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There is no typical director

A building contractor. A seed corn company officer. A CPA firm partner. An oil dealer. A retired retail manager. A plumbing contractor. A florist-nurseryman. An insurance agent. A service station operator. A hog producer. A machine shop operator. A computer specialist. A grain farmer. A real estate broker. A design engineer.

At first glance, this diverse group may not appear to have much in common, yet there is a particular thread that ties them all together.

They are all electric cooperative directors in Illinois.

Some of these people have served as trustees for many years. Others have been on their electric cooperative board for only a short time. They all share, though, the important responsibilities of directorship, regardless of their tenure. They share, too, a 50-year heritage with hundreds of past and present directors who have made the electric cooperatives' partnership with their federal government the most successful program of its kind in the nation's history.

It takes a combination of up-to-date thinking, foresight and an appreciation of the 50 years of progress to give directors, regardless of length of service, the perspective they need to effectively perform the job the members have elected them to do.

Suggestions by the USDA Agricultural Cooperative Service set out some of the fundamental responsibilities for

cooperative directors:

- Attend all board meetings. Directors share responsibility for board decisions, even if they are not present at the meetings.
- Represent all members. Talk with members to learn their needs.
- Understand the cooperative articles of incorporation and bylaws. Make sure that the cooperative conducts business accordingly.
- Employ a competent manager. Set his salary, outline his duties, and give him authority to try out his ideas.
- Set up sound policies and goals to guide the manager, and see that these are followed. Remember that the board of directors should not try to run the co-op on a day-to-day basis.
- Work with the manager on annual meeting plans. The manager and board report to the members on operating results for the year at such meetings.
- Accept and support decisions of the majority board vote.
- Realize that all directors have to follow the same rules and pay the same rates as other members.
- Continue to study all parts of the cooperative operation for ways to make it better.
- Keep the cooperative members working together for co-op success.

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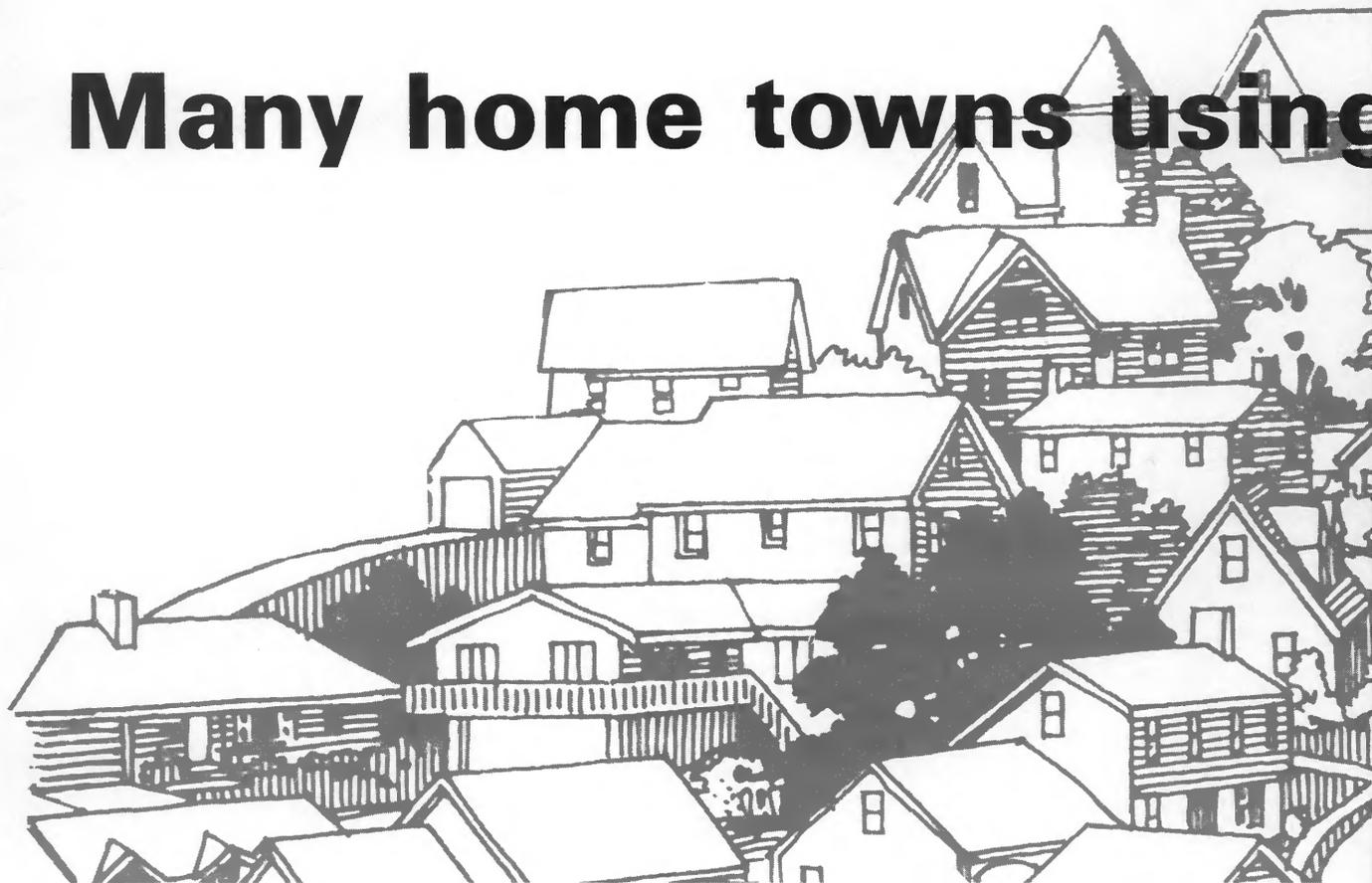
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Many home towns using



The American West is peppered with ghost towns, communities that sprang up around the mouth of a mine, prospered as long as the mine was profitable, and died as the mine did.

Many of them were abandoned so quickly that the former inhabitants left furniture and kitchen utensils behind, apparently leaving with little more than the clothes they were wearing and a backward glance.

All over the Midwest, towns are shrinking or slowly "folding up their tents" as store after restaurant after service station hang up the "closed" sign for the last time.

It does not have to be that way. While other places hold a powerful attraction for many, there are many small-town Illinoisans who are determined to stay at home and want their children to have that option, too. People with imagination, determination and foresight are looking for ways

to keep their town alive even though the old economic underpinnings may be diminished quite a bit or gone for good.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, or DCCA, administers the Governor's Home Town Awards Program, which is designed to encourage and recognize the efforts of towns that have worked hard to improve their opportunities and quality of life.

DCCA will soon begin accepting applications from small towns who believe their community betterment efforts during the past year are worthy of notice by others.

Several communities improved themselves last year and, in the process, won recognition in the Governor's Home Town Awards program, too.

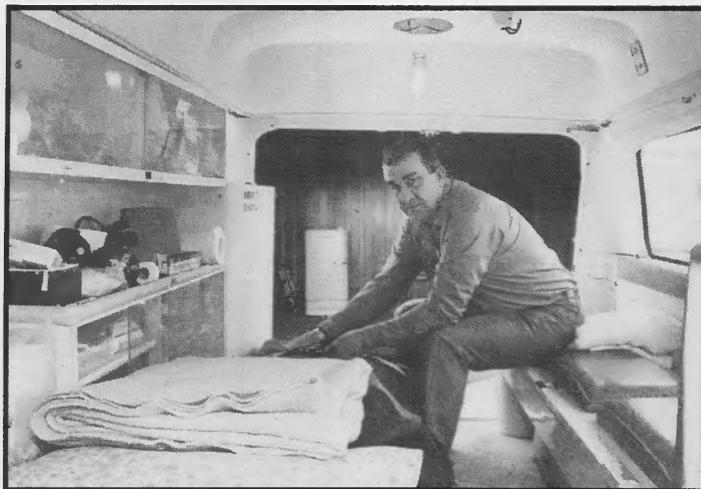
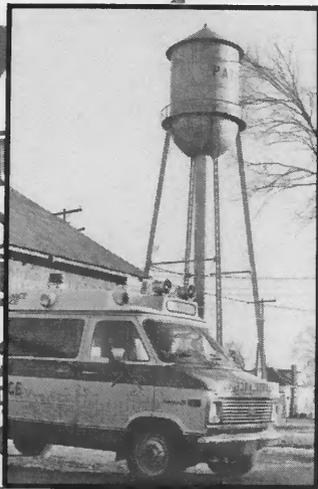
The village of Patoka, for example, suddenly found itself without ambulance service. Townspeople raised

enough money to train 20 emergency medical technicians, buy and equip an ambulance, and remodel the ambulance storage facility and EMT offices. Care is now available around the clock. It was not easy, but townspeople raised almost \$35,000 in cash, and the town contributed \$1,000. Some \$2,500 in donated materials and \$6,500 worth of donated labor made the plan work.

Since then, Patoka has done fairly well. Paulette Byassee of Shawneetown decided to get out of the ambulance business and, impressed by the town's "up by the bootstraps" effort, donated another ambulance. A 1977 model, it came fully equipped. "In some ways," notes Patoka mayor Paul Etheridge, "it was set up better than the one we'd bought." Townspeople cheerfully re-remodeled the ambulance shelter to make room for the new rig.

A couple of hundred miles to the north, the town of Atkinson faced a

their bootstraps



At left above, Patoka's ambulance sits in front of its shelter. Town residents raised \$36,000 to buy the rig, train 20 emergency medical technicians and refurbish the shelter. Above, Paul Etheridge, mayor, adjusts a strap in the ambulance.

different kind of problem, but still a serious one: the State Banking Commission closed the town's only bank. Village officials quickly set up a task force to help farmers, businessmen and homeowners find refinancing. Most homes and businesses were saved from foreclosure, and some new businesses have located in the town's new industrial park.

