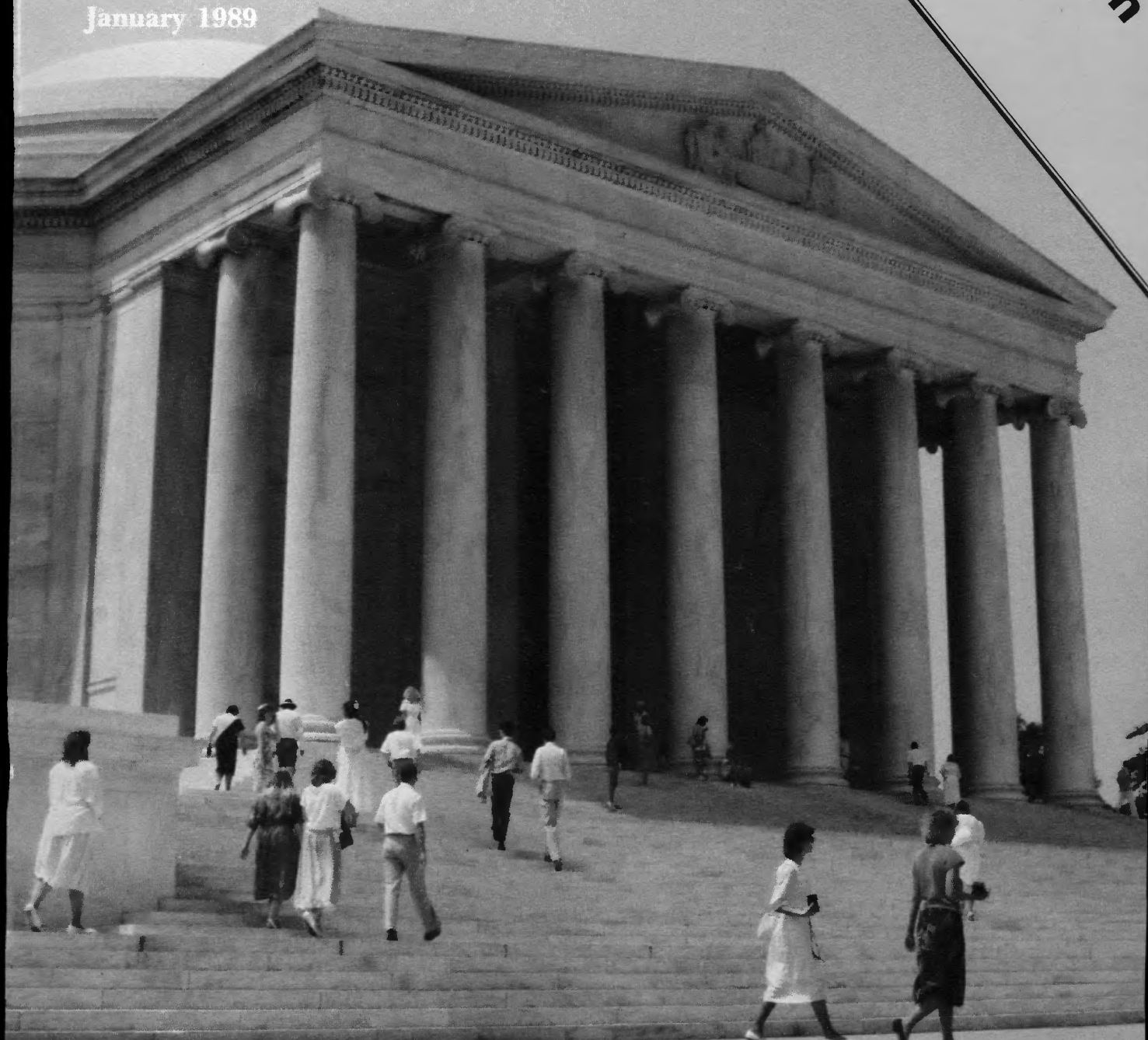


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Electric Smart House has something for everyone

Next summer, in Upper Marlboro, Maryland, just outside Washington, D.C., researchers will begin a three-year project to see just how smart a house can be. Electric cooperatives will play a major role in the project.

Called the Electric Smart House, this experimental look into the future of the American home will rely on computer technology to make highly efficient energy-use decisions.

The unusual house is a combined effort of three major electric utility organizations: the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), the Edison Electric Institute (EEI) and the Electric Power Research Institute (EPRI). NRECA represents the nation's rural electric cooperatives, EEI is made up of the investor-owned utilities and EPRI is the research organization for the nation's electric utilities.

In this house, children won't get shocked by playing around an electric outlet because the socket is shut off until an appliance is plugged in and turned on. The lights will automatically switch on and off when you leave the room. The dishwasher will start itself after the electric utility's cheaper evening rates take effect. Repair calls will take less time, because service people can make contact with a microchip in the appliance to determine what the problem is before they leave

their shop.

The test house will be located at the National Association of Home Builders' National Research Center.

Bob Bergland, executive vice president of NRECA, says, "The Electric Smart House Project will make everyone a winner. We'll be developing and using the newest technology, and American consumers will be able to enjoy the benefits from increased service, safety, and convenience."

The Electric Smart House will use a new way of wiring that combines microelectronic controllers with a single set of wires to carry electricity, information, and audio and video signals. The wiring will allow appliances and systems in a home to communicate with each other.

In addition to testing the wiring, the Smart House project will support development of smart appliances, heating and cooling systems, and communications.

