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Local leadership key to rural effort

Local leadership accompanied by sparing use of federal assistance will produce the best rural economic development results, top government and National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) officials agree.

The assessment came at a technical conference on rural development programs and opportunities, sponsored by NRECA and the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). Almost 400 electrics and telephone co-op development workers attended the gathering, the first such joint effort in more than 20 years.

Roland Vautour, Agriculture Under Secretary for Small Community and Rural Development, cautioned in his keynote message that federal dollars simply can't stretch any further.

"You can't depend on Washington to do it for you," he said. "There is a role for Washington play, but throwing tons of money at the problem is not it—simply because we don't have it."

Vautour went on, however, to say that government has a "responsibility to furnish infrastructure-roads and schools and health care-because you can't have rural development without it."

He added that USDA will push local leaders and funding agencies to assume a larger role and a larger risk in hopes of increasing the projects' local support. For instance, Vautour said, when a banker approaches him for a 90 percent federal loan guarantee, "We're going to look him in the eye and say, 'How about 50 percent?"

REA Acting Administrator Jack Van Mark, meanwhile, outlined the modest role he foresees for his agency in the development effort.

"Rural America needs something as a stimulus," he said. "They've got the strengths, we just need to stimulate them." Van Mark added that REA must coordinate its efforts with those of the Farmers Home Administration "because they've been in the business a lot longer than we have."

NRECA, however, has rejected suggestions that FmHA oversee rural development programs. REA. working through a national network of locally owned rural co-ops, must play a part in such efforts, the association has said.

Bob Bergland, NRECA executive vice president, agreed that development efforts pushed on a community are doomed to fail, but he also added that some outside help is needed to stop the "hemorrhaging" economies of rural America.

"Let's see what we can do together that we cannot do alone," Bergland suggested.

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Cover: Wilbert H. Rueter (front left) of Carlyle has been elected president of the board of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. Other officers include Morris L. Bell (front right) of Chandlerville, vice president, and, back row from left, Albert W. Schoen of Litchfield, secretary: Thomas H. Moore of Springfield, executive vice president and general manager; and Vernon C. Law of Savanna, treasurer. (See article on pages 4 and 5.)

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Left: Representative Tom Ryder (right) of Jerseyville talks with long-time friends Mr. and Mrs. Eldon Moore, also of Jerseyville. Ryder received the IEC Public Service Award. Eldon Moore is board president of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative of Carlinville. Center: Secretary of State Jim Edgar (left), a featured speaker, talks with Wayne A. Estes of Mt. Vernon, outgoing AIEC board president. Right: Tim Reeves (left), manager of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative of Dongola, and Don Norton, executive director of the Illinois Rural Affairs Council, were panelists during a session.

Rural agenda

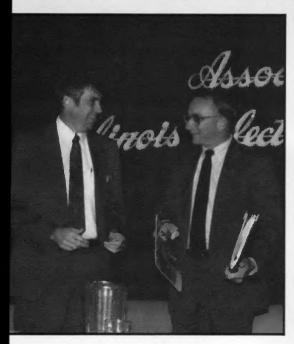
Rural development and territorial protection issues dominated discussions during the 48th annual meeting of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) August 8-10 in Springfield.

"Rural problems have not gone away just because farm problems have ebbed somewhat," Donald Norton, executive director of the State of Illinois Rural Affairs Council, told cooperative leaders. He said leaders in small towns and rural areas across Illinois must join together and pool their resources to develop the economic potential of downstate communities. Norton. one of the founders of Rural Partners, a private-public coalition for rural development, said the answer to rural development needs will not come from government sources

only. "Answers must come from people who deal with problems from day to day, from the bottom up."

