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By Gordon Delo

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(By J. Robson)

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PMA sale is a bad idea

Tucked into the center of this month's issue is a page of perforated post cards regarding something called PMAs. Please tear those cards out and set them aside for the time being. We ask that you read the rest of this, then turn to page 8 of this issue to find out more about PMAs and why you should address those cards and mail them to your Congressman and Senators.

Power marketing administrations (PMAs) are the product of a federal investment primarily designed to provide flood control. Generation of hydroelectric power was a by-product of federal dams built decades ago, and the electric power proved especially beneficial in remote, under-served rural areas. A public "first right," or preference, to the power was established to assure people in the rural regions of access to the hydropower through consumer-owned utilities, mainly rural electric cooperatives and municipal systems. Combined, the five PMAs across the nation provide 10 percent of the country's electric power.

What transpired with the PMAs in the beginning was very similar to what took place at the start of the federally supported rural electrification program. Private utilities weren't interested, so the people did it themselves. It was the electric

cooperatives and municipal systems that agreed to purchase the electric power. These consumer-owned electric utilities also have 40 years of equity investment in the federal power program through their power contracts. Costs associated with construction, operation, and maintenance are paid by these preference customers.

The Clinton Administration and many in Congress want to sell off these valuable government assets. Rural electric leaders across Illinois and the nation believe it is a mistake to do this.

Please read what is on page 8, then address those postcards and mail them to your U.S. Senators and Representative. Use the following format for Senators: Office of Senator _____, United States Senate, Washington, DC 20510; and for Representative: Office of Congressman/Congresswoman _____, United States House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515.

In addition to Senators Paul Simon and Carol Moseley-Braun, nine Congressmen represent areas served by electric cooperatives: Gerald C. Weller, 11th district; Jerry F. Costello, 12th; J. Dennis Hastert, 14th; Thomas W. Ewing, 15th; Donald Manzullo, 16th; Lane A. Evans, 17th; Ray LaHood, 18th; Glenn Poshard, 19th; and Richard J. Durbin, 20th.

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Cover: Linda Kleiss turned her back yard into a business when she and her husband, Jerry, diversified their farming operation a few years ago. They have built a growing nursery operation just out their back door. See article beginning on page 6.

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\$350,000 distance learning grant sought for rural schools

The Illinois Distance Learning Foundation has requested \$350,000 from the Rural Utilities Service distance learning and medical link grant program. The funds would support the foundation's plan to provide a linkage of 108 rural high schools in 45 counties to the Internet. Each school would receive the required computer package and staff training to begin utilizing the Internet in the classroom. In addition, the Illinois State Board of Education has committed \$100,000 in training and technical assistance to the schools identified in the proposal. The proposal was a collaborative effort of the foundation and four higher education consortia.

Southern Illinois Sheep Festival is April 8

The Monroe County Sheep Producers Association's ninth annual Southern Illinois Sheep and Craft Festival is scheduled April 8 at the Monroe County Fairgrounds near Waterloo. Planned events include a series of lecture topics by a University of Illinois Extension sheep specialist and spinning and craft demonstrations. A buffet lamb lunch will be served from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. Commercial and other exhibits will display purebred sheep breeds, sheep equipment, feed and health products and sheep and

wool craft and gift items. Many of the items will be for sale. This program is open to the public. Admission is free. For information contact: Richard Woodcock at 618-939-8536 or Morrie Sanford at 618-939-3623.

Cooperative video documentary now available

The video documentary "The Spirit of Cooperation" is now available for purchase by cooperatives and individuals. "The Spirit of Cooperation" blends history, economics, cooperative examples and interviews with members of cooperatives who demonstrate how cooperatives work. The show will help people understand what a cooperative is and how it can meet their needs for utilities, credit, housing, child care, food, consumer goods and services, and health care. The video was developed by an advisory committee consisting of representatives from the Cooperative Development Foundation, Credit Union National Association, National Association of Housing Cooperatives, National Cooperative Bank, National Cooperative Business Association, National Council of Farmers, National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, Nationwide Insurance and USDA Cooperative Services. The video is in VHS format for \$39.95 each or \$29.95 each for quantity orders of 100 copies or more. Send orders to the Cooperative Development Foundation — video, 1401 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 1100, Washington, DC 20005. Special school and library public performance video and book

packages are also available. For information, call Jill Stevenson at (202) 638-6222.

