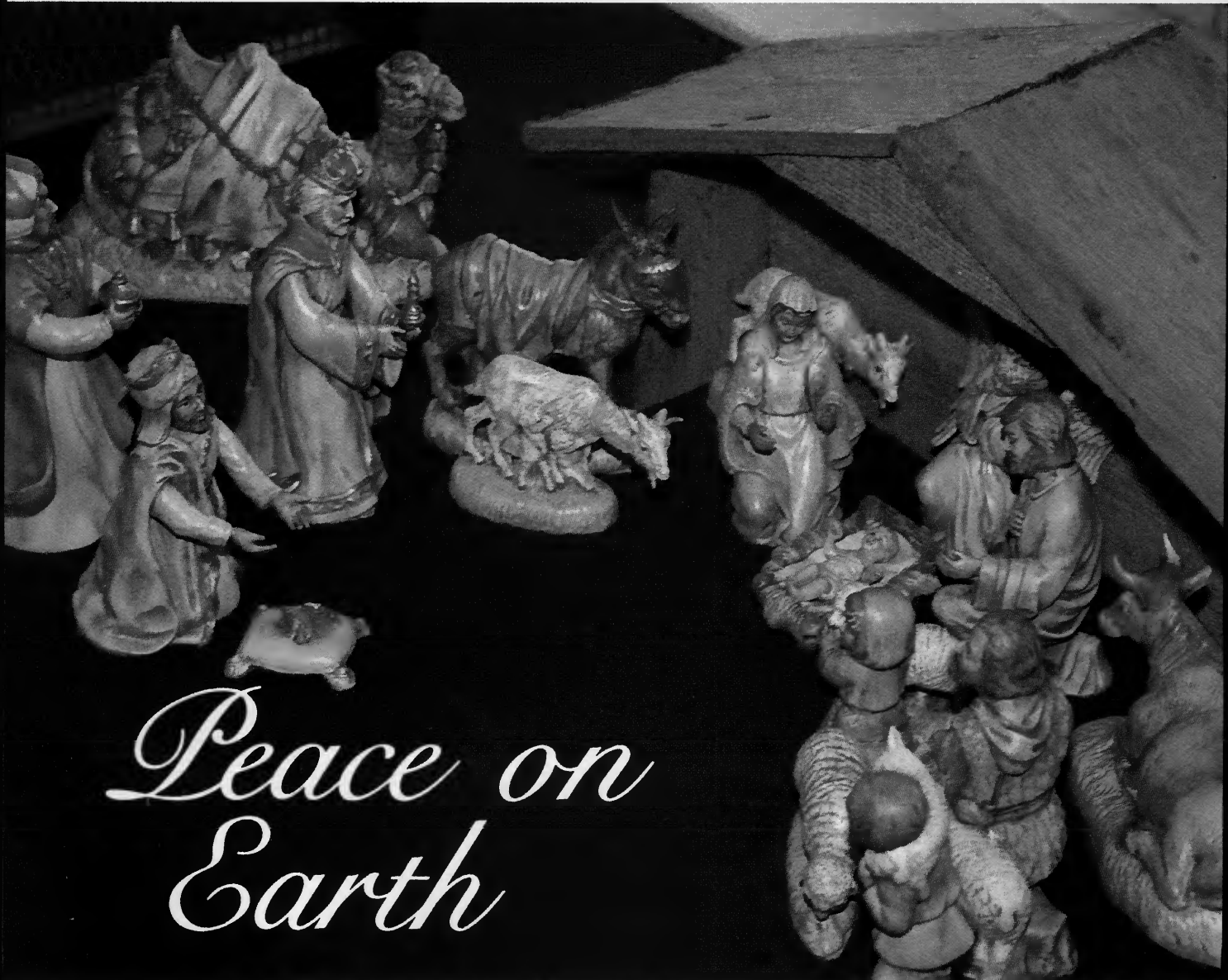


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Electricity: an 'invention' and a 'right'

When a national newspaper asked 1,000 adults recently what they considered to be the greatest invention, 34 percent picked electricity. The wheel finished second, the automobile third and the telephone fourth. If the survey percentages of the second, third and fourth choices were added together, they would not equal electricity's share of the poll. Electricity certainly is a significant part of our lives.

There is a question, though, about electricity being an invention, like the automobile, or the cotton gin, or the telephone. Reference books explain the basic concept of electricity, how it's been around since the beginning and how it's used in our homes, business and industry, on farms, in communications, in transportation and in science. It's a powerful tool, useful in a seemingly unlimited number of ways. But the awareness and study of electricity date to times before Christ. Before Franklin's famous experiment with the kite, many others probed the mysteries of electricity.