Explaining that Soyland Power Cooperative was instrumental in the organization of Rural Partners, Norton described Rural Partners as a coalition of rural-based organizations interested in rural and small community development. Norton urged electric cooperative leaders to join Rural Partners in carrying out its initial goals: funding for a rural community leadership development pilot project, sponsoring a rural leaders forum, assisting other ongoing leadership development programs, sponsorship of local rural development conferences and development of a rural data bank at Western Illinois University.

"The doors are open for ideas,"



Norton said, "to pull together all who are interested in small towns and rural areas."

Illinois Secretary of State Jim Edgar commended the directors of the consumer-owned electric cooperatives for volunteering their services to their organizations. "You make it work so that people in small towns and rural areas can enjoy the same quality of life as people living in the cities," Edgar said.

Edgar said the primary concern among citizens across Illinois is to make sure Illinois youth have the best possible chance for an education. "We need a work force that has the skills to compete in the 21st century," he said. Edgar noted that Illinois has fallen from one of the top 10 states in funding of education to the bottom quarter.

Discussing the 20 percent state income tax surcharge approved in the last session of the Illinois General Assembly to provide funds for local schools and local governments, Edgar predicted the tax would be made permanent. "Those needs (education) are not going to disappear in 1991," he said. "We're not going to pull the rug from under education . . . as the property tax would go sky high."

Tim Reeves, manager of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola, gave an example of how electric cooperatives and other organizations in a region can de-

velop their local resources and create jobs. Reeves was one of the founders of P.R.I.D.E. Inc. (acronym for Promoting Recreation and Industrial Development through the Economy), an organization in seven southernmost counties of Illinois working to develop the tourism and recreational resources of Southern Illinois. He said P.R.I.D.E. was organized to capitalize on the undeveloped resources in the area. Promotion of Southern Illinois has ranged from entertaining travel writers to training tour guides, and helping tourism businesses in the area plan their promotions to attract greater numbers of people to Southern Illinois resorts.

Reeves said that Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative is also interested in promoting economic development in its service area by helping the schools improve the quality of education. The cooperative has donated 11 complete satellite television systems to school districts in the area so that rural schools can offer calculus, physics, foreign languages and other specialized instruction to their students by way of satellite television courses.

At the same time Illinois electric cooperatives are working to develop the economic resources throughout their 86-county service area, they are being called on to defend the right to serve in the territories they have developed. The memberowned electric cooperatives were organized in the 1930s and 1940s to provide electric service in rural areas where others would not serve. The Electric Supplier Act was enacted by the Illinois General Assembly in 1965 to define territorial boundaries between the electric cooperatives and the investor-owned utilities serving in Illinois.

"The Electric Supplier Act was enacted to stop range wars among Illinois power suppliers," H. Jerry Tice, a Petersburg attorney, told the AIEC annual meeting. Tice has represented a number of electric cooperatives before the Illinois Commerce Commission and the courts in territorial disputes with investor-

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Representative Kurt Granberg of Carlyle received the IEC Public Service Award during the meeting.



Visitors to the Maddox home find a dense growth of prairie grasses where most people have lawns. Jim Maddox says a good patch of prairie grass will include a wide variety of prairie plants.

Waist-high lawn

Most of us would be mortified to stand in our front yard and have the "lawn" come up to our waists, but Jim and Pat Maddox of rural Niantic, in Macon County, are proud of their three-foot-deep front yard, and even though they've taken a bit of ribbing because of it.

They're doing their best to restore a little of the prairie back to the way it was up to 130 years ago, when it became possible to plow under that pesky old prairie growth. And old it was, the Menard Electric Cooperative member points out. "The prairie came about 6,000 B.C.," he says, "and it lasted until farmers plowed it up about 130 years ago. Experts figure there were about 22 million

acres of prairie in Illinois at one time."

Not only were there many acres, but there was an incredible profusion of plants, mixed together in a colorful tangle that stretched as far as the eye could see in all directions.

The Maddoxes, who have a hog farming operation, backed into their prairie interest in a roundabout way, Jim says. As a hobby, he worked with the people at the Illinois State Museum, researching the history of the peoples who lived in the area centuries ago.

