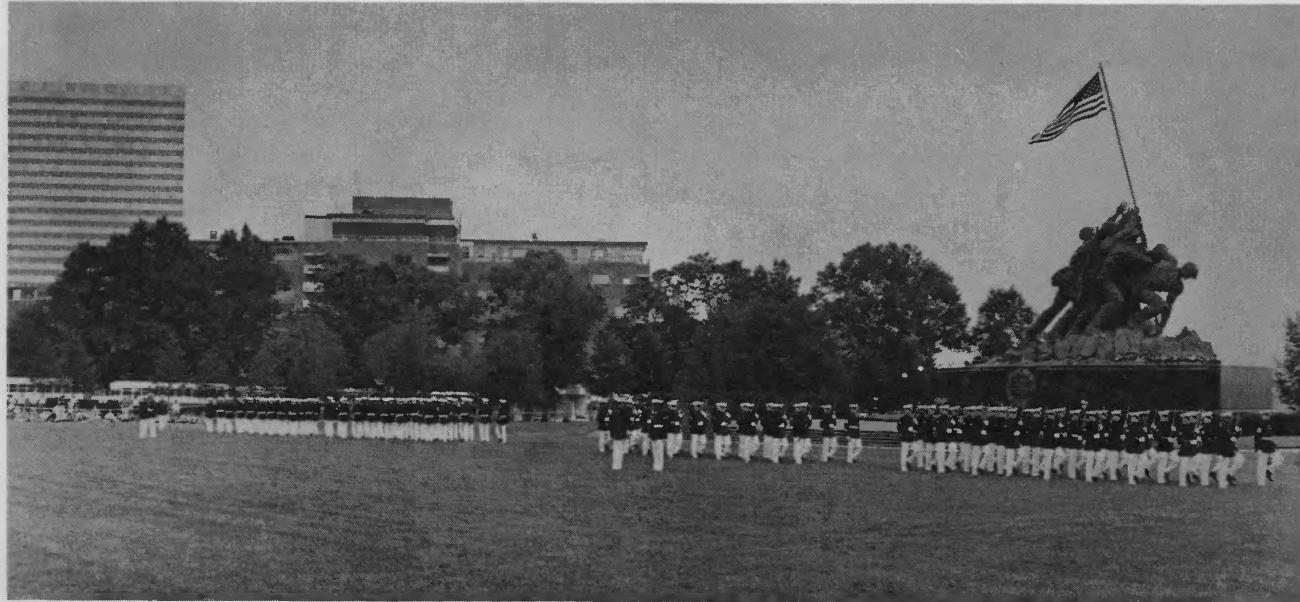


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The Iwo Jima Parade and Pageant at the Marine Corps War Memorial, above, is a stirring, impressive part of the week-long tour essay contest winners will go on this year. Other sites they'll visit will include the nation's Capitol, the White House, and the Washington, Lincoln and Jefferson Memorials. A stop at the Gettysburg battlefield is on the agenda, as is a visit to Mt. Vernon, George Washington's home.

Attention high school juniors! It's essay contest time again!

You can win a week-long trip to Washington, D.C., June 13-20! You can join hundreds of young people from across the country touring historic monuments and museums. You can meet Congressmen and Senators. You can eat, dance and mingle with young people your age from all parts of the United States on Rural Electric Youth Day.

It is a week you will never forget — the 1986 Rural Electric Youth Tour.

If you attend classes at Anna-Jonesboro, Century, Cobden, Dongola, Egyptian, Goreville, Joppa, Meridian, Metropolis, Shawnee or Vienna High School, you are encouraged to submit an entry in the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative essay contest.

One boy and one girl will win an all-expense-paid trip to Washington, D.C., June 13-20. This trip is well planned and chaperoned and is designed to be both enjoyable and educational.

Participation in this exciting program is made possible by the sponsorship of the board of directors of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative. Each year they elect to award this trip to the boy and girl winners of the essay contest. Through their entry in this competition, the youth of our area enhance their knowledge of their local electric cooperative and the cooperative movement as a whole. The title for the essay contest will be "Cooperatives: A Unique Way of Doing Business."

This "Transfusion of Youth" allows a new generation to take a hand in the exciting adventure of cooperation.

In addition to the trip to Washington, the winners will accompany five boys and five girls on one-day, expense-paid trips to Springfield. The trip to the state capital is their consolation prize for having been chosen as runners-up in the essay competition. Winners of this Springfield trip will join about 100 other Illinois students on April 23 for "Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day" activities. This day includes guided tours of the Illinois State Capitol, Lincoln Shrines and other points of interest.

Be careful near power lines

Power lines are an ever-present part of our lives today. They are everywhere because they carry the electricity which has become such an indispensable feature of modern life.

But precisely because electricity is so commonplace, we sometimes fail to respect this awesome power that flows along power lines.

Electricity, for all practical purposes, is no different from the lightning that occurs in nature. Its flow is ordinarily controlled, of course, and is entirely safe when used with proper precautions.

But, just like lightning, electricity constantly seeks a path to the ground. That's why wiring has insulation on it and why poles have ceramic or other kinds of insulators: to prevent the electricity from taking a direct path to the ground rather than through our electrically powered machinery and appliances.

And when a human body becomes a direct link between a power line and the earth, the result can be disastrous.

This is why it is so important that we not let the presence of electric power lines become so commonplace that we forget to respect the force which is carried silently along the lines.

- Flying kites or model airplanes— When kite strings or metal guy wires touch live power lines, they can provide the path-to-the-ground that electricity seeks, making the final part of its journey through the body of the person holding the string or wire.

- Tree climbing — Many youngsters have found countless hours of fun and pleasure climbing trees, but where power lines run between limbs or touch parts of the tree, fun could turn to tragedy.

- Farm equipment — When using farm equipment or moving it around,

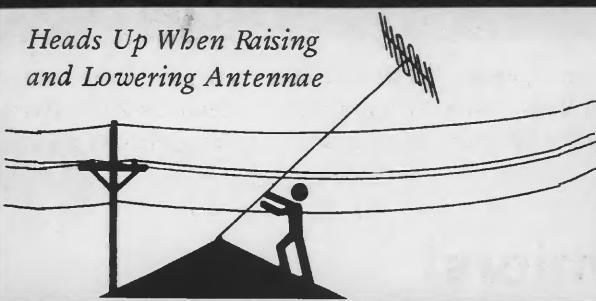
be especially careful not to let it come in contact with overhead wiring. Should this happen while you or someone else is touching the equipment, you could again provide that vital link to the ground for the electricity.

- Ladders — Be particularly careful when moving a ladder near a power line. It can easily tilt into the live wire and create a disastrous situation.

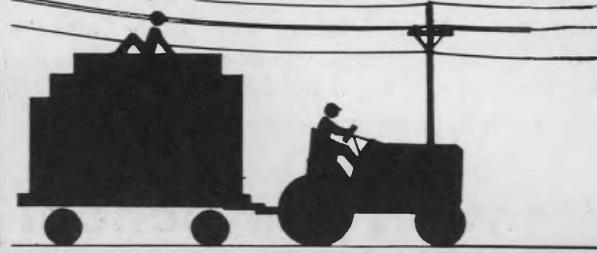
- Antennas — Being cumbersome and hard to control, antennas are especially dangerous to move about near an electric line. Use caution when installing or replacing an antenna.

In short, consider all overhead power lines dangerous, keep all objects at least 10 feet away from them, and never attempt to raise or move an electric line. Call us for any kind of assistance in dealing with live electric lines. This is our business and we know how to do it safely.

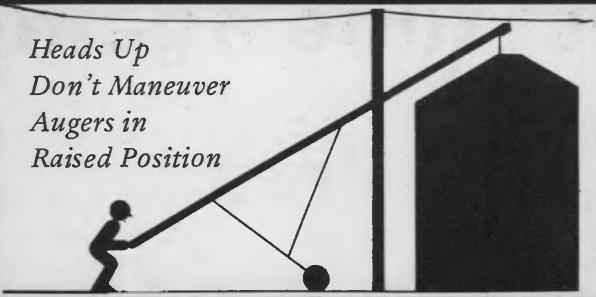
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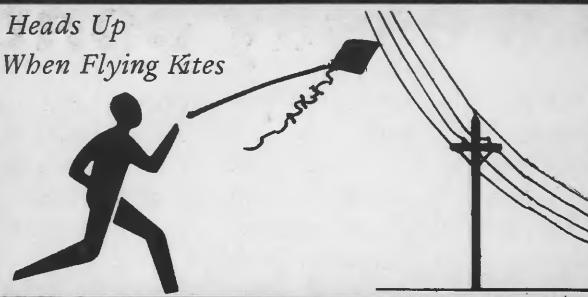
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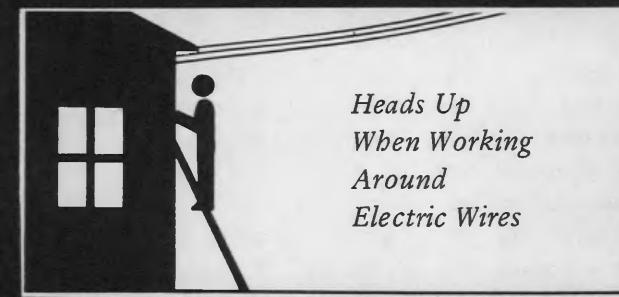
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*Heads Up
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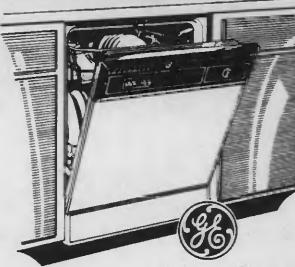


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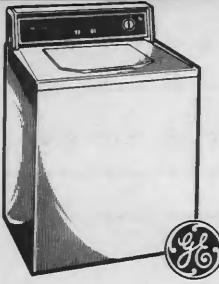


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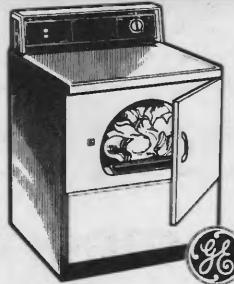


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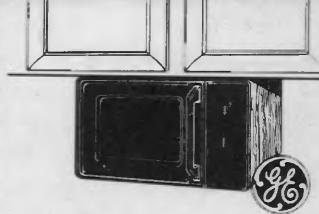


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Landscaping can save energy dollars

Optimum use of landscaping design, by planting trees and shrubs around your house, can reduce the energy consumption for heating and cooling by as much as 25 percent.