Veterans Administration establishes hotline

The Veterans Affairs Department has launched a new toll-free "help line" for Persian Gulf War veterans seeking information on medical care and benefits. The line is part of an outreach program set up to assist Gulf veterans, particularly those who are suffering from undiagnosed illnesses, the so-called Persian Gulf Syndrome, arising from service in the 1991 war. The phone service is headquartered at a new Persian Gulf Information Center at the St. Louis VA regional office and will be staffed with Persian Gulf War benefit specialists from 7:30 a.m. to 8:30 p.m. CST, on weekdays. Recorded messages providing information will be available at all other times. The line, 1-800-PGW-VETS (1-800-749-8387), has been in effect since February. The VA also is providing information on benefits, medical care and research on an electronic bulletin board system. VA-Online can be accessed by people with a computer and a communications package through 1-800-US1-VETS (1-800-871-8387).

Decrease in number of family farms worries bankers

In a survey recently conducted by the National Agricultural Bankers Association, the dwindling number of Americans becoming farmers is a great concern. The outlook for long-term economic

development in rural areas and the risk of environmental liability were additional concerns for 246 agricultural lenders surveyed. "The decade-long decline in the number of family farms has left an ominous shadow hanging over many small towns," said Darcy L. Myers, chairman of the association's Agricultural Bankers Division and vice president of Norwest Bank Denver. In the past year 96 percent of the bankers surveyed said sufficient credit was available in their areas. However, a decrease in the number of credit-worthy borrowers was noted by 56 percent of the bankers. Additionally, the bankers identified regulatory burdens and rural development as the top issues facing agricultural banking in the next year.

Poll shows Social Security beats out student aid

According to the Alliance to Save Student Aid, a coalition of more than 30 organizations from all sectors of higher education formed to fight congressional proposals to cut such programs, Americans think the government should continue helping students go to college but not at the expense of Social Security. A majority of respondents said federal student aid should be maintained even if the defense and welfare budgets have to be trimmed to pay for it. But they drew the line at Social Security: 61 percent of respondents disagreed "somewhat" or "strongly" with the proposition that Social Security be cut to save student aid. The survey also found that 85 percent of respondents believe that providing financial aid for college students is a good thing "because it enables the United States to maintain a competitive edge with respect to other first-world nations, such as Germany and Japan." The poll of 1,000 American adults was taken in January.



Linda Kleiss says the tree business is a big part of the family's nursery operation.

Rural nursery operation is a back yard business

Jerry and Linda Kleiss of rural Philo (Champaign County) diversified their farming operation several years ago, adding a nursery operation. Their move was largely as a result of a love of trees, plants and gardening. "Jerry came from a farm family," Linda says, "and I always enjoyed growing things, so it was just natural that we'd get into a business like this.

"In some ways, it's nice to have your work in your back yard, where you can be with your family. I like being close to my son, Kristopher, who's 17, and Laura, who's 13. Anyway, I was approached several years ago and asked if I'd grow some

plants on contract, so I decided to do it. At that time, we had one glass greenhouse. We added a propagation bench, or a place to start new plants, and another greenhouse."

Linda, who runs the nursery operation, remarks that Jerry is "the mechanical genius that keeps it running." He farms with his brother, Tom.

As time went by, more and more people were finding their way to the out-of-the-way nursery, which is served by Eastern Illini Electric Cooperative. More importantly, more and more people were liking what they found there. Linda explains that the opera-

tion is built around the production of good, sturdy trees, shrubs and other plants, and that she makes it a point to talk to people about their prospective purchases.

"I think a lot of people like that," she says, "and I make it a point to visit with people about what kind of tree they want, what they expect of it, and so on. I also urge them to plant their trees in such a way that they won't present any problems later by growing into sewer or power lines."

While the place was growing, the Kleisses added another greenhouse. The first one was glass-covered, the others are

plastic. Plastic doesn't let in as much sunlight as glass, she notes, but it is more energy efficient.