The risk of electrical fires and shocks would be reduced because the self-monitoring system would shut off power to an outlet in case of an overload or short circuit. Power would be provided to outlets only when smart appliances ask for it.

By talking back and forth with the electric utility the Smart House would also provide information about how to make the most economical use of electricity.

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Cover: It will be "Youth to Washington" time in June for a number of Illinois high school students. Among the popular attractions of the nation's capital is the Jefferson Memorial. Electric cooperatives across the state are gearing up their Youth Tour programs. See article on pages 24 and 25.

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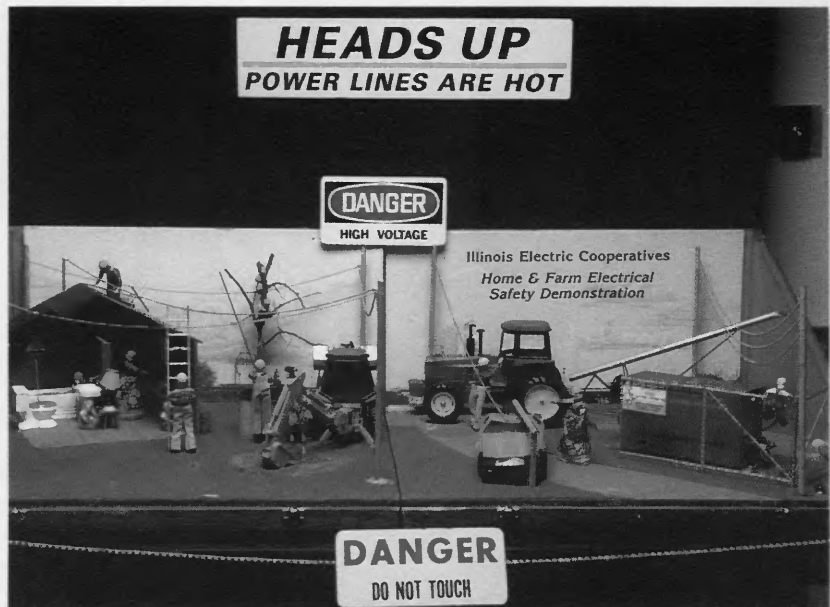
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Display promotes safety

Electric cooperatives are using this safety display to demonstrate the dangers of careless activity around electric lines.



A trained operator uses a specially designed "wand" to push a small figure of a man holding an aluminum ladder into contact with an electric line. A sharp snap breaks the silence as electricity arcs from the overhead line to the ladder.

No one is hurt, but the point is well made: Be careful around electric lines.

The incident involving the man, the ladder and the electric line is one of 14 situation scenes that make up what has become an effective electrical safety demonstration tool for Illinois electric cooperatives.

Over the last several months, the display has been used by electric cooperatives at annual meetings, schools, open houses, fairs, area member meetings and the Farm Progress Show this past fall.

A number of electric cooperatives plan more demonstrations, and the device will be demonstrated at the Southern Illinois Farm Show March 9-11 at Rend Lake College near Ina (Jefferson County).

The display features a wide variety of situations in which carelessness could lead to tragedy:

- Child and electrical outlet
- Child biting cord
- Child playing radio in bathtub
- Woman and toaster

- Man and ladder
- Man and antenna
- Child and kite
- Child and cat in tree
- Man using swimming pool skimmer
- Backhoe operator and overhead line
- Front-end loader operator and overhead line
- Car and broken utility pole
- Farmer and grain auger
- Child and substation

The purpose of the display is simple: to make audiences aware of the everyday electrical hazards that exist around the home and on the farm.

Because the safety demonstration device itself is electrical, it requires that only trained operators perform the demonstration. Since children constitute a large audience, the operator emphasizes that the display is not a toy and is not to be touched and that unqualified people are not to attempt to demonstrate the device.

Some electric cooperatives in the state have their own displays, while others use a display owned by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. Organizations interested in more information about the display should contact their local electric cooperative.

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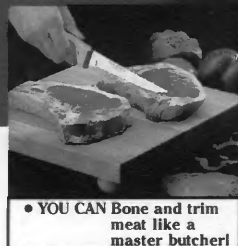
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Help for the rural economy

Many people in Illinois interested in rural economic revitalization are not fully aware of services and programs available, state officials say.

Following a series of visits to small towns and forums with local residents across the state, the officials say one significant thing they learned was that far too many small towns and rural residents did not know of the help available to them in their efforts to create and manage businesses to help restore the rural areas' economy.

Since then, various agencies have worked to let rural residents know what is offered and how to avail themselves of the programs and services.

"Rural residents and business and community leaders often work long and hard to further develop the areas they live and work in," says Jay R. Hedges, director of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA). "Too often, their work goes unnoticed when a project is not completed due to a lack of financial or technical resources."

State officials say they do not want such efforts to go uncompleted because vital information was not available for the local residents. "We need to acquaint rural communities with the variety of support programs available to local governments, small businesses and community organizations. Many of these programs and services are designed and targeted toward the rural community, and should be utilized when needed to successfully complete a local economic

development project," he adds.

During forums held across the state, each person who attended received a Rural Community Resource Guide, a book outlining the programs and contacts available in their specific area.

"The report provides information on programs administered by DCCA that are available in communities to assist in job creation and retention as well as community development," Hedges says. "These include small business assistance, job training programs, loan programs for businesses, infrastructure development and marketing assistance programs for communities, and much more.

"The reports also contain information pertaining to programs administered by several other agencies that can offer help," he says.

There are many programs offered.