To effectively reduce heating and cooling requirements of a house, landscaping must be designed to (1) shade windows during the summer to prevent solar radiation from entering and also permit winter solar radiation to enter the home, (2) shade the roof, walls, and foundation of the building envelope in the summer to reduce the solar heat gain thus reducing the cooling load, and allow the winter sun to strike the roof, walls and foundation to increase the solar radiation exposure to reduce the heating load, (3) reduce the velocity of the winter wind before it can strike the building envelope thereby decreasing heat loss through air infiltration and, (4) permit or attempt to channel the summer winds to optimize cross ventilation and reduce cooling costs.

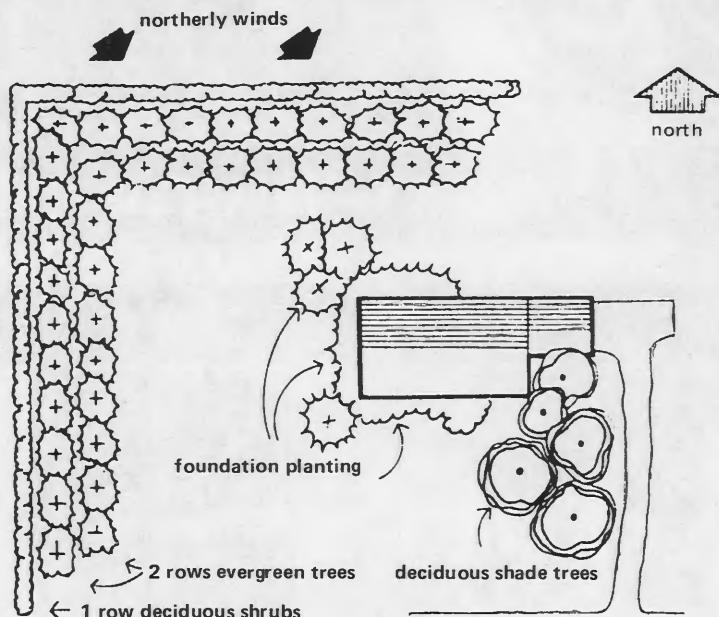
Wind Control — Studies show that windbreaks reduce fuel consumption. The amount of energy saved by planting a windbreak around your home will depend on your climate, on the location of your home in relation to surrounding physical features, and on how well the house has been constructed. Windbreaks with two to five rows of trees and shrubs generally provide good protection. The height, leaf density and number of trees will determine the amount of protection. Evergreen trees provide the best protection, however, low-spreading deciduous trees also reduce wind speed considerably. Plant evergreens close together for maximum effectiveness. Heavy winter winds in Illinois usually come from the northwest, so windbreak trees are generally planted on those sides.

Sun Control — Trees are very effective shading devices and can, according to size, shade the entire house from roof to foundation. The best shading effect is usually gained by use of deciduous trees with full crowns, since they allow solar radiation during the winter as heat gain and provide shade to reduce cooling loads. Trees provide

maximum shade when planted in groups.

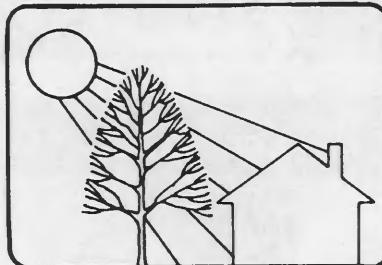
The lower drawing shows how trees and shrubs affect summer shading and winter sun-warming which help cut heating and cooling costs.

By studying plans, bulletins, books and with the help of your landscaper, architect, builder and financial institution, you will increase your ability to make more intelligent decisions in constructing an energy-efficient house.

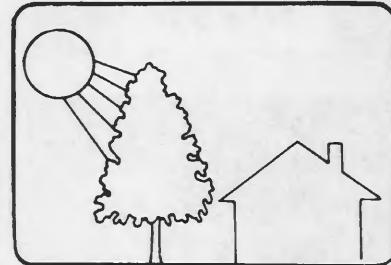


A planting plan that would help reduce energy consumption in the house.

Winter sun-warming



Summer shading



The effect of deciduous trees on the south side of the house.

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Office closed —	827-3689
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	827-4202
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Office closing

The SIEC office will be closed Wednesday, February 12, to honor Abraham Lincoln, and on Monday, February 17, to honor George Washington.

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Cooperative helps save bald eagle



An American bald eagle went fishing one Sunday in January and caught himself. Thanks to a concerned citizen, the State Police, conservation officials and the cooperation of the Southern Illinois Electric personnel, the symbol of our country's greatness was rescued from certain death.

Tommy Hinman of Grand Chain was enjoying the winter scenery at Horseshoe Lake when he noticed the stately bird hanging helplessly by his beak from the uppermost branches of a large old tree. It was the weekend and the conservation offices were closed. Hinman contacted the Illinois State Police.

Above: His beak still tied shut so he will not harm his rescuers, the bald eagle awaits freedom. Left: The SIEC bucket truck boom reaches high to save the eagle.

The State Police were able to radio conservation officer Peter Clarke, who went to check out what he feared to be a hopeless situation. Upon arrival at the scene, however, he found the eagle in good condition but badly in need of human intervention.

Clarke called Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, knowing that equipment was available that could place the rescue team in the desired position to free the bird. Junior Sivia, forestry foreman for SIEC, responded to the call for help. Sivia has worked 37 years maintaining cooperative electric lines but has not had much experience dealing with birds of prey. Being careful to secure the eagle's talons and beak and cover his head, Junior cut the fishing line that bound him to the branches.

On the ground, officer Clarke and local resident Ben Worthington clipped
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Southern's 1986 essay contest

Any high school student (except members of the immediate family of a board member or employee of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative) in his or her 11th year (junior), enrolled in

any high school in the area served by this cooperative may enter.

Contestants will be required to write an essay of not less than 600 words and not more than 1,000 words entitled "Cooperatives: A Unique Way of Doing Business." The essay should be typed on 8½ by 11-inch paper, double-spaced, one side only.

Your entry blank must be postmarked or received in the office of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola, Illinois 62926 not later than March 3. Essays must be in the office or postmarked by March 14.

No less than three judges will be used to score the written essays. We feel that cooperative personnel should act as advisers to the judges on accuracy of facts. All identification is removed from the essays prior to the judging. Judging must be completed by April 1. The following point system

will be used: student's knowledge of the subject is 50 percent, originality of paper is 25 percent, and composition (organization, word choice, spelling, etc.) is 25 percent.

Contestants will not be present for the judging. There will be a dinner with the judges, trip winners, their parents, school superintendents or principals, English instructors and cooperative personnel present. There will be no oral presentation except for those of the first place winners at the dinner meeting.

Second, third, fourth, fifth and sixth place winners (five boys and five girls) will be awarded a trip to Springfield on "Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day" on April 23, where activities will include a tour of the Illinois State Capitol, visit to the Home of Lincoln, tours of several shrines, tour of the House and Senate chambers, and a visit to the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives. All entries will receive certificates of award.

In the event that either first place winners would be unable to take the trip to Washington, D.C. June 13-20, the second-place winner will go as alternate.

The cooperative will furnish contest details to school superintendents and English departments in the area. Research materials will be furnished upon receipt of the official entry form.



Del Byassee, Meridian High School, and Sherry Sommer, Massac County High School, 1985 tour winners.

Bald eagle unharmed

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the fishhook and removed it from the eagle's beak. A careful examination showed the bird to be unharmed. His restraining ropes and hood were carefully removed. Free at last, the great bird cast his "eagle eye" on his benefactors, flapped his wings twice, and took flight.

A cheer went up from the crowd of onlookers as the bird soared and glided to a more secluded resting place. The moment was a mixture of awe, patriotism and a feeling of pride.

The cooperation of concerned individuals saved an eagle that day. The eagle and his rescuers were all richer for the experience.



Southern forestry foreman Junior Silva, left, and friend Bob Johnson near the stranded eagle.

High School Juniors!

"Youth-to-Washington" Essay Contest

"Cooperatives: A Unique Way of Doing Business"

I intend to submit an entry in the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative essay contest. I understand that this entry form entitles me to receive research material to be furnished by the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.

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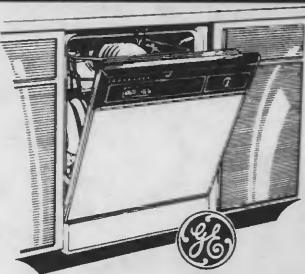


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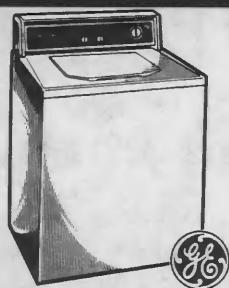


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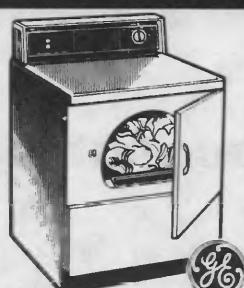


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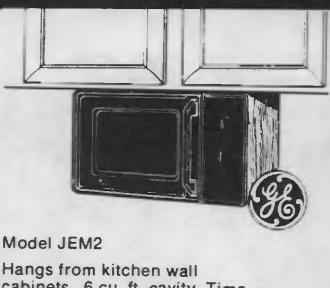


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Two students are state 4-H winners



Darryl Korte and Jeffrey Robison received state 4-H awards in 1985. Darryl is the son of Steve and Norma Korte, Route 1, Belknap, and is a member of the Happy Hillbillies 4-H Club of Massac County. Jeffrey is the son of Kenneth and Marsha Robison, Route 1, Goreville, and is a member of the Goreville Eagles 4-H Club.

