

'Fair Play' Bill Making Progress At Springfield

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use power for the mutual benefit of all instead of for individual profits."

A GREAT MANY electric cooperative member-owners from throughout the state, deeply concerned over the need for territorial protection this year, had wanted to attend the May 4 committee meeting.

But most stayed away, feeling there was no need for hundreds to descend on the capitol for this hearing. A relatively small delegation, however, sat quietly in the hearing room, thoughtfully listening to every word.

Quite obviously they felt the legislators as a whole had a sound understanding of their problem.

A FEW WEEKS earlier 556 cooperative members and legislators had joined in a "get acquainted" dinner in Springfield. Speech making was held to a minimum.

Thomas H. Moore, general manager of AIEC, spoke briefly. Miss Patti Ticken, "Miss Illinois Rural Electrification," and second runner up in the national beauty contest, told of what rural electrification had meant in her own farm home.

But mostly the legislators and the cooperative members visited at the dinner table and came to know and understand each other better.

A Chicago legislator who may never have been in deep Southern Illinois sat with a member-owner of Egyptian Electric Cooperative. They talked earnestly. They exchanged views and experiences. And when the evening was over each had an even greater respect for the other.

"I've never seen such an impressive dinner meeting in Springfield," said one veteran Springfield observer at the end of the evening.

"By golly," said a friend of the cooperatives, "I really do believe legislators want to vote for what's right. And I can see that they sometimes have trouble learning the whole truth."

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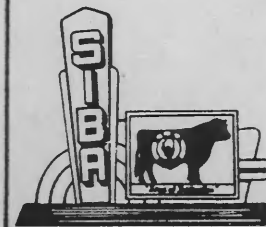
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Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative

Princeton, Ill.



Carl W. Matheson and model conveyor atop his auto.

Co-op Member Invents Conveyor

A tragic auto accident has led to a patented device which a Neponset farmer believes the answer to removing grain easily and efficiently from converted storage cribs.

Carl W. Matheson and his wife, Sylvia, were seriously injured in an accident six years ago this month. When he was able to resume work on his farm, Mr. Matheson discovered that his injured back was not strong enough to permit him to scoop grain.

THIS PROMPTED him to turn to other resources. He started experimenting with grain conveyors and, with his wife's help, designed his "Matheson Port-Valve Conveyor" which he put into production last October.

"There never was a tubular conveyor which could be installed under any free flowing material and which could remove material the entire length of the conveyor," Mr. Matheson said in explaining how his conveyor differs from others on the market.

He explained that the "Matheson Port-Valve Conveyor" has openings which are 18 inches apart and which are two and one-half inches in diameter. These "ports" have covers which can be opened or closed simultaneously. A gear rack control adjusts the amount of grain allowed in the conveyor making it possible to park a grinder under the outlet and grind direct from grain storage by adjusting the flow.

MR. MATHESON is enthusiastic about his conveyor which he believes eventually will have a commercial outlet. He now is advertising the conveyor in a farm publication and he answers inquiries by exhibiting a model conveyor attached to the top of his auto.

"The response has been good," he said, "and the conveyor is selling itself. This thing is definitely going to go. If I didn't feel good about it, I wouldn't have borrowed money to go into production."

The conveyor is being manufactured for Mr. Matheson by the Larson Machine Shop of Princeville.



'Ports' are spaced every 18 inches.

The conveyor's basic unit is 20 feet long and has a detachable motor mount and the gear rack control. Extensions come in six, nine or 12-foot lengths.

One user has found that the conveyor equipped with a three-quarter horsepower electric motor will auger grain at the rate of 600 bushels an hour. Mr. Matheson believes the rate can be easily increased to 800 bushels with the use of a one horsepower electric motor.

A SMILE at M. M. Jontz, manager of Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Princeton, preceded Mr. Matheson's next statement: "And this is just another way that electricity makes the farmer's job easier."

Mr. Jontz and Mr. Matheson, a member of Illinois Valley Electric, both recalled the drudgery involved in scooping grain and agreed that it is much easier to empty a crib with a conveyor, letting electricity do the work efficiently.

Pets Thrive on Kindness

Food costing \$100 a week is needed for the unusual hobby enjoyed by a member of Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc.

Maurice Verscheure, who lives two miles north of Cambridge on Illinois 82, said recently, "I can't stand to see an animal mistreated. I've liked all kinds of animals since I was a kid and I just enjoy having them around."

