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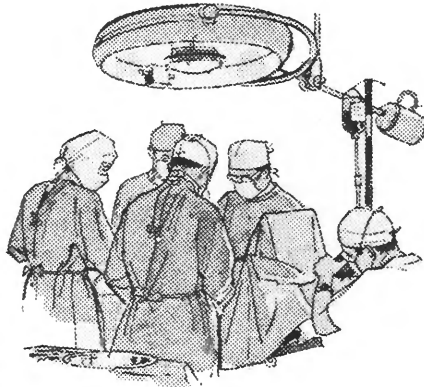
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Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative

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1973 Essay Contest

Any high school sophomore or junior attending a school in the areas served by Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co., Auburn, is eligible to enter the cooperative's "Youth to Washington" essay contest.

Each year the cooperative sponsors two students on an all-expenses paid trip to Washington, D.C. to participate in National Youth Week. This year's trip will be June 10-16.

It is not necessary that contestants live in homes receiving electric service from the cooperative. All sophomore and junior students are eligible. Details regarding the contest are available at each high school. Students wanting additional information may write the cooperative at Auburn or phone 438-6813.

Use Power Carefully For Personal Safety

Electric power is our most useful energy. It cooks for us, it keeps us warm, it entertains us, it helps us do many hard chores more easily and it provides many conveniences and pleasures. But, like most things, electricity is both a blessing when used correctly and a threat when used incorrectly.

Each year in the United States, more than 1,000 people are killed, thousands are injured, and millions of dollars worth of equipment are damaged as a result of carelessness or misuse of electricity, or from stray electrical current from defective equipment.

Conventional electrical protection by means of circuit breakers, fuses and equipment grounding guard only against large electrical currents. Until recently, there has been no positive method to protect against currents leakage too small to actuate protective devices, but more than powerful enough to kill or injure people, damage equipment and cause fires.

Now, however, such protection is obtainable. An entirely new type of device—the GROUND-FAULT INTERRUPTER—guards people from high and low ground fault currents, provides additional security against fires and protects delicate equipment. Statistically, (1) infants and toddlers are most likely to die from shock. Next most vulnerable are (2) older children, then (3) housewives, then (4) men, then (5) workers who get careless. Tiny but dangerous currents like these do not overload 15-ampere or 20-ampere circuit breakers and fuses and therefore cannot cause them to stop the flow of current through the body.



Participating in last year's trip to Washington, D.C., from left, were Weldon Ladage, Cathy Duewer, Stephen Otten, Ann Goleman and Jim Wilson. Cathy and Jim were winners of the essay contest and received an all-expense paid trip. The other participants were "Willie Wirehand" students whose expenses were paid by their parents.

Helps Prevent Shocks

Anyone who comes under the regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Act (OSHA) of 1970, or National Electrical Code, may be in for a shock if inspected after January 1, 1973. OSHA's electrical safety requirements are based on the 1968 National Electric Code (NEC). The 1968 NEC Code has been updated to 1971, which states in Article 210-7: "All 15 and 20-ampere receptacle outlets on single-phase circuits for construction sites shall have approved GROUND-FAULT circuit protection for personnel. This requirement shall become effective January 1, 1974."

Article 210-22 (d) states: "For residential occupancies, all 120-volt single-phase, 15 and 20-ampere receptacle outlets installed outdoors shall have approved GROUND-FAULT circuit protection for personnel. The effective date of this requirement shall be January 1, 1973."

First of all, let's clarify just what is a GROUND-FAULT. In 120-volt, two-wire single-phase circuits, the current (amperes) in both 'hot' wire and the neutral are the same under normal conditions. A GROUND-FAULT is when the circuit wires or equipment connected to the circuit develop a 'short' or ground, causing more current to flow in the 'hot' wire than the neutral, creating an imbalance." A GROUND-FAULT INTERRUPTER measures the current flow in both wires and when a difference as small as 5/1000 of an ampere is sensed, it will open the "hot" wire instantaneously.

