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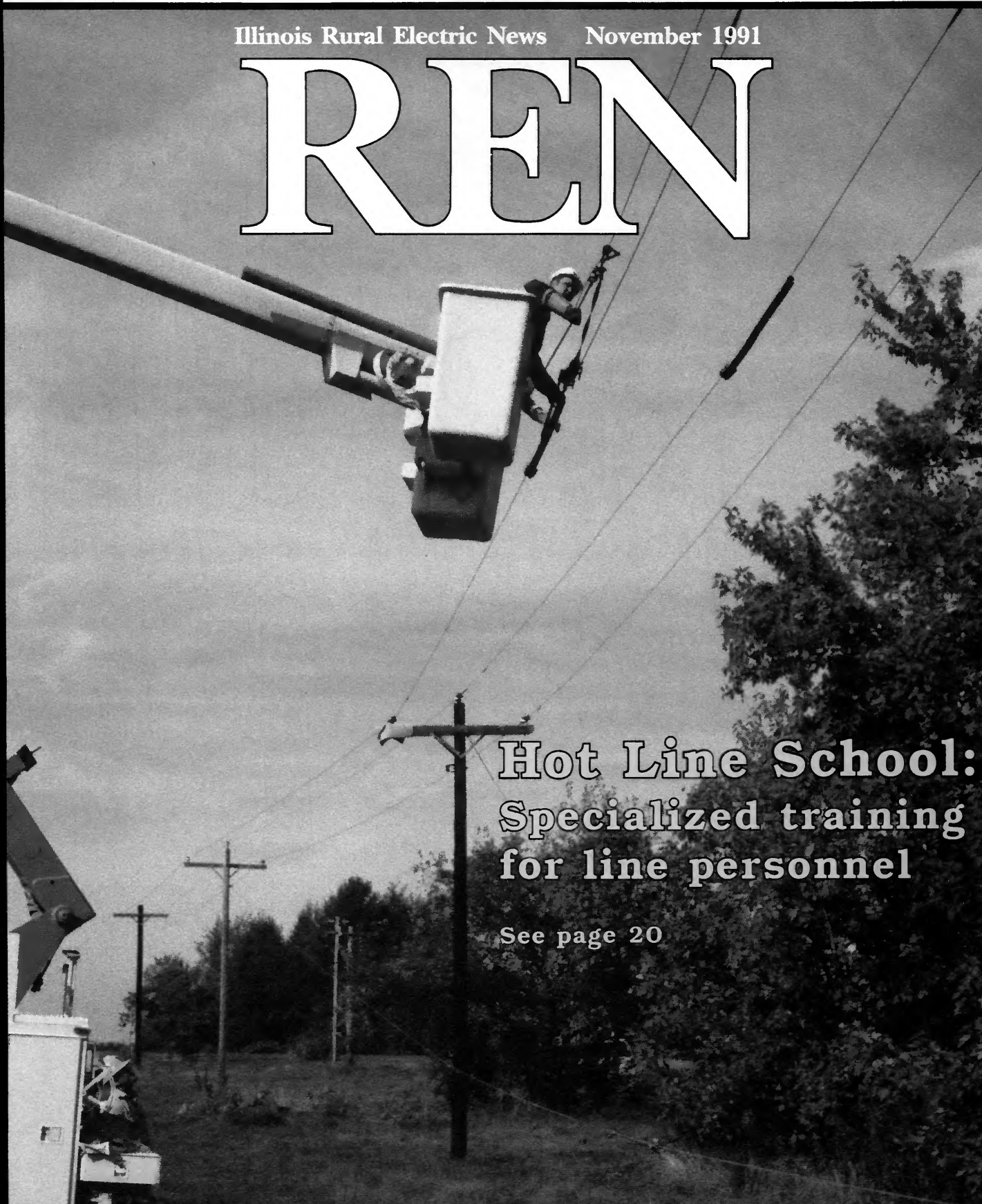
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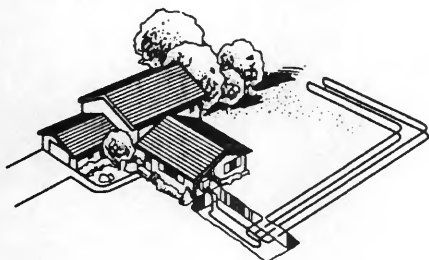
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Electricity, telecommunications and the rural economy

(Springfield was the site in October for one of seven hearings conducted across the nation by the President's Council on Rural America. Among those with comments in Springfield was Thomas H. Moore, executive vice president and general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, whose membership includes the state's electric and telephone cooperatives. The following is from his presentation.)

In the mid-1930s a substantial portion of the U.S. population was not receiving electric service. Most of those citizens were located in rural America. Within a decade, Congress discovered that many of those same people also did not have telephone service. And, in cases where rural residents had electric and/or telephone service, this service was frequently poor and was relatively expensive compared to services available in urban areas. The federal government also discovered that existing investor-owned companies in those industries were not responding to resolve rural service problems. Those companies did not feel there was sufficient profit available to justify expanding services further into rural America.

In the absence of electric and telecommunications services, the current rural electric and telephone programs were established through the Rural Electrification Administration. Through REA, electric and telephone cooperatives were established throughout the country to provide electric and telephone service to rural citizens. These cooperatives immediately began the task of providing electric and telephone service and have been successful in addressing the initial concern of Congress, providing service to virtually every citizen in rural America.

Rural development and concern for the economic and social welfare of rural citizens is not new to the electric

cooperatives in Illinois. Almost immediately after the Rural Electrification Administration was established by an Executive Order on May 11, 1935, rural leaders began working in partnership with other organizations to take advantage of provisions of the Rural Electrification Administration for establishment of electric cooperatives. Farmers Mutual Electric Company was organized in Geneseo, Illinois, on January 24, 1936, and the formation of 26 other electric distribution cooperatives came quickly to meet the recognized needs of rural people for dependable, reasonably priced electric power for their homes, farms and businesses. These early leaders worked closely with state and federal agencies, the Cooperative Extension Service, the University of Illinois, the Illinois Farm Bureau and other organizations involved in, and concerned with, the rural economy.

When organization of the telephone cooperatives was made possible in 1949 by amendment of the Rural Electrification Act of 1936 in order to "assure the availability of adequate telephone service . . .," the electric cooperatives quickly provided the leadership, technical experience and administrative facilities which resulted in the organization and initial operation of the six telephone cooperatives in Illinois.

Today electric and telephone cooperatives are working to improve on basic services established in their formative years. At the same time, they now stand ready to address a second problem recognized by Congress by attempting to improve other infrastructure systems so rural Americans can enjoy other services and job opportunities at costs comparable to urban and suburban residents. We believe our cooperatives will be successful here as they have been in developing basic electric and telephone services.

