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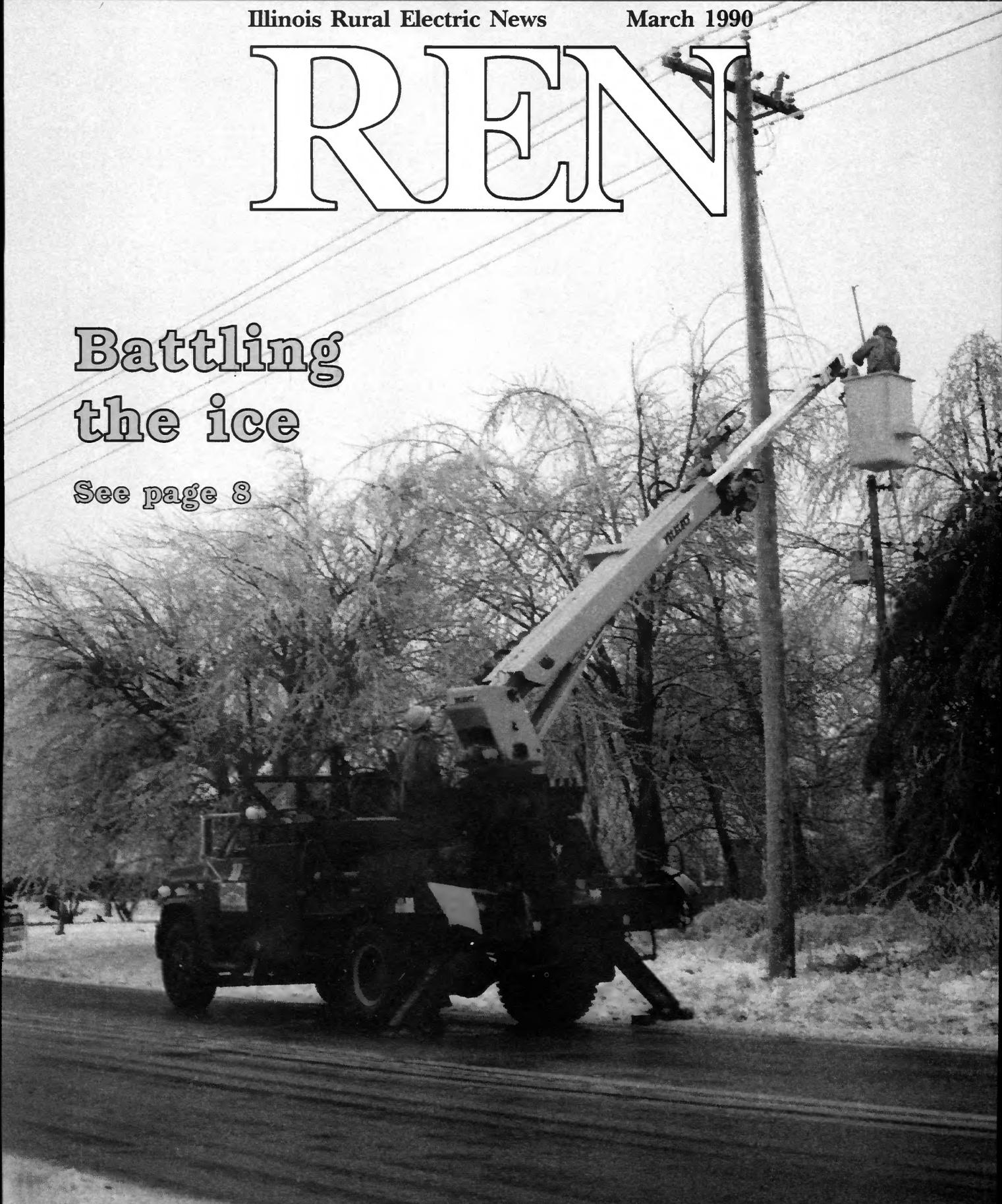
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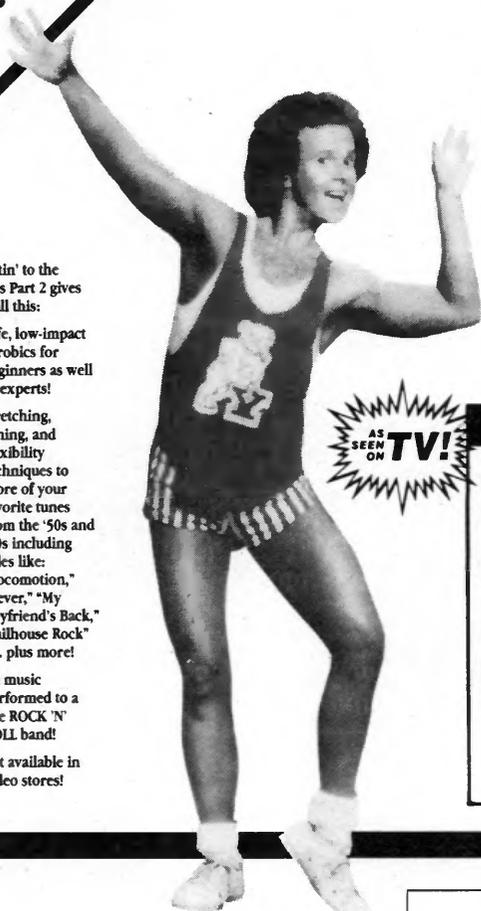
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Bush budget costly to rural co-op members

President Bush's proposal to slash funding by more than \$420 million for the nation's nonprofit rural electric cooperatives has drawn criticism from leaders of the consumer-owned utilities.

"We will never agree to any change that will result in a degrading of the quality of our service or an increase in the cost to our consumers," said Bob Bergland, executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA). NRECA is the Washington, D.C., representative for 1,000 rural electric systems.

The Bush Administration's proposals were released in early February. They call for a \$420 million cut in "insured" loans to rural electric cooperatives and would require co-ops that generate power to borrow money from outside of the government with only a partial government guarantee. The proposals also slate the country's five power marketing agencies for sale.

If adopted, these provisions would drive costs up for rural electric consumers nationwide.

Agriculture Secretary Clayton Yeutter said the proposed cuts are a response to severe pressures on the federal budget.

But members of Congress, including many staunch supporters of the rural electric lending programs, say they will remedy the President's proposals before they are voted into law.

Rep. Virginia Smith (R-Neb.) criticized the proposed budget, saying the Administration's budget officials appear to be "unaware of the different needs of and issues facing rural America."

The fiscal year 1991 budget proposal, the first assembled completely by Bush, resurrected unsuccessful efforts by the previous Administration to dilute the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), which lends money to the co-ops.

NRECA president John Williams, speaking at the association's annual meeting in Orlando, Florida, in February, said, "We had hoped for better news. We are not a people who spoil for combat, but neither do we shrink from our responsibilities to fight for positions and principles we hold to be fair, equitable and necessary to meet out consumer and community obligations."

Bergland, speaking to the same group, pledged an aggressive Capitol Hill campaign to block REA budget cuts contained in the proposal.

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Budget fight

Electric co-ops will challenge

Bush proposals on Capitol Hill

Rural electric leaders have pledged to wage an aggressive campaign to block Rural Electrification Administration (REA) cuts contained in President Bush's proposed budget for fiscal year 1991. Meeting in Orlando, Florida, at the 48th annual session of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in February, leaders of the nation's rural electric systems heard Bob Bergland, NRECA general manager, say, "We will never agree to any change that will result in a degrading of the quality of our service or an increase in the cost to our consumers."

Bergland said that Bush Administration proposals, released just before the meeting, inevitably would lead to higher rates, minimal service, and an erosion of the co-ops' ability to withstand incursions into their territories by municipalities and power companies.

A \$420-million cut in REA's insured loan program, a total reliance on partial guarantees for all power-supply loans, along with the sale of and payment-schedule changes for the federal power marketing administrations, would drive costs up for rural electric consumers nationwide, delegates were told.

Bergland said the nation's 1,000 rural electric systems "can't accept the Administration's budget recommendations

for the rural electric program.

"We had hoped for better news," John W. (Jack) Williams, Jr., NRECA board president, told the delegates, referring to the budget cut proposals that would phase out the rural electric program.

He reminded the audience of some 13,000 delegates and observers that they were already proven stewards for keeping the rural electrification program, and rural America, strong.

Echoing the theme of the annual meeting, "Commitment to Community Service," Williams said, "We have held true to our commitments through challenging and turbulent times."

He stressed that the integrity of the REA, which is so necessary if rural economic development is to succeed, must be protected, and on a more conciliatory note, he urged the membership to welcome the new leadership at REA and "let this Administration know that we will work with them for the good of rural America."

Noting that the work of REA and rural electrics had been one of the most successful role models for partnership between the American people and their government, Williams called that formula "the best hope of survival for thousands of rural communities around the globe."

Williams acknowledged other

significant achievements in countering hostile takeovers by investor-owned power companies and for finding solutions to municipal annexation of cooperative service territory. Maintaining territorial integrity will continue to be a challenge in the new decade, according to Williams, as will resisting wholesale or rapid deregulation of the electric utility industry.

Three major program participants during the general session were Mississippi Senator Thad Cochran, Secretary of Agriculture Clayton Yeutter, and Deputy Secretary of Energy W. Henson Moore.

Cochran, who received NRECA's Distinguished Service Award at the meeting, drew applause from the large crowd when he said he thinks that President Bush's nominee to become Rural Electrification Administrator, Gary Byrne, "will try to make the REA program work for the benefit of rural America, and I don't think he's there to do away with REA or dismantle it through administrative decisions."

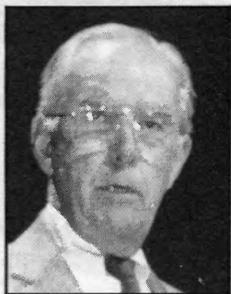
Sen. Cochran also said President Bush's "budget continues limited direct loan assistance for those electric and telephone borrowers most in need of financial assistance. Borrowers that are capable of qualifying for private sector credit could receive guarantees of private sector loans."



Cochran



Yeutter



Williams



Bergland



Moore

Secretary Yeutter told the rural electric leaders the "Bush Administration certainly takes a different view from the predecessor administration on working relationships with REA. We didn't come here to disband REA, and we are committed to making the organization work." He referred to federal budgetary restraints and the need for the Administration and rural electric cooperatives to "work through these problems and opportunities."

He tended to echo Senator Cochran's comments about continued decline in direct loans and increased reliance on guaranteed loans. "We believe in REA, and we see an important role for these rural cooperatives

in the future, particularly economic development. But we also believe that our financial support should continue to shift from a direct to a guaranteed mode."

The Agriculture Secretary also outlined President Bush's Initiative on Rural Development, adding that REA can play a significant role in meeting the objectives.

