job training and safety instructors Harry N. Simpson and William C. Sarantakos made arrangements and assisted.

James E. Stinson, a lineman for Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Inc., Mt. Vernon, sighed tiredly at the end of the final session:

"It's been real good," he said. "If it hadn't been so interesting it would have been the hardest kind of work. We all learned a great deal. I hope we'll have other schools later. That Norm Hatfill is a great teacher."

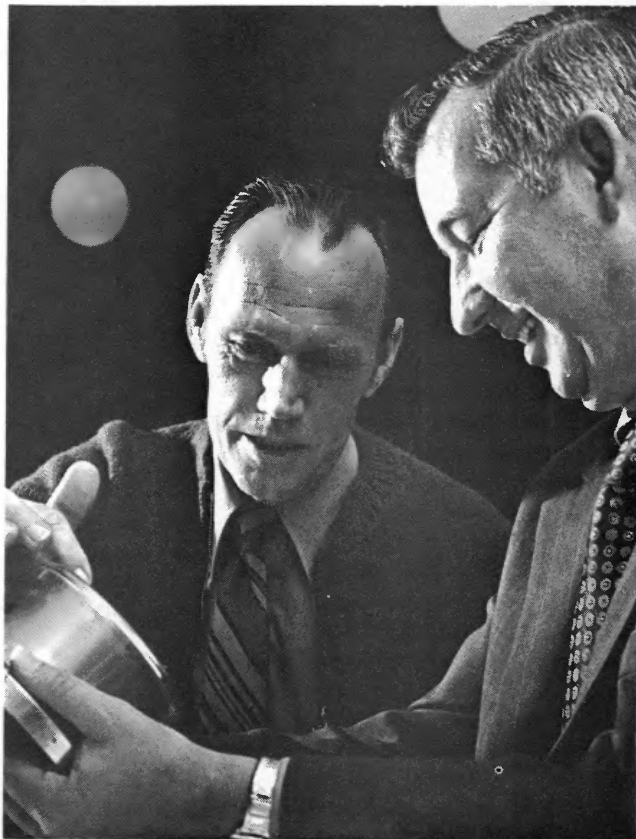
Hatfill returned the compliment: "These are splendid, smart, interested and hard-working men," he said. "They were alert all through the three-day meeting. They asked all kinds of questions and they took lots of notes. It's a delight to work with such men."

THAT'S ALL FINE, but if electricity rates haven't gone up all that much, why are so many electric cooperative member-consumers paying higher and higher bills?

"We're all using more appliances than ever before," said Hatfill. "We're letting electricity do more work for us, and I'm firmly convinced that electricity is and will continue to be our greatest bargain."



Electric meters are wonderfully made, wonderfully accurate instruments, Harry N. Simpson, right, safety instructor, tells William Ebker of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Inc., of Carlinville.



Homer McCabe, left, of Shelby Electric Cooperative and meter school instructor Norman Hatfill admire an amazingly accurate electric meter.

# Across the manager's desk

by H. G. Downey

## 1971 RESULTS

Statistics are generally boring unless readers work with an organization and have an understanding of the value of statistical information and how it can assist



H. G. Downey  
Manager

in guiding the organization for the future.

In this article members of the cooperative will be given information concerning results of the year 1971

which was an interesting year as far as expansion of the cooperative was concerned and a rather poor year as far as operations were concerned. The year saw the cooperative sell a sizeable increase of electricity at a rate so equal to the cost of delivery that the year consisted principally of receiving just enough money from sales to equal the cost of operations. This result means that the year 1971 will not result in an obligation as to capital credits because there were no margins at the end of the year.

The year did show a various sizeable growth in new connections and increases in income, expenditure and kilowatt hour sales. In the year 1971 revenues were up 10.7 percent with the organization selling \$1,989,000 worth of electricity. This income resulted from an increase in kilowatt hour sales of 7,000,000 amounting to an 8.4 percent increase. The average consumer in 1971 used 10,750 kilowatt hours which is a far cry from the average consumption of around 500 in the year 1939. (28-23J)

Seventy-one percent of the kilowatt hours sold were sold to the rural residential classification, 28 percent of the sales were to commercial classifications and one percent were to public building classifications. This business came from



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12 substations operated by the cooperative in the three county area with the Woodlawn, Salem and Marlow, in that order, being the three largest substations in kilowatt sales.

Our billing department billed substantially more consumers in 1971 than in 1970 with an increase of 253 or an average monthly billing for the year of 8,083. The average selling price per kilowatt hour was up slightly and averaged approximately 2¢ per kilowatt hour. One of the principal increases in cost during the year was the amount of money required for fuel adjustment on our wholesale power bill. This cost in 1971 was \$73,280. Kilowatts purchased during the year increased 10 percent. One of the handicaps of operating an electric system is that you lose 10 percent of what you purchase due to line loss and transformer energization loss. This 10 percent amounted to paying \$9,166 dollars for electricity that was not resold during the year. (12-7B)

For the year 1972 our estimates indicate that we should sell approximately \$2,404,000 worth of electricity and we will spend approximately \$400,000 improving our outside electric plant during the year.

The change over to our new billing machines has been achieved with the first month balanced and posted. We feel that this new procedure will be of great assistance in providing the cooperative with additional information needed to guide our future programs.

Our thanks is extended to all consumers of the cooperative for their patronage during the year and with the proposed improvement scheduled for 1972, it is felt that the cooperative will be able to provide good reliable service to our existing and future consumers during the year.

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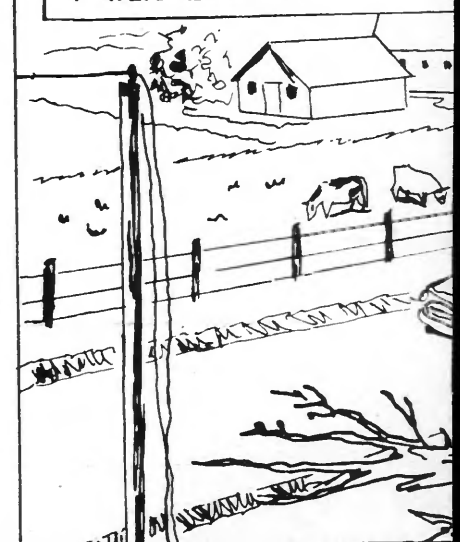
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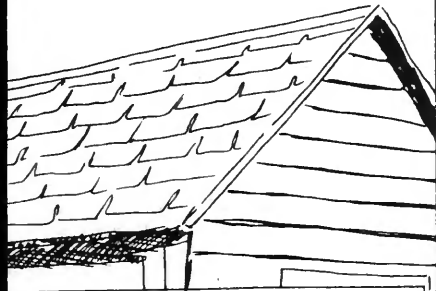
### LOCATION NUMBER

Look closely for your location number in this issue. You could be a lucky winner, as was Kenneth L. Meyer (Oakdale). He found his location number in the March '72 issue. If you find your location number, please notify Tri-County Electric Cooperative's office and we will gladly mail you a \$3 coupon to apply on your next month's bill. (26-35G)

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## Situations

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SAFELY.