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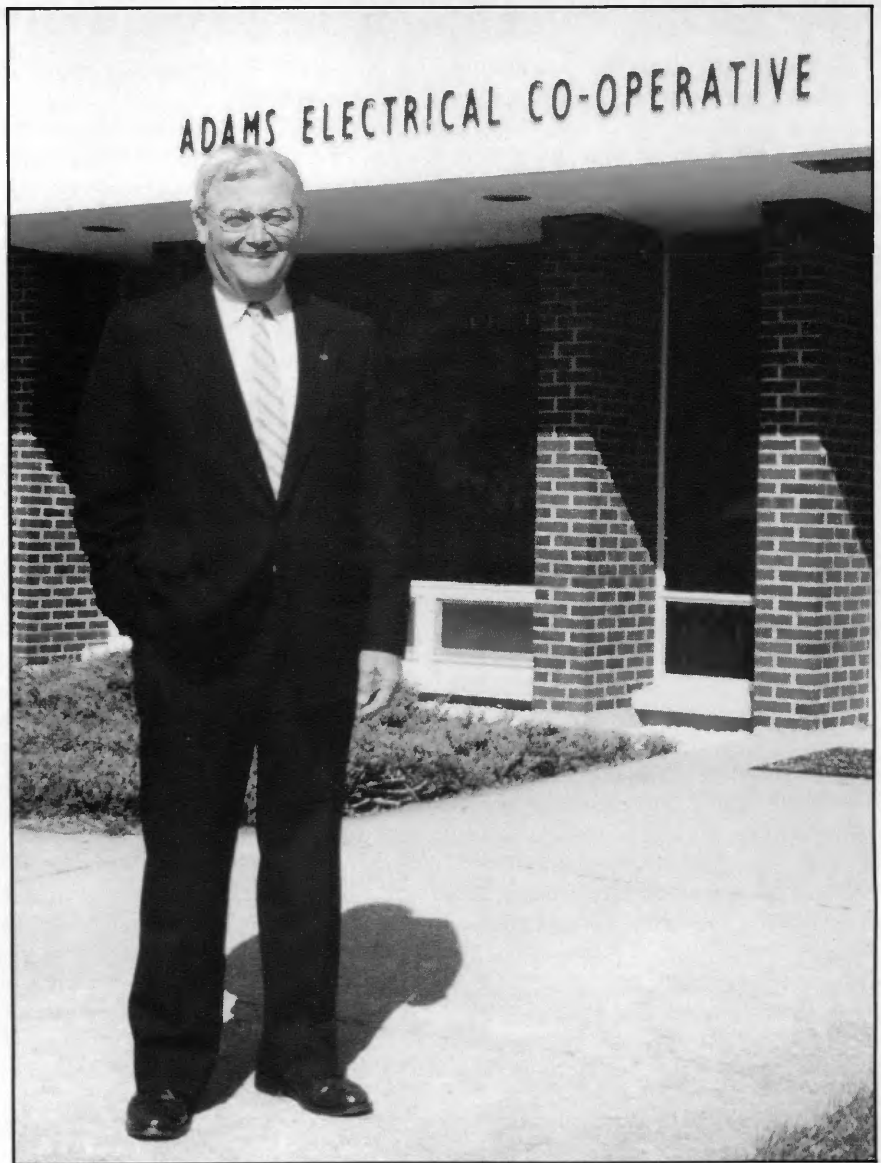
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Mohrman, Diers honored

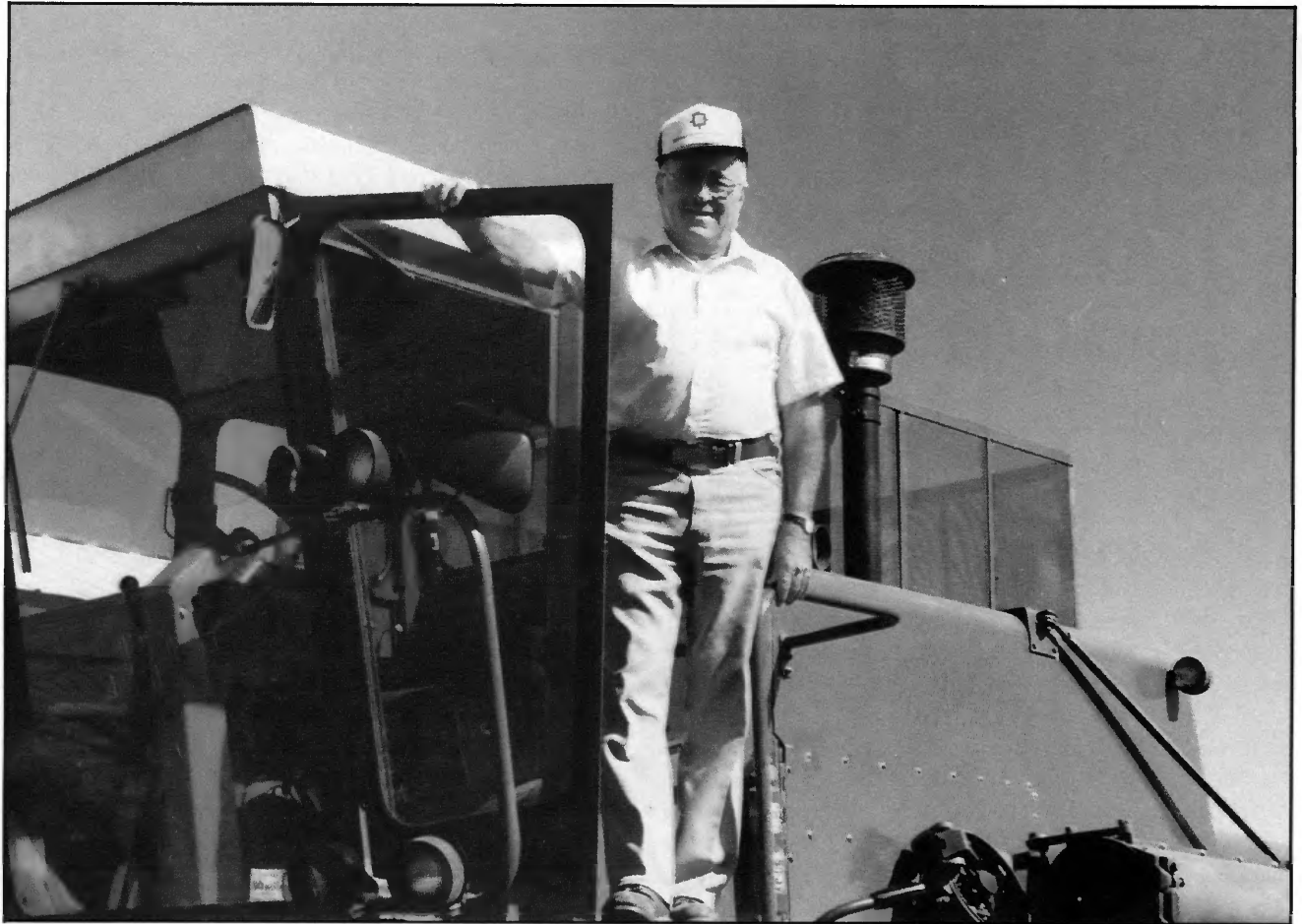
Manager, director earn top cooperative awards

Two leaders of Illinois electric and telephone cooperatives have been honored by the Illinois Cooperative Coordinating Committee as part of the 1991 Illinois Cooperative Month observance in October.

Roger C. Mohrman of Camp Point received the local Cooperative Management Award. He has been manager of Adams Electrical Co-Operative of Camp Point since 1981. The winner of the Member-Director Award is Kenneth Diers of Raritan, former president of the board of directors of McDonough Telephone Cooperative. Honored as Friend of Cooperatives is Harold D. Guither, agricultural economist at the University of Illinois, Urbana.

Diers served McDonough Telephone as a director from 1973 to 1991, including 12 years as board president. He was actively involved with the Illinois Telephone Cooperative Association and served on several committees of the National Telephone Cooperative Association. He has been active in his church, his school district, and youth organizations, and he is credited with organizing the volunteer fire department at Raritan, serving as fire chief for many years.

Diers tends to play down his honors and community service, noting that he hasn't "done anything anybody else couldn't do." In fact, more than the variety of things he's done, it's the length of service in so many areas that sets him apart.



For example, he's been involved with the Raritan Volunteer Fire Department since 1947. "I was in the Army engineers in the Pacific during World War II," he says, "and I got out in 1947. I came back home, and a bunch of us realized that we needed some fire protection, so we got together and set it up. I've been with that cotton picker ever since," he says with a chuckle.

Diers, who has since moved about half a mile from the old home place, has semi-retired, too. He now farms some 130 acres of corn and beans, and expects to phase out that part of the operation soon.

He has some pretty strong feelings about being a director of any organization. "I believe that, as a director, it's your job to help run the organization. You shouldn't be in all the time and getting underfoot, but you should set policy and see that it's implemented. If you're not interested enough to do that, you should step down. I've tried to instill that idea at every meeting I've been to, and I still do it," he said.