Moore said President Bush has asked the Energy Department "to put together a complete, comprehensive national energy strategy. Note I said national, not federal. We are not committing our time and resources merely to develop yet another set of government rules—rules that make no sense beyond the

Potomac—rules that impose costs and constraints on the nation's businesses and farmers and consumers with little or no compensating benefit.

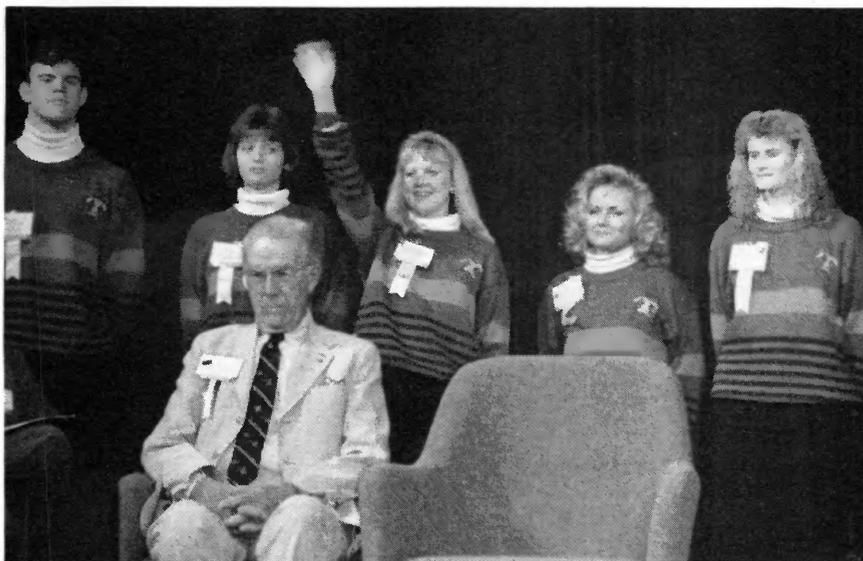
"Instead, we are committing our full effort to developing a dynamic, long-term energy plan that reflects the regional needs and differences in this vast land of ours—a plan that sets forth national policy principles but relies on flexible implementation from state to state and power station to power station—a plan that attracts broad public consensus and solid grassroots support.

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"Bob Bergland testified on behalf of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association at our hearing in Louisville last September. His testimony emphasized the critical importance of adequate supplies of affordable energy in the daily lives of people in rural areas. No where is the link between energy, economic growth, and quality of life more direct or more clearly seen than in rural America."

Robert W. Rippelmeyer of Valmeyer is the Illinois director on the NRECA board.

Illinois was honored twice during the presentation of



Heather Rawlings of Loda waves to the crowd after her introduction to the delegates. Heather is a member of the Youth Consulting Board of NRECA. The students are standing behind John (Jack) Williams, NRECA board president.

PEARL (Promoting Excellence in American Rural Life) Awards by the National Rural Electric Women's Association (NREWA). Adams Electrical Co-Operative, Camp Point, was honored for activities on behalf of the Action Committee for Rural Electrification (ACRE). The women's group at Adams conducted a letter-writing campaign to elected officials. Each participant in the campaign wrote five letters to the two Illinois Senators, Illinois members of Congress, Secretary of Agriculture and President Bush asking for support of the rural electric program and its goals. The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives won a PEARL Award in the Membership-Key Woman category. Illinois NREWA members set a goal for establishing key women at nine of the state's 26 distribution cooperatives. Within

six months, key women had been designated at more than half of the systems. Margie Mohrman of Camp Point is the Illinois director on the NREWA board.

Five Illinois electric cooperatives were listed on the Safety Honor Roll for achieving safety accreditation during the April and October 1989 meetings of the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Committee. Honored were Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Edgar Electric Cooperative Association, Shelby Electric Cooperative, Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative and Western Illinois Electrical Coop.

During the annual meeting of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC), Charles B. Gill, governor and CEO, announced a rural development plan for small businesses. Gill said CFC pro-

poses the creation of small business investment companies (SBIC) licensed under the Small Business Administration. With initial funding of \$1-million from CFC, Gill said, these companies would provide a source of venture capital for small independent businesses in rural areas. Gill said he hoped CFC member systems would also contribute equity capital. Gill also said electric cooperatives will need to refinance high-interest debt and merge into larger, more economical units to remain competitive in the 1990s.

Heather Rawlings of Loda, the Illinois delegate on the NRECA Youth Consulting Board, joined other members of the board in providing assistance to NRECA staff during the meeting. Heather represented Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative on the 1989 Youth to Washington Tour.

Rural development tops resolution agenda

Leaders of the nation's 1,000 consumer-owned rural electric cooperatives reaffirmed their commitment to their home towns in early February, adopting a number of resolutions in support of rural economic development.

Delegates to the annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) in Orlando, Florida, adopted several policy resolutions supporting co-op involvement in non-electric rural development activities. NRECA is the Washington, D.C., representatives for the co-ops.

"No activity, except for . . . providing . . . the best possible electric service at the lowest possible cost, is of greater importance to rural electric systems and their consumers than promoting community and economic development," says one resolution.

The group urged the nonprofit co-ops to offer satellite television programs and dishes to their consumers, to help upgrade local medical care and to start up drug and alcohol prevention programs, among other activities.

John Williams, NRECA's president and a director at Southern Maryland Electric Cooperative in Hughesville, said rural electric systems are "making a big difference, a decisive difference, in the uphill fight to keep

our rural communities alive and vital and strong."

He said the national association urges its members to get involved in economic development. "In the decade of the '80s," he said, "many rural electric systems struggled with the problems of economic recession, depression in agriculture and in the mining and energy industries. As a national organization, we determined to do something about these problems."

NRECA members also adopted resolutions supporting government efforts in rural development.

They urged Congress to supply funds to the Rural Electrification Administration and to the Farmers Home Administration, and said they support rural development efforts at the Small Business Administration. The delegates also endorsed rural development legislation that involves electric co-ops.

"I see rural electric systems taking that extra step, serving their members in a special way," Williams said.

The group's resolutions for the coming year also address electric utility industry regulation and other utility issues, communications between the utilities and their consumers, the environment and financing.

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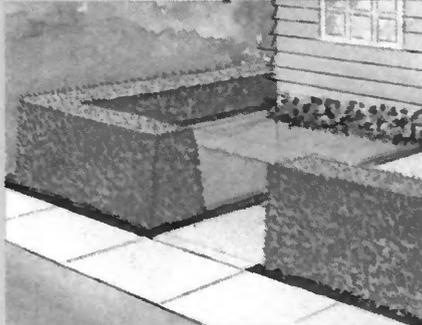
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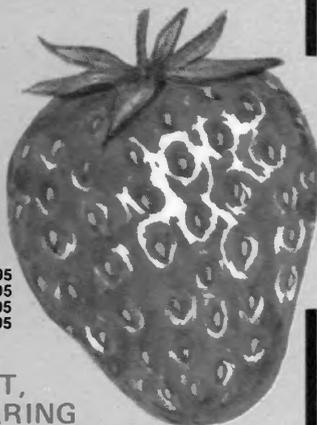
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Ice storm

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It will take millions of dollars and months of repair work to rebuild Illinois electric cooperative systems devastated by a protracted mid-February ice storm. The storm rolled across the center of the state beginning February 14, knocking out power to tens of thousands of consumers and causing millions in damage. The brunt of the storm hit in a large, horizontal section of the state beginning in Western Illinois and extending eastward into Indiana.

Hardest hit was Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative (EIEC), with headquarters in Paxton. The ice

blanketed virtually all of the large service area of EIEC, cutting power to the electric cooperative's 12,500 farms, homes and businesses.

Two other cooperatives—Corn Belt Electric Cooperative, Bloomington, and Menard Electric Cooperative, Petersburg—took heavy damage from the storm, too. Corn Belt estimated that 11,000 members' electric service was knocked out. Menard reported some 8,000 members out of power.

The storm began Valentine's Day. At 2 a.m. February 15, Corn Belt personnel made the first request for outside

assistance through the Illinois Electric Cooperative Emergency Work Plan, which is coordinated by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. Menard followed at 3:40 a.m. with a similar request, and EIEC's call for additional help came in at 3:55 a.m.

Before most people had breakfast February 15, crews and equipment from seven other Illinois electric cooperatives were either on the job helping to repair the iced-over systems or were on the road to help. Many of those electric cooperatives that sent help had to contend

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The Wall Street Journal reported: "The advantages of living trust over wills are considerable. The process is much quicker, cheaper and more private than settling a will ... average probate takes two years to complete in California."

And Business Week WARNS: "... even the most carefully executed wills can leave your heirs and potential heirs fighting over your estate. That's one reason more people are opting for an alternative: the revocable Living Trust."

You must never forget that a Will must be probated and the fees for the probate lawyer and executor -- not including court fees and taxes -- range from 6% to 10% and are paid before any of your heirs receive their inheritance. That can take a big chunk out of even the smallest estate when attorneys charge anywhere from \$60.00 to \$150.00 an hour or more!

Look what happened to Martin Quiler's estate:

- Quiler left a \$61,581.32 estate to his son. The son had "Dad's Attorney" sell the family home and handle probate. The cost? The attorney pocketed \$3,895 in direct fees and paid thousands of dollars in expenses. When he got through the estate had shrunk by over \$20,000.00!
- Karl Dock didn't have much to leave his four children at his death. After the cost of settling final expenses, guess what? Probate left Karl's estate flat broke.
- R.L. Roberstone thought his will would get his \$158,000 estate safely to his heirs. He didn't know his attorney would get almost \$6,500.00 for services and that thousands more would vanish through probate.

The pity of it all is that these people could have avoided having large bites taken out of their hard-earned property by using a Living Trust. They could have passed every cent to their loved ones without paying for probate or squandering money on lawyers.

