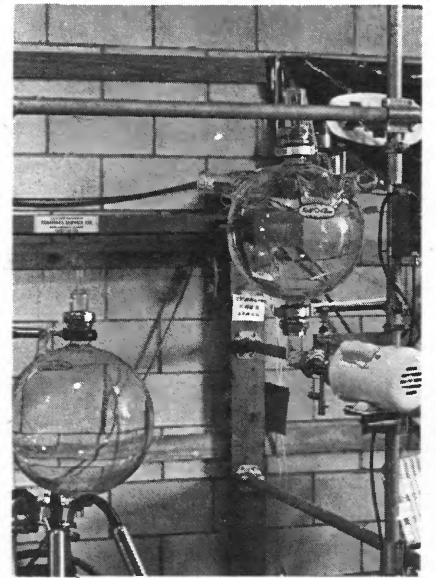
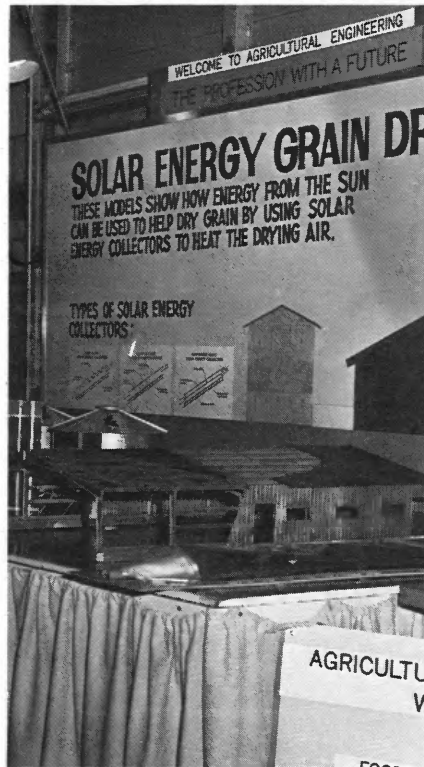




Farm Materials Handling Show March 2-4



The show features a broad range of displays, including heavy equipment outside, institutional displays and specialized setups such as those for milking parlors.

There will be more indoor exhibit space for the 22nd annual Southern Illinois Farm Materials Handling Show March 2-4 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Nashville. Arrangements for the additional space were made by the show's planning committee, working with the Washington County Fair Board.

The expansion has added about 15 spaces increasing total exhibit spaces to more than 100, according to show coordinator Richard Patterson, who is an assistant professor agricultural mechanization at the Southern Illinois University-Carbondale School of Agriculture.

The show is open without charge

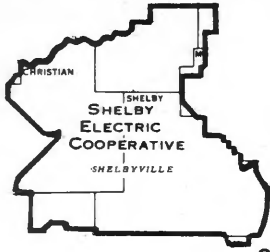
and there is ample parking adjacent to the exhibit buildings. Food service, including snacks, lunches and dinners, is available on the fairgrounds.

Exhibitor interest continues the trend of the past several years as they plan displays featuring energy-saving methods to move grain, pump water and perform a variety of other farm chores. Included in the exhibits will be feed mixing, grinding, handling and storing equipment; machinery and setups for feeding, watering and managing livestock; electrical equipment and controls; lighting heating and cooling equipment; appliances and shop supplies for home and farmstead; and many other ideas and materials for

saving labor and increasing efficiency.

Show hours on Tuesday and Wednesday, March 2 and 3, are from 9 a.m. until 9 p.m. On Wednesday, March 4, hours are 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

The show is sponsored and planned by the SIUC School of Agriculture, the University of Illinois Cooperative Extension Service, the Illinois Farm Electrification Council, Illinois Power Company and nine electric cooperatives: Monroe County Electric, Tri-County Electric, Southwestern Electric, Southeastern Electric, Egyptian Electric, Clay County Electric, Clinton County Electric, Wayne-White Counties Electric and Southern Illinois Electric.



Shelby Electric News

SHELBY ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE

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SHELBYVILLE, ILLINOIS

Don't overlook what electricity does

"When is the last time you called the area bottling company to complain about the cost of soft drinks or grumbled to the hardware store manager that the price of a shovel was out of sight?"

Chances are an electric bill is more apt to provoke comment! Funny, isn't it? This is probably the only time electricity comes to mind.

Because electricity is an invisible commodity, forgetting the work it does for us is easy.

Like nearly all purchases, electricity costs continue to climb. But, a closer look at what is provided for the price shows electricity remains a startling good bargain.

In the United States, your way of life and every existence depend on electric power. In a typical day you might use electricity in dozens of ways.

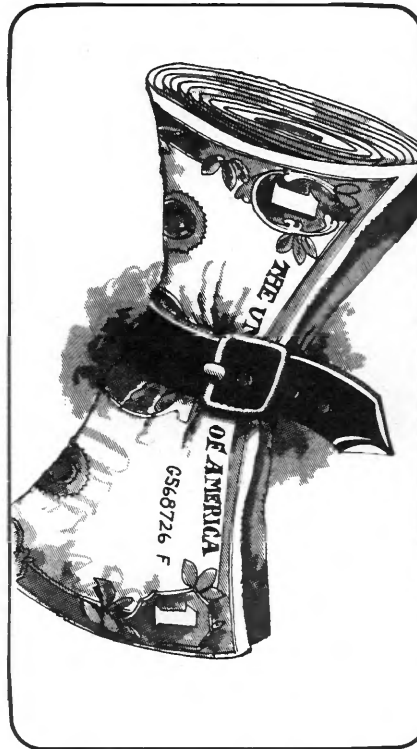
Many uses of electricity eliminate drudgery; for example, that electric trimmer lets you spruce up the yard without stooping for hours in the sun.

Electricity provides entertainment by powering televisions, radios, and stereos. It's a grooming tool (razors, hair dryers, curling irons). It controls temperature (fans, air conditioners, heaters), keeps us healthy (X rays, vaporizers, kidney machines), stores and prepares food (stoves, refrigerators, blenders). In the evening it sheds light on the day's news.

Sometimes, electricity helps us save money. Perhaps you're operating a freezer so you can stock up on bargains at the meat market or preserve produce from a garden.

Whether in the residential or business world, electricity plays a major role in improving efficiency and quality of life. The list goes on and on.

Compared to other fuels, electricity is significantly cheaper. In the last decade, the cost of electricity to Shelby Electric members has increased about 177 percent. Not too bad when you consider that a barrel of oil increased 1,317 percent; \$32.60/barrel



in 1980 compared to \$2.30 in 1970. Over the same period, fuel oil costs rose 517 percent, gasoline 497 percent, and natural gas 306 percent. When you compare electricity to purchases other than fuel, those utility bills might take on an even rosier color:

- Spending six dollars for a record album might not hurt a bit. Note, however, the same six dollars buys enough electricity to play a stereo two hours a day for almost a year.
- The \$5.49 spent for a broom will run a vacuum cleaner 10 minutes a day

for close to two years.

For the cost of a pack of cigarettes you can watch color television for about 50 hours.

What's invested in one pair of medium-priced men's shoes could run an air conditioner for most of the summer.

Besides the work electricity does, there are other benefits people receive that are less obvious.

- Some products are available only during a business's regular working hours. Electricity is a service you can depend on 24 hours a day.
- Electricity is one product used BEFORE you pay for it.
- Once produced, there is no form of energy as clean as electricity.
- Consumers can count on skilled personnel to make certain electric power is being provided as reliably and efficiently as possible.

While it is clear that electricity is indeed a bargain, the sting of inflation is still there. Power suppliers like Shelby Electric Cooperative are just as frustrated as consumers about spiraling costs which are due to interest, depreciation, fuel, delays in planning and constructing facilities to meet power needs and duplicative and counterproductive regulations. These are costs that are largely beyond the control of your power supplier.

As costs for producing electricity rise so do the variety of uses for electricity. In the next 25 years, electric consumption is expected to triple.

Shelby Electric faces great challenges in providing the necessary service at the least possible cost in light of these developments.

Think of all you get when you pay for electricity. That's some deal!

ILLINOIS RURAL ELECTRIC NEWS



We're Here to Help!

Icy winter weather means easy sledding for some. For others it means tough going as cold temperatures push heating costs higher. In fact, those costs could prove too much of a load for a family trying to handle a budget already beset by rising prices for essential items such as housing, energy or food.

If yours is one of those families whose budget cannot stretch far enough, don't postpone paying your monthly electric bill past the due date. Call us to review the federal and state programs still available to help low-income families and senior citizens through the high-cost heating months. We'll be glad to put you in touch with the proper agency to determine if you qualify for assistance.

We're here to help our member-owners. As a cooperative, we operate only for the benefit of those we serve.

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Current lines from cooperative managers

Rural Electric

AUBURN, ILLINOIS

This is the first issue of your "REN" for 1982. We at your Cooperative wish each of you the best for the coming year. 1981 was a good year



Roy D. Goode
Manager

for your electric cooperative. The rates of your electric cooperative were held steady. There were no rate increases by your Cooperative. Very few, if any, other commodities you purchase did not have substantial

increases in price. The future cost of electric energy appears to be on an ever-increasing plane. The service provided by your Cooperative continued to be good. A few outages were recorded, many of them a result of your Cooperative's supplier.

Your board of directors and employees are always endeavoring to provide you with the reliable electric service you are entitled to receive from your own electric business.

Three new members were selected to represent you on your Cooperative's board of directors.

Mr. Loren Rhea, Waverly, retired after serving you for 27 years. Mr. Rhea was replaced by Mr. Dale Wilcox, Waverly. Mr. Wilcox was elected at your annual meeting.

Mr. Stanley Rich, Morrisonville,

was also elected to serve you on your board. He replaced Mr. Halden Funderburk who chose not to stand for reelection following twelve years of faithful service to you.

Mr. Lynn McTaggart, Pawnee, moved from his district during 1981. Your board of directors appointed Mr. Gary Skaggs as his replacement.

With new and young ideas and ideals representing you on your board of directors, you can be sure that your Cooperative will continue to grow and to prosper in the years ahead.

Representing you, your board has a great heritage and a tremendous responsibility. Your board and employees need your help — let's all cooperate to make your Cooperative continue to be the reliable member-owned, member-controlled Co-op that it has become.

Shelby Electric

SHELBYVILLE, ILLINOIS

The weekend of January 9 and 10 presented some of the worst weather conditions faced in many years. At midnight on Saturday, January 9,



Bill LeCrone
Manager

an outage was reported on the Wenonah substation. Three crews were dispatched to handle the trouble. These men were working under some of the most hazardous conditions ever presented to our linemen. The temperature and wind combined for a wind chill factor of -85 degrees. The cooperation and patience of our members is of the utmost importance to the Cooperative staff. We understand your anxiety and concern when

faced without electricity under these adverse weather conditions. Once again, let us assure you all members of the cooperative staff are doing their utmost to restore your service as quickly as is humanly possible.

At 10:00 Sunday morning, January 10, we received an outage call on the Yantisville substation. Once again, member cooperation paid off! At 10:45, a member called and reported seeing fire on a transmission line pole just as his lights went out, and gave the exact location of that pole. Crews were dispatched, and because they knew where to start looking, the outage time was cut in half.

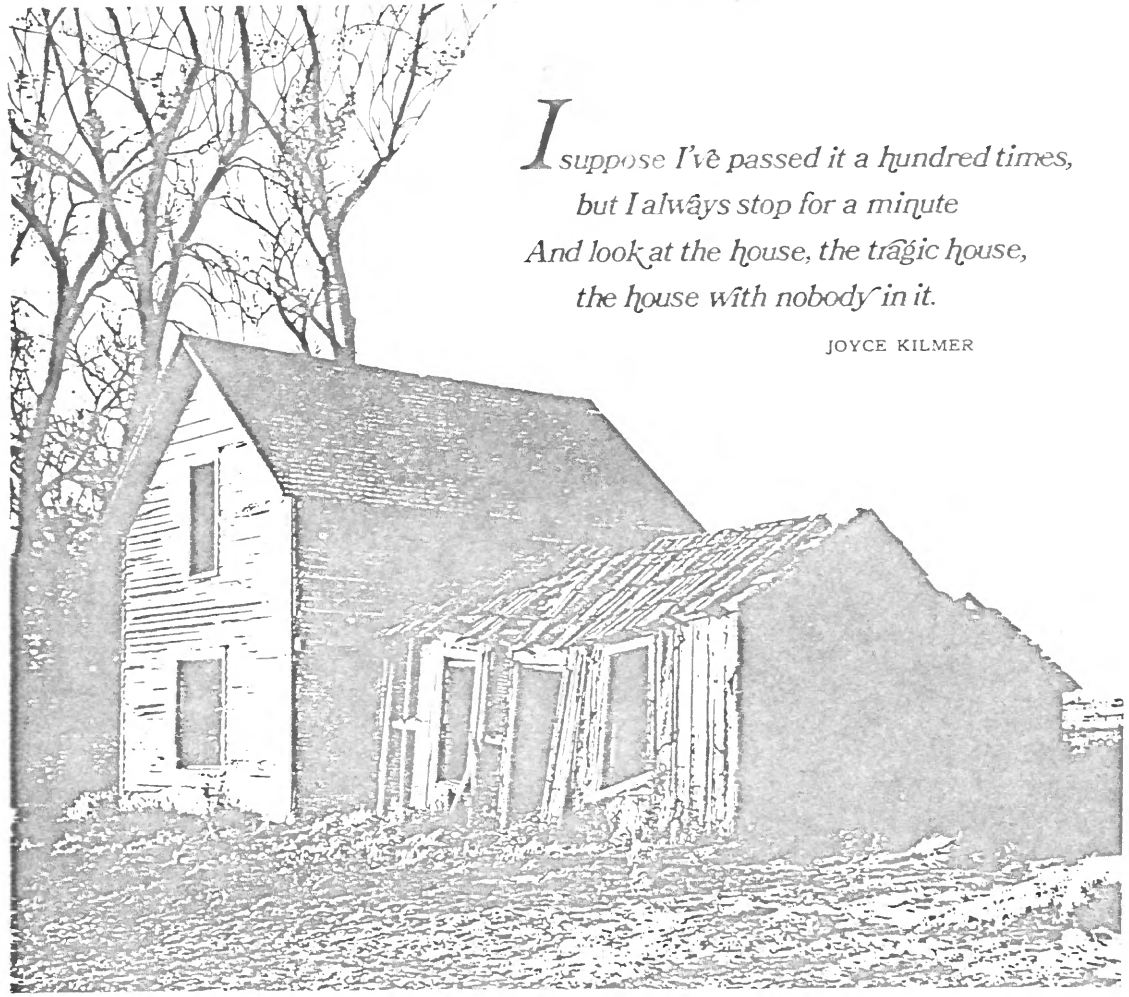
If you see anything you feel could be important to the linemen in spotting trouble or an outage, please call and report your information. This may greatly help both you, the member, and the Cooperative crews. Your help is always appreciated — and special thanks to Guy Gabriel for reporting what he saw on January 10.