"The historians estimate that the Hopewell Indians, who lived pretty much all over the state from 500-400 B.C. until about 500 A.D., used

as many as 500 plants in one way or another," he says, whether for food, medicine, weaving or whatever."

That realization brought on a certain fascination for the old, wild plants that were here centuries ago. Jim hopes to build a "prairie patch" and have nothing in it but native grasses and flowers. "Dandelions," he says, "are not native, although they seem to have made themselves at home. It takes a good stand of prairie vegetation about seven years to completely crowd out all the nonnative plants.

"We had a lot of trouble getting our patch going," he says, "because we didn't have anywhere to go for advice, and we made an awful lot of mistakes. We did everything the hard way."

One thing they did the hard way, he says, was to use "plugs" from waste areas to plant parts of their stand. "You can't imagine how heavy a good shovelful of prairie sod can be, with a big plant sticking out of it and a good, solid root structure. When you dig it out of the ground," he adds, "you have to shovel through some of those roots, then you have to get the plug into the back of the car. Then when you get home, you have to go through the whole process again, in reverse. And it always seems to be hot when you're transplanting. Anymore, we try to grow our plants from seeds."

He notes that prairie plants were perfectly suited to the soil and climate, in that a seed would put down a dense root system almost instantly, to collect and hold moisture in preparation for the inevitable dry spells that are almost sure to follow shortly after germination. A cubic yard of prairie soil may contain as much as 30 miles of roots, he says, and a plant will send down a dense cluster of fine, hairlike roots before the tiniest sprig of greenery sees a ray of sunlight.

Prairie plants work best when they're working together, Jim says, and a good patch will include some big and little blue-stem grasses, some side oats, black-eyed susans, drooping coneflowers, cup plants, purple coneflowers, lobelia and others. "It's best when they're all mixed in together, like they always were," Jim says.

The Maddoxes have noticed that there is a growing interest in prairie plants, and their daughter, Susie King, encouraged them in their efforts to get some prairie started, and they've received a lot of support from conservationists and County Extension people.

"We've put in so much time and effort," Jim says, "that we decided



Jim Maddox shows one of his favorites, the drooping coneflower.

to try to make a sideline business out of our hobby, and we're calling it the Prairie Patch. It's a nursery for people who want to get started without having to dig up hundred-pound plugs. And we can help them avoid all those mistakes we made, too."

The prairie was an important part of Midwestern history, Jim emphasizes, and it should be preserved. "I go to schools," he says, "and talk to the kids and tell them about all the different plants, and encourage the schools to plant just a tiny patch, like in the corner of a schoolyard where it's hard to get a mower into anyway. I hope to encourage homeowners to plant a little patch, too. They're interesting and educational.

"We have a patch out to our mailbox," he says, "and we try to walk it once or twice a day. These plants have been here for 8,000 years, and I'll only be here a little while. That'll put your day in perspective, and the patch may well have served its purpose, just by doing that."

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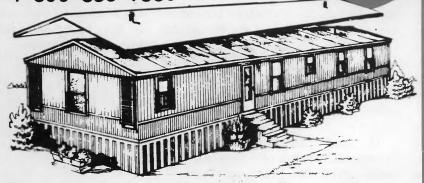
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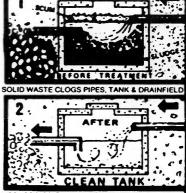
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Row crops to race



Lynn Wilfong stays busy with the family race horse operation, whether it's taking a horse through a workout (top) or keeping an experienced eye on the horses.

A current buzzword in agriculture is "diversification," and many farmers who have spent their entire adult lives growing corn and soybeans are being urged to get into some other form of agricultural production.

The Wilfong family didn't wait for a downturn in the row crop market —they've been in what many people consider "exotic" production for years. They raise horses for the harness racing circuit.