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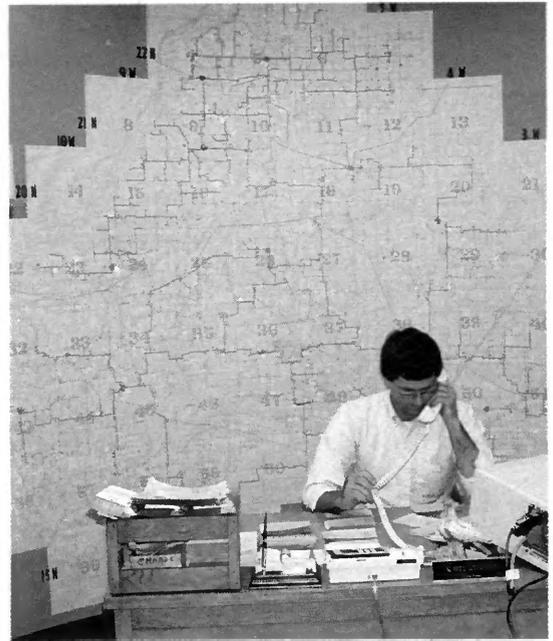
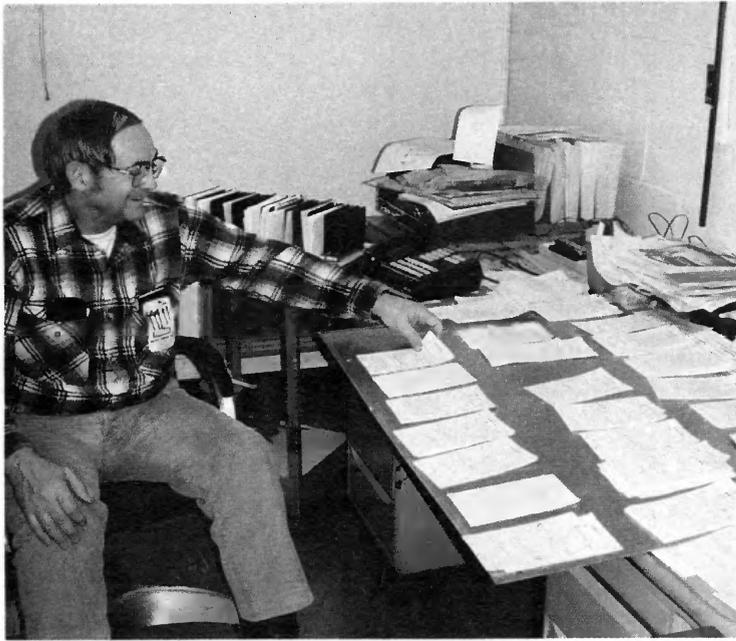
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Keeping up with the paperwork helps with the restoration of power. At the left is Lee Thomas, manager of operations for Corn Belt Electric. On the right, the Menard Electric system map surrounds Terry Entwistle, general foreman.

Ice storm

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with damage on their own systems, too.

This winter storm had an especially nasty nature to it: It lasted a long time. Crews that began working to restore service on Wednesday spent Thursday and Friday doing the same thing as the freezing rain continued. Only on Saturday, February 17, did the weary crews begin making headway.

At the height of the storm, crews from virtually all over the state were rushing in to help. Wm. David Champion, Jr., EIEC manager, said, "we had crews from 15 other cooperatives here, with a total of 67 men. Central Illinois Public Service Co. sent us 75 men, and all told we had 197 people working in the field. The people in the office kept plenty busy, too."

Champion estimated that "inside" people fielded some 20,000 phone calls over the seven-day period from the beginning of the storm until the last member was reconnected.

The worst part was that the storm lasted as long as it did. Crews working in the cold and

rain often "lost ground" in their struggle to restore service. "There were times," Champion said, "when we'd put a line back up and two more would go down. The storm came in on the morning of Valentine's Day, and it looked at first like it was going to hit the southeast part of our area the hardest. Later, it got worse up northwest of Paxton, in the northwest part of our service area. Eastern Illini is 100 miles from top to bottom and 55 miles wide, and the storm eventually hit all of it."

All day Wednesday, the first day of the storm," he said, "we had severe ice loading and continuing rain, which then froze on the lines. Some conductors were carrying ice as big around as my wrist, and they obviously didn't carry it very long. We spun our wheels all day both Thursday and Friday, and then we got gusty winds. We finally started making headway on the afternoon of Saturday, February 17. We had perfect weather during the next three days, and we were able to make good progress."

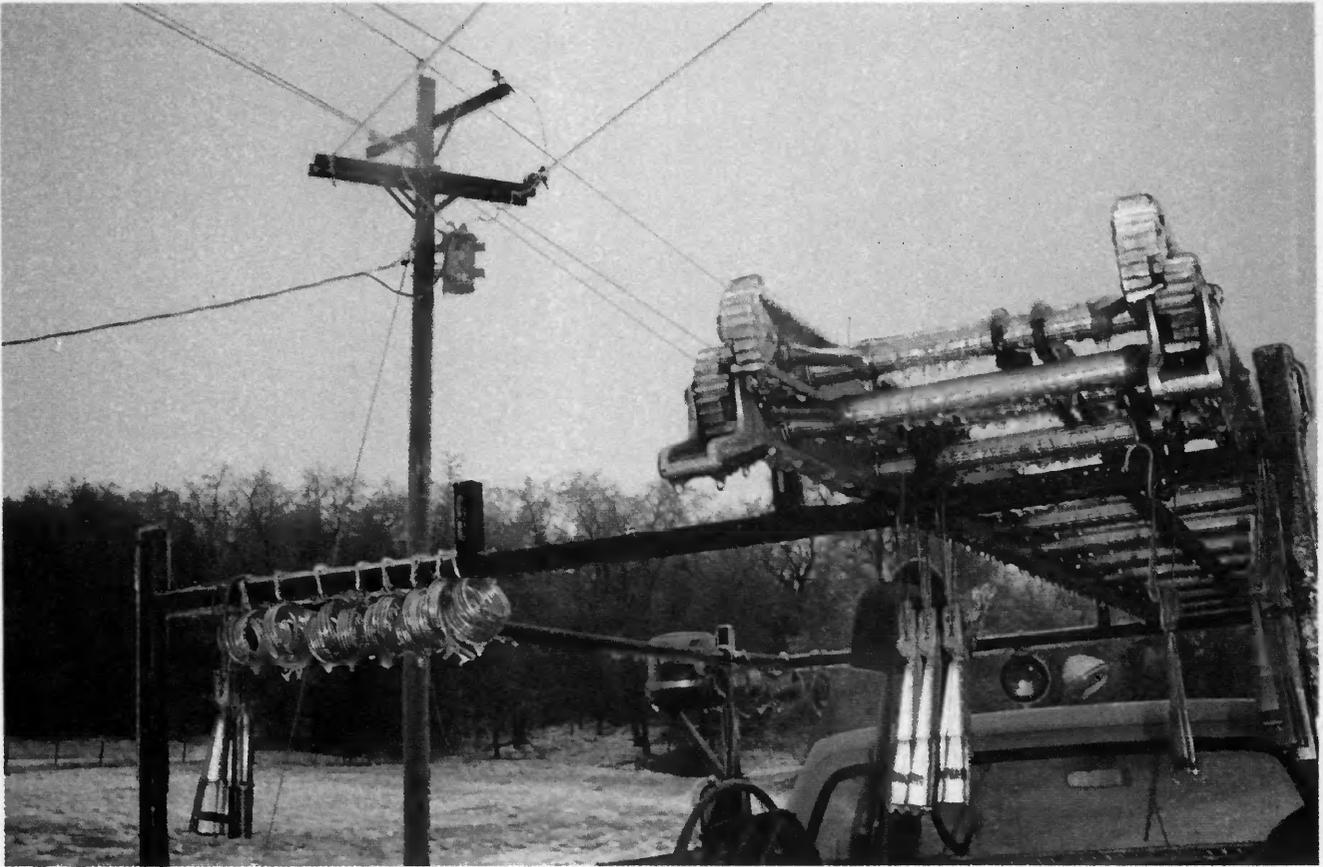
Electric co-ops sending help to Eastern Illini were: Wayne-White, Fairfield; Tri-County, Mt. Vernon; Southeastern,

Eldorado; Egyptian, Steepleville; Norris, Newton; Southern, Dongola; Clinton County, Breese; McDonough, Macomb; Adams, Camp Point; Jo-Carroll, Elizabeth; Illinois Rural, Winchester; and Rural Electric, Auburn.

"Three other co-ops had crews here, too," Champion said, adding, "the crews from Southwestern Electric Cooperative, M.J.M. and Monroe County Electric Co-Operative had been sent to help other cooperatives. When they got them taken care of, by rights they could have gone on home, but they offered to come on up and help us. We were glad to have them."

All the workers put in a lot of time, he noted. "We worked 17-19 hours a day, and we worked as much as we thought we could without it being counterproductive, and keeping in mind how long we expected the job to last," he said.

Menard Electric had much the same experience as Eastern Illini, only a smaller scale, noted Dorland Smith, manager. "Our first trouble came when the big transmission lines iced up and started 'galloping.' The lines would slap together and that



Over a large part of the affected area, freezing rain fell for three days, covering equipment and linemen.

would kill the transmission. We got that pretty well taken care of on Wednesday night and thought we were in pretty good shape."

Unfortunately, that was not the case. They based their assumption on the fact that the freezing rain in Petersburg had turned to a fine misty rain. "I called my wife in Havana," Smith said, "and told her that things were getting better, and she told me they were getting icing there, and that set us to worrying. Then we started getting calls that trees were going down, and we knew we were in trouble."

The phone calls quickly became a torrent, and the lines were swamped in short order. Menard Electric has three incoming lines, which were sufficient for normal business
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BRIEFLY

News items of interest to members of Illinois electric cooperatives

Larry Lovell new Southern Illinois Electric manager

Larry Lovell is the new manager at Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola. Lovell became manager March 1, succeeding Tim Reeves, who has joined the staff of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative. Lovell, a 16-year veteran of the SIEC staff, moved up through the ranks from work order clerk in 1973 to assistant engineer in 1976. He became member services director in 1978 and was promoted to office manager in early 1981. He grew up in McClure and graduated from Shawnee High School in 1965. From the fall of 1965 through the spring of 1968 he studied electrical engineering at the University of Illinois. In 1975, he graduated from Southeast Missouri State University with a major in math and a minor in business administration. He is past president of the Tri-County Khoury League and worked as coach in that league for 14 years. He has also coached junior high boys' basketball and high school girls' softball. He attends St. Mary's Catholic Church in Anna and serves on the Finance Council, Parish Council and teaches high school religion class.



Lovell

He is married to the former Diane Kluesner of Chaffee, Missouri. They have two children: Alysia, 17, and Jason, 14. Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative serves more than 9,400 meters over 1,962 miles of energized lines. Members live throughout mostly rural areas of Johnson, Alexander, Massac, Union, Pulaski and Pope counties.

John Little of Tolono elected IFU president

John Little, a Tolono farmer, is the new president of the Illinois Farmers Union (IFU). The election took place during the 36th annual meeting of the IFU February 16-17 in Springfield. Larry Quandt of Mason was elected vice president, Jim Soeldner of Heyworth became secretary-treasurer and Harold Dodd was elected chairman of the board. Dodd, a Loami farmer and president for the past 16 years, had announced his plans to retire several months ago. Speakers at the meeting addressed several issues of particular interest to the IFU, including the decline of family farms, the growth of corporate agriculture, use of ethanol as a motor fuel, property tax relief, increasing consolidation of the grain business, the still-sluggish rural economy and environmental issues.

Bob Brauer new Illinois Pork Producers president

Robert I. Brauer of Oakford was elected president of the Illinois Pork Producers Association at the organization's meeting January 31-February 2 in Peoria. He had been vice president for the past two years. A director of Menard Electric Cooperative, Brauer serves as Menard board treasurer. He and his family operate Oasis Farms, a 1,200-sow confinement operation that markets 21,000 hogs a year. He and his brother, Rich, were named IPPA's All-American Producers at last year's meeting.