The Division of Business Finance and Energy Assistance helps small businesses conserve energy and reduce their utility costs by evaluating energy usage and providing financial assistance to reduce the cost of energy improvements. The division also offers an energy management program. The program offers commercial and industrial small businesses a free, on-site nontechnical energy audit. The purpose is to make small business owners more effective energy managers. A DCCA staffer walks through the building, points out areas of energy waste, and offers no-cost and low-cost energy conservation recommendations.

State assistance programs focus on getting information to local residents and officials

The Division of Economic Opportunity administers several programs, among them the Illinois Home Energy Assistance Program. The program helps low-income households pay their home energy costs. Eligible households include both those directly responsible for paying their own heating bills and those whose energy costs are included, but not specifically designated, in their rent payments. Assistance is also provided to individuals who are disconnected from their utility source. Various agencies serve the entire state.

The Division of Job Training Programs help businesses train workers and provide services to help retrain workers who have been displaced. Under the Job Training and Partnership Act, disadvantaged and unemployed people are trained in skills needed by area businesses, at no cost or reduced cost to employers. The programs emphasize classroom training, on-the-job training, job hunting skills and related services. Dislocated worker centers help workers who have been laid off and have little prospect of returning to their previous jobs.

Other divisions deal with tourism, international trade, and any number of programs designed to encourage the formation of new businesses in Illinois, or the retention of existing ones.

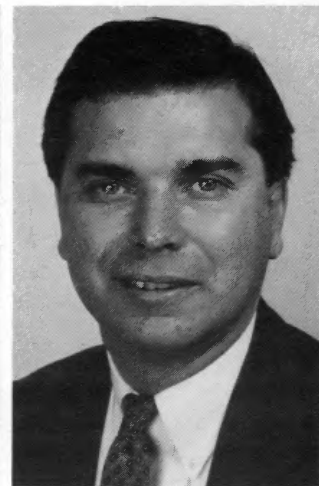
During a meeting with Illinois electric cooperative managers in Springfield, Donald R. Norton, executive director of the Illinois Rural Affairs Council, said, "We decided to try to work up a pro-

gram that was realistic, and not some grandiose scheme that would gather dust on a shelf somewhere, and we wanted to come up with a modest, realistic plan that will build on the existing strengths that we have in rural areas, and to try to deal with a lot of the problems that are peculiar to rural areas." The Illinois Rural Affairs Council is designed to focus on rural needs, help with development planning and coordinate resource utilization. Lieutenant Governor George Ryan is chairman of the organization.

Norton noted that much of Illinois—and the rest of the Midwest, too—had been mesmerized into "chasing smokestacks" for a while, but that many smaller, more realistic goals have been added to the rural development program. There are problems to be dealt with, too, he noted. "We're trying to deal with the propensity of state government to mandate programs and services without providing funding."

Norton, who's involved in a hunting preserve in Western Illinois, remarked that such businesses as that may be more realistic for some parts of the state than going after an automobile assembly plant or steel complex.

"We've found out the hard way that it's not always wise to put our faith in one large industry to provide stable jobs for a city or an area," he said, "and while we're still out looking for industries of one kind or another, we hope to encourage rural people to develop alternatives to the row crop farming they're



Hedges

Donald R. Norton, executive director of the Illinois Rural Affairs Council, and Janel W. Taylor, area representative for the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, talk following their meeting with Illinois electric cooperative managers.



used to.”

He cited hunting preserves as one example, and pointed out that at least one former farmer is now doing well selling mixed seeds as bird food.

“There are a lot of people out there who might be able to make more money, and derive more job satisfaction, from a homegrown kind of business. But we’re not saying it’s for everybody, and that everybody should start packaging and selling birdseed. We’re not even saying that everybody ought to go into business for themselves.

“But there are any number of programs the state offers that can help determine if an idea has merit, and to help budding entrepreneurs along. We want to encourage diversity.”

Janel W. Taylor, economic development representative for DCCA, expressed virtually the same sentiments. The Marion-based area representative added that, “Businesses will sometimes surprise you when it comes time to select a site. We used to think that if your town had fewer than 7,000 people, you might as well not try for big industries. Then Nashville, a town of 1,300 or so, attracted a couple of major industries, and the companies who located there are delighted with the work force. It just goes to show that if you have enough to offer and go after the industry aggressively enough, you might surprise the experts.”

And she pointed out that such things as a game preserve, which is not usually a large business in itself, may lead to

others. “Some of the people who go to such preserves are sometimes the movers and shakers in their companies, and they may just fall in love with the countryside and decide to locate a plant or warehouse there.

“You shouldn’t underrate things like that,” she stressed, “because although we try to keep a good catalog of available sites and their attributes as needed by companies, we’ve found that about 60 percent of the site selection process is based on hard-nosed criteria, while the rest may well be dictated by the view the chief executive officer will have from his window.”

DCCA, she says, tries to maintain a good list of sites that are available for any kind of industry, and is involved in helping small businesses get off the ground. “We have many ways we can help fledgling businesses get started, and we encourage anyone who’s thinking of going into business to get in touch with us. We may be able to help, or at least steer them toward other help.

“Many people seem to be a little intimidated by the whole process,” she continues, “but they don’t need to be. We’re here to help Illinoisans pull Illinois up economically, and we’ll be happy to talk to anyone who wants to call, or come in. That’s what we’re here for.”

Those interested in learning more about DCCA’s programs should contact Tom Lawton at DCCA, 620 E. Adams St., Springfield, IL 62701 or call 217-782-7500.