Having "grown up" with gardening and a love of plants, Linda got into the business without a great deal of formal training. Even so, she has done a lot of reading, attended workshops, taken classes, talked to a lot of people and asked a lot of questions. "I don't think there's really such a thing as being completely self taught," she says, "because you almost always learn a lot from others, but since I don't have a horticulture degree, I sometimes refer to myself as self taught."

While their 70-page catalog is bursting with various kinds of shrubs and flowers, they also have, as mentioned, a fairly prosperous tree operation. "We have about 10 acres in trees, which are also in the catalog," Linda says, "and we have a tree spade, which is a truck-mounted device that we use to move trees with. We can move trees up to about five inches in diameter, and that's a pretty good-sized tree."

They're working with their third tree spade now, and during the transplanting season they're frequently in the situation of "So many trees, so little time."

The best time to plant deciduous trees," she says, "is when they're dormant — when the leaves are gone. And we're awfully busy during those times.

"Part of the problem is that we have to be very careful of the customer's ground during that time, and we don't want to plant when the soil's too cold. Early spring rains or premature thaws cause problems, too. We've had several years where we've had days that lasted from 6 a.m. to midnight," she says.

Jerry does a lot of the tree moving, and so do a couple of the men who work for her. "My sister-in-law, Marie, has been known to operate the tree spade fairly often, too," she says.



They produce a variety of plants.

The operation is a good mix of wholesale and retail, and Linda grows a lot of plants for others. Some of the wholesale goods go to area landscape contractors.

"We have a good working relationship with a lot of the landscapers," Linda explains, "and we'll try to work with them to make sure we have good quantities on hand for them at all times. Some of them will call us and tell us what they think they'll be using next year, and that helps."

It seems a little surprising, considering the nursery's remote location, but much of its business is retail. "It's not so surprising when you stop to think about it," Linda says, "because a lot of people just like the drive out here. And it's not a rushed atmosphere. We have a giant swing set their kids can play on, and we have a four-year-old turkey named George, as well as some peafowl and pygmy goats. People can leave their kids there if they want, and they can walk among the trees and pick the plants they like, in peace and

quiet. And I've had people tell me they like the selection, too."

While many people drive out from the Champaign-Urbana area, Linda notes that there are quite a few people who drive down from the Chicago area on a regular basis, and a few come in from Indiana, too. The annual tree giveaway during the Arbor Day season draws a particularly good crowd, she says.

"I think one of the reasons a lot of people keep coming back," she says, "is that we have a very good selection of perennials and mums, and when they come out and see how our plants are grown, they know we grow in a lot of quality. They know we've grown them all here, and maybe babied them a little, and that they weren't grown just anywhere to be trucked in and sold on a parking lot."

Whatever the case, it's plain that the Kleisses have found a successful way to grow and market nursery items and do it well. If you'd like to contact them, they can be reached at (217) 867-2364.

Co-ops oppose sale of PMAs

Consumer costs would increase

Leaders of the nation's consumer-owned electric utilities strongly oppose proposals in Washington to sell off key components of rural electric systems' power supply, the federal power marketing administrations (PMAs). They say that electric cooperatives serving consumers in 34 states would face immediate cost increases if these government assets are sold off and that the sale would have a negative effect on all of the nation's rural electric consumers.

The Clinton Administration and many in Congress want to "privatize" the PMAs, claiming that taxpayers would benefit from such a plan. Co-op leaders note that U.S. taxpayers do not subsidize the federal power program. They add that the sale of the government assets to profit-driven third parties would produce immediate and significant rate increases for millions of electric cooperative and municipal electric consumers. In addition, rural electric leaders say, the competitive balance of the industry would be upset, subjecting rural electric consumers to the negative consequences of a captive power market.

Glenn English, general manager of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, said, "When the federal government built large, multi-purpose water projects, and decided to recover all of the costs of hydropower, it was the rural electric cooperatives and the municipally owned systems that agreed to purchase the power. Initially, the hydropower was expensive.