MANY DIFFERENT kinds of animals now are in Mr. Verscheure's care. Two of his favorites are "Sally" and "Cubby," a pair of Black bears which Mr. Verscheure has reared since their infancy. The two bears, who are seven and eight years old and who weigh 400 and 650 pounds, are sheltered in an iron cage near the Verscheure home.

Their master, bitten once when he refused to surrender his soft drink to "Sally," enjoys climbing in-

to the bears' cage to feed them candy much to their delight.

THE BEARS are only part of Mr. Verscheure's menagerie. There are pheasants, peacocks, parrots, doves, chickens, monkeys, raccoons, foxes, rabbits, goats, horses, sheep and Alaskan huskies. He said he couldn't guess how many animals he has other than to say "I suspect I've got about 40 dogs now."

Mr. Verscheure, who came to the United States from Belgium with his parents when he was two years old, keeps his pets on a 12-acre plot where he operates an auto salvage yard.

He hopes to expand his animal collection soon and will drive to Florida to pick up a South American cargo. He particularly wants a chimpanzee and some snakes. He also has an order in for some buf-

falo calves which cost \$350 each. "A chimp will bring as much as \$1,500," Mr. Verscheure added.

ALTHOUGH HE keeps the animals principally for his own amusement, he will show them to interested persons.

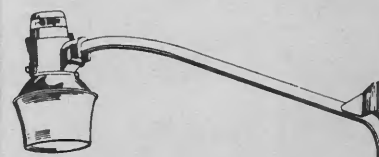
Caring for the animals naturally requires a lot of time. Mr. Verscheure said he spends two hours each morning and three hours in the evening in feeding them and in cleaning their cages.

A principal ingredient of their food is bread—800 loaves a week is used. Mr. Verscheure explained that he doesn't keep meat eating animals—although he likes them—because they are too expensive to feed.

His wife said she doesn't mind her husband's hobby. "After all," she explained, "it makes him happy."



Maurice Verscheure feeds candy to his two bears.



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Lake of Egypt Is Attracting Keen Interest

What's happening at one of Illinois' largest and newest man-made lakes?

President R. S. Holt, Steeleville, president of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative of Marion has a one-word answer: "Plenty."

Lake of Egypt is a sparkling 2,300-acre lake built by the power cooperative to provide cooling water for the 99-megawatt steam generating plant eight miles south of Marion.

THE PLANT is to be dedicated at 1:30 p.m. Sunday, Aug. 29, with Governor Otto Kerner delivering the dedicatory address.

The lake is essential to operation of the plant that will provide power for some 24,000 homes, churches, schools and businesses in the 22 southernmost Illinois counties.

But it is doing more than that. It is providing unexcelled recreational facilities for visitors from several states.

Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, with the enthusiastic support of its 12-member board of directors and L. Thomas Clevenger, its manager, is encouraging recreational use of the lake facilities.

Its clear blue water is highly suitable for fishing, skiing and other sports.

And more than 500 lake front building lots for year-round and seasonal homes already have been sold by private developers to private owners. At least 65 cottages and eight permanent homes have been built and the development program is just getting well under way.

THE BEAUTIFUL lake is located in Williamson and Johnson counties. It has 93 miles of shoreline.

"Cooperative and other area leaders have high hopes for the orderly development of recreational facilities made possible through creation of Lake Egypt," Ora M. Snider, information director and lake development manager for the power cooperative, said in a recent interview.

Members of the power company

board of directors, in addition to Mr. Holt, are K. R. Douglas, Karnak, vice president; Ray Webb, Tunnel Hill, secretary treasurer; R. M. Bahn, Carbondale r.r. 2; W. L. Bradley, Omaha; W. E. Hunt,

