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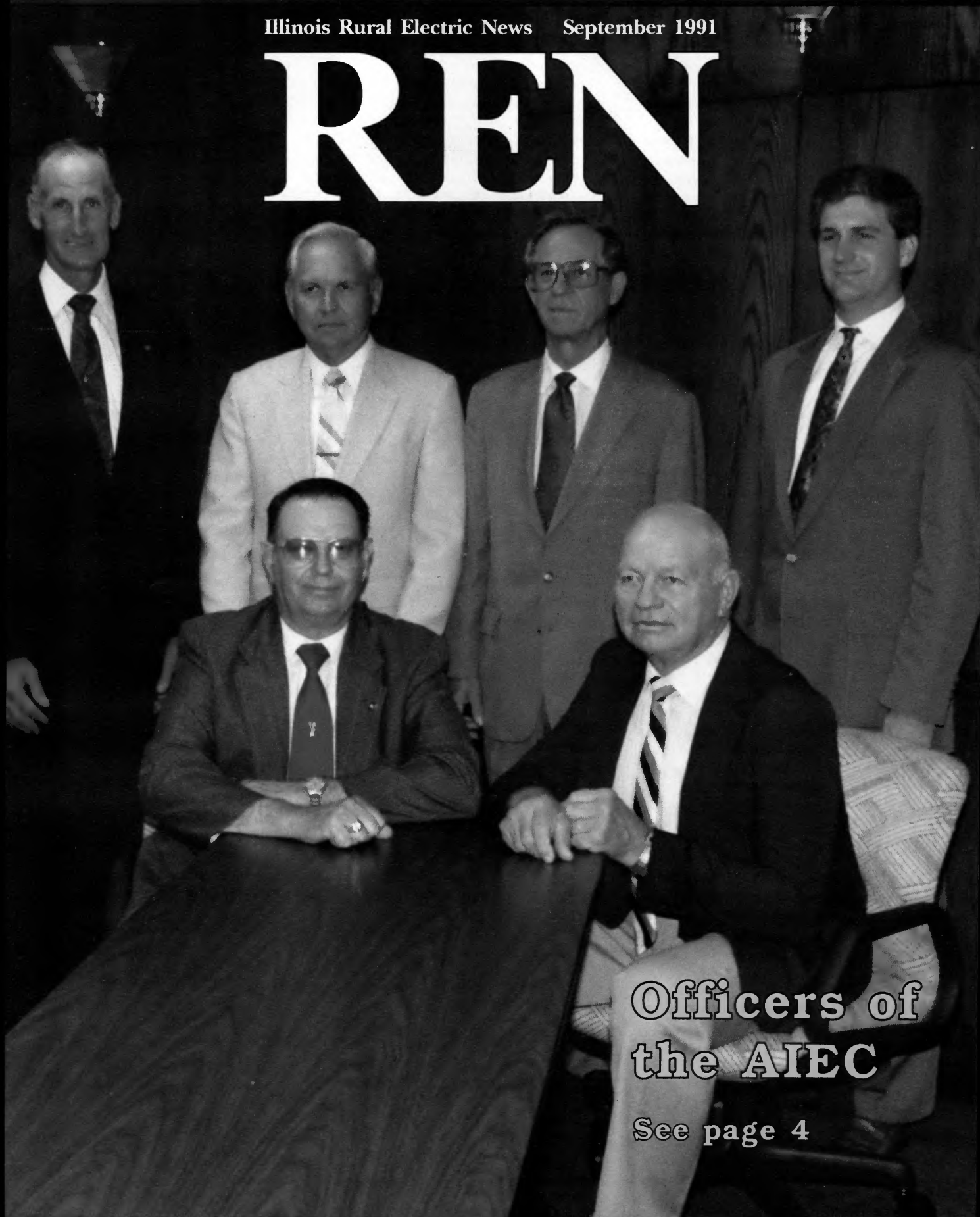
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Did You Make This Mistake In Writing Your Will?.....

Did you know that writing a Will may be one of the biggest mistakes we can make?

It's true!

A Will doesn't protect our loved ones against paying huge fees to lawyers, executors and courts for even the smallest estate. Probate can slice up to 10% or so from an estate and take months or years for final settlement.

In fact, the only thing worse than having just a Will is the nightmare that's created when you have no Will at all.

Because then the State steps in to decide who gets our assets -- our bank account, home, car, valuables, other possessions. Money we've worked so hard to earn is gobbled-up by court and legal fees before our heirs ever get one penny.

What can the average wage earner do to avoid the financial headaches of a Will? Plenty.

Today, under current laws anyone can eliminate costly legal and court fees with a little-known, simple legal paper called a Living Trust. And you don't have to be rich to enjoy it's benefits.

A Living Trust has been praised by our nation's leading financial planners, and reported in publications such as The Wall Street Journal, Money Magazine, Business Week and others because:

- It eliminates the costly and lengthy probate process. The estate goes directly to your heirs without going through the courts.
- It eliminates the need for an attorney and legal fees that cut your estate. Does away with all court costs, too.
- It gives you complete control of your estate to make sure that all your wishes are carried out.
- A Living Trust is revocable, which means that you can change your mind at any time about who is going to receive your assets.
- It gives you the right in most cases to name yourself as a trustee, and your spouse or someone else as a co-trustee. Plus the right to change trustees at any time.
- If you own out of state real estate, like a vacation house or cabin, you can save a bundle by avoiding the need for probate in a second state.
- Unlike a Will where your finances

and everything you own is a matter of public record for anyone to see, a Living Trust is secret.

The Wall Street Journal reported that it takes two years to complete the average probate in California. The article also stated that since a Living Trust is much faster, cheaper, and more private than settling a Will, there are many advantages to using a Living Trust instead of just a Will.

And Business Week reported that many people are using a Living Trust instead of a Will to reduce the possibility of heirs fighting over your estate.

You must never forget that a Will must be probated and the fees for the probate lawyer and executor -- not including court fees-- 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 at what happened to the modest estate of Simon Morris:

- The Will of Simon Morris, a Florida resident, left \$77,500 in cash to his widow. Before she could receive it, the probate process grabbed \$9,375.
- Mr. Ken Bradley left \$144,567 directly to his surviving spouse. The probate "fees" of \$8,500 were appealed by the widow. The court ordered a refund of \$7,750 with interest.
- R.L. Roberstone probably thought his Will would get his \$162,114 safely to his heirs. As they found out probate fees amounted to \$6,484.59.

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 squandering money on probate.

If you think a Living Trust is only for millionaires --- you couldn't be more wrong. Whether you earn \$25,000 or \$100,000 a year -- and whether your assets are huge or small -- a Living Trust will save you money. In fact ... on a percentage basis Living Trusts save more on small estates than large ones!

And you can save even more be-

cause we have shown hundreds of thousands of people just like you how to do it. It's simple.

The DSA Living Trust Kit was developed after much research with a team of legal scholars and practicing attorneys. It explains in easy-to-understand language how to set up your own Living Trust.

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A Living Trust is too important to put off another day. Order by phone or mail now!

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Credit where credit is due

Electric and telephone cooperatives that borrow from Uncle Sam are finally getting the credit that their credit ratings deserve.