1982 "TRIP TO WASHINGTON" ESSAY CONTEST IN FULL SWING" CHANCES ARE GOOD YOU COULD WIN AN ALL-EXPENSE-PAID TRIP TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

Entry forms, background material, and rules for the annual Shelby Electric Cooperative Essay Contest have been distributed to all high schools in the Cooperative's service area. If you are a high school junior (or if you know an eligible junior), and want to enter this year's contest, ask your principal or English teacher for an entry form. Remember — you do not have to live on our power lines to enter! If your teacher is not participating, or if he or she has run out of forms, complete the entry blank at the right and mail it to us now. We'll send you instructions and all the research and background you'll need to write your essay.

Fewer than 50 eligible high school juniors enter the contest each year, so your chances of winning one of the six

ILLINOIS RURAL ELECTRIC NEWS



*I suppose I've passed it a hundred times,
but I always stop for a minute
And look at the house, the tragic house,
the house with nobody in it.*

JOYCE KILMER

To ensure a more promising future for all Americans, we must as a nation commit ourselves to broad social and economic opportunity in rural America . . . to maintain a balance of opportunity between our cities and our countryside.

To this end, we have pledged our resources and our will.

prizes are very good! The two top winners will be awarded an all-expense paid, fun-filled, one-week, fully chaperoned tour to Washington, D.C. with other contest winners from across Illinois. This tour has been rated one of the top youth tours of Washington. Activities include visits to historic sites of Washington (including the White House), visits with your Senators and Representatives, and a special pizza party and dance. Departure date is June 11, 1982, with return on June 18. All six finalists will be treated to "Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day" activities in Springfield on April 20.

Talk with one of the 1981 "Trip to Washington" winners, and you will be sure to enter. Last year's winners were Cathy Lentz and Keith Ballinger, both from Stewardson-Strasburg High

School.

The theme of the essay contest is "What the Shelby Electric Cooperative Means to My Community." Entry form deadline is February 26. Please mail your intentions to us soon as possible, so we can mail your infor-

mation packet to you. If you have any questions about our contest or deadlines, feel free to contact the Cooperative office. We'll be more than glad to help you in any way we can. We would like to see your entry in our contest this year!

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risk to the Federal Treasury. Since only those farmers who participate in the 10 percent set-aside will be eligible for price supports, grain reserves and target prices, there will be much less risk of having to pay out."

National Farmers Union president George Stone noted that farmers' real income had dropped from 65 percent of parity in January 1980, to 56 percent this January. Stone came down heavily on President Reagan's economic plans, saying, "I'm not sure this country can stand the cure for the disease in as fast and as big of doses as they're giving it."

"The lack of sufficient incentive for farmer participation in the new set-aside program for wheat, feed grains, cotton and rice raises doubts as to whether the program will be effective. The reduced acreage program can only succeed in raising commodity prices if there is massive participation," he said, "and the program confronts grain farmers with some tough choices." Stone suggested that the best thing about the program is that an immediate signup is not



Agriculture Director
Larry Werries

required.

Attorney General Tyrone Fahner addressed the meeting and noted that efforts to stem rural crime have been stepped up since he took office, and promised even more efforts in the future.

Neil Hartigan, Democratic candidate for Attorney General, addressed the problem of elevator bankruptcies, a growing concern for many Illinois farmers.

"It's time to stop talking and start acting to defend farmers from grain losses caused by elevator bankruptcies," he said. He proposed the creation of an Illinois Agricultural Insurance Corporation to protect farmers. It would, he said, be modeled after the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, which protects depositors from bank failures.

Also appearing on the program were Grace Mary Stern, Democratic candidate for Lieutenant Governor; Senator Vince DeMuzio; Larry Werries; director, Illinois Department of Agriculture, and Congressman Paul Findley.

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SHELBYVILLE, ILLINOIS

Hidden Springs State Forest

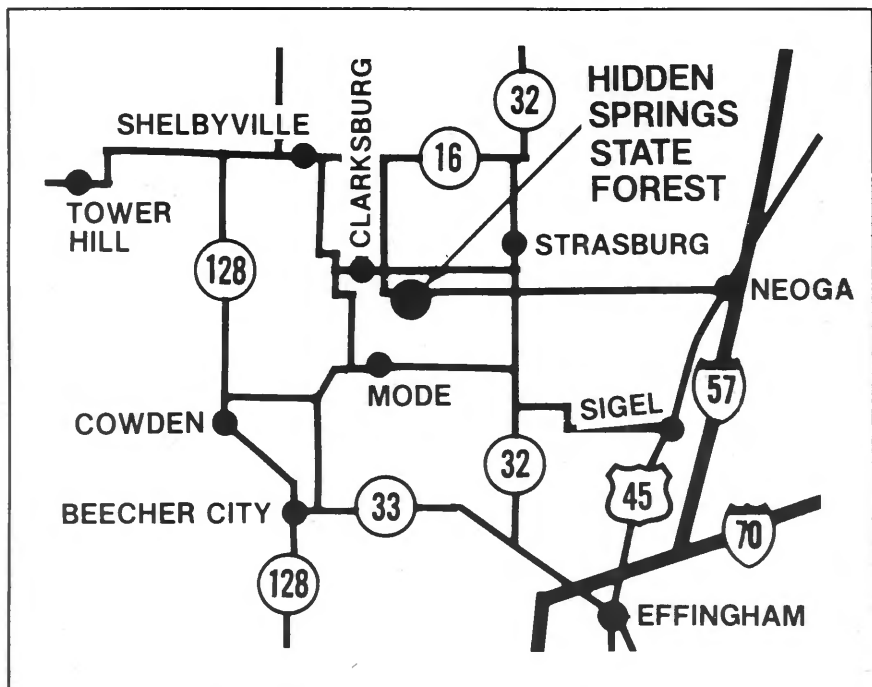
Probably, five out of ten Shelby County residents could not answer the questions "what is — and where is Hidden Springs State Forest?" For your information, Hidden Springs State Forest consists of approximately 1,200 acres of land near Clarksburg, ten miles southeast of Shelbyville.

Today, the area is maintained with two primary goals: sound timber and resource management and recreational facilities maintained for the public use. Mr. Plawer explains that the State Forest is set up differently than state parks as the statutes have set it up as a demonstration area for production of

different locations for wildlife stress food — including dwarf corn, millet, and milo. At the first winter snow, many bird feeders throughout the forest are filled, and are maintained until such time as natural feed sources become available. The Forest provides some of the best wildlife habitation in the state. These are 888 acres open to hunting — subject to Forest and Illinois State hunting laws. Ten hunter parking lots are scattered throughout the Forest, and hunters are required to park and register at them. Some 240 acres of recreation, hiking, and picnic areas are restricted, with no hunting allowed at any time.

Recreation areas provide a wide variety of outdoor activity areas for public use. There are three picnic sites: Rolling Meadows offers a large shelter, water, playground area, tables, and stoves. Red Bud Lane provides three secluded spots. There are also picnic facilities at the Big Tree and Hickory Ridge Pond.

Campgrounds can accommodate 28 campers (and are not usually full). Featured at the camping areas are water, sanitary disposal stations, privies, pedestal stoves, and campfire areas. The solitude and picturesque surroundings provide ideal camping

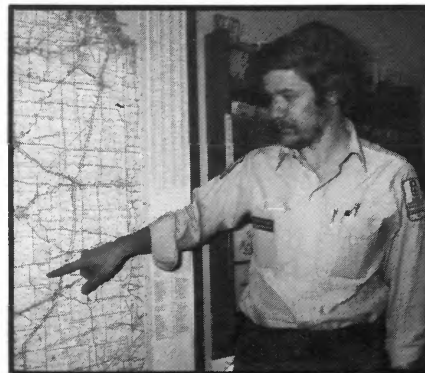


According to Brian Plawer, Site Superintendent, the Forest is eight miles tip to tip, has 25 miles of boundary on the outside by public road, and internally has 25 miles of fire lanes.

The entire area was planned in the 1950's as a large recreational lake. When plans for Lake Shelbyville became known, the area was assigned to the Division of Forestry; and was called Shelby State Forest. In 1975, the Department of Conservation was reorganized, and the property was assigned to the Division of Land and Historic Sites.

lumber for the industries and people of Illinois. The Division of Forestry initially planted 350,000 trees on approximately 400 acres. The Forest staff does point samplings to determine what types of trees are growing in an area, and if the tree population needs to be thinned out. The prime crop is white oak (the state tree). Walnut is harvested also. Timber sales are from time to time held for the purpose of thinning the trees. Firewood is available for the public to cut. A minimal charge is required for that privilege.

Eighteen acres are planted in 25



Brian Plawer points out Hidden Springs location.



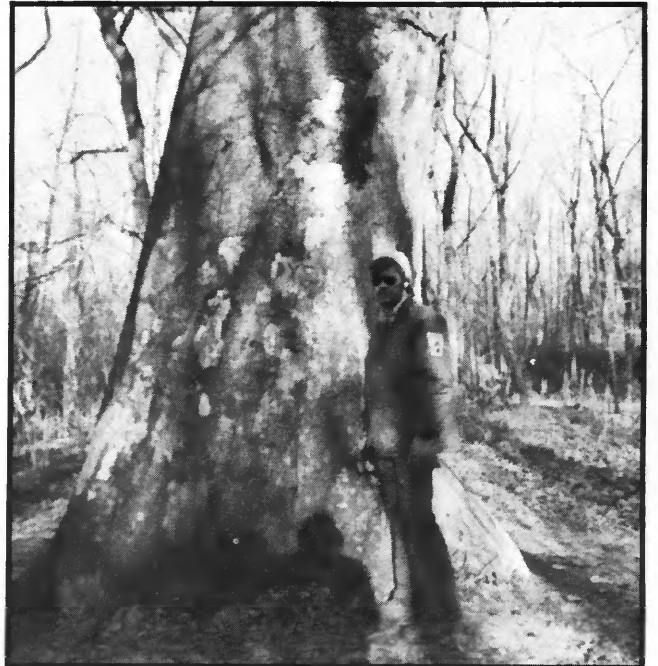
Quicksand Spring site explains the origin of the name "Hidden Springs."



Picnic and playground facilities at Rolling Meadows picnic area are topnotch.



Hickory Ridge Pond offers fishing and picnicking areas.



Sycamore that gives the Big Tree Nature Trail its name dwarfs Brian Plawer, site superintendent.

conditions. There are two fishing ponds on Forest property. One (Hickory Ridge Pond) is accessible by automobile and another is accessible by foot. Hickory Ridge Pond also has picnic facilities available. Both are stocked with bluegill, redear, bass, and channel catfish.

Hiking is a special feature available at Hidden Springs State Forest. Possum Hollow nature trail is three-quarters of a mile in length. Trail

guides, available at the headquarters, campgrounds, and picnic areas, guide visitors to 35 interpretive stations. One of the famous attractions at the Forest is the Big Tree and Big Tree Nature Trail. The 300-year-old sycamore is 76" in diameter, has a circumference of 19.1 feet, and is 116 feet tall.

Mr. Plawer says that one of the first questions asked by visitors is: "Why do they call it 'Hidden Springs?'" He explains that the seven springs located

in the forest area are seeping rather than bubbling springs. They are recognizable by the lush vegetation, and marshy area surrounding the springs.

The Hidden Springs State Forest staff are employees of the State, and are most willing to accommodate the public. Of the many features available, perhaps one will provide a great outdoor outing for you and your family.

Nutritious and economical

CHICKEN GUMBO

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| 1 broiler fryer (about 2½ lb.), cut up | ¾ cup chopped green pepper |
| ¼ lb. smoked ham, diced | 1 tablespoon minced parsley |
| 2 tablespoons butter or margarine | 1 tablespoon salt |
| 1 can (14½ to 16 oz.) tomatoes (2 cups) | ¼ teaspoon ground black pepper |
| 1½ qts. water | 1 small bay leaf |
| 1 lb. okra, sliced | 1 tablespoon gumbo file powder |
| 1 cup sliced onions | 4 cups hot cooked rice |

Cook chicken and ham in melted butter until light brown. Add tomatoes, water, okra, onions, green pepper, parsley, salt, pepper and bay leaf. Heat to boiling. Reduce heat, cover and simmer 30 to 40 minutes, or until chicken is tender. Remove chicken from bones, but leave in large pieces. Return meat to soup. Discard bay leaf. Just before serving, sprinkle gumbo file powder lightly over soup, stirring constantly. Heap hot rice in individual soup bowls. Ladle chicken gumbo over rice. Makes 8 servings.

GROUND BEEF AND NOODLE CASSEROLE

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| 1 large pkg. noodles, small size | Salt and pepper to taste |
| 2 lbs. ground beef | 1 can whole-kernel corn (drained) |
| 1½ bell peppers chopped fine | 1 can tomato soup |
| 2 cloves garlic minced | 1 can water |
| 2 tablespoons chili powder | 1 can Rotel tomatoes |
| 1 teaspoon cumin | 1½ lbs. cheese (grated) |

Cook beef and drain. Add onion, pepper, garlic and cook until soft. Add chili powder, cumin, salt and pepper. Cook noodles and drain. Put one-half the noodles in casserole and top with meat, corn, half of the cheese, and the remaining noodles. Mix tomato soup with water and pour over top. Add Rotel and sprinkle with rest of the cheese. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour and 30 minutes. This makes a large amount and can be frozen. Also, this is good served with carrot salad.

SPANISH CHICKEN AND NOODLES

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| 1 large fryer | 2 shredded carrots |
| 1 medium chopped onion | 1 pkg. noodles (small) |
| 1 chopped bell pepper | 1 can cream of chicken soup |
| ¼ stalk celery | |

Simmer fryer until tender. Remove meat and chop. Cook onion, bell pepper, celery and carrots in broth until tender. Add noodles and cream of chicken soup. Cook about 15 minutes until noodles are tender.

SAVORY MEATBALL-SAUERKRAUT SKILLET

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| 1 lb. ground beef | 1 (1-lb. 11-oz.) can sauerkraut, drained |
| 3 cups soft bread crumbs (3 to 4 slices of bread) | ½ cup chopped onion |
| ¼ cup milk | ¾ cup long-grain rice |
| 1 egg | 1½ cups water |
| 2 tablespoons shortening | 1 1-lb. can (2 cups) tomatoes, cut up |

Combine ground beef, bread crumbs, milk, egg, ¾ teaspoon salt, and a dash of pepper. Mix well. Shape into 12 meatballs. Brown in shortening in large skillet, combine sauerkraut, onion, and ½ teaspoon salt. Stir in rice and water. Add meatballs and tomatoes. Bring to boiling; reduce heat and simmer, covered for 30 to 35 minutes. Makes 6 servings.