Diers notes that he has worked hard during his tenure with McDonough Telephone to strengthen the state and national organizations, as well as the national political action committee, TECO. "TECO stands for Telephone Educational Committee Organization," he says, "and for a while it wasn't very active. I've worked on that, and so have a lot of others. Things are starting to look up for TECO now.

"I've pushed hard for more involvement with other organizations, too. I'm a firm believer in the Action Committee for Rural Electrification, or ACRE, and I worked for more involvement with the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, or AIEC, too. They have a lot more resources than we can come up with, and they've been a big help to us many times."

In addition to his service to Adams Electrical Co-Operative since 1953, Mohrman is a director of Applied Energy Systems of Decatur, chairman of the steering committee of the ABS Water Cooperative at Camp Point, a director of Soyland

Power Cooperative of Decatur, and is active in many local civic organizations. He currently serves as president of the board of the Great River Economic Development Foundation (GREDF) and is director of the Paloma Exchange Bank.

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Kenneth Diers



Mohrman is not unlike Diers in playing down his honors and community service. He quickly points out the cooperative’s employees and directors as critical components of any program to help the cooperative meet its obligations to its members. “You have to have a good work force. They all work hard at their own jobs and pull together to see that the cooperative gets its job done,” he said.

“You have to always keep in mind the structure of a cooperative,” Mohrman added. “A board of directors of a cooperative such as ours, and all cooperatives for that matter, is made up of members. They nominate and they elect their own directors to serve as the governing organization. It takes a conscientious and dedicated board. I’ve been very fortunate to work with outstanding employees and directors. They are extremely interested in the well-being of the cooperative.”

Mohrman believes the strong staff and board have been instrumental in making Adams Electrical Co-Operative a key factor in economic development efforts throughout the cooperative’s service area, which includes large portions of Adams, Brown and Schuyler counties.

“Adams Electrical Co-Operative’s philosophy, as far as being involved in GREDF and other organizations similar to it, is that we feel that although we are called a rural electric cooperative, we are seeing a tremendous amount of sociological change in agriculture. We have fewer farms, and they are operated on a much larger scale. And, we are experiencing a significant loss of farming occupations in rural areas,” Mohrman said.

As the supplier of electricity to these rural areas, Adams Electrical Co-Operative is challenged to help its service area develop greater economic opportunity, in much the same manner as it has been challenged for more than 50 years to meet the growing electricity demands of members.

Mohrman easily ties the past with the present and future. He began working for Adams in 1953 after earning a degree from the University of Illinois in 1951 and serving in the Air Force during the Korean War. The job at Adams not only suited his qualifications, but was a homecoming, too. He was born and raised in the county.

“There isn’t that much difference between what the cooperative was doing in in the 50s and what it is doing today,” Mohrman said. “Back then we at the cooperative worked to help the members make more and better use of electricity for their benefit, to improve the standard of living.”

Yet, assuring a reliable, reasonably priced supply of electricity isn’t the only way Adams Electrical Co-Operative has helped. Mohrman said Adams was a leader during the 50s to develop a rural telephone system, which today is Adams Telephone Co-Operative. “We saw a complete revolution in communications. We saw modern dial telephone service in the rural areas before it was available in towns the size of Quincy,” he said.

“More recently,” Mohrman went on, “we at Adams have worked hard with different organizations to have better rural water systems. The cooperative helped organize the Clayton-Camp Point Water Commission and ABS Water Cooperative. Certainly, water is economic development. Without good, adequate water, there is no way you are going to have good rural housing or industry.”

“The cooperative’s present efforts in economic development are very much like those earlier endeavors, to improve the quality of life,” he added.

Although Mohrman is president of a Quincy-Adams County development organization, he emphasizes that the cooperative has long involved itself in the economic development activities of the two other counties—Brown and Schuyler. He noted that both counties have had successful economic development programs for several years, and the cooperative continues to work with and support those efforts.



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Roger Mohrman

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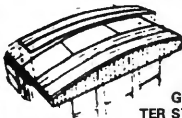
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Electric, telephone leaders push economic development

President's Council on Rural America conducts hearings in Springfield

Spokesmen for the electric cooperatives of Illinois were prominent among a number of presenters during a hearing conducted in Springfield October 23 by the President's Council on Rural America.

Thomas H. Moore, executive vice president and general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield; E.H. "Ed" Williams, executive vice president and general manager of Soyland Power Cooperative, Decatur; and Royce Carter, manager of marketing and member services for Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Fairfield, all presented comments.

The meeting, one of seven scheduled throughout the country, was intended to enable the blue-ribbon council to receive input from rural Americans so council members could advise the President on rural development policy and programs. Some 30 presenters discussed everything from the arts to substance abuse at the Springfield hearing. Similar hearings were scheduled in Montgomery, Alabama; Sioux Falls, South Dakota; Huntington, West Virginia; Sacramento, California; Binghamton, New York; and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

Moore noted that rural development and concern for the economic and social welfare of rural citizens were not new for the electric cooperatives in the state.

"The electric cooperatives of Illinois support the President's desire to improve coordination of rural development programs and the effectiveness of federal rural development efforts. In that regard, we believe the federal rural electrification and telecommunications programs are outstanding models for a highly successful, well-coordinated and effective federal rural development effort," he said. He added that electric cooperatives resulted from grassroots efforts to provide electricity to the countryside, and with federal help, they did the job amazingly well.

"Utilizing the same network of organizational leaders and resources available through these locally owned businesses, the electric cooperatives have had a long history of involvement in pulling

together available resources in their service areas for the benefit of rural citizens," he added.

Moore noted that cooperatives are moving into such areas as water districts, waste disposal and television programming because their rural members are asking for such services, and nobody else is offering to provide them.

"Unfortunately, he added, "as we attempt to develop these programs we are frequently criticized and/or actually opposed by groups saying we should not be in this or that type of business. The fact of the matter is," he concluded, "our cooperatives are appropriately entering these areas, because our member-consumers, the citizens of rural America, are telling us to. We encourage the President and the members of this council to listen to our member-consumers, the citizens of rural America, and to support our efforts."

Williams noted that Soyland also has become increasingly involved in rural development, largely through "Rural Partners," which is a coalition of varied rural interest groups. "Its mission is to unite private and public organizations involved in rural development and to provide, through shared interests and resources, coordinated leadership for community development and economic progress in small towns and rural areas," he said. Williams also noted that the organization encourages the public and private sectors to work together and to share the risks involved as many ways as possible. "Rural Partners is proving to rural communities that economic development is a process built upon strong partnerships, shared resources, pooled financial commitments and a common belief that technical assistance must match existing economic, institutional and cultural factors," he added.

He said Soyland is involved as a partner with local banks in four community development corporations, or CDC's, which provide loans to new and expanding businesses in the counties they serve.

"We believe that these two programs—Rural Partners and the bank community development corporations—show fine examples of how the



Among Illinois rural leaders who presented statements during a hearing conducted in Springfield by the President's Council on Rural America are, from left: Thomas H. Moore, executive vice president and general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield; E.H. Williams, executive vice president and general manager of Soyland Power Cooperative, Decatur; and Royce Carter, manager of marketing and member services for Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Fairfield.

public sector can work with the private sector in a highly successful way. These are programs that make government more effective. We believe leveraging government resources with private resources makes the most sense.

"We all know of countless public and private programs that have failed miserably. One reason many have failed is because they were top heavy—they had no foundation or roots. The difference in those that fail and those that succeed is that not only do you need state or federal money, you need local commitment to carry the program out. Local people are the roots of our two efforts—the local bankers who are part of the CDC's—and the local community leaders who make up Rural Partners.

"Soyland and its 21 member distribution cooperatives are aware of the local needs in the rural areas they serve. They know the pulse of the rural people and are able to identify needs and help put resources together to meet those needs," Williams said.

Carter echoed the idea that local people working toward goals they have set themselves helps ensure that a project will work. "We've found that the people who have a vested interest in the things that are going on are the ones who are there to work," he told the panel, adding, "We have

private people working hand in hand with government people.