I TRIED TO CUT THAT OLD DEAD  
TREE DOWN AND THE WIND  
CARRIED IT ON TOP OF THE  
POWER LINE. . . . .



## Electric Heat on Parade



Mr. and Mrs. Dean Savage  
1-1/2 Miles Southeast of Belle Rive  
840 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Converted to Electric Heat—1971  
Contractor—Hines & Frailey  
Electrical Contractor—Hines & Frailey



Mr. and Mrs. Noah Moore  
1-1/2 Miles East of Woodlawn  
1,059 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Completed in 1971  
Contractor—Homeowner  
Electrical Contractor—Homeowner



Holiday Inn  
West Edge of Mt. Vernon  
Built in 1971  
Electrical Contractor—D. C. Electric



Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Jenkins  
2 Miles Southeast of Odin  
2,209 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Built in 1970  
Contractor—Walter & Lloyd Shafer  
Electrical Contractor—Leslie Horner



Mr. and Mrs. Edwin Pedtke  
Radom  
1,191 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Converted to Electric Heat in 1971  
Electrical Contractor—J. D. Electric



Mr. and Mrs. Nolan McKowen  
5 Miles Southwest of Mt. Vernon  
2,076 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Built in 1971  
Contractor—Scott & Shannon  
Electrical Contractor—Scott & Shannon



Mr. and Mrs. Loren Beck  
3-1/2 Miles Northwest of Alma  
1,252 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Built in 1968  
Contractor—Kinmundy Lumber  
Electrical Contractor—Richard Mazonek



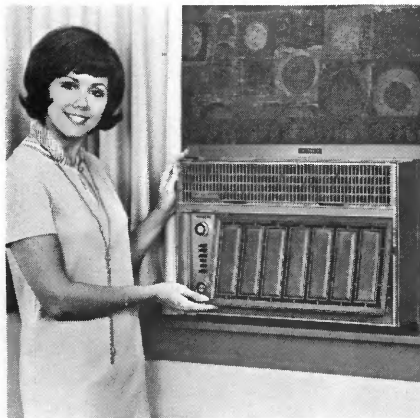
Mr. and Mrs. Bruno Shubert  
1 Mile South of Lively Grove  
1,070 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Built in 1971  
Contractor—Mense Bros.  
Electrical Contractor—Mense Bros.



# What's New?

## • Early American

A set of Early American electric cooking appliances by Westinghouse is styled with a satin-copper finish and the heavy cast metal design features an American eagle. The set, which sells for less than \$88, features a 10-cup automatic coffeemaker, two-slice toaster and an immersible buffet fry pan with a non-stick finish. Individual models can be purchased separately in open stock.

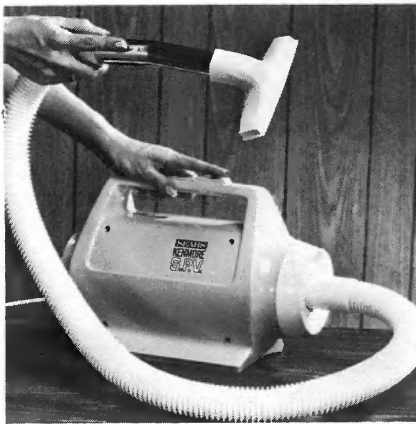


## • Air Conditioner

Finding the right model window air conditioner for the right place should be simpler with Admiral Corporation's 1972 selections, which offer 25 units rated from 5,000 to 27,000 BTUs. This 10,000 BTU Princess model features expandable "Flex-O-Mount" side panels for ease of installation and it operates on standard household 115 volts. It features the patented "Comfort-Stat" control.

## • Princess Model

A 1.3 horsepower, hand-size vacuum cleaner, the Kenmore S.P.V., has been introduced by Sears, Roebuck and Co. Designed for cleaning stairs and hard-to-reach places, the lightweight unit has a four-foot hose, a 25-foot power cord and three basic attachments—upholstery nozzle, furniture brush and crevice tool. It weighs less than eight pounds and is available for about \$30.



## • Portable Welder

No special wiring or circuits are required for the Work Bench Welder, Model 74, a compact portable unit designed by Twentieth Century Manufacturing Co. It enables the home handyman to weld, cut, braze, heat or solder. It weighs less than 50 pounds and comes complete with a multi-purpose torch that is a ground clamp, an electrode holder and a brazing torch.



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(More Ads on Page 23)

# Keeping Well Informed Is A Two-Day Job

Cooperatives should do more than supply electrical power. They must become a vital part of community development.

That's what Goffrey Hughes, executive director of Southern Illinois, Incorporated, Carterville, told members of the semi-annual Power Use and Member Services Conference in Marion recently.

And that is one reason why the men got together.

"ONLY THROUGH meetings like these can we stay on top of things," Lyle E. Dunham, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' member services director, said at the two-day session.

"We must keep abreast of the developments in construction, electrical equipment, regulations and safety. We are continuously trying to find ways to help our members. That's what it's all about."

The men studied insulation products, wiring specifications and recommendations, electrical safety devices, modular housing and even new kitchen designs.

BY LEARNING about these new developments, the cooperatives can serve their areas more effectively and efficiently. Take Southern Illinois for example.

Hughes, a long time rural development leader, particularly as it affects southern Illinois, told the group:

"We in southern Illinois have great respect for the service you people are giving us. It sure wasn't the same when I was a boy."

He pointed out that electric cooperatives now serve 98 percent of the nation's farms. "You should be proud of the good life that you have helped provide," he added.

Hughes said that southern Illinois had grown from a poverty stricken area to a land of opportunity. Growing towns, industry, rich farm land, colleges and man-made lakes blanket the countryside.

One of the best things to happen to southern Illinois, according to Hughes, was the introduction of several man-made lakes.