Each year the Illinois Farm Electrification Council honors certain 4-H'ers who are selected by their county 4-H advisors for outstanding achievement in the field of electricity. In 1985, the Illinois Farm Electrification Council honored 60 such achievers from throughout the state. Each young person received an engraved plaque

and a letter of commendation from the council.

Recipients were selected by the following guidelines:

1. One award per county is available for outstanding achievement in electricity.

2. Selected member should have constructed and displayed an electrical exhibit at the 4-H Show.

3. Attendance by a member at a 4-H electrical school should be considered when selecting an award recipient.

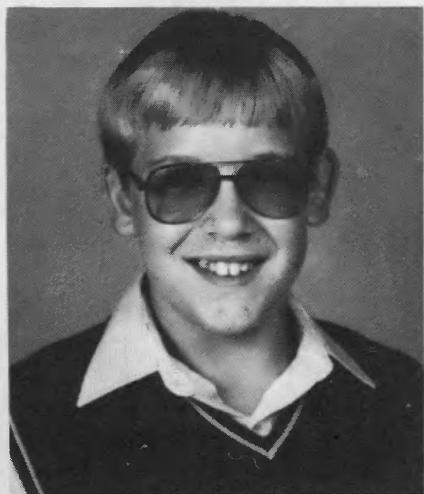
4. The award should be presented at the county recognition program.

5. 4-H electric project records may or may not be used in evaluating outstanding achievement.

6. If an outstanding 4-H project winner does not exist within a county, then an award should not be presented.

Ron Medlin, member services director of SIEC and chairman of the IFEC 4-H Committee, reported that he has received many thank you notes during the past year from winners of the award.

Congratulations Darryl and Jeffrey!



Darryl Korte



Jeffrey Robison

Southern cannot accept postdated checks

Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative cannot accept postdated checks to be held and deposited at some later date.

The large number of payments handled on a daily basis makes it impractical to give special handling to certain payments. Also, the following of special handling instructions for certain payments involves additional expenses.

Moreover, our auditors recommend that all payments be deposited promptly.

Please do not send postdated checks to your cooperative. All checks are deposited promptly and, if a check is

returned by a bank due to being postdated or due to insufficient funds, there will be a \$5 additional charge passed on to you. After the first insufficient funds check has been recorded, all future returned checks are subject to the \$5 charge and a \$10 trip charge. Your payment to take care of the returned check and additional charges must then be made by other means than personal check.

If you mail your payment, please mail it early enough to be certain it will be in the office not later than the tenth of the month.

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By CAROL L. DUTY

This month, Cheekwood Inn, located on I-57 at the Ullin exit, will open its doors for business. The Cheek family, Robert, Ruth, and son, David, will see the substance that dreams are made of and realize their lifelong ambitions.

The Cheek service station has been in operation at this location ever since the completion of I-57. A few years later, the family added Cheeko's fast food restaurant. Bob Cheek explained, "It was always our dream to construct a motel on this site," and hold on to the dream they did. Although high interest rates discouraged this type of investment for many years, in January 1984 the paperwork was begun. In May 1985, one and a half years later, the groundbreaking took place.

Some project funding was acquired through a grant from the federal government. In addition, Pulaski County issued industrial revenue bonds which were purchased by four Southern Illinois banks. Some excavation work was done by the Cheeks, which helped to reduce construction costs. The erection of the building has provided employment for the Southern Illinois labor force. The finished establishment will require 12 full-time employees.

The motel offers 34 rooms equipped with two double beds, five rooms with king-size beds and one room furnished with a waterbed. One of the double rooms has been equipped with special fixtures to accommodate the handicapped. All rooms are entered from a central corridor, which protects clientele from inclement weather and also provides additional security for those traveling alone. The upper and lower level have outside exits at the rear of the building.

There is a coin-operated laundry equipped with cleaning supplies at the rear of the second level. Vending

DARE TO DREAM *Family goal a reality*



Robert and David Cheek have much to smile about with the upcoming open house of Cheekwood Inn, located at the Ullin exit on I-57. Watch your local newspaper for more information.

machines for sodas and snack foods will be situated on both floors. The pool is 15 feet by 30 feet, the required three feet to five feet in depth, and has no diving facilities. It is at the rear of the building and is constructed with a concrete floor and fiberglass walls. A cabana is conveniently located on the pool deck.

A 40 feet by 60 feet addition to Cheeko's is planned in the near future. The larger restaurant will serve family-style meals and have a small meeting or banquet room which can be used by local organizations. David Cheek explained, "The whole setup is designed to be family-oriented."

Cheekwood is franchised with Best Western International. Each Best West-

ern is independently owned and operated. Before paperwork was initiated, an in-depth study was done by the organization to verify the feasibility of the proposed investment by the Cheek family. The facility will be required to maintain the minimal industry standards. The Best Western board approves the construction, and representatives monitor the progress of the unit. Inspectors visit twice a year to check compliance with company codes. Best Western places specifications on linen, the quality of the furniture and certain vendors are endorsed who are trained professionals in the selection of the major furnishings. The chain is known for such excellent

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Service account registered correctly?

In order to properly assign capital credits and to assure your rights as a member to participate and vote at member meetings, we urge you to review the information about your account as we have it printed on the address label on this magazine cover.

Please check both name(s) and address. If any changes need to be made, please complete and return the form provided for your convenience. (Or call 618/827-3555 during office hours.)

The Billing Department needs to have on file the member's: (1) customer number, (2) full name, including middle initial, (3) route and box number or post office box number or street address and, (4) town, state and zip code.

There are three types of memberships:

1. Individual — in the name of one person only. No one other than this individual has any rights associated with this membership. This name appears on the address label.

2. Joint — the names of both spouses appear on the records of the cooperative. Capital credits are cred-

ited to both spouses whose names appear on the address label, and either of the spouses may participate and vote in a meeting of members. For billing purposes, we usually only list the husband's name on the account even though the wife may have signed the membership blank.

If one of the spouses of a joint membership is deceased, or if one has left due to legal separation, the account should be changed to an individual account in the name of the one remaining and using the service.

You must notify us if your spouse is deceased. The membership automatically passes on to the surviving spouse whether he/she has signed the membership or not.

In the case of divorce, the person residing at the hookup site receives the membership (if said name is on membership blank). If name is not on membership, the resident spouse should contact office to change the account into their name. Charges for this changeover will include a \$5 membership and, if required, a \$45 meter deposit.

3. Companies, corporations, part-

nerships, estates, schools, churches, town halls, etc. — Capital credits are credited to the name as shown on the address label. However, to participate or vote at the annual meeting, the company representative must present the official annual meeting notice which is mailed to all members.

CAPITAL CREDITS

The cooperative business structure is different.

Rather than profits returning to customers, business earnings go to an unknown investor. The co-op profits — called margins — are returned to the owners, who also use the cooperative's services.

In the rural electric world, margins are called capital credits, and whether or not they are returned, to whom, and how, depends on the decision of the co-op's board of directors and the system's financial condition.

NOTICE

Due to the desirability of establishing all accounts in the proper name(s), the cooperative encourages all members to inquire as to the status of their membership and/or notify the Billing Department if changes are desired.

Cooperative maintains life support registry

Public Act 83-632, effective Sept. 20, 1983, required public utilities to maintain a "registry" of persons who depend on electrically operated life-support equipment.

"Every public utility company which furnishes electricity to residential customers shall maintain a registry of those individuals who are dependent on an electrically operated respirator, dialysis machine or any other electrically operated life-support equipment. The existence of the registry shall be reasonably publicized by the public utility to its residential customers and the general public. It shall be the responsibility, however, of any individual relying on any life-support equipment to notify the public utility providing electrical service of his or her dependency on such life-support equipment."

Although the law requires that the existence of the registry shall be reasonably publicized by the utility, the individual is responsible for notifying



ing the utility of the existence of the life-support equipment.

We are requesting that consumers who have life-support equipment provide us with written certification of the use of the life-support equipment and the period for which it is to be used. By using the registry, those involved shall be consulted before turning off power or restoring power after an interruption. A "good faith" effort shall be made to restore power first to those persons on the registry and to notify persons on the registry of anticipated power interruptions.

Please call the cooperative during office hours to request your certification form.

Office closing

The Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative office will be closed Friday, March 28, in observance of Good Friday.



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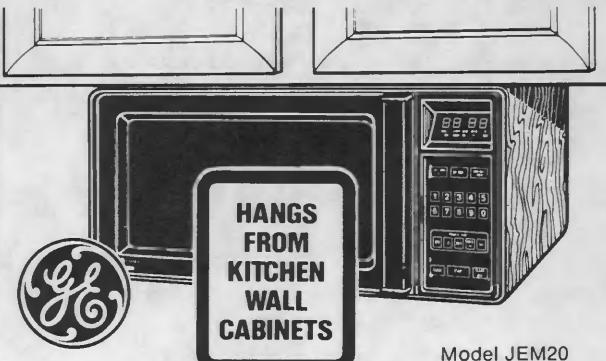
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Dare to dream

facilities as the Inn of Chicago and Milford Plaza on Broadway in New York City. The Cheekwood Inn is filling a 180-mile void for Best Western along I-57 and I-55.

The Ullin hotel desk will be hooked up with Star System, the largest reservation hot line in the industry. This satellite communication system can put Cheekwood Inn in touch with Best Westerns nationwide and perhaps eventually on an international basis. David Cheek stressed, "We want to serve local residents in planning their vacation lodging. We can give guaranteed reservations for Best Western lodging throughout the U.S."