The village of Ellsworth bought an abandoned school for a dollar, and a fund-raising effort got enough money together to set up a new community center, baseball park, picnic area and playground.

All three projects were entered in the Governor's Home Town Awards Program in the under-1,300 population class, and the Atkinson Economic Task Force won first place. All three came up winners in community development.

In the next larger population group, towns with 1,300-8,999 population,

the town of Robinson, and the rest of Crawford County, decided to refurbish an existing public swimming pool and recreation area. Area residents raised the necessary \$125,000 from clubs, businesses, industries and individuals without using any taxpayer dollars. Now the pool — the only public pool in a 30-mile radius — provides 12 summer jobs.

Onarga residents, working to overcome the "dying town" syndrome, set out to create a new attitude toward the community. A major renovation job turned an old store into a mini-mall that houses a new dentist's office, a video rental center and other businesses. The movie theater that had closed long ago was renovated and is in operation, and a pizza restaurant has opened next door. A furniture store and upholstery shop is in the downtown area, a hardware store has been remodeled and a bowling alley was rebuilt into a modern restaurant, and

the town is on its way again.

The Quad Cities suburb of Milan has a new community center, and the town of Dallas City, on the Mississippi River near Nauvoo, held a celebration in honor of its 125th birthday. The enthusiasm, volunteers and donations surprised even the town's boosters. Many former residents came home for the celebration, and townspeople formed a committee to keep the tradition going.

Onarga took Economic Development Winner honors, but all the towns took advantage of a new sense of community pride.

Communities that have had improvement projects in the last year should plan to enter the contest soon, and can get more information by writing to Bob Glatz at the Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, 620 East Adams Street, Springfield, IL 62701, or calling him at (217) 785-6139.

This Baker makes dough weaving wheat



Sheryl Baker lives at Lake Sara, just northwest of Effingham, and works in Chicago. And Denver. And Indianapolis. She does not commute to work, though, like many do.

Working out of her Banker Street store in Effingham and her lakefront home, which used to be the Baker family cabin, Sheryl works art and

craft shows in the Midwest, and occasionally teaches local classes in wheat weaving. "When I can find the time," she says. She deals mostly in country decor items.

Not too long ago, she had the same nine-to-five routine that many workers have.

"I studied commercial art at East-

ern Illinois University," she says, "and I had a good job in Chicago, working for an engineering firm that designs manuals for howitzers and tractors, among other things."

She started making a few craft items on the side, both as a hobby and to bring in some extra spending money. Before she knew it, she was



At far left, Sheryl admires some of the newer craft items in her Effingham store. With help from her parents, she makes a lot of the items for sale there. At near left she displays a product from another line — she makes wheat items and teaches wheat weaving classes when she finds the time.

setting up displays in suburban Chicago malls, and things started looking up from there.

Before long, Sheryl realized that she did not have to live in the city to work there, and started giving some thought to returning to the Newton area, where she was raised. "I hadn't thought I'd ever see this area again," she smiles, "because there are so few jobs open for commercial artists."

After realizing she could probably make a living working at home, she started thinking seriously about moving back.

It was not an easy choice. "I had a month of sleepless nights," she says. But she finally made the move, keeping her city contacts and lining up several shows.

At first nearly all her sales were made at shows or to people who placed special orders, because she could not sell out of her residential-zoned home, but she held three "open houses" a year so people could see her shop and craft items.

Now she is located at a store and

those problems are over. She still does much of her work at home, though.

Her mother and dad, Paul and Neva Baker of Newton, help when she gets in a bind, as she did about this time last year. "I planned to go to Chicago in February, before the winter really set in, to visit friends," she relates, "and I decided to take some items to sell. It wasn't long after Christmas, so I didn't think many people would be buying. Boy, was I surprised! They bought everything I had, and I already had a show set for mid-April.

"I gave dad a bunch of patterns and told him what I wanted, and got into mass production, right away."

Her mother, the source of much of her artistic talent, volunteered her services, too. She does some of the base-coat painting when Sheryl finds herself in a tight spot, and the cottage, and shop, are filling up again after the Christmas rush, and both sport many items in varying stages of completion, as work goes on.

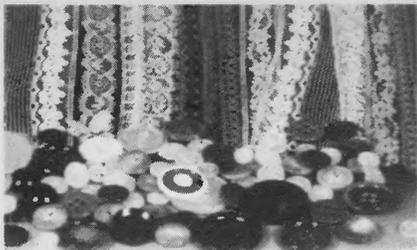
"Dad used to complain that he didn't have time to go fishing," Sheryl

laughs, "but he has a line of 'country folk' of his own that we sell in the shop now."

Sheryl went on a multi-purpose trip to Denver last June, and it turned out so well she is going again this year — right after a show in Lincoln, Nebraska. "I booked into the Denver show last year," she says, "and I planned to stop by in Kansas to look for some wheat for my weaving classes, because last year looked like a bad year for wheat around here. I found a really nice kind of dark brown wheat that's hard to come by here.

"As a Newton native," she continues, "I was interested in the fact that the wheat came from Newton, Kansas, and as an artist I found it fascinating that wheat weaving had been revived there. While it had been practiced for centuries in many countries, it had fallen out of favor for some reason."

Back in Effingham, she keeps busy with her folk art items, proving that you do not have to live in the city to keep busy!



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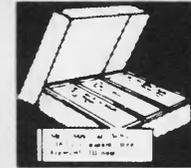
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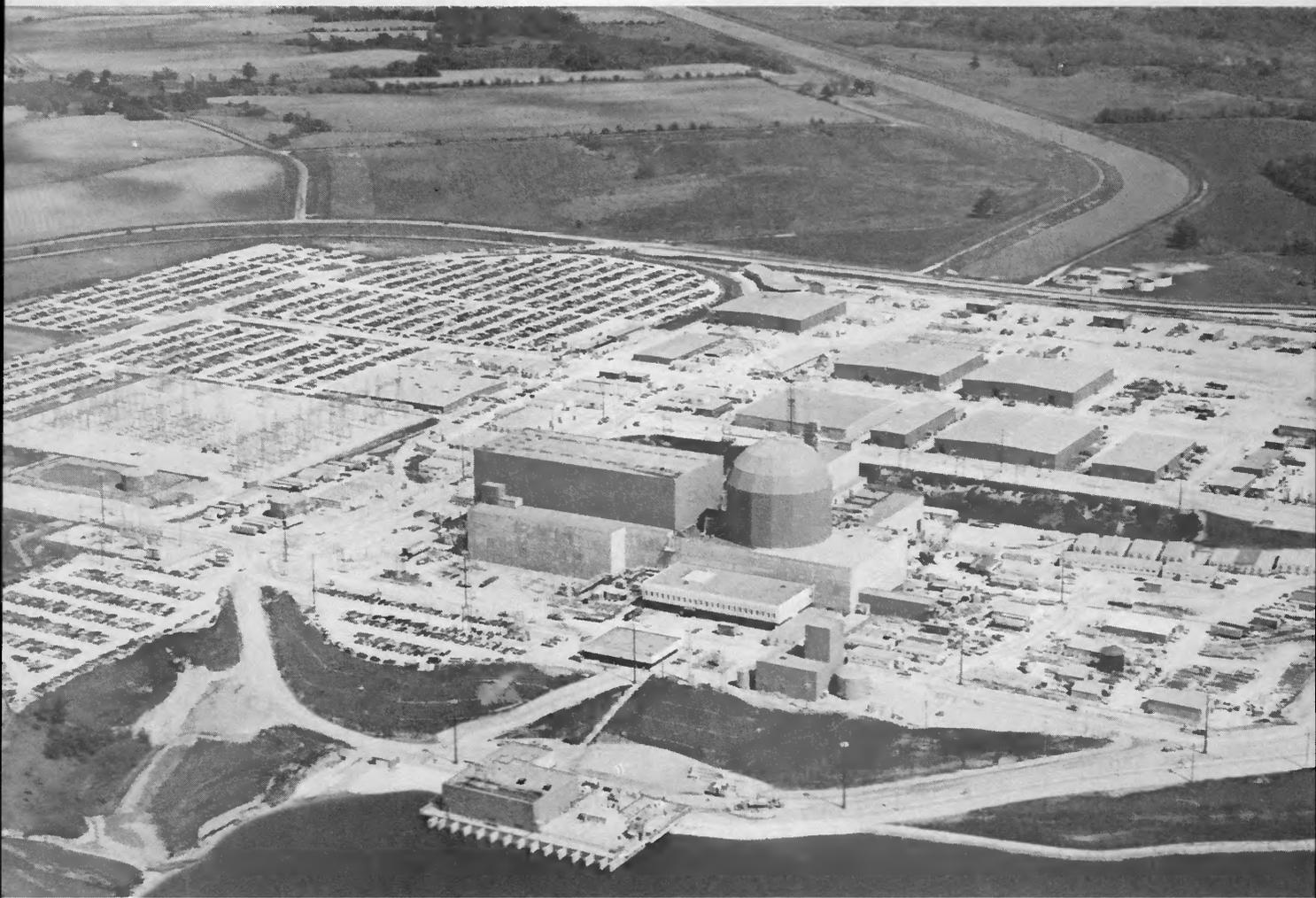
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An aerial view of the Clinton Power Station

Audits support Clinton completion

An audit ordered by the Illinois Commerce Commission (ICC) recommends completion of the Clinton Power Station, a nuclear power plant partially owned by two Illinois electric generation and transmission cooperatives.

Results of the audit, performed by Touche Ross & Co. and the Neilson-Wurster Group, indicate the Clinton project, being built by Illinois Power Company (IP), is still economically sound. The audit was commissioned last May and the ICC released the results on January 9. "Analysis of the economic viability of CPS (Clinton Power Station) indicates that continuation of the project will result in the lowest cost of future power when compared to base-load coal-fired replacement capacity," the auditors stated.

The auditors did caution, however,

that "should the costs of CPS continue to escalate to a significant degree, the economic advantage of the project could be lost." The audit further concluded that "we believe there is adequate margin to continue to provide for economic advantage to the ratepayers from continuation of CPS."