"What a great thing it is to have all these fantastic recreational facil-



Goffrey Hughes tells cooperative group about growth in southern Illinois. He says cooperatives are helping—tremendously; but they can do more.

ities right on our doorsteps," he observed. "More importantly, the lakes will be able to provide the area with an adequate water supply. That was our biggest problem in developing the area."

Hughes told the group that cooperatives have a special kind of power besides electric—the power to develop rural America. But with this power comes responsibility.

Hughes said that since cooperatives have gained a place of real influence in rural America, they need to do more to fulfill their broadening responsibilities. He challenged them to work harder in the fields of environmental control, housing, public health, unemployment and conservation.

"Do you know how to cure poverty or cancer? We should, but we don't. We have only just begun to solve some of the problems facing us," he said.

Hughes made it clear, however, that if everyone works together, some of the answers may be found.

"Meanwhile," he concluded, "let's make our rural areas a place where people can farm, work, and live even more happily."

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# Across the manager's desk

by H. G. Downey

## 1972 Brown Outs?

The question is again being asked (with summer approaching) will there be area "brown-outs" in the summer of 1972? Our power supplier has assured us that they have adequate generating capacity to supply the estimated demand on their system during this summer.



H. G. Downey  
Manager

The possibility always exists that the Federal Power Commission may direct a utility to cut their voltage to their consumers and furnish

power to other areas that are suffering because of shortages created by abnormal weather or failure of generating and transmission equipment. (27-16G)

Another reason that may create problems regarding brown-outs is that delays in approval or denials of rate increases are creating problems for utilities. They need to show a good earning rate to cause investors to invest in their companies, as all investors are looking for the best possible rate of return on the money they invest.

Tri-County Electric is busy improving its system and will build another substation this year (between Salem and Odin) to handle the expected load.



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## Recent News about You

### Archie Ferguson--25 years

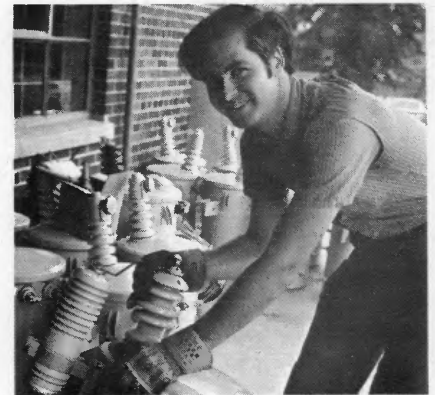


Archie Ferguson, (right) assistant engineer for your cooperative, was recognized recently for 25 years of service to the organization.

Archie was first hired, in June, 1947, as an "Easement Solicitor" and worked out of the Mt. Vernon office. Three years later he was transferred to Salem as "branch material supervisor." During the spring of 1955, your cooperative's materials were consolidated at the Mt. Vernon plant and the Fergusons moved back to Mt. Vernon. Archie was then named as field engineer and was elevated to his present position in June, 1957.

Archie and his wife, Henrietta,

### Rodney Pearce--Drafted



Rodney Pearce, storekeeper-stock clerk for your cooperative, was recently drafted into the U.S. Army.

Rodney was first hired as the custodian's helper and then promoted to storekeeper last September. He has been a willing worker and will be missed, until his return, by his fellow workers.

are the parents of four children and they have one grandson.

Henry Fenton, (Engineer) recognized Archie's ability to meet and work with the membership when he presented him with his "25 year" pin.

### John Perino--20 years

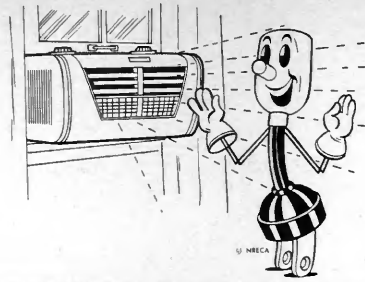
John Perino, office manager for your cooperative completed 20 years service to the organization on May 5. Prior to becoming office manager for Tri-County, he was field auditor for the Rural Electrification Administration for five years.

Perino has witnessed many changes during the past 20 years. There have been great advances in office machines and he is particularly proud of the new computerized billing machines now in operation. He also remembers when the office was moved from downtown Mt. Vernon to "the country." Now, Mt. Vernon has expanded, so that the office is once again well within the city limits.

Perino takes an active part in Church League basketball, Chamber of Commerce and other civic organizations. He and his wife, Roselyn, have one daughter.



# Hi-Lites



Look closely for your location number in this issue. You could be a lucky winner, as was James Eckelberry (Rt. 6, Mt. Vernon). He found his location number in the May '72 issue. If you find your location number, please notify Tri-County Electric Cooperative's office and we will gladly mail you a \$3 coupon to apply on your next month's bill. (38-16D)

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Pres. Earl Loomis—Sec.-Treas.  
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## Employees

### Derwood Baker--Hired



Derwood Baker was recently hired by your cooperative as a lineman. He previously worked for Superior Oil Company and resided at Crossville.

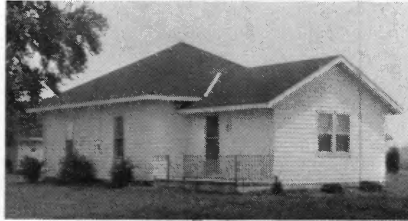
Baker and his wife, Mildred, are the parents of three sons. The Bakers have purchased an acreage south of Woodlawn and are contemplating building a new home. (29-29C)

Derwood has a pleasing personality and is a willing worker. We hope you will join us in welcoming the Bakers to the Tri-County family of employees.

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A HOT DAY  
IN AUGUST**

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AIR CONDITIONER?**

## Electric Heat on Parade



Mr. and Mrs. Fred Buhrman  
3-1/2 Miles Southeast of Oakdale  
Converted to Electric Heat in 1970  
1,212 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Weeke Electric



Mr. and Mrs. Preston Carson  
2 Miles Southeast of Oakdale  
Built in 1970  
3,289 Sq. Ft. of Living Area (Inc. B'smt)  
Electrical Contractor—Homeowner



Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Bayer  
4-1/2 Miles East of Mt. Vernon  
Built in 1971  
3,176 Sq. Ft. of Living Area (Inc. B'smt)  
Electrical Contractor—B & S Electric



Mr. and Mrs. Charles Capps  
2-1/2 Miles Southeast of Mt. Vernon  
Factory Built Home—1971  
1,104 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Factory (Mundy Homes)



Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Clemens  
Opdyke  
Converted Partially to Electric Heat  
in 1971  
890 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Homeowner



Mr. and Mrs. John Kuberski  
2 Miles West of Radom  
New Addition Heated Electrically 1964  
228 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Dreas