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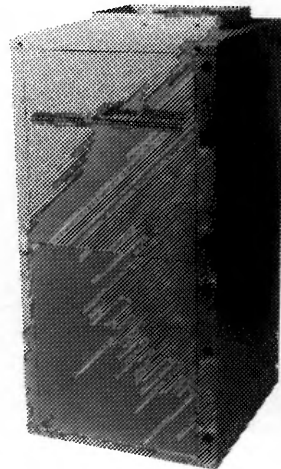
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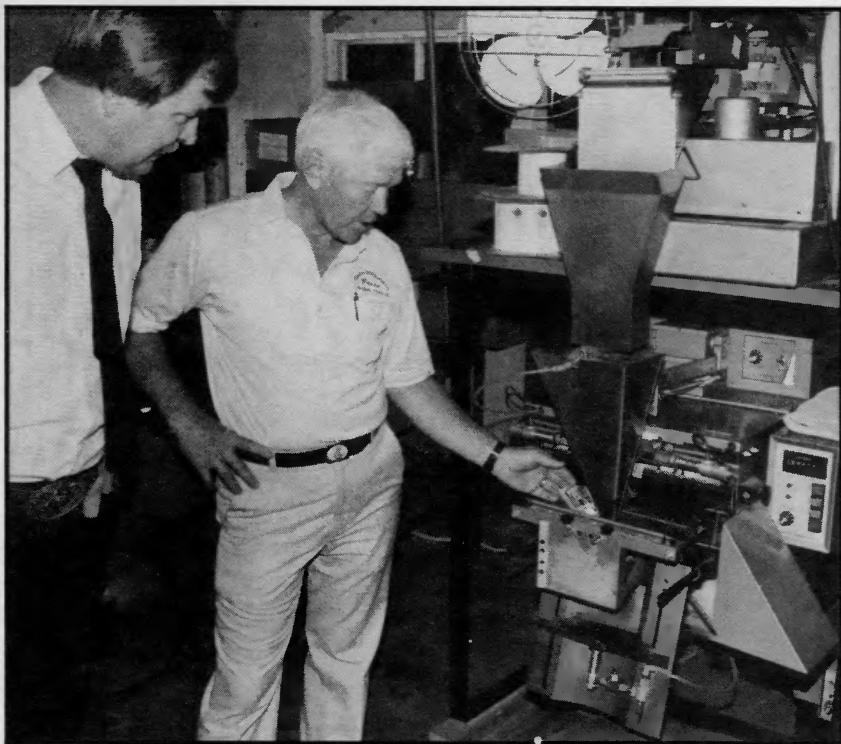
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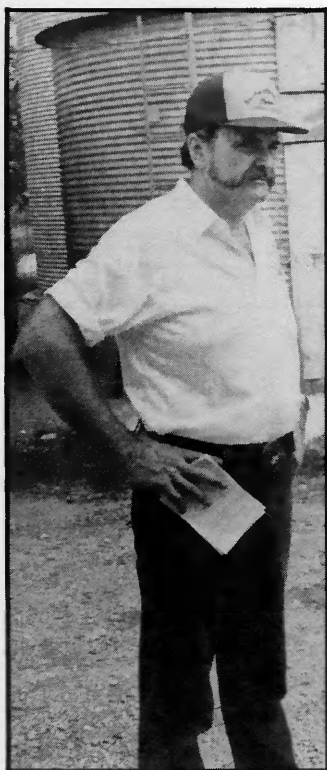
good. Gross sales are up 50 percent over a year ago.

Popcorn packed for popping in microwave ovens is the big thing now for the popcorn industry, and Beebe/Stevenson has taken advantage of consumers' interest in convenience and speed to put together its unique microwave popcorn. Stevenson points out that Beebe/Stevenson microwave packages feature a "susceptor" strip in the bag to concentrate the microwaves and improve popping performance, Stevenson adds. A key difference between Beebe/Stevenson microwave popcorn and some other brands is that the Cissna Park company uses soybean oil, not palm oil or other tropical oils that are high in saturated fats.

Microwave packaging has revolutionized the popcorn industry. Of the 11 billion quarts of popcorn consumed each year, microwave popcorn accounts

Popcorn

Cissna Park firm provides customers with variety of packaging options



In 1986 the people at Beebe/Stevenson Popcorn Company put together a booklet commemorating the 50th anniversary of the firm, located near Cissna Park (Iroquois County). In addition to explaining about the history of the company and popcorn in general, they included a section entitled "Know Your Popcorn ABC's."

Credited to the Popcorn Institute, the ABC's represent 26 reasons for popcorn's popularity and why you should eat the fluffy stuff. But, compared to the way the Beebe/Stevenson people promote their product, the list is short. And, a tour of the company's operation and a taste of the popcorn back up their enthusiasm.

They aren't the only ones who are enthusiastic about Beebe/Stevenson Gourmet Style Popping Corn. Wayne Stevenson, one of the principals in the 53-year-old firm, served by Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, says business is

for about 44 percent of all unpopped corn sold.

Beebe/Stevenson popcorn has a general unique quality that runs throughout the entire line of products. From the harvesting on the ear, to the slow drying, to the old-fashioned shelling, Beebe/Stevenson strives to deliver the highest quality kernel. That calls for care during the whole processing operation, whether the corn is destined for the 3.5-ounce microwave packages; for the four-ounce and one-, two-, or three-pound poly bags; larger 10-pound paper-poly bags; 32-ounce plastic jars, or 50-pound sacks. Quality control is tight, Stevenson says, including critical sorting to assure uniform sizing of the kernels.