PIMIENTO-CREAMED CORN

In medium saucepan or skillet, combine one 3-oz. pkg. pimiento cream cheese, softened, ¼ cup milk, 1 tablespoon butter or margarine, and ½ teaspoon onion salt. Cook and stir over low heat until cream cheese melts. Stir in 2 cups cooked corn from cob (3 to 4 med. ears) or one 1 lb. can corn, drained. Cook until corn is heated through. Makes 4 to 6 servings.

BEAN AND SQUASH SOUP

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| 1 lb. (2½ cups) dry navy beans | 1 cup chopped onion |
| 8 cups water | 1 cup chopped celery |
| 2 lbs. winter squash, pared, seeded, and cubed (4 cups) | 1½ teaspoons salt |
| 1 meaty ham bone (about 1 lb.) | ¼ teaspoon pepper |

In 5-quart Dutch oven, combine beans and water. Bring to boil, reduce heat, and simmer 2 minutes. Remove from heat. Cover and let stand 1 hour, (or soak beans in water overnight.) Do not drain. Add half the squash, ham bone, onion, celery, salt and pepper. Bring to boil; cover and simmer 1½ hours. Remove ham bone; cool slightly. Partially mash beans with potato masher. Cut meat from bone and dice; return meat to Dutch oven along with remaining squash. Simmer, covered, 20 minutes more. Season to taste. Makes 8 to 10 servings.

RICE CASSEROLE

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| 1 cup raw rice | 1 tablespoon dehydrated bell pepper flakes |
| 1 cup beef consommé | Butter |
| 1 tablespoon dehydrated onion flakes | |

Spray Pam in casserole dish. Mix all ingredients in bowl. Add about ¼ can water and lots of butter. This can be covered and cooked in microwave about 15 minutes. Stir at about 10 minutes.



DILLY CASSEROLE BREAD

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| 1 pkg. yeast | 2 teaspoons dill seed |
| ¼ cup warm water | 1 teaspoon salt |
| 1 cup creamed cottage cheese | ½ teaspoon baking soda |
| 2 tablespoons sugar | 1 egg |
| 1 tablespoon instant minced onion | 2½ cups flour |
| 1 tablespoon melted butter | |

Dissolve yeast in warm water. Heat cottage cheese to lukewarm. Add all remaining ingredients except flour. Mix well and add to the yeast. Add flour and mix well to form stiff dough. Cover and let rise until double in size. Stir down and turn into well greased 2½-quart casserole dish. Let rise 40 minutes or until light. Bake at 350 degrees for 40-45 minutes. Brush with butter and sprinkle with salt.

TRULY'S CUPCAKE BROWNIES

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| 1½ cups sugar | 4 sqs. semi-sweet chocolates |
| 1 cup flour | 1 cup chopped pecans |
| 4 eggs | 1 tablespoon vanilla |
| 1 cup butter or oleo | |

Mix sugar, flour and eggs. Do Not Beat. Melt butter and chocolate. Add nuts. Combine mixture and add vanilla. Put about half full into cupcake liners. Bake at 325 degrees for 30 minutes.

MAGIC MARSHMALLOW CRESCENT PUFF

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| ¼ cup sugar | 16 large marshmallows |
| 4 tablespoons cinnamon | ½ cup chopped nuts, if desired |
| 2 cans (8 oz.) crescent rolls | |

Combine sugar and cinnamon. Separate two cans crescent dough into 16 triangles. Dip marshmallow in melted butter, then in sugar and cinnamon mixture. Place marshmallow in wide end of triangle. Fold corners over marshmallow and roll toward point. Squeeze edge of dough to seal. Dip point side in butter and place buttered side down in muffin tin. Bake at 375 degrees for 10-15 minutes.

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| ½ cup powdered sugar | ½ teaspoon vanilla |
| 2 or 3 tablespoons milk | |

Mix together. Drizzle over hot puffs.

GINGERBREAD

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| ½ cup sugar | 1 teaspoon soda |
| ½ cup butter | 1 teaspoon ginger |
| 2 eggs | 1 teaspoon allspice |
| ½ cup molasses | ½ cup buttermilk |
| 1½ cups cake flour | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |

Cream butter and sugar; add eggs and beat well. Add molasses. Sift flour, soda and spices together; fold in flour mixture alternately with buttermilk. Bake in greased rectangular pan for 25-30 minutes at 350 degrees. Top with following:

TOPPING FOR GINGERBREAD

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| ½ cup brown sugar | ½ cup soft butter |
| 2 teaspoons cinnamon | 1 cup chopped pecans |
| ¼ cup flour | |

Combine all ingredients with a fork until crumbly. Spread over gingerbread for last 10 minutes of baking.

BUTTERNUT SQUASH BREAD

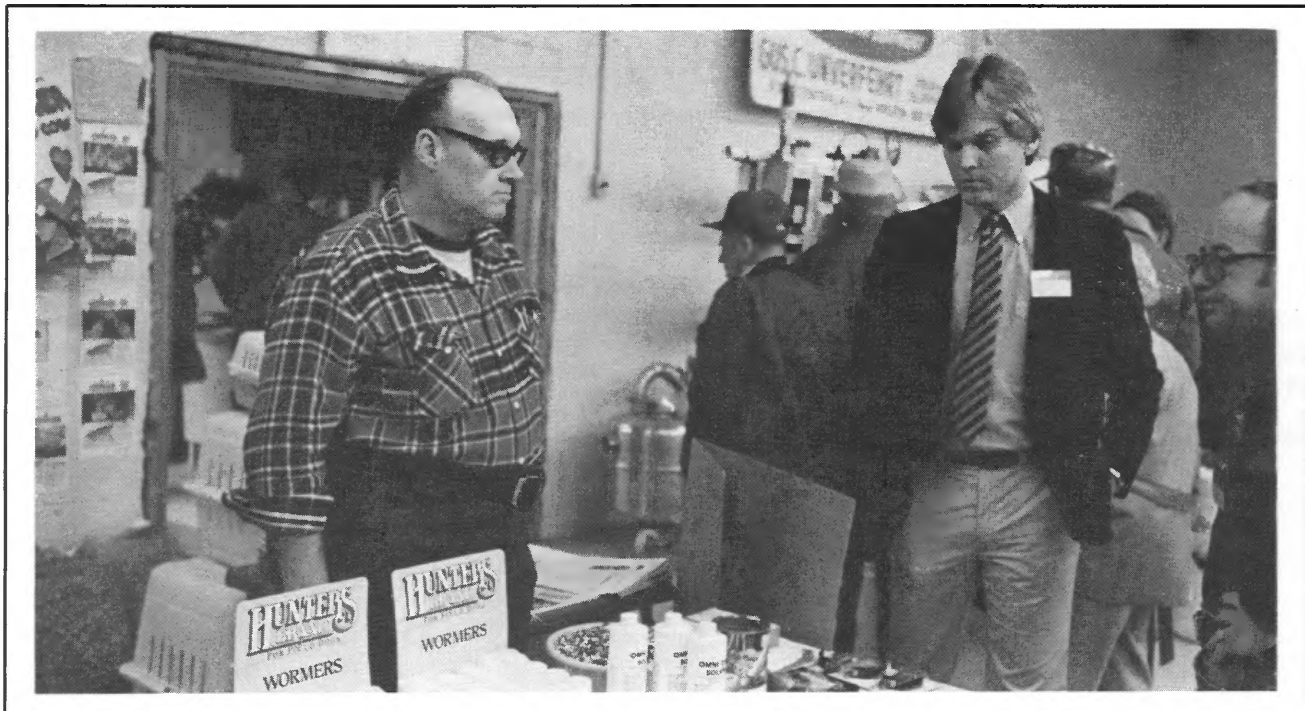
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| 3 cups sugar | 1 teaspoon cloves |
| 1 cup salad oil | 1 teaspoon cinnamon |
| 3 eggs | 1 teaspoon nutmeg |
| 3 cups flour | 1 teaspoon baking soda |
| ½ teaspoon salt | 2 cups butternut squash |
| ½ teaspoon baking powder | |

Blend sugar and salad oil. Beat in eggs. Sift together dry ingredients. Stir into creamed mixture the squash. Blend in sifted dry ingredients. Line bottoms of 2 medium loaf pans with waxed paper. Bake at 350 degrees for 45 minutes to 1 hour.

GRAHAM DELIGHTS

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| 4 tablespoons cocoa | ½ teaspoon vanilla |
| ¼ cup confectioners sugar | ½ pint whipping cream |

Add a little water to make a thick paste with first 3 ingredients. Add the whipping cream and beat until thick. Frost between and on top and sides of stacks of graham crackers. Refrigerate for at least six hours before eating.



Two of the estimated 7,000 who attended the show are pictured above. Exhibits ranged from animal health care products to large tractors.

Good weather boosts farm show attendance

The weather was fair, the ground was dry and the sun peeked occasionally from behind the thin cloud layer. In short, the weather cooperated with efforts to make the 23rd Annual Farm Materials Handling Show a success. The show, held March 2-4 at the Washington County Fairgrounds in Nashville, enjoyed better-than-average weather. So did those attending.

The turnout was fairly good, notes Willard P. Wiggers, general show chairman and director of member services for Monroe County Electric Co-Operative. Wiggers says the good attendance was, along with the weather, only part of the good news. "I heard several exhibitors say that the people at the show this year were really in a buying mood," he says, "and we estimate that about 7,000 people turned out to see the variety of items that filled the 120 indoor exhibit spaces. That's 15 percent more spaces than we had last year. There were also several outdoor spaces for heavy equipment.

"One noticeable difference this year," Wiggers says, "was that there weren't any solar displays, and there were fewer wood stove exhibits, too. They seemed to be replaced by TV

satellite dish antennas. There were two of them here this year, and they were a 'first' for this show."

Even as the numbers for this year's show are being tallied, plans are being made to make it bigger and better next year. The show's planning committee is working with the Washington



A farmer watches a product demonstration.

County Fair Board — from which the committee leases show space — seeking additional indoor space, especially with high overhead clearance to accommodate large exhibits.

The Washington County Vocational Workshop again served meals during the event, and sold some 375 full meals, plus many sandwiches and side orders. Those attending the event also drank 65 gallons of coffee and 13 gallons of milk. The Workshop also sold 600 doughnuts and 30 pies.

Sponsors of the show include the Illinois Farm Electrification Council, Cooperative Extension Service, University of Illinois, Southern Illinois University-Carbondale College of Agriculture and the electric suppliers in the region, Illinois Power Company and nine electric cooperatives: Clay Electric Cooperative Association, Clinton County Electric Cooperative, Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, Monroe County Electric Co-Operative, Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Southwestern Electric Cooperative, Tri-County Electric Cooperative and Wayne-White Counties Electric Cooperative. The Nashville Chamber of Commerce assists with local arrangements.

Current lines from cooperative managers

Rural Electric

AUBURN, ILLINOIS

Your Board of Directors has scheduled your annual meeting date for August 21, 1982. The meeting will be held at the Auburn High School gymnasium. The pancake-and-sausage breakfast has been very well received and has been widely accepted by you, the members. With this background and experience it was again determined that your electric cooperative's annual meeting will begin with a hearty break-



Roy D. Goode
Manager

fast. Mark your calendar — plan your schedule — August 21, 1982. Your cooperative needs you, you need your cooperative. Participate in this most important date on your cooperative calendar. Right between fair time and school time — something interesting and important to fill the gap.

Your electric cooperative has been through another winter season, one of the worst winters recorded as far as extremes of temperature and snow is concerned. Your electric service was virtually uninterrupted through the severe weather.

Having said that I will retract somewhat and say that most of the prolonged outages were not a result of failure on your Cooperative system, but that of the power supply which provides energy to the substations. Also, it does depend on where you are coming from. If you were one of those few out of power, then it was a matter of great concern to you, and if you were one of the men repairing the trouble, it was also of great concern. All in all, your Cooperative fared well

during the severe weather. Of course, in this area we go from winter to spring, and the resultant high winds, and with the hundreds of miles of exposure, there is always some wind damage to poles and conductors. Even with the thousands of new poles installed during the past four years, and all the underground system, we are still experiencing some problems with poles blowing over. If you observe a leaning pole or other problem with your co-op line, please report it. Your Cooperative cannot patrol all lines constantly. The operating people must rely on reports of conditions that need attention. Repairs will be made promptly if damage is reported and known. The expense of hiring people to constantly patrol would not be feasible, so you can help. Many of you are driving on roads where poles and lines are located; if you see something you believe is not right — please report it. It may avert an outage later, or it may eliminate a hazard to people or property.

per kWh built into the rate. (This was the amount our power supplier indicated that it would not exceed.)

In January of 1979, we began the card system based on your previous month's kWh usage at the same cost from CIPS plus line loss and tax. I agree with you this is a nuisance to both you and the office, but it is the only fair way. You pay no more than the Cooperative, but the Cooperative collects enough to pay that portion of your bill. (Shelby Electric Cooperative retains none of this money.)

In a recent issue of the *Illinois Rural Electric News*, I said, 'If we had to devise a rate that included our best guess of future fuel cost increases and thus eliminate the card, it would be necessary to estimate a large enough increase to cover the entire fuel adjustment. This might be as much as one cent more per kWh than you are now paying.'

On May 18, we received a call from CIPS saying that our fuel adjustment would be higher this month than last by about 52 percent. This means to you that you will be paying in excess of one cent per kWh for fuel adjustment alone. This will show on your June card based on your May usage. The same will be true in July and possibly August. They tell us it should be lower after that. (I would not expect it.) This is the reason we expect to stay with the card system. You then pay your fair share: no more, no less.'

ANNUAL MEETING

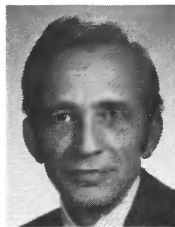
Please mark July 22 as a special day on your calendar. Your Cooperative annual meeting will be held on that date. We are planning the same format as last year, because of the reports we had, everyone seemed to like it very much. We will be sending you more information in the future.