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Blackburn  
2 Miles Southeast of Nashville  
Converted Partially to Electric Heat  
in 1970  
453 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Weeke Electric



Mr. and Mrs. James Cates  
3-1/2 Miles Northwest of Dix  
Converted to Electric Heat in 1971  
1,432 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Homeowner

# What's New?

## ● Crock Pot



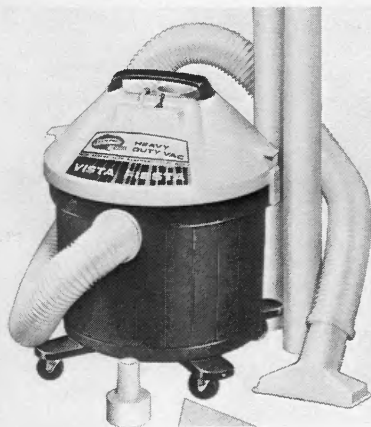
Rival's new, deluxe "Crock Pot" has a 4-1/2-quart capacity and is designed as a cooker/server. A low-watt heat element wraps around the stoneware sides with no concentration of heat at the base to permit cooking without scorching. Just plug it in and forget it. It preserves natural juices and vitamins. The deluxe model retails for \$39.95.

## ● Electric Chain Saw



The new "Mini Mac" Electric chain saw by McCulloch has a thumb activated safety latch to prevent accidental triggering and a visual chain oil supply. It weighs less than eight pounds without cutting attachments and can use a standard two-wire extension cord. It is double insulated and will also operate from off a generator. It retails for \$99.95.

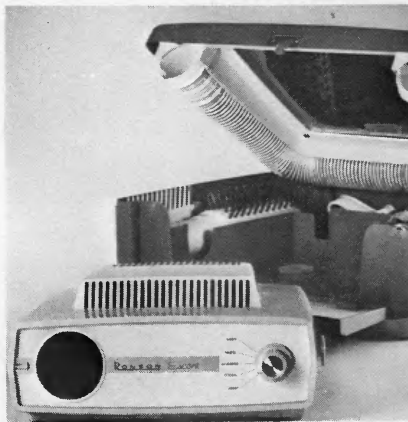
## ● Heavy Duty Vac



The Sunbeam Vista Fiesta heavy duty vac has a reducer attachment that enables the operator to use regular household vac accessories. The unit has an eight-foot cord with a grounding plug and adaptor and two 23-inch wands to extend the handle. It contains a six-foot flexible hose and has a six-inch utility nozzle.

Also available are Sunbeam's new tank-type models.

## ● Deluxe Hair Dryer



The "Escort Deluxe" portable hair dryer by the Ronson Corporation weighs only 40 ounces and is packaged in a mirrored-lid carrying case for unsurpassed portability and travel-ease. Four drying temperatures assure fast drying without overheating. Its hot comb and hot brush attachments fit on the same flexible air tube that is used with the hood.

# Labor School Trains Men for Better Jobs

(continued from page 5)



Trainee makes stone chips fly as he learns use of a jack hammer.

providing training for minority groups so they can live more productive lives, not only for themselves but also for the whole society. But that is only one factor in its operation. I am convinced it will result in production of more efficient workers, better paid workers, happier workers. I think everyone will benefit."

Anyone interested in enrolling in the center may write Tony Romolo, program administrator, Illinois Laborers' and Contractors' Training Program, r.r. 3, Mt. Sterling, Illinois, 62353. Or see the laborers' local union, or a contributing contractor in your home area.

Remember, there's no cost to the trainee, no tuition, no charges. But you have to be willing to work and anxious to learn.

# Sweet Corn

(Continued from page 8)

him that would require him to work 16 hours a day.

"That's all right, I do anyway," he said.

Atwater explained the importance of moving the corn fast: "This week, corn is selling for \$3.00 a crate. Last week it was \$5.00. Besides, I want my customers to have the freshest sweet corn possible."

"Let's run out to the picker," he says as he moves (trots) toward his station wagon.

On the way out to the field, he retraces the sweet corn season:

"We plant around April 10. We use 70, 75 and 80 day corn so we can stagger our harvest. All the acres are irrigated and I spray with a helicopter for ear worms. Picking begins about July 4."

Out in the field, another massive metallic monster peeks its head over the hill. An empty truck is waiting at the bottom.

"It takes three men to run this machine," Atwater said. "One drives and the other two clean out the trash and help unload. It can handle about four rows at a time."

ATWATER WALKS OVER to a row and strips off an ear. "This is sure pretty corn. It's a good year. It'll probably make 280 crates per acre. Irrigation sure helped. I'll probably go electric with that someday too."

Atwater has to hurry. His helicopter pilot is waiting.

When is the last time he had a vacation? Seven years ago—he went to Florida.

When is the last time he had a day off? Seven years ago—he went to Florida.

Francis Atwater is a busy man.

## TWO VIEWS

"We love our new picture window," Mrs. Jones told a visitor, "because it brings the great outdoors right into our living room."

"We get the same results cheaper," replied her guest, "with our teenager's muddy shoes."

## QUOTABLE QUIPS

Housewife's lament: "Keeping house is like threading beads on a string with no knot at the end."

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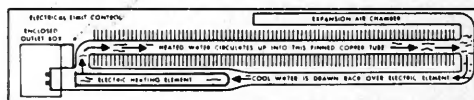
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# Across the manager's desk

by H. G. Downey

## Need For Research

An important milestone in the progress of your cooperative took place at the July board meeting when the board of directors agreed to join with many others in research and production of electricity by more modern methods.

Very little money has been spent by the industry and by electric cooperatives since our creation in 1938 applicable to improved methods of electric production.



H. G. Downey  
Manager

We are now living in an age when our country is dedicated to the improvement of our health, our soil, our waters and our atmosphere. Stack trails or smoke from

power plants have been traced and they have been found to contaminate the atmosphere several hundred miles from the location of the plant using fossil fuels. The need to develop methods of electric production that will produce more electricity with less pollution of air and water, human life and soil is demanded by laws now in effect. (4-35E)

The research which your cooperative is assisting involves all the major utilities of the nation, the Tennessee Valley Authority, municipal and publicly-owned electric systems, electric cooperatives and the Atomic Energy Commission.

The research is toward the construction of a liquid metal fast breeder reactor with a demonstration plant to be constructed adjacent to a TVA steam plant so that steam from the existing plant can be utilized. There are many steam plant locations on the TVA system that have sufficient space for an additional adjacent plant whereas most utilities have their plants located in areas that do not lend themselves to the additional plant.