The wood frame structure, constructed parallel to I-57, is brick veneered with stucco accents. The large 24-foot square windows make each room cheerful and bright. The parking area is well lighted by large lanterns strategically placed on the exterior walls.

The finishing touches will be put in place in a few days, weather permitting, and Cheekwood Inn will have an open house for the general public. The area is proud to boast of this home away from home for visitors to Southern Illinois. Mom and Dad Cheek have made their dream come true. At this milestone in their careers, we must say we are glad that they did "dare to dream."



Entrance to the inn as viewed by southbound traffic.



Cheeko's fast food restaurant presently serving tourists and local customers.

Statement of nondiscrimination

SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ELECTRIC COOPERATIVE has filed with the Federal Government a Compliance Assurance in which it assures the Rural Electrification Administration that it will comply fully with all requirements of Title VI of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 and the Rules and Regulations of the Department of Agriculture issued thereunder to the end that no person in the United States shall, on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be otherwise subjected to discrimination in the conduct of its program and the operation of its facilities. Under this Assurance, this organization is committed not to discriminate against any person on the ground of race, color, sex, or national origin in its policies and practices relating to applications for service or any other policies and practices relating to treatment of beneficiaries and participants including rates, conditions and extension of service, use of any of its facilities, attendance at and

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JAM UP

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Box 78
Mounts, IL 62464
Mar 4, 1986

Dear Mr. Medlin,

I liked your coming to our school for many reasons. First it took up some class time and the film was funny. I also liked the comic books. I hope I didn't shock you too bad with my Burgalert.

Box 78
Mounts, IL 62464
March 7, 1986

Lincerely,
Chris
Stringer

Dear Mr. Medlin, enjoyed the talk that you gave us on electricity. I liked some a lot, and I learned about interesting things about electricity. Thank you for coming.

Sincerely,
Molly
McJohn

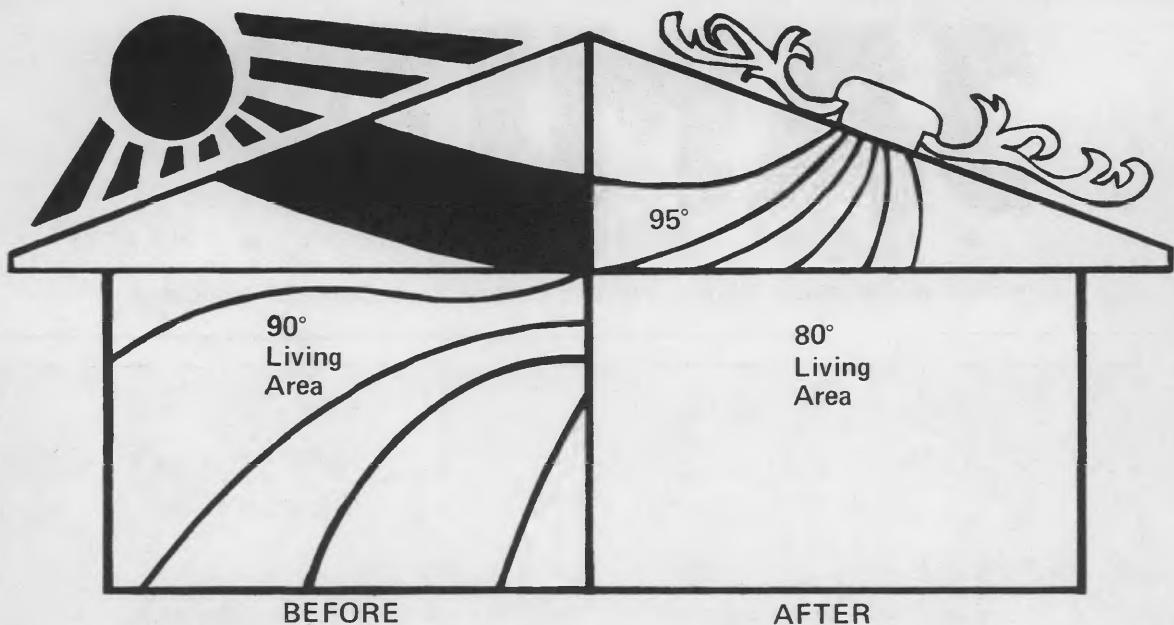
Sixth graders learn about electricity

One day this spring, sixth graders at Meridian Elementary School were given a lesson in electrical safety. The program was presented by Ron Medlin, Member Services Director of the cooperative. This has become an annual event for Mrs. Jerry Thurston's class.

Ron enjoys visiting this group. He reported, "The kids are always very attentive and interested in electricity. Hopefully, the safety I stress will stick with them and prevent them from having any bad experiences with electricity."

Electrical hardware, such as insulators and wire, was exhibited and explained to the students. An animated film was shown demonstrating the electrical hazards encountered by the carefree cat while in pursuit of the energy-wise mouse. Comic books about the film were passed out to the group and everyone had an opportunity to ask questions.

If you have a group that would be interested in learning more about the safe use of electricity, please contact Mr. Medlin at the cooperative.



Save \$\$\$ on air conditioning

When winter is over at last, the problem becomes how best to cool your home. You may be able to conserve electricity — and save money — by taking a few simple steps before the weather really heats up.

One way you can cut costs is by installing a power roof ventilator. When the sun beats down on your roof, attic temperatures can go as high as 150 degrees Fahrenheit, and some of that heat will penetrate through your attic insulation and into the living space below. This transfer of heat is referred to as "heat gain," and the greater the difference between attic temperature and living area temperature, the larger the heat gain.

Power roof ventilators will keep the attic temperature down and minimize heat gain. The roof ventilator mounts in the roof or in the wall at the gable end, and the power unit and fan are located inside a metal or vinyl shell on the roof. An adjustable thermostat will do the rest.

If you install a power roof ventilator, you'll find that your air conditioner will not run as long, or as often, as it did before, and will still provide the desired comfort level in your home. It can cut some early and late season air conditioning requirements.

If your air conditioner runs less, the life-span of your expensive equipment is extended, and your cooling costs are reduced, too.

Power attic ventilators are a popu-

lar item now, and you can buy one at many large hardware stores or home building supply stores. Installation is not too difficult, but you will need to have a qualified electrician make the necessary connections.

While your attic ventilator is doing its thing, and before your air conditioner is called on to do its thing, you might want to do some simple maintenance on your air conditioner. Be sure to check your filters, and clean or replace them, depending on what your instruction manuals say.

You can clean the baffles, too, but be very careful not to damage the evaporator coils or fins. If you have central air conditioning, keep leaves, grass and other obstacles away from the outdoor condenser, so they will not interfere with its operation.

If you are thinking of buying an air conditioning unit, be sure to look at units that will give you the most cooling for the least electrical use. Some units are more efficient than others, and this accounts for the fact that some will do the same amount of cooling for you, while using less electricity than another.

To find the most efficient, look for the Energy Efficiency Ratio, or EER (BTU/H divided by watts). Some units have the EER on them, but if they don't, you can figure it out for yourself. Simply divide the cooling BTU's/H by the wattage of the unit, and the result is the EER. These numbers

range from 4½ to 12, and the higher the number, the more cooling power you get for your kilowatt-hour of electricity.

A high EER means you are getting the most cooling comfort for your money. A unit with an EER of eight, for example, uses 30 percent less electricity than one with an EER of 5.6.

As might be expected, there is a catch to the high EER. Units with a higher EER usually also have a higher price tag attached. You can determine if a higher initial purchase price would pay for itself by figuring the cost of electricity for using each unit for a year, and multiplying the costs by the number of years you expect the units to last.

If the higher-rated unit will save you \$50 over a ten-year span, you might be wise to buy it, provided it doesn't cost \$50 more than the lower-rated unit. While you are making your calculations, though, always keep in the back of your mind that electric rates are still going up, and probably will for some time.

We don't know where they will level off, but it is a good bet that you would be wise, when you are making your calculations, to add about 50 percent to the price you are now paying for the kilowatt-hour of electricity. That will make the high EER units more and more attractive over the long run.

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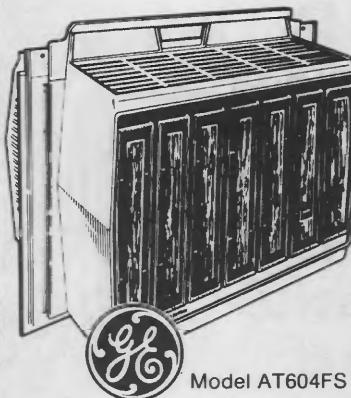
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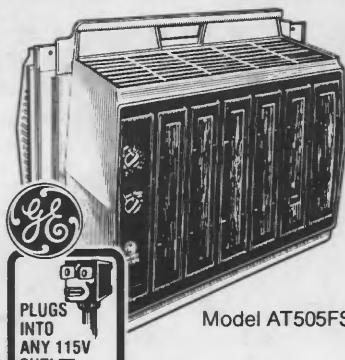
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Summer brings dangerous lightning

Official weather bureau data establishes that the area in which we live will average approximately 60 thunderstorms annually. Severe thunderstorms occur much more frequently than tornadoes, and in the same areas; and their destructive effects on trees, power lines, houses, mobile homes, and crops are well-known. Deaths and injuries resulting from lightning, strong nonrotating winds, and large hail can be reduced by adequate warning and rapid, well-organized safety precautions.

When a thunderstorm threatens, get inside a home or large building, or inside an all-metal (not convertible) vehicle. Inside a home, avoid using the telephone, except for emergencies.

If outside, with no time to reach a safe building or an automobile, follow these rules:

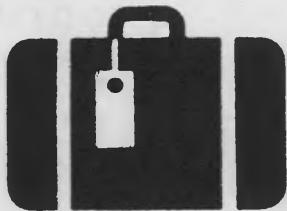
- Do not stand underneath a natural lightning rod such as a tall isolated tree in an open area.
- Avoid projecting above the surrounding landscape, as you would do if you were standing on a hilltop, in an open field, on the beach, or fishing from a small boat.
- Get out of and away from open water.
- Get away from tractors and other metal farm equipment.
- Get off and away from motorcycles, scooters, golf carts and bicycles. Put down golf clubs.
- Stay away from wire fences,

clotheslines, metal pipes, rails and other metallic paths which could carry lightning to you from some distance away.