Perhaps what people really say about electricity when they call it the greatest "invention" is that it benefits our lives and society so greatly that no invention is even close to providing so much of what we need and want. However, electricity, since its existence is not due to anything man has done and since it is basically a part of everything, isn't really the "greatest invention." Perhaps, instead, it is the development of systems that produce and deliver electricity, combined with the creation of devices that allow us to use electricity so

beneficially, that is actually the "greatest invention."

Of related interest about electricity is a growing attitude that electricity is a basic right. R. M. Campbell, president of the Voice of Energy, a non-profit organization urging constructive energy action, recently wrote: "The fury of people deprived of electricity for a few days following Hurricane Gloria is understandable. Electricity, still a luxury in many parts of the world, is thought of as a basic right in this rich and comfortable country. We are surprised and angry when this ever-constant and ever-available servant fails us, and then we realize how useful it is. One of the wonders of the world is our transformation into an electrical society in just 100 years — a highly productive society in which we enjoy comforts, shorter work weeks and human services that were not affordable a few decades ago."

No doubt electricity, something of a natural resource, is far more than an invention. Its development has in fact spawned many inventions. What the survey shows is that many people know the tremendous value of this commodity. What the reaction after the hurricane shows us is that electricity's role in our lives is so important that it is considered a basic right by many.

Surely Franklin, Galvani, Du Fay, Volta, Oersted, Ohm, Faraday, Ampere and others who studied and furthered the development of electricity might be a bit surprised that so many people today consider electricity both an invention and a right.

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Elaina (center) and other IGIP interns receive instruction on typesetting equipment used by the Public Information Office of the Illinois Department of Agriculture.

Valuable expe

Youth Tour winner “on the job” as state government intern

For Elaina Poulos, the first half of her senior year in high school is something out of the ordinary. Instead of a day of classes, Elaina, of Dongola, puts in a full day “on the job” as one of 32 Illinois high school seniors participating in the Illinois Government Internship Program (IGIP) this fall.

Rather than reporting to homeroom each morning, she checks in no later than 8 a.m. at the Illinois Department of Agriculture headquarters in Springfield for what normally is a hectic day of writing, slide sorting, publication layout, preparing news clips, phone calls and responding to various information requests the Department receives each day.

Elaina, 17, seems to thrive on achievement. Not only is she among the select few chosen to participate in the internship program, but she also represents Illinois on the Youth Consulting Board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. She's one of 38 from across the nation on the YCB. To

get to the YCB, Elaina had to win her local electric cooperative's “Youth to Washington” essay contest and compete successfully with other essay contest winners for election to the YCB position.

The internship program in Illinois began as a local model in the Springfield public schools. Its success there led to legislation passed in the Illinois General Assembly allowing high school seniors from all over the state to come to Springfield and become a part of state government.

Elaina applied for the program during her junior year at the recommendation of her high school counselor. To be selected, Elaina was required to submit an application with examples of her work and appear before a statewide selection committee composed of governmental officials, directors of gifted service centers, program staff and past participants in the internship program.

Elaina received word of her selection just prior to her departure on the 1986

Illinois "Youth to Washington" tour sponsored by electric cooperatives in Illinois. Paving the way for her semester in Springfield, Elaina participated in the 26th annual Youth Tour program as delegate from Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative in Dongola.

During her week's stay in Washington with 40 other Illinois young people, she toured Washington sites, visited with national legislators, was selected as the Illinois delegate to NRECA's Youth Consulting Board and participated in rural electric youth activities with more than 1,000 students from the 38 states represented on the tour.

"Both experiences exposed me to people I would have never met before and helped me realize how the government accomplishes things. I've never been a political person but these experiences have made it necessary for me to learn about the political process in order to understand and keep up," explained Elaina.

Her supervisor at the Illinois Department of Agriculture Public Information Office, Sally Bender, points out that the

handle it. I'm going to enjoy it," says Elaina.

The two experiences have had a marked effect not only on Elaina's educational plans but on her professional goals and have given her a much broader outlook on her life's professional options.

Because of this type of experience, whether it be a work experience such as the internship program or a travel experience such as the Illinois "Youth to Washington" tour, program sponsors hope that students like Elaina will enter school and the work place believing rather than just thinking that they can achieve.

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internship program and sponsoring governmental agencies "are looking for outgoing students who can handle a brand new environment without friends or relatives. We attempt to give them an opportunity to see state government operate on a number of levels."