"I've been working in economic development here for 12 years," he concluded, "and some of the programs have gone through several name changes, but we're still doing the same thing. We're still trying to make our home towns in the area that we love to live in—a place for our young people to grow up in and to stay."

Moore, Williams and Carter all emphasized that government programs dictated from above will not work, that a public-private partnership works best, and that things would be simpler if the process of getting programs going were streamlined.

Council members at the meeting were: Nelda L. Barton, president and chairman of the board of Health Systems, Inc., Corbin, Kentucky; Ralph Hofstad, former president and chief executive officer, Land O'Lakes, Inc.; Cy Moyer, chairman of the board and executive vice president of the First National Bank of Phillipsburg, Kansas; and Al Quie, former Governor of Minnesota, who also served as U.S. Senator from that state. The panel was assisted by Walt Hill, Deputy Undersecretary for Small Community and Rural Development, USDA.

BRIEFLY

News items of interest to members of Illinois electric cooperatives

McDonough Power director Stan Prox named to State Fair Board

Stan Prox of Macomb has been named by Governor Jim Edgar as a member of the Illinois Board of State Fair Advisors. A cattle and grain farmer, Prox has served on the board of directors of McDonough Power Cooperative since 1987. He is a director and past president of the Illinois Angus Association. Prox replaces Virgil Rosendale as a member of the board of State Fair Advisors. Rosendale served as a director of Western Illinois Electric Coop. from 1981 until 1987 and is now Administrator of the U.S. Department of Agriculture Packers and Stockyard Administration.

Electric cooperative-backed CDC assists firm

Illini Community Development Corporation (CDC), a consortium of banks organized to provide venture capital to new and expanding businesses in a 10-county area in east-central Illinois, has awarded a loan to National Microsystems of Illinois, Inc. The loan is the final component in a financing package to make it possible for the company to locate a 25-employee manufacturing facility in Hoopeston. National Microsystems expects employment to be as high as 200 workers by 1994. Soyland Power Cooperative is a shareholder of Illini CDC. Illini CDC was formed in January 1990 by Longview State Bank of Longview to promote high-quality economic development and job creation within a 10-county area in east central Illinois. Other shareholders of Illini CDC include First National Bank of Ogden and State Bank of Chrisman. Additional capital funding was received from the Development Corporation Program of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA). E.H. Williams, executive vice president of Soyland, a generation and transmission electric cooperative made up of 21 distribution cooperatives serving in 69 counties in rural Illinois, said, "Soyland is very proud to be an equity partner in the Illini CDC. The development of jobs in rural areas of our state is extremely important to Soyland and its 21 member distribution cooperatives. By working with local banks, and the State of Illinois, we are able to make money available to businesses that choose to locate in rural areas of our state." Soyland is an equity partner in three additional community development corporations: Western Illinois CDC, Tri-County CDC, and Rural Adams CDC. Tom Hentz, manager of Edgar Electric Cooperative of Paris and a member of the Soyland Power Cooperative board of directors, serves on the board of Illini CDC.

Chamber of Commerce attacks co-ops

"When you build something, do you immediately turn it over to somebody else?" That was the reaction of Northern Virginia Electric Co-op manager Harry Bowman to a U.S. Chamber of Commerce television show saying the job of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA) is done. "The job is not finished," Bowman retorted. The Chamber took the televised potshot at REA in late September, concluding a three-part series on the U.S. Department of Agriculture agency with the assertion that it's "a program whose time has come—and gone." REA was created in 1935 to help farmers bring electricity to rural America after investor-owned utilities refused to serve sparsely populated areas. The television broadcast appeared on an early-morning business show between games on ESPN, a cable television sports network. It rehashed the Chamber's stock contention that REA's job is finished because "99 percent" of the countryside has telephone and electric service. It reported in aggrieved tones that some rural electric co-ops financed with low-interest government loans now serve resorts and suburban areas. "Critics say they just want subsidies to end, or at least to be limited to the poor rural sections of America that the program was created for," the Chamber's reported declared. "But the powerful co-op lobby in Congress has little opposition. And so the funding will continue for a program whose time has come—and gone." One source interviewed for the series was Lawrence Gressette, a bitter REA critic who runs SCANA Corp., the parent of South Carolina Electric & Gas Co. "The real issue," he told the interviewer, "is whether or not the American taxpayer needs to continue to subsidize co-op growth in areas where, in my opinion, they weren't authorized to serve in the first place."

Gressette failed to note that big investor-owned utilities like his weren't interested in serving those areas before co-op electric service helped fuel their growth. But he did volunteer that investor-owned and municipal utility rates are often lower than those of the co-ops. Balancing the Chamber's piece, however, were interviews with Bob Bergland, a former Secretary of Agriculture who now heads the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, and congressional supporter Rep. Glenn English (D-Okla.), as well as Bowman and some of his co-op's consumers. One unidentified co-op member interviewed for the piece offered a personal defense: "We are loyal (to the co-op) because we feel it's more or less a family organization."

Farm poverty rate stays lower than national average

The number of people living in poverty rose sharply in 1990 to 33.6 million—a jump of 2.1 million—and the median income of the American family dropped to under \$30,000, the Census Bureau said. At the same time, the government reported that the farm poverty rate is running at low levels for the fourth year in a row—the result of stronger farm income and families that often hold two jobs, according to one analyst. The Census Bureau said the farm poverty rate for 1990 was 11.2 percent, virtually unchanged from the preceding year. The U.S. average was 13.5 percent, up a dramatic 5.5 percent, its highest level since 1986. "For the fourth consecutive year, there was no significant difference between the farm and non-farm poverty rates," the Bureau said. "Typically, the poverty rate has been higher for the farm than the non-farm population." The 1990 poverty line was \$13,359 for a family of four. The Bureau showed that the income gap between rich and poor continues to widen with the middle class getting squeezed. The farm poverty rate has been on par with the U.S. average since 1987. "Farm income was pretty good last year and farm households tend to be stable, typically married couples," Calvin Beale, a U.S. Department of Agriculture demographer, said in analyzing the report. Married couples tend to have higher incomes than one-parent families. "It's gotten so it doesn't surprise us anymore that the farm poverty rate should be lower than the non-farm (rate)," Beale said. Meanwhile, the rural poverty rate was 16.3 percent, compared with 15.7 percent in 1989. The rural poverty rate has exceeded the U.S. average for the past couple of decades. Rural America, home to a quarter of the U.S. population, has recovered more slowly than urban areas from the recession of the 1980s.

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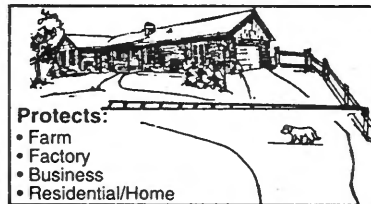
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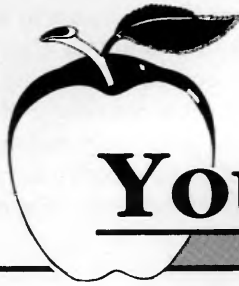
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Reading between the lines on food labels

In these days of information overload, food labels are background noise to most people. Health fanatics or not, few of us have the time or the patience to pore over the messages on cans or boxes of our favorite foods.

But federal officials and consumer groups concerned about national health think Americans should pay better attention to the information featured on the items they eat. First, however, they want food manufacturers to stop making shoppers read between the lines.

"Unless a consumer is equipped with a Ph.D. in nutrition, it's impossible to interpret the labels that are in stores now," says Sharon Lindan, assistant legal affairs director at the Center for Science in the Public Interest, a health advocacy group.

Moving to cut the confusion, Congress passed the Nutritional Labeling and Education Act of 1990 to make food labels more accurate and easier to understand. The overhaul involves some 94,000 labels found on food and dairy products regulated by the Food and Drug Administration.

Consumers will see labeling changes on fresh fish, fruits and vegetables and such basics as ketchup and mayonnaise. Standard definitions and uniform serving sizes will bar manufacturers from shrinking portions to make desserts seem less fattening and soups less salty.