Rural Development Conference scheduled April 5 and 6

A conference on Rural Community Development in the 1990s is planned for April 5 and 6 at the Hilton Hotel in Springfield. The conference is being sponsored by the office of Lieutenant Governor George H. Ryan, the Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs and Rural Partners. The conference will feature a number of panel sessions and workshops on rural development that will be of interest to people involved in the rural development process. Sessions will include an overview of the rural development climate in rural Illinois, potential strategies for rural Illinois, innovative development approaches, emerging opportunities for rural development and priorities for development in Illinois. Guest speakers and panel participants will include Donald R. Norton, Illinois Rural Affairs Council; Lieutenant Governor Ryan; Norm Walzer, executive director, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs; Doug Dougherty, Soyland Power Cooperative; and representatives of the U.S. Department of Agriculture, Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, rural development

specialists from the University of Illinois, Illinois Department of Agriculture and representatives of the Illinois Farm Bureau, Illinois State Chamber of Commerce and the Federal Reserve Bank of Kansas City. The conference opens at 9 a.m. April 5, with a registration period preceding the opening session from 8:30 a.m. to 9:00 a.m. The conference will conclude at noon April 6. The cost of the conference is \$35 for registration plus \$11 for a luncheon April 5 and \$16.50 for a dinner that same evening, for a total registration cost of \$62.50 per person. The deadline for conference registration is March 22. Further information on the conference may be obtained from Norm Walzer, director, Illinois Institute for Rural Affairs, Western Illinois University, 518 Stipes Hall, Macomb, IL 61455. Telephone: 800/526-9943.

Acid rain relief may create fertilizer

Scientists have found a new way to "scrub" polluting chemicals from industrial exhausts that creates fertilizer as a byproduct. A study by the University of California's Lawrence Berkeley Laboratory says that using a chemical method to "scrub" nitric oxide from power plant and industrial emissions is cost-efficient. Nitrogen and sulfur oxides emitted by the burning of coal and other fossil fuels have been blamed for producing acid rain. Current pollution control devices at power plants, smelters and incinerators can efficiently remove sulfur oxides, but are not capable of removing nitric oxides, the researchers said. And the byproducts of the new removal process are sulfate, nitrate and phosphate salts that can be used as fertilizer or animal feed, the study says.

Alternative farming gaining popularity

Many farmers already are using alternative agricultural techniques, such as crop rotation, and they believe farm program rules should be changed to encourage such steps, results of a new survey say. The American Farmland Trust, which conducted the survey, said the Cooperative Extension Service should make a "major effort" to give farmers information and technical assistance on land-sustaining practices. The survey involved nearly 500 interviews last year of farmers in five farming counties in Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, Washington state and California. In some aspects, the survey buttressed a 1989 National Research Council report that called for removal of biases in farm policy that effectively penalize farmers for using practices such as crop rotation. Large majorities of farmers, ranging from 75 percent to 90 percent, said they favored the idea of changing farm program rules to farmers could plant rotational crops, such as alfalfa, without losing eligibility for crop supports.

Bush supports EPA as Cabinet agency

President Bush is supporting a move to elevate the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to Cabinet-level status to ensure the government gives the "highest level" of attention to the environment. "I've decided the environmental challenges that face America and the world are so important they must be addressed at the highest level of our government," Bush said. "Many countries have environmental ministers with Cabinet status and I'm convinced that Cabinet status will help influence the world's environmental policies," the President said. A bipartisan bill that would permit the EPA administrator to regularly attend Cabinet meetings with the President was introduced in the Senate in late January. The bill was introduced by Sens. John Glenn (D-Ohio), and William Roth (R-Del.) who said it was long overdue in view of the growing importance of environmental issues, particularly global concerns such as climate change. The EPA was created by President Nixon 20 years ago.

Southern Illinois Sheep and Crafts Festival

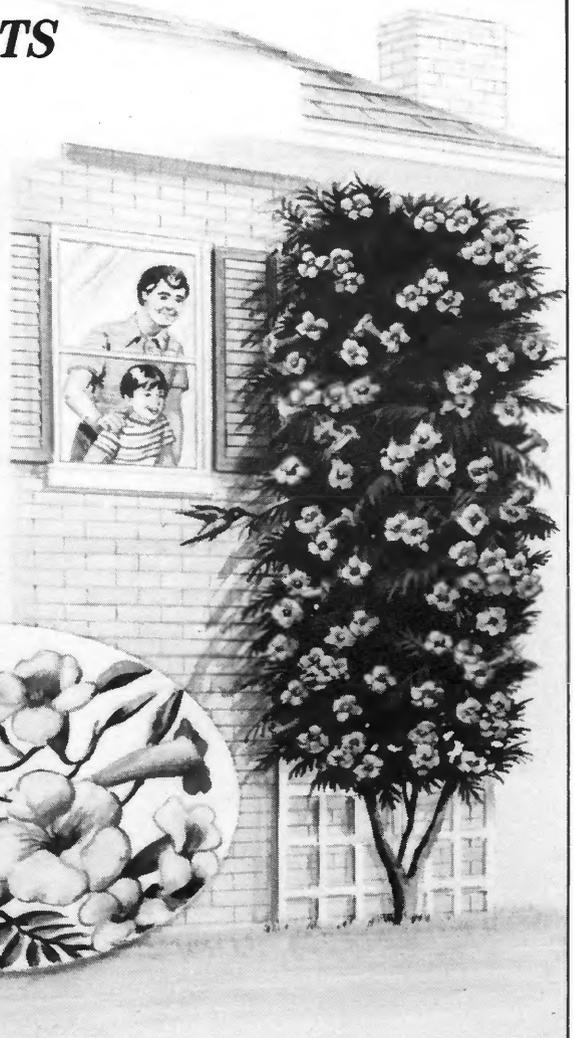
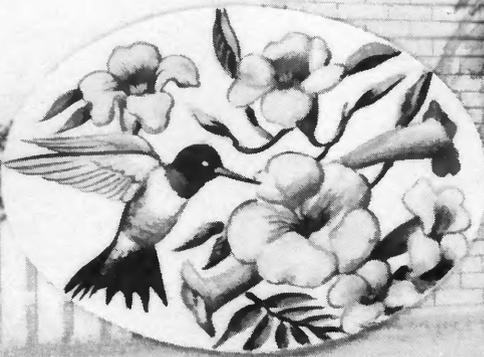
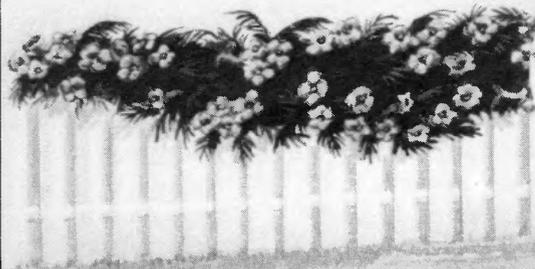
The Monroe County Sheep Producers Association has scheduled its Fourth Annual Southern Illinois Sheep and Craft Festival April 7 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds near Waterloo. Planned events include a series of lecture topics by University of Illinois Extension specialists Dr. Gary Ricketts and Dr. Lief Thompson, shearing demonstrations, all-breeds sheep sale, sheep dog demonstrations, and spinning and craft demonstrations with wool. A special feature of the day will be a lamb lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring various cuts of fresh, locally grown lamb. Commercial and other exhibits will display purebred sheep breeds, sheep equipment, feed and health products, and sheep and wool-related craft and gift items. Many of these items will be for sale. This program is open to the public, any person or group interested in trying lamb or other sheep products is invited to attend. Admission is free. For information contact: Richard Woodcock (618)939-8536.

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Pending legislation would preserve co-ops' invested capital

A bill in the Illinois General Assembly sponsored by Rep. Larry Woolard (D-117, Carterville) and Rep. Todd Sieben (R-73, Geneseo) would benefit members of Illinois electric and telephone cooperatives. The legislation is designed to preserve invested capital for the cooperatives' members and reduce accounting paperwork related to cooperative capital credits. Twenty-nine other

legislators believe cooperatives, if permitted to perform this custodial function, could do the job more effectively. Former members are more likely to contact the cooperative rather than the State when inquiring about capital credits, bill supporters say.

Capital credits are a unique form of property, unlike any other property subject to the Act. These funds represent a donation of capital by members of the cooperative, intended to be used for the benefit of the entire membership in assuring adequate and reliable electric or telephone service in rural areas in future years.

Although co-ops succeed in delivering capital credits refunds to more than 95 percent of their members, some former members cannot be located. No other property would be exempted by the bill. Other forms of unclaimed property, such as deposits and overpayments by the members, would be subject to the Unclaimed Property Act, just as they are for other energy and telecommunications providers.

If H.B. 2936 is approved by the General Assembly and signed into law, Illinois would join a growing number of states across the nation approving legislation to exempt the capital credits of electric and telephone cooperatives from state unclaimed property acts.

There would be little financial impact on the State of Illinois from passage of the bill. In the past five years, about \$30,000 per year has been delivered to the State of Illinois from all electric and telephone cooperatives.

Joining Woolard and Sieben as co-sponsors of H.B. 2936 are Democrats Thomas J. Homer, Canton; Kurt M. Granberg, Carlyle; Peg McDonnell Breslin, Ottawa; Bruce Richmond, Murphysboro; Charles A. Hartke, Teutopolis; Richard A. Mautino, Spring Valley; Larry W. Hicks, Mt. Vernon; Bill Edley, Macomb; Michael D. Curran, Springfield; David D. Phelps, Eldorado; Richard T. Mulcahey, Durand; Gary Hannig, Benld; J. Philip Novak, Bradley; and M. "Bob" DeJaegher, Silvis; and Republicans Tom Ryder, Jerseyville; Thomas W. Ewing, Pontiac; Myron J. Olson, Dixon; Jay Ackerman, Morton; Gordon L. Ropp, Normal; Michael J. Tate, Decatur; Ron Stephens, Troy; Arthur R. Tenhouse, Liberty; Karen Hasara, Springfield; Charles "Wayne" Goforth, Tamaroa; Robert F. Olson, Broadwell; Michael L. Weaver, Charleston; Gerald C. Weller, Morris; Ronald A. Wait, Belvidere; and David Hultgren, Monmouth.



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members of the legislature representing cooperative service areas are co-sponsors.

As not-for-profit corporations, electric and telephone cooperatives—owned and controlled by members they serve—do not earn profits as such. They hold operating margins in reserve to minimize the need to borrow money in the event of major damage to their systems. Any excess of income over expense is credited to the individual account of members and is returned to them as soon as it is possible to do so. Most co-ops in Illinois return capital credits to their members as soon as the cooperative's financial position permits.