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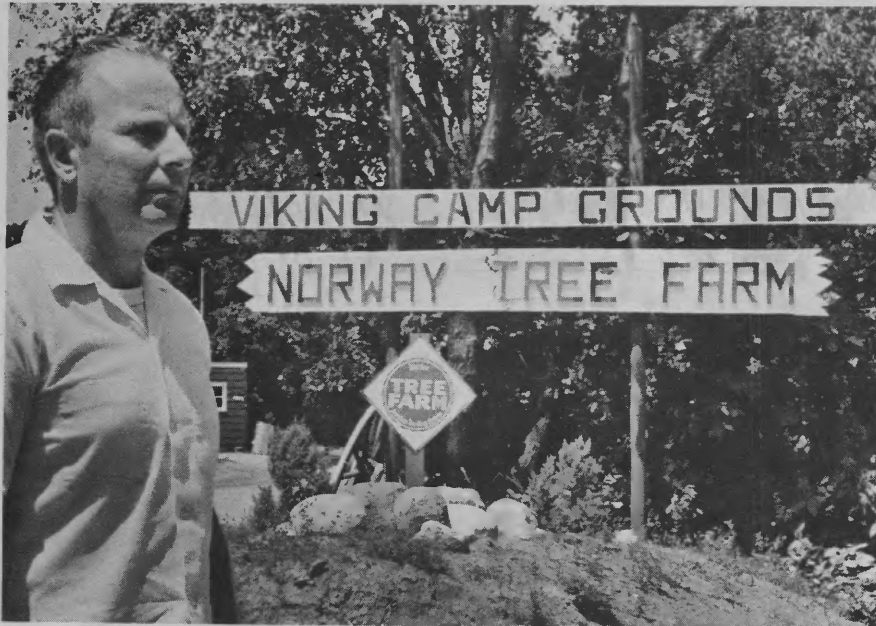
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Wayne Borchsenius at entrance of new Viking Campgrounds.

Illinois Valley Assisting Rural Area Development

Fresh air, a shady glen, a singing bird and a sparkling stream offer lots of relaxation to lots of people.

Others prefer more activity when they have a chance to enjoy the outdoors. They like watching a dog on the scent of game, the crashing of wings before a shotgun blast drops a duck onto cold waters below or the whistling crack of a golf club against a ball.

More and more people are spending more and more time outdoors. Recreation enthusiasts point to this in noting that facilities must be increased sharply to meet these new demands. Officials of the Illinois electric cooperatives are just as determined as other state leaders that these recreational needs will be met.

M. M. JONTZ, manager, Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., Princeton, is one of those who has pledged full cooperation to the development of rural areas, places which are being relied upon more all the time as not only recreational but living and working needs continue to expand.

"We certainly want to do all we

can to develop the rural areas of our state so that city and rural folks alike can enjoy their leisure time," Mr. Jontz said.

"The great potential of the rural areas has barely been touched, but there are several examples of excellent rural area development in the area served by Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative," he said.

One of these places is the Prairie Hunt Club and Lodge five miles north of Marseilles. Many Chicago businessmen are members of the club which is less than an hour's drive from the Loop.

RALPH (PETE) ERICKSON, owner and developer of the club, explained that hunting game is only one of the many facilities offered to the members. "We also have a supper club, lodge facilities, meeting rooms, a beach and we're now constructing a championship 18-hole golf course," Mr. Erickson said.

The hunting club's 52 members enjoy six-month-long shooting privileges on the spacious grounds where 5,000 ducks and 5,000 pheasants are shot annually. The licensed and controlled shooting areas also

offer other wild game such as quail, wild turkey and partridge.

Mr. Erickson said the club tries to offer a well rounded plan for the man who enjoys the outdoors. "Our members like this area and we're trying to anticipate their needs by adding new facilities as we go along," he said.

Another recreational facility which is growing in Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative's area is campgrounds. One of these is White Oak Park one mile south of Utica just off Route 78 near Starved Rock State Park. A second is Viking Campgrounds one mile west of Norway off Route 71.

WHITE OAK PARK consists of 170 acres and now offers about 200 campsites which overlook the Illinois River. The rustic and scenic park has boating, fishing, hiking and horseback riding for its campers. Other facilities such as swimming, a lodge, flush toilets and showers are under construction or are in the planning stage.

Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative has installed lines to serve the cleared campsites so that campers will not have to be without electricity.

Mrs. Thomas Mazourek, the camp manager, said camping is becoming more popular, noting that the use of White Oak Park has increased considerably since the campgrounds was opened this spring.

The park is owned by Everett Christopher of Triumph, Curtis Simonson of Ottawa and Wayne Borchsenius of Norway.

MR. BORCHSENIUS also is part owner of the Viking Campgrounds which offers 100 campsites.





Electrical outlets help make camping sites more attractive in White Oak Park.