Shelby Electric

SHELBYVILLE, ILLINOIS

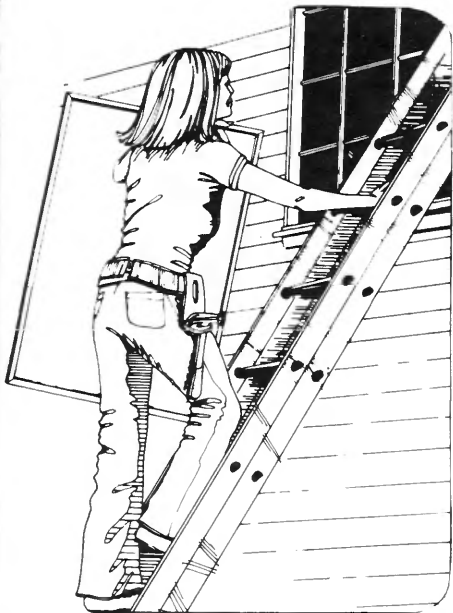
The following is a portion of a letter sent to all members on June 5, 1981. This information is being reprinted at a member's request:

"We have tried to explain a number of times, both in a letter, as well as in the *Illinois Rural Electric News*, about the fuel adjustment from our power supplier, the Central Illinois Public Service Company. The highest fuel adjustment to date that we have paid was .995 cents per kWh in May of 1978. At that time, we had .38 cents



Bill LeCrone
Manager

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Roger C. Lentz, seated right, has been reelected president of the board of directors of Southern Illinois Power Co-operative. Archie Hamilton, seated center, was reelected vice president, and Guy Casper, Jr., seated left, was elected secretary-treasurer. Standing are, from left, SIPC General Manager James R. Chapman and Charles D. Winter, attorney.

our economic situation we are able to provide sound maintenance and capital improvements which will provide members with a reliable source of energy," he added.

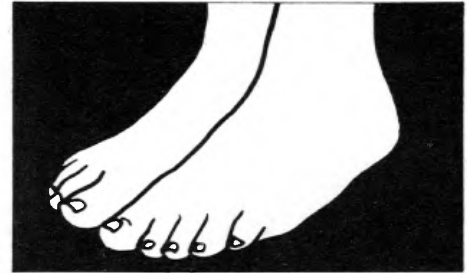
During the meeting, four representatives of each of the three member-cooperatives were elected to the board of directors. They are: Bill Cadle of Marion, Guy Casper, Jr. of Belknap, Harold I. Dycus of Carbondale, Archie Hamilton of Ava, James D. Holloway of Steeleville, Roger C. Lentz of Eldorado, Timothy W. Reeves of Dongola, Dale A. Smith of Cutler, Orrie V. Spivey of Elizabethtown, Milo F. Thurston of Pulaski, Robert Tiberend of Benton, and Robert Ury of Jonesboro.

Following the members' meeting, the board met in a reorganizational session and reelected Lentz as president and Hamilton as vice president. Casper was elected secretary-treasurer.

The three distribution cooperatives which make up SIPC are Egyptian Electric Cooperative Association, Steeleville; Southeastern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Inc., Eldorado; and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola. The three serve approximately 37,000 meters in a 19-county area.

May 1982

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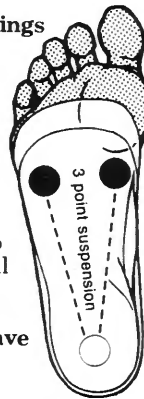
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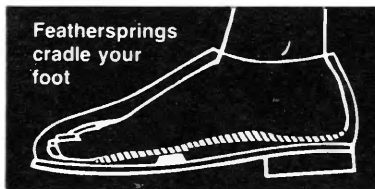


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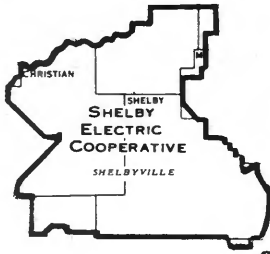
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SHELBYVILLE, ILLINOIS

Visitor's center open at lake



The St. Louis District of the U.S. Army Corps of Engineers is responsible for water-related management activities in an area covering eastern Missouri and southern Illinois — from the Salt River in northern Missouri to the Big Muddy River in southern Illinois. They stress that “The Corps is more than rivers and land. It is people; those who work in the offices; those who work in the field.”

At Lake Shelbyville, the recently completed visitor center is the hub of activity around which the Corps staff coordinates the many activities available to the public.

The center's exterior was completed in 1978. In 1980, the interior was completed and opened to the public. The staff opens the building for the season in March, and maintains visiting hours regularly through December. In early spring, one may stop by between the hours of noon and 4 p.m. on Saturday or Sunday. In

May, the Corps keeps the center open every day. Notices are sent to area newspapers with open dates and programs listed. In the early spring, the Corps personnel estimate the amount of visitors at 200-300 per weekend. When the summer season is in full swing, that many people will pass through per day.

The first sights to greet a visitors as they enter the center are wildlife displays from the lake area. One case houses a live snake, and a large aquarium exhibits live examples of fish native to Lake Shelbyville. In the lobby area, all forms of brochures and pamphlets are available with information on the lake and programs being carried out.

Due to the combined efforts of the Moultrie County Historical and Genealogical Society and the Shelby County Historical and Genealogical Society, historical and informative displays are presented in a large area of

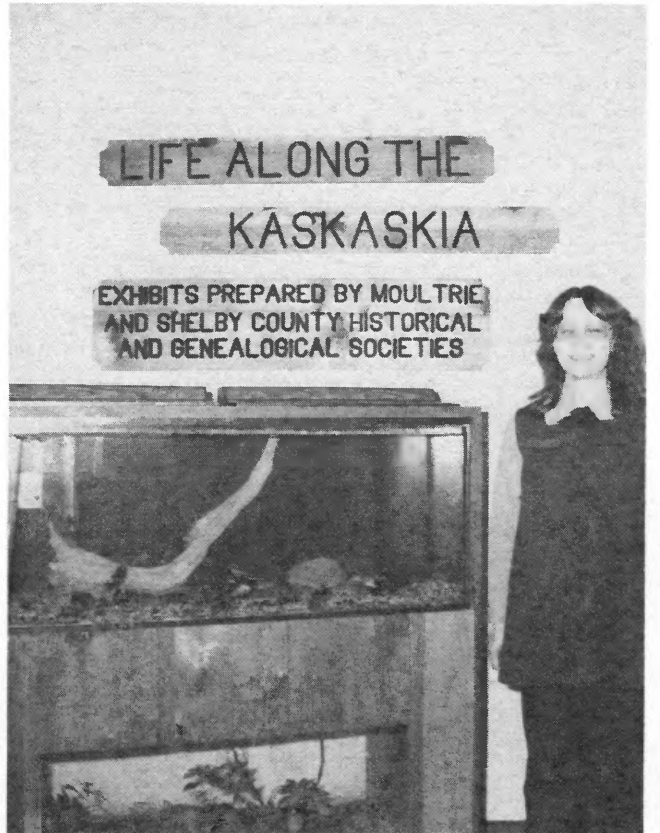
the area's early history on Indian, French, and pioneer eras, as well as information on industry and recreation. They have utilized antiques, Indian artifacts, historical data, and photographs to present a most informational and interesting exhibit.

Also housed in the visitor center is a 50-seat meeting room. In the summer, the Corps will project a slide show five or six times a day to acquaint visitors with various projects undertaken by the Corps and provide information on lake-area services and recreation available through the Corps and its staff.

Whenever the Lake Shelbyville Visitor Center is open to the public, Corps of Engineers people are available to provide information and answer questions. They stress that the center and lake areas belong to the public, and they encourage the public to make use of the facilities available.



At left, the Lake Shelbyville Visitors' Center is pictured. This page, clockwise from above: Frank Schafer is pictured with one of the displays provided by the Moultrie and Shelby County Historical and Genealogical Societies. Maria Schafer with a display of French influence on the lake area. Mrs. Schafer with an exhibit of fish found in the lake. Mr. Schafer with an area map.



Old favorites with new flavors

HAWAIIAN BEEF LOAVES

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| 1 envelope brown gravy mix | Dash of pepper |
| 1/2 cup milk | 1 cup soft bread crumbs |
| 1 teaspoon instant minced onion | (1/4 slices bread) |
| 2 slightly beaten eggs | 2 lbs. ground beef |
| 1 tablespoon snipped parsley | 1 16 oz. can sweet-sour sauce |
| 2 teaspoons soy sauce | Hot cooked rice |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | |

In large mixing bowl, blend gravy mix and milk. Add instant minced onion; let stand a few minutes. Add eggs, parsley, soy, salt, and pepper; stir in bread crumbs. Add ground beef; mix well. Shape into two loaves; place in shallow baking pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Spoon off excess fat. Pour a little sweet-sour sauce over loaves. Return to oven for 15 minutes. Heat remaining sauce to pass; serve with rice. Makes 8 servings.

SALMON PUFFS

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| 1 can pink salmon | 1 small onion, diced |
| 1 teaspoon baking powder | Salt to taste |
| Bread crumbs | Pepper to taste |
| 1 egg, slightly beaten | |

Flake salmon, reserve juice and add bread crumbs, beaten egg, onion, salt and pepper. Add baking powder to salmon juice, mix. Stir into above mixture. Spoon drops into hot deep fat. Fry until golden brown. These are very light and airy.

MACARONI AND CHEESE

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| 1 pkg. (8-oz.) macaroni | 1 can (10 1/2-oz.) cream of mushroom soup |
| 1/4 cup chopped onion | Salt and pepper |
| 1/4 cup chopped pimiento | 1/2 cup cracker crumbs |
| 1 lb. grated hoop cheese | |
| 3/4 cup milk or cream | |

Cook macaroni according to package directions. Mix macaroni, onion, pimiento, grated cheese (reserve 1/4 cup cheese for topping), milk, and mushroom soup together. Season with salt and pepper. Pour into greased casserole. Sprinkle reserved cheese and cracker crumbs on top. Bake at 350 degrees 40 to 50 minutes. Serves 6.

ORANGE FRUIT MOLD

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| 1 pkg. (3 oz.) Jello, orange or orange-pineapple | 1 tablespoon lemon juice |
| 1 cup boiling water | 1/2 cup orange sections |
| 1 cup cold water | 1 medium banana, sliced |
| | 4 dates, sliced lengthwise |

Dissolve gelatin in boiling water. Add cold water and lemon juice. Chill until slightly thickened. Fold in fruits. Pour into individual molds. Chill until firm. Unmold. For salad, serve on crisp greens with mayonnaise. For dessert, serve with a dessert topping. Serves 6.

YEAST ROLLS

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| 2 cups warm water | 2 teaspoons salt |
| 3 pkgs. yeast | 1 egg beaten |
| 2 1/2 cup powdered milk plus 1 tablespoon | 6 tablespoons butter not hot, just warm or cool |
| 4 1/2 tablespoons sugar | |
| 5 1/2 cups flour | |

Put warm water not too warm in mixing bowl. Add yeast, mix until dissolved. Mix milk, sugar, salt together and add to your liquid. Mix until dissolved. Add egg then butter, mixing all the time you are adding your egg and butter. Then add flour, mix best you can. If you can't mix well enough with a mixer, put on floured board and knead about 3 minutes. Put dough in buttered bowl, turn over and cover. Let it double in size. Now dump dough on buttered surface and turn over to smooth side of your dough which was the top side in the bowl. Pinch rolls . . . easy, don't do anything to dough, but pinch off rolls, butter the top of your rolls. Now let them double in size again. Bake at 375 degrees 20 minutes or until good and brown. Butter tops with melted butter.

COFFEE CAKE

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| 1 cup pecans | 1 stick butter or oleo |
| 1 pkg. frozen rolls (24) | 1/2 cup brown sugar |
| 1 pkg. instant butterscotch pudding mix | 4 tablespoons cinnamon |

Grease bundt pan with Pam. Layer in bundt pan as listed. Let rise covered on counter top overnight. Bake at 350 degrees for 25 minutes. Serve warm.

SPRING TEA

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| 6 regular tea bags | 1 small can frozen lemonade (thawed) |
| 4 cups water | |
| 1 cup sugar | |
| 1 small can frozen limeade (thawed) | |

Boil water and pour over tea bags. Allow to cool. Remove tea bags and dissolve sugar in tea. Add lemonade, limeade and enough water to make one gallon.

AUSTRIAN CHOCOLATE BALLS

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| 1 1/2 oz. unsweetened chocolate | 1/2 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1/2 cup margarine | 1 1/2 cups flour |
| 1 cup sugar | 1/2 cup finely chopped nuts |
| 1 egg plus 1 yolk | |

Melt together chocolate and margarine over low heat. Add sugar, egg and vanilla. Mix well. Add remaining ingredients and shape dough into 3/4-inch balls. Bake on ungreased sheet 8 to 12 minutes at 350 degrees.

GLAZE:

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| 1 oz. unsweetened chocolate | 1 cup powdered sugar |
| 1 tablespoon margarine | 2 to 3 tablespoons milk |
| 1/2 teaspoon vanilla | |

Melt ingredients together and make thin enough to dip top of cookies in.

DUMP CAKE

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| 2 cups flour | 1 teaspoon soda |
| 2 cups sugar | 1 tablespoon cinnamon |
| 2 eggs | 1 teaspoon vanilla |
| 1/2 cup butter | 1 cup nuts |
| 1/2 teaspoon salt | 1 can comstock pie filling |

Just dump it all in a pan and stir. Put in oblong greased and floured pan. Bake at 350 degrees for 1 hour or until done. You can serve with whipped topping.

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| 3/4 box of powdered sugar | 1 cube oleo, softened |
| 3 oz. softened cream cheese | 1 teaspoon vanilla |

Combine together. Spread on Dump Cake.

FRENCH LEMON PIE

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| 4 eggs | 1/3 cup lemon juice |
| 1 cup light corn syrup | 1/2 cup sugar |
| 1 teaspoon grated lemon peel | 2 tablespoons all-purpose flour |
| 2 tablespoons butter or margarine, melted | 1 unbaked 4-inch pastry shell |
| | 1/2 cup whipping cream |

In medium bowl, beat eggs well; add corn syrup, lemon peel, lemon juice, and melted butter. Combine sugar and flour; stir into egg mixture. Pour into unbaked pastry shell and bake at 350 degrees for 50 minutes. Chill. To serve, spoon whipping cream onto pie.

WATERGATE CAKE

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| 1 pkg. White Cake Mix | 1 cup nuts (chopped) |
| 1 pkg. Pistachio pudding mix | 1 cup coconut |
| 3/4 cup oil | 1 cup 7-Up |
| 3 eggs (whole) | |

Mix well and bake in greased pan at 350 degrees for 30-35 minutes. Let cool before icing.

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| 2 pkgs. Dreamwhip | 1 1/2 cups cold milk |
| 1 pkg. Pistachio Pudding mix | |

Beat all together at high speed until thick enough to spread. Sprinkle cake with chopped nuts.

