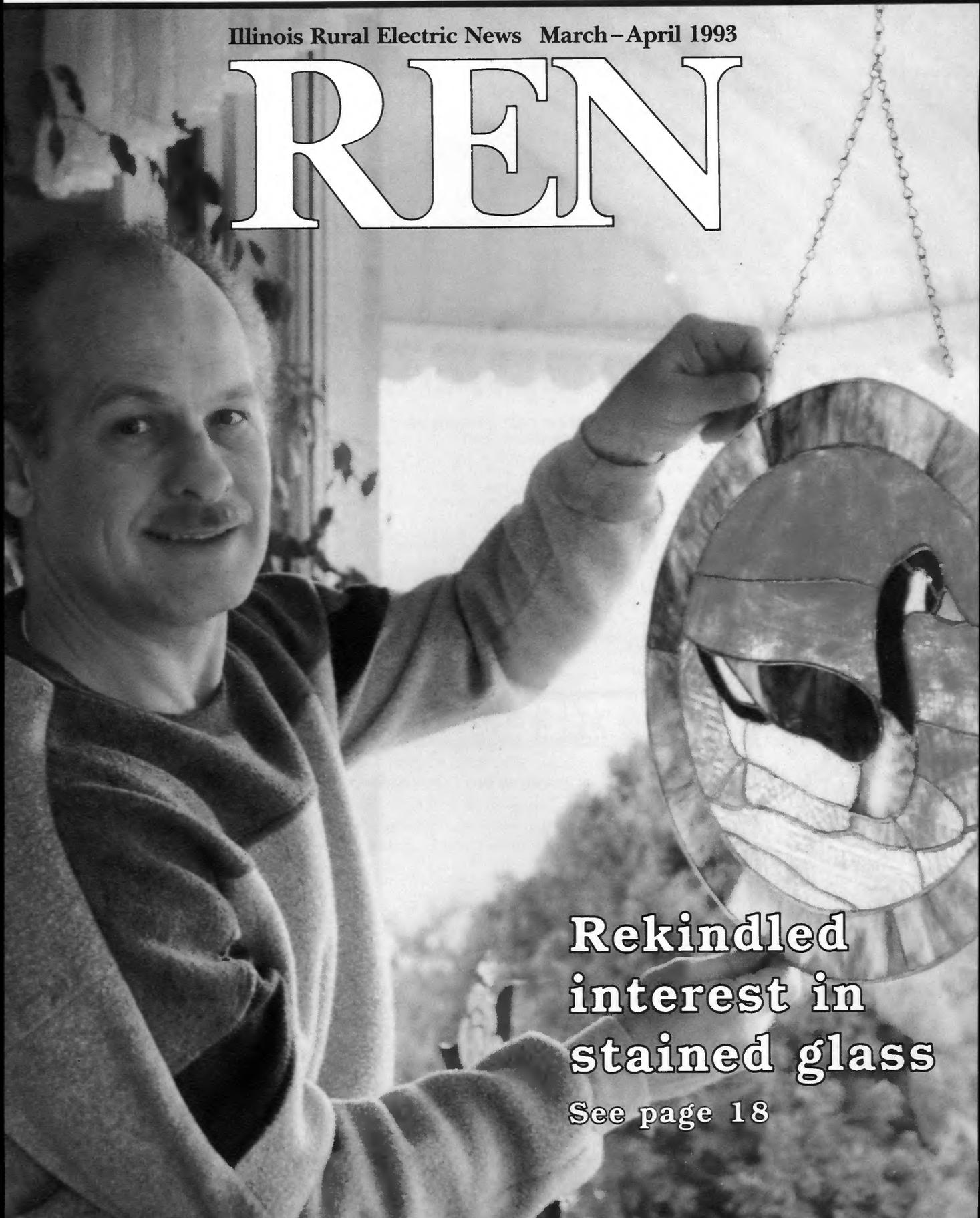


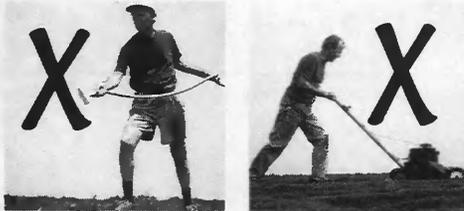
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**Rekindled
interest in
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Cooperatives call for fairness in subsidy debate

President Clinton had bad news for rural electric cooperatives during his State of the Union address: The interest rate they pay for government loans is going up.

The cooperatives, in response, said they would "do our part" to help pare the nation's deficit, but called on the president to treat each segment of the utility industry equally.

During the new president's historic speech, he recommended reducing the government subsidy for rural utilities that borrow low-interest money from the federal Rural Electrification Administration (REA). The government, which currently pays 6.8 percent in interest for long-term money it borrows, makes 5 percent loans to rural electric cooperatives.

Rural electric cooperatives justify the subsidy as a public investment that has brought to the countryside not only lights, but better health care, education and jobs.

Clinton, whose native Arkansas is home to 17 rural electric cooperatives, admitted the cut is "a difficult thing for me to recommend," but explained, "I think that I cannot exempt the things that exist in my state or in my experience if I ask you to deal with things that are difficult for you to deal with."

The administration expects the move to save \$374 million over four years.

The president did not say if he would also slash government subsidies for the rest of the electric industry, which includes investor-owned electric companies and municipal utilities.