Associated with him are Dale Brown and John Eastwold, both of Norway, a town they said is the first permanent Norwegian settlement in the United States.

Mr. Borchsenius pointed out that Illinois ranks fourth among the 50 states in its number of campers, but is 48th in providing campsites. "We simply must step up our efforts and take care of these people if for no other reason than to keep this money in our state," he said.

OWNERS of the White Oak and Viking campgrounds believe the two parks will do much toward this goal. "Since we opened the Viking camp on July 2, we have had 22 campers the first weekend, 33 the second, 38 the third and 49 the fourth," Mr. Borchsenius noted.

"The bulk of these people are from Chicago, but a lot of rural people now are taking up camping as a weekend recreation too. We must take care of these people. They expect us to."

Prairie Hunt Club and Lodge attracts outdoorsmen.



Annual Meeting Scheduled for September 28

The 26th annual meeting of Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., will be held Tuesday, Sept. 28 in the Bureau County Farm Bureau building on Route 34 at the northeast edge of Princeton.

Registration opens at 11:30 a.m. and continues until 1 p.m. when the business meeting begins. Officers of the board of directors and Manager M. M. Jontz will give their annual reports on progress made by the cooperative during the past year.

The member-owners will elect three persons to the board. Directors with expiring terms are Upton Craig, Victoria, the president; Roy Horton, Princeton, r.r. 2, the vice president; and Mrs. Edith Kays, Ottawa, r.r. 4, the secretary.

Other board members are Mrs. Eileen Slingsby, Utica, r.r. 1, the treasurer; John Bittner, Tiskilwa, r.r. 1; Emery Gorden, Cambridge; Erich Hepner, Kewanee, r.r. 3; Milan Jackson, Toulon; and Howard Kinney, Magnolia, r.r. 1.

In addition to the business meeting there will be musical entertainment, a guest speaker and refreshments. Many attendance prizes will be awarded during the meeting. Members must be present to receive the appliances that will be given away.

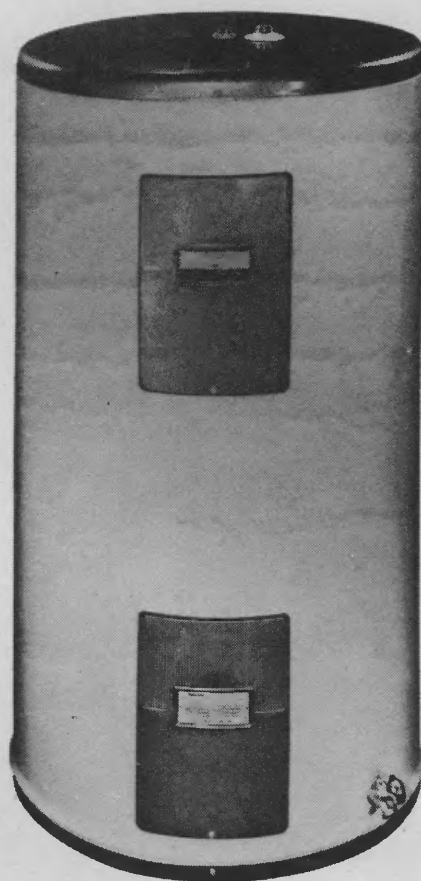
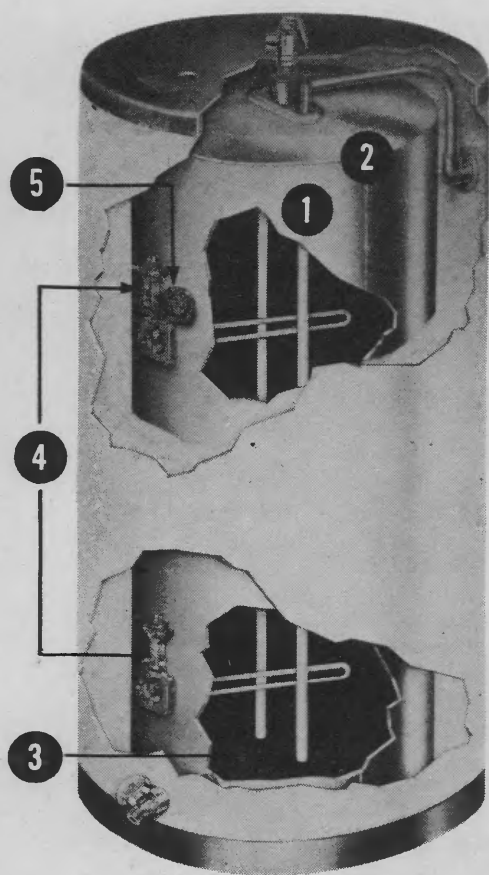
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Manager M. M. Jontz (left) congratulates the three directors who were re-elected. They are (from left) Upton Craig, Mrs. Edith Kays and Roy Horton.