Until this year, the federal government counted the money it lends out among its "outlays," which is budget-speak for spending. Money that came back to the U.S. Treasury in the form of repayments from borrowers was much harder to find in the budget books.

It would be like spending years diligently repaying a loan from the bank and then applying for another, only to have bank's loan officers tell you the bank doesn't have a record of your payment history.

But a new approach came with the Federal Credit Reform Act of 1990, part of the budget deal lawmakers struck with President Bush late last year. It requires Washington's bookkeepers to change the way they account for government loans—like those going to the electric and telephone cooperatives that borrow from the Rural Electrification Administration (REA)—starting with the 1992 fiscal year.

Prior to that, every dollar the government lent showed up on its books as a dollar spent. Money the government set aside for loans to cooperative utilities, college students, struggling farmers and small business owners competed in furious deficit-driven debates with dollars earmarked to pay for Patriot missiles, drug agents and national parks.

Under the new law, however, lawmakers will recognize that government loans are just that: loans. The money usually comes back to the government, so the Credit Reform Act calls for budgeting only what it costs to run the lending programs. Such costs include the salaries and operating costs of running the programs and the difference between what the government must pay for capital and what its borrowers pay in interest on their loans from Uncle Sam.

Electric cooperatives have been borrowing from the government since 1935, when President Franklin Roosevelt created REA to rejuvenate the rural economy by bringing lights and electric power to areas the big power companies refused to connect.

Service in such sparsely settled territory, however, is more costly than stringing wire down crowded city streets, so lawmakers and most Presidents since FDR's time have preserved REA's low-interest lending program. But the pricetag for that often misunderstood assistance became harder to defend in the deficit-ridden 1980s—especially when the federal budget process obscured the co-ops' loan repayments.

With the true—and much reduced—cost of REA lending inserted in federal budgets from now on, electric cooperative officials expect some of the pressure for cuts in the program to diminish.

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Cover: Officers of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives are: seated from left, Morris Bell of Chandlerville, president; and Albert Schoen of Litchfield, vice president; and standing from left, Vernon Law of Savanna, secretary; Hubert Chapman of Carbondale, treasurer; Thomas H. Moore of Springfield, executive vice president and general manager; and Randall Rings of Springfield, assistant secretary. (See article beginning on page 4.)

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Looking to the Future



Becky Doyle, Director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, talks with Thomas H. Moore, executive vice president and general manager of the AIEC. Doyle was a featured speaker during the meeting.

Past, present, and the future

*Electric cooperative
leaders reflect on half
century of service
during 50th
anniversary annual
meeting of their
statewide organization*

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Cooperative representatives during the business session.

It was a time for reflection and focus when leaders of the state's electric cooperatives gathered in Springfield during August for the 50th anniversary meeting of their state service organization.

State and national leaders were on hand for the meeting, reviewing the successes of the organization and outlining the challenges facing the rural electrification program in Illinois.

The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives is a statewide service organization for the 26 not-for-profit electric distribution cooperatives and two generation and transmission cooperatives serving in Illinois. Its members provide electric service to more than 176,000 farms, homes and businesses located throughout 86 down-state Illinois counties. The headquarters of the association is in Springfield.

Keynote speaker for the meet-

ing was Bob Bergland, executive vice president of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association and former secretary of agriculture under President Carter. He commended the AIEC and its members for their long tradition of public service to Illinois and for their ability to change with the times to meet the needs of consumers.

Electric cooperatives were organized in the late 1930s and the early 1940s to serve the "skim milk country" Bergland said, "when the investor-owned electric utilities could not serve at profit." He said cooperatives have succeeded because they took the drudgery out of rural living and improved the quality of life for their more than 26 million members nation-wide.

U.S. Senator Alan Dixon said that Congress voted this summer to restore Rural Electrification Administration loan funds

because electric cooperatives are repaying their loans with interest and serving a vital need in rural areas. Loan levels were cut 25 percent last year during federal budget negotiations. "If we hold to our present level (of REA loan funds) it will be adequate for your needs, even given the budget problems facing the nation," Dixon said.

Two Illinois legislators received the Illinois Electric Cooperative Public Service Award: State Senator Kenneth Hall (D-57th) of East St. Louis and Senator Frank C. Watson (R-55th) of Greenville. AIEC president Wilbert Rueter of Carlyle presented the award to Senator Hall, commenting that the award is presented "in recognition of outstanding, dedicated and unselfish public service to all citizens of the state of Illinois and in appreciation of your contributions to the rural electrifica-

Below: U.S. Senator Alan Dixon (left) greets Thomas H. Moore, AIEC general manager. Right: From left are Earl W. Struck, director of AIEC Legal and Public Affairs Department; State Senator Kenneth Hall; State Senator Frank Watson; and Michael Boer, president of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce. Hall and Watson received the IEC Public Service Award during the meeting.



tion program.”

Senator Watson responded to his award by congratulating the electric cooperatives on their efforts in local economic development. He cited Clinton County Electric Cooperative, based in Breese, and Southwestern Electric Cooperative, based in Greenville, for their local job creation programs.

Becky Doyle, director of the Illinois Department of Agriculture, told Illinois electric cooperative leaders that the decline in the number of producing farms in Illinois and the loss of population in smaller communities present a critical challenge to electric cooperatives. “How will you cover the per mile cost of maintaining existing electric lines?” she asked.

Doyle cited early reports of the Agriculture Department’s Division of Rural Electrification for some of her comments. She said the division was suspended during World War II because of the war, and it was 1947 before it resumed activity, during a period of pent-up demand for electricity. It was discontinued in 1949. She quoted a 1947 report that said: “Farmers continue to make greater use of electricity in their businesses, and farm families are enjoying a higher standard of living today as a result of being able to use all the modern, electric appliances. It is doubtful if anything has ever happened to the Illinois farmer that contributed as much to his welfare and standard of living as has the coming of electricity to

the farm.”

“I have to agree,” Doyle said. “It is difficult for the generation of those farmers and farm families who came along later to imagine what life was like before the day the lights came on,” she added.

“We, as members of the rural Illinois community, must continue to encourage development of rural economies . . . to expand the opportunities of our young people, to expand the tax base of local governments, to preserve and protect agriculture and coal mining, the backbone of rural Illinois,” she said.

Rueter reviewed the early days of the rural electrification program in Illinois. “Those early leaders saw quickly that they not only had to cooperate at the local level, they had to cooperate on a statewide basis because there were many services that they needed that would be



Top left: From left are L. Eugene Boldt of Stewardson, Richard Boggs of Macon and Lawrence Oller of Taylorville. All are directors of Shelby Electric Cooperative. Bottom left: Lawrence Wilke (left) of Karnak and Guy Casper of Cypress, directors of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative. Below: Harold Dycus (left) of Carbondale, a director of Egyptian Electric Cooperative, talks with G.V. Beer, an official of the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC). Dycus represents Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin on the CFC board.



uneconomical to provide for themselves," Rueter said. "Out of that need for economic services grew the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives."

Michael P. Boer, president of the Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce, during his welcoming remarks, drew on his early-career experiences to cite the electric cooperatives' contributions. "Your contributions locally, I have observed, are extremely important. You shouldn't forget that, and you shouldn't be afraid to remind people of those contributions.