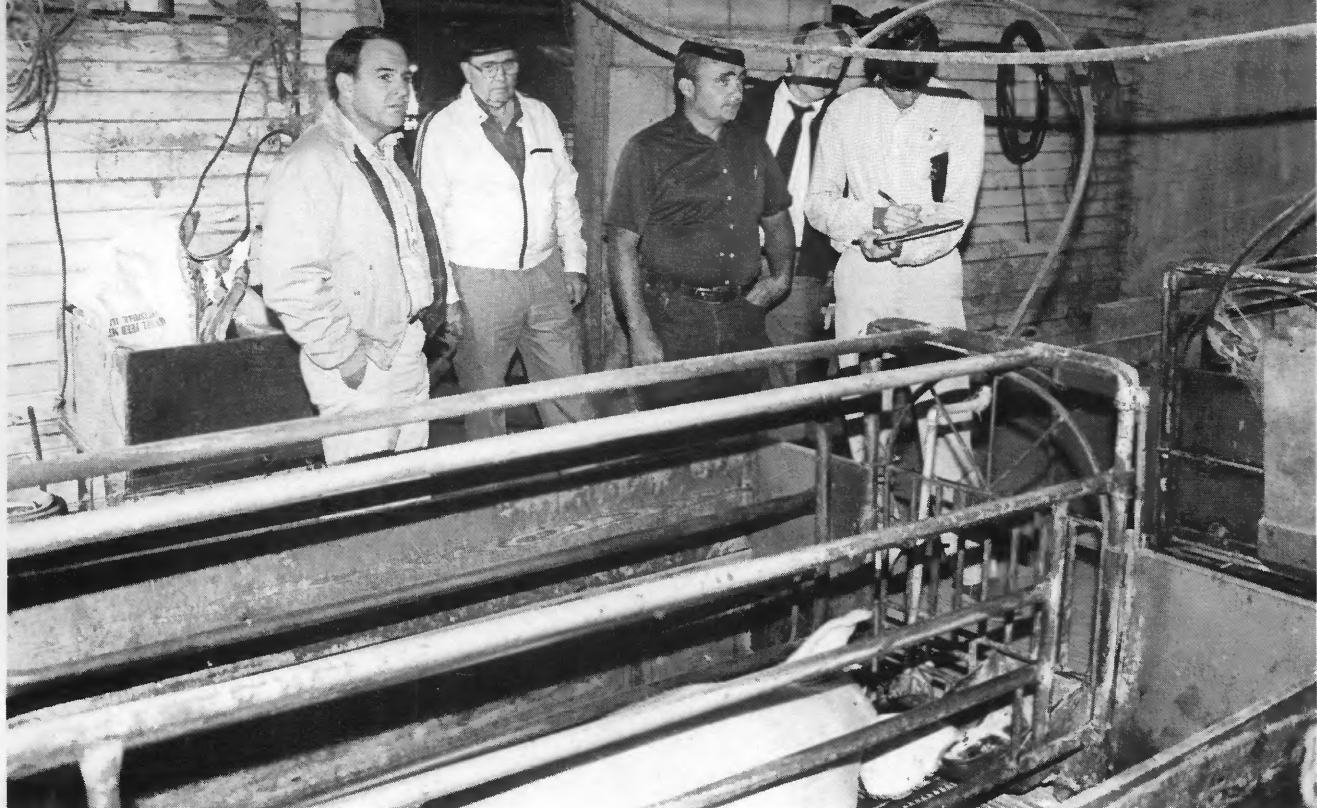
Elaina says she has noticed a change in her own feelings about herself as a result of participating in the two programs. "I've had to learn to handle myself around people much more smoothly without getting nervous. I do feel differently about myself and my possibilities. These experiences have changed me," Elaina explains.

"I know that even though I may not have the scores or (academic) record of some other students, I can do something like this. I can leave home and I can take on the responsibility of two jobs, classes (in junior college) and classes back at school. I can handle that and it makes me sometimes want to go to bed for two weeks and not talk to anybody, but I feel like now when I go to college, I can



Above: Larry A. Werries, Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, and Elaina review a report. Below: Elaina and her supervisor, Sally Bender, prepare a slide presentation.





While many energy audits end at the house, this one went into the hog building, and the rest of the farm, too. Here, ENR representatives and an auditor from the company that performed the audit go over the farm with Gene Bergschneider, center.

Efficient use of state's resources is ENR's goal

"We have an energy information clearinghouse and our services are free to anyone in Illinois."

A recent energy audit performed on a farm owned by Menard Electric Cooperative member Gene Bergschneider was a little unusual in that the energy efficiency experts went over the entire farm, instead of only the household, as some other auditors might have done.

What was not unusual about the visit was that it was part of an ongoing effort by the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources (ENR) to promote the efficient use of energy on farms.

Henry Kurth, manager of ENR's Consumer Assistance Department, notes that it was his department that coordinated the audit of the Bergschneider farm near New Berlin and is concerned primarily with helping the people of Illinois find the information they need to use the state's resources wisely.