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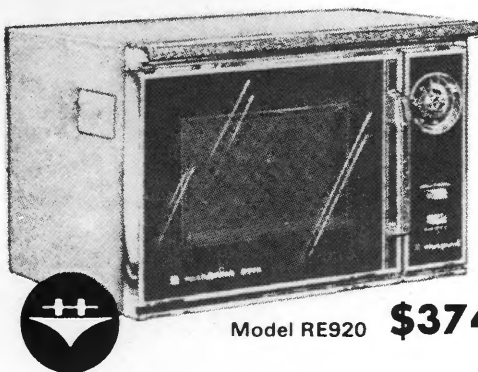
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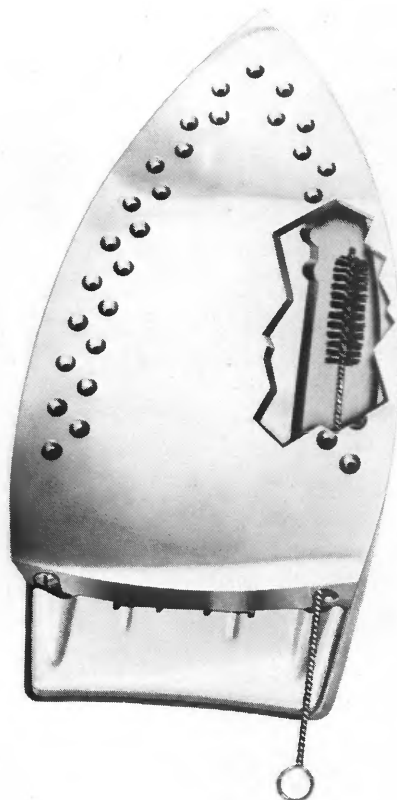
• Chalet Chef

West Bend has developed a beautiful, electric chafing skillet called the Chalet Chef. The new appliance features porcelain-on-aluminum construction in a warm, butterscotch

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Westinghouse 4-H Awards

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his parents are members.

"Dean Searls, (manager of the cooperative) has been a great incentive to me," Robert said. "Not only has his cooperative people helped us in our electrical workshops, but Mr. Searls also helped me get into the National Society of Professional Engineers."

Searls was on hand to see Robert receive his scholarship. He seemed very pleased and proud that one of the 4-H'ers from his service area had won one of the national awards.

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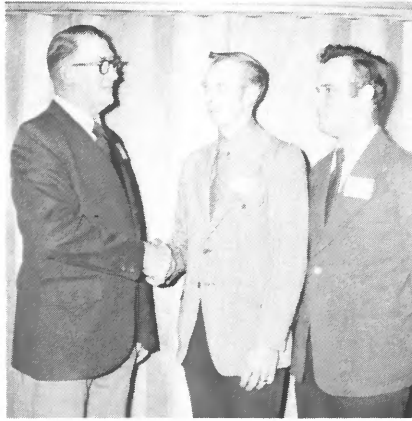
From the Manager's Desk

Rural Electrification is facing one of the most critical problems in its entire 37 year history. Effective January 1, 1973, all low interest loans for rural electrification were terminated. This was an executive order by President Nixon.

For several years the electric cooperatives have realized that all the funds for capital improvements could not be obtained from REA. Cooperatives then banded together and formed their own bank—National Rural Utilities Finance Corporation (CFC)—to provide supplemental financing for cooperatives. These loans were intended only to supplement the financing already obtainable. These CFC loans were to be made at approximately 7-1/2% interest and were to have a blended interest rate consistent with the cooperative's ability to provide electric service and remain financially secure. Any change in these plans previously agreed to will work a financial burden on members of an electric cooperative.

The Rural Electrification Administration was established by the Congress and each year since its inception Congress has appropriated funds to be loaned to cooperatives for capital improvements and expansion. These are *loan funds*; no grants or give-away of funds have ever been made to your cooperative.

Your own cooperative, in its long range plans, has made commitments based on laws and agreements that have been in effect. Any radical departure from this will certainly have an affect on the future operation of your cooperative.



NEW OFFICERS—President Stanley Otten, left, congratulates new Cooperator President Donald Skinner. Behind Skinner is the new vice-president, Roger Ladage. Unable to attend the meeting when new officers were elected was Mrs. Barbara Brunk who was elected secretary.



AWARD WINNERS — President Stanley Otten, left, congratulates Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Duewer, Waverly, who were selected by the committee as the "Couple of the Year" which allowed them to attend the annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) held in Dallas, Texas.

Rules for Essay Contest

Your cooperative is again taking part in the annual "Youth to Washington" tour. This year's tour will be June 9-16.

Any high school student who is a sophomore or junior is eligible to enter the essay contest for the all-expense paid trip. A contestant's home does not have to receive electric service from the cooperative. Two winners will be selected.

The entire week will be spent on a planned tour of Washington. Winners will visit many places of interest and will meet with national lead-

ers and contest winners from other states.

The essay of a 1,000 words or less must be on the subject, "How Can Member-Owners Help Their Cooperative?" It should be typewritten on 8-1/2 x 11 inch paper and delivered in person or mailed to the office of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co., Auburn, Illinois 62615 no later than April 15, 1973.