"Where would our farm communities and rural areas be without your organization? I have witnessed your contributions of jobs and of the taxes that those jobs generate in your communities and have seen how very important they are to continued economic stability, particularly in rural Illinois. And, I

have seen what you as directors of your cooperatives and association and what your staffs do in terms of lending technical, moral and financial assistance to community development efforts."

Following the AIEC's annual meeting of members, the board of directors met to reorganize for the coming year. Morris L. Bell of Chandlerville, a director of Menard Electric Cooperative, was elected president to succeed Rueter. Other officers elected were Albert W. Schoen of Litchfield, a director of M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, vice president; Vernon C. Law of Savanna, a director of Jo-Carroll Electric Cooperative, secretary; and Hubert L. Chapman of Carbondale, a director of Egyp-

tian Electric Cooperative, treasurer. Thomas H. Moore of Springfield was reelected executive vice president, and Randy Rings of Springfield was reelected assistant secretary.

As the statewide service organization for Illinois electric cooperatives, the AIEC provides its members with the advantages of larger utility operations without sacrificing local control and local ownership. To attain this objective, the association provides a variety of services for its member-owners, including coordination of safety programs, legislative research and information, engineering, member information, printing and publications, public relations and group purchasing of materials and supplies.

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A true fish story

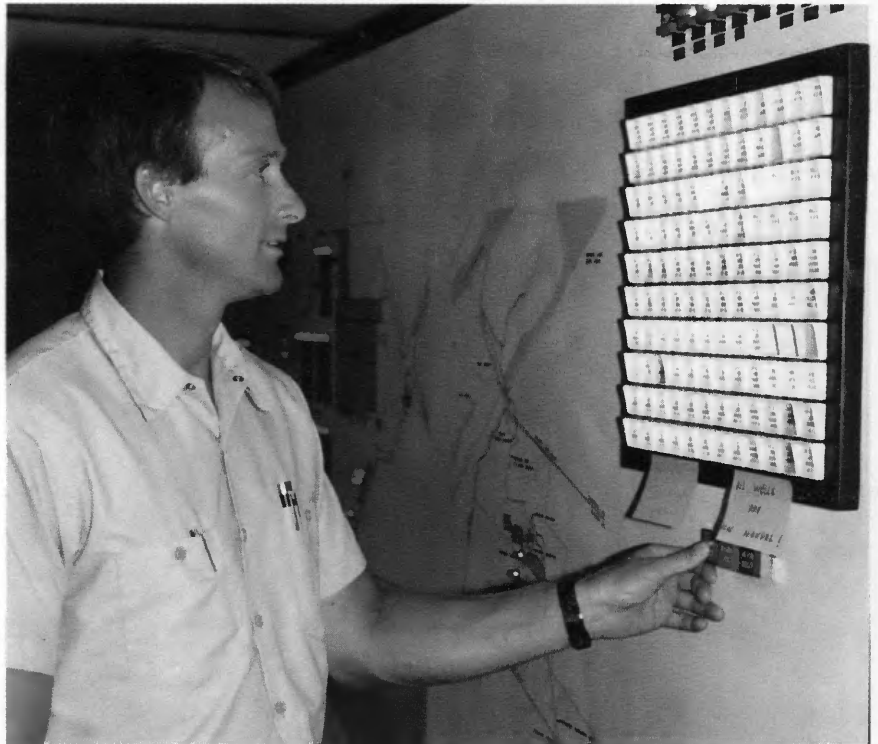
With all the lakes and rivers in Illinois, it's not surprising that Illinoisans would try to hatch up some good uses for such an abundant resource as the state's water.

The Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery near Manito in northern Mason County is a case in point. The facility is named in honor of the late Jacob John "Jake" Wolf, an ardent sportsman and outdoorsman who served in the Illinois State Legislature for 14 years before becoming deputy director of the Illinois Department of Conservation.

The hatchery, which is served by Menard Electric Cooperative, has been in operation since 1983; construction was started in 1979. Located a stone's throw from the Illinois River, the hatchery actually draws its water from wells that tap into the massive Mahomet Valley Aquifer—which provides high quality water at a constant 55 degrees F temperature. Eight wells together pump about 5,000 gallons a minute to run the operation and will run more or less steadily for a goodly part of the year.

Scott Stuewe, manager, notes that the hatchery's visitors center is open to the public, and it is set up so self-guided tours are interesting, educational and fairly simple. "We give guided tours too," he says, "but we ask people to call in advance to arrange a time."

At any rate, the hatchery turns out millions of fish a year, to stock lakes, rivers and ponds all over the state. "We sell a lot of fish—usually fry and fingerlings—for restocking lakes, ponds and rivers," Stuewe says, "and we trade with other states, too. We have a private



Scott Stuewe, manager, checks a control panel at the Jake Wolf Memorial Fish Hatchery, near Manito. The modern facility is heavily automated and well instrumented, and produces millions of "fry" and fingerlings a year.

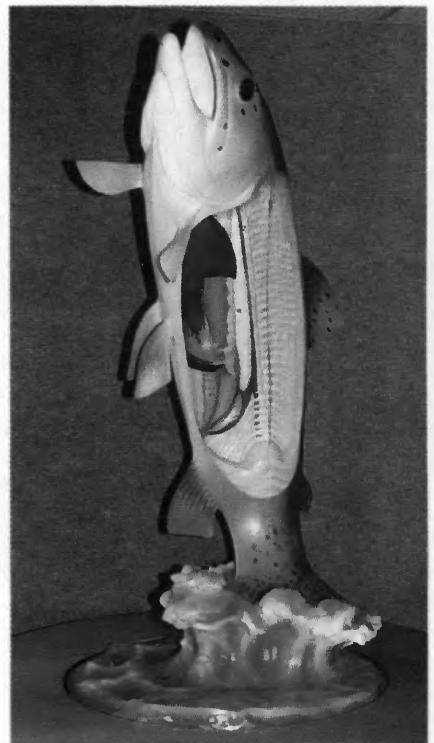
pond program in which, for a minimal fee, we will stock new and renovated farm ponds. We stock about 300 of them a year."

He notes that the hatchery will turn out probably 100,000 pounds of fish in a year—not an impressive figure until you realize that that translates into millions of "fry," which are in the neighborhood of an inch long. Some 35,000 or so, he says, will fit into a box about a cubic foot in size.

"We pack ice in with them," he says, "to help slow them down and ensure their survivability."

A large number of fish are "fingerlings," or about the size of a finger, and they add up to impressive numbers, too.

The hatchery, which is run by the Illinois Department of Conservation, has 27 production



A sectioned fish is part of the self-guided tour.

raceways, eight half-acre ponds, four quarter-acre ponds and 10 one-acre ponds, as well as various other tanks where fish are started. There are 18 full-time employees to staff the hatchery.

As might be expected in a full-fledged hatchery operation, there are many different kinds of fish being grown at any given time.

"We're set up for different

kinds of fish," Scott says, adding, "there are fish that do best in water that is cold, some that do better in cool water, and some that thrive in warm. We work with all of them, and we have 18 different kinds here.

"We have coho and Chinook salmon, brown trout and lake trout," he says, "and they all need cold water. We get them from other states or federal hatcheries."