"We have an energy information

clearinghouse," he says, "and our services are free to anyone in Illinois. We have a wide variety of energy conservation and alternative energy information, and a lot of ag energy information, too. All a person needs to do is call our toll-free number — 1-800-252-8955 or write to the Energy Information Clearinghouse, Department of Energy and Natural Resources, 325 West Adams, Springfield, Illinois 62704 — and we'll have somebody to help them with any energy conservation problems they might have."

The overall agricultural energy program has been developed around a number of very comprehensive field study, survey and monitoring projects, says Webster Bay, manager of ENR's agricultural program. "For example, the on-farm field studies carried out as a joint project by ENR and the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service helped prove the economic feasibility of solar crop drying and produced very valuable

actual on-farm operating information," Bay says. The farm tours, energy management and on-farm solar energy systems workshops program has undergone significant expansion in terms of the audience and program topics during the past 10 years, Bay adds.

The 1987 agricultural energy program was developed to help Illinois farmers reduce their energy usage in all stages of farm operations. To accomplish this objective the ENR contracted with the Illinois state, area and county Extension Services to conduct over 40 meetings and workshops to provide farmers with information on energy efficient crop production, grain drying, space heating and energy efficient livestock practices. Emphasis will be placed on the use of alternate energy sources as well as energy management and energy conservation, says Bay.

ENR also makes energy conservation fact sheets available, and they cover a broad range of topics, from solar heating to underground homes and virtually everything in between.

There are several experimental or demonstration projects afoot now to reduce energy needs in the future and, as might be expected, ENR is in the thick of things. One of several projects funded by ENR's Alternate Energy Bond Fund is the construction and monitoring of a superinsulated home in Springfield that makes careful use of passive solar heat gain, natural lighting and solar water preheating to reduce costs.

Its most unusual feature is a giant "ice cube" designed to store winter cold for use during the air conditioning season. An array of heat exchangers extracts cold from the air during the winter months, storing it in a well-insulated soil-water-gravel slurry under the yard, where it stays until hot weather. Then, the heat exchanger pulls the 'coolness' out of the mix for distribution into the house, which has big south-facing windows shaded from the summer sun by carefully placed eaves.

There are several other houses, sprinkled throughout the state, testing various energy conservation ideas. ENR plans to monitor the homes, and the energy saving ideas that work out will then be made available for general use.

Information itself is of little value if it's not in the hands of people who need

it, and ENR knows that. Just about anywhere you go that there's likely to be a good gathering of people, the Department is there, too, with an exhibit — spreading the energy conservation word. "We do workshops for groups interested in energy conservation," Kurth says, "and we have a series of small business conservation workshops, too. Farmers and small businessmen often think of energy costs as a necessary evil, and to just live with them. We want to show them that there are opportunities to reduce expenses while still getting the job done. In cooperation with the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, for example, we have more than 40 agricultural energy meetings and workshops scheduled throughout the state."

ENR is also deeply into coal burning and gasification and whatever it takes to make the state's high sulfur coal usable, and funds, or helps fund, research geared to that end and often helps fund a changeover from oil- or gas-burning equipment to coal, in an effort to make safe, efficient, clean use of an abundant Illinois resource. To date, more than \$59 million has been committed to coal development through the Illinois Coal Development Bond Fund administered by ENR.

Other branches of ENR include the State Geological Survey, the Natural History Survey and the State Water Survey, all in Champaign, and the Illinois State Museum, which is in Springfield.

Henry Kurth, (left), manager of ENR's Consumer Assistance Department, and Webster Bay, manager of the Department's agricultural program, display some of the fact sheets and other literature available to Illinois residents.



On a Friday in June, two bus loads of tired but happy Illinois young people will return to Springfield after spending the week of June 12 participating in the the 1987 Illinois "Youth to Washington" tour.

Stories of meetings with Illinois Senators and Congressmen and visits to historic sites in and around our nation's capital will fill the hours as they travel

tour of the battleground at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania.

Leaving Gettysburg, the students travel to Washington and settle in at their hotel, the Marriott Twin Bridges, where they will spend the week. That evening they attend a "mock annual meeting" and elect one of their number to represent them on the Youth Consulting Board of the National Rural Elec-

Participants in the 1986 Illinois "Youth to Washington" tour sent home greetings from the Eternal Light Peace Memorial at the Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, National Military Park.



'Youth to Washington' 1987

from Springfield home with parents, relatives or friends. For the past 28 years, the scene has been repeated by young people who have participated in the Illinois "Youth to Washington" tour.

Most of these Illinois young people have earned the all-expense-paid trip as winners of an essay contest sponsored by their local electric cooperative. Others participating as "Willie Wiredhand" students are the children and grandchildren of cooperative directors and employees who are not eligible to participate in the essay competition or are runners-up in local essay contests. "Willie Wiredhand" students pay their own expenses on the trip and receive the same treatment and experiences as winners.