Fuel for this purpose would be fissionable plutonium which is

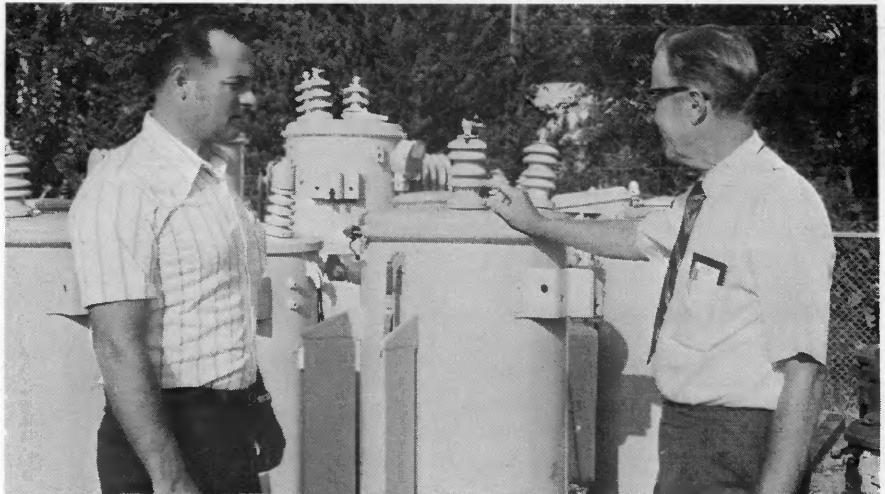


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## New Employee at Cooperative



Manager H.G. Downey, right acquaints recent employee, Bob McDaniels, with some of the cooperative's inventory of materials.

Robert Ray McDaniel started work for your cooperative on July 19 as storekeeper. He will be replacing Rodney Pearce who has resigned to enter military service. (27-2N)

Robert and his wife, Mary Ann, live on r.r. 5, Mt. Vernon. They are the parents of a son 12 and a daughter 9.

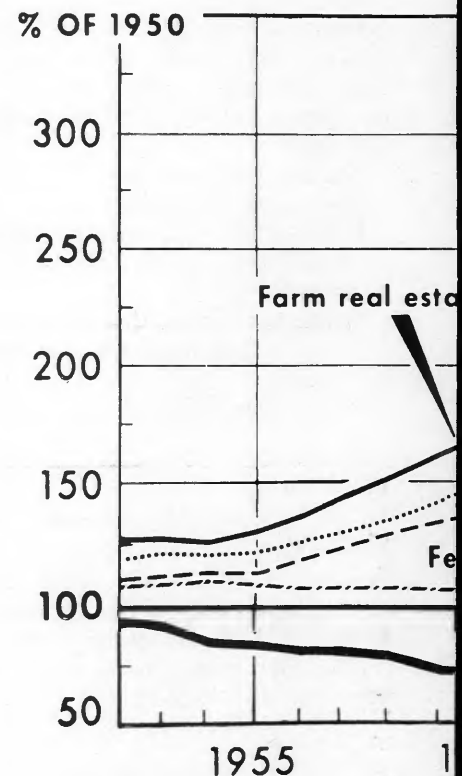
Bob comes to Tri-County from the Aero Welding Supply Company.

Some of his hobbies are golfing, hunting and fishing.

Robert is a very friendly and likeable person. He enjoys meeting people. This is evident by his managing a Little League baseball team.

produced in nuclear reactors from uranium. These reactors will produce more plutonium than they consume providing fuel for other reactors. Eventual goal would be that nearly all future plants constructed to produce electricity would use plutonium as the fuel creating no contamination of life, soil, air or water.

Your cooperative's share of this endeavor is approximately \$.23 per connected consumer per year for the next ten years. 47-15E



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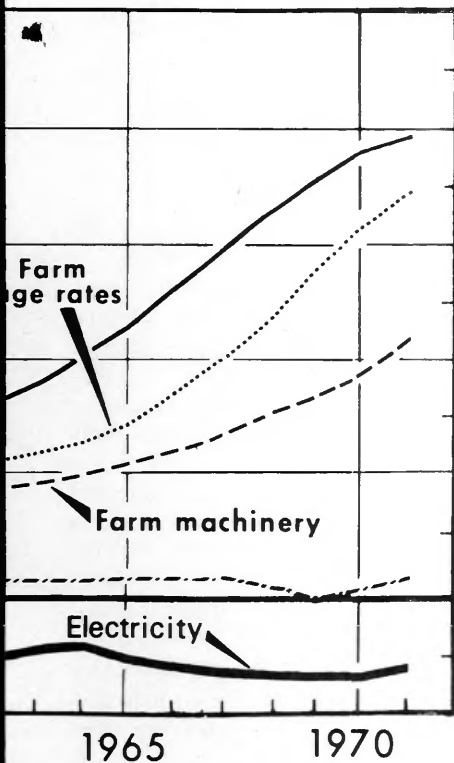
Look closely for your location number in this issue. You could be a lucky winner. If you find your location number, please notify Tri-County Electric Cooperative's office and we will gladly mail you a \$3 coupon to apply on your next month's bill.

ORS

Pres. Earl Loomis—Sec.-Treas.  
Edward Hake  
Norman Karg

## Electricity Is A Bargain For Farmers

Compared with several other things that farmers buy, electricity has an enviable price record, according to figures recently released by the U. S. Department of Agriculture. The Farm Electrification Council in the graph below points out that the average price per kilowatt hour paid by U. S. farms in 1971 was less than three-fourths of what electricity cost farmers in 1950. The Bureau of Labor Statistics says that the prices of other forms of energy—fuel oil, LP-gas, and natural gas—have increased substantially in recent years.



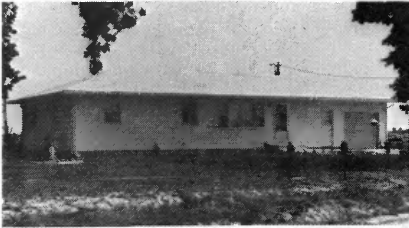
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SEPTEMBER, 1972

## Electric Heat on Parade



Mr. and Mrs. Joe Kula  
1-1/2 Miles South of Ashley  
Converted to Electric Heat in 1971  
1,302 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Chesnek



Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Lamczyk  
3 Miles Northwest of Radom  
Built in 1971  
1,130 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Chuck's Const.