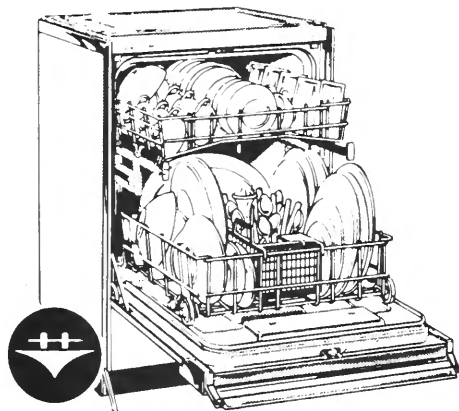
Judging will be by an impartial panel of judges. Preliminary judges will select six finalists based on originality, accuracy of facts, content and composition. The six finalists will appear before the final judges to make an oral presentation of their essays. Contestants' names should not appear on the essay paper because a number will be assigned to each entry to prevent the judges from knowing any of the entrants' essays.

Research material can be obtained from the cooperative's office.

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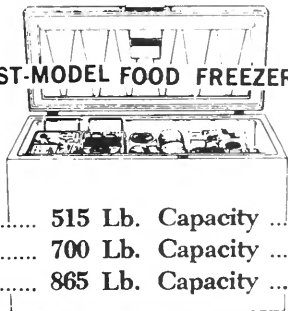
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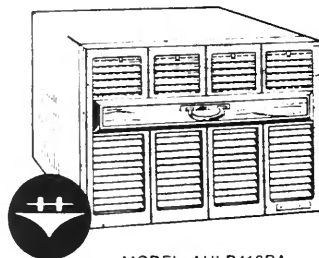


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● QuikDrip

"The Great American Coffee Machine" is West Bend's totally new automatic drip style coffeemaker. QuikDrip makes 2 to 8 cups of coffee at the rate of one cup every 90 seconds. The full 8-cup capacity takes 12 minutes. The water is heated to the proper temperature, then flows through the ground coffee to the glass carafe. The Carafe sits on a 70-watt warming plate which keeps it at perfect serving temperature. The unit, which has a permanent polyester mesh filter to assure crystal clear coffee, is available in beige or brown.



Consumer Assembly '73

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Freeman told the consumer group that if they don't get involved in the fight over a national energy policy they will end up the real victims of high bills, shortages and a polluted environment.

He conceded that future energy costs will go up but he is convinced the rise need not have a multi-billion-dollar price tag. He wants to buy time by beefing up research and development for new sources of cleaner energy.

"Long-term energy needs will only be met at reasonable prices in terms of dollars and the environment when the federal government launches a unified, vigorous research and development effort," Freeman said.

"With an Apollo thrust by 1985, the U.S. could develop at least seven new sources of cleaner energy. I contend that the country can research and develop itself out of an energy crisis with federal funding of \$1.5 to \$2 billion per year. That's about three times the present spending."

Another speaker at the assembly was Senator Phillip A. Hart of Michigan who stressed campaign financing reform and easing economic concentration as the steps needed if the "people" are to win in their battle with the "power brokers."

Other speakers included: Herbert S. Denenberg, Pennsylvania Insurance Commissioner; T. Donald Rucker, an advocate of reform of the pharmaceutical business; Robert McNeil of the Public Broadcasting System, and Ogden J. Johnson and Robert E. Wilmoth with the Food and Drug Administration.

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So said Ernest Shearer, Job Training and Safety (JT&S) Instructor, Indiana Statewide Rural Electric Cooperative, Inc., Indianapolis. He directed his comments to nearly 150 key individuals of Illinois electric cooperatives represented at the 29th annual Illinois JT&S Conference in Springfield.

“To illustrate my point,” Shearer continued, “41 of 52 accidents in our statewide systems occurred in the nine systems which do not participate in our JT&S program. Our industry is fast becoming more and more technical and we can’t wait five years to train our people for something which they should know about today. Safety is the responsibility of management and work crews require specialized training.”

The Illinois JT&S Program—the first of its kind in the United States—was formed on May 20, 1941 when the JT&S Committee was created in cooperation with the Board of Vocational Education and Rehabilitation (BVER), State of Illinois.

Sherwood Dees, Director, Division of Vocational and Technical Education, State of Illinois, told the group: “Since 1941 we have had a most rewarding relationship with the JT&S Committee and the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. We have been most willing to financially support and assist in this favorable program. Some JT&S programs in other states are just starting to figure out how to do what you’ve doing for years . . . The need for retraining and upgrading of skills is

of the highest priority . . . Today there is a demand for vocational training and skilled workers. Use your influence as citizens and taxpayers to see that educational facilities are providing vocational and technical training to meet the increasing need.”

Other safety speakers included Ralph M. Coe, Director, Resources Division, Industrial Department, National Safety Council, George J. Keller, Director, Association Safety Services, Employers Insurance of Wausau, and Paul J. Campeggio, Supervisor, Construction Safety Inspector, Illinois Department of Labor.

“Although we have different living and working conditions,” Coe said, “we all live a reasonably safe life. Each of us, because of our concern for our fellowman, has a role to play in everybody’s safety.”