"If the PMAs were to fall into private hands, and particularly private profit-making hands, the competitive structure of the electric utility industry would be

Higher costs loom for four co-ops if PMAs are sold

Four electric cooperatives in Illinois would face higher costs if plans to sell off the power marketing administrations are carried out. Tim Reeves, general manager of Southern Illinois Power Co-operative, says the power supplier and its three member distribution electric cooperatives have access to 28 megawatts of peaking power from Southeastern Power Administration (SEPA), based in Georgia.

Reeves says costs for replacement power would be more than twice what SIPC and its member systems now pay for this power. SIPC member cooperatives include Egyptian Electric Cooperative, Steeleville; SouthEastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Eldorado; and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola. They serve more than 40,000 meters at homes, farms, businesses and commercial locations throughout a 19-county area.

The power that SIPC receives is generated at dams on the Cumberland River, in Kentucky and Tennessee. Barkley Dam, near Paducah, Ky., is the nearest of these dams to Illinois. The Tennessee Valley Authority operates many of the dams on the Cumberland and on the Tennessee River for SEPA.

"The federal government built these systems through the Army Corps of Engineers. They are owned by the federal government, just as the Shawnee National Forest and other such government assets are," Reeves adds.

He says, "The costs associated with building, operating and maintaining these dams are fully paid for by the preference customers that buy the power. There is no net cost to the U.S. government. Early in this program, the investor-owned utilities were not interested in buying power from these hydroelectric dams. The price wasn't good enough."

overturned, and the loss to electric consumers would dwarf the \$3.5 billion the federal Office of Management and Budget expects to get for the PMAs."

Co-op leaders point out that the system pays its own way. Power payments cover operation and maintenance of the generation and transmission systems, as well as the repayment of construction costs, with interest. In 1993, the PMAs collected almost \$3 billion in combined income.

The primary purpose of these water projects was flood control. It also was a way to provide

affordable and efficient hydropower to thousands of remote, underserved rural areas at a reasonable rate. A public "first right" to federal hydropower, or the preference principle, has long promoted competition in the electric utility industry between private power companies and smaller not-for-profit, consumer-owned utilities. It guarantees consumer-owned utilities access to a dependable source of power supply, while at the same time the water projects provide other much-needed economic benefits.

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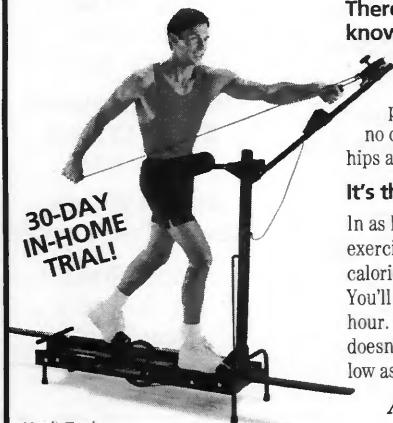
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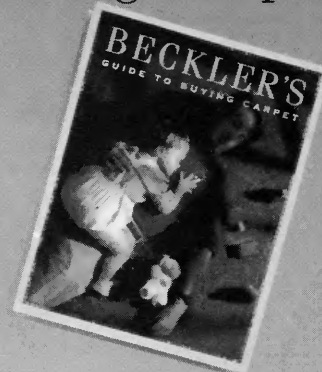
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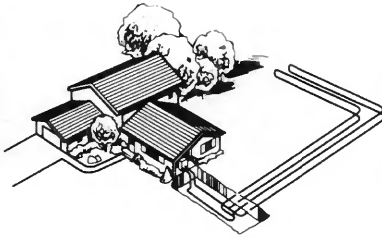
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- 1/2 teaspoon black pepper
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- 3 bay leaves

In large sauce pot cook onion, celery and garlic in oil until tender but not browned. Chop tomatoes in food processor or blender. Add tomatoes and remaining ingredients to vegetables. Simmer about 2 to 3 hours, stirring occasionally. Prepare home canning jars and lids according to manufacturer's instructions. Press tomato mixture through a sieve or food mill. Press out liquid and pulp. Discard seeds. Return to large sauce pot and cook uncovered over medium-high heat until sauce thickens. Stir frequently to prevent sticking. Carefully ladle into hot jars, leaving 1/4 inch head space. Process 35 minutes in a boiling water bath canner.