Brett Wilfong and his wife, Candy, run Iroquois River Stables, a 320-acre operation a few miles east of Iroquois, in Iroquois County. They moved to their present location in 1983 and promptly began turning the place into a horse farm. Brett's dad, Lynn, and mother, Barbara, own the farm, and they also own and operate a similar operation, Sunny Hill Stock Farm, in Carthage, Indiana. The family used to be in-



horses

volved in a string of gasoline stations in Indiana.

"The place needed a lot of work," Brett says. "It was plowed up when we got it. We sowed the pastures in bluegrass and 70 acres in hay, and there was an old unused road through the place that we needed to have closed. Then we set to work like mad building board fences.

"Well," the Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative member laughs, "it didn't take long for us to get tired of doing that, so we finished up with rubber fences. Then we set up a track to run the horses on, cleaned the place up a bit, and we were ready to go."

They hired Don Ames "to do a little bit of everything," and brought in the horses. They usually have anywhere from 12-20 head on the place at any one time, usually about 15, which they race mostly in the Chicago area. There are 100 head of

horses on the farm year round—broodmares, weanlings, yearlings, and two stallions that breed 70 mares a season.

"Racing and training horses is a year-round business," Brett says, "and my grandfather's training farm in Florida's a big help through the winter in preparing new horses to race in Chicago."

It surprises many people, he says, to learn that winter time is a busy season for harness racing.

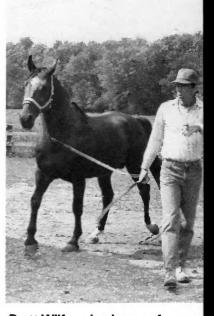
While many people think a lot of money is all that's needed to get a string of horses going, the Wilfongs say that's not true. Perseverance, dedication, good judgment, a good business sense and a lot of hard work can be substituted, at least in part, for some of the necessary money. "It costs a lot, especially now, and we're fortunate to have been in it a long time," Brett says.

The family's long experience comes into play particularly when it comes time to decide which horses to keep and which to sell. Lynn and Brett occasionally go through the herd, checking carefully for just the right conformation and looking for the subtle differences that separate winners from also-rans.

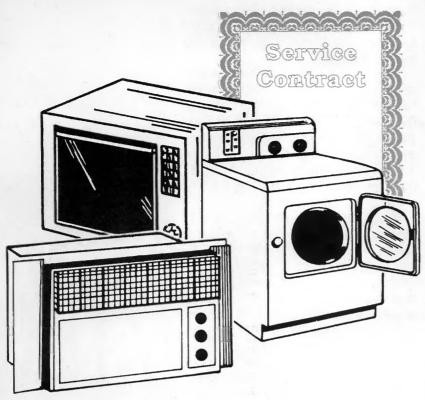
Those that show promise are trained and, when they're ready, are taken to the races. Iroquois River Stables occasionally stables and trains horses for others, too. In fact, a Milwaukee Brewers pitcher has a horse there now. "We don't really make that much of a practice of training other people's horses, though," Brett says.

One advantage to the Wilfongs' business, Candy notes, is that it can be a family thing. "Every once in a while," she says, "we'll load the horses in a trailer, bundle up the kids, and take them with us. Brittany's 5, and she enjoys the outings. Blake, who's one year old, is a little young to appreciate the trips yet, but we're working on it. Sometimes we have neighbors come along, and that makes it better yet."

"The unique thing about this operation is that we breed, raise, train, and race our own horses year-round," Brett says.



Brett Wilfong leads one of the Iroquois River Stables horses.



Be sure about service contracts

No one looks forward to the breakdown or maintenance of appliances. Service contracts, however, can make repairs and routine maintenance more convenient. If you're thinking about buying a service contract, though, remember that you're going to pay for it. To make sure you get a good deal, shop for the service contract as carefully as you do the for the product itself.