The government subsidizes investor-owned utilities: Tax laws have allowed those electric companies to use some of the federal taxes they collected from customers as a sort of 30-year, interest-free loan. In 1990, there was \$61 billion in that pool. The value of interest on that pool was \$5.1 billion, or \$61.89 for each IOU customer.

Municipal utilities pay their way by selling securities. Buyers of those securities are not required to pay taxes on the interest they earn from them. If they were, the government would have reaped \$858 million in 1990, or \$93.37 for each municipal customer.

By contrast, rural electric cooperatives get a break on their interest rate, to the tune of \$542 million in 1990. That amount averaged \$46.25 for each co-op member.

Bob Bergland, head of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA), said in a statement that rural Americans "stand ready to do our part," but added that they "have already made many sacrifices."

Rural Americans, he said, "ask now only that the responsibility for further deficit reduction reflect fairness and an even hand."

NRECA is the Washington, D.C.-based service organization for the nation's 1,000 consumer-owned rural electric cooperatives.

Bergland said the cooperatives support Clinton's "goals to stimulate the nation's economy," offering "a strong REA" as "a proven model for economic renewal in the countryside."

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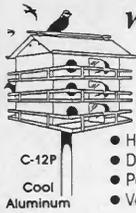
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Cover: Larry Watson of Macomb has long been interested in stained glass. He gave up the hobby for a while, but a dozen years after renewing his interest, he continues his craft for friends and businesses. (See article beginning on page 18.)

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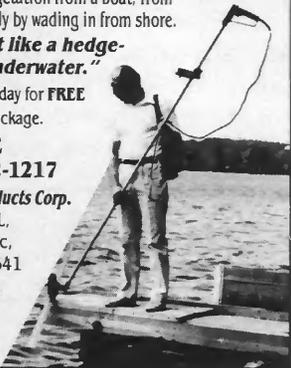
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First of
two articles

**Surge suppressors
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Whoever said lightning doesn't strike twice in the same place had it all wrong. A Corn Belt Electric Cooperative member suffered four major lightning hits over a span of time, all with considerable damage to electronic and electrical equipment. The member was at a loss as to what to do, and his insurance company had threatened to deny further coverage if the consumer did not solve the problem.

The member went to Corn Belt to seek help, says Jerry Durflinger, manager of member services for the Bloomington-based system.

"We wanted to help the member with his lightning problem," Durflinger says, "so we started looking for suppliers of high-quality surge-protection equipment. We finally found one that offered what we thought was the best protection for the price, and the member decided to try it. It worked out so well that we decided to market the same unit for our other members who were concerned about possible electrical problems due to high-voltage surges or 'spikes.' We came up with our own brand name and logo, and we call our unit the Surge Sentry."

Many voltage "spikes" in a home are caused by problems in the home, and nothing your cooperative can do to its power lines will help. For example, motors starting and stopping will sometimes "spike" the in-home voltage for just an instant.

Very few people experience

even one really severe lightning strike, much less four. However remote it seems, there is a very real possibility that a lightning surge may come in on your power lines. If that does happen, it may destroy the motors in your refrigerator, freezer, sump pump, furnace motor and well pump, as well the motor in your washer, dryer or air conditioner. A massive lightning surge would be almost certain to ruin almost any electronic appliance in the house. That's not only frustrating, but it is also very expensive. Most people do not realize it, but most homeowners' insurance policies don't cover such problems.

A lightning strike is considered to be "An act of God," and is rarely covered by insurance. To further complicate matters, there are other things that cause the high-voltage surges, or "spikes." If a car hits a power pole and causes the wires to come together momentarily, results can be serious. Occasionally, a bird, squirrel or even a snake may get across the contacts of a transformer, also with damaging results.

In short, the homeowner is responsible for lightning and similar electrical problems.

While lightning problems aren't all that commonplace, momentary power surges are. Most last in the neighborhood of a tiny fraction of a second. Many people assume that since they didn't have problems in the past and they have them fairly frequently now, there's

"something wrong" with the power lines.

That's not the case. Actually, moderate voltage fluctuations have been around as long as there have been electrical systems. They just weren't particularly noticeable.

The proliferation of micro-processor-controlled equipment has brought the problem to light in the last decade or so. While lights may have blinked momentarily years ago, and motor-driven clocks may have slowed, things don't happen like that now. A power surge lasting less than thirty-thousandths of a second may make the electronic clock start blinking. Most people won't notice a blink of less than half a second.

Loose wiring connections may also be a problem. If you have lights that blink, flicker or brighten suddenly, you may have a problem with loose connections.

It's hard to imagine connections loosening, since they're safely buried in the walls and untouched. While that is true, all connections are subject to various forms of vibration, and that can cause looseness. Because loose connections resist the flow of current, they produce heat. When in use, they heat up. When not, they cool down. This intermittent heating and cooling, over the years, will result in even more loosening.

The problem is especially acute with aluminum wiring, which was quite commonplace in the late 1960s and early 70s, when copper was in short supply and expensive. For that reason, and partly because copper is now cheaper and more readily available, aluminum is seldom used for home electrical wiring.

There are two important things you can do to protect your sensitive equipment: have your wiring checked by a professional and correct any problems, and buy good surge suppression equipment.

(Next month: Protection equipment)

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'Getting Things Done in Rural America'

Electric cooperatives' history of service and future role in the economic and social well-being of rural America were the focuses of the 1993 Annual Meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association February 14-17 in Dallas, Tex.

Many of the speakers during the general sessions and panel sessions stressed the accomplishments of electric cooperatives during their nearly 60 years of service and called for continued service to achieve economic renewal in communities across the country.