Cool-water fish are more at home here, and so are warm water fish. Bluegill, red-ear sunfish, and large- and smallmouth bass are an important part of the hatchery's production.

"Our output varies because of several factors," Scott says, "but we will probably put out 30 million walleye fry in the course of a year, and maybe 475,000 Chinook salmon, as well as 300,000 coho."

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News items of interest to members of Illinois electric cooperatives

Experimental clean coal project terminated

Southern Illinois Power Co-operative (SIPC) and TransAlta Technologies, Inc. of Calgary, Alberta, Canada, have terminated an experimental clean coal technology project at SIPC's electric generating station on the Lake of Egypt south of Marion. The burner unit was planned to demonstrate its ability to control and reduce nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide emissions when retrofitted to a utility cyclone boiler burning high-sulfur bituminous coal. SIPC had made available as the demonstration site an existing 33-megawatt unit to be retrofitted with the experimental burner. If the new burner had been successful, it would have allowed utilities with cyclone boilers to use high-sulfur Illinois coal in existing power plants at a fraction of the cost of installing scrubbers and still meet the nitrogen oxide and sulfur dioxide requirements of the Clean Air Act amendments approved by the U.S. Congress last year. The project was initiated as an innovative clean coal technology project under the management of TransAlta with funding from the United States Department of Energy, the Illinois Department of Energy and Natural Resources and other funding parties. Critical design data for the burner project was to be provided from a smaller demonstration of the project being built in Canada. Technical problems have significantly delayed the Canadian project and the performance of the technology has not been confirmed, TransAlta officials said. In addition, there was a significant increase in the cost estimate to complete the retrofit project at SIPC, and the U.S. Department of Energy was not able to increase its support to the level required to make the project feasible. TransAlta will be responsible for the cost to return the cyclone boiler unit of SIPC to its original condition.

Solid Gold Futurity features horses and entertainment

Thousands of horse owners and their horses from across the nation are expected at the Illinois State Fairgrounds in Springfield September 19-29 during the annual Solid Gold Futurity, which is billed as the "world's largest multi-breed horse show." Show promoters have scheduled a wide variety of class competitions, special events, demonstrations, lectures and trade show. Competitors will be vying for prizes totaling more than \$1,000,000. For more information, call (217)787-4653.

Illinois electric cooperative manager elected to NFEC board

Dorland Smith, manager of Menard Electric Cooperative, Petersburg, has been elected to the board of the National Food and Energy Council (NFEC), a nonprofit organization made up of electric utilities, educators and allied groups. Its purpose is to provide educational resources on efficient energy use, specifically for rural consumers and agricultural producers. Smith replaces a Wisconsin power cooperative official on the board. Two other Illinois electric cooperative leaders have previously served on the NFEC board: Dean Searls, retired manager of Adams Electrical Co-Operative, Camp Point, and Thomas H. Moore, executive vice president and general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, Springfield.

Rules require clean fuel in nine smoggiest cities

Oil companies will have to start selling low-polluting gasoline in the nation's nine smoggiest cities by 1995 under clean air rules proposed by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA). The proposal, required under the new Clean Air Act enacted by Congress last year, also would force the oil industry to provide "oxyfuels" by 1992 in the 41 cities that exceed federal carbon monoxide limits. Those fuels contain alcohol fuel additives that supply additional oxygen for cleaner-burning engine performance. EPA officials said the "clean fuel" regulations would reduce toxic emissions from cars by about 15 or 20 percent. The proposal is the most far-reaching federal effort yet to address air pollution by changing the composition of gasoline and making greater use of alternative fuels, such as ethanol, which is made from grain, or methanol, made from natural gas or coal. The EPA previously phased out toxic lead in gasoline and required refiners to make gasoline less prone to release evaporative emissions.

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It was a typical day for Mrs. Tyler. She got up early to fix breakfast for her husband and mother, watered the shrubs along the driveway, drove her mother to the senior center and spent some time there helping with a bake sale. She whiled

Diet, exercise can help prevent osteoporosis



away the afternoon in her garden, weeding and harvesting.

When she picked up a basket of vegetables, Mrs. Tyler felt a new, sharp pain in her middle back. She assumed it was a muscle spasm brought on by the awkward positions of gardening.

The pain was intense and persisted throughout the day and night. She couldn't sleep and aspirin didn't help, so Mrs. Tyler saw her doctor.

The doctor said Mrs. Tyler's pain was caused by a compression fracture of two vertebrae (bones in the spine) caused by osteoporosis.

Osteoporosis is a bone disease that causes fragile bones to break easily. The bones of the spine are especially susceptible to osteoporosis, as are the hip bones and the small bones of the wrist. Spinal fractures can be painful and can lead to stooped posture and curvature of the spine. Hip fractures, the most serious consequence of osteoporosis, threaten independence and life. Most hip fractures suffered by the elderly are caused by osteoporosis.

Why does Mrs. Tyler, who at age 60 is active and healthy, have osteoporosis? She never felt anything happening to her bones, and

she has lifted baskets many times before.

Osteoporosis is a disease of bone metabolism, silently robbing bones of their strength and density. Bones are not lifeless structures, but are in fact living tissue. Bone changes constantly, with bits of old bone being removed and new bone being laid down.

At highest risk for osteoporosis are white, slender women, postmenopausal women, those with a family history of osteoporosis and those who are relatively inactive. It affects 25 million Americans, and although it is often thought of as a "woman's disease," one in five sufferers is a man. In fact, osteoporosis affects nearly half of all people—women and men—older than 75.

Osteoporosis prevention begins with a healthy diet and exercise early in life, when bones are growing larger and denser. After the mid-thirties, people should focus on preserving their bone mass by eating a calcium-rich diet and exercising regularly. Foods high in calcium include milk, cheese and vegetables. If you don't think you get enough calcium in your diet, ask your doctor for a calcium supplement.

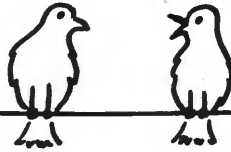
Exercising helps bones maintain their strength. So exercise regularly—walking is an excellent way.

Some persons at high risk for osteoporosis may benefit from a test that measures the density of their bones—although the sophisticated machinery used for this painless test is not available in some areas. Your doctor can guide you.

Some menopausal women may help prevent osteoporosis with estrogen-replacement therapy. Estrogen, along with calcium, is one of the most important elements for building and preserving strong bones. However, the decision to take estrogen should be made only after a thoughtful discussion with your doctor about its benefits and risks.

For more information on osteoporosis, write to the National Osteoporosis Foundation, 2100 M Street, N.W., Suite 602, Washington, D.C. 20037.

This article was prepared by Laurie Gibson of the National Osteoporosis Foundation for the National Rural Health Network, a subsidiary of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. NRECA is the Washington, D.C., service organization for the nation's 1,000 consumer-owned rural electric cooperatives.



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Products with the label "Made in Southwestern Illinois" lining the shelves of stores for Japanese shoppers in Tokyo and Osaka?

That's one avenue of rural development being explored by the I-70 Growth Association—a team of 13 communities whose goal is to attract industry to the area. What role can Japan have in local economic improvement? The country can play a dual role, speakers at an August meeting of the group said. Japanese companies could locate manufacturing facilities in southwestern Illinois, and Japan could become a customer of goods produced in that region.