Leo Schultz  
2 Miles Northeast of Beaucoup  
New Addition Heated Electrically—1962  
280 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Dreas



Mr. and Mrs. Jim Piercy  
4-1/2 Miles Southwest of Dix  
Converted to Electric Heat in 1971  
1,583 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Homeowner



Mr. and Mrs. Walter Prusz  
2 Miles South of Nashville  
Converted to Electric Heat in 1970  
973 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Dreas



Edward Zachies  
2-1/2 Miles East of Oakdale  
Converted Partially to Electric Heat in 1969  
384 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Weeke

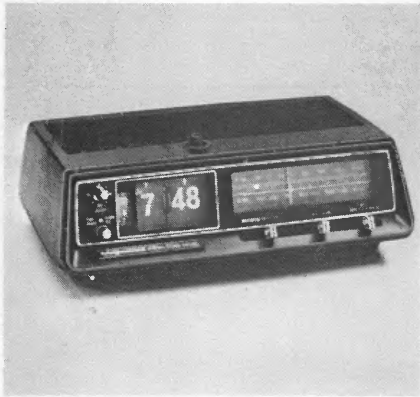


Mr. and Mrs. George German  
1-1/2 Miles West of Mt. Vernon  
Converted to Electric Heat in 1970  
2,154 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Contractor—Scarborough  
Electrical Contractor—B & S Elect.



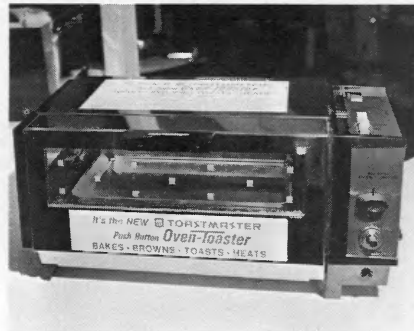
Alex Kozuszek  
6-1/2 Miles South of Nashville  
New Addition Heated Electrically—1970  
144 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
Electrical Contractor—Homeowner

# What's New?



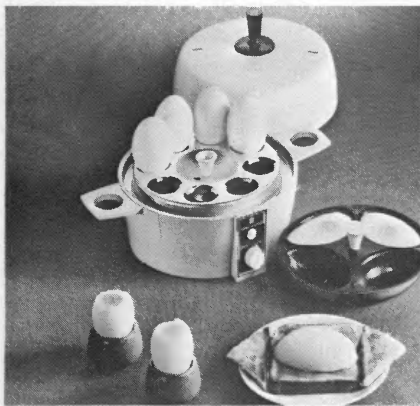
## ● Weather News

Instant weather reports at any time are yours at the flick of a switch with this new Magnavox FM/AM Digital Clock Radio. The compact table model has a special "Weather" switch which, when turned to on, will give weather reports 24 hours a day. Other features include a wink alarm, 3-hour slumber alarm, wake-to-music and wake-to-alarm controls.



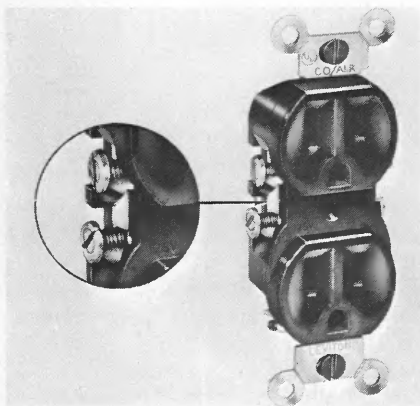
## ● Push Button Toaster

This is the new Toastmaster push button oven-toaster introduced by McGraw-Edison. It is the first oven-toaster to have separate buttons for toasting, top-browning and baking as well as OFF position. It operates on only 1100 watts maximum, much lower than similar products even though the Toastmaster oven-toaster has a larger capacity.



## ● Electric Egg Cooker

This family-size egg cooker will boil up to 8 eggs at one time—soft, medium, or hard, right at the breakfast table. A special puncture device prevents eggs from cracking while cooking. It also features a special coated poaching which will poach up to 4 eggs at one time. Manufactured by McGraw-Edison, the cooker retails for \$16.95.



## ● CO/ALR

Leviton introduces the first UL-Listed CO/ALR receptacle. It is especially designed for direct connection to aluminum conductors, as well as with copper and copper-clad aluminum conductors.

This duplex grounding receptacle features unique terminal design and finish. The devices are marked CO/ALR and signify maximum wiring flexibility.

# NRECA-CFC Statement Of Policy

The boards of directors of the National Rural Electric Cooperative (NRECA) and National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC) have adopted a joint policy and procedure statement which establishes guidelines as both organizations move forward to meet their respective program objectives in advancing rural electrification.

The statement identifies NRECA as a national voluntary-membership, service organization representing the rural electric system in a wide area of interests covering matters of national, regional and local concern, and CFC as a national voluntary-membership financing organization established for the purpose of providing supplemental capital to its member rural electric systems.

The statement sets forth the following objectives which both organizations hold in common:

1. To preserve and enhance provisions of the Rural Electrification Administration Act, and in particular adequate quantities of two percent loan funds:

- 2 To expand the sources of supplemental capital, and through CFC to obtain such capital under the best possible rates and conditions.

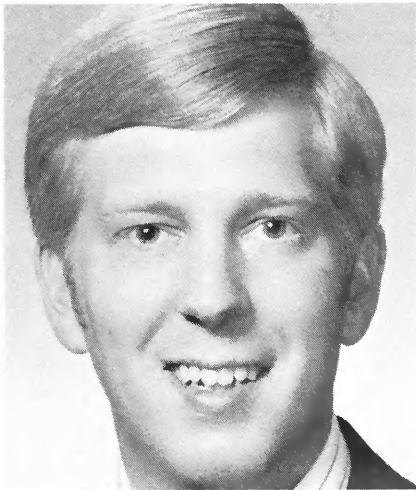
3. To maintain close awareness of the problems of distribution systems and how their operations may be affected by governmental and institutional policies or regulations, and,

4. To approach wholesale power supply considerations not only from the standpoint of the needs of the member systems of generation and transmission systems, but also with a view to maintaining them as healthy, competitive enterprises.

The policy was designed to assist both organizations in carrying out their individual efforts in such a way that the efforts of each will continue to be complementary and enable both NRECA and CFC to meet their full responsibilities to their respective memberships with maximum efficiency.



# DeMoss Joins Statewide Legal Staff



Jon W. DeMoss

Jon W. DeMoss, a recent graduate of the University of Illinois College of Law, Urbana, has joined the legal and public affairs staff of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC).