NRECA General Manager Bob Bergland said the nation's rural electric program is a proven model for economic renewal. "It's completely in tune with President Clinton's goal to stimulate the nation's economy.



York



Huff



Bergland

We efficiently combine private enterprise with public investment to produce an enormous return," he said during the opening session. Other speakers reinforced Bergland's remarks. Also addressing the 10,532 who registered for the meeting were Jay A. York of Minnesota, NRECA president; Mark P. Mills of Washington, D.C., a science and technology consultant; Rep.

W. J. (Billy) Tauzin of Louisiana; REA Administrator James B. Huff, Sr.; and Rep. Glenn English of Oklahoma.

Bergland lashed out at a January television attack on REA, announcing a national letter-writing campaign to respond to the "Prime Time Live" depiction of the agency as an unnecessary New Deal relic. "They called it news," Bergland said. "I call it fraud. It's the most dishonest attack I've seen on television." He also told the general session audience that at a recent meeting, Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy asked whether rural electrics would be willing to undertake "the next generation" in rural development: helping to provide water and sewer service. "I said, 'Yes Mr. Secretary. We're ready, we're willing and we're able.'"

Outgoing president York responded angrily to REA's critics. "Outfits calling themselves 'think tanks,' plus old arch enemies such as Reader's Digest, a fat-cat oil company and TV personalities whose view of rural America is from penthouse



Karla Miller of Carbondale (center) participated in the meeting as an assistant to the convention staff of NRECA. Karla, who represents Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, is the Illinois delegate on the NRECA Youth Consulting Board.

apartments, have loosed a new campaign," said York. Although these "outfits" have "anointed" themselves as advisors to the new administration, York believes President Clinton understands and appreciates the character and the unique role of rural electric cooperatives in rural economic development. "Rural electric cooperatives, all across the land, are not only willing, ready and able to do the job but have decades of experience to back it up." York stressed that experience has taught the importance of a strong REA. "In the interest of rural America we cannot yield on this issue."

Rep. Tauzin promised to push for changes in federal wetlands policy and the Endangered Species Act to balance property rights and economic needs against solid environmental protection. Tauzin, who received NRECA's Distinguished Service Award in part for his work in steering last year's cable TV bill to enactment over President Bush's veto, called on rural electric leaders to mount a similarly strong campaign for wetlands and species law reforms. "Let's not stop here," he said. "Let's carry this fight forward and create sensible endangered species and wetlands policies that let farmers farm their land and ranchers ranch their land." He denied that such changes amount to an effort to gut the environmental protections in the laws. "What we need is some balance here," he told reporters after his speech. "We simply want reason to prevail."

Utility consultant Mills said that electric power continues to revolutionize business and society — with the added benefit of helping the environment. He traced U.S. energy consumption patterns for the past two decades, noting that while economic activity climbed 71 percent and electricity use jumped 84 percent, overall

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Thomas H. Moore

AIEC's Moore honored by NRECA

Thomas H. Moore, executive vice president and general manager of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), Springfield, received the William F. Matson Democracy Award February 15 during the NRECA meeting. The Matson Award recognizes outstanding accomplishment and service to rural electrification and cooperation through political action.

Moore, who has been general manager of the AIEC since 1961, was honored for a variety of legislative activities at the state and national levels. Moore was cited for his work to reform and reduce Illinois utility taxes and provide weatherization assistance for the state's consumers, saving electric cooperative consumers millions of dollars each year. He was also honored for his work with the Illinois Congressional delegation to allow Illinois power supply cooperatives to refinance high-interest loans at lower interest rates, also saving electric cooperative consumers millions of dollars annually.

A native of Oppolo, Ark., Moore is a 1951 honors graduate of the University of Central Arkansas. He achieved the rank of lieutenant in the U.S. Navy, serving from 1951 to 1957. He and his wife, the former Clara Jean Jackson, are the parents of three children, and they have five grandchildren.

BRIEFLY

Rural jobs and investment bill introduced in U.S. Senate

Senate Agriculture Committee Chairman Patrick Leahy (D-Vt.) in February introduced S. 309, The Rural Jobs and Investment Act of 1993, a \$3.6 billion investment package to spur economic growth in rural areas. The measure is similar to legislation Chairman Leahy introduced last year and is designed to provide the capital needed by new and expanding businesses in rural areas to create jobs and revitalize the economy. The measure would also provide funds for infrastructure, create 160,000 jobs in rural America and will not add to the deficit. Funding would come from savings in defense and international accounts as well as an increase in federal revenues. The bill would increase REA's insured loan level by \$700 million, thereby virtually eliminating the current backlog of applications from electric cooperatives for insured loans. At a House Agriculture Committee hearing earlier, Agriculture Secretary Mike Espy said rural development would be a part of the

Wm. David Champion, Jr. elected chairman of IFEC board



Champion

Wm. David Champion, Jr., manager of Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative, Paxton, has been elected chairman of the board of the Illinois Farm Electrification Council (IFEC). The election took place during the IFEC's annual meeting

February 5 in Champaign. Other officers elected include: Terry Lane, Central Illinois Public Service, president; Roscoe L. Pershing, Head of the University of Illinois Agricultural Engineering Department, vice president; and Paul Benson, U. of I. Ag Engineering, executive director. Other directors are: Thomas H. Moore, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives; Paul Mariman, Illinois Power Company; Lane; Gordon Dowell, Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, and Mead Babcock, Central Illinois Light Company. Dick Brown, Hamilton County Cooperative Extension adviser, represents the Extension Advisers Association as an adviser to the board. Awards were presented for special efforts and services in reaching the goals of IFEC. Ray Riffey, long-time member services director for M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Carlinville, received a Merit Award, and Dorland W. Smith, Manager of Menard Electric Cooperative, Petersburg, received a plaque in recognition of his contributions as president of the IFEC during the past year. Two new directors were elected: James E. Coleman, manager of Shelby Electric Cooperative, Shelbyville,

Administration's economic growth plan and that the President's plan will "help solidify the gains the economy has made during the past few months and help boost growth in rural America." The 15 co-sponsors of S. 309 include Senator Paul Simon of Illinois.