H.B. 2936 would solve a problem for electric and telephone cooperatives that is created when some of the members from earlier years leave the cooperative service territory. Cooperatives attempt to maintain addresses of former members in the belief that the members are entitled to the money when capital credits are retired. Occasionally members cannot be located. Unclaimed capital credits are now turned over to the Illinois Department of Financial Institutions under provisions of the Illinois Uniform Disposition of Unclaimed Property Act.

Under present law the state acts as a "custodian" of abandoned property until the owners are located. Cooperative leaders and the sponsoring

"Back in 1936 I spent a good part of the year picking peas. I started out early in January in the Imperial Valley and drifted northward, picking peas as they ripened, until I picked the last peas of the season, in June, around Tracy. Then I shifted all the way to Lake County, where for the first time I was going to pick string beans. And I still remember how hesitant I was that first morning as I was about to address myself to the string bean vines. Would I be able to pick string beans? Even the change from peas to string beans had in it elements of fear."

**Eric Hoffer,
The Ordeal of Change**

Your health **Change and stress**

Change is a fact of life. No one knows exactly what changes are in store, but one thing is certain: How we cope with change affects our health.

Rural America saw its share of negative change in the last decade. Unemployment rose: federal funds were slashed by 40 percent since 1981; nuclear families disbanded as younger members moved to find jobs. As we move into the 1990s, poverty is on the rise and rural hospitals and farms are going out of business.

This change inevitably results in elevated stress. People affected by it may show a change in appetite or sleeping patterns, irritability, leth-

argy, headaches, anxiety, no sense of humor, forgetfulness. And the results can be devastating: depression, suicide, accidents, substance abuse, child and spouse abuse, divorce, heart disease.

But family and friends can help.

Coping with the stresses brought about by change cannot be accomplished in a void. A support system—your spouse, family members, friends, neighbors, church members and staff at community agencies—is crucial. These people can provide support ranging from intimate advice to technical assistance to just plain listening. A support network can help us adjust to the changes in our lives.

To identify your support system, consider those closest to you. These individuals are in your inner circle. The next level of support includes people who are involved in your day-to-day life—co-workers, neighbors, church members, ministers and friends. Typically the outer circle includes merchants and others with whom you have intermittent contact.

Social science researchers are learning more and more that having a support system is not just good common sense, but good for one's health. A study of 7,000 people in Alameda County, California, showed that people with few ties to others had two to five times the death rate of those who had more ties. And other studies have found that pregnant women without supportive relationships have three times more complications.

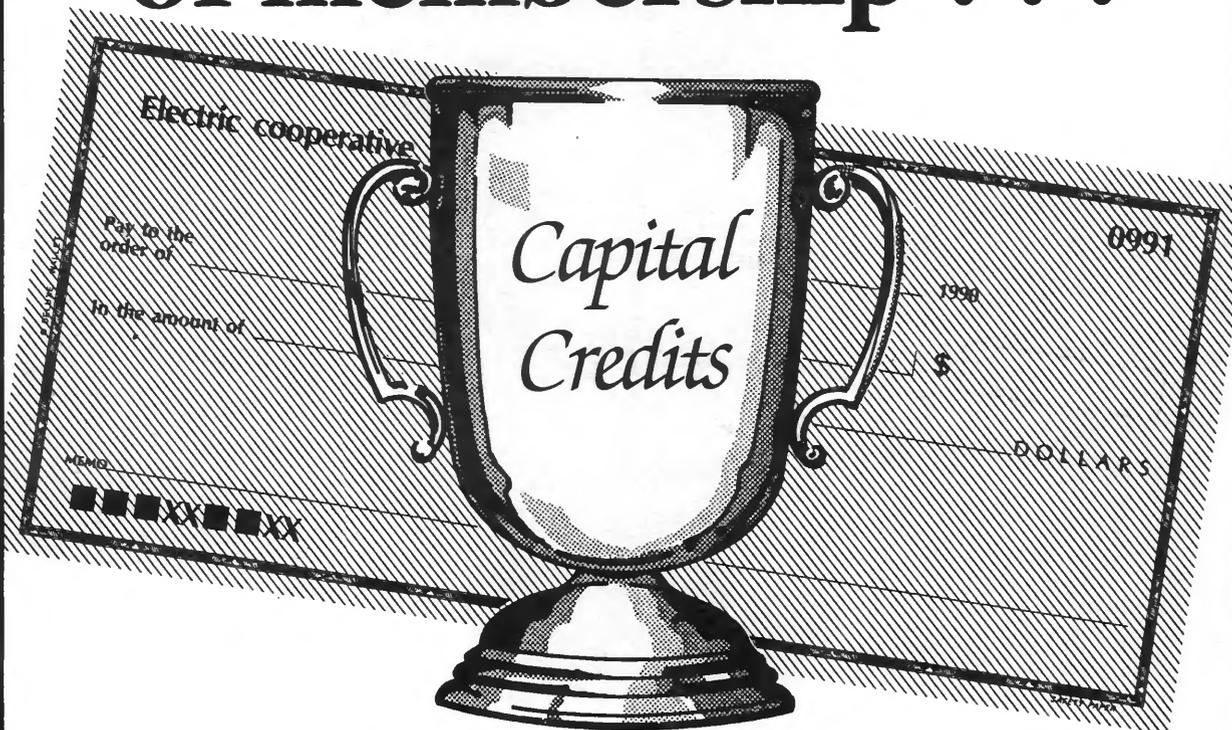
Maintaining a support system doesn't always come naturally. Too often those most in need of help are too proud to ask for it. They are reluctant to share their fears, discouraging would-be helpers from "intruding."

Let others know you feel troubled, open up and talk to others—and in turn, be willing to listen and be a support to others when they need it.

You'll be amazed at how true the old mathematical formula is: A burden shared is half a burden and a joy shared is double joy.

**By Eileen Nee
Rural Electric News Service**

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Home town awards program honors community effort

Has your home town become a better place to live, work, play or conduct business? If so, the Governor's Home Town Awards Program wants to hear about your town's improvement efforts.

The Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, the Governor's Office of Voluntary Action, the Illinois Department on Aging and corporate sponsors are calling for entries in the ninth annual Governor's Home Town Awards Program. For the first time since its inception, the program has two corporate sponsors, Illinois Bell and State Farm Insurance Companies.

The awards program objective is simple: recognize voluntary citizen participation in community improvement and economic development efforts. The program can help a community by giving statewide recognition to those volunteer efforts that have made their home town a better place. Any city or village, or other local government, community organization, community action agency, or group of citizens within Illinois is eligible to enter the competition.

The Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) has application guidebooks available for use in submitting projects (one application guidebook must be used for each entry). Com-

pleted applications must be received by the Department no later than April 16. Projects should reflect broad volunteer support and participation. If a project was started prior to 1989, it may still be entered, although the judges will be examining only the portion accomplished in the immediate past calendar year.

Here are a few examples of the many possible projects: commercial/industrial retention or attraction, job creation, development of a small business incubator, downtown improvements, parks and playgrounds, farmers' markets, sidewalk replacement, art workshops, adult literacy programs, nature center, bloodbanks and bloodmobiles, meals on wheels and many more.

The judging of the projects, done by a panel of impartial volunteer judges, will be based on four criteria: addressing an important community need, heavy commitment of volunteer resources, generating tangible results, and widespread community support.

Preliminary judging is done during May with those communities surviving the "cut" scheduled for site visits later in the month.

A project involving a number of communities is eligible for participation. Only one project application need be submitted for a joint project. There is no limit on the number of projects that a community may submit.

There are four project categories. Under the General Category, any project of any type that contributes to a community's overall improvement and quality of life may be submitted in this category.

In addition to the general Home Town Awards category, there are three special award categories. The special categories are: Economic Development projects, Youth Involvement projects and a Senior Citizens category. The youth and senior citizen projects should be selected, planned and conducted with the direct involvement of the community's youth and senior citizens. The Economic Development category should involve volunteers in helping to create or retain jobs in the private sector of the community. It might be the building of a small business incubator or volunteer efforts of retired corporate executives to help new and developing small businesses.

You are encouraged to enter your project for consideration in more than one of the categories. For example, any of the "special" category projects may also be considered in the overall "general" category. Applications will be placed in population groups so that the projects will compete against projects of similar size. For each community population category, a recognition road sign and plaque will be presented to the top three

place winners, noting their achievement in the program. Remaining winning projects will receive recognition certificates. Road signs and plaques will also be presented to the best project in each of the special categories.

The grand prize winner will be selected from the first prize winner of all categories and will receive the traveling silver Governor's Cup at an awards banquet in June.

Last year's Governor's Cup winner was Mason City. A group of concerned citizens met to discuss alternatives that might stimulate their area's economy. A definite need was determined, a committee formed, and a fund-raising effort was begun. These volunteers raised more than \$730,000 for construction of a nursing home consisting of a 99-bed facility that can house up to 17 skilled-care, 49 intermediate-care and 33 sheltered-care residents. This nursing home has also provided the area with 65 full-time jobs.

Previous Governor's Cup winners are Brown County, Evanston, Royal, Decatur, Barry and Wilsonville.

For more information on the Governor's Home Town Awards Program or to request an application guidebook, contact Bob Glatz using the DCCA toll-free Local Government Hotline number, 1-800-562-4688.

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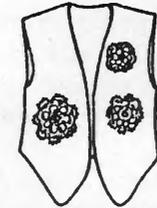


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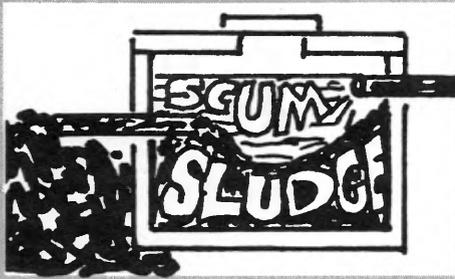
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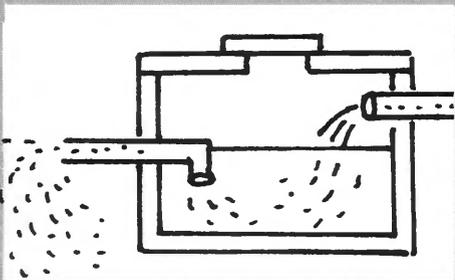
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Windows and doors

This is one in a series of consumer-oriented articles relating to home energy use. The articles are prepared in coordination with the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives Member Services/Power Use Section, which is made up of staff personnel of the state's electric cooperatives who are directly involved in consumer energy efficiency activities.

Windows and exterior doors lose a great deal more heat than any type of insulated wood-frame wall. Glass is a relatively good conductor of heat, so it allows heat to both leave and enter your living area quite rapidly.

For example, a double-glazed windows will lose eight to 10 times more heat per square foot than a well-insulated wall. Heat loss in winter may be minimized by reducing the total glass area, concentrating windows on the south wall, and by using double-glazed windows plus storm windows or triple-glazed windows.