To help you ask the right questions and make a wise decision about whether or when to buy a service contract, the Electronic Industries Association and the Federal Trade Commission have published What Consumers Should Know About Service Contracts (Item 590V, free). In its Q & A format, the booklet provides basic information about service contracts, as well as questions to ask the salesperson so you can learn the specifics. Once you have the information, the booklet suggests questions to ask your-

self so you can be sure you're making a wise decision. Get your free copy of this helpful booklet by sending your name and address to the Consumer Information Center, Department 590V, Pueblo, Colorado 81009.

Service contracts are essentially repair insurance policies. They are also called "extended warranties" and "service agreements." The primary difference between a service contract and a warranty is that you purchase the service contract separately from the product. There are many different kinds of service contracts, and they have different terms. This is why it's important that you ask questions before you buy one.

You should find out, for example, exactly what the service contract covers—as well as what it does not cover. Some service contracts cover only parts, or only labor. Some parts may not be covered. The contract may or may not cover routine maintenance—such as cleaning the recording heads of a VCR. Also, just as some health insurance policies require you to pay a small fee for a visit to the doctor, service contracts may require you to pay a fee for each service call.

When you know exactly what the service contract covers, read the warranty carefully too. You may find that they cover the same, or at least some of the same repairs. No one wants to pay for the same thing twice. If they do overlap, but if you want that protection for a longer period of time, ask the salesman if you can buy the service contract after the warranty expires.

Asking questions and comparing the warranty to the service contract will go a long way toward making sure you get a good service agreement. So can checking with the Better Business Bureau about the store's or the service contract company's track record. Remember: All these hints are precautions, so take them before you buy. Once you've signed the dotted line, there's very little you can do about a contract that doesn't provide the service you expect, or one held by a company that goes out of business.

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Caulking compounds are materials used to fill, cover and seal cracks and construction joints in houses. This, of course, stops air and moisture infiltration and will reduce your home heating and cooling bills. Here are some of the areas where caulking compound should be checked and applied each year, if needed:

- Exterior joints where window and door frames meet siding
- 2. Corners formed by siding
- Where exterior masonry fireplace chimney meets siding
- 4. Where porch meets siding
- 5. Joints between the foundation and the wall siding
- Where sill plate meets foundation
- 7. All other exterior openings

Do not caulk the holes that are commonly found in vertical mortar joints along the bottom of bricks walls. These weep holes are to drain moisture that penetrates the wall. Also, do not caulk the bottom of the combination screen and storm sash. It is necessary to allow drainage of water that can accumulate between the window and the combination frame when the storm window is open and the screen is in place.

If old caulking is flaking or cracking, it should be replaced. Remember to clean old joints first to get good adhesion. Be certain to check other areas which could be sources of undesirable air infiltration. As a general rule, caulking should be applied wherever two different materials or parts of the house meet.

There are three basic classes of caulking compounds. Be sure to read the label on the caulking compound before you purchase. There is a variety of caulking compounds within each base type. Acrylic-latex caulking compound gives good results for many jobs, but check other products if you have a special need.

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These few suggestions will help you do a more professional job and help reduce air infiltration, one of the biggest sources of energy waste.



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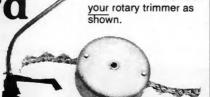
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Rural agenda

(Continued from page 5) owned utilities seeking to serve large loads inside electric cooperative service territories.

"The investor-owned utilities don't want the isolated farm," Tice said. "They want the coal mine, the factory that represents prime loads. The act has allowed us to be generally successful in retaining these loads and the integrity of our service areas."

Two members of the Illinois General Assembly were honored by Illinois electric cooperatives during the meeting. Representative Kurt M. Granberg, of the 109th district, and Representative Tom Ryder, 97th District, received the IEC Public Service Award. The IEC Public Service Award is given each year to one or more members of the Illinois General Assembly or the U.S. Congress for their unique contributions to the state and the rural electrification program in Illinois.