The Clinton Power Station, located in DeWitt County, originally was estimated in February 1973 to cost \$429 million with commercial operation planned for April 1980. "The Clinton Power Station has experienced many of the similar problems in design and construction that are inherent to the nuclear industry," the audit for the ICC stated. The most recent cost estimate, by Illinois Power last November, set the completed cost at \$3.7 billion to \$3.8 billion, with commercial operation in the third quarter of this year.

The ICC-ordered audit reported that the only "controllable and significant event identified to date where costs could have been avoided" was stop work actions ordered by the Nuclear Regulatory Commission (NRC) to allow documentation to catch up with construction.

The two generation and transmission cooperatives who share in ownership of the plant are Soyland Power Cooperative and Western Illinois Power Cooperative (WIPCO). Soyland is a federation of 15 Illinois electric distribution cooperatives and WIPCO is made up of seven others.

Following release of the Commission audit, Illinois Power released the results of an independent audit the company authorized in early 1985. The audit is separate from the ICC-ordered report. The audit for IP was conducted by three firms: Theodore



IP vice president Larry Haab conducts press conference while representatives of three firms that audited IP's performance in constructing the plant look on.

Barry & Associates; Ebasco Services, Inc.; and Burns and Roe, Inc.

The two audits generally agree, with one major difference, that being the stop work actions ordered by the NRC. The portion of the IP audit conducted by Burns and Roe did not conclude that the stop work action costs pointed out by Touche Ross/Neilson-Wurster were unreasonable. During a press conference, IP senior vice president Larry D. Haab said, "Our quality assurance program allowed us to complete the construction of a licensable plant while other plants like Marble Hill, Midland and

Zimmer were forced to cancel construction. We intend to show in hearings before the Illinois Commerce Commission that the events surrounding the stop work orders will support Burns and Roe's finding that there was no evidence of decisions or actions on the part of Illinois Power which should

be categorized as unreasonable." (Marble Hill, Midland and Zimmer are nuclear plant projects that have been canceled, converted or indefinitely delayed).

Cooperatives involved in the Clinton project plan to evaluate the various audits.

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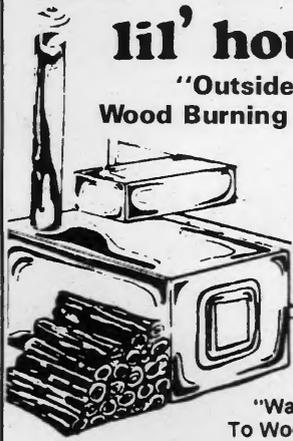
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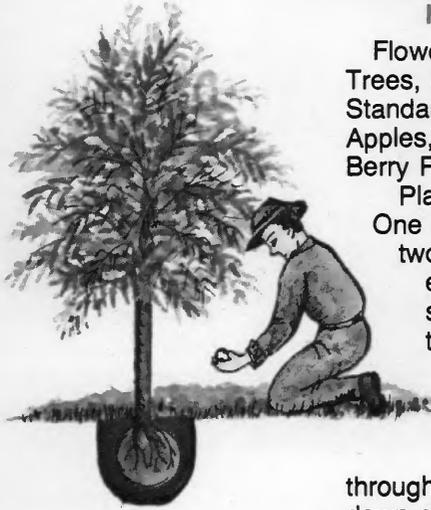
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Livestock operations may benefit from Choremaster

Given the proper use, electric vehicles may have a place on the farm, and they may even be able to reduce equipment costs, according to Les Christianson, a new member on the University of Illinois Agricultural Engineering staff. Christianson comes from South Dakota State University, where he was one of the project leaders in designing and testing an electric vehicle for agricultural use. Electric cooperatives supported the project through funding by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association Research Fund.

Beginning in 1979, Christianson and other South Dakota State staff members designed three models of the "Choremaster" — an electric tractor that is best suited to farm chores, not field work.

He says that dairy, beef, swine and poultry farmers would have the most interest in electric vehicles because these farmers need a farm chore vehicle approximately 300 days out of a year. A grain farmer, on the other hand, may only need a chore tractor 30 to 70 days out of a year, which would not make it economical.

The initial cost of an electric tractor is about 10 to 15 percent higher than a diesel-powered tractor. However, Christianson says that energy savings, a longer vehicle life and reduced

maintenance with an electric vehicle more than offset this initial higher cost.

In fact, in one comparative study, South Dakota researchers found that if you considered all expenses over a vehicle's lifetime (including initial costs), the electric vehicle saved almost \$2,000 per year over the diesel vehicle.

Other advantages of the electric vehicle, he adds, are less noise, an absence of noxious fumes for in-building use, ease of starting and less dependence on one energy source.

The 4,000-pound battery in the electric Choremaster was able to power the vehicle for about 15 miles of stop-and-go driving under different load conditions before it needed to be recharged, Christianson says. This equals about four hours of tractor chores on typical farms.

When moving packed snow in 20- to 30-degree Fahrenheit weather, the tractor operated for about three and one-half hours, and cold conditions did not affect the battery's capacity.

In -20 degree F weather, the battery also performed well, but the hydraulic fluid and valves performed poorly and the instruments for measuring energy usage malfunctioned. In this case, however, Christianson notes that the battery was not insulated and the vehicle sat out overnight.

Although the electric vehicle is a new concept in American agriculture, the idea of a battery-powered car is an old one, dating back to 1847.

By the 1900s, electric car manufacturers were generating about \$18 million of business per year in the United States alone; but then came the decline. Gasoline-powered cars replaced electric cars, leaving electric vehicles with specialty jobs, such as milk delivery, mine work and forklift operation.

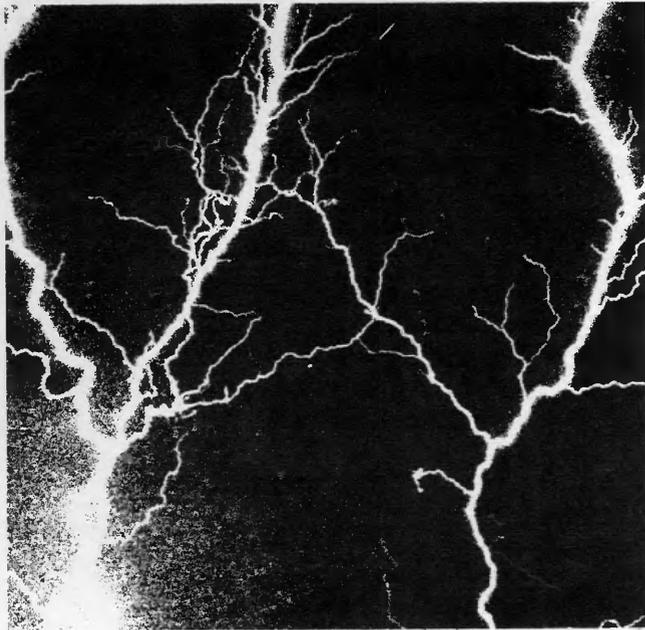
It was not until the oil embargo of 1973 that interest picked up once again and money was channeled into electric vehicle research.

In Europe, Christianson says, electric vehicles have been widely used for milk delivery since the 1930s; and they have been used in those European cities where combustion vehicles are banned due to pollution concerns.

Because European farms are not as large as those in the United States, researchers there also are developing an electric tractor that is practical primarily for field work.

In the United States, meanwhile, the interest seems to be present for an electric farm chore tractor, Christianson says. In a South Dakota survey, dealers, Extension agents and farmers were all receptive to the idea.

For example, the dealers surveyed estimated that the electric Choremaster could replace 32 percent of their sales of tractors (below 100 horsepower) to dairy operators, 29 percent of their sales to beef operators and 34 percent of their sales to swine operators.



Be prepared for power outage

Electric service is one of the most dependable items you can buy. Rarely will you find anything else as reliable. But there are unusual times when the electricity goes off.

A power outage can last only a few minutes resulting in some minor inconvenience. Or it can last for days and become a critical problem.

Sometimes a power outage is caused by lightning striking the electric lines, trees falling across wires during a storm or cars ramming into utility poles. A more serious type of outage occurs when severe thunderstorms and tornadoes snap poles and tangle electric lines. But probably the worst of all outages is caused by ice. Usually the most widespread and the most difficult to repair, an ice storm outage leaves your home and family vulnerable to freezing cold temperatures.

Regardless of the type of outage experienced, consumers should be able to cope with the situation. Let's review some helpful information which can help make an electric power outage more bearable.

Always have on hand: flashlights with fresh batteries, matches, candles, and portable radio with fresh batteries.

FIRST THINGS TO DO

1. Check to see if your neighbors' lights are off.
2. Check fuses or breakers in your switchbox panel.
3. If fuses or breakers are all right, call your electric cooperative. Give your address, location number and tell how long the power has been off. This will help your electric cooperative's emergency work crews determine the extent of the outage and aid in speeding repair service. If your electric cooperative's telephone number is busy, hang up and try again in a minute. The phone is not off the hook. Chances are your neighbors are trying to call the cooperative's office, too. Keep trying and your call will eventually be answered. The information you have is important to your cooperative's repair crews.
4. Turn off all electrical appliances that were on, especially

air conditioners or electric heating systems. This will permit the power to be restored sooner, without being knocked out again by automatic limiting devices that protect your electric distribution system from damaging overloads.