Campeggio talked about the Occupational Safety and Health Act and similar requirements by the State of Illinois: “We must be concerned about working conditions around energized lines and take the necessary precautions for employee protection. Although new types of equipment and machinery with new safety features are being used today, personnel must have the proper training in their use. The OSHA requirements and state requirements protect both the employer and employee. It’s a fair act. Most of you are following safety procedures which won’t call for enforcement. Inspections of working conditions will be conducted on what will be a ‘worst, first’ basis according to the most complaints received by our department.”

Keller said: “Protect yourself by keeping in top physical condition, by maintaining the proper mental condition and attitude, and by having knowledge of your job. Be interested in finding out about the work you’re doing and understand how it’s being done today.”

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Power at Pawnee's Disposal System

Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative buried 8,556 feet of three-phase underground cable to pad mount transformers which will supply the power need for the lagoon located north of Pawnee. During this past year, Pawnee installed a new sanitary sewer system.

This is the first electrical power supply load at Pawnee since receiving a franchise from the City Council to supply power to those areas where the cooperative has a Service Area Agreement.

This agreement protects the rights of the cooperative to supply electrical power in their service area and the franchise guarantees the cooperative the right to continue to serve this area with power even though it may become a part of the city in the future.



Darrell Boston operates the trenching machine to prepare for the laying of three-phase underground cable and members of the line department install the cable in the trench.



Free Wiring Book

We have received the new "Wiring Specifications and Recommendations" handbook which contains the minimum wiring standards according to the latest revision of the National Electrical Code.

The handbook is a guide which permits you to use and enjoy your electric service to the fullest extent and in the fastest possible manner.

If you need one of these handbooks or will be using one in the near future, we call your attention to page 22—Article 913—specifically concerning Ground-Fault Circuit Protection. This is a new requirement of the National Electrical Code effective January 1, 1973, and must be adhered to.

All wiremen and builders should have a copy of this new handbook. They are free simply by writing or calling your cooperative office (217-438-6813).



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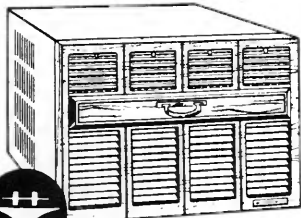
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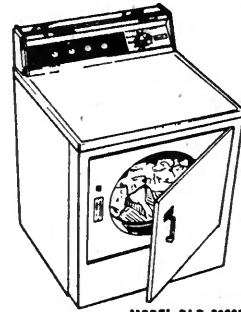


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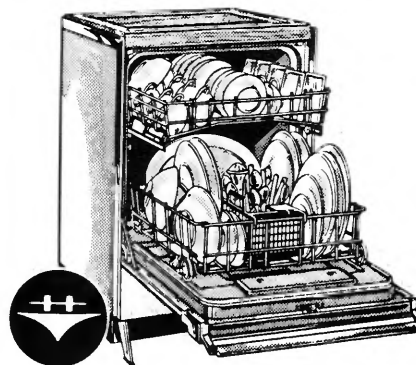
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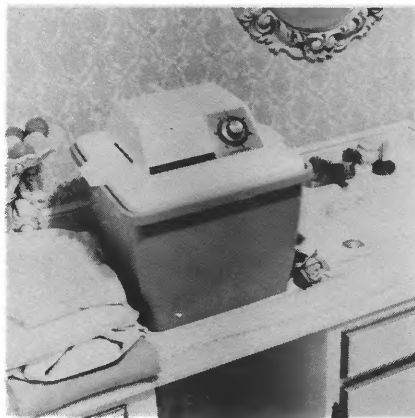
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- Rolls where needed now, easily built in later
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- Grooved maple cutting-board top
- Self-cleaning action with Rinse-Away drain and soft food disposer
- Porcelain-enamel-finish tub
- Anti-tip arm

What's New?

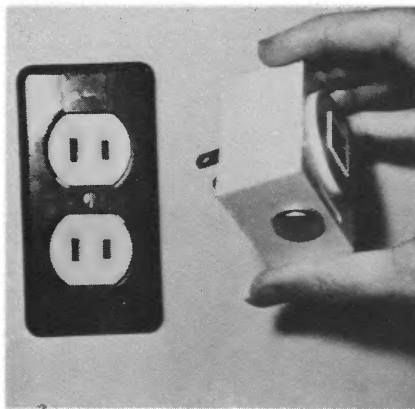
Mini-Washer

Rival's new portable "Wash-O-Matic" is just right for today's compact living. The mini-washer is 15 inches high and 14 inches square, yet, it's big enough to do a two-pound load. It features a 30-minute timer, lint trap, and shuts off automatically. The tub, cover and three-vane agitator is made of sturdy polypropylene. The suggested retail price is \$42.95.



Fire Alarm

The world's smallest fire alarm has been developed by the James W. King Company. The tiny alarm with a big voice sounds off when the temperature reaches 135 degrees. It can be moved from room to room and even packed for use in motel and hotel rooms. The alarm operates on 115 volt current and plugs directly into outlet. The suggested retail price is \$9.95.