Following the AIEC annual meeting, the association's board of directors met to reorganize and elect officers for the coming year. Wilbert H. Rueter of rural Carlyle, a director of Clinton County Electric Cooperative, was elected president. Morris L. Bell of Chandlerville, a director of Menard Electric Cooperative, was elected vice president. Reelected secretary was Albert W. Schoen of Litchfield, a director of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative. Also reelected was Vernon C. Law of Savanna, a director of Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative. Thomas H. Moore of Springfield was reelected executive vice president, and Randall Rings of Springfield was elected assistant secretary.

Located in Springfield, the AIEC is the statewide service organization for the 26 electric distribution cooperatives and two power generation and transmission cooperatives operating in Illinois. Collectively the distribution cooperatives serve the homes, farms and businesses of more than 170,000 consumerowners throughout the state.

BRIEFLY

News items of interest to members of Illinois electric cooperatives

EPA rules hit small towns hardest

Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) rules on everything from drinking water quality and sewage disposal to asbestos removal and underground storage tanks hit small towns harder than cities, an EPA study has found. Those rural communities that already have problems because of a weak local economy, perhaps because of agricultural difficulties, may not even be able to secure a loan to cover some of the increased costs, says Brett Snyder, an economist in the economic studies branch of EPA's Office of Policy Planning and Evaluation. Those towns may have to look at "alternative solutions," such as combining resources with a neighboring town," he says. The EPA study, looking at 85 environmental regulations, found that households in communities with fewer than 2,500 people will end up paying about \$170 more a year for various services by the year 1996. The national average increase will be about \$100 per household. Between 21 and 30 percent of the small towns could have problems paying for drinking water or sewage treatment modifications, the study says.

Cities have stake in rural development

Urban interests have a stake in rural development efforts, too, says Bob Bergland, general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). "It's all connected," Bergland says. "Anything that happens in rural places is going to affect places like the District of Columbia." He warned that a continued loss of jobs, opportunities and services in the countryside will push more of the rural population into the cities, where services already are stretched thin. Cities, however, can raise huge sums of money by selling tax-free bonds to finance improvements. Rural America, Bergland declared, needs some help from the government in finding ways to play in that league. "City facilities are all subsidized—rather heavily, in fact," he says. "We're not criticizing that, we're saying we in the country can't match them." Local co-ops, including rural electric, agriculture and food co-ops, could take the lead in getting rural development work under way, Bergland says. The need for local involvement is especially strong in view of the nation's overdrawn checkbook, he adds.

Federal rural support lags

Compared with federal assistance for farmers, government support for rural communities and to the rural poor is lacking, says Kenneth L. Deavers, director of the Agricultural and Rural Economy Division of the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service. In an article called "Lagging Growth and High Poverty, Do We Care?" that appeared in an American Agricultural Economics Association publication, Deavers said that federal assistance for rural development from 1980 to 1988 totaled \$24 billion, while direct cash payments to farmers during that time exceeded \$75 billion. Most of the rural development assistance was in the form of grants and loans to public authorities rather than direct cash payments to businesses and individuals, Deavers wrote. He reported that while farmers suffered from economic stress during the early 1980s, so did the surrounding rural areas, which lost 660,000 jobs. He said farm poverty is a relatively small share of rural poverty.

Older, less educated farmers hit job market snag

Farmers are having trouble finding jobs off the farm, says the Agriculture Department's Economic Research Service, and that trend will continue into the next century. A report by Timothy Parker and Leslie Whitener in the USDA publication Rural Development Perspectives says that the age of farmers who will be seeking off-farm employment—mostly between 45 and 64 years old—is older than nonfarmers who are looking for jobs. Seventy percent of the whole labor force is younger than 45 years old, the report says. Farmers also are disadvantaged by slightly lower levels of education and the fact that farmers live in areas where unemployment is high.