5. Turn on your portable radio and listen for public service messages from your electric cooperative.

EXTENDED OUTAGE — WINTER

1. Wrap up in your warmest clothes. Wear several layers of clothing rather than one or two bulky garments. Thermal underwear helps.
2. Keep the refrigerator and freezer closed. If the outage lasts until food starts to thaw, put the food outside in a shaded place. Be sure the temperature is cold enough to permit this. Be sure food is protected from birds, dogs, etc.
3. In extreme cold, fill all available containers with drinking water, then drain the pipes in your house to prevent their freezing and bursting.
4. Maintain an adequate supply of fuel for cooking on your fireplace, grill or camp stove.
5. Cook in the same manner as you would during a summer outage, but be mindful of dangerous fumes.
6. Keep canned goods with a long shelf life on hand to eat during the emergency outage. Soup, chili and stew, for example, are simple to prepare and provide warmth as well as nourishment.
7. In extreme cold temperatures, the entire family should group together in one room where all drafts have been sealed off. If a fireplace or wood burning heater is available in the home, make that room your headquarters for the duration of the outage.
8. Layers of blankets or quilts provide adequate warmth at bedtime, but warm, down-filled sleeping bags are best.
9. During periods of rest, the human body gives off 75 watts of heat. Use this heat by grouping two or three persons together under blankets inside zipped-together sleeping bags.

POWER BACK ON

Once the electricity is on again, turn on the appliances that you had previously turned off if they are needed.

Caution: If you have a heat pump and it's winter, don't reset the thermostat to the "on" position as soon as the power comes back on. Here's why:

The electric heat pump performs its job by circulating a refrigerant gas. When the power has been off for a while, the unit's gas cools and changes to liquid. This liquid has a tendency to collect in the unit's compressor. If the unit is forced into operation at this state, possible mechanical damage can result. To protect your heat pump and your pocketbook, follow this rule after a winter power outage.

If the power has been off from two to 10 hours, wait one and one-half hours before turning your heat pump on. If the power has been off longer than 10 hours, refer to owner's manual before restarting. This time is necessary for the crankcase heaters to change all the liquid refrigerant back into a gas again. If your unit has an emergency heat switch, you can use it to have warmth during the waiting period. But don't forget to turn it off once the heat pump is operating normally again.

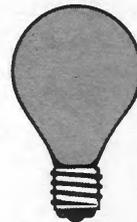
Resume normal living, making a note to restock the supplies that you'll need should another power outage occur.



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THOUSAND ISLAND DRESSING

- 2/3 cup mayonnaise
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 1 tablespoon chili sauce
- 1 tablespoon sweet pickle relish
- 1 hard-cooked egg, finely chopped
- 1 teaspoon garlic powder

Combine ingredients. Chill thoroughly. Serve on chef's salad or greens. Makes one cup.

FRIED PIE CRUST

- 2 1/2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 tablespoons sugar
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 1 egg
- 1 cup evaporated milk

Sift dry ingredients together. Cut in shortening. Beat egg with milk; add to dry ingredients. Knead out lightly and wrap tightly. Chill in the refrigerator. Roll dough thin. Fill with cooked dry fruits of your choice. Fry in cooking oil at 375 degrees.

FRITO SALAD

- 1 head lettuce, torn in pieces
- 2 tomatoes, peeled & chopped
- 2 med. onions, chopped
- 1 10-oz. pkg. mild cheddar cheese
- 2 cans red kidney beans, drained & rinsed
- 1/4 lb. bag Fritos, crushed
- 1 8-oz. bottle French dressing

Mix first five ingredients well. Just before serving add Fritos and dressing. Mix to blend ingredients.

MARY'S POTATO CASSEROLE

- 2 lbs. frozen hash browns, defrosted
- 1/2 cup melted butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 2 cups crushed corn flakes
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1 can undiluted cream of chicken soup
- 1 pint sour cream
- 10 oz. (2 cups) grated sharp Cheddar cheese

Defrost potatoes, combine in large bowl with melted butter. Add salt, pepper, onion, soup, sour cream, and cheese. Pour into greased casserole dish. Cover with corn flakes mixed with 1/4 cup of butter. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

MAKE AHEAD CHICKEN & RICE CASSEROLE

- 3 cups cooked rice
- 3 cups cooked chicken, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 2 1/2-oz. jar sliced mushrooms, drained
- 2 cups (8-oz.) shredded American cheese
- 2 cups milk
- 1 10 3/4-oz. can cream of celery soup, undiluted
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Add all ingredients together, mixing well. Spoon into a lightly greased 3 qt. baking dish; cover and refrigerate for several hours or overnight. Remove from refrigerator; let stand at room temperature 30 minutes. Bake, uncovered, at 350 degrees for 45 minutes. Serves 6 to 8.

CHEESE WAFERS

- 1 cup sharp cheddar cheese, grated
- 1/2 cup butter
- 1 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese
- 1 cup pecans, grated
- 1/2 cup flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/8 teaspoon cayenne pepper
- 2-3 drops yellow food coloring

Bring cheese and butter to room temperature. Cream together until fluffy. Add remaining ingredients and mix well. Shape into small balls. Place on ungreased cookie sheet; press with tines of fork. Press a small pecan half into center of wafer. Bake at 350 degrees for 15-20 minutes.

MEXICAN RICE CASSEROLE

- 1 lb. ground beef, lean
- 1/2 cup bell pepper, chopped
- 3 cups onions, chopped
- 2 cups canned tomatoes, chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 2 6-oz. rolls Jalapeno cheese spread
- 1 teaspoon garlic, chopped
- 1/4 cup chili powder
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 cup raw rice
- 1/2 lb. butter
- 1/2 cup grated American cheese

Brown meat, add onions and bell peppers and simmer 5 minutes. Add tomatoes, chili powder, cumin and salt and pepper to taste. Simmer until liquid is evaporated. Cook rice according to package directions. When cooked, add Jalapeno cheese and butter, stirring until well mixed. In an oven-proof casserole dish, layer half the meat mixture, top with all the rice and cheese mixture, then the remaining meat. Top with grated American cheese. Bake at 350 degrees until cheese melts. Serves 6 to 8.

RICE AU GRATIN SUPREME

- 4 cups cooked rice
- 1/2 cup chopped onion
- 1/2 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/4 cup chopped pimiento
- 1 10 3/4-oz. can cream of mushroom soup, undiluted
- 1/2 cup salad dressing or mayonnaise
- 2 cups shredded cheddar cheese
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Combine rice, onions, green pepper and pimiento in a large bowl. Blend soup, salad dressing, 1 cup grated cheese, milk and seasonings in a separate bowl. Stir into rice mixture. Pour rice mixture into a buttered shallow 2-quart casserole; sprinkle with remaining 1 cup cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes or until hot and bubbly. Serves 6.

NASSI GOARENG (DUTCH RICE WITH PORK)

- 1 large onion, chopped
- 3 cloves ga-l'ic, minced
- 4 or 5 pork chops, cut up
- 1 pkg. thin-sliced ham (about 8-oz.) cut up
- 3 cups cooked rice
- 1/2 teaspoon Sambal (red pepper paste) OR 1/4 teaspoon crushed red peppers
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- Black pepper to taste
- Paprika
- Small amount vegetable oil

In vegetable oil, saute' onions and garlic until clear. Remove fat and bone from pork chops. Cut meat into small pieces and add to onions and garlic. Stir in Sambal or red peppers, then salt, pepper and paprika. Mix well. Cook until pork is done. Cut ham into small pieces and add to meat mixture. Stir. When ham is thoroughly heated and mixed throughout, pour mixture in with cooked rice and mix thoroughly. Serve and enjoy!!

SPICY SAUSAGE AND RICE

- 1 lb. bulk sausage
- 1 cup uncooked regular rice
- 1/2 cup diced onion
- 1 10-oz can Rotel diced tomatoes and green chilies
- 1 1/2 teaspoons Worcestershire sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons prepared mustard
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup water

Cook sausage, stirring while it cooks to crumble, til completely done. Drain and discard pan drippings. Return sausage to skillet; stir in rice and cook over low heat about 5 minutes, until rice is golden, stirring occasionally. Add remaining ingredients; simmer 30 minutes, covered. May need to be stirred once or twice. Serves 6.

TAMI'S RUSH-HOUR RICE

- 1 cup uncooked parboiled rice
- 2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon black pepper
- 1 tablespoon minced onion
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire Sauce
- 1 1/2 teaspoons ground cumin
- 2 tablespoons cooking oil
- 1 10 3/4-oz. can chicken broth
- 2 soup cans water
- 2 5-oz. cans boned chicken
- 1 16-oz. can mixed vegetables, undrained
- 1 can cream of chicken soup, undiluted

In large skillet, brown rice and seasonings in oil over medium heat, stirring occasionally. Add chicken broth and water. Cover and cook 30 minutes or until rice is tender and water is absorbed. Add chicken, vegetables, and cream of chicken soup. Mix well. Simmer 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Serves 6-8.

FROZEN FRUIT COCKTAIL

- 2 cans chunk pineapple, use juice
- Maraschino cherries, optional
- Green grapes
- 14 peaches, fresh
- 14 pears, fresh
- 1/2 cup sugar to 1 quart fruit, (about 3 cups)
- 9 teaspoons Fruit Fresh, (add to sugar)

Cut up fruit in large bowl. Toss lightly with sugar mixture. Bag and freeze. You can add any fresh fruit.

FROZEN CHOCOLATE VELVET PIE

- 2 egg whites
- 1/8 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 2 cups nuts, pecans or walnuts
- 1/4 cup white corn syrup
- 1 tablespoon water
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 1 cup semi-sweet chocolate pieces
- 2/3 cup chilled can sweetened condensed milk
- 1 1/2 cups heavy cream

Beat egg whites with salt to soft peaks, gradually beat in sugar. Beat stiff, add nuts. Spread over bottom and sides of greased pie plate. Make rim about 3/4-inches high. Bake at 400 degrees for 12 minutes. Cool. Bring corn syrup and water just to a boil. Remove from heat, stir in vanilla and chocolate. Cool. Reserve 2 tablespoons. Pour rest in large bowl with milk and cream. Beat at medium speed until it stands at soft peaks. Pour into cool pie crust. Firm in freezer unwrapped. When frozen pipe reserved chocolate in lattice designs. Freeze until ready to serve. Will keep about 3 or 4 months.