Swivel TV

Zenith has introduced a new "Turn it, Tilt it" black-and-white TV set. The 12-inch diagonal set features solid state modules, instant picture and sound, plus a "private listening" earphone with 15-foot

cord. It also includes a 48-inch monopole antenna and convenient top carry handle. The Rosewood color cabinet is available in white or ebony color trim.

House Sustains Rural Water—Sewer Veto

The House of Representatives on April 10 sustained President Nixon's vote of a bill (H.R. 3298) to restore the rural water and sewer grant program which had been terminated by the Administration earlier as an economy move. This program has been an integral component of the Rural Development Act of 1972.

The vote to override the veto was 225 to 189—51 sort of the necessary two-thirds.

As an admitted move to influence Congress to sustain the veto, Secretary of Agriculture Earl L. Butz on April 9 announced a \$100-million rural sewer loan (not grant) program, also under the Rural Development Act, as a "substitute" for the terminated grant program. The loan program will provide loans at 5 percent interest to rural communities to install water and sewer lines.

When he terminated the congressionally authorized program, the President claimed there were other rural aid programs which could be used for the same purpose at less cost to the government. H.R. 3298 would have ordered the Administration to continue the terminated program.

According to testimony before the House Agriculture Committee in February, experience shows that in about 70 percent of sewer system applications and about 30 percent of water applications, a grant is necessary to make the system economically feasible. Such rural communities would not be able to qualify for loans.

In a last-minute plea to House members to override the veto, Speaker Carl Albert of Okla. said, "We are dealing with the authority of the Congress of the United States to make the laws of the land. The merits of the programs are too great to be caught up in the destruction (caused by) a partisan power struggle."

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Beauty Pageant Highlights Annual Meeting

A special feature of the Cooperative's Annual Meeting scheduled for September 7, 1973 at Glenwood High School will be the beauty pageant. All eligible girls are encouraged to participate.

"It isn't difficult to enter," said Harold L. Edge, director of member services, who helps coordinate the contest. "And besides that," he continued, "contestants make friends and have a good time." The winner also gets to participate in state competition with a chance of advancing to national competition.

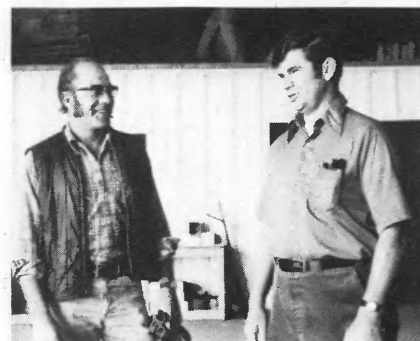
Edge explained that any girl between the ages of 16 and 20 who resides in a home receiving electrical service from Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative is eligible to enter.

Those interested in participating in the annual event should contact the cooperative for additional information. There is no entry fee. There are awards for all who enter with the three top contestants receiving more lucrative awards.



Jane Brown, Miss Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative, Co. 1972, will be competing in the State competition in late August of this year at the annual meeting of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, in Springfield.

Personnel Receive Recent Promotions



Two RECC employees who have recently been promoted are Crew Foreman Gerald Humke, left, and Line Superintendent James O. Killam.



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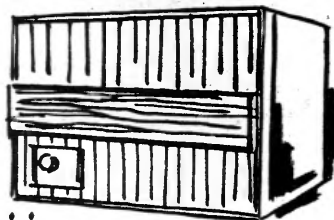
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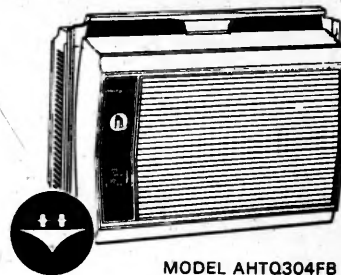
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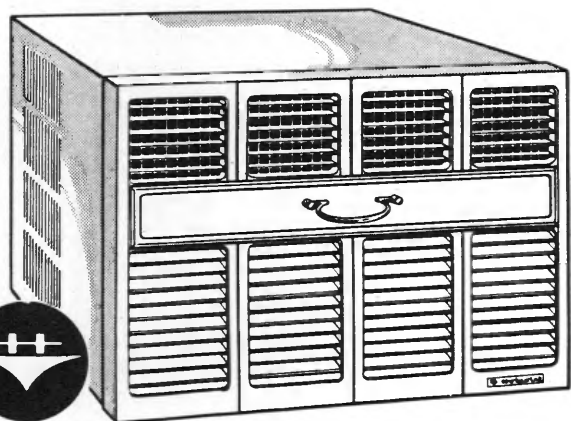
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Ice Crusher

Crush mounds of ice automatically with the new ice crusher from the Toastmaster Division of McGraw-Edison Company. The large see-thru drawer catches the ice and doubles as a serving container. It has a recessed on-off dial and a gravity-fed opening is covered by safety flaps which spring shut as soon as cubes are dropped in.