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- 4 oz. vermicelli
- 1/4 cup grated Parmesan cheese
- 1 egg, well beaten
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- 3/4 lb. ground pork
- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1/4 cup chopped green pepper
- 1/2 cup sliced mushrooms
- 2 tomatoes, chopped
- 1 cup pasta sauce
- 3/4 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon garlic powder
- 1/2 cup low fat cottage cheese
- 3/4 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 2 teaspoons chopped fresh parsley

Cook vermicelli according to package directions, omitting salt; drain. Stir Parmesan cheese into hot vermicelli. Add egg, stirring well. Spoon mixture into 9-inch pie plate or 9-inch quiche dish coated lightly with cooking spray. Use a spoon to shape the vermicelli into dish. Microwave at high, uncovered, 2 minutes or until set. Set aside. Crumble pork in a shallow 2 qt. casserole; stir in onion, green pepper and mushrooms. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave at high about 5 minutes; stirring at 2 minute intervals. Drain well in colander and pat dry with paper towels. Wipe pan drippings from casserole with paper towel. Return meat to casserole. Stir in tomatoes, tomato sauce and seasonings. Cover and microwave at high about 3 1/2 minutes, stirring once; set aside. Spread cottage cheese evenly over vermicelli. Top with meat sauce. Cover with plastic wrap and microwave at high about 6 minutes; sprinkle with mozzarella cheese. Microwave, uncovered, at high about 30 seconds or until cheese begins to melt. Sprinkle with parsley. Let stand 10 mins. before serving.

BASIL CHICKEN AND PASTA

- 1 lb. skinned and boned chicken breasts
- 2 tablespoons vegetable oil
- 1 cup sliced mushrooms
- 3 tablespoons chopped fresh basil
- 2 pints pasta sauce
- 1/4 cup grated Romano cheese
- 8 oz. fettuccine

Cut chicken into 1-inch pieces. Saute chicken in vegetable oil until meat turns white. Add mushrooms and basil; continue cooking until mushrooms are tender. Add pasta sauce and simmer mixture until heated through. Cook fettuccine according to package directions. Drain. Top fettuccine with basil chicken sauce. Garnish with Romano cheese.

VERMICELLI WITH SPINACH AND PASTA SAUCE

- 8 ozs. vermicelli
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1/2 lb. fresh chopped spinach
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 cup part-skim ricotta cheese
- 1/4 cup skim milk
- 1 pint pasta sauce
- 1/2 cup grated Parmesan cheese

Cook spinach in olive oil over medium heat about 10 minutes, stirring constantly. Add salt, pepper, ricotta cheese and skim milk. Cook over low heat until mixture is heated through; do not allow to boil. Simmer pasta sauce in a small saucepan. Cook until heated through. Cook vermicelli according to package directions. Drain. Top vermicelli with spinach sauce. Ladle pasta sauce over spinach. Garnish with grated Parmesan.

VEGETABLE LASAGNE

- 8 oz. lasagne noodles
- Vegetable cooking spray
- 1 3/4 cups chopped onion
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 3 pints pasta sauce
- 2 tablespoons chopped fresh parsley
- 1 teaspoon oregano
- 1/2 teaspoon basil
- 1/4 teaspoon pepper
- 1 1/2 lbs. zucchini, cut into 1/4-inch slices
- 2 pkgs. (10 oz. ea.) frozen chopped spinach, thawed, squeezed to drain
- 1 cup shredded mozzarella cheese
- 1 pkg. (8 oz.) low fat cottage cheese
- 1/4 cup Parmesan cheese

Cook lasagne noodles to desired doneness as directed on package. Drain; rinse with hot water. Set aside. Coat large skillet with cooking spray. Saute onion and garlic until onion is tender. Stir in next five ingredients. Bring to a boil; reduce heat and simmer uncovered for 10 minutes, stirring occasionally. Combine shredded mozzarella and cottage cheese; set aside. Coat a 13"x9"x2" baking dish with cooking spray. Layer ingredients into pan in the following order: 1 cup tomato sauce mixture, lasagne noodles, zucchini slices, spinach, cottage cheese mixture, 2 1/2 cups pasta sauce mixture. Repeat layers. Top with Parmesan cheese. Bake 350° oven for 30 minutes.