BROWNIES

- 2 sticks butter
- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup flour
- 1/4 cup cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup pecans

Melt butter in brownie pan. Mix eggs, sugar, flour, cocoa and vanilla. Add melted butter and pecans. Pour back into pan and cook at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. Do not cut while hot.

MILLIONAIRES

- 1 14-oz. pkg. caramels
- 2-3 tablespoons milk
- 2 cups pecans
- 1 6-oz. pkg. semi-sweet chocolate chips
- 1/2 block paraffin

Melt caramels and milk in top of double boiler. Beat 2-3 minutes. Add pecans and drop on wax paper. Melt chocolate chips and 1/2 block paraffin. Dip caramel-nut drops into chocolate mixture and return to wax paper.

MAGIC MUFFINS

Mix 1 cup vanilla ice cream and 1 cup self-rising flour together. Spoon into greased muffin tins and bake at 400 degrees til done. Do not substitute ice milk or all-purpose flour!

BAKED POPCORN CRUNCH

- 1/2 cup margarine or butter
- 1/3 cup firmly packed brown sugar
- 3 qts. hot popped popcorn (about 1/2 cup unpopped)
- 1 cup pecan halves or pieces

Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Cream butter and brown sugar together in large bowl. Pop corn and mix with creamed butter-sugar. Add nuts. Spread in a 15-by-10-by-1-inch jelly roll pan. Bake 8 minutes. Cool in pan. Yield: 3 qts.

PUMPKIN BARS

- 2 cups suocr
- 2 cups all-purpose flour
- 2 teaspoons baking powder
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon
- 3/4 cup corn oil
- 2 cups cooked, mashed pumpkin or 1 16-oz. can pumpkin
- 4 eggs

Combine first 6 ingredients. Add oil, pumpkin, and eggs; beat 1 minute at medium speed of electric mixer. Spoon batter into greased 15x10x1-inch jelly roll pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 20 to 25 minutes. Let cool completely. Frost with fluffy cream cheese frosting. Cut into bars. Makes about 3 dozen.

Fluffy Cream Cheese Frosting:

- 1 3-oz. pkg. cream cheese, softened
- 6 tablespoons margarine, softened
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
- 2 cups powdered sugar

Beat cream cheese and margarine until light and fluffy. Add orange juice and vanilla. Mix well. Gradually add powdered sugar, mixing until light and fluffy.

Hearty meals



CREAMY VEGETABLE SOUP

- 1 can (10½ oz.) condensed beef broth
- 1 cup thinly sliced carrots
- 1 pkg. (9 oz.) frozen cut green beans
- 1½ cups small paste shells, uncooked
- 1 can (10½ oz.) condensed tomato soup
- 1 can (6 oz.) tomato paste
- 3 cups milk
- 1½ cups sliced zucchini, cut
- 1½ teaspoons Italian seasoning
- ¼ teaspoon garlic powder
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 1½ cups (6 oz.) shredded Provolone cheese
- ¼ cup grated Parmesan cheese
- parsley sprigs, if desired

Place beef broth, carrots and frozen beans in a 4-quart Dutch oven. Bring to a boil; reduce heat; cover and simmer until vegetables are tender, about 10 minutes. Meanwhile, cook pasta according to package directions; rinse and drain. Add tomato soup and paste, milk, zucchini, seasonings and shells to broth mixture. Bring to a boil; reduce heat; cover and simmer 10 minutes. Remove from heat and stir in cheeses until melted. If necessary, return to low heat to finish melting cheese. Do not boil. Garnish with parsley.

WHOLE WHEAT BREAD

- 1 pkg. active dry yeast
- ¼ cup very warm water (105 degrees to 115 degrees)
- 2 cups milk
- ¼ cup sugar
- ¼ cup (½ stick) butter
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 egg, beaten
- 2 cups whole wheat flour
- 3½ to 4 cups all-purpose flour
- melted butter
- coarse salt, if desired

Dissolve yeast in warm water; set aside. Place milk, sugar, butter and salt in saucepan. Heat until butter is melted; pour into large mixing bowl. Stir in dissolved yeast and egg. Add 2 cups whole wheat flour; beat well (an electric mixer may be used up to this point). Gradually stir in enough all-purpose flour to make a soft dough. Knead dough on a lightly floured surface until smooth and satiny, about 5 minutes. Place in a buttered bowl, turning to butter top. Cover and allow to stand in warm place until doubled in bulk (1 to 1½ hours). Punch dough down and let rest 10 minutes. Divide in half. Roll each half of dough on lightly floured surface to form a 12 x 9-inch rectangle. Roll up tightly, beginning with short side; seal edges and seams. Place seam sides down in 2 buttered 8½ x 4½-inch loaf pans. Brush with melted butter. Sprinkle with coarse salt. Cover and let rise until double in bulk, about 1 hour. Bake in preheated 375 degree oven 40 to 45 minutes or until golden brown and loaf sounds hollow when tapped. Remove from pans onto wire rack to cool completely. Serve with butter.

SWEDISH MEATBALLS

- 1 tablespoon butter
- 1 small green pepper, chopped
- 1 small onion, chopped
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 dash Louisiana Hot Sauce
- 1 can chicken and rice soup
- 1 can tomato soup
- 1 soup can of water
- 1 lb. lean ground beef
- 2 slices bread, torn in pieces
- ¼ cup milk
- 1 egg, slightly beaten
- Salt and pepper to taste

Melt butter in a heavy skillet. Add pepper and onion and cook until tender. Add Worcestershire sauce, hot sauce, soups and water. Bring to a boil, then turn down heat to simmer. In a large mixing bowl combine beef, bread, milk, eggs, salt and pepper. Form the meat mixture into balls and drop into liquid in skillet. Cover and cook on low for 1 hour. Serve with rice.

RICE-Y SPICE MEATBALLS

- 1 egg
- 1 cup rice krispies
- 2 tablespoons catsup
- ¼ cup water
- ¼ cup fine chopped onion
- ¾ cup instant milk (dry)
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ½ teaspoon pepper
- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce
- 2 tablespoons brown sugar
- 2 tablespoons fine chopped onion
- ½ teaspoon paprika
- 1 tablespoon vinegar
- ¼ cup water
- 2 tablespoons relish
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- ½ cup catsup

Beat egg until foamy, add next seven ingredients. Mix well. Add ground beef and mix only until combined. Shape into small meat balls. Place single layer on cookie sheet. Bake at 400 degrees for 12 minutes or until browned. Mix, cover and cook the second column of ingredients over low heat for 15 minutes, stirring frequently. Add meat balls to sauce. Cook on low heat for 10 minutes longer.

BROCCOLI CASSEROLE

- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1 pkg. broccoli (cooked as pkg. directs)
- 1 can cream of mushroom soup
- 1 jar cheese whiz

Put layer of rice, broccoli then soup. Top with cheese. Bake in oven until cheese bubbles.

PEANUT BUTTER - M & M - OATMEAL COOKIES

- 12 eggs
- 2 lbs. sugar (brown)
- 4 cups sugar
- 1 lb. butter (not oleo)
- 3 lb. jar peanut butter
- 1 tablespoon vanilla
- 8 teaspoons soda
- 1 lb. chocolate chips
- 1 lb. M & M candy
- 18 cups 5-minute oatmeal

Beat eggs well and add sugars and butter. Mix real good. Add peanut butter, vanilla and soda. Mix well. Add chocolate chips, M & M candy and oatmeal. Roll into teaspoon balls. Bake at 350 degrees for 8 minutes on ungreased cookie sheet. You may roll into rolls and freeze. Slice to cook.

COWBOY COOKIES

- 2¼ cups white sugar
- 2¼ cups brown sugar
- 2¼ cups oleo
- 5 eggs
- 2¼ teaspoons vanilla
- 4½ cups cake flour
- 2½ teaspoons soda
- 1¼ teaspoons salt
- 4½ cups oats
- 1 large pkg. chocolate chips
- 1½ cups nuts

Cream eggs, oleo, sugar and vanilla. Add dry ingredients except oats to cream mixture. Stir in oats, chips and nuts. Drop from teaspoon on cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees until done. About 12 to 14 minutes. Makes 6 or 8 dozen.

SPECIAL BROWNIES

- 2 sticks oleo
- 4 eggs
- ½ cup cocoa
- 1 cup nuts
- 2 cups sugar
- 1½ cups flour
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon butter flavoring

Melt oleo in sauce pan, add sugar, cocoa, eggs, flour, flavoring and mix well. Add nuts. Spread thin on greased cookie sheet. Bake at 350 degrees until done. Remove from oven and spread 1 pkg. miniature marshmallows, return to oven to melt.

Set aside to cool. Ice with:

- ½ stick oleo
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- 2 teaspoons vanilla
- 1 teaspoon butter flavoring
- 4 tablespoons milk
- ½ cup cocoa

Let set couple of hours before cutting.

PEANUT BUTTER CANDY

- ½ box Graham cracker crumbs
- 1 box powdered sugar
- ½ lb. oleo
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 pkg. chocolate chips
- ½ stick paraffin

Shape into 1-inch balls. Melt chocolate chips and paraffin. Dip balls, put on waxed paper to cool.

CRESCENT BARS

- 1 can (8 oz.) refrigerated crescent dinner rolls
- 14 oz. can condensed milk
- 1 pkg. coconut almond frosting mix
- ¼ cup butter or margarine, melted

Preheat oven to 400 degrees. Unroll crescent dough; place rectangles in ungreased 15 x 10-inch jelly roll pan. Gently press dough to cover bottom of pan; seal perforations. Pour condensed milk evenly over dough. Sprinkle with frosting mix. Drizzle with butter. Bake at 400 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes until golden brown. Cool. Cut into bars. Makes three to four dozen bars.