Following an overnight bus trip across Illinois, Indiana, Ohio and Pennsylvania, participants begin their week-long history and civics lesson with a

tric Cooperative Association.

The week will be filled with congressional visits, trips to George Washington's Home in Mt. Vernon, visits to the Arlington National Cemetery, Lincoln Memorial, Washington Monument, Jefferson Memorial, Vietnam Veterans Memorial, White House, Ford's Theatre, National Archives, U.S. Supreme Court, Library of Congress and Smithsonian Institution.

As in years past, students will meet with Illinois Senators and Congressmen and with a legislator on the U.S. Capitol steps for pictures.

While many of the activities on the trip involve places of interest, there is time for rest and fun. There is a river boat cruise on the Potomac in the plans and a dance with Youth Tour participants from throughout the country.

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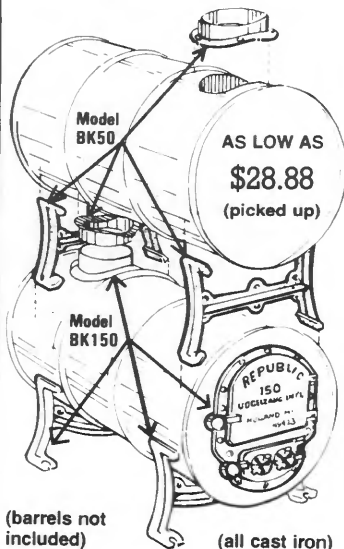
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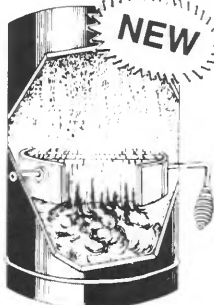


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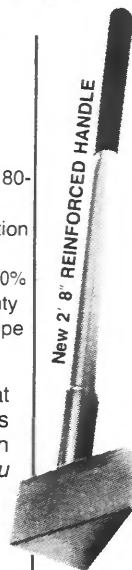
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“When you get your tree home, make a fresh cut on the butt and place the stem-end of the tree in a tub or bucket of water and store outdoors in a shaded place until you’re ready to get it set up,” he says. “When you’re ready to set up your tree, make a second fresh cut on the stem at least one inch or more above the original cut to enable the tree to take up water again.”

Next, place the tree immediately in a water-holding tree stand. It’s important

that the stand hold a large quantity of water, because if the water supply runs out, a seal will form on the tree trunk and you’ll need to make a fresh cut.

Check the water supply daily and refill as needed. A six-foot tree, Curtin notes, may drink a quart of water each day.

“If your tree does not consume water, you can bet it’s been cut for some time,” he says.

Before placing ornaments on the tree, check your light strings and be sure to discard lights with worn or frayed cords. Use U.L. approved lights and turn them off before going to bed at night or before leaving your home for any length of time, Curtin cautions.

“If you place your tree near a source of heat or flames such as a fireplace, radiator, heating vent, wood stove or TV set, you’re going to have a drier tree,” Curtin says.

Follow these guidelines and your tree should stay fresh, green and moisture-laden throughout the holidays.

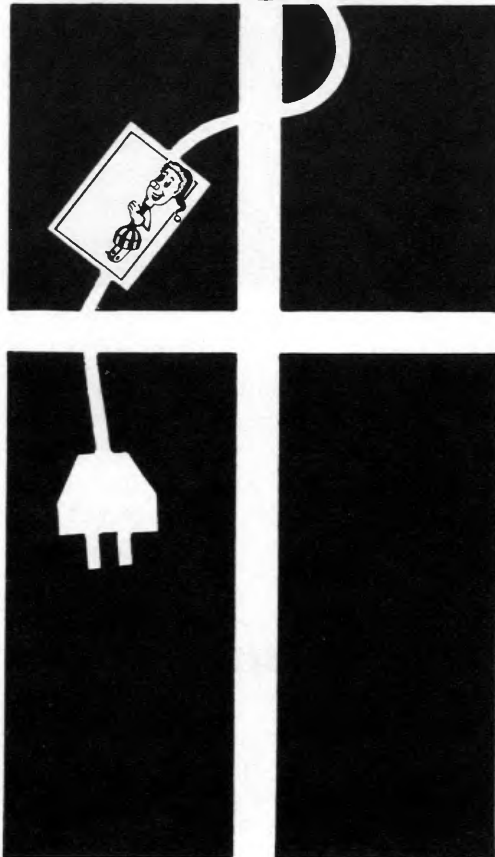
Once the holidays are over, make sure you dispose of your Christmas tree properly and as quickly after the season as possible, Curtin says. Call your disposal service and ask when they will be picking up trees in the area.