STRAWBERRY SOUR CREAM PIE

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| 9-inch baked pie shell | 1 1/2 teaspoons vanilla extract |
| 2/3 cup sugar | 3/4 cup dairy sour cream |
| 2/3 cup all purpose flour | 1 cup sliced fresh strawberries |
| 1/4 teaspoon salt | 1/4 teaspoon cream of tartar |
| 2 cups milk | 1/2 cup sugar |
| 4 eggs, separated | |

Combine 2/3 cup sugar, flour and salt in a 2-quart saucepan. Gradually stir in milk until smooth. Cook over medium heat, stirring constantly, until thickened and mixture comes to a boil. Boil and stir 1 minute. Remove from heat and stir a small amount of hot mixture into egg yolks; return all to saucepan. Cook over low heat until thickened, about 2 minutes. Do not boil. Remove from heat and stir in vanilla. Gently fold in sour cream, a small amount at a time. Cover and cool to lukewarm. Meanwhile, line bottom of pie shell with strawberries. Spoon filling over strawberries. Pre-heat oven to 350 degrees. Beat egg whites and cream of tartar until frothy. Gradually add 1/2 cup sugar and continue beating until stiff peaks form. Spread meringue over filling, making sure that meringue covers filling completely and is sealed to crust. Bake until lightly browned, about 5 minutes. Remove from oven and chill 3 to 4 hours before serving.



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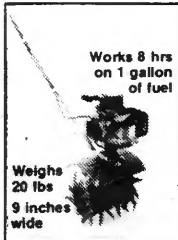
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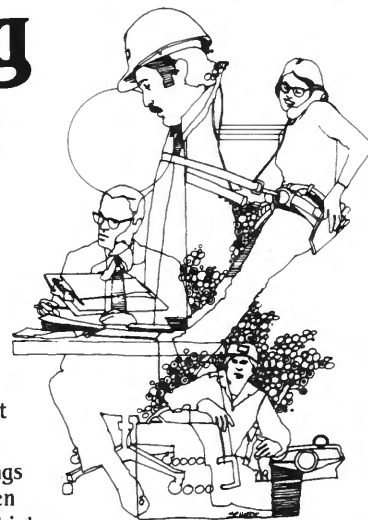
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Breakfast and annual meeting Saturday, August 21

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August 21, 1982, has been selected as the date for your Cooperative's Annual Meeting. The meeting will be held at Auburn High School.

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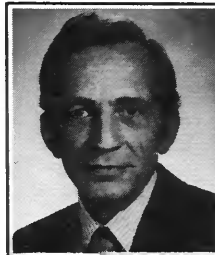
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Annual Meeting - August 21, 1982 - 7:00 A.M. Breakfast - Auburn High School - Business Meeting follows.



Bill LeCrone, Manager
Shelby Electric

Shelbyville, Illinois

Mark your calendar! Annual meeting set for July 22

It hardly seems possible, but almost a year has passed since last year's Annual Meeting. The preparations for the 1982 meeting are now in full swing. The date to remember is Thursday, July 22. We have again reserved the Shelby County 4-H grounds. It is located just west of the Cooperative office on Route 128 in Shelbyville.

Many of those who attended last year's meeting remarked on how well they enjoyed the fried chicken dinner. From that response, we decided to serve the same menu this year! In 1981, we served 1,200 dinners - this year, we are planning for 2,000 - better come early. We shall commence serving lunch at 11:00 a.m. and hope to be completed by 12:45 p.m. The annual meeting will begin at 1 p.m. The office will be closed between the hours of 1 and 3 while the business session is in progress. Those of you who have not visited the office will have the opportunity to do so at the close of the meeting.

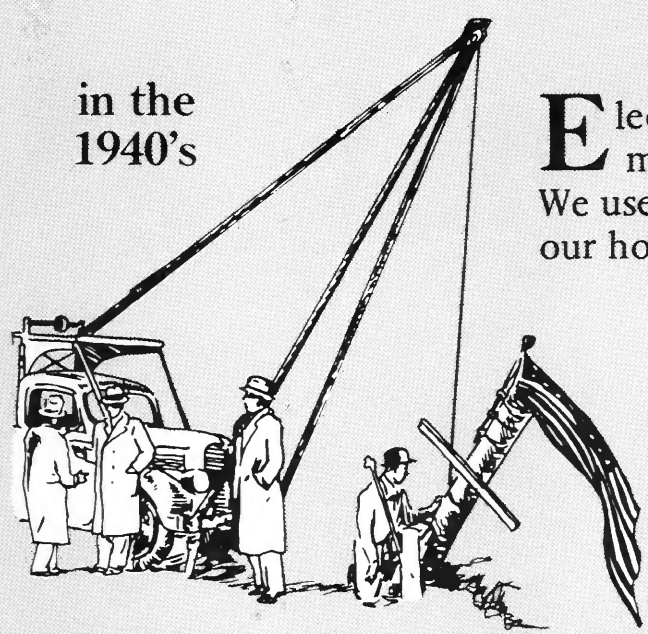
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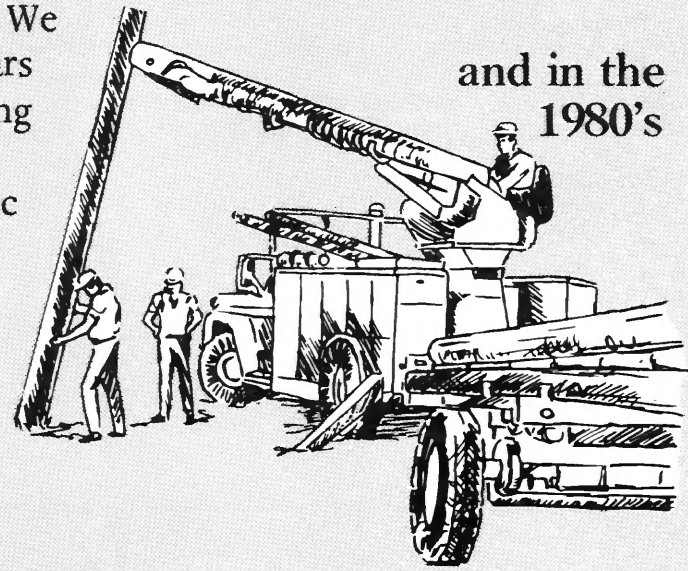


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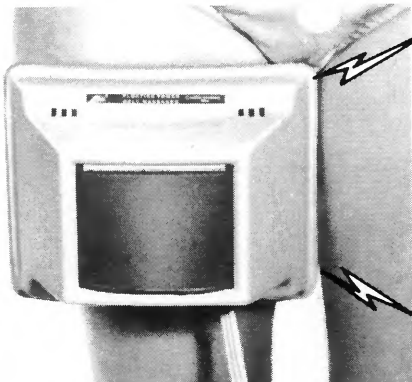
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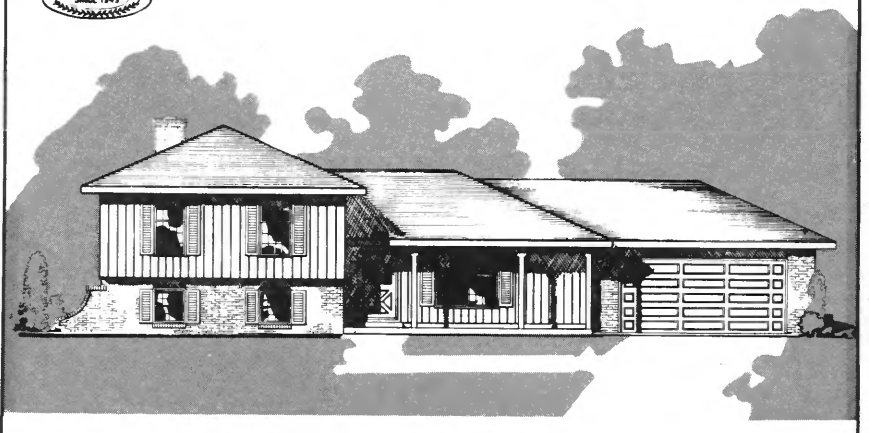
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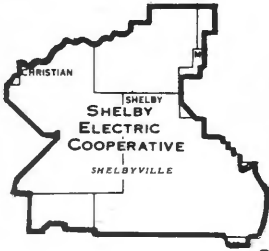
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Scenic lake is a favorite for fishermen and boaters

Fayette County youth camp a busy place

On June 14, Camp Maranatha came alive with the voices of over 100 young people gathering for the first of three summer camping sessions. The camp, owned and operated by the Illinois Eldership Churches of God, is located south and west of Oconee in Fayette County.

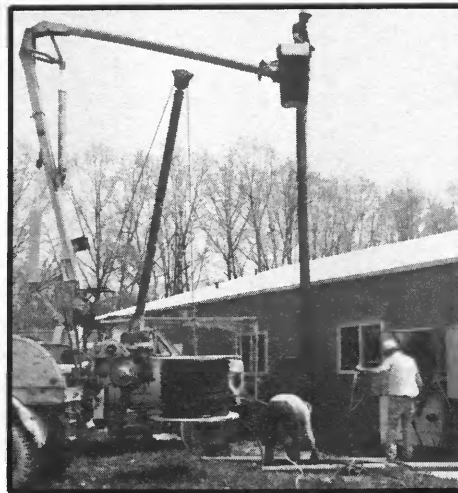
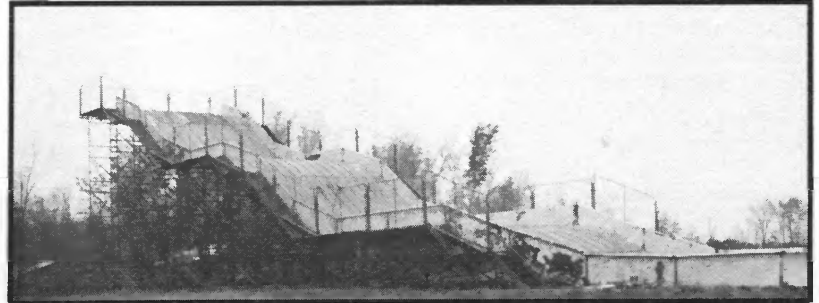
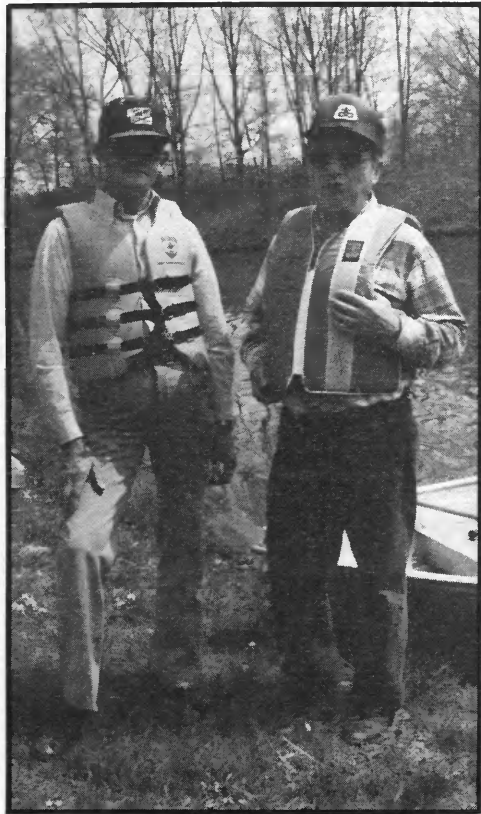
Dewey Zinn, pastor of the Boiling Springs Church of God in Decatur,

explains the origins of the youth camp. In 1976, Mr. and Mrs. Gale Hutchens of Decatur donated four acres complete with a large, scenic lake to the conference.

Since the initial donation from the Hutchenses, 11 cabins have been built. Each church in the conference desiring to do so built a cabin and donated it to the denomination. The cabins

house from 12 to 14 kids each. When the campers arrive, they are assigned to a cabin. From that time, they are responsible for the care and upkeep of that cabin. A volunteer counselor is assigned to each cabin and group of kids.

One of two large metal buildings houses the dining hall and chapel. As it will seat 250, one-half of the building



Clockwise from top: Central building area includes dining hall, chapel and cabins. A giant slide is among the attractions. Shelby Electric crews work to "heavy up" service to dining hall and chapel. Pastors Dewey Zinn, left, and Ernest Rade take time off for fishing in the lake.

is used as a dining hall, and one-half serves as a chapel.

Three different camping sessions are held each summer commencing on June 14, and running through July 3. There are camps for juniors, seniors, and a mini-camp for children 8 and 9 years old. Children of all faiths are welcome, and they come from all over the state to attend the sessions.

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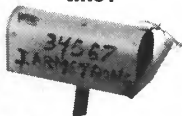
Each camp takes the first 100 to sign up for the event.

In April of 1983, the Churches of God will hold their annual statewide conference at Camp Maranatha. There are a few camping sites available overlooking the lake for adult and family camping; and a camping trailer court is being planned for the future. Adult retreats have also been held.

Since the initial Hutchens donation of four acres, the Illinois Eldership Churches of God has purchased 76 acres. The additional acreage will give the room necessary for future expansion. The beautiful, peaceful grounds of Camp Maranatha, and the dedicated camp staff combine to provide experiences that the young campers will cherish for years to come.

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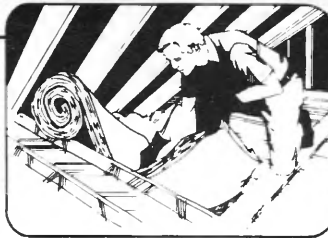
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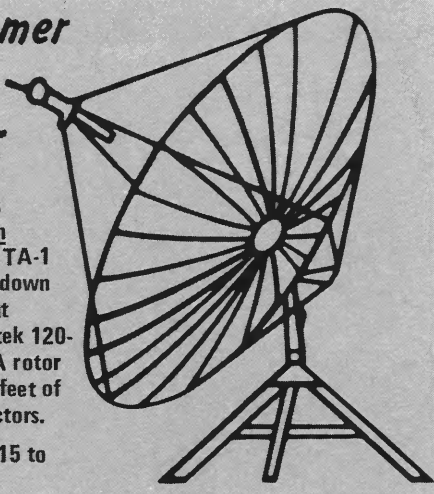
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nearby towns. You can see it in the sales receipts of all the towns around the lake. When the tourist season starts on April 1, the sales receipts immediately go up, and when the season winds down, so do the sales. It's as simple as that. The situation's a lot better than it used to be."

Coy and Wilma's store was the first business to open up on the lake, and they've added about 100 trailer spaces for campers. They tried to operate on the premise that if they treated customers the way they'd like to be treated themselves, the business would prosper. "We try to be helpful," Wilma emphasizes, "and if somebody needs something we don't have, we'll get on the phone and try to locate it for them, or we'll call medical help, or do whatever is needed to make their stay here more pleasant."

So far the minimarketing strategy seems to be working. The Cockrums note that they've had many repeat customers and the operation is still growing steadily if not spectacularly. "We put in an ice cream store not too long ago," Coy says, "because there seemed to be a good market for it and our daughter and her son can run it for us. They needed something to do and this works out great. We serve real hand-dipped ice cream, too," he says pointedly, "not the soft serve stuff. Ours is the old-fashioned kind. Kinda like our way of doing business."

Another old-fashioned twist Coy and Wilma add to their operation is a gospel sing held every year the Sunday night before Labor Day. They book a couple of well-known gospel singing groups from the area, open up a large field to spectators and everybody who wants to can take part in a good old-fashioned sing.