CHOCOLATE CHIP CAKE

- 1 box yellow cake mix
- 4 eggs
- 1 pkg. (3¾ oz.) vanilla instant pudding
- 1 cup oil
- 1 cup milk
- 1 pkg. (4 oz.) semi-sweet cooking chocolate
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) chocolate chips
- ¼ cup confectioners sugar

Mix together everything except the chocolate and confectioners sugar with mixer at medium speed for 5 minutes. Grate chocolate and set aside 2 tablespoons for top of cake. Add remaining chocolate and chips to batter, mix gently. Pour into greased tube pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour. Let cool in pan. Remove from pan and sprinkle chocolate and sugar on top.

MOTHER'S 7-UP CAKE

- 3 cups sugar
- 3 sticks oleo
- 6 large eggs
- ¾ cup 7-Up
- 3 cups cake flour
- 1 teaspoon each lemon and vanilla extract

Blend all ingredients except 7-Up. Beat well. Fold in 7-Up. Bake at 325 degrees to 350 degrees until done.

SPICED TEA

- 2 cups Tang
- 2 cups sugar
- ½ cup instant tea
- 2 pkgs. lemonade mix
- 2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves

Mix all ingredients together. Use 2 to 3 heaping spoons in a cup of boiling water.

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A member of the fern family, this extraordinary house plant arrives at your door so lifeless you'll think it's dead — BUT PUT IT IN WATER AND IN JUST 24 HOURS IT TRANSFORMS ITSELF INTO A BEAUTIFUL LUSH GREEN HOUSE PLANT. It can be dried out and rejuvenated with water again and again with the same result. Tolerates low light. A constant source of fascination. Send \$1.00 for one Resurrection Plant.



Skyscraper Sweet Corn

Individual stalks grow up to 16 feet high; up to three ears to a stalk, each gigantic ear of corn up to 28 inches long. Kernels are white, plump, creamy,

sweet. Your friends and neighbors will not believe their eyes. Ready to harvest in 90 days. Packet of 10 seeds: \$1.00.

Heart O'Hearts House Plant

Also known as Anthurium and Flamingo Flower, this beautiful flowering house plant is sent to you as a dormant log. Just place in a pot with a little potting soil and water. See it miraculously produce exotic spear-shaped shiny green leaves and gorgeous heart-shaped flowers. Tolerates shade. Blooms continuously. Dormant log: \$1.00.



Roof-High "Climbing" Tomato

Plants of this giant-fruited, extra-vigorous tomato can be trained up any kind of support, will easily reach 15 feet high by the end of the season. Gardeners have harvested as much as 3 bushels of tomatoes from a single plant. A single slice can measure 5 inches across, cover a whole slice of bread, weigh more than a pound each, taste extra meaty and flavorful. Each one is sent to you in its own professional nurseryman's pre-seeded starter pot. Send only \$1.00.



Old English Lavender

The fragrance of lavender is one of the most memorable and cherished scents in all of nature and the beauty of lavender plants makes it one of the most desirable flowering plants for home gardens. The flowers themselves are a lovely shade of violet blue, and the more you cut them the more new flowers are stimulated into blooming. What's more lavender is a hardy perennial, coming up year after year, and its silvery leaves are decorative even into winter months. Crush a few stems onto a handkerchief next to your pillow and experience the fantasy of waking up in a field of lavender! Plants grow 2 to 3 feet high, thrive in full sun or partial shade, and are not fussy about soil. Send \$1.00 for a healthy rooted plant. Or check coupon for a 32-page full color catalog featuring larger quantities.



Lucky Giant Shamrock

This beautiful carefree house plant grows from a bulb with its own built-in reserves of energy. Just pot it and water it and within seven days you will see it sprout a healthy crown of emerald-green shamrock-like leaves soon followed by clusters of beautiful white star-shaped flowers to brighten your home. One bulb plants a 3 1/2 inch pot. 5 bulbs plant a 6 inch pot. Each bulb: \$1.00.



Climbing Vegetable Spaghetti

A delicacy of the Chinese for centuries, the delicious nutritious fruits start to ripen in 80 days of planting. Each golden yellow beauty is the size of a large cantaloupe. When cooked in the oven for just 45 minutes, the inside yields generous helpings of piping hot, tender "spaghetti" that has far fewer calories than "pasta" spaghetti. A mother and daughter each reported losing 40 lbs. substituting vegetable spaghetti for pasta. Up to 30 lbs. of fruit per plant can be harvested, store for a year or more. To save space, let them climb up fences, trellises, poles or arbors. Very easy to grow. Our Climbing Vegetable Spaghetti comes in its own professional nurseryman's pre-seeded starter pot, for just \$1.00.



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Individual bell peppers of this hybrid variety measure up to 10 inches long, with the seeds clustered high up at the stem end so the fruits are easy to slice for salads and cooking. Big, blocky, deep green fruits have thick walls, are crunchy sweet... change to bright red when fully ripe. Starts to bear fruit in just 72 days from transplanting. Send \$1.00 for sample packet of seeds, or check coupon for 32-page full color catalog featuring ready-grown PLANTS which we ship UPS at proper planting time in your area.



Mammoth Onions

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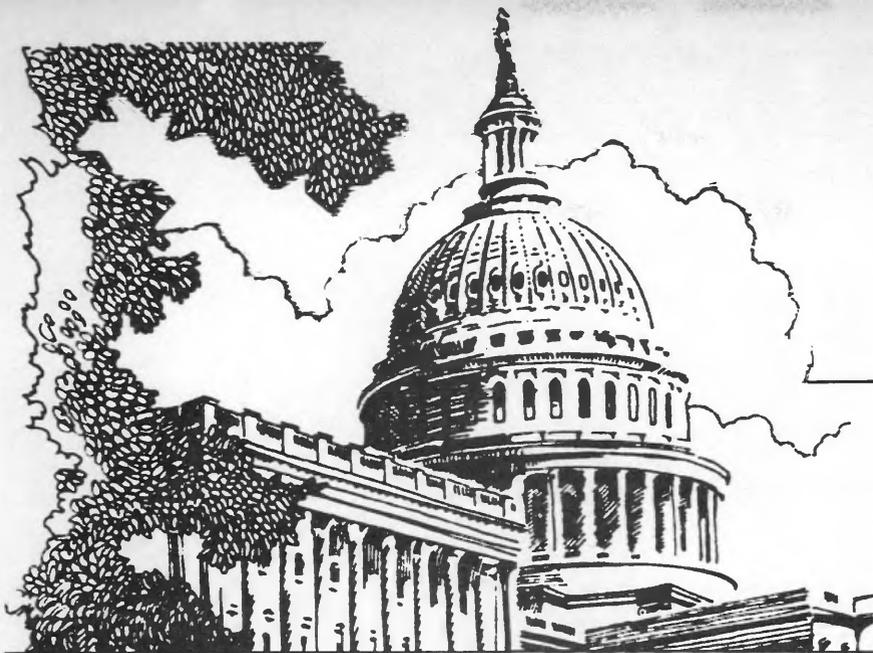
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What Gramm-Rudman means to electric cooperatives

Loans and loan guarantees for rural electric cooperatives will be cut 4.3 percent this year along with most other federal programs as part of the Gramm-Rudman-Hollings deficit reduction law enacted late last year.

That level of reduction, calculated in mid-January by the Administration's Office of Management and Budget and the Congressional Budget Office, goes into effect March 1 unless Congress or the President take other action.

Rural electric leaders, along with spokesmen for other affected programs, say they can tolerate the cuts for this fiscal year, which began October 1. They worry, though, about next year, when the law begins to slice much more deeply into the budget, possibly eliminating entire agencies.

Bob Bergland, executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Washington, D.C., service organization for the 1,000 rural electric systems, says, "We'll share in the belt-tightening that's needed. We can do it because the severely depressed state of the rural economy has reduced the need for rural electric loan funds."

But Bergland calls the measure, which orders equal cuts in most federal programs if predetermined spending reductions aren't made, "a poor excuse for executive leadership."

"We'll take our cut," he says, "but we will not stand by and watch the Rural Electrification Administration and its loan programs be wiped out. We are concerned about the future, because Gramm-Rudman over the longer pull spells bad news for rural Americans."

The 4.3 percent reduction sets REA insured loans at a minimum of \$622.1 million and a maximum of \$933.1 million. That compares with a range of \$650 million to \$975 million that had been approved for the current budget year. Gramm-Rudman sets REA loan guarantees at a minimum of \$813.5 million and a maximum of \$1.96 billion, down from \$850 million to \$2.1 billion.

Insured loans are made at 5 percent interest for rural electric distribution systems to expand and upgrade service. Money for those loans comes from the self-contained, self-sustaining REA Revolving Fund, which replenishes itself through loan repayments. Guarantees go mainly to generation co-ops to finance power plants and transmission lines.

So far this fiscal year REA has approved four loan guarantees totaling \$872.5 million and 10 insured loans totaling \$18.5 million.

The law, which would erase the \$220 billion federal deficit by 1991, mandates an \$11.7 billion cut this year

— half from defense and half from nondefense programs. Exceptions were made for Social Security, low income programs, student loans, Medicare, military personnel and development of the "Star Wars" missile defense system.

Starting with the budget year that begins October 1, the mandatory reductions become much more severe. Next year the deficit must be reduced to \$144 billion. It must then drop to \$108 billion by 1988, \$72 billion by 1989 and \$36 billion in 1990 before being eliminated in 1991.

If those levels are not met, the President must sequester funds according to a formula similar to the one being used to make this year's \$11.7 billion reduction.

But instead of this year's 4.3 percent cut, next year's mandatory reductions could be close to 30 percent. Congress and the White House will spend the next several months scrambling to avoid such a large and arbitrary whack at nearly every federal program.

To keep what has been called "deficit reduction by computer" from going into effect, larger reductions could be raised, but President Reagan has promised to veto a tax hike.

Some predict the cuts will be so distasteful that Congress will repeal the law, named for its Senate sponsors, Phil Gramm (R-Tex.), Warren Rudman (R-N.H.) and Ernest Hollings (D-S.C.).