Jim Beebe, general manager, explains that moisture content is important for popcorn. "We try to hold the moisture at 14.25 percent," Jim says. And, he points out, avoiding damage to the hull

is also very important. Hull damage or too much or too little moisture content results in poor popping or tough popcorn, he says.

Beebe/Stevenson draws its history from the original popcorn company of Mildred and Joe Beebe, Jim's parents. In 1936 Mildred and Joe began growing popcorn. Selling corn mostly in 50-pound bags, they built their business. Many theatres in the area used their popcorn. In 1959, they moved the operation to Claytonville, and the business grew bigger. They were no longer able to produce all the corn they could sell, so they began contracting with farmers in the area. One of their big customers then, Jim says, was Cracker Jack. They even became popcorn exporters, shipping bulk supplies to Canada and overseas.

Before long they began packaging the small bags for retail sales, and in the following decades the company reached into two new markets: fund-raising organizations and private label packaging.

Stevenson, an Oxford, Indiana, resident who is married to Jim's sister, Teresa, began his involvement with the company in 1972. He is a farm manager for Farmcraft Service, managing farms in east-central Illinois and northwest Indiana. His farm management background has been valuable in development of the product line, packaging and advertising. Jim and his wife, Joy, live in Danville. She is a music teacher at Meade Park and Northeast Elementary Schools there, and she and Jim, a former English and music-theatre teacher, operate Sunshine II Productions, Ltd., a summer theatre production company in Danville.

The Beebe/Stevenson line of retail products is available in many outlets throughout the east-central Illinois area, explains David Drook of Champaign, sales manager. In addition, the firm can package gift packs to meet clients' special needs and has a standard gift pack of one quart of popcorn and one quart of soybean oil. This is available with or without salt, Stevenson adds. Custom packaging makes up about half of the company sales volume.

Many schools and youth organizations use Beebe/Stevenson in their fund-raising programs, he adds.

Beebe/Stevenson prides itself as an

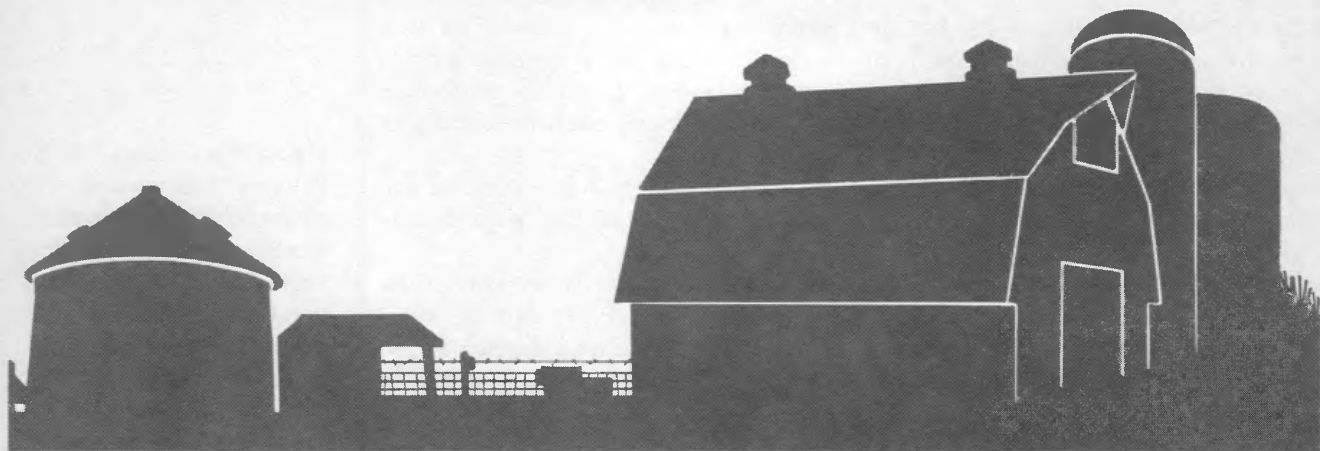
Illinois company using Illinois resources. One of its biggest accounts is with the Illinois Farm Bureau, which has its own label put on the popcorn. In recent years, the Farm Bureau has used Beebe/Stevenson in its program of working with other states to introduce Illinois products to consumers in those other states.

Also involved in the operation are Tom and Karen Wellborn of Cissna Park.

Retail purchases may be made at the farm near Cissna Park, and the company is looking for distributors. Those interested in further information should call Beebe/Stevenson at 1-815-457-2293 and ask for Karen.

Opposite page top: Wayne Stevenson explains to Dave Champion, Eastern Illini manager, the workings of a machine used for packaging popcorn. Opposite page bottom: Jim Beebe. Below: Wayne Stevenson shows the small popcorn plant.





Good farmstead wiring means safe, efficient energy use

If your farm power bill has increased during winter months, don't blame it all on electric heat or on your electric utility, says Ken McFate, an agricultural engineer with the National Food and Energy Council. It could be that your livestock waterers, water pipes, water heater or that space you are heating needs another layer of insulation. Or, it could be that your electric wiring system needs to be checked and updated to be sure it will handle the extra winter loads efficiently and safely.

Almost all farms have livestock or poultry feed handling equipment. Under cold winter conditions, chain links stiffen, especially in wet environments, and cold grease in gear boxes creates hard-to-start load conditions. All of these add to increased electricity use for starting and running, which can put a capacity strain on electrical service conductors. A good equipment and wiring system maintenance

program can help keep winter time energy use under control while providing the labor-saving and production cost benefits that only readily automated, flexible and easily adaptable electric energy can provide for many farming activities.