The Rend Lake Marina is another operation that, obviously, wouldn't have come about if not for the lake. Owned by the U. S. Army Corps of Engineers and operated by Paul Dickerson, it is a full-fledged marina operated on a year-round basis. Offering sales and rentals on a full line of boats, the marina also has covered and open docks, and all slips have power and water.

"We also offer shoreline moorage for pontoons and houseboats," Dickerson says, "and a total communications

and security system. We sell lures and live bait, too, as well as skiing accessories."

A relative newcomer to the lake with only four years under his belt, Dickerson notes that the marina brings a lot of tourists into the area. "We sell about 30,000 gallons of marine fuel a year, and we employ eight people during the summer. They work the gas pumps, perform boat services, make repairs, all the things that go with making people's stay pleasant.

"Actually," Paul continues, "the hardest work is in the winter. We're busier in the summer, but it's lighter, easier work. When the tourists are gone, we have to keep boats from

being iced in or blown away. Those are things you have to do in the middle of the night or when it's storming. We also upgrade the facilities. This year we put in ground fault interrupters to the electrical outlets on each dock, and added three feet of height to the breakwater to keep wave action out of the marina."

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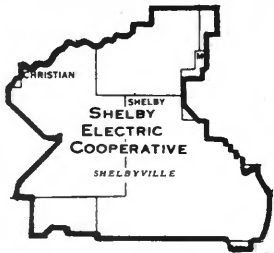
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William E. LeCrone, left, manager of Shelby Electric Cooperative, congratulates three area farm leaders reelected to the board of directors: from left, Lawrence D. Oller of Taylorville, Gerald White of Macon and Neil Pistorius of Blue Mound.

Wholesale power supplier for Shelby and 16 other cooperatives seeks large rate increase

Rural electric consumers across much of central Illinois will face increased electric rates this fall and winter under terms of new wholesale power contracts being proposed by Central Illinois Public Service Company. That was the message Manager William E. LeCrone brought to members of Shelby Electric Cooperative attending the cooperative's 44th annual meeting of members held Thursday (July 22) at the 4-H Club Fairgrounds in Shelbyville.

LeCrone said representatives of 17 Illinois electric cooperatives were advised by CIPS on July 19 that the company proposes a 35.9 percent increase in the rate it charges the cooperatives for bulk power distributed to cooperative member-owners.

Shelby Electric is one of CIPS' wholesale customers, purchasing more than \$5 million in wholesale power in 1981.

With wholesale power costs already claiming almost 70 cents of each dollar of cooperative revenues, LeCrone said the proposed wholesale power contract would result in a rate increase to Shelby members, probably in October. "I can assure you that the board of directors and management will do everything in their power to try to get that percentage figure reduced," LeCrone said. LeCrone said CIPS is seeking from the cooperatives a return on rate base of 11.93 percent, almost triple the rate of return of Shelby.

During the cooperative's official business meeting, three area farm leaders were reelected to the Shelby

Electric Board of Directors. They are Lawrence D. Oller of Taylorville, Neil Pistorius of Blue Mound and Gerald White of Macon. Shelby is a consumer-owned electric cooperative serving approximately 8,300 members throughout rural areas of Christian, Cumberland, Effingham, Fayette, Macon, Montgomery, Moultrie, Sangamon and Shelby counties.

LeCrone reminded members that the increase coming later this year will be the first since October 26, 1980, when rates were increased 10 percent. He indicated the amount of the 1982 increase is unknown at this time and will depend upon the result of the negotiations between CIPS, Shelby and the other electric cooperatives purchasing bulk power from CIPS.

LeCrone reported that the last time the cooperative had to borrow money from the Rural Electrification Administration was in 1957 when the Shelby headquarters building was constructed. "That is a statement that not many cooperatives can make, perhaps only one in Illinois," LeCrone said. "I am certainly proud of that record and feel you should be also. If we were to borrow money today, the interest cost would be something like 13 to 14 percent."

"You owe less than one-half million dollars today on the entire \$10.75 million plant," LeCrone continued. "That one-half million debt is at two percent interest instead of the 13 to 14 percent that I mentioned previously." LeCrone explained that the cooperative's low indebtedness results in membership equity of 82 percent. "Or to phrase it differently, you members own 82 percent of the total plant, compared to average member equity of all electric cooperatives in the United States of 33 percent," LeCrone said.

LeCrone reported to members that with low debt, high member equity and approximately \$1.2 million in reserves for emergencies, the cooperative is in sound financial condition. "The end result is a lower rate than two-thirds of the other cooperatives in Illinois," LeCrone said.

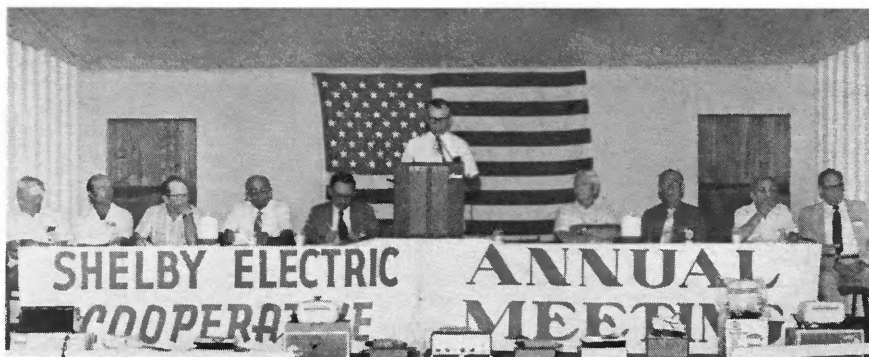
Victor Jostes of Nokomis, president of the Shelby board of directors, praised LeCrone, the cooperative's employees and state and national cooperative associations for their efforts in helping to bring to rural consumers adequate and reliable electric service at the lowest possible cost. He pointed out that Shelby works closely with other electric cooperatives through their state and national associations to solve problems of mutual concern.

Shelby has joined with 14 other Illinois Electric Cooperatives to organize Soyland Power Cooperative to develop cooperatively owned bulk power supplies. Two Soyland representatives addressed the meeting to describe progress by the Decatur-based

organization to develop a generating station in Pike County on the Illinois River. With state and federal permits being obtained on schedule, Soyland expects to break ground this fall for the first phase of its Pike County development.

At the conclusion of the annual business meeting, the board of directors met to reorganize for the coming year. Jostes was reelected president; Robert Primmer of Findlay, vice president; Pistorius, secretary; and Kenneth Kensil of Tower Hill, treasurer.

Clockwise from lower left: A crafts show is among the attractions during the meeting. Board President Victor Jostes addresses the crowd. Tom Seng of Soyland Power Cooperative updates members on Soyland progress. A chicken dinner was a highlight.



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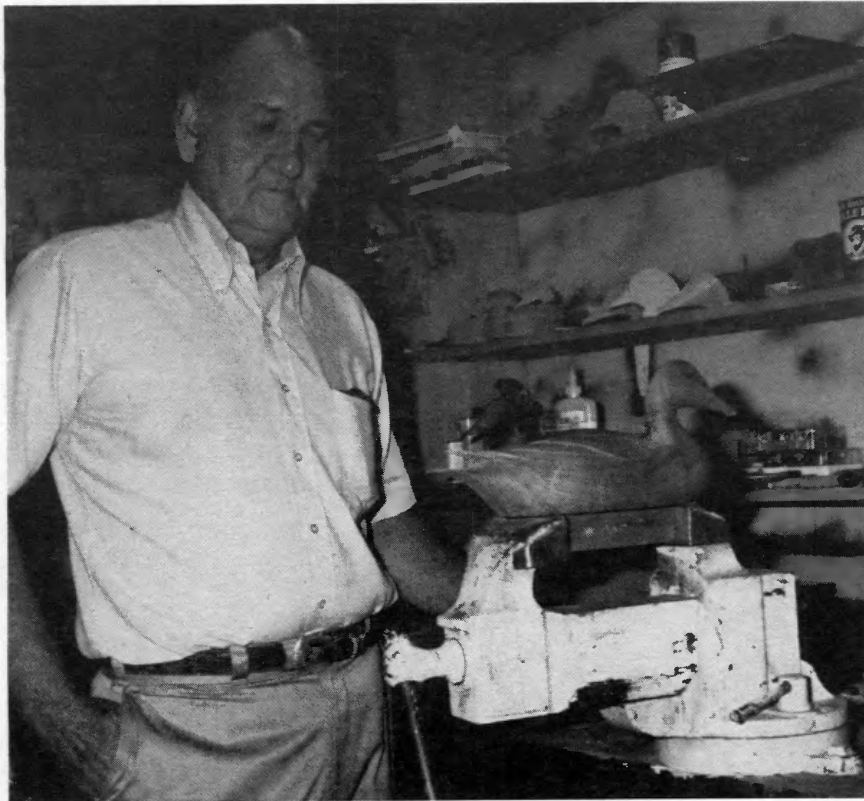


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**Wooden ducks
are fun hobby
for Lewis and
Marie Cherry**

Lewis Cherry with a partially-completed duck carved from walnut.

Lewis and Marie display some of their work and some of the awards they've received.



When choosing fine woods, many people opt for cherry. When Lewis Cherry of Stonington chooses a wood for carving, he prefers walnut.

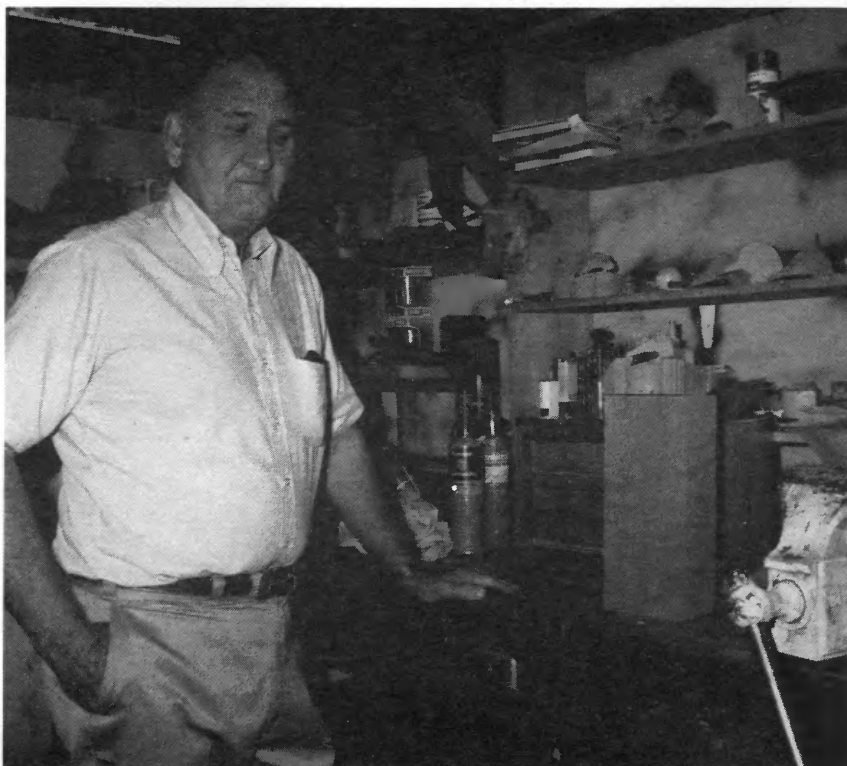
Collecting wooden duck decoys has recently become quite popular. Mr. Cherry says most carvers prefer working with the much softer pine wood, and painting the decoy for detail. He prefers the challenge of walnut. A life-long carving enthusiast, Cherry began carving his duck decoys about three years ago.

The 60-hour process of producing a decoy begins with a piece of wood 4" wide, 6" deep and 13" long. Templates and power tools are used to hew a basic duck form from the block. From that time to completion, razor sharp professional carving and finishing tools are employed by hand. Cherry works on two models at a time. He says that when the works gets to tedious on one model, he can switch to the other for a change of pace. Each completed duck is coated with several coats of tung oil and allowed to dry for a couple of weeks. The final coating is a paste wax resulting in a beautiful satin-like sheen.

Mr. Cherry has entered his work in several art shows and has received various awards. His decoys are for sale but one of his greatest pleasures has been in making gifts of his birds to family and friends. He says "I'd rather make something of quality and give it away. It's a gift that will last a lifetime".

Lewis Cherry is not the only artist in the household. Marie Cherry, his wife, took tole painting lessons three years ago. That hobby led her to oil painting. Most of her subjects are wildlife, but she also gets into the bird production. Her husband carves quail of pine, welds delicate feet onto the forms, and passes them on to Marie. She then adds the painting of the bodies and fine details. The result of the combined work is a quail so life-like any hunter or naturalist would believe he had come upon the real thing.

The Cherrys say that with the long, cold, icy Illinois winters facing them, they take pleasure in their hobbies. And what a pleasure it must be to produce items of such beauty for people to enjoy and appreciate!

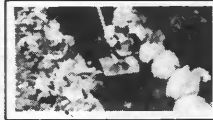
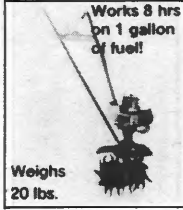
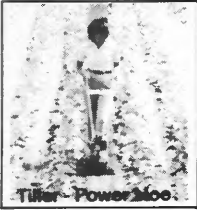


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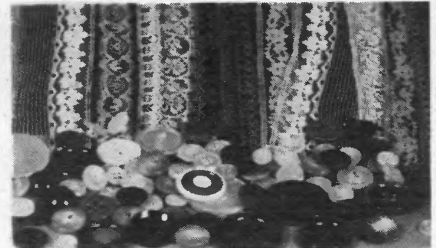
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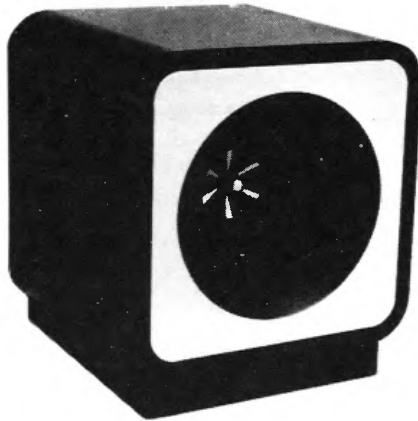
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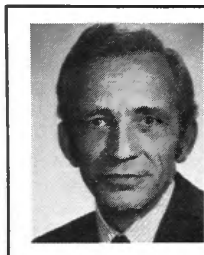
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Bill LeCrone, Manager
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STATUS OF NEGOTIATIONS

We have nothing new to report to you as of this date (September 9, 1982) in regard to the percent of rate increase from our power supplier to the Shelby Electric Cooperative. We know the executive committee has been in touch with their negotiators many times since the first meeting.