Chrysler, GM race for quick-charge electric car

Chrysler Corp. and General Motors Corp. are racing to develop devices that can recharge an electric car's batteries in minutes, which would be a major step toward putting electric vehicles on the road. Chrysler unveiled its quick-charge system late last year, which it developed with a Canadian supplier. The device can recharge a battery pack in about 25 minutes, and is mobile. That would allow it to be used for roadside emergency assistance to electric cars with dead batteries. Meanwhile, Hughes Power Control Systems, a GM subsidiary, is developing a device that can recharge an electric car's batteries in about 15 minutes. Both companies plan to have prototypes ready for testing by mid-year. Foreign and U.S. automakers are struggling to produce viable electric vehicle systems to meet a

1998 California clean air deadline. Beginning that year, 2 percent of all vehicles sold in the state must not produce any emissions. To compete in one of the world's largest automotive markets, manufacturers must have "clean" vehicles to sell.

West grows fastest

The West was the fastest growing region in the nation from mid-1991 to mid-1992, and Nevada topped the 50 states in population increase for the second straight year. The Census Bureau said Nevada added 44,000 people between July 1991 and July 1992, a 3.5 percent increase. Alaska had the second fastest growth rate, at 2.9 percent. Colorado and Idaho each grew 2.7 percent. Washington increased 2.5 percent, Utah rose 2.4 percent, Arizona grew 2.2 percent, New Mexico had 2.1 percent, Hawaii increased 2 percent, and Georgia had 1.9 percent. California, growing by 1.6 percent, boasted the largest numerical increase, adding 487,000 residents. The Census Bureau said the nation's population grew to 255.1 million, rising 1.2 percent. One-third of that increase was attributed to immigration. By region, the West grew the fastest, at 1.9 percent. The South was second, increasing 1.4 percent. The Midwest grew by 0.8 percent and the Northeast advanced 0.3 percent.

replaced James E. Campbell, manager of Clay Electric Co-operative, Flora, and Steve Naylor of Commonwealth Edison Company replaced John Wendell, also of Commonwealth Edison.

Soyland's Dougherty to head DCCA Marketing, Promotional Committee

Doug Dougherty, director of marketing and development for Soyland Power Cooperative, will chair an Illinois Department of Commerce and Community Affairs (DCCA) committee that will look at issues affecting community and economic development. The committee's work is to help improve the state's coordinated marketing and promotional activities over the long term.

Sheep Festival scheduled April 3

The Monroe County Sheep Producers Association will conduct the Seventh Annual Southern Illinois Sheep and Craft Festival April 3 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds near Waterloo. This event will feature an educational as well as recreational agenda. Planned events include a series of lecture topics by University of Illinois Extension specialist Dr. Gary Ricketts and spinning and craft demonstrations with wool. A special feature will be a buffet lamb lunch served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. featuring various cuts of fresh, locally grown lamb. Exhibits will display purebred sheep breeds, sheep equipment, feed and health products, and sheep- and wool-related craft and gift items. This program is open to the public. Admission is free. For information contact: Richard Woodcock, (618)939-8536.

Six electric cooperatives on safety roll

Six Illinois electric cooperatives were listed on the Safety Honor Roll during the 1993 Annual Meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Dallas in February. The six had received Safety Accreditation in either April or October of 1992 by the Rural Electric Safety Accreditation Program Committee. The six include: Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Breeze; M.J.M. Electric Cooperative, Carlinville; Menard Electric Cooperative, Petersburg; Shelby Electric Cooperative, Shelbyville; Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative, Fairfield; and Western Illinois Electric Cooperative, Carthage. Sixteen Illinois distribution electric cooperatives now have accreditation.

Electrical scene cut from "Used People"

The movie, "Used People" is minus one dangerous electrical scene, thanks to the lobbying efforts of the Chicago Transit Authority. Twentieth Century Fox cut a scene from the movie that indicated the electricity is cut off on tracks between trains. The transit officials feared the scene would prompt people to jump on the train tracks and suffer electrocution. "The electricity is always on" between trains, said CTA general counsel William H. Farley.



Illinois electric cooperatives were singled out for a PEARL (Promoting Excellence in American Rural Life) Award during the 51st Annual Meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) February 14-17 in Dallas, Tex. The Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC) won the Nova Award, which recognizes innovative and creative projects. From left are Morris L. Bell of Chandlerville, AIEC president; Mrs. Margie Mohrman of Camp Point, whose individual effort and work were cited; Thomas H. Moore, executive vice president of the AIEC; and Bob Bergland, NRECA general manager, who made the award presentation.

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energy use rose only 22 percent and carbon dioxide emissions have edged up just 10 percent. "Ecowatts," Mills's term for greater use of electricity instead of direct use of coal or gas in steel mills and other manufacturing processes, also boosts economic output, he said. "The fundamental reason these technologies are used is they are productive; they make America more competitive. But they happen, as a side benefit, to help the ecosphere," Mills added.