Take a couple of hours between winter chores to be sure electrical conductor insulation has not deteriorated and that all electrical equipment and switch gear are properly bonded to a National Electrical Code-approved ground rod. Also, be sure that the correct size of fuse or circuit breaker is used to protect each circuit. Based on conductor size, any No. 14 AWG copper-conductor circuit should have no larger than a 15-amp protector; and a No. 12 AWG copper conductor should have no larger than a 20-amp fuse or breaker.

An overfused farmstead circuit is a signal that your wiring may need upgrading. When such is found, call a qualified electrician to provide the technical attention it deserves.

Since clean ventilation fans, louvers, dampers and motors allow for more efficient movement of air, it's a good idea to provide frequent cleaning and maintenance. But remember, automatically controlled equipment can start at any time. When working on fans or other electrically powered equipment, avoid personal injury by padlocking the power control switch in the **off** position — and carry the key in your pocket.

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News items of interest to members of Illinois electric cooperatives

Agricultural wiring workshops scheduled

Four workshops on "Electrical Wiring for Grain Drying and Livestock Housing" are planned for four locations across the state in late January and early February. The workshops, to be presented by the departments of agricultural engineering of the University of Illinois and University of Nebraska, will be January 31 in Mt. Vernon, February 1 in Springfield, February 2 in Galesburg and February 3 in Dixon. The Illinois Farm Electrification Council and the Illinois Cooperative Extension Service are co-sponsors. The workshop is designed to be of interest to electricians, well drillers, builders, Extension agents, vo-ag instructors, inspectors, utility personnel, electrical equipment suppliers, equipment installers, equipment dealers and others who work with electricity in agricultural applications. All workshops will begin at 9 a.m. and end by 4:30 p.m. The pre-registration fee is \$39. The cut-off for pre-registration is January 23. Registration after January 23 will be \$45; participants may register the day of the meeting. For information, call (217) 785-7532.

New logo will mark Illinois food and agricultural products

The Illinois Department of Agriculture has introduced a new use for its "Illinois Products" logo introduced at the 1988 Illinois State Fair. The logo, in red, white and blue, can now be used by food and agricultural companies, agricultural producers, farm organizations and other agricultural groups to promote farm and agricultural products that are produced, processed or packaged in Illinois. The Department's Division of Marketing is contacting companies and producers who may be interested in using the logo. Before using the logo, companies and producers must complete an agreement regarding the use of the logo. For more information, call (217) 782-6675.

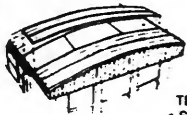
Rural electric leaders elected during Farm Bureau meeting

Ralph Freebairn of Ottawa, a director of Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, has been elected to a two-year term on the board of the Illinois Farm Bureau (IFB). Freebairn was elected during the IFB annual meeting December 3-5 in Springfield. He has served five years as president of the LaSalle County Farm Bureau. During the annual meeting of the Interstate Producers Livestock Association (ILPA), held in conjunction with the IFB meeting, Merton L. Pond of Bluffs, a director of Illinois Rural Electric Co., was reelected to a two-year term on the ILPA board. Pond has served on the ILPA board since 1972. Irvin Stanford of Texico, a director of Tri-County Electric Cooperative, is also a director of ILPA.

Court finds company not liable in youth's power line tragedy

The 16-year-old Texas youth had to make the extraordinary effort of attaching eight aluminum tent poles together when he ignored his friend's warning and poked at a power line more than 25 feet in the air. The resulting tragedy cost the teenager both legs and an arm. But the power company can't be held liable for this damage done by its product, the Texas Supreme Court has ruled. Lower state courts had awarded the boy \$3.7 million in damages, but five of the state high court's nine judges decided that power companies are responsible for shocks only after the electricity is stepped down from high voltages to more usable form, such as household current. Nor do power companies have a general duty to warn the public against the clear dangers of touching such power lines, unless the lines have to be placed in such a way that they violate codes or ordinances or the company has reason to expect they could endanger a person.

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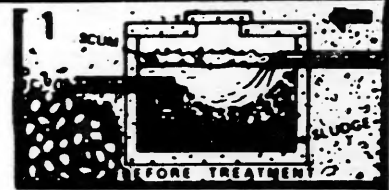
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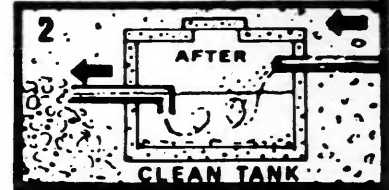
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1 cup chopped onion
1 cup chopped green peppers
Sprinkle with 2 teaspoons salt and let stand in refrigerator at least 1 hour. For another container mix: (DO NOT COOK)
2 cups sugar
1 cup vinegar
1/2 teaspoon celery seed

Drain salt from cucumbers. Pour sugar mixture over cucumbers and let stand at least 1 hour. Keeps in refrigerator 3 months. Can be frozen.

SHRIMP MOLD

- 1 can tomato soup, undiluted
2 envelopes unflavored gelatin
2 cans shrimp finely diced, approximately 1 cup
1 cup mayonnaise
3/4 cup chopped onion
3/4 cup chopped celery
9 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1/4 cup hot water

Soak gelatin in 1/4 cup hot water. Heat soup to boiling. Dissolve cream cheese in soup. Add gelatin. Let cool. When it starts to thicken add mayonnaise, onions, celery and shrimp. Pour into mold and chill. Can make 2 days ahead of time. Store in refrigerator. Serve with crackers. Serves 15.