- Avoid standing in small isolated sheds or other small structures in open areas.

• In a forest, seek shelter in a low area, under a thick growth of small trees. In open areas, go to a low place such as a ravine or valley. Be alert for flash floods.

- If you're hopelessly isolated in a level field or prairie and you feel your hair stand on end — indicating lightning is about to strike — drop to your knees and bend forward putting your hands on your knees. Do not lie flat on the ground.



Electricity doesn't take a vacation

Many of our members assume when they leave on vacation their electric meter stops until they return home from vacation. If they are on vacation for two weeks, they expect their electric bill to reduce to about one-half the normal usage.

Let's ask ourselves a few questions before we assume our electric bills should decrease by any considerable amount during vacation time.

1. Was the water heater turned off during vacation time? Remember, if the electric water heater is left energized during vacation, it will continue to operate and maintain the tank temperature even if you are not using any hot water.

2. Was the electric refrigerator disconnected? If the refrigerator is left on, it will continue to operate to maintain set temperature.

3. Was the frost-free freezer turned off? Frost-free freezers and refrigerators

tors will continue to cycle daily even if you are not at home. Many frost-free refrigerators are on a six-hour cycle, defrosting the frost on the coils and then cooling again within a very few minutes.

4. Other appliances that are normally left on are dehumidifiers, clocks, pumps, sump pumps and automatic lighting. Of course, in the winter, heat is generally left on a lower setting to keep the plumbing from freezing.

If you are determined that no electricity is to be used during your vacation, you can accomplish this by disconnecting the main fuse or breaker at the main entrance box. Remember, in so doing, those automatic appliances will stop. Food in the refrigerator and freezer may spoil and the dehumidifier will not keep the basement free of moisture. We suggest that you read your meter when you leave for vacation and read it again when you return. By getting these readings, you can determine the kilowatt-hour usage during your vacation.

Another reminder is that many vacationers bring home one or two weeks supply of dirty laundry. Of course, this gets the electric water heater off to a heavy work-out on the first day or two at home.

Remember, even though you are away from home, the electrical requirement for power in the home still exists.

Home weatherization

A booklet entitled, "Home Weatherization for Lower Cost Living Comfort" is available by contacting your member services office at the cooperative. The contents of the booklet include advice on:

- Types of electric heat
- Insulation
- Windows and doors
- Ventilation and humidity control
- Basement electric heating
- Wood-burning fireplaces
- Weatherization of older homes
- Peak-load shaving

Essay contest

Essay contest winners and runners-up will be reported in the May issue of the JAMUP. Essays were judged April 1 and the winners notified by phone.

The dinner in their honor was held at the Shagbark Inn in Vienna, April 11. The parents, teachers and school officials were invited to share their special night.

The winning essays entitled "Cooperatives: A Unique Way of Doing Business" were presented at that time. Grand prize winners will travel to Washington, D.C. June 13-20 for the "Youth to Washington" tour sponsored by the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.

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The "Youth to Washington" essay contest winners were recognized at the banquet in their honor April 11 at the Shagbark Inn, Vienna. Attending from left, front row, Camie King, Becky Brown, Katherine Young, Elaina Poulos, Terri Hogue, Lucinda Darnell and Rhonda Dillow. Back row, from left, Milo Thurston, board president, Kyle Smith, David Johnson, Christopher Ritter and Wayne Penrod.

Christopher Ritter and Elaina Poulos win essay contest tours to Washington

Two area high school juniors have been named winners of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative's 1986 Youth to Washington Essay Contest. A three-judge panel selected Christopher Ritter, a junior at Century, and Elaina Poulos, a junior at Dongola, from a field of 35 area students for their efforts on this year's essay theme, "Cooperatives: A Unique Way of Doing Business."

Christopher is the son of David and Dian Ritter of Ullin. Elaina is the daughter of Bill and Katie Poulos of Dongola.

In addition to winning all-expenses-paid tours to Washington, D.C., June 13-20, Christopher and Elaina were

among student representatives of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative awarded trips to Springfield on April 23 for Illinois Rural Electric Youth Day activities. Ten other finalists were also awarded trips to Springfield that day: Kelly Alderman, David C. Davis, David Johnson of Century High School; Wayne Penrod, Rhonda Dillow, Camie King, Becky Brown and Lucinda R. Darnell of Dongola High School; and Kyle S. Smith and Katherine Marie Young of Massac County High School.

The 12 finalists, their parents and teachers were special guests of the cooperative during a banquet Friday, April 11, at the Shagbark Inn, Vienna.

Highlighting the program were the presentations of the two winning essays by the contest winners; the videotape presentation "People Power" explaining political action committees; memories of the 1985 tour shared by Del Byassee, Meridian High School winner who was elected to the Youth Consulting Board, Executive Committee and Vice-president of the Executive Committee; and congratulations by Milo Thurston, president of the SIEC board of directors.

Christopher, Elaina, and Terri Hogue, Miss Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative of 1985, will join approxi-

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Cooperatives: a unique way of doing business

(This is one of two winning essays in the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative "Youth to Washington" essay contest. This essay was written by Elaina Poulos of Dongola, a student at Dongola Unit School. Next month we will print the other winning essay by Christopher Ritter of Ullin, a student at Century High School.)

Tonight as I turned on the study lamp above my desk to begin writing this essay, I appreciated the fact that I am writing by lamplight instead of by candlelight. As a result of my research, I have learned that I would not be enjoying the benefits of electricity had it not been for the efforts of my grandparents' generation who, years ago, saw the need for electricity in rural areas like mine. They banded together and worked toward a common goal — an electric cooperative.

Had I not worked on this essay, I would not have realized that cooperatives exist. I believed that the co-op in Dongola was an investor-owned corporation, there only to make money, and not for the benefit of the people. Now I realize that my family owns a portion of the cooperative and has a vote on matters concerning its operation, as do all other families who use its services.

An enterprise that operates at cost and not for profit, owned and controlled by the people it serves, is truly a unique way of doing business. Not only does the cooperative at Dongola reduce expenses of the people in my area, but it also provides many jobs — always a desperate need in small, rural communities such as ours.

I have learned that a cooperative is a one-man, one-vote democracy. With this vote, members elect from among themselves a board of directors. The board then hires officers to manage the cooperative. Thus, democratic control is always assured.

Electrical is only one type of cooperative. There are many other kinds, such as telephone service, food, health care, day care, credit, farm marketing, insurance, and legal service. But they all must do one thing — provide a service, whether it be buying



Elaina Poulos

and selling goods for their members, manufacturing and processing products, or acting as business agents. I did not realize until now that many of the brands I see in grocery stores — Welch's, Sunkist, Holsum, Diamond, Ocean Spray and Land O' Lakes — are the brand names of major businesses which are the result of cooperative endeavors. Now I better understand the process behind the brand name.

Because cooperatives charge only enough to cover costs, net margins sometimes remain at the end of the business year. This money is then returned to members according to the amount of business done with the cooperative. If withheld, these funds would be considered profit.

Whenever I have heard people discussing stocks, I have always considered this a concept I would understand someday, but now I am beginning to comprehend its meaning. For example, some cooperatives allow the sale of stock in order to gain capital for themselves should this sale have a limited return, interest rate or dividend. However, in non-stock cooperatives such as ours at Dongola, our means of obtaining capital is through membership fees, or by borrowing from members and from other lenders such as the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association, the Rural Electrification Administration and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation.

Another important piece of information I have learned is that each of the small electric cooperatives throughout the country tried to represent themselves individually, they would have very little influence or borrowing power. Therefore, all individual electric cooperatives are represented nationally by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. The NRECA provides us with legislative services and programs which we finance through our membership dues and revenue from services. Another organization, the Rural Electrification Administration (REA), a federal agency in the United States Department of Agriculture, provides us with guaranteed loans and technical assistance. The standard interest rate on our loans is five percent. These loans are refunded through the sale of borrower's notes or collections on outstanding loans. Another source of our loans is a private, non-governmental agency, the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Corporation (CFC). Its loans supplement those made by the REA, and debt capital on these is received mainly through the sale of collateral trust bonds.

Cooperatives are truly a unique way of doing business. Whenever I think of a business enterprise, I consider transactions carried on with one motive in mind — to make money, with little care for the needs and feelings of the people involved. Cooperatives have proven this to be false. They are the results of "cooperation" among men and women — people who have pooled their strength, determination and intelligence in order to provide each other with a better way of life. The purpose is not to make money for one individual or one small group of investors, but to benefit large groups of people. As a result of extending a hand to one another, they each receive their money's worth and pay only what is necessary to obtain the product. A cooperative truly exemplifies the saying, "You get from something exactly what you put into it!"

I feel that the electric cooperative movement of years ago has allowed me
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Nominating committee is appointed

Members of the 1986 Nominating Committee were appointed by the president of the board of directors of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative at the 1985 annual meeting of August 2. The committee will meet at the cooperative headquarters, Rt. 51 north of Dongola, on June 19 at 8 p.m. to consider nominees for election to the board of directors at the 1986 annual meeting of members.