The labeling law emerged after the 1989 Surgeon General's Report on Nutrition and Health cited a link between nutrition and health. Pressure to stop food manufacturers from cashing in on the country's fitness craze by trumpeting false

claims also aided the initiative.

"When people look at labels now, they find claims about 'no cholesterol' when the product never had cholesterol to begin with," says Rose Kehoe of the Society for Nutrition Education.

Some are skeptical because the bill doesn't extend to the Federal Trade Commission's control on food advertising. So, foods that can no longer be labeled as "low fat" will still be allowed to advertise as such.

"Such a conflicting policy only adds to the frustration and confusion consumers already feel in their efforts to sort through the maze of nutrition and health claims in an attempt to consumer a more healthful diet," warned Rep. Joseph Moakley (D-Mass.), who introduced a bill to make the two agencies subject to the same labeling restrictions.

FDA's proposed labeling guidelines won't take effect until May 1993. Meanwhile, the agency is flexing its muscles.

This spring, newly appointed FDA Commissioner David Kessler—who observers say has fortified the agency with renewed regulatory zest—took two food companies to task for touting their made-from-concentrate orange juice and heat-processed pasta sauce as "fresh." Following that, he blasted several makers of cooking oil for stamping hearts on labels, suggesting that the products may prevent heart disease.

Despite complaints that Kessler is "cherry-picking," the industry says it welcomes label reforms. "More information about food products under a single, nationally uniform system will benefit both shoppers and manufacturers," C. Manly Molpus, president of the Grocery Manufacturers of America, said.

Food manufacturers, though, aren't relishing the price of adopting new labels and containers, estimated at \$250 million. But Lindan counters that the cost is negligible considering the dollars spent on diet-related ailments such as cancer and heart disease—and peanuts compared to the money squandered by duped consumers.

This article was prepared for the National Rural Health Network, a subsidiary of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, by Nicole Gudzowsky, a Takoma Park, Md., freelance writer. NRECA is the Washington, D.C., representative for the nation's 1,000 consumer-owned rural electric systems.

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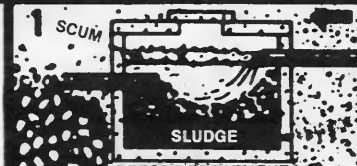
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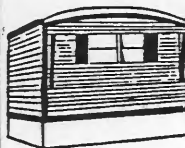
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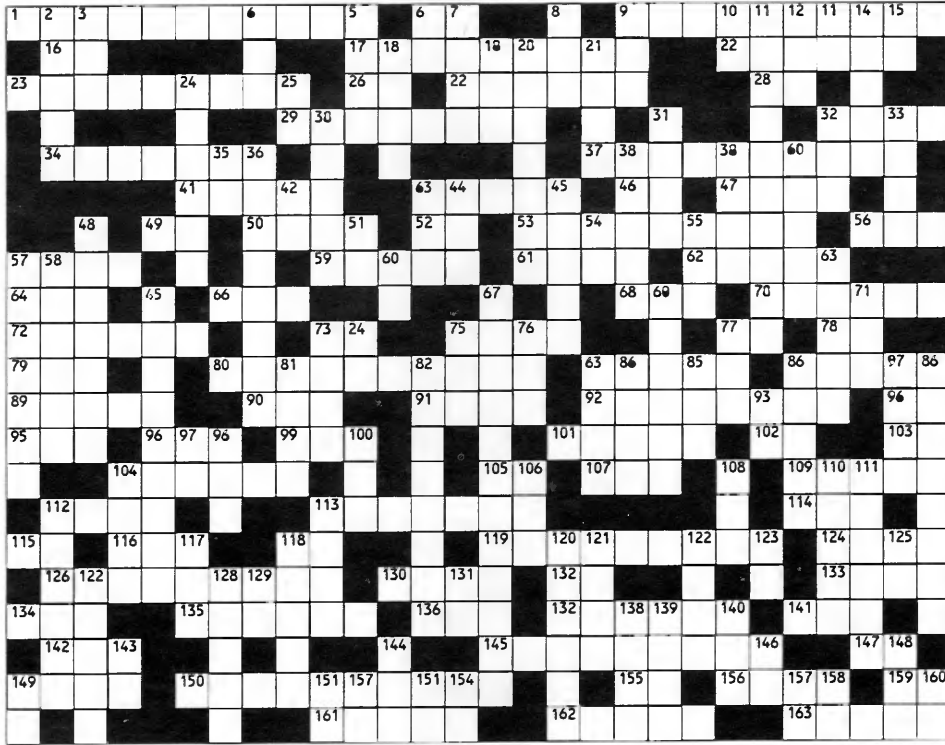
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CROSSWIRES

By Judith M. Smith

- ACROSS**
1. Electric current as a source of power
 6. To the same extent
 9. Basis
 16. Utah
 17. Closing of the breath passage
 22. Sickly
 23. Commencement
 26. Symbol for ruthenium
 27. A fish-eating hawk
 28. Abbr.: Spain
 29. Dial "O" for _____
 32. Having low moral standards
 34. Gossip
 37. You jump on this
 41. Odor
 43. Pertaining to
 46. Abbr.: audio-visual
 47. Abbr.: initial
 49. Nickname for elevated train
 50. Sacred bull of ancient Egypt
 52. French article
 53. Having three valves
 56. Weep
 57. Ear _____
 59. Condition or mode of being
 61. Not spend
 62. Basket used by anglers for carrying fish
 64. Frozen water
 66. Total
 68. Show of approval
 70. Small streams
 72. Ravine
 73. Symbol for barium
 75. Fever
 77. Abbr.: extraterrestrial
 78. To move along
 79. Judge of Israel (Old Testament)
 80. Devices used to maintain constant temperature
 83. City in Montana
 86. Spiro T. _____
 89. Stonecutter
 90. Prefix meaning earth
 91. Related by blood
 92. Study of tumors
 94. Michigan
 95. Noah had this
 96. Not lose
 99. Type of bread
 101. _____ glycerine
 102. Prefix: to put into
 103. Minnesota
 104. Containing salt
 105. Not down
 107. Actress Myrna _____
 109. Not rural
 112. Holds up trousers
 113. Sorrow
 114. Ocean
 115. Prefix meaning again
 116. Abbr.: Atomic Energy Commission
 118. Stands for southeast
 119. Keeps at constant temperature
 124. To raise



126. Irritate
130. _____ diagram
132. Abbr.: registered nurse
133. Assistant
134. Twosome
135. Tax
136. Type of bread
137. Goes with or
141. Type of sickness
142. Also known as Trinitrotoluene
145. Bookseller
147. Abbr.: military police
149. Person who colors cloth
150. Stone used for grinding grain
155. Not Mrs.
156. Claims
159. Symbol for radium
161. Not inner
162. A happening
163. Encouraged

DOWN

2. Midday meal
3. Et cetera
4. Abbr.: chief executive officer
5. Time long past
6. Alternating current
7. An opening for receiving coins
8. Opposite of ma'am
9. Full of the sense of approaching death
10. Abbr.: North America
11. Unhook
12. Mountain
13. Symbol for titanium
14. Member of an indian tribe from Peru