Guest speakers at the meeting talked about the importance of Japan as a trade partner and about how the group can promote the Interstate 70 corridor as prime territory for development.

"We can help export your products to Japan," said Linda Hasegawa of Japan-U.S. Trans Asso-

traditionally bow low from the waist.

Thayr Richey, also of Japan-U.S. Associates, warned the gathered community leaders that economic development will not happen overnight.

"There are very few secrets in rural development," he said. "Focus on the long-term and hustle. From what I know about this area, I think you have a lot going for you. Don't expect rapid changes, though. Set a five- to ten-year deadline for achievements."

John Hemmer, director and Tokyo manager of the Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs, said international markets are beginning to gain a new image of what Illinois really is.

"It's more than the city of Chicago. It's becoming more recognized by international business as a place to live and a place to do business," Thayr said.

He told the I-70 group to "identify what you are as a community and don't keep it a secret." However, he advised them not to try to be everything to everybody. "Success has come to those who focus on their strengths and promote these."

Thomas H. Moore, general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), commended the members of the I-70 group for their leadership in rural development and outlined ways in which the AIEC can assist their efforts through Southwestern Electric Cooperative. The electric cooperative has helped spearhead this new movement. Soyland Power Cooperative, Southwestern's power supplier, has been an active participant in the formation of the new economic development group.

Gary Wobler, manager of Southwestern Electric, told his audience, "There are three kinds of people. Those who watch it happen, those who make it happen, and those who wonder what happened. Well, we're going to make a difference and make it happen."

Group members toured the participating communities in July, and the association is preparing brochures and a video highlighting what the communities have to offer. Community profiles featuring available sites for new company facilities have been created.

Participating towns are Altamont, St. Elmo, St. Peter, Brownstown, Vandalia, Mulberry Grove, Greenville, Pocahontas, Highland, Smithboro, Troy, Keyesport and Pierron.



Thomas H. Moore (left) executive vice president and general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), discusses with Gary Wobler, manager of Southwestern Electric Cooperative, ways in which the AIEC can assist the I-70 Growth Association.

ciates, an Indiana-based consulting firm for American and Japanese companies. "More than 1,000 manufacturing companies from Japan are operating in the United States. You need companies along I-70, not only from Japan, but from Southeast Asia and Europe. I know this community needs new jobs."

Hasegawa stressed the importance of understanding the customs of the American and Japanese cultures. For example, the customary business handshake is new to the Japanese, who

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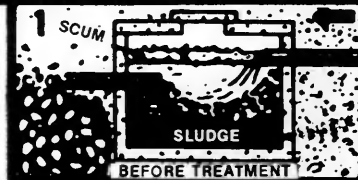
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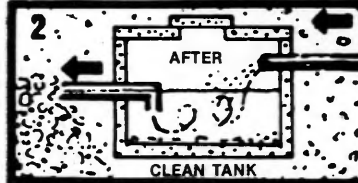
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2 cups boiling water
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- 1 (29 oz.) can pineapple
2 cups miniature marshmallows

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Drain fruit, reserving 1 cup juice from each and combining juice; chop fruit. Add 1 cup juice, fruit and marshmallows to gelatin; cool. Pour into 13"x9"x2" baking dish. Chill until firm.

Topping:

- 1/2 cup sugar
3 1/2 tablespoons flour
1 egg, beaten

- 2 tablespoons butter
1 cup whipping cream, whipped
1 (4 oz.) pkg. Cheddar Cheese, grated

Combine sugar and flour. Mix egg and reserved 1 cup fruit juice together; add to sugar mixture in saucepan. Cook until thickened, stirring constantly. Remove from heat; stir in butter. Cool. Add whipped cream; mix well. Spread topping on gelatin mixture. Sprinkle with cheese. Chill. To keep several days, cover with plastic wrap. Yield: 15 servings.

HOT WATER CORNBREAD

- 2 cups corn meal
2 teaspoons salt
1 1/2 cups boiling water

Combine corn meal and salt in a bowl. Pour in boiling water and stir until mixture is smooth. Let the mixture rest for a few minutes. Add more water (boiling) if needed until mixture is just stiff enough to hold its shape. Drop by spoonfuls in 3 inches of hot grease and cook until golden brown. Wonderful with fresh vegetables.

CELERY SEED DRESSING

- 1 1/4 cups sugar
2 teaspoons salt
2/3 cup vinegar
2 teaspoons dry mustard

- 1 tablespoon onion juice
2 cups (or more) oil
1 teaspoon celery seed

Combine sugar, salt, mustard, onion juice and 1/2 of vinegar. Beat until sugar is pretty well dissolved. Gradually add oil, fine stream, alternating with remaining vinegar. Beat until stable emulsion has been formed. Add celery seed. Keep refrigerated. Secret to success: Keep all ingredients cold before preparing.

BLACK WALNUT SHEET CAKE

- 2 cups sugar
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
1/4 teaspoon salt
2 sticks margarine

- 4 tablespoons cocoa
1 cup water
1/2 cup buttermilk
2 eggs

Sift dry ingredients into bowl. Melt margarine and mix with cocoa and water. Bring to a rapid boil and pour over dry ingredients. Add buttermilk and eggs. Bake in cookie sheet pan with edge. Bake at 350° for 15 to 20 minutes.

Icing:

Melt 1 stick margarine then add 2 tablespoons cocoa and 6 tablespoons buttermilk. Bring to a boil and add 1 box powdered sugar and 1 cup black walnuts. Spread while cake is hot.

MAKE AHEAD ORIENTAL SALAD

- 1 can (17-oz.) tiny green peas, drained
1 can (17-oz.) bean sprouts, drained
1 can (12-oz.) whole kernel corn, drained
2 cans (5-oz. ea.) water chestnuts, drained and sliced
1 can (6-oz.) sliced mushrooms
1 large green pepper, sliced
- 1 jar (4-oz.) pimentos, drained and sliced, optional
1 large onion, chopped
1 cup water
1 cup sugar
1/2 cup vinegar
Salt and pepper to taste

Combine vegetables in large bowl. Stir gently. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over vegetables. Chill 24 hours before serving.

PRUNE CAKE

- 1 1/2 cups white sugar
1 cup oil
3 eggs
2 cups flour
1 teaspoon soda
1 teaspoon cinnamon

- 1 teaspoon nutmeg
1 teaspoon salt
1 teaspoon vanilla
1 cup cooked prunes
1 cup chopped nuts

Mix all ingredients together. Bake in loaf pan at 350 degrees for 45 minutes.

ICING:

- 1 cup white sugar
1/2 cup buttermilk
1/2 teaspoon soda

- 1 teaspoon white corn syrup
1/2 to 1/4 teaspoon butter

Stir in saucepan until it forms a soft ball. Pour over cake while both are still hot.

RAISIN CREME PIE

- 1 cup sugar
3 tablespoons flour
3 eggs, separated
2 cups milk
1 tablespoon butter

- 1 teaspoon vanilla flavoring
1 1/2 cups raisins
1 baked 9 or 10 inch pastry shell
meringue topping

Combine sugar and flour in saucepan. Add egg yolks to milk and beat slightly then combine with sugar mixture. Cook over low heat, stirring often, until mixture thickens. Add butter, vanilla and raisins, stir until smooth. Pour into baked pie shell. Beat egg whites with sugar to taste until stiff. Spread over pie filling and bake at 350 degrees until meringue is light brown.