Merry Christmas

Bright, twinkling lights, Christmas trees and outdoor decorations brighten up the Illinois countryside again this time of year. It's the Christmas season, a time when we can say thanks for the many blessings we have.

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FMEC selects Delp

Robert L. Delp of Geneseo has been selected manager of Farmers Mutual Electric Company.

Delp, who has served as acting manager of the Geneseo-based utility since August, replaces Edgar G. Arnn, who took early retirement to enter a family business in Indiana.

A graduate of J. D. Darnell High School in Geneseo, Delp studied at Black Hawk Junior College in Moline, Northern Illinois University in DeKalb and Illinois State University at Normal. He is a graduate of the U.S. Army Infantry Leadership Course and attained the rank of sergeant.

After summer employment with Farmers Mutual in 1972, Delp worked as an engineering technician for General Telephone Company of Illinois in Bloomington. After three years there, he returned to FMEC and became office manager in 1976.

Delp has completed numerous courses provided by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association



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Delp and his wife, Sue, live in Geneseo with their three-year-old daughter, Jessica.

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- 2 tablespoons butter or margarine

Cut pound cake into twenty ¼-inch slices; cut slices in half diagonally. Line 1½-quart bowl with plastic wrap or strips of waxed paper. Then line bowl with cake slices to cover completely, trimming if necessary. Sprinkle cake with liqueur. Melt 2 squares of the chocolate in small saucepan over very low heat. Cool; then fold into 1¾ cups of the whipped topping. Spoon into cake-lined bowl. Fold nuts and cherries into remaining whipped topping; spoon into bowl over chocolate mixture. Cover completely with remaining cake slices. Cover with plastic wrap and freeze until firm, about 4 hours. Heat remaining chocolate with butter in saucepan until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Cool slightly. Invert frozen mold onto plate and remove plastic wrap. Spread chocolate mixture quickly and evenly over cake. Freeze about 10 minutes, or until chocolate is firm. Store in freezer. Cut into wedges. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

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1 teaspoon vanilla
2 sqs. unsweetened chocolate, melted

Mix flour with baking powder and salt. Cream butter; gradually add sugar, beating until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Add flour mixture, a small amount at a time, mixing well after each addition. Divide dough in half; blend chocolate into one half. Roll chocolate and plain dough separately between sheets of waxed paper into 12x8-inch rectangles. Remove top sheets of paper. Invert plain dough onto chocolate dough and remove remaining paper. Roll up as for jelly roll; wrap in waxed paper. Chill until firm, at least 3 hours. (Or, freeze 1 hour.) Cut in ¼-inch slices. Place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 minutes or until cookies just begin to brown around edges. Makes about 4½ dozen. To hang on Christmas tree, poke a hole in each unbaked cookie near edge, using a straw or wooden pick. Insert red string licorice through holes in baked cookies and tie.

YULE LOG

4 sqs. semi-sweet chocolate
¼ cup water
¾ cup all-purpose flour
½ teaspoon baking powder
1 teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon baking soda
5 eggs, at room temperature
¾ cup granulated sugar
Confectioners sugar
1 pkg. (3 oz.) cream cheese, softened
½ cup granulated sugar
4 sqs. semi-sweet chocolate, broken in half
1 container (8 oz.) frozen whipped topping, thawed

Heat 4 squares chocolate with water in saucepan over very low heat, stirring until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Cool. Sift flour with baking powder, salt and baking soda. Beat eggs in large bowl at high speed of electric mixer, adding ¾-cup granulated sugar gradually and beating until mixture is fluffy and thick and light in color. Gradually fold in flour mixture. Blend in chocolate mixture. Pour into 15x10-inch jelly roll pan which has been greased on bottom and sides, lined on bottom with waxed paper and greased again. Bake at 350 degrees for 18 to 20 minutes, or until cake tester inserted into center comes out clean. Turn out onto cloth, which has been sprinkled lightly with confectioners sugar. Quickly remove paper and trim off crisp edges of cake. Starting with short side, roll up cake, rolling cloth with cake, and cool on rack. Combine cheese, ½ cup granulated sugar, 4 squares chocolate and the milk in blender container. Blend at high speed until chocolate is melted and mixture is smooth. Cool slightly. Measure ¼ cup and fold into 1 cup of the whipped topping. Unroll cake, spread with filling and reroll, leaving end of cake underneath. Place on serving platter. Add remaining chocolate mixture to remaining whipped topping and spread over cake roll. Garnish with chocolate curls; sprinkle with confectioners sugar, if desired. Chill and store in refrigerator.