REA Administrator Huff recalled his own rural roots and the day the lights came on in his Mississippi farmhouse. "So I've seen where we've come from and I know what REA has done. I do not feel that the work of REA is near finished," Huff said, adding that he endorsed Bergland's counterattack on the

January televised blast at his agency: "I think Bob Bergland did a tremendous job. I also agree with what he said." He described agency task forces and study groups working with borrowers to speed and streamline REA services. "We must work smarter as well as harder," he said. "I want to make REA stronger and more effective; I'm dedicated to that." As partners, he concluded, REA and its co-op borrowers can make a difference in the future of rural America. "Rural America can make a difference in the future of rural America. "Rural America can and must be revitalized. It's up to all of us to get it done together."

Rep. English lashed out at REA critics he said are using lies and distortions to erode the agency's credibility. These opponents, he said, are no dif-

ferent from the ideologues who tried to keep REA from getting started during the Depression. Having failed to overcome strong bipartisan congressional support for REA over nearly 60 years, English explained, they have launched a "guerrilla campaign" to undermine public support for the agency through media reports painting REA as unneeded and outdated. "Folks, that's wrong," he declared, earning a round of general session applause. English called for "a new partnership between people and their government."

The work of an Adams County woman was cited February 16 when the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives (AIEC), Springfield, received a PEARL Award from the National Rural Electric Women's Association (NREWA).

The PEARL (Promoting Excellence in American Rural Life) Awards, now in their eighth year, are given annually by NREWA to both state and local chapters of NREWA and recognize community and cooperative projects that increase understanding and support of rural electric programs.

The AIEC received the state Nova Award, which recognizes the most innovative or creative project or group of projects with heavy emphasis placed on originality. The AIEC is the statewide service organization for the electric cooperatives of Illinois.

Over the years and largely through the efforts of Mrs. Margie Mohrman of Camp Point, the AIEC demonstrated a high level of dedication in seeking consistently to increase NREWA membership in NRECA Region V, which includes Illinois, Iowa and Wisconsin. Mrs. Mohrman's active leadership contributed significantly to the formation of NREWA programs in the three states. She is the wife of Roger C. Mohrman, manager of Adams Electrical Co-Operative, Camp Point.

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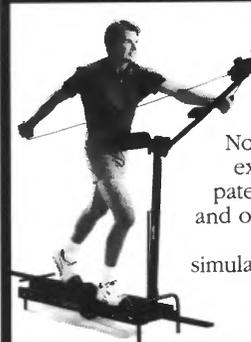
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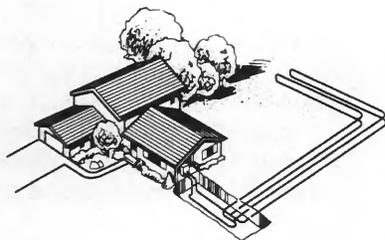
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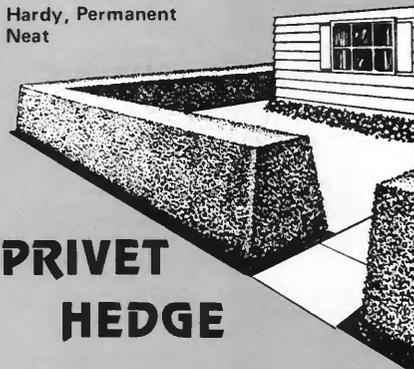
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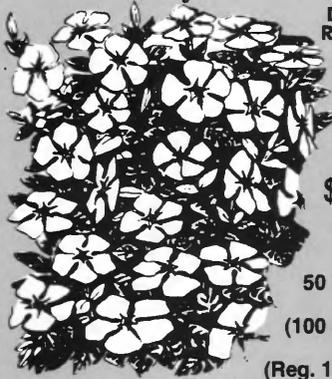
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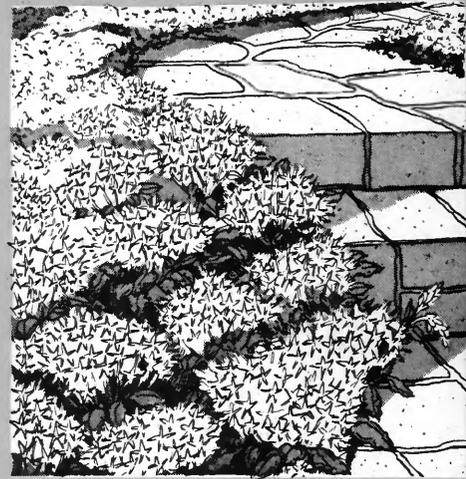
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BIG VEGETABLE ANTIPASTA

- 1 head cauliflower, separated into flowerettes
- 3 green peppers, cut in strips
- 2 pkgs. carrots, cut into sticks
- 1 bunch celery, cut into sticks
- 1 bunch broccoli
- 1 pound button mushrooms
- 1½ cups oil, salad or olive
- 3 cups tarragon vinegar
- ½ to ¾ cup sugar
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tablespoon prepared mustard
- 1 tablespoon salt
- 2 Teaspoons tarragon leaves
- Pepper to taste

Prepare vegetables. Combine remaining ingredients and pour over vegetables. Taste for seasonings. Cover and chill at least 12 hours. They should be turned occasionally. Drain well and serve. Will keep for weeks in the refrigerator. You may save your liquid and re-use again over more vegetables.