It could also be thrown out in federal district court where Rep. Mike Synar (D-Okla.) has filed a suit calling the law unconstitutional. Synar says Gramm-Rudman removes the Congressional responsibility to make spending and taxing decisions. The law anticipates such challenges, and provides a fallback position that puts the cuts into effect only after approval by Congress and the President.

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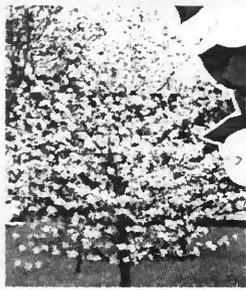
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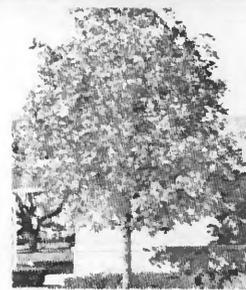
WHITE DOGWOOD (4-5 ft.)
Large white, single blossoms are conspicuous early in spring. The foliage is attractive all summer, and the tall colorful Red berries hang on most of the winter. Use as a specimen or in groups as a background for borders. Grows up to 30 ft. high.
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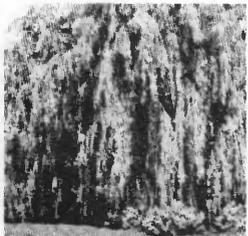
TULIP TREE (4-5 ft.)
A large growing, hardy tree reaching heights of 80 feet or more. Its bright yellow leaves in the fall have tulip shaped flowers in the spring. Rapid grower.
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WHITE BIRCH (4-5 ft.)
Many people know this eye catching native tree as White Birch or Canoe Birch. The white bark and clear yellow leaves in the fall provide showy charms. Height 60 feet, spread 30 feet.
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SUGAR MAPLE (4-5 ft.)
The largest of all maples, its beautiful array of yellow and orange hues make it a sight to remember due to the foliage thickness. A very hardy northern and southern tree - will grow up to 60 feet.
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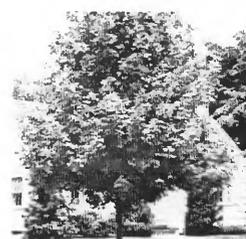
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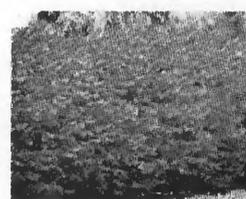
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A Southern Illinois institution, the Farm Materials Handling Show, makes its 1986 appearance March 4-5-6 at Rend Lake College, located on Interstate 57 between Mt. Vernon and Benton.

This is the second year for the exposition to be held at Rend Lake College. Begun in 1960 as the Farm Materials Handling Workshop on the campus of Southern Illinois University at Carbondale, the annual show has progressed through several sites, including West Frankfort and Nashville (20 years). The show was moved from Nashville last year when it outgrew that location, as it had the previous two sites.

Admission to the show is free, food service will be available on the site,



and exhibits will be in the modern, all-weather exhibit halls of Rend Lake College. Show hours on Tuesday, March 4, are 9 a.m. until 9 p.m.; on

Wednesday, March 5, 9 a.m. until 9 p.m., and on Thursday, March 6, 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The first day of the show is High School Day, during which activities involving high school students will be featured along with the regular show exhibits.

Eight electric cooperatives, the Illinois Farm Electrification Council, the SIU-C School of Agriculture, Rend Lake College, Cooperative Extension Service and Illinois Power Company sponsor the show. The cooperatives include: Clinton County, Egyptian, Monroe County, Southeastern, Southern Illinois, Southwestern, Tri-County and Wayne-White Counties. Royce Carter of Wayne-White Counties is the general chairman of the show.

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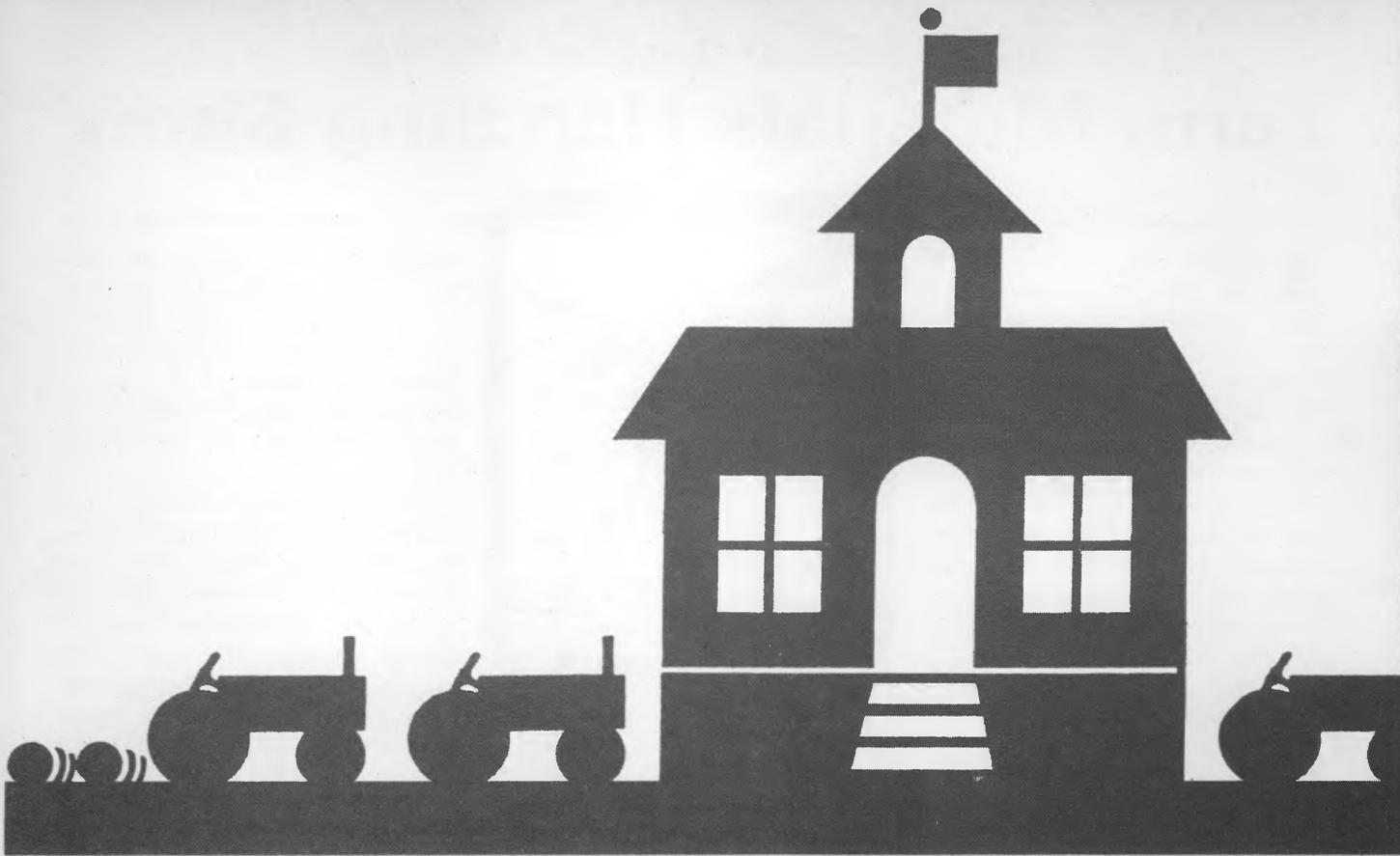
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Council seeks boost for vo-ag

Leaders in agriculture, education and industry have launched a campaign to bolster the state's vocational agriculture educational programs.

Organized as the Illinois Leadership Council for Agricultural Education (ILCAE), they have developed a multi-faceted draft plan that is designed to supplement the broad range of vo-ag education offered in Illinois. Eldon Witt of Roanoke, executive director of the Illinois Association Vocational Agriculture Teachers and executive secretary of the Illinois Association FFA, says the group was organized in 1984 when various ag leaders asked their counterparts in industry, "Is the educational system providing you with the kind of employees that you want?" The industry leaders answered, Witt says, "that the system was pretty good but that improvements could be made. That was the start.

"One main thrust," he adds, "is to get students prepared for agriculture jobs, whether they are just going to finish high school or get a two-year or four-year degree. We hope this program will give a student a good work

ethic, too." Witt serves the ILCAE as executive secretary.

The Council plan consists of seven major sections, explains Louis Hathaway of Deere and Company in Moline. "Each topic contains a stated goal and the quality indicators that determine whether the goal has been achieved.

"Currently Illinois has a good plan for agriculture education, but we see that teachers, schools and the state agencies need additional help in providing a better quality of education for the ag student. We in industry can see that we need to take a more active role in education. In the past industry has been more passive in working with education. But we have found an active partnership that may benefit both of us.

"Many educators are aware of some of the weaknesses of ag education in Illinois, but they have not been able to implement desired improvements. We in industry have heard them and we offer our support." Hathaway is vice chairman of the Council. J. Gordon Bidner of Funk Seeds International of Bloomington is chairman.

Witt cites three of the main reasons for the ILCAE's formation and plan development: possible implementation of hikes in educational requirements, declining school enrollments and the



Bryan Seidel, a University of Illinois student from Altamont, is a good example of the state's vo-ag educational program. Bryan, who received the 1985 FFA Agricultural Electrification Award during the annual meeting of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives last summer, recently was named a national Agricultural Electrification Proficiency Award winner. He is an agricultural engineering major.

possible school consolidation process. The Council is concerned about effects of these factors on ag education such as reduced opportunity for students to take ag classes if overall course requirements are increased, decreased general educational offerings due to declining enrollments and possible loss of alternatives of study at local schools in the event of consolidation.