CHOCOLATE-DIPPED CUT-OUT COOKIES

2 cups flour
½ teaspoon salt
¼ teaspoon baking powder
1 cup butter or margarine
¾ cup sugar
1 egg
1 teaspoon vanilla
4 sqs. semi-sweet chocolate, melted

Mix flour with salt and baking powder. Cream butter. Gradually beat in sugar and continue beating until light and fluffy. Add egg and vanilla; beat well. Gradually add flour mixture, beating well after each addition. Roll ⅛-inch thick on lightly floured board. Cut with cookie cutters and place on ungreased baking sheets. Bake at 375 degrees for 10 to 12 minutes. Cool on racks. Dip portions of each cookie into melted chocolate. Decorate with frosting and colored sprinkles, as desired. Makes about 3½ dozen.



BRANDIED APRICOT TEACAKES

- ½ cup boiling water
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) dried apricots, chopped
- 1 box (11 oz.) currants
- 1 cup apricot brandy
- ½ cup (1 stick) butter
- 1½ cups firmly packed light brown sugar
- ½ teaspoon salt
- 3 eggs
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon allspice
- ½ teaspoon baking soda

Add water to apricots and currants. Pour brandy over fruit; cover and let stand overnight. Cream butter in a large mixing bowl; gradually add sugar and continue beating until blended. Beat in eggs. Combine flour, cinnamon, cloves, allspice, soda and salt; gradually add to cream mixture. Blend in fruit mixture. Place midget foil baking cups on a jelly roll pan; drop 1 rounded tablespoon of mixture into each cup. Bake at 325 degrees for 25 to 30 minutes, or until wooden pick inserted in center comes out clean. Remove to wire rack to cool. Dust with confectioners sugar before serving. Makes 4 dozen. NOTE: For smaller teacakes without baking cups, use buttered 1¾-inch muffin pans. Drop 1 tablespoon mixture into muffin pans. Bake in pre-heated 325 degrees oven, 15 to 20 minutes. Yields 6 to 7 dozen.

ORANGE CAKE

- 1 cup shortening
 - 2 cups sugar
 - 4 eggs
 - 1¼ cups buttermilk
 - 1 teaspoon soda
 - 1 teaspoon orange rind
 - 3 cups pre-sifted flour
 - 1 teaspoon salt
- Grease and flour tube cake pan. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Cream shortening and sugar; add eggs and stir. Add other ingredients beating well after each addition. Bake for one hour or until done.

ORANGE SYRUP:

- 2 cups sugar
 - 1 cup orange juice
 - 2 tablespoons orange rind
- This has to be hot and can be made just before cake is done. Needs no other icing. Let cake set in pan after saucing until cool. This is a moist cake which will keep longer than most cakes do.

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 - 1 stick oleo
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 - 2 small pkgs. chocolate chips
 - 1 pint marshmallow cream
 - 5 plain Hershey bars
 - 2 cups pecans, chopped
 - 1 teaspoon vanilla
- Combine sugar, oleo and evaporated milk into boiler and cook 12 minutes after it starts boiling. Pour cooked mixture over remaining ingredients and stir well. Pour into greased pan. Cool and cut. Makes 5 lbs.

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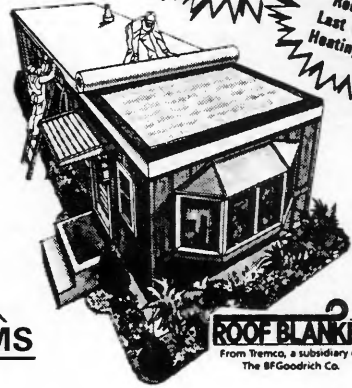
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Ceramics for the holidays



Lorraine, in her work apron, is shown with some of her work.

When Lorraine Koets had to relocate to the Edgar County town of Paris some 10 years ago because her husband's job required a move, she was unable to find a job. Her 20-plus years of teaching music and art in Mattoon and Charleston schools left her overqualified for the few jobs available.

At the same time, her children were leaving home, and she needed something "to keep me from going crazy," she laughs. With a strong art background, it follows that she would get into an artistic line of work, but when she got involved in ceramics, it was intended as kind of a "one-shot" thing. "It was getting close to Christmas," she says with a laugh, "and I decided to make 300 pairs of Raggedy Ann and Andy Christmas tree ornaments, and sell them and get rich. We were pouring clay out of a gallon jug at the kitchen sink. I

didn't get 300 sets made," the Edgar Electric Co-operative member says, "and I sure didn't get rich."

Instead, she got into ceramics, and still works out of her home about three miles east of Paris on Route 133. They use a machine to pour clay into their molds now, and Lorraine has her own workshop. They have some 1,500 molds, "But there are many of them that we very seldom use and others that we seem to be pouring all the time," Lorraine says.

But there is more to a full-service ceramics operation than pouring clay into molds and taking "greenware" out, and Lorraine is making good use of her art teaching background to give her students a good grounding in ceramics.