DEVIL'S FOOD CAKE

- 2 eggs
2 cups buttermilk
2 1/2 cups flour
1/2 teaspoon salt
2 cups sugar

- 2 teaspoons soda
2 teaspoon vanilla
1 stick butter
4 squares bitter chocolate

Beat eggs with buttermilk and add vanilla. Sift dry ingredients and add to egg mixture. Melt butter and chocolate. Add to egg mixture and beat well. Pour into three 9-inch greased and floured pans. Bake at 350 degrees for 30 minutes.

Icing

- 1 lb. box powdered sugar, sifted
1 scant cup of evaporated milk
2 teaspoons vanilla

- 4 squares bitter chocolate
1 stick butter

Add milk and vanilla to sifted sugar. Melt chocolate and butter together and add to sugar mixture; if too thin, add more sugar. Cake is best if it sets for a day before cutting.

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GOLDEN CHICKEN (Microwave)

- 2 1/2 to 3 lb. fryer, cut-up
- 1 stalk celery, (1/2 cup) chopped
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 can (10 1/2-oz.) cond. golden mushroom soup

Cut larger pieces of chicken in half for uniform size. Arrange skin side up in 2 qt. (12 x 7) baking dish. Sprinkle with celery and salt. Spoon soup over chicken. Cook, covered with wax paper, 28 minutes or until chicken is done.

PINK PUNCH

- 2 pkgs. cherry Kool aid
- 3 cups sugar
- 3 qts. water
- 1 tall can pineapple juice
- 1 can frozen orange juice
- 1 qt. ginger ale

Combine ingredients and serve.

CHILDREN'S PUNCH

- 1 cup sugar
- 4 cups cranberry juice
- 2 cups orange juice
- 1 quart gingerale
- 1 cup water
- 1 1/2 cups lemon juice
- 2 cups pineapple juice

Combine sugar and water in small pan; boil until sugar dissolves. Cover; boil for 5 minutes, without stirring. Add fruit juices; chill thoroughly. Place ice in punch bowl just before serving; pour in juice mixture. Stir in gingerale.

MANDARIN ORANGE CAKE

- 1 yellow cake mix (dry)
- 1 large instant vanilla pudding mix (dry)
- 3/4 cup oil
- 2 cans mandarin oranges (drain one can)

Combine everything above and beat until oranges are in small pieces. Divide batter equally for 3 layer pans (greased and floured). Bake 25 to 30 minutes. Remove from pans and let cool before putting layers together.

Icing:

- 1 large Cool Whip
- 1 large vanilla instant pudding (dry)
- 1 large can crushed pineapple

JAM CAKE

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/2 cup shortening
- 4 eggs, well beaten
- 3 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 2 cups jam, seedless or home made
- 1 cup raisins, finely chopped
- 1 cup nuts
- 1 level teaspoon soda
- 1 heaping teaspoon baking powder
- 1 cup buttermilk
- 1/4 teaspoon allspice, optional
- 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon, optional
- 1/2 teaspoon pure vanilla or 1 teaspoon imitation

Cream butter, shortening and sugar. Add eggs, one at a time, beating thoroughly after each. Add soda, allspice, cinnamon and baking powder to flour. Add flour and buttermilk, alternately, to creamed mixture. Then add vanilla. Stir in jam, raisins and pecans. Pour equally in 3 greased and floured 9" pans. Bake at 350° for 25-30 minutes or until a toothpick inserted in center comes out clean. Do not over bake.

ICING FOR JAM CAKE

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup milk
- 1 cup butter
- 1 cup finely chopped raisins
- 1 cup chopped nuts
- 1 (10 oz.) pkg. marshmallows

Combine sugar, milk and butter. Boil in water until soft ball stage (about 30 mites). After reaching boiling stage reduce heat and watch closely (scorches easily). When soft ball stage is reached, remove from heat and add raisins, nuts and marshmallows. Cool until spreading consistency. Spread on cake. Cake is better if it mellows a day or two before cutting.

CAMPFIRE FONDUE

- 2 cups (8 oz.) shredded Cheddar or Swiss cheese
- 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour
- 1/4 teaspoon paprika
- 1 can (10 1/2 oz.) condensed cream of celery soup
- 1/2 cup beer, white wine or water

Toss together cheese, flour and paprika. In a 2-quart saucepan combine soup and beer; heat. Over medium low heat add cheese, 1/2 cup at a time, stirring until cheese is melted after each addition. Transfer to fondue pot. Serve with French bread cubes, vegetable or fruit pieces or canned cocktail frankfurters.

CHILI (Microwave)

- 1 lb. ground beef
- 1 med. onion, chopped
- 2-3 teaspoons chili powder
- 2 cups undrained tomatoes
- 1 1/2 teaspoons salt
- 1 teaspoon dry or prepared mustard
- 1 clove garlic, minced or 1/8 teaspoon instant minced garlic
- 1 can kidney beans, drained

In 2 qt. casserole, crumble ground beef. Add onion and chili powder. Cook, uncovered, 5 minutes. Mix in remaining ingredients, except beans, stirring to break up tomatoes. Cook covered 10 minutes. Add beans and cook 3 minutes or until hot, stirring occasionally.

CHOCOLATE PIE

- 6 tablespoons flour
- 1 1/2 cups sugar
- 3 tablespoons cocoa
- 1 1/2 cups milk
- 2 egg yolks
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Mix flour, sugar, cocoa and milk. Cook until boiling, add half of mixture to egg yolks. Add egg yolk mixture with chocolate back into pan. Cook until boiling again. Take off heat, add butter and vanilla and pour into 9-inch baked pie shell. Top with beaten egg whites. Bake until browned.



GOLDEN GLOW PUNCH

- 3 cups grapefruit juice
- 1 cup tangerine juice
- 1/2 cup light corn syrup
- 2 cups chilled seltzer water
- 1 grapefruit, peeled and sliced
- Sliced strawberries

In bowl or pitcher stir together juices and corn syrup. Cover; chill. Just before serving, pour into punch bowl over ice cubes; add seltzer water. Garnish with grapefruit and strawberry slices. Makes 8 cups.

FLORIDA FIZZ

- 2 cups orange juice
- 1 cup grapefruit juice
- 1 cup tangerine juice
- 2 cups chilled ginger ale
- Fresh fruit skewers (optional)

In bowl or pitcher stir together orange, grapefruit and tangerine juices. Cover; chill. Stir in ginger ale. Pour over ice cubes in glasses. Serve with fruit skewers, if desired. Makes 6 cups.

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- 2 cups water
- 4 whole cloves
- 1/2 cup honey
- 1 cup orange juice
- 3/4 cup tangerine juice
- 1/3 cup grapefruit juice
- Orange slices
- Whole cloves

In a 2-quart saucepan bring water and 4 whole cloves to boil. Cover; simmer 10 minutes. Stir in honey until dissolved. Add juices. Heat through but do not boil. Serve hot. Garnish with orange slices decorated with whole cloves. Makes 4 cups.