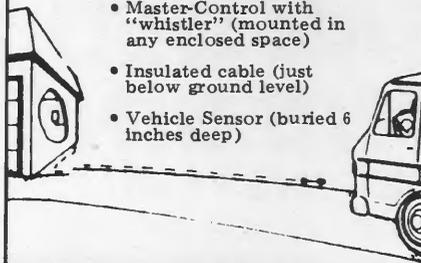
The major segments of the draft plan are: (1) agriculture basics in education, (2) K-8 exploration of agricultural careers, (3) secondary vocational agriculture programs, (4) postsecondary vocational agriculture, (5) agricultural teacher education, (6) adult education in agriculture and (7) state leadership for agriculture education.

Witt emphasizes that the program is a joint effort of industry and the State Board of Education. William B. Schreck, head agriculture consultant with the department of adult, vocational and technical education with the State Board in Springfield, says the goal of the program is to provide "quality vocational agriculture education. Education needs a partnership with agriculture and this program is a vehicle to bring all facets of vo-ag education together for a common goal."

Hathaway says it is the Council's intention to gain approval of the plan from appropriate state agencies as well as necessary legislative action to make the program an integral part of ag education in Illinois.

Witt adds the ILCAE has a high level of support for its project in the Legislature and they plan to go before the General Assembly during the current session with their funding requests. "We're working with legislators now to draft legislation before the April deadline," Witt says. "The No. 1 industry in state and nation cannot afford not to provide quality agricultural education," Witt adds.

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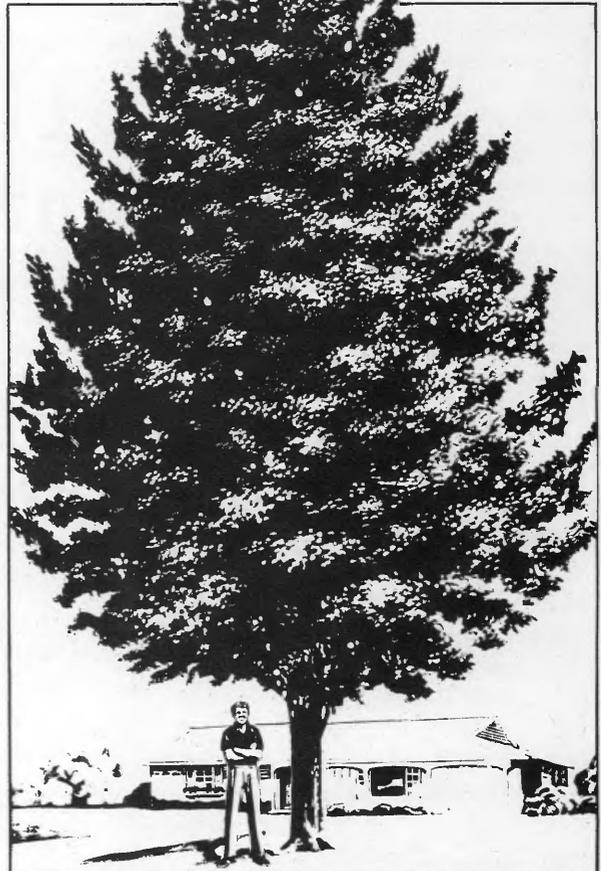
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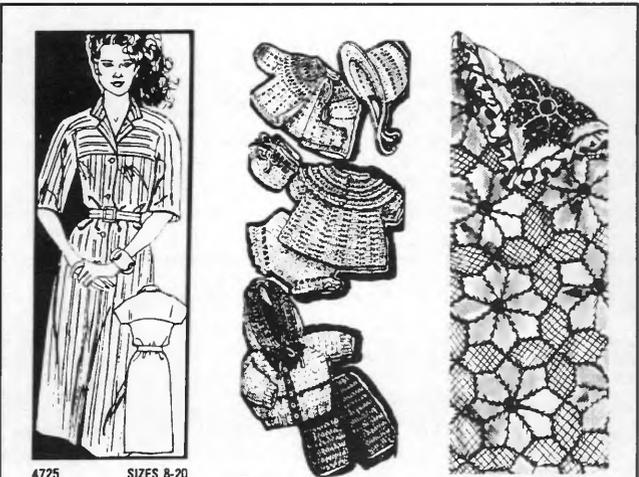
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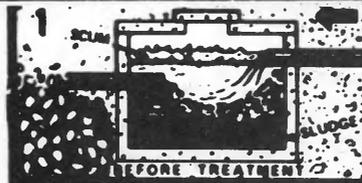
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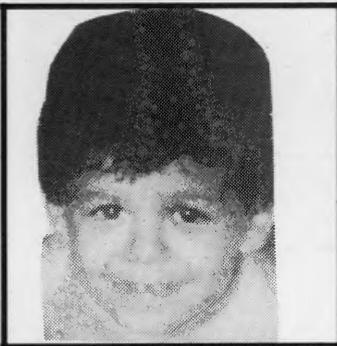
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MISSING



BRENDA SUE GERE

LAST SEEN: 9/19/85 EYES: Hazel
 FROM: Bothell, WA HEIGHT: 5'5"
 DOB: 2/9/73 WEIGHT: 110
 WHITE FEMALE HAIR: Brown



TIMOTHY JACOB DAVISON

LAST SEEN: 10/10/85 EYES: Brown
 FROM: Decatur, IL HEIGHT: 3'4"
 DOB: 1/22/81 WEIGHT: 40
 WHITE MALE HAIR: Brown

If you can identify these or any other missing children, call The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children at:

1-800-843-5678
 (sightings only)

This message is brought to you as a public service by Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, in cooperation with National Child Safety Council.

-Safety Tip of the Month-

Teach your child your phone number, including your area code and full address. Teach your child how to use the telephone to call home, a law enforcement officer, or dial "0" for operator in an emergency.

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If you want to personally help end this national tragedy, or need additional information, please call:

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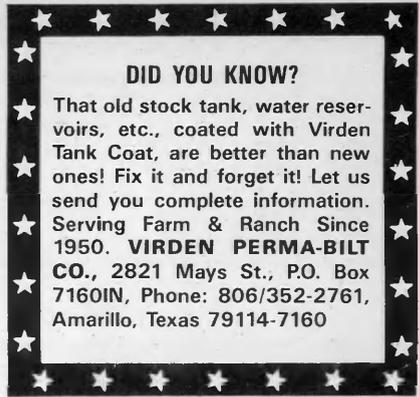


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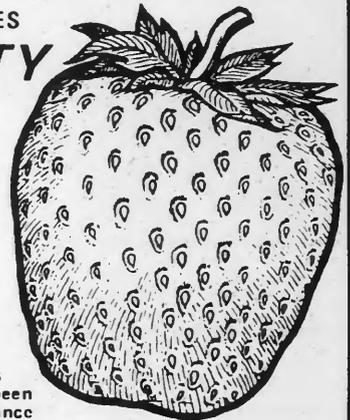
QUINAULT EVERBEARING STRAWBERRIES GREAT NEW VARIETY

PICK BERRIES UP TO 2" IN DIAMETER FROM JUNE .. TILL FROST

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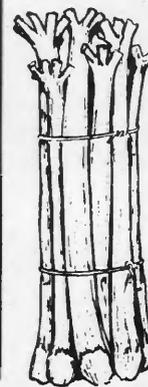


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10 plants only \$1.00
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Big, tender, delicious — and perhaps the easiest of all summer vegetables! Once established the original planting usually produces for 20 years! Martha Washington variety produces abundant, giant-size with tender tips.

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HOW MANY	CAT. NO.	DESCRIPTION	COST
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	N6607	Quinault Everbearing Strawberries	
	N6772	Victoria Rhubarb	

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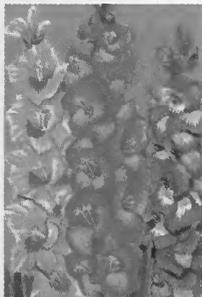
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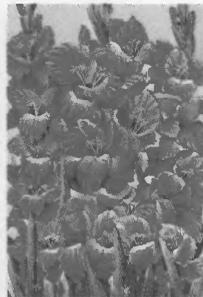
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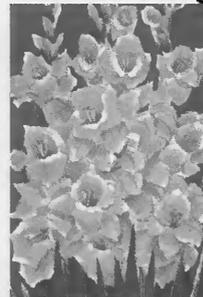
PINK



RED



WHITE



YELLOW



LAVENDER

Minimum 4 Dozen for Only \$2.88!

Just weeks after you plant them — this very summer — these Glads will bloom in all their graceful splendor and bright, vivid color. And how impressive they are when planted in groups by color! This once a year offer features healthy blooming size bulbs, (2¼-3" circ.), priced so fantastically low it is truly amazing. Better yet, you have your choice of colors! Lustrous reds, vivid yellows, brilliant pinks, glistening whites, lovely lavenders and gorgeous bi-colors.

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Glads are so popular, of course, because, with little care, they bloom year after year. Every item we ship is guaranteed to be exactly as advertised. . . vigorous and healthy, tagged for easy identification, well packed for arrival in good condition. You must be satisfied on arrival or you may return within 15 days for full refund, including any postage you sent. Every selection must develop and flourish or we will replace it free (3 year limit). Rush coupon today!

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	240	12 doz. Glads (2 doz. each color), \$7.95	
	250	Glads, red	
	257	Glads, pink	(Order by dozens only - Indicate how many dozen par color, 72¢ par doz. - min. 4 doz. for \$2.88)
	258	Glads, yellow	
	259	Glads, white	
	260	Glads, lavender	
	261	Glads, bi-color	
	200	Cushion Mums (10 for \$2.98 - 20 for \$5.75)	
	101	Dahlias (5 for \$3.98 - 10 for \$3.85)	
	208	Crownvetch (12 for \$4.98 - 24 for \$9.75)	
	205	Creeping Sadum (8 for \$2.98 - 16 for \$5.75)	
	300	Privet Hedge (20 for \$3.98 - 40 for \$7.75)	
1	FREE	Giant Hibiscus if order mailed by May 25	0.00
6	FREE	Anemones if order totals \$7.00	0.00
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Remittance enclosed, plus \$1.90 towards postage and handling. Ship postpaid.

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