3 Directors Re-Elected To Illinois Valley Board

Member-owners of Illinois Valley Electric Cooperative, Inc., re-elected three directors at the organization's 26th annual meeting in Princeton recently.

Upton Craig, Victoria; Roy Horton, Princeton r.r. 2; and Mrs. Edith Kays, Ottawa r.r. 4; were named to serve additional three-year terms on the board.

Following the annual meeting, the board of directors reorganized and re-elected its officers. They are Mr. Craig, president; Mr. Horton, vice president; Mrs. Kays, secretary; and Mrs. Eileen Slingsby, Utica r.r. 1; treasurer.

OTHER BOARD members are John Bittner, Tiskilwa r.r. 1; Emery Gorden, Cambridge; Erich Hepner, Kewanee r.r. 3; Milan Jackson, Toulon; and Howard Kinney, Magnolia r.r. 1.

M. M. Jontz, manager of the cooperative, estimated that more than 250 persons attended the annual meeting in the Bureau County Farm Bureau building.

They heard reports on how Illinois Valley Electric is serving 3,832 member-owners in eight counties and is contributing to the economy and welfare of the entire area through community leadership and by providing vitally important electric power at cost.

They also heard a report on legislative activities by Albert J. Cross, director of the legal and public affairs department, Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in Springfield.

MR. CROSS said the legislation passed unanimously by the last General Assembly has strengthened the ability of Illinois' 27 distribution co-

operatives to better serve their members and to contribute more effectively to the rapid development of their service areas.

"This was compromise legislation," Mr. Cross pointed out, "so it was not ideal from the standpoint of the cooperatives. But I believe it places us in a far stronger position than we were previously. And I am convinced the cooperatives will do everything in their power to make this legislation work to the advantage of all people in their territories."

The speaker also noted that Illinois Valley and the other 1,000 electric cooperatives in the nation are giving careful attention to problems relating to the need for additional capital in the years ahead.

THIS NEED for more money results chiefly from the fact that cooperative member-owners are constantly increasing their use of electricity. Many of them are doubling their use of electricity every seven or eight years. This increased use means that huge sums of money are needed in order to build new lines, heavy up present lines and add new equipment of greater capacity.

Mr. Cross said a national study authorized by members of the nation's cooperatives has resulted in three main recommendations:

1. Maintain the present Rural



Albert J. Cross of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives speaks on legislative activities.

Electrification Administration loan provisions, including availability of loans at two per cent interest for cooperatives that need such financing.

2. Create an intermediate REA financing program for cooperatives that can pay a higher rate of interest.

3. Initiate steps for establishing a federal bank for rural electric systems. Eventually, the bank would be owned by the cooperatives.

THE MEMBER-OWNERS also heard reports from officers of Illinois Valley Electric. President Craig praised cooperative members and employes for their loyalty and support of their organization. He predicted that the cooperative will continue its increasingly effective service to its territory in the years ahead.

Mrs. Slingsby, the treasurer, pointed out that Illinois Valley Electric paid taxes totaling \$16,746 for the year 1964 to the eight counties in which its members live. The eight counties are Knox, Henry, Bureau, Putnam, Stark, LaSalle, Marshall and Kendall.

The treasurer also reported that the cooperative paid the government \$93,056 during the 12 months ended July 31. The payment was toward retiring the cooperative's loan with REA.

Mrs. Kays, the secretary, noted that the cooperative now is paying two per cent interest on its REA loans. She said this rate was established by Congress so that electricity could be provided in low-populated, unprofitable areas.

MR. HORTON, the vice president and Illinois Valley's representative on the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives' board of directors, reported on progress made during the past year and expressed confidence that even greater progress lies ahead.

Manager Jontz, in his annual report, listed some of the factors that are contributing to the economic stability of the area served by the cooperative.