FRUITY GRAPEFRUIT SPRITZERS

- 2 cups grapefruit juice
- 1 pkg. (10 oz.) frozen mixed fruit
- in syrup, thawed, undrained
- 1 cup chilled club soda

In bowl or pitcher stir together grapefruit juice and fruit. Cover; chill. Stir in club soda. Pour over ice cubes in glasses. Makes 4 cups.

HOT MULLED CRANBERRY ORANGE CUP

- 2 cups cranberry juice cocktail
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 8 whole cloves
- 1 (2-inch) cinnamon stick
- Peel from orange, cut into strips
- 3 cups orange juice
- Cinnamon sticks (optional)

In 2-quart saucepan, stir together cranberry juice, sugar, cloves, 1 cinnamon stick and orange peel. Bring to boil. Reduce heat and simmer 10 minutes; strain. Stir in orange juice. Heat through but do not boil. Serve hot. Garnish with cinnamon sticks, if desired. Makes 5 cups.

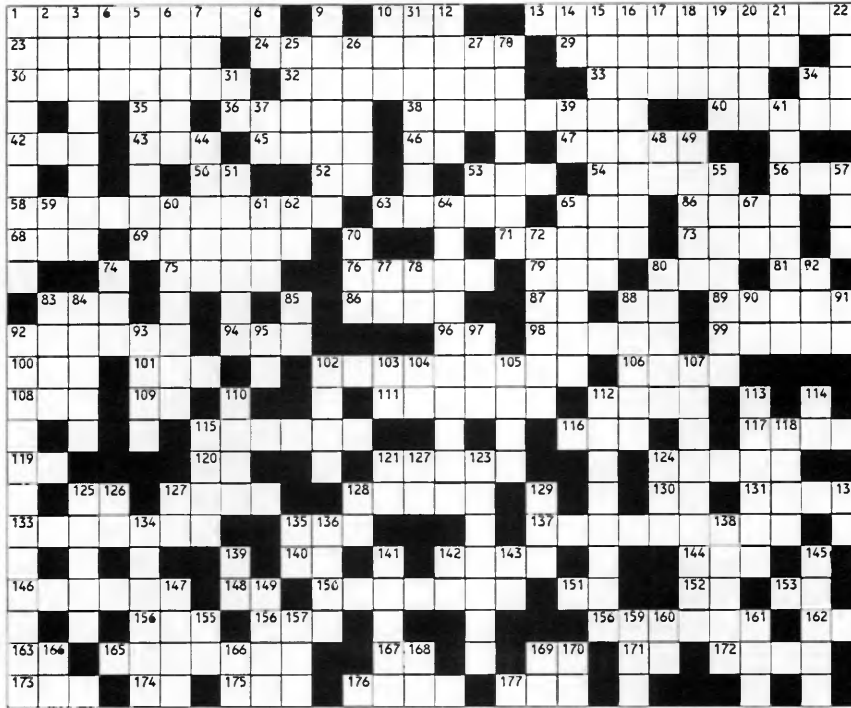
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CROSSWIRES

By Judith M. Smith

ACROSS

- 1. Vigorous
- 10. More than nine
- 13. Persons who repair and install electrical lines
- 23. Under the tree at Christmas
- 24. Computer _____
- 29. To move away from a specified course
- 30. To utter with a particular tone of voice
- 32. What do you do to perfect a skill
- 33. A material added during chemical processes to absorb impurities
- 34. Stands for District Attorney
- 35. Abbr.: good
- 36. Thread is sold as this
- 38. City father
- 40. A noise of contempt
- 42. Not the beginning
- 43. Abbr.: Super Sonic Transport
- 45. The wife of a Shiva
- 46. Form of be
- 47. To restrict or limit
- 50. Thing
- 52. Alternating Current
- 53. Not woman
- 54. Prefix meaning between
- 56. Elect
- 58. Extra _____
- 63. Utilizing
- 65. Short for average
- 66. Wedding _____
- 68. Tree
- 69. Put this on a hot dog or hamburger
- 71. Overhang at the edge of a roof
- 73. A shoe has this
- 75. To relax
- 76. You bake with these
- 79. _____ judicata
- 80. Wager
- 81. North Dakota
- 83. Stands for Palestine Liberation Organization
- 86. Trademark or brand name
- 87. Abbr.: centinewton
- 88. Sun god
- 89. Fool
- 92. Saudi _____
- 94. Important member of the Ottoman Empire
- 96. Stands for steamship
- 98. Invisible emanations
- 99. More pleasant
- 100. Cars run on this
- 101. Abbr.: clear
- 102. Rings when you have a caller
- 106. Crooner Crosby
- 108. Type of bread
- 109. Abbr.: old style
- 111. Stick to
- 112. Typestyle
- 115. Impudent
- 116. The _____ Squad



- 117. Very dry, as in wine
- 119. Symbol for chromium
- 120. Rhode Island
- 121. Straw _____
- 124. Actress Meredith _____
- 125. Stands for South America
- 127. Morally crude
- 128. Shopping _____
- 130. Roman numeral for 2
- 131. A donkey might pull this
- 133. Having boundaries
- 135. Type of fish
- 137. Causing mental or emotional hardship
- 140. Stands for pajama
- 142. Coin
- 144. Not bro
- 146. Riot
- 148. "____ You Like It"
- 150. Capital is Phoenix
- 151. Symbol for ruthenium
- 152. Abbr.: Uruguay
- 153. Toward
- 154. _____ Aviv
- 156. Through, by means of
- 158. Untie knot a bit
- 162. Preposition meaning in the location of
- 163. First two letters of the alphabet
- 165. To read with care
- 167. Latin: and
- 169. Maine
- 171. North Carolina
- 172. Soothsayer
- 173. Popular drug of the 1960's
- 174. Abbr.: German currency
- 175. Christian television show club

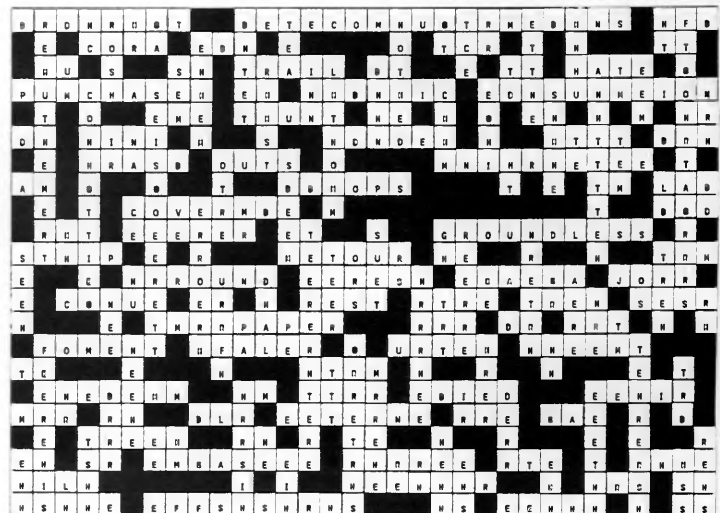
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- 1. A focal point
 - 2. Short for Nancy
 - 3. Outermost of germ layers of an embryo
 - 4. Movie production company
 - 5. Racketeer
 - 6. A mild oath expressing surprise
 - 7. _____ Offensive
 - 8. Connecticut
 - 9. Opposite of departure
 - 10. Nervous _____
 - 11. Requires as a necessary accompaniment
 - 12. Fingers and toes have these
 - 14. Short for identification
 - 15. Opposite of positives
 - 16. Opposite of mornings
 - 17. Sanity
 - 18. Type of grain
 - 19. Abbr.: routes
 - 20. A loutish person
 - 21. Symbol for einsteinium
 - 22. Immediately
 - 25. Sword
 - 26. Abnormal behavior
 - 27. Abbr.: Liquid Crystal Display
 - 28. A quantity that has oozed
 - 31. Symbol for einsteinium
 - 34. Short for doctor
 - 37. Abbr. for kiin-dried
 - 39. Mississippi
 - 41. Of mountain formation