The following were appointed to the 1986 Nominating Committee to represent their respective counties:

Alexander County
Charles Bonifield, P.O. Box 173,
Miller City, IL 62962
Frank Blakemore, P.O. Box 236,

Olive Branch, IL 62969
Johnson County
Willard Treat, Route 1, Box 126,
Cypress, IL 62923
Harlan Hartline, Route 1, Box 115,
Cypress, IL 62923
Massac County
Lowell Loverkamp, Route 3,
Metropolis, IL 62960
Larry Fisher, Route 1, Box 131,
Karnak, IL 62956
Pulaski County
George Helman, Sr., Route 1A, Box
242, Villa Ridge, IL 62996
Robert Heisner, Route 1, Box 10,
Grand Chain, IL 62941
Union County
Larry Hight, Route 2, Box 136,

Dongola, IL 62926
Fred Pitts, Route 1, Box 131,
Buncombe, IL 62912

The bylaws of the cooperative provide that nominees to the board of directors may be made by: (1) nominating committee, (2) petition signed by 15 or more active members, or (3) an active member from the floor at the annual meeting.

The three-year terms of the directors are expired alternately so that each year elections are held for a portion of the board. At the 1986 annual meeting, elections will be held for a director from each of the three counties: Alexander, Pulaski and Union.

Cooperatives

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to have the best of both worlds. I have the privilege of living in a quiet, clean, rural environment, but yet, I am also able to enjoy all the modern conveniences previously afforded urban Americans. I can gaze out my bedroom window in any direction and not see another house, but, if I desire, I can switch on the radio or television and bring that world into my room. I have always appreciated the conveniences in my life, but rural electric cooperatives have taken on a new significance to me since I now realize my indebtedness to them, for without the cooperation they fostered in rural America, we in the countryside would still be "in the dark."



Office closing
The cooperative office will be closed Monday, May 26 to observe Memorial Day.



The essay judges at work. Three people who enjoy their work are, from left: Margaret Shotton, Administrative Assistant, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, Marion; Gordon Billingsley, Information Specialist, S.I.U. School of Agriculture, Carbondale; and John Shelton, Chairman, Communications Department, Shawnee Community College, Ullin.

Washington

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matey 70 other outstanding Illinois high school students, including winners of similar contests sponsored by the state's electric cooperatives on the tour to the U.S. capital. Departing Illinois, Friday, June 13, the group will make its first touring stop at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, the following morning. They will arrive in Washington that afternoon.

During their stay in the nation's

capital, these young people will see their government in action, visit with their congressmen and senators and visit various government agencies in action and sites of historical significance.

On Wednesday, June 18, the Illinois youth tour participants will join approximately 900 other students from 16 other states and several foreign countries for special Rural Electric Youth Day activities. The tour group will return home to Illinois on Friday, June 20.

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Christopher Ritter's winning essay

Cooperatives: a unique way of doing business

Out of the American spirit of neighbor helping neighbor grew a unique form of business — the cooperative. Organized not to make a profit, but to meet a common need, the user-owned business exemplifies both Christian and democratic ideals. Cooperatives, such as the rural electric cooperatives, are among America's greatest success stories.

Although a cooperative is a kind of corporation, it operates under a separate set of laws. Like the investor-owned corporation, its formation must be approved by the state. It may sell shares of stock to members, but each member has one vote instead of the usual one vote per share of regular corporations. Owned and operated by the people it serves, the cooperative may be either a producer or a consumer cooperative. Each member is eligible to serve on a board of directors elected by members at their annual meetings. Representing the members, the directors make policies and employ persons to transact business.

There are 40,000 member-owned cooperatives throughout the United States devoted to serving their members and communities in every way imaginable. There are cooperatives for electric and telephone service, food, housing, furniture, insurance, farm marketing and farm supply, credit unions and farm credit, health and day care. These people-service businesses have been endorsed by political and church leaders as well as respected thinkers in many fields. President John F. Kennedy described the cooperative as "one of the finest examples of the human spirit — self-help at its best."

The modern cooperative grew out of the American spirit of people work-

ing together for the common good — a spirit first evidenced when representatives of the 102 persons aboard the Mayflower pledged their commitment



Christopher Ritter was one of two winning essayists in the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative "Youth to Washington" essay contest. Christopher lives in Ullin and is a student at Century High School.

to each other by signing the Mayflower Compact. That same spirit was carefully woven into the basic framework of the United States itself. It is this fundamental philosophy that is ingrained into the Constitution with the opening words, "We, the people...."

The first business cooperative was organized by Benjamin Franklin, who in 1752 persuaded his neighbors to share a common risk by forming the Philadelphia Contributorship for the Insurance of Homes from Loss of Fire, a mutual society which continues today.

During the 100 years following Franklin's cooperative creation, several membership associations sprang up across rural America to stimulate the

marketing of farm products; however, no formal rules were established until a group of factory workers in Rochdale, England pooled their purchases of basic necessities to gain the advantage of volume buying in 1844. When their endeavors became a success and others wanted to know the formula, the group set down the rules they had established. Widely emulated, these rules came to be known as the Rochdale Principles of Cooperation.

Later, the International Cooperative Alliance, representing cooperatives of about 65 countries, refined the Rochdale Principles and developed the following six cooperative principles, which have become the trademark of cooperatives around the world:

1. Democratic control, expressed on the basis of one member, one vote.
2. Open membership, indicating that cooperative membership should be open to those who have reasonable use for the service offered, and must never be denied on the grounds of race, religion, sex or national origin.
3. Limited return on investment, eliminating the likelihood of speculation in cooperative stock and emphasizing service rather than profit.
4. Return of margins to owner-members in proportion to their use of the cooperative's services.
5. Continuing education, recognizing that cooperative owners will not value and support something they do not understand.
6. Cooperation among cooperatives to stimulate mutual support among the various kinds of user-owned organizations sharing the cooperative purpose.

The rural electrification program of the United States is regarded around
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Essay contest winners and runners-up toured historic sites and government buildings in Springfield recently. Standing on the steps of the state capitol, are, from left, front row: Christopher Ritter of Ullin, Elaina Poulos of Dongola, Katherine Marie Young of Metropolis, and David C. Davis of Ullin; and second row: Rhonda Dillow, Wayne Penrod, Becky Brown, and Camie King of Dongola, and David Johnson of Grand Chain, and back row: Kyle S. Smith of Belknap, Lucinda Darnell of Dongola, Terri Hogue (Miss Southern Illinois Electric) of Anna, Del Byassee, 1985-86 Youth Consulting Board, of Villa Ridge and Carol Duty and Ron Medlin, chaperones.

Board allocates capital credits for 1985

The board of directors of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative has authorized the allocation of \$1,011,307.46, in capital credits to its members for the year 1985. Of the \$1,011,307.46, \$350,692.29 represents capital credits received from Southern Illinois Power Cooperative.

The allocation of capital credits represents an amount allocated to the account of each member who received service in 1985. This allocated amount cannot be used as a credit nor is it available in the form of cash until capital credits for the year 1985 are retired. In general, no capital credits can be retired until the cooperative has obtained enough capital to take care of all its needs. Capital credits are represented largely by investments in poles, wire, transformers and other equipment required to provide service.

Members may determine the approximate amount of their capital credit allocation for 1985 by multiplying the total amount paid in electric bills for 1985 by a factor of .11295.

If you wish to know your exact

capital credit allocation for 1985, please submit a written request.

To further explain, a capital credit plan is an arrangement under which:

1. A cooperative and its members expressly agree that any payment by any patron over the cost of serving him is capital furnished by the patron to the cooperative.

2. The cooperative credits such patronage capital on its books to the patrons and

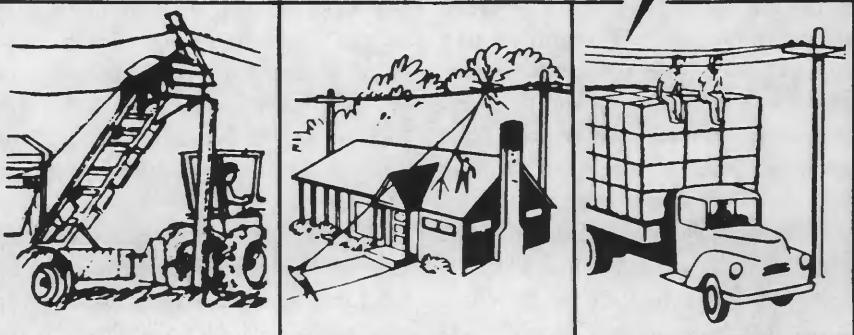
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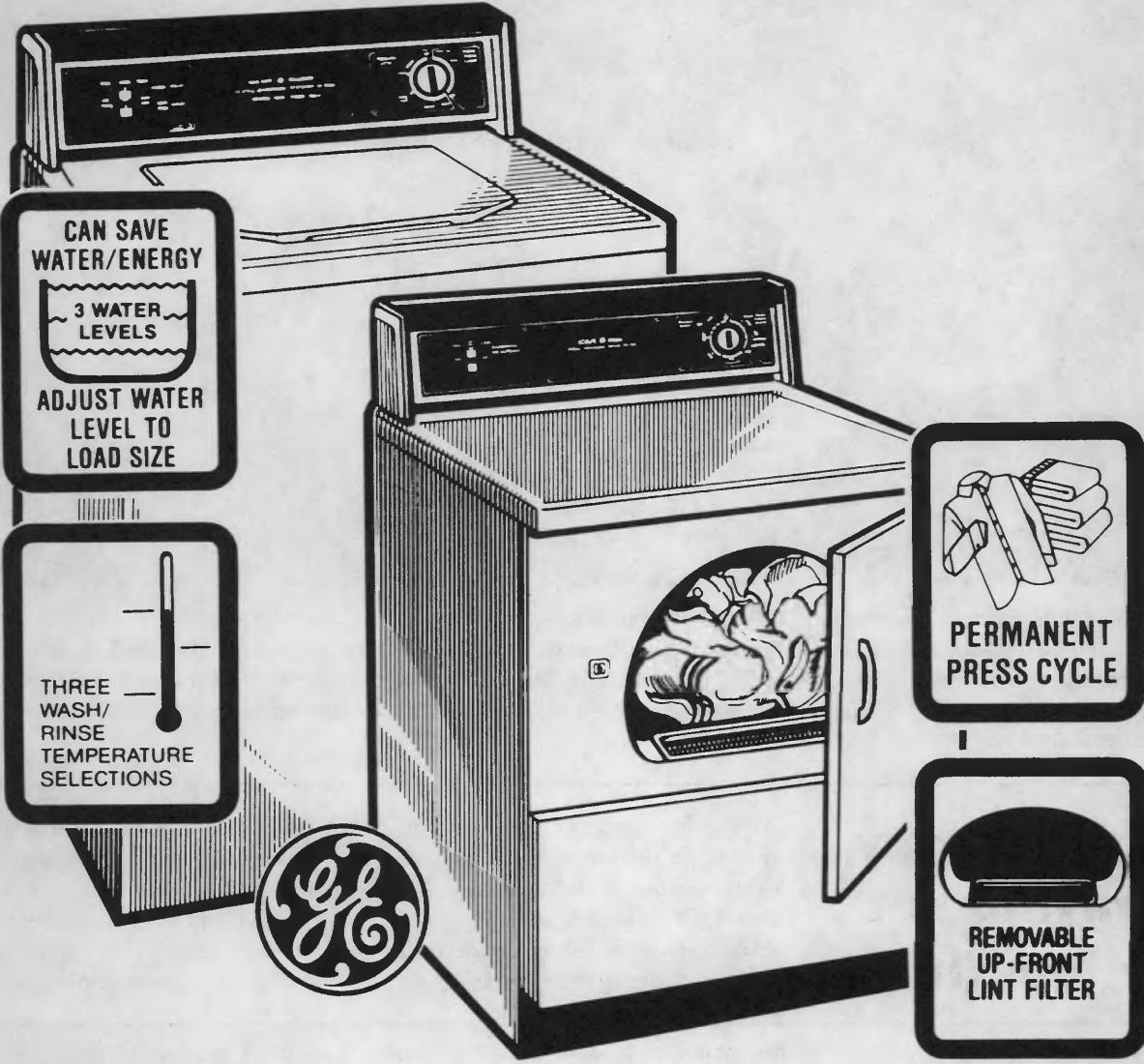
retired when, in the opinion of the board of directors, such retirement will not impair the cooperative's financial position.