CHICKEN PIE CASSEROLE

- 1 chicken cooked and deboned
- 2 can mixed vegetables, drained (save juice)
- 1 can French fried onion rings
- 2 cans cream of chicken soup
- 4 boiled eggs, grated

- Crust:**
- 1 stick oleo
 - 1 cup milk
 - 1 cup self-rising flour

Combine vegetable juice with cream of chicken soup. Grease 9" x 13" x 2" casserole dish. Layer first 5 ingredients as listed. Cut oleo into flour, then add milk. Pour over top. Bake at 350° for 45 minutes to 1 hour, or until crust is browned.

HEARTY BEEF STEW

- 2 lbs. beef cut for stew (¾" cubes)
- ½ cup flour
- 1 teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon dry mustard
- ½ lb. bacon
- 1 (1½ oz.) envelope onion soup mix
- 3 cups water
- 1 (16 oz.) can tomato juice
- 1 (29 oz.) can mixed vegetables, drained
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- ½ cup barley

Add vegetable juice to water. Coat beef stew with flour seasoned with salt and mustard. Cut bacon into 1" pieces and fry. Remove bacon and add beef stew to bacon drippings and brown. Add soup mix and juice and water mixture to make 3 cups. Cover and simmer for 1 hour. Add tomato juice, sugar and barley. Cover and simmer for 45 minutes. Add bacon and home style vegetables and heat to serving temperature.

HOLIDAY SALAD

No. 1

- 1 #2 can French-style split green beans, drained
- 1 #2 can sweet English peas, drained
- 4 stalks celery, chopped
- 1 green bell pepper, chopped
- 1½ small onions, chopped

No. 2

- ½ cup sugar
- ½ cup wine vinegar
- ½ cup salad oil
- ¼ teaspoon salt

Combine ingredients in both mixtures, separately. Pour second mixture over first and mix well. Let stand in refrigerator for 24 hours. Mix well again and then drain before serving. It will keep 5 days or more.

HOLIDAY LAYER BARS

- ¼ cup butter
- 1 (9 oz.) yellow cake mix
- 2 cups marshmallows
- 1 pkg. (12 oz.) chocolate chips
- 1½ cups coconut
- 1 cup pecans
- 1 (14 oz.) can condensed milk

Cut butter into cake mix; put in pan and leave 10 minutes. Layer: marshmallows, chocolate chips, coconut, nuts over crust. Pour milk over and bake. Cool and chill. Makes 2½ dozen.

EASY CHOCOLATE CAKE

- 2 cups brown sugar
- ½ cup shortening
- 2 eggs
- 8 teaspoons cocoa
- ½ teaspoon salt
- ½ cup buttermilk
- 2 teaspoons soda
- 2 cups flour
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup boiling water

Combine all ingredients and pour into greased and floured 9" x 13" pan. Bake at 250° degrees for 1 hour. Cool and frost.

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- ½ cup oleo
- 2 cups powdered sugar
- ⅓ cup cocoa
- ⅓ cup coffee
- Dash salt

Beat until light and fluffy.

VANILLA SHEET CAKE

- 2 cups flour
- 2 cups sugar
- 1½ teaspoon salt
- 1 stick margarine
- ½ cup shortening
- 1 cup water
- 2 eggs
- 1 teaspoon soda
- ½ cup buttermilk
- 1 teaspoon vanilla

Grease and flour a cookie sheet pan. Sift dry ingredients. Bring margarine, shortening and water to boil. Pour over dry ingredients. Add eggs, soda, buttermilk and vanilla. Mix well, bake 20 minutes at 350°.

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- 1 stick margarine
- 6 tablespoons milk
- 1 box powdered sugar
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- ½ cup nuts
- 1 cup coconut

Heat margarine and milk. Pour over sugar. Add vanilla, nuts and coconut. Spread over hot cake.

CHOPPED STEAK SMOTHERED IN SESAME ONION

- 1½ lbs. ground beef
- 1 teaspoon salt
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 tablespoons salad oil
- 4 large onions, sliced
- 2 tablespoons soy sauce
- 1 tablespoon sesame seeds
- 2 teaspoons lemon juice
- ½ teaspoon sugar

About 25 minutes before serving, shape ground beef into six 1-inch thick oval patties. Sprinkle patties with salt and pepper. Heat 12-inch skillet over medium-high heat until skillet is very hot; add patties; cook about 8 minutes for medium or until of desired doneness, turning patties once. Meanwhile, in 4-quart saucepan over medium heat, in hot salad oil, cook onions 5 minutes, stirring frequently. Add soy sauce and remaining ingredients; continue cooking 5 minutes longer or until onions are tender-crisp. Serve onions with patties. Makes 6 servings.

COMPANY SHRIMP CASSEROLE

- 2 to 3 lbs. shrimp, cooked in crab boil, peeled and cleaned
- 1 cup rice, cooked
- 1 cup sharp cheese, grated
- 1 can mushroom soup
- ½ cup chopped green pepper
- ½ cup chopped green onion
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 1 stick butter
- 1 or 2 lemons, sliced very thin
- Salt and pepper
- Hot sauce

Mix first four ingredients together. Saute' green peppers, green onions and celery in butter. Add to shrimp mixture. Put in long flat casserole and completely cover top with sliced lemons. Cook, covered, about 20 minutes at 375°. May be frozen ahead. Serves 6. Delicious served with salad, French bread and dessert.