There will be a meeting of the full committee, which consists of representatives of each of the cooperatives that purchase power from the Central Illinois Public Service Company on October 5. (That date has probably passed by the time you read this.) At that time, a counterproposal will be made from us to them.

The agreement must be completely finalized well in advance of November 1, so that they may submit the agreement to the Federal Energy Regulatory Commission in Washington for their approval or disapproval. If approved by the Commission, it will become effective January 1,

1983.

There is a tremendous amount of work to be done by the Cooperative personnel before the exact amount can be determined. When this work is completed and the rate structure is approved by the Board of Directors, we will immediately notify you by mail.

We were asked the other day, when we thought the increases would stop — or at least level off. My answer was this: I am neither an optimist or pessimist. I think of myself as a realist. "One of the most confusing things that can happen to me is to hear or read what two well known, well educated economists have to say, and how these crises in this difficult period of time should be resolved. If they cannot agree on a way, I certainly don't feel qualified as a layman to answer the question."

As I put some words down for publication, it comes to mind very quickly what we have seen in print in the last few weeks: "Electric Rates to Increase" — "Gas Rates to Increase" — "Water Rates to Increase" — and now — "Telephone Rates to Increase". At the same time, we see that unemployment is hovering around the 10-11 percent mark. Unemployment compensation is running out for many thousands of people. Also, we read that food prices are up; and the crop prices are down.

As we look back on the 1950's and 1960's, who would have believed this would happen to us. To ask me, "What is the answer to this?" I must admit: "I just plainly and bluntly don't know; and I wish I did!"

Fall is zooming right past us and it's time to get ready for winter. Although many heating systems are relatively maintenance free, others require a yearly routine of getting them ready for winter operation.

All Furnaces

Read the owner's manual as it will help in understanding your heating system. All belt-driven models should be checked for belt wear and proper belt tension. Oil the motor if it has cups or plugs over the bearings on each end of the motor. Caution! Do not over-oil. On belt models, oil the shaft bearings of the fan. Vacuum fan blades with care. The frames of furnaces and many other heating systems are grounded, therefore, a faulty vacuum cleaner could cause you to receive an electrical shock. On fossil fuel furnaces, check all flues and chimneys for leaves and bird nests. Check brick and rock chimneys for faulty mortar joints. Make sure ignitable items, such as clothing, cobwebs and paper are not too close to flues. Check all supply and return openings to be sure they are not blocked by furniture, drapes and other items.

Gas Furnace

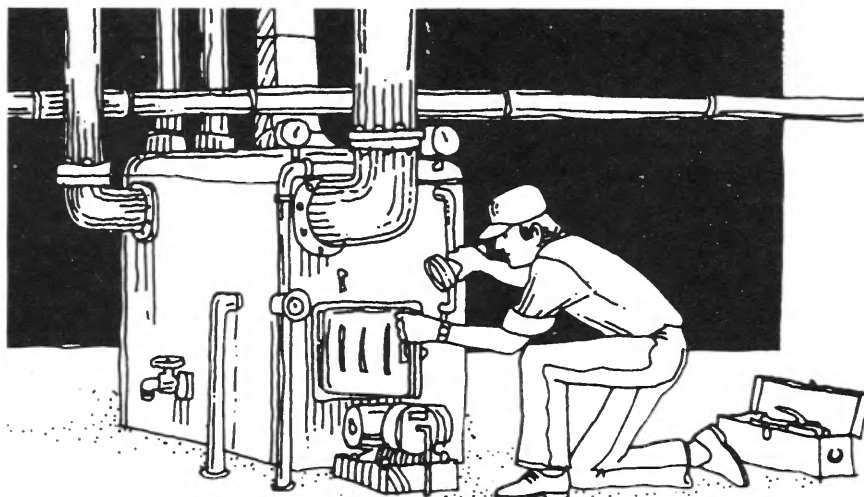
The air filter in the return air duct should be cleaned or changed. The pilot light nozzle should be turned off and cleaned by running a fine wire through the orifice of the nozzle. If you have trouble keeping the pilot on, the thermocouple may need changing.

To check the burners, turn up the thermostat and let the burners warm up for five minutes. Only blue flames should be showing. Adjust the combustion air intakes until the flame lifts off the burners — a sign of too much air — and then reduce air intake until the flame sets back down on the burners. You do not want yellow showing in the flame.

Heat Pump

Heat pump owners should make a special effort to understand the various stages and modes of heat the system goes through varying temperatures. The outdoor thermostats are set according to the heat loss of your home at various outdoor temperatures. If you have added insulation since these are installed, it is probable that the setting

Checking your heating system



should be changed. Cleaning the outdoor unit may be necessary several times a year, since the outdoor unit works year-round and leaves and grass accumulate in it.

A good serviceman should go over the entire system at least once a year.

Electric Furnace

The air filter in the return air duct should be cleaned or changed. Electric furnaces are normally installed using a heating thermostat that brings on all the elements in the furnace whenever the thermostat calls for heat. This causes the furnace to give a blast of hot air and later the house cools until it is almost uncomfortable before the blast of hot air comes rushing out again. A two-stage heating thermostat or two-stage heating — one-stage cooling thermostat, if you have central cooling, and the addition of one or two outdoor thermostats would make the heating much more even, giving greater comfort. This arrangement should add life to the furnace elements and fan motor, since the system would not need to cycle as often.

Oil Furnace

Drain off water that may have accumulated in the outdoor storage tank. This water comes from condensation due to changes in temperature of the weather. The fuel filter in the

oil line to the furnace should be changed, and the air filter in the return air duct should be cleaned or changed. The nozzle on gun-type furnaces should be changed before each heating season.

To check the flame, turn on and observe. If black smoke continues to be given off the tip of the flame, the furnace is out of adjustment. The proper oil-to-air ratio will give a clean burning flame. Even with a proper burning flame some soot will be given off during start-up. A soot buildup inside the firebox will act as insulation and rob the system of its heating efficiency.

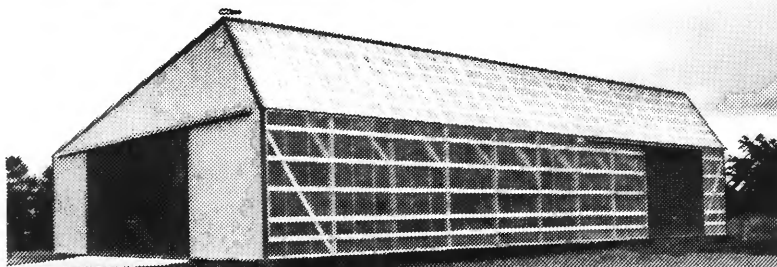
Wood Or Coal Burning Equipment

These vary greatly in type and design, but a good inspection of grates, fireboxes and chimneys should turn up possible trouble spots. Acquaint yourself with the danger of creosote deposits, especially in the chimneys.

Word of Warning

If you attempt to service any heating system, be aware of the possible hazards. If you fail to get the proper flame color, or have doubts about your ability to service your equipment properly, call an experienced serviceman. Your cooperative will be able to advise you of qualified servicemen in your area.

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Burning wood

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- Inspect it for broken parts, or cracks in the joints or castings which make it unsafe.
- Correctly size the stove for the area to be heated.
- If it is equipped with fans or blowers, can the stove operate safely when the power is off?
- Does it have sturdy legs providing at least four inches (preferably eight to 18 inches) air space between the bottom and the floor? Legs less than four inches require additional protection for a combustible floor.
- Where you intend to install it?
- Do the air inlets close completely so no visible sign of light is present? If not, it will be difficult to extinguish a flue fire if one develops.
- Have the manufacturer's installation directions been followed, or local codes if more stringent?
- Has firebrick or sand been placed in the bottom and/or sides of the firebox if suggested by the manufacturer?
- Is the floor non-combustible or has approved protection been added? A sheet of 24-gauge sheet metal over 1/4-inch asbestos millboard or a layer of four-inch-width brick with 24-gauge sheet metal underneath fit tightly into a frame offers suitable floor protection for most stoves with legs six inches or longer.
- Does the floor protector extend a minimum of 18 inches out from the front, sides and back of the stove? This distance is recommended for safe operation.
- Is a single-walled, radiant stove located at least 36 inches from an unprotected, combustible surface? This is the recommended minimum clearance set by the National Fire Protection Association (N.F.P.A.).
- Is a jacketed, circulating stove located at least 12 inches from an unprotected, combustible surface? This is the recommended minimum clearance by the N.F.P.A.
- Is a screen provided on open-front stoves that exposes open flames to a room?
- Coal should not be burned in a stove unless it is approved for that use by the manufacturer.

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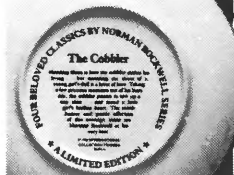
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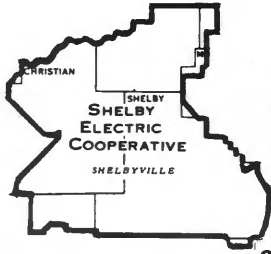
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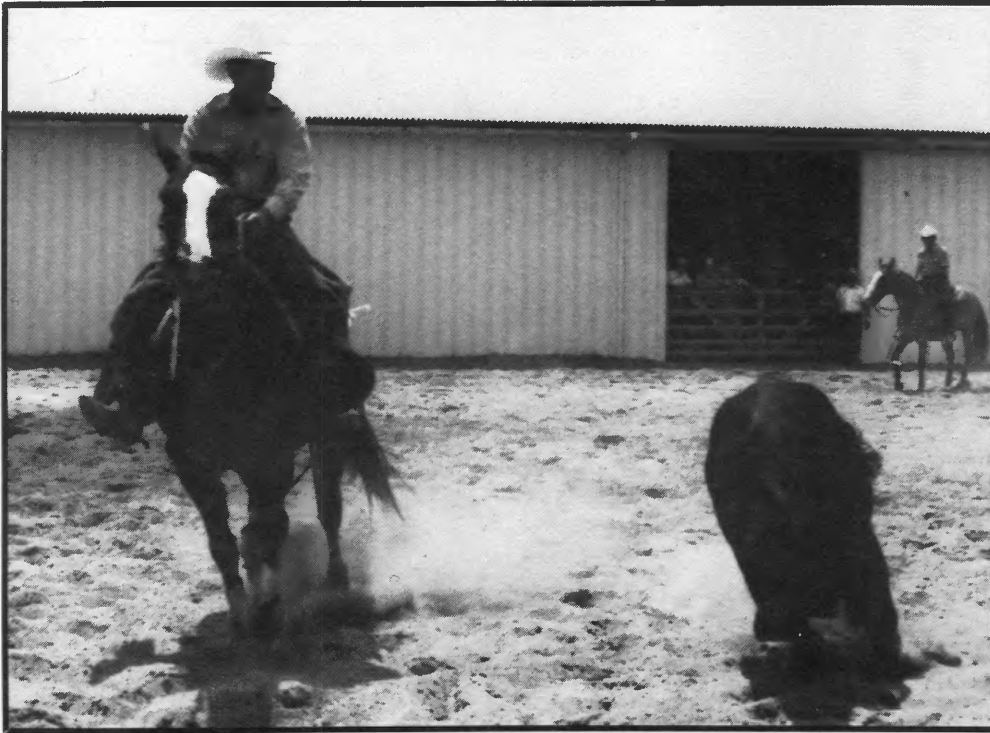


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Right: A cutting horse working at Jim and Judy Prosser's place south of Shelbyville. Opposite page: Upper left: The quarter horse is the most popular breed of cutting horse. Upper right: Contestants from across the country attended. Middle: Turn-back men and herd holders doing their jobs.

A 'cutting'

Can you easily express what the word "cutting" means to you? Of course — that's easy; and the meaning you chose depends on the context of your sentence. To the members of the National Cutting Horse Association and the Central Illinois Cutting Horse Association, a cutting is an event to exhibit the skills of the cutting horse.

Those skills were first developed and refined in the days of the old West, when ranch work would have been almost impossible without the aid of well-trained horses and horsemen. The job of the cutting horse — then and now — is to separate calves from their mothers, or from the herd.

Cutting horse associations were later formed; and enthusiasts, owners, and trainers gathered to watch the famous horses compete for prizes and points. In these competitions, a horse

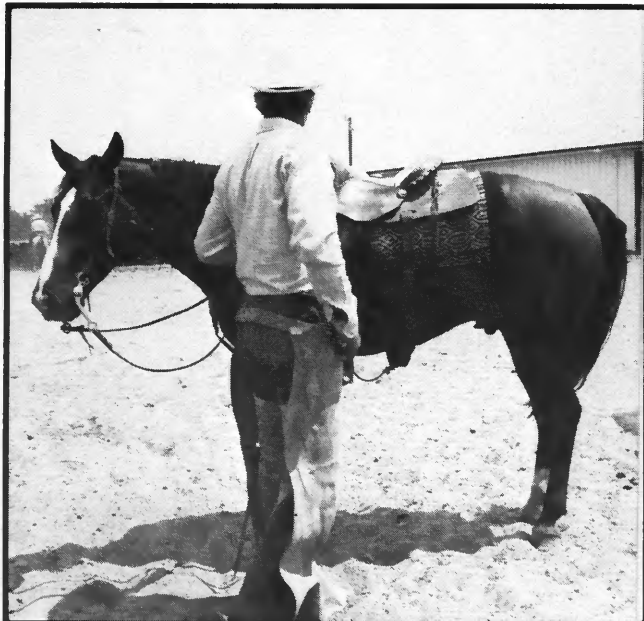
is given 2½ minutes to separate calves from a herd. Each contestant has four horsemen in the ring for assistance. Two are called herd holders, and they keep the herd of calves at the back of the fence. The other two are turn-back men, and they keep the calf being worked from running to the other end of the arena, thus keeping the contestant from wasting valuable time. In the given 2½-minute period, a contestant will usually work two or three calves. The judge starts with a total of 80 points at the beginning of the time, and deducts points for errors, such as the calf returning to the herd (-5 points). An average score would be 70.

A cutting horse can be any breed of horse, but approximately 98 percent of all cutting horses are quarter horses bred for their skill in cutting and handling the calves. They are a highly

trained group of horses; and usually have 1½ years of training before entering serious competition. When such a horse begins work on a herd of calves at a cutting, the rider drops the reins and the horse works totally on his own from his training and instinct.