The capital credit plan provides for service at cost, for paying off REA and CFC loans, for acquiring complete local ownership of the cooperative system, for giving all patrons full credit for all payments in excess of cost, and for the eventual repayment to the patrons of all capital furnished by them.

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Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative's annual meeting is scheduled for August 1 at the Meridian Elementary School, Mounds. Among the activities planned is the Miss Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative contest. The 1985 contest winners are: Terri Hogue (left), Anna, "Miss Southern"; Sherry Lynne Sommer (second from right) of Metropolis was first runner-up and Andrea Alfter (right) of Karnak was second runner-up. Carol Lynn Duty (second from left) of Anna was named Miss Congeniality.

Right-of-way spraying set for late June

Cooperatives:

(Continued from page 12a)

the world as a classic example of organized cooperation at its best. The rural electric program is one of people working together to fulfill a common need, to better their way of life, and to improve their communities.

Before 1935, less than 11 percent of the farms in the nation had electric service. Investor-owned electric utilities would not or could not provide the service because servicing the sparsely populated areas would not be cost efficient. The answer for rural America came on May 11, 1935, with the creation of the Rural Electrification Administration (REA). When it became apparent that the commercial electric companies were not going to take the initiative in applying for loans with which to extend service to all rural people, the resolute rural Americans courageously turned to the cooperative concept to brighten the countryside. Working together as they

In the latter part of June, right-of-way is to be sprayed in Alexander and Pulaski counties. ROWCO, Inc., of San Antonio, Texas, has carefully performed this service for the cooperative for the last several years. Spraying has

had traditionally done in barn raisings and wheat threshings, these Americans pooled muscle power, brain power, and bargaining power to obtain electric service.

Through their efforts nearly 1,000 user-owned rural electric systems scattered across 46 states today deliver electricity to 25 million rural Americans. The successful performance of "The REA" has created billions of dollars of wealth through the appliance and equipment market that followed rural lines. The increased productivity of electrified farms put an abundance of inexpensive food on America's table.

The automation made possible by electricity brought changes in rural America. Farms became larger, and fewer farm workers were needed. As farming opportunities declined, the availability of electricity in rural areas gave rise to the establishment of industries and recreational enterprises in the countryside. Today, approxi-

mately 25 percent of rural residents are directly involved in production agriculture. Activities of the rural electric cooperatives have brought about a reversal of rural population loss and preserved an economic base for many small towns.

Although today's challenges are of a different nature, cooperatives are a vital part of the changing rural community, and the cooperative spirit and pride still prevail. Meeting the challenges of the future with a "We, the people" spirit, cooperatives are building a better America and a better world.

As President Dwight D. Eisenhower said, "Cooperation is the means by which free men solve big problems or tackle jobs too big for the individual."

Office closing

Southern's office will be closed Friday, July 4.

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1986 annual meeting set for August 1

The 1986 annual meeting of the members will be held August 1, at the Meridian Elementary School at Mounds, located one-eighth of a mile east of Interstate 57, using the Mounds Road, Exit No. 8.

Registration of members will be held from 5 p.m. until 7 p.m. in the entrance hall. The registration tables will be marked alphabetically. The letter your name begins with is the proper table at which to register.

Members who fail to register are not eligible to vote at the business meeting. Also registration slips are used in attendance prize drawings.

Drawings will be held for early bird prizes at 7 p.m. Additional prizes and the grand prize is drawn for at the close of the meeting. You must be present to claim your prize should your name be drawn.

Three members of the board of directors are to be elected at the business meeting. Selected as candidates by the nominating committee are Richard D. Moss, Alexander County; Milo Thurston, Pulaski County; and Bob J. Ury, Union County. All three candidates are incumbent.

The appearance of the beauty contestants and the selection of the new "Miss Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative" will generate excitement during the evening. Miss Southern 1985, Terri Hogue, will be on hand to crown the new 1986 beauty queen.

Member attendance at annual meetings has been good for many years. The site of the meeting this year offers an air-conditioned auditorium with fine acoustics and individual theatre-style seats designed to allow perfect vision during the activities. Food will



Friday, August 1, 1986 5 p.m. Meridian Elementary School, Mounds

be available in the cafeteria.

ANNUAL MEETING NOTICE

The 47th annual meeting notice will be in the mail July 22. Read the comments and reports of your man-

agement and officers. The registration card will be attached to the notice. Bring it with you to the annual meeting August 1 at the Meridian Elementary School at Mounds.

Budget billing available

Beginning with the bills due by October 10 (September's usage), the cooperative will offer a budget billing payment plan to residential customers.

Budget billing will allow customers to pay a fixed amount for 11 months of each year. In the 12th month, the customer's billing will be adjusted to bring the account up to date. The budget amount will be based on the past 12 months history.

To qualify for budget billing, a customer:

1. must be a residential consumer with a rate classification of 01 or 03.
2. must have been connected for at least one year. (That is, there must be

at least one year's history for the account to be placed on budget billing.)

3. must have a good payment record with the cooperative.

Customers wanting to change to budget billing will be allowed to do so only in September of each year. Budget billing customers will still be required to read their meter at the beginning of each month.

If you are interested in changing to budget billing, you must notify the office by August 20. If you have any questions concerning budget billing, please contact the billing supervisor or the office manager at the cooperative.



Elaina M. Poulos of Dongola, Christopher M. Ritter of Ullin, Terri Hogue of Anna, Amie K. Medlin of Dongola, Valerie R. Palmer of Dongola and Joe "Del" Byassee of Villa Ridge are among the 40 outstanding high school students from Illinois who toured Washington, D.C., June 13-20 as a part of the annual "Youth to Washington" tour sponsored by the Electric Cooperatives of Illinois. Elaina and Christopher represented Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, Dongola, as winners of the essay contest sponsored annually by the cooperative. Amie and Valerie are participating as "Willie Wired-hand" students, paying their own way. Terri earned her way on the tour by winning the Miss Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative contest at the 1985 annual meeting, and Del was sponsored by the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association as vice president of the NRECA Youth Consulting Board. From left are Elaina, Christopher, Terri, Amie, Valerie, Del and Carol Duty and Ron Medlin of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative, who provided transportation to and from Springfield for the students.

Elaina Poulos elected to Youth Consulting Board

Elaina Poulos of Dongola was elected Illinois representative to serve on the Youth Consulting Board of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association. After her application was chosen as one of the four semi-finalists, she was then elected by the full Illinois delegation at a "mock" annual meeting.

Any student with at least one more year of high school was eligible to apply for the Youth Consulting Board positions. Elaina wrote in 500 words or less, "Why I would like to be considered for a position on the NRECA Youth Consulting Board. On the first day of the tour, the tour director and chaperones reviewed the applications and chose four semi-finalists. The first night in Washington the Illinois delegation held a "mock" annual meeting and the four candidates were given an opportunity to campaign for their election to the board. A secret ballot then chose the new board member.

As the Illinois representative, the winner met with the full Youth Consulting Board during the tour. As a member the winner will also be invited to attend the 1987 NRECA annual

meeting, meet the NRECA board of directors, and assist the NRECA staff during the annual meeting. The Illinois representative will serve as the official representative for rural electric youth in Illinois and attend various meetings of the Illinois electric cooperatives. This year the Illinois YCB member is

assigned to the Youth Tour Committee. As a member of this committee, Elaina will return to Washington next June to assist in presenting the educational seminars and Youth Day program.

The election of Elaina to the YCB allows her to assume the responsibilities relinquished by 1985 member Del Byassee. Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative and the entire membership are proud of our young people and the honor they have gained for our sector of the state by being elected to this prestigious national youth board two years in a row.

Youth Consulting Board members strive to understand the principles and practices of cooperatives. They want to promote a better understanding of rural electrification among the youth. They are to advise the NRECA on youth and educational activities. They want to acquire a working knowledge of all energy sources and the role electric cooperative play as energy users and suppliers. They study to become familiar with the goals and objectives of NRECA, distribution co-ops, state-wides and G&T's.