Electromatic Skillet

Corning's new electromatic skillet offers formal or informal dining at its best. The 10-inch skillet dish can be removed from its cooker-base for use separately in the oven, on the range or as a serving dish. It holds 2½ quarts and comes with a detachable handle. The dish is completely immersible and can go into the dishwasher. The base only needs to be wiped off after each use.

Air Conditioner

The personal Porta-Cool air conditioner is now available from Hotpoint. The portable model weighs only 43 pounds yet provides 4,000 BTU's. It is 10 7/8 inches "thin," and plugs into any adequate 115-volt, three-prong grounded outlet. The unit is equipped with a built-in handle and expandable side panels to simplify installation. The beige appearance styling blends in with a wide variety of room decor.



Today's Youth for Tomorrow's Needs

Two families of Illinois electric cooperatives are a bit happier this month than last. Each had a son recently named to a major office of the Illinois FFA Association at the group's 1973 convention in Champaign.

S. Gene Schwarm, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Schwarm of Loogootee, who are members of Greenville-based Southwestern Electric Cooperative, was named president of the nearly 17,000 members organization. Dave Rothermel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Rothermel of Broadlands, who are members of Champaign-based Illini Electric Cooperative, was elected secretary.

Schwarm, a member of the Brownstown FFA Chapter, was also named the state winner of the Illinois FFA Foundation Award for beef production. He commented on the FFA organization:

"The young people of today who belong to the FFA are meeting the challenges of change. New thinking and new programs are making the FFA more relevant and flexible than ever before. One example is the addition of the agribusiness program. This gives members without farm-

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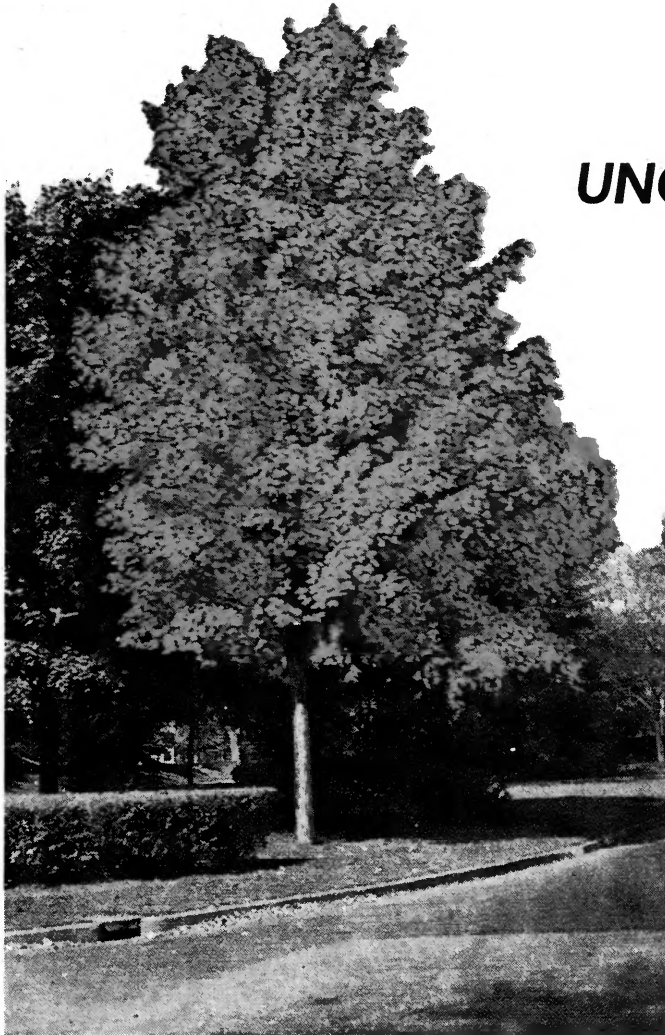
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LOCATING WIRE—Lineman Albert Becker uses an underground line detector to locate buried cable prior to a contractor beginning to excavate.



Lyle E. Dunham, Director of Member Services Department of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives, instructs Donna Ashby on the proper procedure in running the microfilming machine. Donna worked during the summer months microfilming old cooperative records.