- 44. A book goes by this
- 48. Abbr.: New Testament
- 49. Effectively concise
- 51. Deviation of Patricia
- 53. Minnesota
- 55. Violent demonstration
- 57. Trinitrotoluene
- 59. Short for elevated train
- 60. Novels or dramas in installments
- 61. Suffix meaning one that performs a specific action
- 62. Abbr.: ampere-hour
- 64. Electrically conducting set of layers of the Earth's atmosphere
- 65. In New York City: 5th _____

- 67. Abbr.: National League
- 70. The sun
- 72. Esoteric
- 74. Task, chore
- 77. Abbr.: verbal order
- 78. Abbr.: Egypt
- 80. Essential
- 82. Female deer
- 83. Appeasement to God
- 84. Acronym: Light Amplification by Stimulated Emission of Radiation
- 85. Pennsylvania
- 88. Afflicted with rabies
- 90. Roman numeral for 501
- 91. Abbr.: transitive
- 92. Pertaining to farming

- 93. A representation or image
- 95. Abbr.: Greece
- 97. Not he
- 102. To be full of
- 103. Louisiana
- 104. Short for Edward
- 105. Unrestrained indulgence
- 107. Spring flower
- 110. American novelist Leon _____
- 112. Effective
- 113. Old fashioned calculator
- 114. Symbol for gold
- 115. Stud
- 118. True
- 121. Abbr. for bishop
- 122. Abbr.: Elizabeth Regina
- 123. Rulers during absence of a sovereign
- 124. Prefix meaning not
- 125. Simpering smile
- 126. Three-toed sloth
- 127. Symbol for beryllium
- 128. Abbr.: Senior
- 129. Letters between Q and U
- 132. Short for television
- 134. Tried out
- 135. Abbr.: General Practitioner
- 136. Open
- 138. Forest _____
- 139. Massachusetts
- 141. Rituals
- 142. Abbr. for company
- 143. Stands for North America
- 145. Flies high
- 147. School year has this
- 149. Argument
- 155. Symbol for lutetium
- 157. Part of a building
- 159. Not two
- 160. Abbr. for Ocean
- 161. Born
- 164. Abbr.: bachelor of science
- 166. Abbr.: Spain
- 168. Abbr. for truck
- 169. Michigan
- 170. Abbr.: electromag-netic

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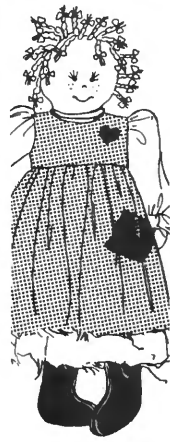
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f you like fall colors, apple butter, the smell of pork chops cooking or leisurely fall drives, some counties in western Illinois have a deal

for you. Organizations in Knox, Fulton and Pike counties have put together "scenic drives" to enable visitors to enjoy all those pastimes and more.

Knox County's drive, set for October 5-6 and 12-13, is designed to appeal to people of all ages, and with varied interests. The drive is open from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. on all four days, and maps of the route are available at any of the many stops. One of the county's more unusual attractions is the Wolf Covered Bridge. It's said to be the oldest in Illinois, one of only half a dozen or so in the state, and one of just a handful still open to traffic.

As you wind your way along the route, you'll be able to try buffalo burgers or Indian fry bread, watch butter being churned and ice cream being made, take a carriage ride, or see the site of a Lincoln-Douglas debate. Of course, there'll be plenty of crafts and antiques for sale, as well as antique things to view.

You'll be able to watch a mock shoot-out in one town and a reenactment of frontier life during the 18th and 19th centuries in another. There are wagon rides, crafts, art exhibits and other activities.

The town of Abingdon is taking part in the festivities, and so is Galesburg. Dahinda, Gilson, Knoxville, Maquon, Oak Run and Victoria are all participating, as are Williamsfield and Yates City.

The granddaddy of all Illinois scenic drives, the Spoon River Scenic Drive, is set for the same two weekends. This will be the

24th annual running of the highly successful event, which now involves some 19 towns and villages along the 140-mile route. The town of St. David is a new addition this year.

The route follows Spoon River from London Mills and Avon, in

the northwest corner of Fulton County, to Ellisville, Mt. Pisgah, Babylon, Smithfield and Bernadotte. Then it veers eastward to Duncan Mills and Waterford, where the Spoon River empties into the Illinois. Farmington, Middlegrove,



Take a drive this fall

Helpful guides, bright fall colors and craft exhibits await fall travelers to participating communities such as Fairview.



Fairview, Canton, Cuba, Lewistown, Ipava, Vermont and Astoria are all on the route. Of course, tourists may go either direction on the drive, and may choose to visit only a portion of the designated route.

In addition to foods, crafts

and scenery, there are several museums to browse through. Avon and Lewistown's railroad depots will feature train setups and railroad memorabilia, and there's also a museum at the Ross Hotel in London Mills. The Dickson Mounds Museum and

Ellisville Opera House are popular attractions, too.

The people of Pike County took a look at other scenic tours, inventoried their county's attractions, and rolled up their sleeves and decided to have a go at setting up a similar venture.

For those who want to tour one or the other—or both—of the other drives, they can still enjoy Pike County. The Pike County Fall Color Drive is scheduled the weekend of October 19-20 this year, a week later than the others.

As might be expected, there will be demonstrations: apple butter making, miniature straw bale making, basket weaving, and pottery making, as well as others. Of course, there will be various food items. Towns all over Pike County will be taking part in an effort to make the drive an interesting weekend for many people.

Atlas, Barry, Baylis, Chambersburg and Detroit will be taking part, and so will Florence, Griggsville, Hull, Kinderhook, Maysville, Milton, Nebo, New Canton, New Hartford, Pittsfield, Pleasant Hill, Summer Hill, Time, Valley City, Pearl and Perry.

If fall touring is for you, be sure to make it a point to try one or more of these drives. For more information, contact the people or organizations listed below.

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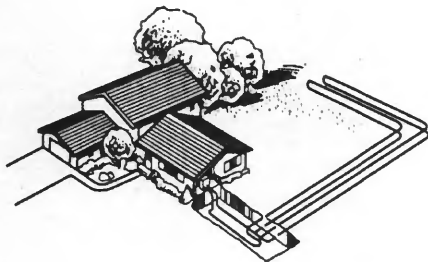
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