Illinois Valley is contributing to these gains and the cooperative is particularly interested in developing the rural areas, Mr. Jontz said.

"I believe the great potential of the rural areas has barely been touched," he said. "Farming, recrea-

tion and industries are now on the move more than ever in our history."

The manager also pointed out ways that cooperative members can use electricity more effectively, more cheaply and more safely.

"Whether judged from the past, present or anticipated future, rural electrification has been one of America's greatest programs," he said.

MR. JONTZ said one of the major events of the past year was the payment of capital credits to member-owners of the cooperative.

Checks totaling \$132,839 were distributed to more than 4,000 cooperative members who received electric service from 1939 through 1947.



Directors and member-owners of the cooperative enjoy refreshments following the business meeting.



A crowd of about 250 persons heard business reports, elected directors and enjoyed the entertainment at the cooperative's 26th annual meeting.

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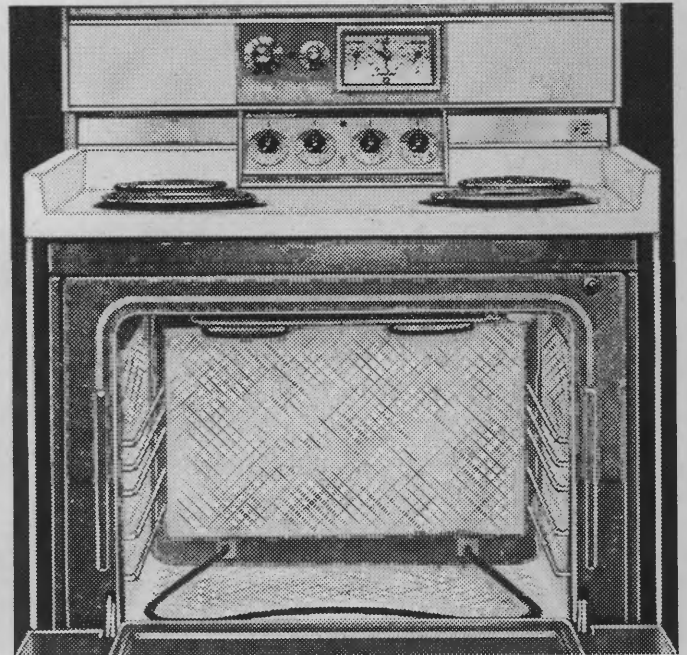
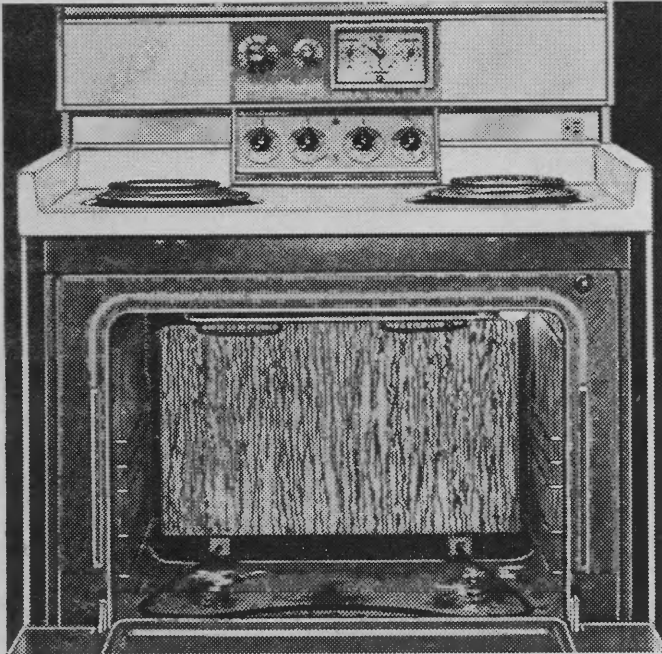
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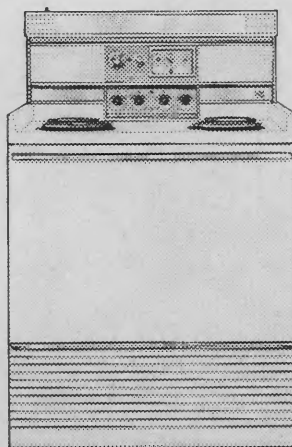
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