"Mr. DeMoss, who grew up on a farm in western Illinois, is very familiar with the electric cooperative movement," Thomas H. Moore, general manager of AIEC said. "His father, Wendell DeMoss of Bowen, has been a director of Western Illinois Electrical Coop. since 1969."

For the past three years, DeMoss was the financial aids specialist for the office of the executive director of the Senate Committee on Student Discipline, University of Illinois.

He has a Bachelor of Science degree in Agriculture and a Juris Doctor in law from the University of Illinois. He was a member of the University Campus Planning Committee for the Urbana-Champaign campus, and an associate member of the Illinois State Bar Association. He is also a second lieutenant in the United States Army Reserve.

While living in Urbana, DeMoss served on the Urbana Plan Commission and chairman of its subcommittee on zoning. In college, he was a member of the board of Fraternity Affairs, Alpha Zeta, Farmhouse Fraternity, Army Reserve Officer Training Corps and treasurer of the Interfraternity

Council.

"I am highly pleased that Mr. DeMoss has joined the association staff," Albert J. Cross, director of the AIEC legal and public affairs department said.

"This is not only because of his knowledge of electric cooperatives, but also because of his experience

in working with governmental agencies, his academic achievements and participation in extra curricular activities at the University of Illinois. I am sure that Mr. DeMoss will be a valuable asset to our organization."

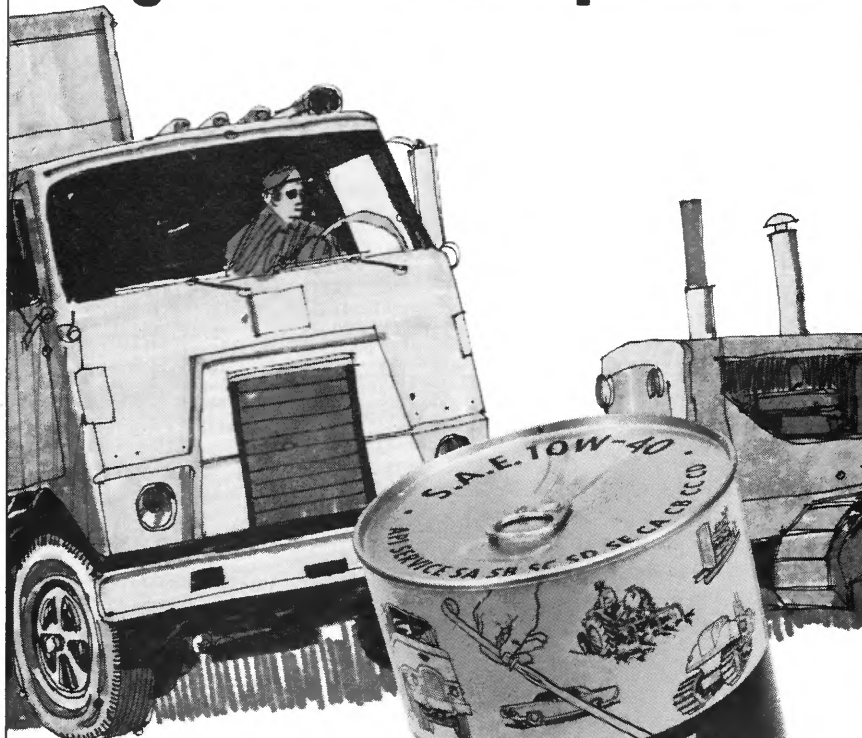
DeMoss is married to the former Eleanor Thornely of Ashland.

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by H. G. Downey



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## The Great American Vandal

Many of you are well familiar with these words from "America" "God Shed His Grace on America." What did you shed today? Candy wrappers? Beer cans? Bags of garbage? Cigarette packages? Kleenex?

Portions of this column are quoted from the magazine TRAVEL AND LEISURE published by the American Express Publishing Corporation.

The recent destruction at the John F. Kennedy Center for the Performing Arts, in Washington, D.C. provides an example of what occurs, on only slightly less dramatic levels, everywhere our fun loving friends and neighbors go.

It was American visitors and no one else who ground out their cigarettes in the carpets, who dismantled the chandeliers, pried the faucets off the bathroom basins and the brass covers off the electric outlets, who stole the silver ware from the restaurants and the paintings from the walls, who cut swatches out of the carpets and draperies to take home for souvenirs. They took everything that was not nailed down and much else that was. It was again American visitors and no one else, who stood around watching \$1,500,000 worth of damage being done and did nothing to stop it. Undoubtedly many of you have seen these same practices go on and have not even bothered to report this situation to the authorities. (11-16L)

The appalling thing was not that theft and wanton destruction were openly perpetrated and silently condoned by thousands of our countrymen, it was the vacuous stupidity of it all. Apparently no one has the slightest consideration for,

or interest in, anyone else. No one thought that everything taken or defaced made the center that much less attractive for the next fellow.

Our neighbors leave their spoor everywhere. In a national park in Utah a vacationing family calmly tossed a large plastic bag of garbage onto the highway from their moving Cadillac, practically at the feet of an astonished national park service ranger.

At Perry's Victory Memorial on South Bass Island in Lake Erie, freedom-loving vacationers customarily smashed their whiskey bottles against the granite shaft.

In Yellowstone Park, several geysers and the Morning Glory Pool have been irretrievably lost, because interested tourists could not resist the temptation to clog the vents with coins, stones and logs.

Grand Canyon is now being defaced with paint from aerosol cans that nature loving fathers, mothers and kids bring along on their vacation to leave their mark at a spot to which they do not expect to return.

Soon all of Arizona's petrified forest will be gone and will be laying in the trunks and in the garages of tourists who stop by there every year to see one of nature's wonders.

The Holy Synod of the Greek Orthodox Church has now asked its monks and nuns to recite day and night the following prayer: "Lord Jesus Christ, Son of God, Have mercy on the cities, the islands, and the villages of our Orthodox fatherland . . . which are scourged by the worldly touristic wave. Grace us with a solution of this dramatic problem and protect our brethren who are sorely tried by the modernistic spirit of these contemporary western invaders."

To which, civilized people everywhere can only say "Amen."



Tri-County Electric's employees stand around for "Centuries."

This statement was made August 23, 1971 at the Association of Illinois Electric Co-Operatives' Annual Meeting. Four of your employees were cited for 25 years of service. This adds up to a "Century of Service."