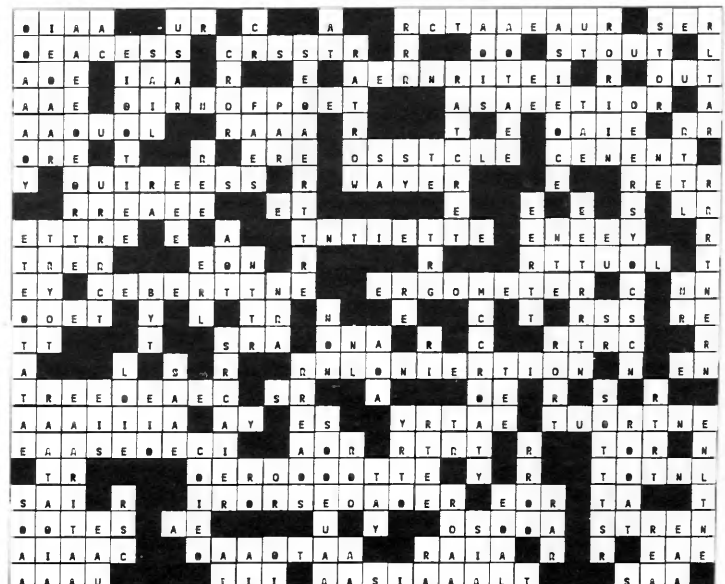
15. Abbr.: officer of the guard
18. Restoration of health
19. Also known as United Service Organizations
20. Brussels _____
21. Short, sleeveless, collarless garment
24. Scuffle
25. Not yes
30. City-state of ancient Greece
31. Coffee
32. Small amount
33. Soothsayer
35. Symbol for americium
36. An animal that is one year old
38. Black bird made famous by Poe
39. Structure built out over water
40. Liquid measure
42. Abbr.: long-playing
43. Short for alternator
44. Bumble _____
45. To pester
48. Tall, four-sided shaft of stone
51. Abbr.: street
54. Biblical abbr.: Revelations
55. Abbr.: liquid crystal display
57. Man who installs or repairs electrical lines
58. Pertaining to the eye
60. Abbr.: Associated Press
63. Having long, spindly legs

65. What you have in a barrel after a rainstorm
67. Agriculture as business
69. Protest
71. Long period of time
73. A float used as a warning device
74. Abbr.: Alberta
75. Informal saying: perfectly all right
76. Abbr.: United States Navy

77. Electric _____
81. Waxlike swelling at the base of bird's beaks
82. Assuming control of an organization
83. Means of vaporizing liquid
84. Preposition meaning to
85. Also
86. _____ Dei
87. Actress Samms
88. To separate the good from the bad

93. Abbr.: old English
97. Illinois
98. To steal
100. Abbr.: east south east
104. Residue of smelting of metallic ore
106. Writing utensil
108. Article
110. Royal bearing
111. Soft, white alkaline-earth metal
112. _____ and the Beast
113. Barrier _____
117. These say "meow"
118. Not moving
120. Make
121. An individual regarded as a distinct entity
122. Short for teenager
123. Symbol for tin
125. Abbr.: overdose
127. Doomed person
128. Miscellaneous of literary works
129. Symbol for argon
131. New York
138. Represented by years, days and minutes
139. French _____
140. Color on a spotlight
143. Theodore Roosevelt's initials
144. Pinpoint
146. Rhode Island
148. Prefix meaning before
149. _____ or die!
151. Abbr.: southern
152. Abbr.: trade union
153. Nebraska
154. Stands for emergency room
157. Abbr.: bushel
158. Abbr.: senior
160. Short for advertisement

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Royal duties keep this teenager busy

The last year has been an interesting one for Janelle Tjaden, daughter of Jim and Jane Tjaden of rural Camp Point. The Tjadens (The "T" is silent, incidentally) are members of Adams Electrical Co-Operative, Camp Point.

Janelle, who's 14, is the 1991 Illinois Lamb and Wool Queen. Since last January, it has been her job to go to various fairs, agricultural functions and organizational meetings and promote lamb and wool.

She has attended some 23 fairs and spoke at a National Farmers Organization banquet and a FFA banquet, both of which were held in Liberty. She also took part in the Sheepfest, in Bethel, Missouri.

The Liberty High School freshman notes that the personal appearances have been both fun and interesting, and that she has thoroughly enjoyed her year in the job. She'll reign until January, when another queen will be selected.

"I went straight into the state competition," she says, "and it was held at the Lamb Symposium, which was at the Holiday Inn East in Springfield. I was one of three contestants, and each of us had to give a short speech in front of a panel of three judges. Later, at the dinner, I was announced winner, and crowned. It was a lot of fun, and it was the beginning of an enjoyable time.



The 1991 Illinois Lamb and Wool Queen, Janelle Tjaden, poses with her sisters: Jennifer (left) and Jami.

worked, mom was busy and I couldn't drive there myself. "My sisters both hope to compete," Janelle says fondly, "and I hope they will. Jennifer is 10, and Jami's six, and both of them already have as much experience as I had when I set out to become queen. I tell them that they should prepare as well as they can, but to wait until they're a little older than I was.

"Even so, it's been a wonderful experience, and I wouldn't have missed it for anything."

"I've really enjoyed all the fairs, where I passed out ribbons, and especially the State Fair. I went to the Agricultural Legislative Barbecue, too. I've also met some interesting people."

Janelle notes that she doesn't live on a farm, but that her family has some 40 head of sheep at present, and she tries to be very conscientious about wool when she's making an appearance on behalf of the organization. "I try to wear one hundred percent wool any time I'm doing something like that," she says.

Janelle remarks that if she had it all to do over again, she'd more than likely wait until she were older to enter the competition. "I've enjoyed it very much, but I think I could have been more effective if I'd been old enough to drive. I missed some appearances I'd like to have been able to go to because my dad

HOLIDAY COOKING



HOLIDAY STEAMED PUDDING

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| 1 cup chopped, pitted dates | 1/2 cup light corn syrup |
| 1 cup chopped, dried figs | 1/2 lb. suet, ground |
| 1 cup mixed glazed fruits | 1 cup orange juice |
| 1 cup raisins | 1 cup unsifted all-purpose flour |
| 1 cup chopped walnuts or almonds | 2 teaspoons ground cinnamon |
| 2 cups plain pkg. dry bread crumbs | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 2 tablespoons grated orange peel | 1/2 teaspoon ground mace |
| 4 eggs | 1/2 teaspoon ground allspice |
| 1 cup dark brown sugar | 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves |

In large bowl combine dates, figs, glazed fruits, raisins, nuts, bread crumbs and orange peel; mix well. In large bowl of electric mixer, beat eggs, gradually add brown sugar, corn syrup, suet and orange juice, beating until well blended. Sift together flour, cinnamon, salt, mace, allspice and cloves. Slowly beat into egg mixture. Add batter to fruit mixture; mix well. Butter two 6-cup molds or one 12-cup tube mold; dust evenly with sugar. Spoon batter into prepared molds, filling three-fourths full. Cover with lid if using a steamed pudding mold, or use heavy duty aluminum foil secured with string. Place mold on rack in large kettle half filled with boiling water. Cover kettle lightly. Steam 5 hours for the 6-cup molds and 5 1/2 hours for the 12-cup mold, or until pudding is firm and skewer inserted in center comes out clean. (Keep water boiling gently during entire cooking time, adding more boiling water if needed.) Cool pudding in mold 30 minutes. Invert onto serving plate. Serve warm with Orange Brandy Cream*. Pudding may be made several weeks ahead of use. Wrap in foil or plastic wrap and store in the refrigerator. To reheat for serving, steam in top of double boiler. YIELD: 20 to 24 servings.

*ORANGE BRANDY CREAM

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| 2 egg yolks | 1/4 teaspoon salt |
| 1/4 cup sugar | 3/4 cup orange juice |
| 1 tablespoon cornstarch | 2 tablespoons brandy |
| 1 teaspoon grated orange peel | 1/2 cup heavy cream, whipped |

In top of double boiler heat yolks. Combine sugar, cornstarch, orange peel and salt; stir into yolks. Gradually pour in orange juice. Stir over hot water until mixture thickens. Cook one minute longer. Remove from heat; cool. Stir in brandy; fold in whipped cream. YIELD: About 2 cups sauce.