Tailgate favorites

ORANGE CAKE

large orange 1 cup raisins
1/3 cup walnuts
1/2 cup vegetable shortening 2 large eggs 2 cups flour

1 teaspoon baking soda 1 cup milk

Squeeze 1/3 cup juice from orange; reserve for Orange-Nut Topping. Remove any seeds from orange; place unpeeled orange, raisins and nuts in blender or food processor; process until finely ground. Set aside. In large mixing bowl cream shortening and sugar; beat in eggs. Combine flour, baking soda and salt. Add to cream mixture alternately with milk. Fold orange-raisin mixture into batter. Spread batter into a greased and floured 13x9x12-inch baking dish. Bake in a preheated 350 degree oven for 40 to 50 minutes. Cool 10 minutes.

Orange-Nut Topping: Drizzle reserved $\frac{1}{3}$ cup orange juice over warm cake. Combine $\frac{1}{3}$ cup sugar, $\frac{1}{4}$ cup walnuts and 1 teaspoon cinnamon; sprinkle over cake. Garnish with whole walnuts and orange slices, if desired. Yield: 20 servings.

MOSTACCIOLI SALAD

1 lb. mostaccioli or ziti pasta 2 tablespoons vegetable oil 1½ cups white vinegar 1 cup sugar 3/4 cup chopped onion

1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon MSG, optional 1 teaspoon pepper
2 medium cucumbers, seeded, sliced
3 grapefruits, peeled and sectioned
1 teaspoon garlic powder

2 tablespoons yellow mustard 1 teaspoon chopped, fresh parsley Cook pasta according to package directions. drain. Place in large bowl; add oil and toss. Cool. Meanwhile combine vinegar, sugar, onion, mustard, parsley, garlic powder, salt, flavor enhancer and pepper; mix well. Pour dressing over pasta. Add cucumber; mix well. Cover. Chill overnight. Mix in grapefruit sections just before serving. Yield: 8 servings.

DINNER PIZZA

1/2 lb. sausage
1 cup shredded potatoes
1 pie shell
1/4 cup mild Cheddar cheese
1/4 cup Mozzarella cheese
4 eggs, beaten

1/4 cup milk 1/2 teaspoon salt teaspoon pepper tablespoons Parmesan cheese

4 cyg Mozzarella cheese
4 cygs, beaten
Brown sausage and drain. Mix with potatoes. Place pie shell in lightly greased electric skillet, spoon sausage and potatoes over pie shell. Top with Cheddar and Mozzarella cheese. Pour eggs, milk, salt and pepper mixture over this. Place peppers and tomatoes and sprinkle on Parmesan cheese. Bake 30 minutes at 300 degrees.

QUICHE-LORRAINE

1 9-inch unbaked pie shell
8 slices bacon, cooked and crumbled
1 cup (4-oz.) shredded Swiss cheese
6 eggs
Sprinkle bacon and cheese in pie shell. Beat eggs, half and half, salt, nutmeg, and pepper together until well blended. Pour into pie shell over bacon and cheese. Bake at 375 degrees 35 to 40 minutes. Let stand 10 minutes before serving. Makes 6 servings.

BLACKBERRY PIE

Pastry for 2-crust pie 4 cups fresh blackberries 3 tablespoons flour

1 cup sugar 1 tablespoon lemon juice 1 tablespoon butter

Line 9-inch pie pan with half the pastry; chill. Combine blackberries, flour, sugar and lemon juice; spoon into pie shell. Dot with butter; cover with remaining pastry. Cut steam vents. Bake in 450-degree oven for 15 minutes. Reduce oven temperature to 350 degrees; bake for 34 to 40 minutes longer or until browned.

PECAN COOKIES

cup butter

Nuts 1 teaspoon vanilla

Cream butter and sugar. Add flour, 1 cup chopped nuts and vanilla. Make dough into balls, using a teaspoon of batter for each. Top with nut. Bake on greased sheet at 350 degrees for 12 to 15 minutes. Dip glass in flour; press cookie flat. A favorite.