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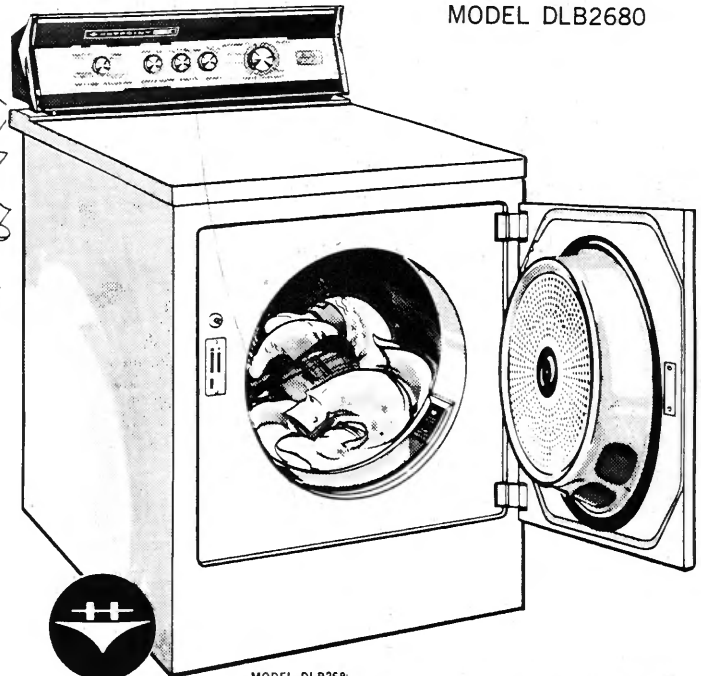
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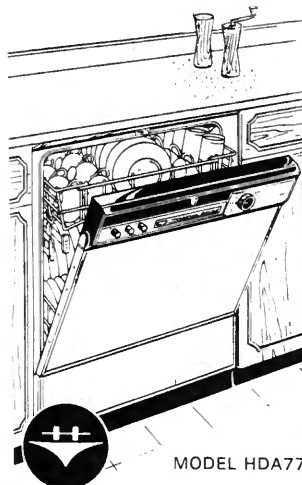
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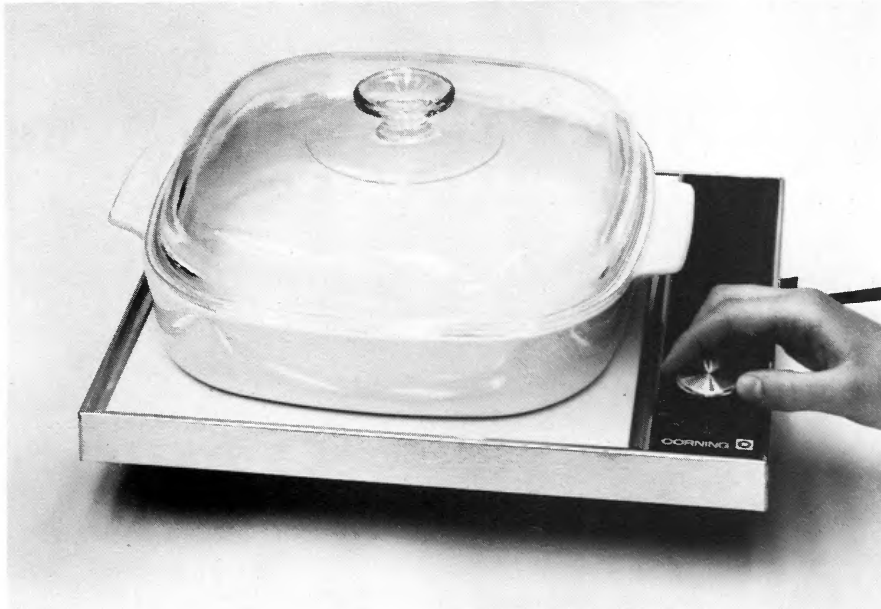
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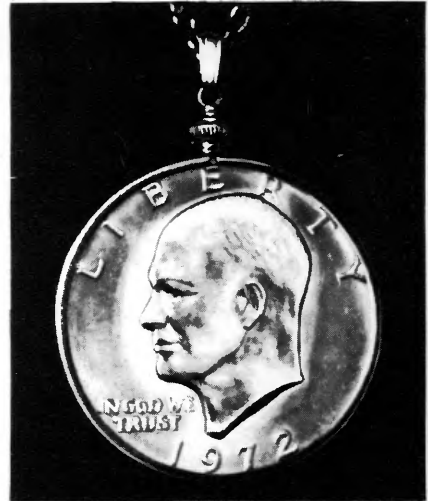
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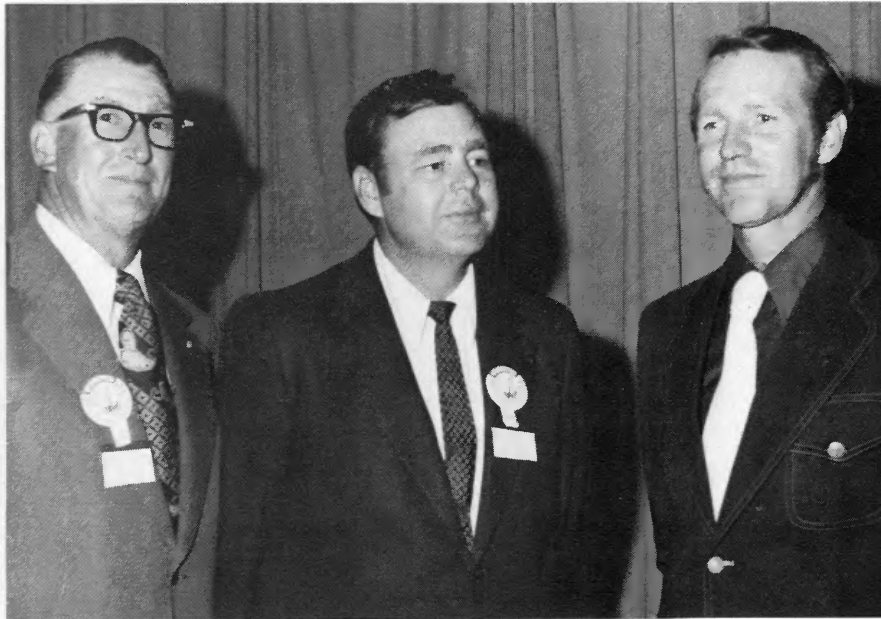
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ANNUAL MEETING A SUCCESS