CHOCOLATE WALNUT PUFFS

- 12 oz. (2 cups) chocolate chips, melted
1/2 cups walnuts, chopped
4 egg whites
1 cup sugar
1 teaspoon vinegar
1/4 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla

Melt Chocolate. Beat egg whites with salt until foamy, gradually add sugar. Beat until stiff peaks form. Beat in vanilla and vinegar. Fold in melted chocolate and nuts. Drop by teaspoon on greased cookie sheet. Bake 10 minutes at 350 degrees. Yields 6 dozen.

SALMON BALLS

- 1 can salmon
1 8 oz. pkg. cream cheese
1 medium onion chopped fine
1 tablespoon horseradish
Few drops of liquid smoke

Mix together and roll in chopped pecans. Serve with crackers

CRAB DIP

- 8 oz. cream cheese
1 cup crab meat
1 tablespoon horseradish
1 tablespoon milk
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 tablespoons chopped onion
Dash of tabasco sauce

Mix and heat to 350 degrees. Serve warm with crackers.

SUKIYAKI SUPPER

- Cook meat and rice separately, then layer in serving dish
2 lbs. round steak
3 tablespoons cooking oil
2 cups sliced onion
1 can (10 1/2 oz.) condensed beef broth
1/4 cup soy sauce
1 tablespoon sugar
1 can (1 lb.) bean sprouts, drained
2 cups diagonally sliced celery
1 cup coarsely chopped green pepper
1/2 teaspoon salt
1/2 cup water
1/4 cup cornstarch
1 1/2 cups rice
1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen chopped spinach, defrosted

Cut meat (slices easiest if partially frozen) into very thin slices. Brown meat in hot oil over high heat in large skillet or wok adding a small amount of meat at a time. Add onion; stir. Add beef broth, soy sauce and sugar; cover and cook slowly until meat is tender, about 30 minutes. Add bean sprouts, celery, green pepper and salt; stir. Blend water and cornstarch; stir into meat mixture. Cook stirring carefully until vegetables are hot but still crisp and sauce is thickened and clear, about 5 minutes. While meat is cooking, cook rice as directed on package label. Stir in spinach; heat thoroughly. To serve, layer meat and rice mixture into serving dish or spoon meat mixture over rice. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

RICE AND SQUASH DELIGHT

- 1/4 pound butter or margarine
1 cup uncooked rice
2 cups diced squash
1/2 cup diced onion
1 teaspoon salt
1/4 teaspoon pepper
1 can cream of mushroom soup
1 1/2 cans water
1 cup toasted bread cubes

Preheat oven to 325°F. Melt butter in pan or baking dish. Spread rice around in pan. Dice squash and spread in a layer over rice. Shake the onion over the squash. Add salt and pepper. Mix water with soup, pour over mixture and cover with foil. Bake about 1 hour. Add bread cubes and serve immediately. Serves six.

CHOCOLATE NO BAKE COOKIES

- 2 cups sugar
1/4 cup cocoa
1/2 cup milk
1/2 cup butter
1/2 cup peanut butter
1/2 teaspoon vanilla
3 cups quick cooking oatmeal

Combine sugar, cocoa, milk and butter in saucepan. Bring to a boil and boil 1 minute stirring constantly. Remove from heat. Stir in peanut butter and vanilla. When well mixed stir in oatmeal. Thoroughly coat oatmeal and cocoa mixture, then drop by spoonfuls onto wax paper. Makes 2 dozen.



SOLE SUPREME ON RICE

An economical entree with gourmet flavor

- 2 lbs. sole fillets, fresh or defrosted frozen (Approx. 6 fillets)
2 1/2 cups water
1/2 cup chopped ripe olives
1 tablespoon dried parsley flakes
1/2 cup butter or margarine
2 tablespoons lemon juice
2 cups thinly sliced celery
3/4 cup chopped onion
3 cups Quick rice
1/2 cup milk
1 egg, beaten
1 tablespoon flour

Sprinkle fillets with 1 teaspoon salt and roll up. If small, roll two fillets together to make a serving. Melt 1/4 cup butter in skillet over moderate heat. Arrange fish rolls in pan, open end underneath. Drizzle lemon juice over fish. Cover; cook slowly until fish flakes easily with a fork, about 15 minutes. Spoon juices over fish several times during cooking. To prepare rice; Cook celery and onion in remaining 1/4 cup butter in heavy saucepan over moderate heat until onion is tender, not brown. Add rice, water, 1/4 cup olives, parsley flakes and 1 teaspoon salt; mix and bring to a boil. Reduce heat; cover and cook 5 minutes. Remove fish from pan; arrange on rice in heated serving dish. Sprinkle fish rolls with paprika; keep warm. Measure liquid remaining in pan and add water as needed to make 3/4 cup; return to pan. Combine milk, egg, flour and remaining 1/2 teaspoon salt; mix well. Stir into liquid in pan. Cook over very low heat until thickened, stirring constantly. Stir in remaining 1/4 cup olives. Serve sauce with sole and rice. Makes 6 servings.

COBBLER

- 1 can fruit (we prefer peach)
3/4 cup sugar
1/2 cup shortening or oleo
3/4 cup sugar
1 egg
1 cup flour
Stir on low heat till butter and sugar are melted. In another bowl mix: Stir and drop on top of fruit mixture in baking dish. Cook 35 or 40 minutes at 350 degrees till golden brown.