In a home where the window and door area is equivalent to 15 percent

of the total floor area, the total winter heat loss through windows and doors is about 10 percent. Consequently, storm windows and doors can play an important role in reducing heating costs. For an energy efficient home, it is recommended that the glass area not exceed 8 percent of the floor area. Tight-fitting doors and windows also help keep out summer heat.

Storm windows and doors provide insulation by creating an air space between them and the existing doors and windows. They also reduce infiltration around a loose-fitting prime window or door.

Temporary measures

A plastic cover over windows and doors will serve as a windbreak and create an air space. The plastic should (preferably) be installed on the warm side of the window to reduce the potential for sill rot caused by moisture condensation. These are available in kit form at your local hardware and lumber dealers. It is not attractive as a window pane and may restrict visibility, but it will help reduce energy loss.

Permanent measures

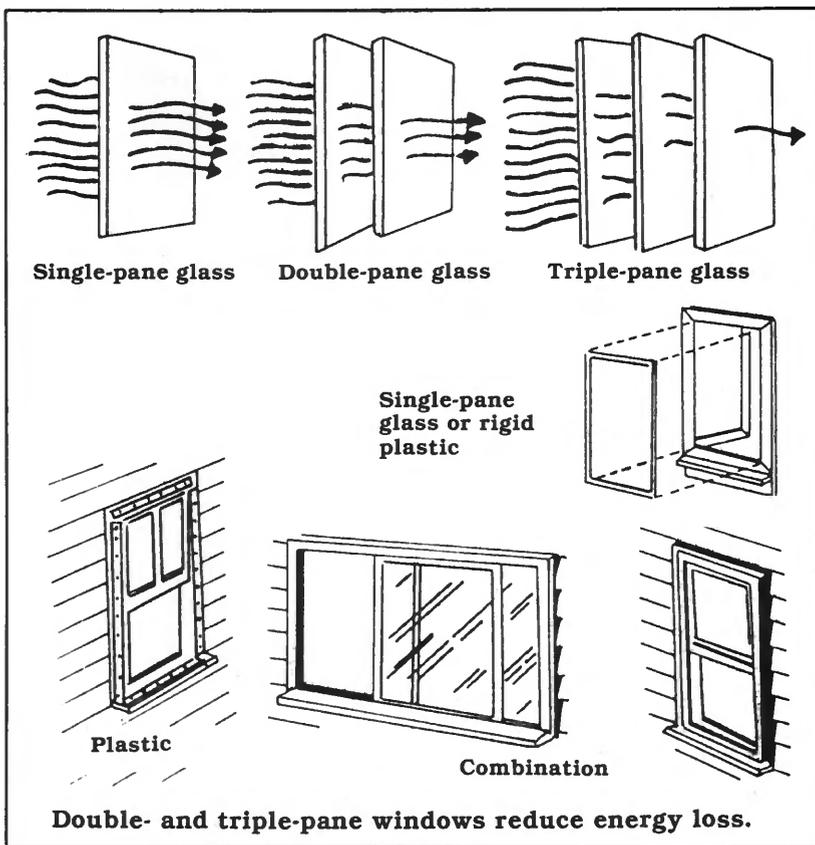
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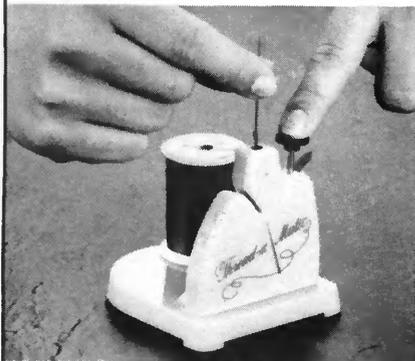
glider prime windows by installing permanent combination storm windows. Install wood-, metal- or vinyl-frame storm windows and doors or combination doors with self-storing capabilities. Combination windows can save you the trouble of installing and removing storms each year, but they are more expensive.

If you are replacing windows, consider double- or triple-glazing. Two or three panes of glass are positioned approximately one-half inches apart and the space is usually filled with dry air. The seal is air-tight to prevent fogging inside the window. These units are more expensive, so evaluate the investment or payback period.

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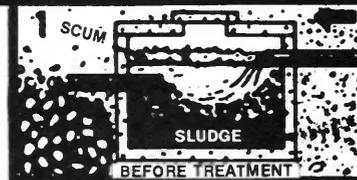
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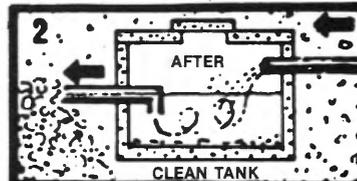
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- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
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- 1/4 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 1/2 teaspoons caraway seeds
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, cold
- 3/4 cup buttermilk, cold

Sift together flour, salt, baking powder and soda into a bowl. Stir in caraway seeds. Cut in butter or margarine until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Add buttermilk. Stir until dough holds together. Knead briefly on a lightly floured surface. Roll out to 1/2" thickness. Cut into 2" rounds. Arrange on ungreased baking sheet 1" apart. Bake at 450° for 8 to 10 minutes, until risen but not browned. Cool on rack. Fit into freezer bags. Press out air, seal and freeze. When ready to serve, remove biscuits and bake in 450° oven for about 10 minutes until lightly browned. Serve warm. Makes 10 biscuits.

ALSATIAN COUNTRY SOUP

- 1 1/2 cups drained sauerkraut, about 1/2 lb.
- 3 strips bacon, chopped
- 1 medium onion, diced
- 1 medium apple, peeled and diced
- 1 potato (1/2 lb.), peeled and diced
- 8 juniper berries, crushed (optional)
- 1/2 lb. smoked Polish sausage, cubed
- 2 cans (13 3/4-oz. ea.) beef broth
- 1 cup dry white wine
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper

Rinse sauerkraut under cold water and squeeze dry. In soup pot, cook bacon just until it begins to brown. Add onion and cook about 3 minutes until it begins to soften. Add sauerkraut, apple and potato. Cook and stir 2 minutes. Stir in juniper berries, sausage, broth and wine. Bring to boil—reduce heat to simmer. Cook, partially covered, for 30 minutes or until potatoes are tender. Season with pepper. Set aside to cool completely. Pour into freezer bags. Press out air, seal and freeze. Before using, defrost in refrigerator overnight. Remove contents from bag, reheat, covered, over low heat until hot and bubbling. Serve immediately. Makes 6 servings.

GARLIC POTATO BISCUITS

- 1/2 lb. red potatoes, peeled and quartered
- 2-4 large garlic cloves, whole and peeled
- 1/3 cup butter or margarine, softened
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 2 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon baking powder
- 1/3 cup milk, cold

Cover potatoes and garlic cloves with water. Cook until tender, 20 to 25 minutes. Drain. Mash potato and garlic in bowl. Stir in butter or margarine, salt and pepper. In another bowl sift flour and baking powder together. Stir into potato mixture and stir in milk. Form into a ball. Roll out on lightly floured surface to 1/2" thickness. Cut into 2" rounds. Arrange on ungreased baking sheet 1" apart. Bake in 450° oven for 8 to 10 minutes until risen but not browned. Cool on rack. Put into freezer bags. Press out air, seal and freeze. When ready to serve, bake frozen biscuits in 450° oven about 10 minutes until lightly browned. Serve warm. Makes 1 dozen.

SOUR CREAM RAISIN PIE

- 2 eggs
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 cups raisins
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1 9" pie crust

Beat eggs and sugar together until thoroughly mixed. Add the remaining ingredients all together and mix well. Pour into unbaked crust and bake at 375° approximately 45 minutes. Pie should be brown and look like it is well set. (Similar to pumpkin pie in solidity.)

CAKE THAT DOESN'T LAST

- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 1/2 cups oil
- 1 can (8-oz.) crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 cup nuts
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 2 cups mashed bananas (4 lg. bananas)

Mix dry ingredients in a large bowl. Make a well in the center. Add other ingredients and stir to mix. Do not beat. Bake in a greased and floured pan for 75 minutes at 350°.

TETRAZZINI

- 3-4 lb. hen
- 1 onion
- 1 bay leaf
- 2 ribs celery and tops
- Salt and pepper
- 1/4 lb. butter
- 1 bunch green onions, minced
- 1/2 cup bell pepper, minced
- 1/4 lb. mushrooms, minced or
- 1 large can mushrooms, chopped
- 1/4 cup parsley, minced
- 1/2 cup celery, minced
- 1 clove garlic, pressed
- 1 cup cream
- 1 cup stock
- 2 tablespoons white wine or sherry
- 1 tablespoon lemon juice
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 2 tablespoons butter
- 1 (7 oz.) pkg. vermicelli
- 3/4 cup grated Parmesan

Boil hen until tender with onion, bay leaf, celery, salt and pepper. Remove; cool, strain stock and reserve. Cut chicken in bite-size pieces and set aside. Saute' all vegetables and garlic in butter until soft. Add chicken, cream, stock, lemon juice and wine. Season to taste with salt and pepper and cook slowly over low heat, until heated through. Make a paste of additional butter and flour. Blend in and stir until smooth and thickened. Cook vermicelli al dente in boiling stock. Drain and spread on bottom of a shallow buttered casserole. Pour chicken mixture over and sprinkle with Parmesan. Bake 20 minutes at 350°. Serves 6 to 8. May prepare ahead and refrigerate until serving time. Increase baking time a little.

PECAN PIE

- 1/2 stick butter
- 3 egg yolks
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 cup Karo
- 2 tablespoons flour
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1/4 teaspoon salt

Beat the egg yolks. Mix the egg yolks, sugar, Karo, flour and salt. Add melted butter and chopped pecans. Pour into an unbaked pie shell. Bake on 350 degrees for one hour or until the middle of the pie is firm.



CHICKEN NOODLE PAPRIKASH

- 2 lbs. skinless, boneless chicken breasts
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1/2 cup flour
- 3 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup sour cream
- 1 medium onion, halved and sliced
- 1 tablespoon paprika
- 1/4 teaspoon cayenne
- 1 can (13 3/4-oz.) chicken broth
- 1/2 lb. flat egg noodles

Cut chicken into 2" x 1/2" pieces. Combine salt, pepper and flour in a zipper-top bag. Shake chicken pieces in seasoned flour. Heat oil in large skillet over medium heat. Add chicken in two batches browning all sides. Remove and set aside. Add onion and bell pepper to skillet; cook and stir 5 to 7 minutes until softened. Return chicken to skillet along with paprika and cayenne. Add broth; bring to boil, reduce heat to simmer. Cover and cook 15 minutes. Meanwhile, cook noodles in boiling salted water 5 minutes until nearly done. Drain and rinse under cold water to stop cooking. Add noodles to chicken mixture. Stir to combine. Set aside to cool completely. Spoon into freezer bags. Press out air, seal and freeze. Before using, defrost in refrigerator overnight. Remove contents from bag, reheat, covered, over low heat. When hot and bubbling, stir in sour cream. Remove from heat and serve immediately. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

GINGER SNAPS

- 3/4 cup soft shortening
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 egg
- 1/3 cup molasses
- 2 1/3 cups flour
- 2 teaspoons baking soda
- 1 teaspoon ginger
- 1 1/2 teaspoons cinnamon
- 1/4 teaspoon salt
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves (opt.)