Pictured above from left are Henry Ferguson, engineer; Edward "Ed" Lee, journeyman lineman; LeRoy Reu, foreman; Arden Ferguson, assistant engineer—along with H.G. Downey, Manager. Downey commented and expressed appreciation to each of the men. (38-35Q)

## Give Thanks!

*At this THANKSGIVING season, it is proper that we pause to give thanks to God for the many wonderful blessings He bestows on us each day —*

*For the privilege of living in a world of peace;  
For the gift of loving and being loved;  
For the beauties of the four seasons;  
For the CHURCHES and HOMES built by our forefathers;  
For the smiles on the face of a loved one;  
For the touch of a friend's hand;  
For the men and women who pioneered the west,  
the wisdom, foresight and courage to reach the west.  
FOR THESE THINGS, AND MANY MORE.*

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### LOCATION NUMBER

Look closely for your location number in this issue. You could be a lucky winner, as was Mrs. Elmer Nolan (Dix). She found her location number in the September '72 issue. If you find your location number, please notify Tri-County Electric Cooperative's office and we will gladly mail you a \$3 coupon to apply on your next month's bill.

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## Electric Heat on Parade



Henry celebrated 25 years last January; —25 years as of February. LeRoy was first employed by your cooperative 25 years last April. Archie celebrated 25 years in the cooperative in June.

Each man was presented a 25 year service award and a diamond ring on his anniversary with a certificate at the state meeting.

Several other employees have been recognized in prior years and are nearing the quarter century mark.

You should be proud that your organization is such as to encourage the employees want to stay for long periods.

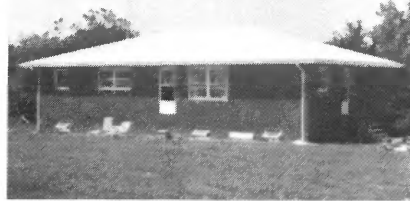


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our worship and comfort;

erative, and we are thankful they had

JK YOU GOD.



Mr. and Mrs. Harold Norfleet  
 3 Miles Northwest of Dix  
 Built in 1971  
 3,058 Sq. Ft. of Living Area (Includes Basement)  
 Electrical Contractor—Decker



Mr. and Mrs. Robert Heckert  
 1/2 Mile South of Stone Church  
 Converted to Electric Heat in 1971  
 1,719 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Electrical Contractor—Weeke



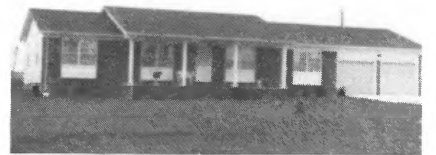
Mr. and Mrs. Roy Clemens  
 3 Miles Southwest of Mt. Vernon  
 Converted to Electric Heat in 1971  
 1,220 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Electrical Contractor—Homeowner



Mr. and Mrs. David Stewart  
 6 Miles South of Mt. Vernon  
 Built in 1971  
 1,616 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Electrical Contractor—Scott & Shannon



Mr. and Mrs. Bobby Liles  
 5 Miles South of Mt. Vernon  
 Converted Partially to Electric Heat in 1970  
 182 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Electrical Contractor—Homeowner



Mr. and Mrs. Glen Soloman  
 4 Miles Southwest of Mt. Vernon  
 Partial Electric Heat 1972  
 117 Sq. Ft. of Area  
 Electrical Contractor—B & S Electric



Mr. and Mrs. Frank Waier  
 3 Miles West of Ashley  
 New Addition Heated Electrically 1966  
 484 Sq. Ft. of Living Area



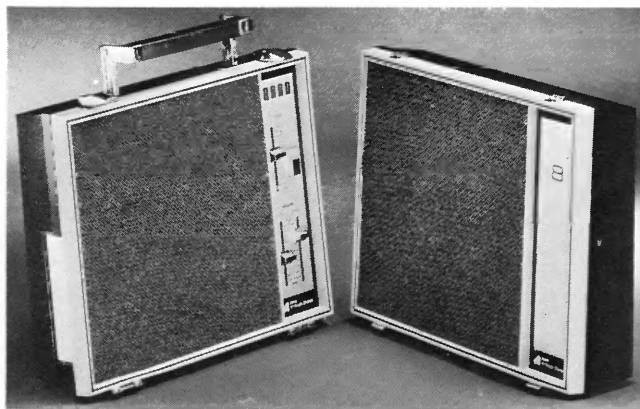
Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Droege  
 Johannisburg  
 Converted to Electric Heat in 1971  
 1,539 Sq. Ft. of Living Area  
 Electrical Contractor—Dreas



# What's New?

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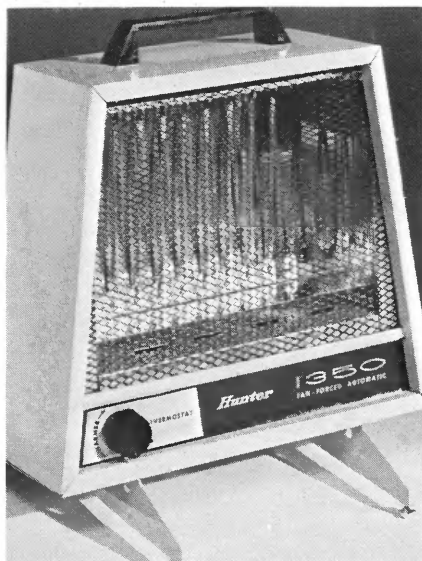
Here is something new from Sunbeam to make baking those cakes and pies a little easier—the Mixmaster Mixer. In fact, it can be used as is, or detach it from the stand and it becomes portable. The model also features settings from low to high-power whipping, extra large full-mix beaters, thumb-tip speed control, push-button beater ejector, built-in mixing guide, removable cord and large clear glass mixing bowl.



## • Portable Tape Player

Weighing just over 10 pounds, and about the size of a six pack of soda, the Arvin portable 8-track stereo cartridge tape player is ready to go—anywhere. AC or DC, it has a

12-volt adaptor cord. The black plastic cabinet carrying case separates into two halves, each containing a four inch speaker. Suggested retail price is \$79.95.



## • Hunter Heater

Be prepared for those cool fall nights ahead with Hunter's new 1350-watt portable, fan-forced electric heater. Equipped with a tip-over safety cut-off, the unit is controlled by an automatic thermostat. Instant red-glowing ribbon heating elements bounce heat from black-wall aluminum reflectors that are ridged for sturdiness. The unit also has a cool-touch cabinet, a convenient carrying handle and a six-foot cord with molded plug. U.L. approved.



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