STRAWBERRY GELATIN CAKE

- 1 pkg. white cake mix
1/2 cup water
4 eggs
1 box strawberry gelatin
2/3 cup Wesson oil
2/3 cup strawberries (fresh or frozen)
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ICING: Mix 1 lb. box powdered sugar with 1/2 stick soft margarine and 1/2 cup strawberries. Spread on cake.

CHERRY CRISP

- 2 cans cherry pie filling
2 cups flour
2 teaspoons baking powder
1 cup sugar
Dash of salt
2 eggs
1/4 lb. oleo
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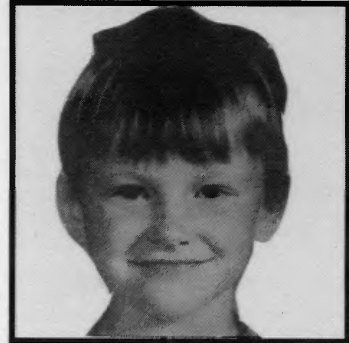
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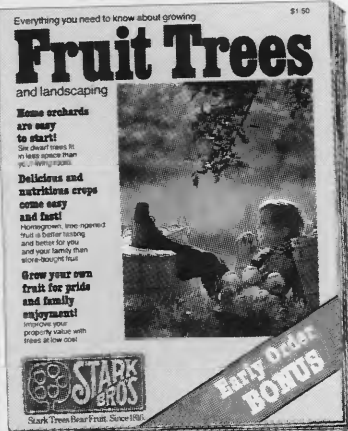
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It's five months until June and the "Youth to Washington" tour, but many Illinois electric cooperative planners are busy right now laying the groundwork for the 30th annual tour.

In the past 30 years, Illinois electric cooperatives have helped groom hundreds of downstate young people for success in life. The Youth Tour in June and Youth Day trip to Springfield in April are the high-water marks of each year's program. During the rest of the year, especially January, February and March, rural electric leaders, schools, teachers and students across the state are working together on essay contests and youth leadership programs.

Many cooperatives select their Youth Tour representatives through essay contests. Sophomore and junior students in the areas served by the cooperative are asked to write essays, which are graded by a panel of experts. Finalists are then often asked to deliver their essays, or speeches, at an essay banquet sponsored by the cooperative.

Other cooperatives use a detailed application, identifying a variety of leadership qualities and youth involvement activities, to select the tour participants.

During the past 30 years, these programs have served the electric cooperatives well, helping to groom students for a variety of public and private careers and service to the communities.

State Representative Tom Ryder of Jerseyville is a staunch Youth Tour supporter. He was a 1966 winner of the essay contest sponsored by M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Carlinville. In 1979, Ryder was a chaperone on the tour.

Another Youth Tour supporter is former Keyesport resident John Schmitt, legislative liaison on the staff of Governor James Thompson. Schmitt participated in the tour in 1971 after winning the essay contest sponsored by Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Greenville.

Helen Mullins, executive secretary at Tri-County Electric Cooperative, Mt. Vernon, participated in the Youth Tour as both student and chaperone. A Dahlgren native, she represented Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Fairfield, on the 1969 tour. In 1974, following graduation from the University of Illinois, she joined Tri-



County as home economist. She returned to the Youth Tour later as a chaperone.

Two participants of the 1987 tour—Angie Flannigan and Eric Young, both of McLeansboro—held semester-long government internships in Springfield following the tour. Both represented Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Fairfield, on the Youth Tour. Angie worked in the Springfield office of the State Appellate Defender and Eric worked in the Springfield office of U.S. Senator Paul Simon.

Elaina Poulos of Dongola followed her 1986 tour experiences by interning with the Illinois Department of Agriculture. Poulos, who represented Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola, also served a year-long term on the NRECA Youth Consulting Board.

A 1978 Youth Tour participant representing Western Illinois Electrical Coop., Carthage, Randall Rings, now serves as staff attorney at the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, the statewide association that coordinates the Illinois tour program. Rings, who grew up in the Colusa area, was also

elected by the Illinois group to serve on the NRECA Youth Consulting Board and subsequently was elected YCB President.

"The Youth Tour had such a profound impact upon my life during those two years. It opened the doors for so many great experiences," said Rings. "We were able to meet and talk with Congressmen and Senators that I had only heard about before then.

"During my year on the Youth Consulting Board I learned so much about working with people, getting a job done and being a leader. I've never forgotten those experiences."

Thirteen Illinois electric cooperatives participated in the Youth tour program during 1988. Two additional cooperatives—Menard Electric Cooperative, Petersburg, and Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, Steeleville—will join the program with Youth Tour essay contests this spring. Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, Princeton, will participate in the Youth Day activities.

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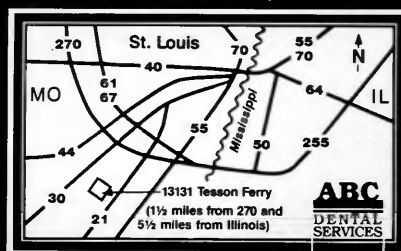
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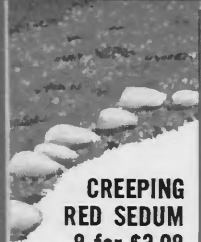


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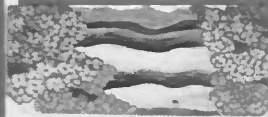
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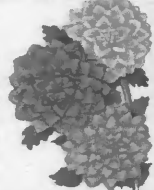
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