DIRECTORS ELECTED—Harold Bruntjen, Harvel, was elected to the board of directors replacing Henry Giesekeing who retired from the board. Members at the annual meeting elected directors, left to right, Stanley Otten, Modesto; A. Leo Goleman, Divernon, and Bruntjen.



HOBBY-CRAFT DISPLAY—For the second straight year crafts and hobbies of various members of the cooperative were displayed at the annual meeting. Pictured above are a few of the items on display. Chairman was Mrs. Loretta Bruntjen, Waggoner. She was assisted by Mrs. Kathy Snell, Auburn, and Mrs. Barbara Brunk, Girard.

“MISS RURAL ELECTRIC CONVENIENCE 1973”—Stanley Otten, Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative Co. president, has just presented the winning trophy to Miss Brenda DeWerff, 16, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul DeWerff, Nokomis. Miss DeWerff was selected queen from ten contestants in the annual beauty pageant sponsored by the cooperative. First runner-up was Miss Maureen Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William D. Williams, Pawnee and second runner-up was Miss Carolyn Chesher, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Meier, Girard.

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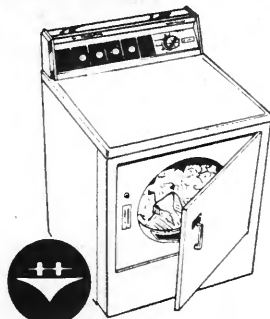
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what's new?

Vacuum

Sunbeam's new outdoor/indoor vacuum cleaner picks up wet or dry debris without changing the washable filter. The vacuum has a five gallon capacity steel tank and a 1.1 hp. motor. It's equipped with an 18-foot conductor cord and plug, cleaning attachments and a stainless steel four-wheel dolly. The vacuum retails at \$59.99.



Alarm

A power failure alarm that detects a power outage whether caused by a blown fuse or a service interruption has been developed by the Riton Manufacturing Company. The unit emits an 85 to 90 decibel siren-like sound when triggered and the horn is powered by two penlite batteries. A built-in 7 to 10 minute delay prevents momentary interruptions from causing a signal. It plugs into a standard AC receptacle and is supported by its case-mounted plug prongs.



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going to be a shortage of corn drying. And corn drying is almost a must."

Pitchford indicated that comments had been made from farmers regarding low temperature grain drying with electric heat as the answer. But a backlog of work for electric power suppliers would be a problem this year.

Pitchford also realizes the importance of electric power in his home and business. Not only are his and the Creeds' homes all electric, but the cold storage building for pecans and apples require electric power. About 100,000 pounds of pecans are kept in cold storage each year.

"We buy nearly 750,000 pounds of wholesale pecans from Arkansas, Mississippi, Alabama and Louisiana," he said. "But pecan production varies from year to year. One year, it's good and the next poor. So cold storage keeps us in business during the lean years."

He mentioned that at one time three loads of pecans were bought weekly from the New Haven area in southeastern Illinois. But Illinois production had dwindled as most of the trees had been cut for lumber.

"Over a long period of time," Pitchford summarized, "the fruit industry is rewarding. But it takes a lot of work. Costs seem to keep going up. Fruit growers can mechanize to a certain point to overcome the increasing costs. But after that, there just isn't any way to keep retail prices lower."

All in all, it looks like the fruit industry has its good years and its bad. But thanks to electricity and technical innovations, perhaps fruit growers can have that extra edge necessary to keep in step with the changing times.

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