SHRIMP CREOLE

- ½ cup chopped onion
- ½ cup chopped celery
- 1 clove garlic, minced
- 3 tablespoons oil
- 2 cans tomatoes
- 1 (8 oz.) can tomato sauce
- 1½ teaspoon salt
- 1 teaspoon sugar
- 1 teaspoon chili powder
- 1 tablespoon Worcestershire sauce
- Dash Tabasco
- 1 tablespoon cornstarch
- 1 lb. raw shrimp, cleaned
- ½ cup chopped green pepper

Cook onion, celery and garlic in oil. Add tomatoes, sauce and seasonings. Simmer 45 minutes. Mix cornstarch with 2 tablespoons of water. Stir into creole to thicken. Add shrimp and green pepper. Simmer about 5 minutes. Serve over rice.

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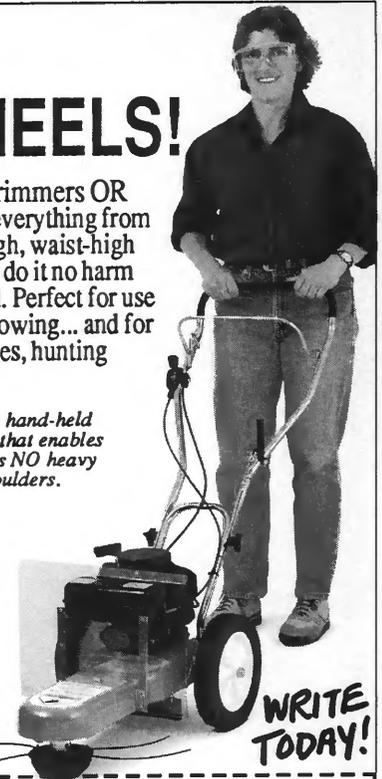
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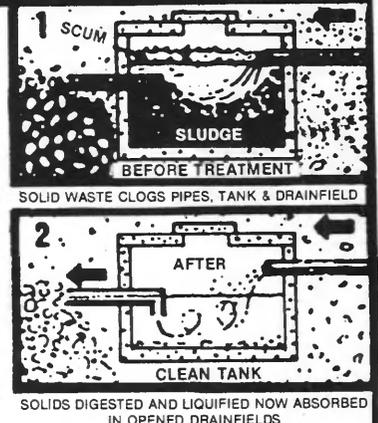
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Edgar Electric Co-operative Association honored the Crestwood Lady Eagles with a resolution. Front row, left to right: Joe Welsh, president, Edgar Electric; David Hollis, director, Edgar Electric; Mike Clark, employee, father of Misi Clark; Jane Brazelton, employee, mother of Dixie Brazelton; Lori McCollum, coach, Crestwood School; Alan Zuber, principal, Crestwood School; Tom Hentz, manager, Edgar Electric; and Keith Ashcraft, superintendent, Crestwood School. Back row, left to right: Michelle Nugent, Beth Hansel, Kim Anderson, Misi Clark, Christy Moody, Erin Hutchison, Sarah Ashcraft, Jennifer Wallace, Sara Beth Moody, Jenny Lindsey, Heather Henson, Dixie Brazelton, Erika Cutright, Brooke Elledge, Amy Nowarita, Morgan Halley, Ingrid Kraemer, Courtney Anderson, Amanda Redburn, Heather Bradham and Nancy Rodgers.

High-flying Lady Eagles

Crestwood School teams make history

Things happened quickly in mid-December for the Lady Eagles of Crestwood School, Paris. On consecutive Wednesday nights, the school's seventh and eighth grade girls' basketball teams made history. They won the 1992 7A and 8A state championships in the Illinois Elementary School Association tournament, the first basketball teams to do so in the same season.

The seventh grade team finished the season with a 19-1 record, and the eighth grade team was 21-1. The girls are coached by Lori McCollum, physical education teacher.

Since the tournament, the school and the team members have drawn commendation from many groups and organizations. The Paris City Council proclaimed the week of January 11-16 as "Paris Crest-

wood Lady Eagles Week" to honor the teams.

The school, which has students in grades kindergarten through the eighth grade, serves each year as the site of the annual members' meeting of Edgar Electric Co-operative Association. In addition, most of the team members live in homes served by Edgar Electric.

On January 26, representatives of Edgar Electric formally

presented a board resolution to school officials. Unanimously passed by the board on December 30, the resolution read:

"Whereas, the 1992 Paris Crestwood Lady Eagles Seventh and Eighth Grade basketball teams have won state titles in the Class 7A and Class 8A, and Whereas, the Lady Eagles have finished the season with impressive records of 19-1 and 21-1, and

Whereas, Crestwood School is the first school in the history of the Illinois Elementary School Association to win both the Seventh and Eighth Grade titles in the same year, and

Whereas, virtually all of the members of both teams live in the territory served by Edgar Electric Co-operative Association and their parents are members of Edgar Electric Co-operative Association.

Now, therefore, be it resolved, that Edgar Electric Co-operative Association commends the accomplishments of the Paris Crestwood Lady Eagles Seventh and Eighth Grade basketball teams."

"The board and employees of the cooperative wanted to show their appreciation and support for the teams," Tom Hentz, manager of Edgar Electric Co-Operative, said. Included on the team are children of two Edgar Electric employees, Jane Brazelton and Mike Clark.

Crestwood School and coach McCollum were not strangers to the state tournament in December. In 1988, 1990, and 1991, the eighth grade team made it to the final eight in the tournament. The seventh grade team won the tournament in 1990, and finished second in 1991.