FLORIDA ORANGE CHUTNEY

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| 2 oranges (do not peel) | 3/4 cup cider vinegar |
| 1 large onion | 3/4 cup sugar |
| 1 sweet red pepper | 1 jar (4 oz.) red horseradish, (do not drain) |
| 2 cloves garlic | 1 teaspoon ground ginger |
| 3/4 cup orange juice | |

In a food processor or meat grinder finely chop oranges, onion, pepper and garlic. Turn into large saucepan. Add orange juice, vinegar, sugar, horseradish and ginger; mix well. Simmer, uncovered, about 1 1/2 hours until mixture is thick. Stir often to prevent mixture from sticking to bottom of pan. Store in refrigerator in a covered jar up to several months. YIELD: About 2 cups.

GLAZED SWEET POTATOES & TURNIPS

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| 4 med. sweet potatoes, peeled, cut in chunks | 1/4 cup butter or margarine, melted |
| 4 med. turnips, peeled, cut in chunks | 1/2 teaspoon mace |
| 1 cup orange juice | 1/2 teaspoon salt |
| 1/3 cup brown sugar | 2 oranges, peeled, sliced |

In a large saucepot in 1" boiling water, cook potatoes and turnips until tender but still firm, about 30 minutes. Place vegetables in a large, shallow baking dish. In small bowl combine orange juice, sugar, butter, mace and salt. Pour over vegetables. Bake, uncovered, in a 400° oven about 30 minutes. Baste often with pan juices. Vegetables are done when pan juices are reduced and vegetables are glazed. YIELD: 8 servings.

HOLIDAY SWEET POTATOES

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| 6 large sweet potatoes | 1/2 cup firmly packed brown sugar |
| 3 apples, peeled, cored and sliced | 2 teaspoons ground nutmeg |
| 1 cup chopped pecans | 1/2 cup butter |
| 1 cup apple cider | |

In a large saucepan, boil unpeeled sweet potatoes until tender. Remove from water and allow to cool. Preheat oven to 350 degrees. Peel and slice sweet potatoes. In a lightly greased 13x9x2-inch baking pan, layer sweet potato slices, apples and pecans. Sprinkle top with brown sugar and nutmeg; dot with butter. Pour apple cider over top. Bake 45 minutes or until mixture is bubbly. Yield: 8-10 servings.

VEGGIE MEDLEY SUPREME

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| 1/2 pound small broccoli flowerets | 1/2 cup diced red bell pepper |
| 2 cups fresh cauliflower | |

SAUCE

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| 1/2 cup plain lowfat yogurt | 1/2 teaspoon white pepper |
| 1 tablespoon parsley | 2 teaspoons prepared horseradish |
| 1/2 teaspoon thyme leaves | 1 teaspoon lemon juice |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | |

Place broccoli and cauliflower in steamer basket over boiling water. Reduce heat; steam 5 minutes or until tender. Add red pepper; steam an additional 3 minutes or until vegetables are crisp-tender. Place in medium bowl. Meanwhile in small bowl, combine all sauce ingredients; blend well. Pour over hot vegetables. Yield 8 1/2-cup servings.

BAKED HAM

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| 1 cup unsweetened pineapple juice | 2 teaspoons dry mustard |
| 1 cup orange juice | 1/2 teaspoon ground ginger |
| 3 tablespoons vegetable oil | 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves |
| 1 tablespoon wine vinegar | 1 fully cooked ham, sliced (2 pounds) |

Combine first 7 ingredients; mix well. Pour over ham slices; cover and chill 8 hours or overnight, stirring occasionally. Drain ham, reserving marinade. Place ham in a shallow baking pan; bake according to ham instructions, basting every 10 minutes with reserved marinade. Garnish with parsley and cherries. Yield: 6 servings.

CRAB MEAT FISH

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| 2 lbs. uncooked fish | 1 1/2 cloves of garlic |
| 1 large onion | 2 teaspoons crab and shrimp boil |
| 1/2 stick butter | |

Saute onion and garlic in butter. Combine with shrimp boil and place on fish. Cover and cook on medium heat for 25 minutes. Add 1/4 teaspoon red pepper, pinch of salt and 2 teaspoons of crab boil. Cook 5 minutes more. Good hot or cold.

VARIETY

PUMPKIN PIE

- 1 cup fresh pumpkin (or 1 can)
- 3 whole eggs
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 1/2 stick margarine, melted
- 2 tablespoons cream or milk
- 1/2 teaspoon cloves
- 1/2 teaspoon allspice
- 1/2 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon nutmeg
- 1 9-inch unbaked pie crust

In a large bowl, mix sugar and margarine. Add remaining ingredients. Blend thoroughly with mixer. Pour into unbaked pie shell. Bake at 375 degrees until firm.

MOTHER'S REFRIGERATOR ROLLS

- 2 heaping tablespoons shortening
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 beaten egg
- 1/4 cup warm water
- 1 pkg. yeast
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 2 cups unsifted flour
- 1 1/2 cups sifted flour

Melt shortening, sugar and salt in boiling water. When mixture is cool add beaten egg and yeast dissolved in warm water and tablespoon sugar. Add unsifted flour and beat well. Add sifted flour and stir until well mixed. Place in refrigerator and pinch off amount of dough needed to make into rolls. Let rise and bake.

RICE BREAD

- 1 cup milk
- 3 tablespoons sugar
- 3 teaspoons salt
- 4 tablespoons shortening
- 1 cup cooked rice
- 1 pkg. yeast
- 1 cup lukewarm water
- 6 cups sifted flour

Scald milk, add sugar, salt, shortening and rice. Cool to lukewarm. Dissolve yeast in lukewarm water and add to rice mixture. Add half the flour and beat until smooth. Add remaining flour or enough to make dough easy to handle. Knead quickly and lightly until smooth and elastic. Place in greased bowl, cover and set in a warm place. Let rise until doubled in bulk. Divide into portions for loaves (2 med. or 3 small). Place in greased pans. Cover and let rise again until doubled in bulk. Bake at 400 degrees for a few minutes then reduce heat to 350 degrees until brown.

CONGEALED CRANBERRY SALAD

- 2 oranges
- 1 bag whole, fresh cranberries
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 6-ounce can crushed pineapple, well drained
- 2 3-ounce packages lemon gelatin

Finely chop or grind oranges and cranberries. Add sugar. Refrigerate overnight. Add drained pineapple. Mix gelatin according to package directions. Add to fruit mixture. Stir and pour into mold. Refrigerate until jelled. Yield: 8-10 servings.

HOT ROLLS

- 2 cups milk
- 1/2 cup oleo
- 1 cup sugar
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 4 packages yeast
- 1/2 cup water
- 4 eggs
- 8 cups flour

Put milk and butter in saucepan over low heat until butter is melted. Pour into large mixing bowl. Add sugar and salt. When cooled add yeast which has been dissolved in 1/2 cup warm water, add beaten eggs. Add flour and stir to soft dough. Let rise in warm place. Put melted butter on top while it is rising. Takes about 1 hour. Put on floured board and knead for 5 minutes. Roll and cut with biscuit cutter. Put in greased pan and bake. This recipe can be cut in half. I use this dough for cinnamon rolls, pull-apart bread and freeze for short periods.

Pull-Apart Bread

Roll and cut with large cutter and dip in garlic butter, stand on sides close together to form a loaf in loaf pans.

ENGLISH MUFFIN CASSEROLE BREAD

- 1 pkg. yeast
- 1 1/4 cups water (warm)
- 2 1/2 to 3 cups flour
- 1 tablespoon sugar
- 1/2 teaspoon salt

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Mix in other ingredients. Add enough flour to make a soft dough. Cover and let rise about one hour. Grease 1 1/2-quart casserole; sprinkle with cornmeal. Let rise about 45 minutes to one hour. Bake at 400 degrees for 40 to 45 minutes.

ANGEL BISCUITS

- 5 cups flour
 - 3/4 cup shortening
 - 1 teaspoon salt
 - 3 tablespoons sugar
 - 1 pkg. dry yeast
 - 2 cups buttermilk
- Mix together dry ingredients. Dissolve yeast in 1/3 cup warm water. Add milk and yeast mixture to dry ingredients. Stir well. Cover and store in refrigerator. Roll out amount needed at a time. Dough will keep two weeks in refrigerator.