Combine ingredients and roll in small balls and dip in sugar. Bake at 350 degrees for 10 minutes.

SWEDISH DELIGHTS

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| 2½ cups sifted all-purpose flour | 1 cup dairy sour cream |
| ¼ cup sugar | 1 cup flaked or shredded coconut |
| ½ teaspoon salt | 1 cup chopped pecans |
| 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel | ½ cup sweet orange marmalade |
| 1 cup (2 sticks) cold butter | |

For dough, sift together flour, sugar and salt. Stir in lemon peel. Cut in butter with a pastry blender or two knives until mixture resembles coarse crumbs. Stir in sour cream with a fork until mixture begins to hold together. Knead with hands to combine and form into a ball. Refrigerate several hours or overnight. Combine coconut, pecans and marmalade for filling. Remove half of dough from refrigerator. Roll out on a well-floured board to form an 18 x 16-inch rectangle. Cut lengthwise into 4 strips (18 x 4-inches). Spoon about ¼ cup filling down center of each strip, spreading gently to make a continuous line. Roll up each strip from long side as for a jelly roll. Seal edge. Cut each strip crosswise into 6 pieces. Cut 4 slits, ½-inch deep in sealed edge of each piece. Place on buttered cookie sheets, curving to open slit edge. Bake at 375 degrees for 15 to 17 minutes or until light golden brown. Cool on wire racks. Repeat with remaining half of dough. Sprinkle with confectioners sugar, if desired. Store in an airtight container. Makes 4 dozen.

LAYERED SALAD

Cut up 1 head of lettuce in a 9 x 9-inch pan. Mix 1½ cups mayonnaise with the following vegetables:

½ cup chopped celery	1 small onion, chopped
½ cup chopped green bell pepper	1 small can green peas, drained

Sprinkle 2 tablespoons sugar over vegetable mixture. Sprinkle over lettuce. Use 8 slices crisp fried bacon for sprinkling on top. Top with grated cheese.

CHEESE SALAD

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| 1 cup crushed pineapple | 1 cup cold water |
| ½ cup sugar | ½ lb. grated cheese |
| 1 box lemon Jello | 1 cup nuts |
| ¼ cup lemon juice | 1 cup non-dairy whipped topping |

Boil pineapple and sugar. Add Jello, lemon juice and water. Chill until partially set. Fold in cheese, nuts and non-dairy whipped topping. Chill.

HAMBURGER PIE

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| 1 lb. ground beef | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 tablespoons bacon drippings | 2 tablespoons catsup |
| 1 can red kidney beans, undrained | 1 tablespoon steak sauce |
| 1 cup tomatoes | 1 pkg. cornbread mix |

Brown meat in bacon drippings. Add beans, tomatoes, salt, catsup, and steak sauce. Pour mixture in an ungreased baking dish. Mix cornbread as directed on package. Place cornbread mixture in rounds on top of contents in baking dish. Bake at 350 degrees until cornbread is brown.

SALMON SALAD

Mix salmon, lightly flaked, with diced celery, finely-chopped parsley and green pepper, add sliced hard boiled eggs (2 eggs to 1 can of salmon), a little salt and paprika. Moisten with mayonnaise and stuff tomatoes. Sprinkle lightly with lemon juice and finely minced sweet pickles and serve on any salad green.

A LITTLE BITE OF HEAVEN SPAGHETTI CARBONERA

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| ¾ lb. spaghetti | 1 cup parmesan cheese, freshly grated |
| 1 lb. bacon, sauteed in frying pan (save fat), crumble | 1 handful of fresh parsley, chopped |
| 4 eggs, beaten slightly | Salt and pepper to taste |

Drop spaghetti into boiling water; cook 7 minutes. Drain and keep warm. Save 2 cups of water. Mix together water, bacon, bacon fat, eggs and parsley. Add to spaghetti and mix well. Let each person add their own parmesan cheese.

ENCHILADAS

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| TORTILLAS: | ¼ teaspoon salt |
| 1 egg | 1½ cups water |
| 1 cup sifted flour | |
| ½ cup yellow corn meal | |

Mix above ingredients to make batter. Pour a scant (½ cup) batter into a small frying pan to make a tortilla about 6 inches in diameter. Bake for 3 minutes, or until top appears dry and underside is golden. Turn and brown the other side. Repeat to make 8 tortillas.

ENCHILADA FILLING:

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| 1 lb. ground beef | 1 cup chopped green onion |
| 1 teaspoon chili powder | 1½ cups (6 oz.) grated cheddar cheese |
| 1 clove garlic | Sliced stuffed green olives |
| 2 tablespoons olive oil or salad oil | Sweet onion rings |
| 1 can (4 oz.) ripe olives, chopped | |

In medium sized frying pan, saute ground beef with chili powder and garlic in oil, breaking up ground beef as it cooks. Remove from heat and add ripe olives and green onions. Save cheese, green olives and onion rings for last three steps. Brush one side of tortilla with sauce; spread with a scant ½ cup of filling, then sprinkle with one tablespoon grated cheese, roll up; place, spoke fashion, seam side down in pan with sauce (if the frying pan is too small, place in two layers). Brush tops with sauce and sprinkle generously with remaining cheese. Top each with sliced olives. Heat slowly just until enchiladas are heated through and cheese topping is melted slightly. Top with garnish of sweet onion rings.

ENCHILADA SAUCE:

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| 3 medium onions, chopped (1¼ cups) | 2 teaspoons sugar |
| 1 tablespoon olive oil or salad oil | 1 teaspoon oregano |
| 2 cans tomatoes (1 lb. cans) | ¼ teaspoon red pepper seasoning |
| 2 cans tomato sauce (8 oz. cans) | 1 clove garlic |

Saute onions and chili powder in olive oil, until soft. Stir in remaining ingredients. (Stick garlic with wooden pick so it will be easy to remove before serving.) Simmer uncovered adding a little water as needed for 1½ hours. Remove garlic.

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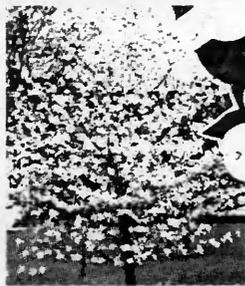
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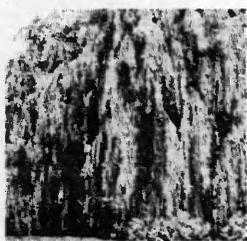
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operations. "We had three people answering the phones at all times," Smith said, "and there was absolutely no way they could keep up. It got to where we only wrote up tickets for downed lines or trees in the lines. They couldn't begin to keep track of the calls where people just called in to say they were out of power."

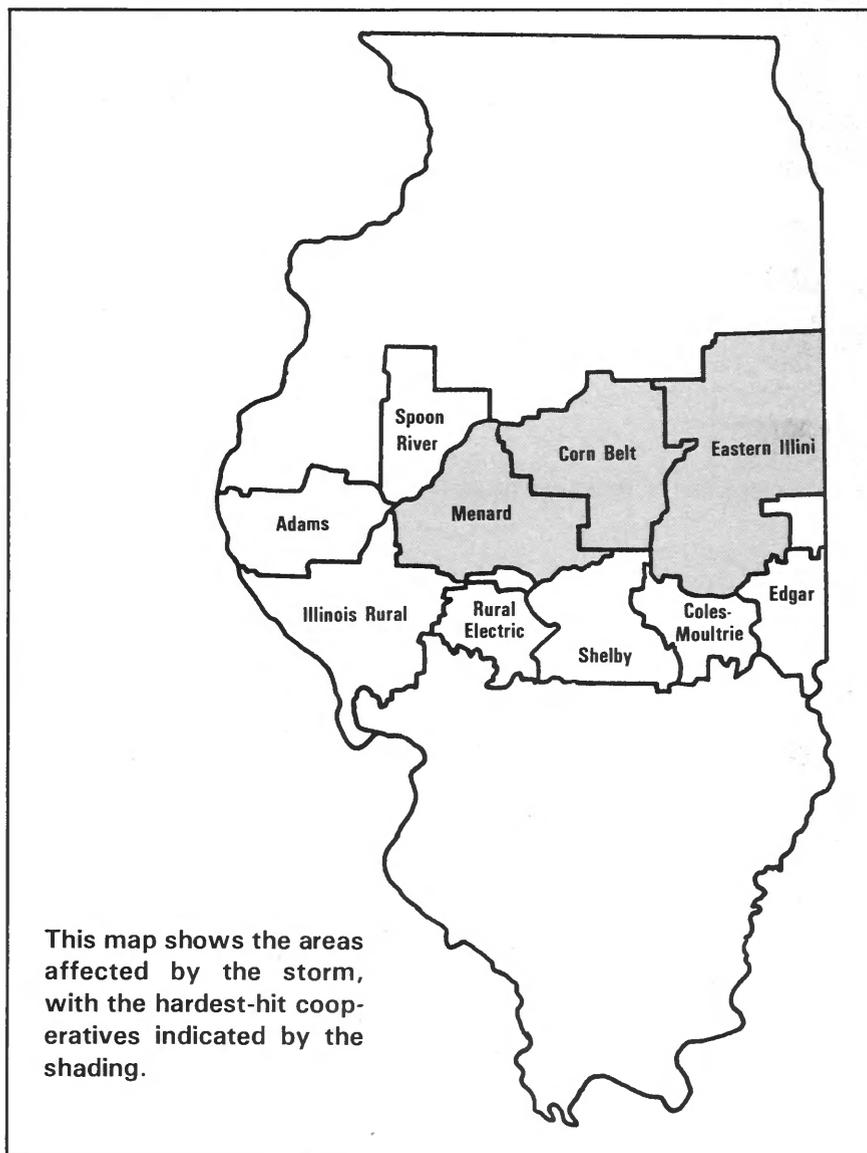
It didn't take long to realize they'd need help. Shortly after Menard's 3:40 a.m. Thursday call for emergency crews, men and equipment were on the way. Before the ice melted, Menard would have help from M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Carlinville; Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Greenville (two crews); and Monroe County Electric Cooperative, Waterloo.

Unlike Eastern Illini, which was hard-hit over all its area, the drubbing Menard took was a little more spotty. "It got worse for us the farther east and north it got," Smith said, "and it's obvious that it was building in intensity as it went that way, since Corn Belt and Eastern Illini were hit much harder than we were."

Even so, Menard lost a lot of services. Not surprisingly, the biggest cause, by far, was trees in the lines. "The bulk of our problem" Smith noted, "occurred when limbs got overloaded with ice and fell into our lines. We were fortunate in that we had very little material damage. I'd estimate that we only lost 25-30 poles, which isn't bad at all for a storm this big."