INDIVIDUAL EGG AND BACON BAKE

For each serving you will need:
2 slices bacon—cooked crisp and
crumbled

Butter 2 eggs Salt

teaspoon chopped green onion teaspoon fine dry bread crumbs teaspoon milk

2 tablespoons shredded Cheddar cheese Brush individual casserole or baking dishes with butter. Place eggs into dish. Sprinkle with salt and pepper. Sprinkle on the onion, then crumbled bacon, then the bread crumbs. Pour milk over eggs. Sprinkle on cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 13-15 minutes or until eggs are set.

ORANGE CHOCOLATE CHIP OATIES

1 cup butter or margarine 1 cup brown sugar cup granulated sugar large eggs 1 teaspoon vanilla 2 cups flour

1 teaspoon salt 1 teaspoon baking soda

l orange, seeded, unpeeled, finely chopped
2 cups (12 oz. pkg.) chocolate morsels
3 cups quick or old-fashioned oats

In large mixing bowl cream butter, brown sugar and granulated sugar. Add eggs and vanilla, beat until smooth. Combine oats, flour, salt and baking soda; stir into creamed mixture. Stir in orange and chocolate morsels. Drop by heaping tablespoonful on a greased cookie sheet; flatten to make 3-inch circles. Bake in a preheated 375 degree oven for 10 to 12 minutes, until lightly browned. Yield: About 3 dozen (4-inch) cookies.

WITCH'S BREW

2 quarts apple cider, divided 3/4 cup sugar 1 teaspoon ground cinnamon teaspoon ground allspice

1 teaspoon ground nutmeg 1 can (12 oz.) frozen concentrated orange juice 1 quart ginger ale, chilled

In small saucepan combine 1 cup cider, sugar, cinnamon, allspice and nutmeg. Stir over medium heat until sugar dissolves. Cool. In large serving bowl combine remaining 7 cups cider, orange concentrate and sugar mixture; mix well. Stir in ginger ale. Serve over ice. Garnish with orange slices, if desired. Yield: 3 quarts.

ORANGE CHICKEN SALAD

4 cups diced, cooked chicken, white meat only 2 cups sliced celery 2 cups orange sections
2 cups chopped walnuts
4 cup seedless green grapes
Salad greens

1/4 cup frozen concentrated orange juice, thawed, undiluted 1/4 cup mayonnaise 1 teaspoon grated orange peel 1/4 teaspoon hot pepper sauce 1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped

In large bowl combine chicken, celery, orange sections, walnuts, and grapes; cover, chill. In medium bowl blend orange concentrate, mayonnaise, orange peel and hot pepper sauce; fold in whipped cream. Combine chicken mixture with dressing. Serve on salad greens.

THE KANGAROO CONFETTI SCRAMBLE

1 cup kernel corn (cut fresh from cobs, frozen or drained canned)

8 eggs
1/4 cup skim milk
1 teaspoon seasoned salt

1/4 cup chopped green pepper
2 tablespoons chopped onion
1 jar (2-oz.) chopped pimiento, drained
2 tablespoons butter or margarine
In 10-12 inch electric skillet or omelet pan over medium heat, cook corn, pepper, onion and pimiento in butter or margarine until tender but not brown, about 5 to 7 minutes. Mix eggs, milk and salt until blended. Pour over vegetables. As mixture begins to set, gently draw an inverted pancake turner completely across bottom and sides of pan, forming large soft curds. Continue until eggs are thickened but still moist. Do not stir constantly. It is better to remove scrambled eggs from pan when they are slightly underdone. Heat retained in eggs completes the cooking. Fill Pita pockets with the egg-vegetable mixture. Garnish with green pepper rings, tomato wedges, onions and olives. May be served for lunch or supper with a salad and chilled beverage.

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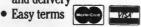
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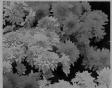
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