"Ceramics is like any other art form," she says, "in that you can get some really nice work, or it can be bad. The im-

portant thing is to learn to pay very close attention to detail, because it's the little details that can make or break your work."

Ceramics pieces in Lorraine's shop show fine shadings in the shadow area, where poorly taught painters often just dab in some black, and tiny details such as catchlights in the eyes are taken care of, too. "I usually have about 30 students that I work with during the busy time of the year," she notes, "and I certainly don't try to work with that many at once. I try to have seven or fewer in the work area, so I can give each one the maximum amount of attention."

She sells ceramics products in about any degree of completion the customer wants, from raw greenware straight out of the mold to the finished product, and anything between. "Greenware is what we call a figure just as it comes from the mold," she points out, "and it needs to be cleaned and fired before it becomes bisque, which is ready for painting. Ceramics that are just going to be decorator pieces are ready for a clear sealer, or if they're going to be used to hold food, like a bowl, they'll need to be fired again."

She fires work for many of her customers, but several own their own kilns.

One interesting thing about the ceramics business, Lorraine says, is that it is always changing, and that there is always something new for her to learn to bring home for her students and customers.

"There are three shows we try to make every year," she says, "and they're all good ones. The first one of the year is always held in February in Orlando, and it's really 'terrible' to have to go down there at that time of the year, but we do it anyway. The others are in Nashville and Chicago."

One of the things she brought home was porcelain, a kissing cousin to ceramics, but offering a bit more class — and it is more expensive, too. "Porcelain products are made from a finer clay," Lorraine says, "and they have to be poured more carefully. You have to get them out of the mold immediately, too, instead of leaving them for a while. Porcelain's expensive, so I use it mainly for doll heads and hands, for reproductions of old-fashioned dolls. It takes a lot more heat to fire it, too. My

kiln that I use for porcelain uses as much electricity as an electrically heated five-room house.

"Cost often puts porcelain out of reach of many people," she says, "but I really believe that ceramics, carefully done with painstaking attention to detail, can still give you a very pretty product."

It is about this time of the year — along with Easter — that the ceramics business gets fairly busy. Lorraine holds Christmas sales during the summer to liven up the slack season and get customers in the shop, "But it's still pretty seasonal," she admits.

And that can be an advantage — much of the work is designed to beautify homes during the Christmas season — and with teachers like Lorraine, the Yuletide season will be beautiful, indeed.

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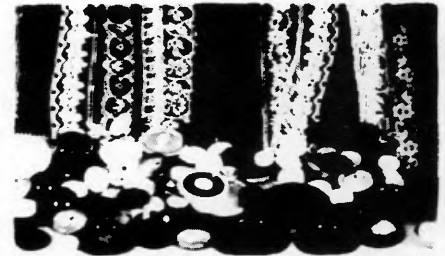
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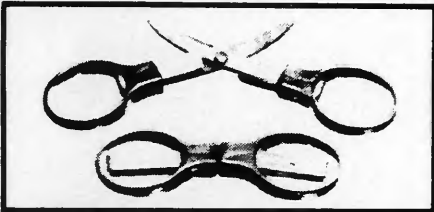
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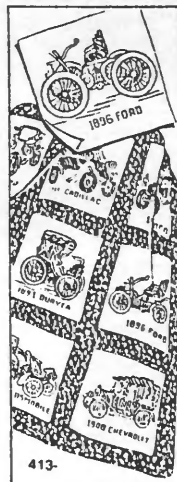
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413-



4656



4064-

- No. 413 is tissue transfer of 24 cars, 2 each of 12.
- No. 4656 is cut in sizes 10½, 12½, 14½, 16½, 18½, 20½, 22½, 24½, 26½.
- No. 4064 is cut in sizes 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20, 22, 24. Size 14 takes 2½ yards of 60-inch fabric.



9060



4904-

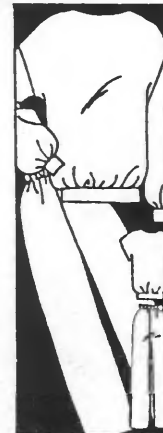


9011

- No. 9060 is cut in sizes 10½, 12½, 14½, 16½, 18½, 20½, 22½, 24½.
- No. 4904 is cut in sizes 12½, 14½, 16½, 18½, 20½, 22½, 24½, 26½.
- No. 9011 is cut in sizes 34, 36, 38, 40, 42, 44, 46, 48, 50.



9498



9101 SIZES 6-20



7025-

- No. 9498 is cut in small, medium and large.
- No. 9101 in sweatshirt or jersey is cut in sizes 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18, 20.
- No. 7025 is Miss Poppyseed, a 25" doll. Pattern pieces for doll and clothes.

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