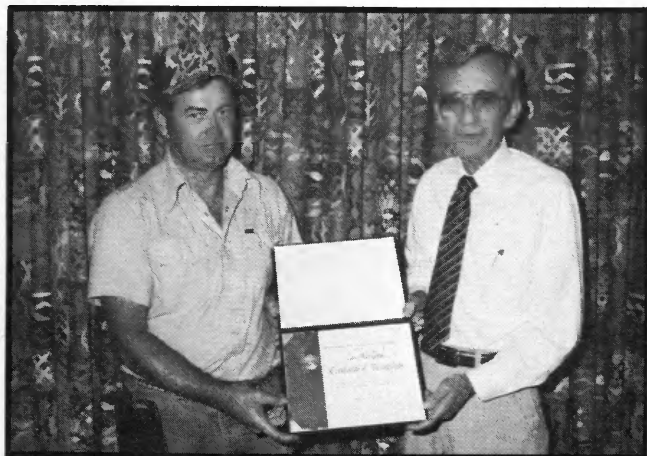
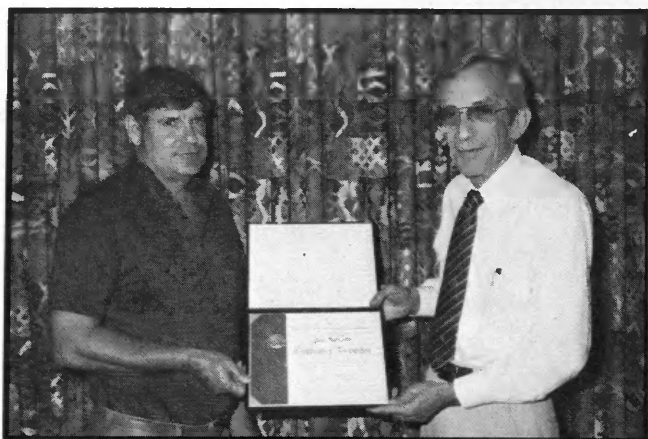
The pictures accompanying this article were taken at a cutting held in July at the facilities of Jim and Judy Prosser south of Shelbyville on Shelby Electric Cooperative lines. At the Prosser cutting, entrants came from across the United States to earn points for their standing in the NCHA. At the end of the year, that association awards trophies to the top ten ranked horses in the country.

As we said previously, the word cutting has many meanings. Perhaps now we have added one more definition to your vocabulary!



25 years of service

Three of your cooperative's employees were recently recognized for twenty-five years service. Certificates of appreciation were awarded to the three by Manager William E. Lecrone. Honored were: Richard Hanes (below), Donald Pinkston, and Clara Mae Carter.



Holidays make scents!

FRUIT NUT STUFFING

- 1 1/2 cups hot water
- 1/4 cup margarine, cut in pieces
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) chicken flavor stuffing mix
- 1/4 cup raisins
- 1 apple, peeled, cored and coarsely grated
- 1/4 cup walnuts or pecans

Combine hot water, margarine, contents of seasoning packet and raisins in 1 qt. baking dish, stirring until melted. Add stuffing crumbs and stir just to moisten. Stir in apples and nuts. Cover and bake at 325 degrees for 45 minutes.

CORNBREAD SAUSAGE STUFFING

- 1/2 lb. bulk sausage
- 1 1/2 cups hot water
- 1 pkg. (6 oz.) cornbread stuffing mix

Break sausage into small pieces and brown well in skillet. Drain, reserve drippings. Add margarine to drippings, if necessary to make 3 tablespoons. Return to skillet. Add hot water and contents of vegetable/seasoning package to skillet. Add stuffing crumbs and stir to moisten. Mix in sausage. Spoon in 1 qt. baking dish, cover and bake at 325 degrees 30 minutes.

PUMPKIN WHIP

- 1 pkg. (3 oz.) orange gelatin
- 1 cup boiling water
- 1 pkg. (4-serving) vanilla instant pudding and pie filling
- 1 cup cold milk
- 1/4 teaspoon pumpkin pie spice
- 1 envelope whipped topping mix
- 1 can (16 oz.) pumpkin finely chopped nuts

Secure a 2-inch wax paper collar to 1 qt. souffle dish. Dissolve gelatin in boiling water; cool. Prepare pudding mix with 1 cup milk as directed on package, beating only 1 minute. Blend in spice and cooled gelatin. Chill until slightly thickened. Prepare whipped topping mix as directed. Beat pudding mixture with hand beater or electric mixer until thick and fluffy. Blend in pumpkin; fold in whipped topping. Chill again until thickened, if necessary, and pour into souffle dish. Chill until set, about 3 hours. Remove paper collar and sprinkle sides with finely chopped nuts. Garnish with additional prepared whipped topping and sprinkle with additional pie spice, if desired.

CRANBERRY PUDDING TARTS

- 1 pkg. (4-serving) pistachio instant pudding and pie mix
- 2 cups cold milk
- 6 or 7 individual commercial pastry shells in aluminum foil cups prepared whipped topping whole berry cranberry sauce

Prepare pie filling mix as directed on packet for pie, using 2 cups milk. Pour into tart shells. Chill. Top with prepared whipped topping, using pastry bag with star tip, if desired, and garnish with cranberry sauce.

EGGPLANT CASSEROLE

- 1 large or 2 small eggplants
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- dash of black pepper
- 2 cups canned tomatoes, drained
- 1/2 cup chopped onions
- 2 eggs, well beaten
- 2 cups cornbread crumbs
- 2 or 3 tablespoons margarine
- milk
- grated cheese

Peel and cut eggplant in cubes. Cook in water until tender. Drain thoroughly. Add salt and pepper to eggplant. Saute onion in margarine until soft. Mash tomatoes, mix with onion and combine with eggplant, beaten eggs and bread crumbs. Grease casserole pan, spoon in eggplant. Pour milk over the top until covered. Top with 1/2 cup grated cheese. Bake at 375 degrees until hot and bubbly all the way through.

CRANBERRY ORANGE RELISH

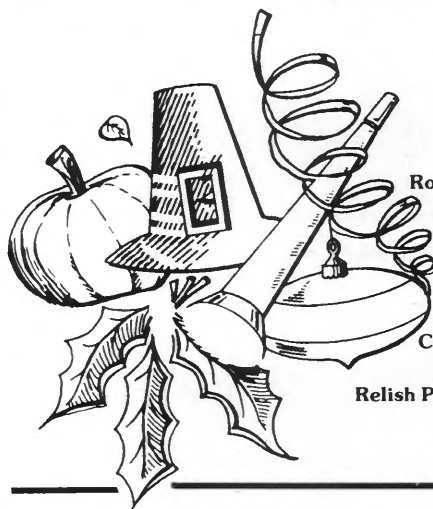
- 4 cups (1 lb.) fresh cranberries
- 2 oranges, quartered
- 2 cups sugar
- 1/2 cup nuts, chopped, if desired

Put cranberries, quartered and seeded oranges with rind through a food chopper. Add sugar. Mix well, chill in refrigerator several hours before serving. Makes 1 quart and will keep for several weeks.

DROP PEANUT BUTTER COOKIES

- 2 cups sifted flour
- 1 teaspoon soda
- 1 teaspoon baking powder
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 cup shortening
- 1 cup peanut butter
- 1 1/4 cups firmly-packed brown sugar
- 3 eggs
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 cup granulated sugar

Sift flour, measure and sift again with salt, soda and baking powder. Blend shortening and peanut butter until smooth. Add sugar gradually, beating until creamy. Add eggs 1 at a time beating well after each addition. Add vanilla. Blend in flour. Mix until smooth. Drop from teaspoon onto greased cookie sheet. Bake at 375 degrees for 8-10 minutes. Makes 8 dozen.



MENU

- Roast Turkey
- Fruit Nut Stuffing
- Cornbread Sausage Stuffing
- Creamed White Onions
- Broccoli Spears
- Warmd Dinner Rolls
- Pumpkin Whip
- Cranberry Pudding Tarts
- Hot Mulled Cider
- Relish Platter or Waldorf Salad

TUNA DIP

- 1/2 cup sour cream
- 1 7-oz. can tuna, drained and rinsed off
- 1 tablespoon horseradish
- 1 teaspoon Worcestershire sauce
- 1 8-oz. pkg. cream cheese, broken in pieces
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- onion, if desired
- dash of pepper
- dash of garlic salt
- 1/2 teaspoon Accent

Mix in blender (or mix with mixer) until smooth. Chill 2 hours. Yields 3 cups.

FRUIT PIE

- 1 can Eagle Brand milk
- 1/2 cup lemon juice
- 1 small can crushed pineapple, drained
- 1 can peaches, sliced
- 1/2 cup nuts
- 1/2 cup coconut
- 1 can Mandarin oranges
- 9 oz. non-dairy whipped topping

Mix and pour into graham cracker crust. Put in refrigerator for several hours until firm or overnight.

ORANGE PECAN PIE

- 1 cup light corn syrup
- 1/4 cup melted butter
- 1/4 cup sugar
- 1 cup chopped pecans
- 1 tablespoon orange juice
- 1 tablespoon orange rind, grated
- 3 eggs, beaten
- 1/2 teaspoon salt
- 1 unbaked 9-inch pastry shell

Combine first 8 ingredients in a medium mixing bowl; mix well. Pour into pastry shell. Bake 45 minutes in 350 degree oven.

BUTTERMILK COCONUT PIE

- 4 eggs
- 2 cups sugar
- 1 stick butter or margarine, melted
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 9 tablespoons buttermilk
- 1 cup coconut
- unbaked pie shell

Mix together. Put in unbaked pie shell and bake at 350 degrees for 30-45 minutes.

PLUM CAKE

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup oil
- 3 eggs
- 2 jars baby plum pudding
- 1 teaspoon cloves
- 1 teaspoon cinnamon
- dash of salt
- 2 cups self-rising flour
- 1 cup nuts, chopped

Cream sugar and oil, add eggs one at a time, beating well after each. Add pudding. Sift flour, cloves and cinnamon together. Add to creamed sugar. Dredge nuts in 2 tablespoons flour mixture, then add to mixture. Bake in well greased and floured pan for about 50 minutes.

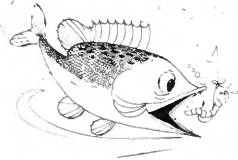
Glaze:

Spread plum jelly over warm cake or mix together 1 cup powdered sugar and enough lemon juice to taste. Spread over warm cake.

AMBROSIA

Peel and remove membrane from 1/2-dozen oranges. Cut into small pieces. Add 1/2 cup fresh grated coconut and small amount of sugar. Let stand for several hours before serving.

Lake of Egypt



fish limits

The board of directors of Southern Illinois Power Cooperative has voted to set limits on the number of fish taken from the Lake of Egypt. While fishermen could previously keep all the crappie they pulled from the lake, the limit is now 30 per fisherman per day, and bass less than 14 inches in length must be returned to the lake.

Fishermen wishing to try their luck in the Lake of Egypt may buy boat stickers at three locations. The Pyramid Acres, Egyptian Hills and Lake of Egypt marinas all sell them. An annual sticker costs \$25, and seasonal permits go for \$2 per day.

Maximum length for hull boats on the lake is 20 feet, while pontoon boats 28 feet or less are permitted. There is no minimum. Boats equipped with kitchens or toilets are not permitted.

The lake boasts a ski area on the main body at the north end, and trout lines and jugging are prohibited in the ski area.

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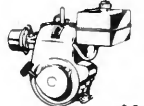
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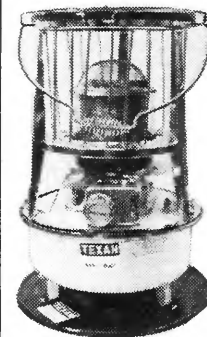
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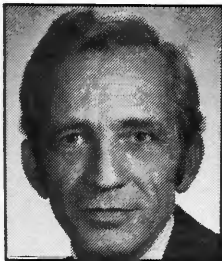
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As the holiday season approaches, let us all keep our thoughts and spirits on the true meaning and significance of Christmas — the birth of Christ, which the entire Christian world celebrates on December 25.

We would like to remind you to be sure to check those strands of Christmas tree lights before you put them on the tree. Also, make sure you do not overload your circuits by plugging in too many lights, electrical ornaments, or appliances. If you plan to decorate the outside of your house or your yard, be sure you use outdoor lights and weatherproof extension cords. Make yours a happy holiday season by making it a safe one.

On behalf of your Board of Directors, Cooperative

Manager, and Cooperative employees, we wish to send season's greetings to each one of you; and extend the very best of wishes for a happy and prosperous new year!

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR LINEMEN

In our daily travels on the county roads and highways, we find many types of things attached to our utility poles. Of course, the most popular attachments are the political signs and posters. (Recently, we found a deer stand built on one of our poles!) The only thing we like to see on a Shelby Electric pole is a small aluminum tag stating Shelby Electric owns that pole, and the tag number of that pole. As you are all aware, we linemen are called upon to climb our poles both by day and by night. Any attachments to our poles are potential hazards, and could cause serious injury to a lineman. We all ask you to please help us keep our poles free of foreign material. In doing this small favor to us, you may save someone from injury, or you may shorten the time of outages to your homes and farmsteads.

As you know, hunting season is now open. However, the State has not issued an "open season" on line insulators and Cooperative-owned equipment. If you know of such vandalism, please let us know so it can be repaired immediately. A broken insulator may keep many families out of service this winter. We don't think anyone wants that to happen!

All of us, as employees of Shelby Electric Cooperative, greatly appreciate all cooperation given us. We are here to serve you and to give you the best possible electric service. Your assistance may help many others.



Roy D. Goode, Manager
Rural Electric

Auburn, Illinois

With the year-ending holiday seasons of Christmas and New Year's near, it is a time of reflection. Your member-owned electric cooperative has completed another year of providing reliable electric service at the lowest possible cost consistent with sound financial practices necessary to make sure the business you own stays sound.

Accomplishing the objective of meeting the needs of the members of Rural Electric Convenience Cooperative takes more than the efforts of the highly qualified and dedicated staff that serves you. The 'cooperative spirit that affects member-owners is a most vital element in achieving the objectives of RECC. For the more than 46 years this

cooperative has been organized, that spirit of cooperation has served as a guide for the board of directors and employees in meeting the requirements of our members. The employees, board of directors and I thank you for your cooperative spirit.

We have been through the last 12 months without a rate increase. In fact, costs dropped during the last few months of the year, due to economies by Western Illinois Power Cooperative (WIPCO), your cooperative's wholesale power supplier.

WIPCO was able to purchase some of its coal supplies at a reduced price and was also able to cut costs by delaying some construction work. This reduction, while it was only temporary, does reflect the cost-saving nature of cooperatives. Cost savings were passed straight through from WIPCO to the members of RECC.

I cannot tell you, however, that costs will go on down. On the contrary, we will have a cost increase effective January 1 because of a new wholesale power contract with Central Illinois Public Service Company (CIPS). The overall increase to the several electric cooperatives that purchase bulk power from CIPS is about 24 percent. The increase



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Merry Christmas and Happy New Year

will be reflected in power cost adjustments in the months ahead.

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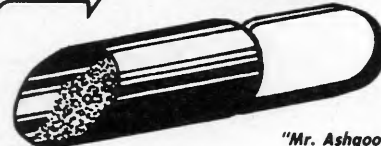
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