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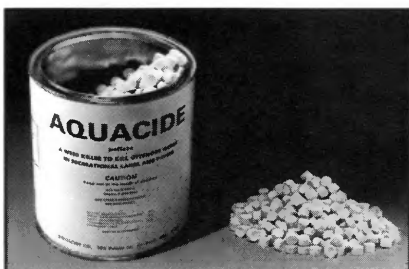
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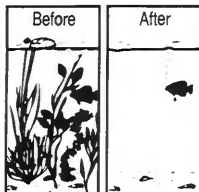
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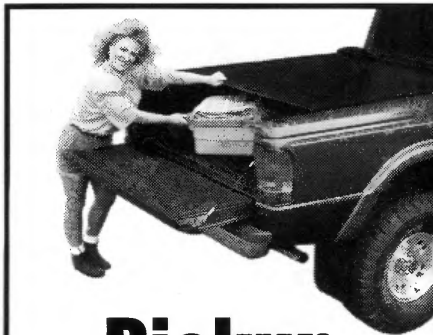


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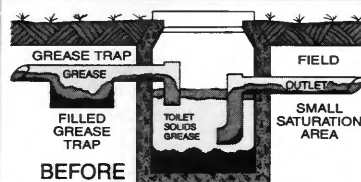
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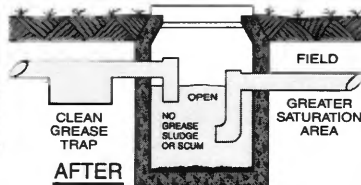
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A pilot project, the exhibit is modeled after traveling exhibits that normally visit cities like New York and San Francisco. Since cities usually can support big projects and smaller towns cannot, such displays never make it to rural areas. “Produce for Victory” is testing the feasibility of small exhibits, in the hope that others may follow. The exhibit is now in Effingham at the Helen Matthes Library, and it will be there through April 23. It will be in Dixon from May 15 through June 24, also at the library.

Each host town has been asked to prepare supplemental displays, and Effingham residents have done that, says Karla Johnson, technical services

librarian. “We asked people to loan us memorabilia, and we’ve had a good response. We have a replica of kitchen and living room, where people would prepare their rationed meals, and where they’d sit in front of the radio to listen to war news.”

Another local effort, “They served with honor,” is a video dealing with the war at home. It focuses on WW II veterans living in the Effingham area, those who didn’t come home, and the families who struggled with the absence or loss of loved ones.

That project, headed up by Craig Lindvahl, a teacher at Teutopolis High School, features interviews of people who served in the war and those with memories of home front life.

“It’s important to interview as many people as possible,” he says, “because this was an important part of our history.”

He and his students set out to talk to as many veterans as possible. They interviewed 60, even though only five stories are woven into the video. “If you try to get in more than five, it gets confusing,” he says. “We hope to do a book about the rest.”

With several weeks before the display gets to them, the people at Dixon are working, too, with a book about the Green River Ordnance Plant being one factor, according to Nancy Gillfillan, who’s coordinating the event.

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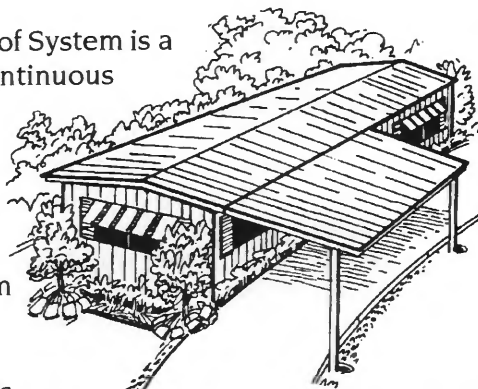
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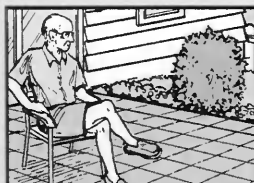
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