Jeffrey D. Reeves, manager of Corn Belt Electric Cooperative, Bloomington, said his co-op was pretty uniformly hit from top to bottom and from east to west. "It didn't discriminate," he added, "it got all of us."

He estimated that at any one time during the night of the storm there were 6,000 members without power, and when some of those were restored, others would go out.



"We were in a situation where we were losing ground in several instances," he said, "because we started making repairs even while the storm was going on. We'd put up a line and it'd go right back down. It got worse for us on Friday evening, when the wind came up. We didn't really accomplish anything for a whole day.

"After that," he added, "the ice started to melt. Then the neutral (wire) would jump into the conductor and knock it out. Once the wind went down and the ice was gone, we got to where we could really make some headway."

The majority of the trouble, he said, was caused by trees and limbs falling into the lines. Fortunately, damage to the system

was light. "We lost about 40-50 poles," he says, "and that's really low for a storm of this size."

Crews from five other cooperatives came to help. They came from Norris, M.J.M., Shelby Electric Cooperative of Shelbyville, Coles-Moultrie Electric Cooperative of Mattoon and Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative of Princeton. There was one contractors' crew, too.

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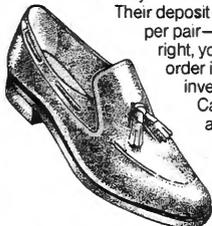
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A box of cast-off housewares helped Beverly Wake start collecting kerosene lamps 25 years ago. She relates that she was a newlywed those years ago and "my mother gave me a cardboard box full of cake pans, cookie sheets, and things like that. There were a couple of kerosene lamps in it, too."

Busy setting up housekeeping and getting a family started, she put the lamps up and forgot about them. "Like most young couples," she

chuckles, "we were so poor for the first five years that we could hardly pay attention, so I didn't do much. Then I just kind of drifted into picking up an occasional lamp here and there, usually at estate sales or things like that."

The Menard Electric Cooperative member notes that she has a couple of "pairs," or sets of lamps that are identical, but that they all came from different places, and were bought at different times.

"I've got a couple that have a little flange



Far left: Lamps in the collection cover the fireplace mantel in the Wake home. Near left: Bev Wake shows off one of the Aladdin lamps in her collection.

molded into them so they could be used as hanging lamps," Bev says, "but I don't have any hangers yet. I'm still working on that. I have a few made out of colored glass, too."

A wall-mounted lamp with a silvered reflector graces her collection at their home near Mechanicsburg (Sangamon County). "It was a mess when we got it," she says, "and I don't know how many times the bracket had been painted, but the layers were just caked on it. My husband got all the old paint off—finally—and had it sand-blasted. Then he gave it a coat of flat black spray. It looks real nice, now."

One of her lamps, an Aladdin, was saved from a horrible fate. "Somebody had started to convert it to an electric lamp," Bev says, "and they'd already soldered on a 'harp' when we got it. My husband took it off, and we're going to restore it. Fortunately, they hadn't drilled any holes or

broken anything. It has a milk glass base. I have another Aladdin, too. They were considered the 'Cadillacs' of the kerosene lamps."

As such, Aladdins have more collector's value than many other lamps, and their value is diminished by such conversions, which are unnecessary anyway. The company—still in business—makes conversion units that slip into the lamp in place of the burner unit, and the two are interchangeable. The conversion kit was conceived years ago when electric service wasn't as reliable as it is now. It was intended to enable Aladdin to bridge the gap between kerosene and electric lighting. Buyers were urged to keep their oil burners handy in case of an electrical outage.

"We use some of our lamps when there's an outage," Bev says, "and we're glad to have them. There have been several times when the neighbors have come over, finding their way with flashlights, and asked if they could borrow a lamp. We always sent them home with one or two. I keep about a dozen fueled and ready to go. They're nice to have."

She has half a dozen miniatures, too. "I don't have but a few," she says, "and I haven't really tried to learn much about them. I don't especially go looking for them, either, but they're fun to have. I bought one, the smallest in my collection, at a garage sale. "I was just about to leave, and I felt guilty about not at least buying something. As I was walking away, I turned around and saw it, just sitting there. It only cost a quarter, so I got it. I'm glad now that I did. All the miniatures work, too."

Buying lamps is not quite as simple as it used to be, she points out. "There are so many good fakes around anymore," she warns, "that you have to be really careful. I usually go to estate sales where I know that the people who are selling out have been there for a really long time. And I look each lamp I hope to buy over really carefully. If you approach it like that, you can have a really fun hobby, although it's unlikely that you'll ever get rich—by any stretch of the imagination!"



Earth Day at 20

Illinoisans will join other people worldwide in the 20th anniversary celebration of Earth Day April 22. Across the state, residents will clean up parks, yards and roadways. They will gather to call attention to issues such as air pollution, hazardous waste, dwindling landfills, polluted water, endangered species, soil erosion and global warming. They will carpool, bike, teach, speak-out, discuss, sing, show films, build displays and distribute information on many environmental issues.

Activities in the state are being coordinated by the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources (ENR). "Our Commitment to the Future!" is the theme for the observance, which actually includes the period of April 15-22. Some organizations plan activities that begin as early as late March and extend through late April.

Activities at different locations will vary. Earth Day promoters plan nature hikes, music, environment education, speakers, tree plantings, films and festivals to mark the celebration. Twelve state government agencies and hundreds of individuals in dozens of communities throughout the state have scheduled activities.

Karen Witter, ENR Director, said, "It's important that we plan ahead for our children's future

and their children's future, and I believe it's very important that state government demonstrate it is involved and a leader in helping to address environmental problems. Yet, the message that we are trying to get across is that, even though these issues can be very complicated and very complex, every individual can make a difference. Individuals can practice energy conservation, can recycle materials, and can purchase materials made from recycled products. This is the time for us to each individually take an active part and state government should be an active player as well.

"In some ways the issues that were around 20 years ago are still around: concerns about clean air, clean water and garbage. However, I believe that during the first Earth Day environmental consciousness was just emerging. Now it's becoming much more mature. Many things have been accomplished. The first Clean Air Act and Clean Water Act were major accomplishments. At this time it is important to renew that dedication and commitment to environmental protection and for everyone to play a role."

For more information, write: Earth Day Illinois, 325 West Adams, Room 300, Springfield, IL 62703, or call toll free 1-800-252-8955.



Around the state—Earth Day countdown

(A listing of some activities scheduled)

Rock Island, Quad City Audubon Society

A "Walk Through Springtime" is planned from the city to Black Hawk State Park April 28 and cleanup activities are planned at Princeton Marsh April 22.

Middle Fork, Vermilion River

The local canoe club plans a canoe trip on the Middle Fork of the Vermilion River April 21. Call 309/266-5085. In addition, April 21 will be celebrated as Middle Fork Day.

Rock Island Trail

In celebration, a hike and bike ride is planned April 22 by Friends of the Rock Island Trail.

Bloomington, Miller Park and Zoo

A celebration is planned at the park April 22 from 1-4 p.m. to feature speakers and displays about the environment and athletic events for the whole family.

Springfield, Celebration at the State Capitol

This is a collaborative effort among the state agencies, the Central Illinois Earth Week Committee, the Illinois Environmental Council and Sangamon State University. Activities at the state capitol complex April 22 will include displays by various environmental interests, speakers, recycling, music and environmentally oriented vendors. The State Museum will hold a "Teacher's Earth Day Workshop" March 31 and will host the "Ethics of the Land" exhibit March 25 to April 15. The state museum will also be the site of educational activities throughout April 22 starting with a "Family Camp-in" the night of April 21. In addition the local newspaper is sponsoring a 5K run April 22.

Springfield, Land of Lincoln Girl Scouts

A special Earth Day patch has been developed focusing on recycling, litter pickup and environmental education.

Jacksonville, Turner Junior High School

Several activities are being planned by students and faculty of Turner Junior High School. Solid waste and composting demonstrations are also being planned along with a community celebration at Nichols Park April 22.

Macomb, Audubon/Western Illinois University

A clearing house of environmental information is being established as well as a program of environmental seminars at the university April 19 and April 20.

Illinois State University, I.S.U. Earth Day Committee

Members include Student Health Association and Health Education Association. Planned activities include teach-ins, campus rallies, tree planting, entertainment, speakers, student government resolutions and panel discussions.

University of Illinois

This is "Earth Semester" on campus. A series of seminars on biodiversity, sustainable agriculture and other topics will continue through the semester. The Students for Environmental Concerns is planning a kickoff and a rally on the quad March 8.

Peoria, Wildlife Prairie Park

The park will be the site of a major Earth Day and Natural Resource Celebration April 22. Activities are to include "Cans for Conservation," tree planting, composting displays, speakers and teacher workshops.

Champaign, Illinois Scientific Surveys

The surveys will be participating in a Eco-Fair April 20-April 22 Earth Day at the shopping mall in Champaign with a focus on maps and what they tell us about the environment. In conjunction, the Natural History Survey is planning a scientific environmental symposium during Earth Day week.

Quincy, Earth Day 1990 and Beyond

Environmental Fair at Mormon Park April 22.

Wapella 4-H Clubs

A recycling activity is planned at the high school parking lot the morning of April 21.

Carbondale/Southern Illinois, Southern Illinois Shawnee Earth Day Committee

Turley Park in Carbondale will be the site for an Eco Fair April 22 featuring entertainment and films. A bike-a-thon is planned on campus and trees will be distributed at various locations April 22.

Carbondale, League of Women Voters/Jackson County

Tour of energy-efficient homes and recycling and composting demonstrations are planned April 22.

Carbondale, Clean and Green

Community cleanup planned April 21.

Bellefonte, Bellefonte Earth Day Committee

Bellefonte College campus will be the site of a recycling initiative April 15 through April 22 with several speakers on campus April 22. A teleconference will be held on all three campuses April 4, and April 24 will mark the establishment of the new campus arboretum. Tree planting will take place throughout Bellefonte during March and April. A community cleanup is planned in Cahokia April 21.

Newton

Tree planting is planned at the fairgrounds during Earth Week.

Dixon Springs, U. of I. Forest Resource Center

Planned activities include field trips and tree planting April 22 and April 27, Project Learning Tree workshops, speakers on the Greenhouse Effect and Climate, workshops for school groups April 23 to April 26.

Stanton

The city is sponsoring an environmental logo contest in the schools. Sunrise services and a nature walk are planned April 22.

Centralia, Centralia Clean & Green

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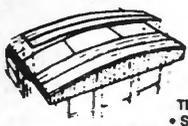
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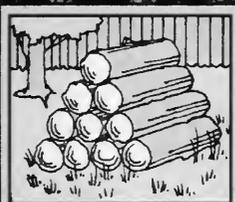
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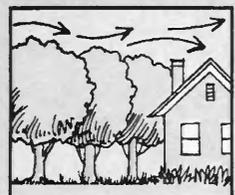
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