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- 5 1/4 to 5 3/4 cups all-purpose flour
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- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon grated orange rind
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- 1/2 teaspoon ground cloves
- 1/8 teaspoon ground ginger
- 1/8 teaspoon ground nutmeg
- 1/2 cup water
- 1/2 cup milk
- 1/2 cup butter or margarine
- 1 cup canned pumpkin
- 2 eggs

- To prepare Filling, combine:
- 6 tablespoons sugar,
 - 6 tablespoons packed brown sugar,
 - 1 teaspoon cinnamon,
 - 3/4 cup sliced almonds,
 - and 3/4 cup raisins.
- To prepare Glaze, blend until smooth:
- 1 cup powdered sugar and 2 to 3 tablespoons orange juice.
- Oven 350°
30 Rolls

In large mixer bowl, combine 2 cups flour, yeast, sugar, salt, orange rind, cinnamon, cloves, ginger, and nutmeg; mix well. Heat water, milk, butter, and pumpkin until very warm (120-130°; butter does not need to melt). Add to flour mixture. Add eggs. Blend at low speed until moistened; beat 3 minutes at medium speed. By hand, gradually stir in enough remaining flour to make a soft dough. Knead on floured surface until smooth and elastic; 5 to 8 minutes. Place in greased bowl, turning to grease top. Cover, let rise in warm place until double, about 1 hour (30 minutes for QUICK-RISE™ Yeast).

Punch down dough. Divide into 3 parts. On lightly floured surface, roll or pat each third to a 12x10-inch rectangle. Spread with 1 tablespoon softened butter. Sprinkle one third filling over dough. Starting with shorter side, roll up tightly. Pinch edge to seal. Cut into 10 slices. Place 1 inch apart on greased cookie sheets. Cover, let rise in warm place until double, 40-50 minutes (20-25 minutes for QUICK-RISE™ Yeast). Bake at 350° for 15 to 20 minutes until golden brown. Remove from cookie sheets. Drizzle Glaze over warm rolls; cool.

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Electricity must be ready to serve at a finger's touch, so an electric cooperative's system of lines, poles substations and other equipment must be in top shape. The cooperative's outdoor work crew has to know the latest in repair and maintenance methods, and, most importantly, they must know how to carry out these methods safely.

Line crews regularly attend the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperative's Hot Line School,

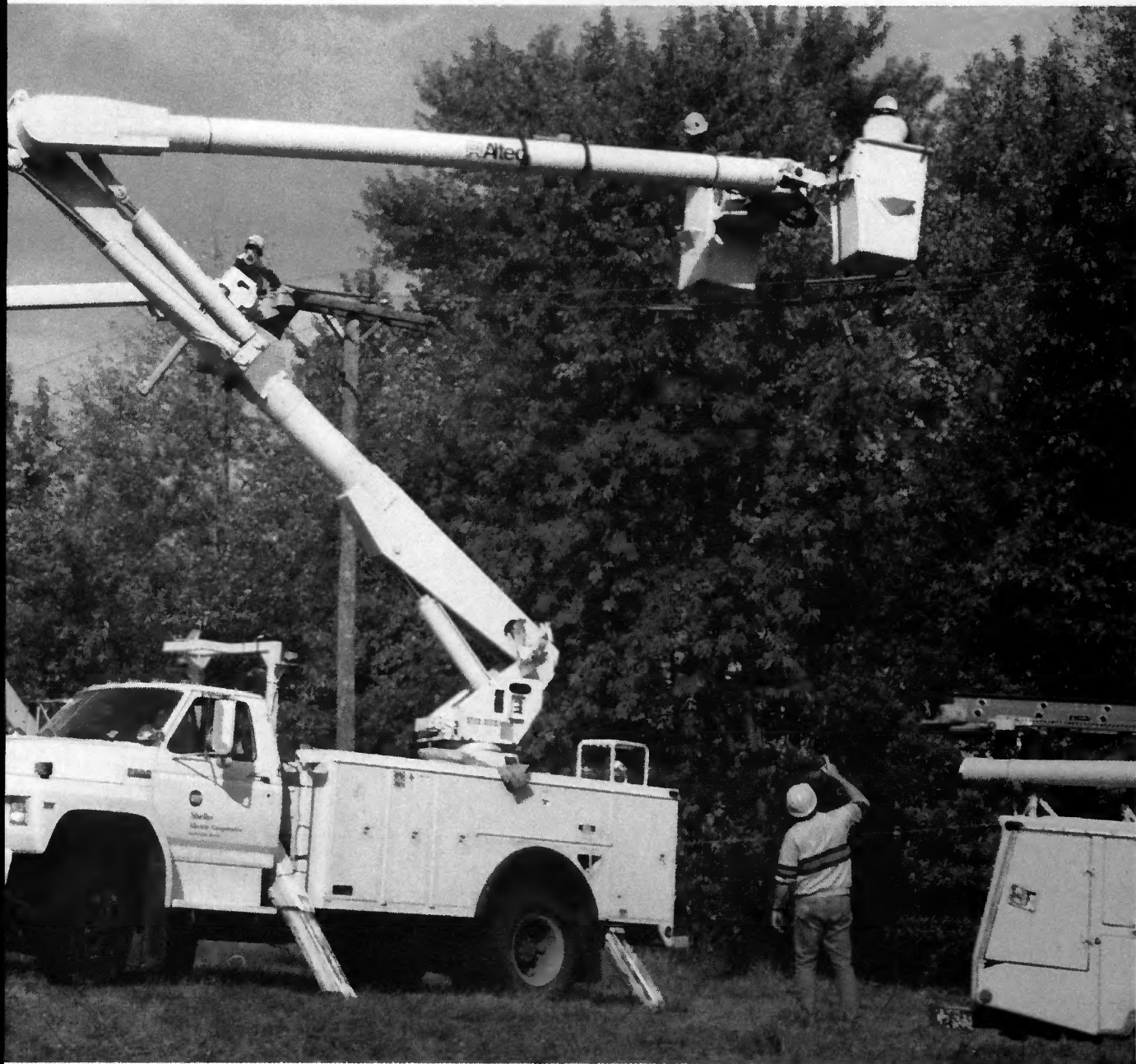
Participants in the Hot Line School use the latest in techniques and equipment during the instruction that takes place during sessions of the three-week training program in Springfield.



where "class" is often high atop a power pole.

You've probably seen a line crew from your electric cooperative working down your road or street. They change out a pole or replace a crossarm, then move on to the next job. Chances are, if you had not seen the crew, you would not have been aware of the fact that some sort of line work was going on. There probably was no period of time when you did not have electricity, not even a flicker of the lights.

It hasn't always been that way. For many years it was generally necessary to "kill" the line before such work could be done. Crews had to shut off electric power to homes, farms and businesses over a wide area in order to make the needed repairs or replacements. Today, modern training and technology combine to give line personnel the know-how to work on the lines even while they are energized. No longer is it always necessary



to shut off the vital electricity.

Getting to the point where "hot line" work is used in many instances wasn't something done overnight. Electric cooperatives have conducted specialized training sessions for line personnel for a number of years to provide employees with the latest in effective methods and techniques to minimize outage time for such repairs while at the same time keeping the safety of the employees foremost.

The 1991 Hot Line School is completed, and Illinois cooperative and municipal utility employees are better, safer employees because they took part in it. The school was held in three week-long segments running from September 30 through October 18.

The school is designed to teach line crews to work on "live" electric lines so electric cooperative members will not have to be subjected to as many

annoying planned outages as they had to endure in the past. And many times, when planned outages are absolutely necessary, they can be kept short. Newer employees gain good experience to help them during weather-caused outages, too.

To maintain a maximum amount of authenticity, the school is held in a rural-like setting at the edge of the campus of Lincoln Land Community College near Springfield, where a cluster of utility structures has been set up with everything but the electricity.

Employees from electric cooperatives and municipal utilities in Illinois received training in first-, second- and third-year distribution line maintenance, rubber gloving and underground electric service.

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