State Rep. William B. Black of the 105th District honored the girls with certificates of recognition, and the team members were scheduled to serve as pages for the General Assembly in March in Springfield.

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Larry Watson shows off an apple suncatcher.

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It took Larry Watson a long time to get up and running in his stained glass interest, but all you need is one look around his rural Blandinsville home to know that he's up to speed now. There were about six years there, after he was introduced to the art, when he didn't do anything. Like most of us, free time was a factor.

"I worked at a home-building supply firm in Springfield," Larry says, "as manager of the kitchen cabinets section. There were options for glass doors in kitchens and cabinets, and one

of my salesmen did that kind of work. He urged me to go to his house and take a look at his shop, and watch him work. One day I finally did. It looked kind of fascinating and not terribly difficult. I figured, 'If he can do it, I can do it!' and I decided to take it from there."

But the company closed up shop, and the Watsons moved back to the Macomb area in 1978, and Larry got involved in a couple of businesses. He's manager of AIM, a crop insurance firm, and calls auctions.

He never lost interest in the

stained glass. "In 1981," he relates, "Barngrover Glass Company in Burlington, Iowa, held an open house, and I went. They had classes there, and they allowed the visitors to look over the shoulders of the people who were taking a class. My interest was rekindled again, and I bought the materials I'd need to make an eagle."

He notes that while that first project wasn't perfect, the effort turned out at least as well as he'd expected it to, and he was really pleased with it.

Since that time, he has made

countless little suncatchers, and quite a few larger pieces, including a 42-inch diameter elk clock that he donated to the Macomb Elks Lodge, of which he is a member. His wife, Georgeana, is supportive, and daughters B.J. and Joleen got into the act, too. When Joleen was in seventh grade, in fact, Larry gave the class a demonstration. Both girls have made suncatchers, and B.J. has a fairly ambitious project going now.

Larry says the craft is not a very difficult one, but there is an art to it that's more difficult to master. Basically, the craft involves cutting glass to irregular shapes, framing them with thin metal frames, and soldering the frames together in the desired shape. Patterns are available, and the McDonough Power Cooperative member has made many pieces from his own drawings.

The art comes in when it's time to take the irregularly colored pieces and make them

work together in a complementary way, and to do it right.

"There are a lot of patterns on the market," Larry says, "and I use them quite a bit. But when I want something that I can't find a pattern for, I have to make my own. For example, a lot of the pieces I make are for gifts, and one gift I wanted to make was a race horse I did for my father. I couldn't find a pattern I liked, so I made one freehand from a picture."

Naturally, such pieces have to have at least two features: They must be shaped like the object they represent, and they have to be put together in such a way that they have some strength. Larry has to draw in places to put metal for just that reason. He notes that scenes that lack strength in an area — for example the sky — can be "beefed up" with the addition of a cloud or two.

"There are a lot of little tricks you learn as time goes by," he

says, "and they enable you to do a better job."

Larry gets most of his glass from Walch Studio in Springfield, and notes that most of it costs from \$3.75 to \$5 per square foot, although some of it costs as much as \$20 for a square foot.

Many Macomb-area homes boast examples of Larry's works, as well as some businesses, too. The Macomb Dining Company has a stained glass logo, and of course, the Elks Lodge has its clock. But many of the pieces Larry makes are for family and friends. The family home has its fair share of tiffany lamp shades, and there are many other pieces, too.

A friend out west, a hot-air ballooning enthusiast, has a beautiful work, and a hang gliding enthusiast has a model hang glider. "A lot of people have commented on how much they like the things I make," Larry says, and I enjoy giving them as gifts. That's part of the fun of being able to make them."



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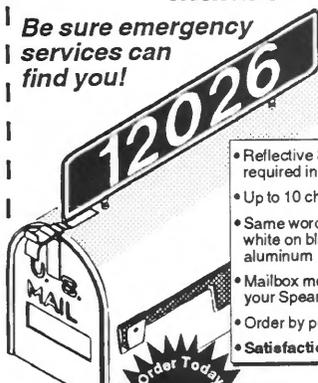
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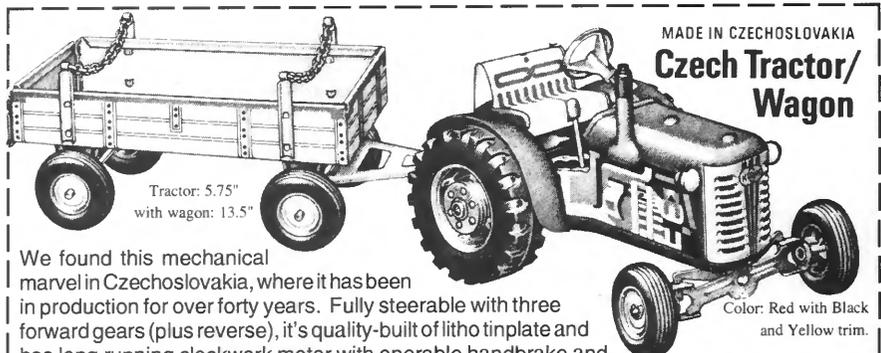
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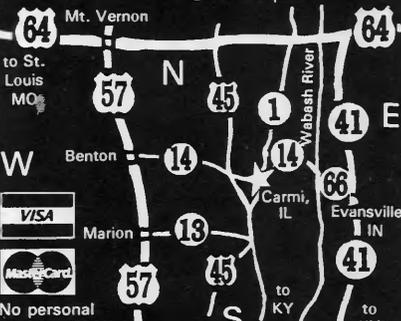
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