Elaina Poulos

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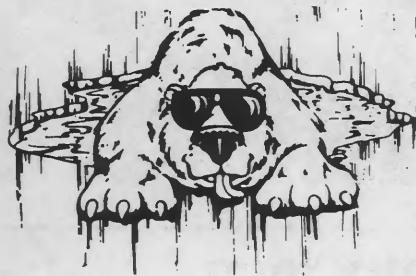


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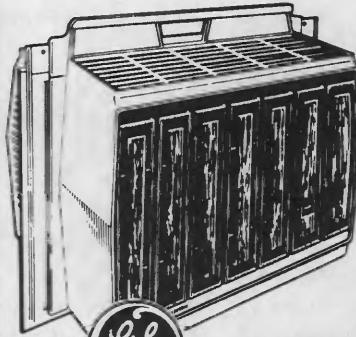


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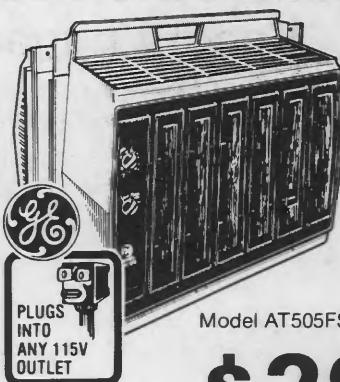
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Who will be Miss Southern for 1986?

Eligible young ladies may enter the Miss Southern contest by completing and mailing the entry form at the bottom of this page. Do not delay!

RULES

Entrant must be a member of a family who has an active membership currently receiving power from the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.

Entrant must be unmarried between the ages of 16 and 22. Previous first-place winners are not eligible.

Candidates will appear in formals and swimsuits (other than bikini).

Cooperative does not bear the winner's clothing expense.

PRIZES

First Prize: \$100 cash, trophy, sash, and all-expense paid trip to Washington, D.C.

Second Prize: \$75 cash and gift. (In the event first place prize winner cannot go to Washington, the second prize winner has the opportunity).

Third Prize: \$50 cash and gift.

Consolation Prize of \$10 cash awarded to each entry.

"Miss Congeniality" trophy awarded to contestant chosen by other entrants in competition.

Entries will be judged as follows: Beauty: 25% Facial, 25% Figure; Poise: 10% Posture, 5% Grace; Personality: 15% Charm, 10% Grooming; Ability: 5% Past Achievements, 5% Talent or Domestic Ability.



Beauty pageant entry form

I agree to abide by the rules set forth herein and I herewith give my permission for the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative to use my picture and name for any publicity purposes in connection with the contest. I understand that if I should win the contest and be unable to participate in cooperative activities, an alternate may be selected in the manner described.

Name _____ Phone _____

Address _____

Account No. _____ Age _____ Date of Birth _____
(obtain from billing book)

Parents' Name _____

If living with other than parents give name and address of person you live with.

I certify that this information is true to the best of my knowledge. Please accept my entry in the Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative Beauty Contest.

Signed _____
(Applicant)

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Resale Department to close Dec. 31

The cooperative will be phasing out its merchandising department by the end of the year. The department has shown a loss for several years due to declining sales.

Forty-eight years ago, when the REA first made electricity available to the rural areas of Southern Illinois, the cooperatives introduced a complete line of electrical appliances to the new members. The day the farmer had electricity "hooked up," appliances were top priority on his shopping list.

In the beginning, demonstrations were provided to introduce the new rural consumers to power use. "Willie Wiredhand" provided relief from wash-day blues, ironing, cooking, canning, shearing, pumping and carrying water. This represents only a partial list of time-consuming chores lightened by a flip of the switch. Years of drudgery were relieved by spans of wire.

One half a century of service has brought rural areas the same lifestyle as their metropolitan counterparts. Truly, the resale department did its job well.

The board of directors reluctantly decided it was in the best interest of all members to discontinue the resale program due to the lack of utilization by the members. In order to reduce the inventory and close the department at year end, merchandise has been reduced to 10 percent over cost and less. Information on the sale is found on page 12c of this issue of the JAMUP.

New billing books

New billing books will be mailed in September for your October 1 meter reading. If you have not received the book by October 1, please call your Cooperative office at 827-3555.

PLEASE NOTE: If you changed to budget billing, you will not be receiving a book.

No rate increase

At the annual meeting of SIEC members on August 1, Manager Reeves announced that there would be no rate increase this fall. There has not been an increase in rates since September 1, 1983.

Reeves cited the cooperative's power supplier, Southern Illinois Power Cooperative, as a major factor in the stabilization of rates.



**MISS SOUTHERN ILLINOIS ELECTRIC
COOPERATIVE 1986**

Diane Williams, 17, daughter of Harold and Terry Williams, Rural Route, Anna, was crowned the new "Miss Southern" during the annual meeting of the cooperative members held at Meridian School, Mounds, August 1. Diane is enrolled at S.I.U.-Carbondale and her career goal is to become a medical secretary. She is a graduate of Dongola High School, where she was a class officer, 1985 Homecoming Queen, involved in Beta Club, FHA, Science Club, Student Council and Annual Staff. As part of her prize, Miss Southern will accompany the Illinois essay winners in June 1987 on the "Youth to Washington" tour.



First runner-up Renee Vick, 18-year-old daughter of Bruce and Sherry Vick, McClure. Renee is a freshman at Shawnee College and plans to transfer to SEMO. While at Shawnee High School she was a class officer, drum majorette, involved in Beta Club, FHA, FBLA, concert band and chorus. She enjoys gymnastics, tap, ballet and basketball.

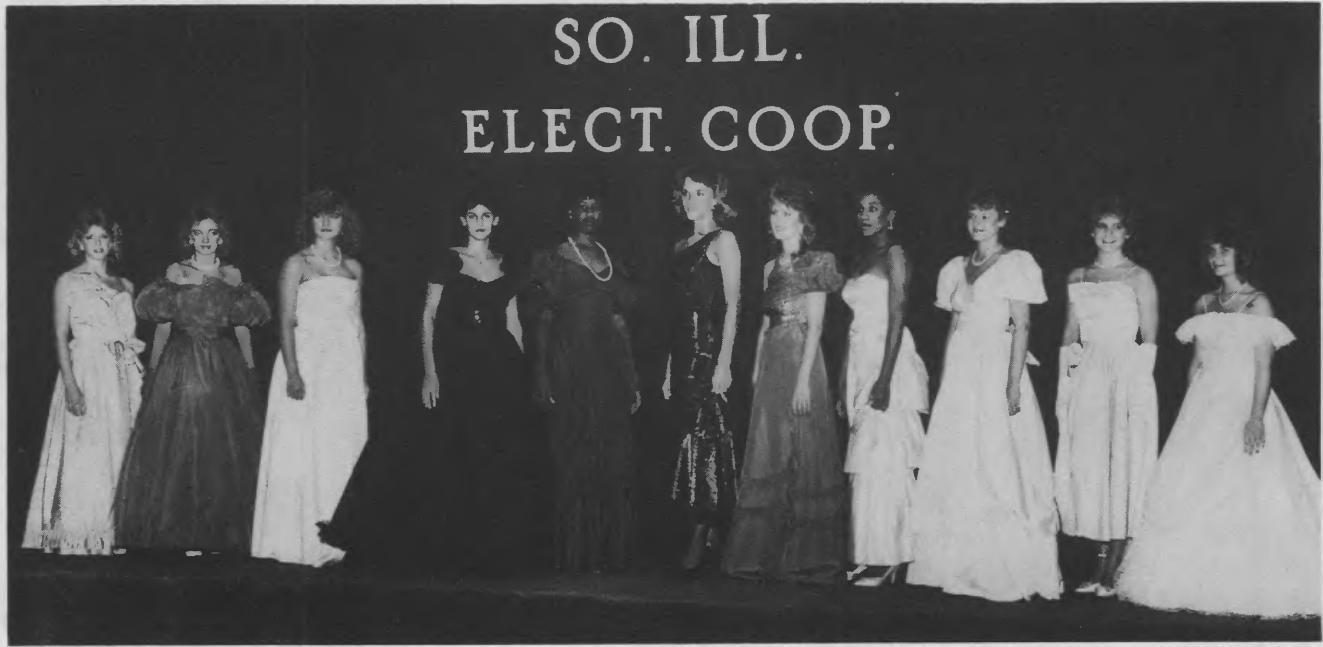


Second runner-up Melissa Renee Dowdy, 17-year-old daughter of Jim and Glenda Dowdy of Tamms. She has been attending night courses at Shawnee College. While at Egyptian High School she was a class officer, editor of school paper, involved in student council, FHA, FBLA, softball and flag corps. She enjoys swimming, sewing, exercising and sunbathing.



Miss Congeniality Susan Clemons, 17-year-old daughter of Arange and Mary Clemons, Jr. of Dongola. She presently attends Century High School and is involved in softball, basketball, FHA, Drama, Pep Club and is a cheerleader. She enjoys swimming, skating, piano and jogging.

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Contestants from left: Melissa Renee Dowdy, second runner-up, Tamms; Stacey Honey, 16-year-old daughter of Jim Honey and Mary Nelson of Tamms; Lori Corzine, 16-year-old daughter of Bradley and Carol Corzine of Dongola; Renee Vick, first runner-up, McClure; "Miss Congeniality" Susan Clemons, Dongola; "Miss Southern 1986" Diane Williams, Anna; Lee Anne Zeschke, 20-year-old daughter of Walter and Alice Zeschke of Dongola; Tamar Lee, 17-year-old daughter of Shirley Lee of Olmsted; Julie Ann Hunter, 17-year-old daughter of Jerry and Jean Hunter of Jonesboro; Stacey Renee Rodgers, 17-year-old daughter of Louis and Phyllis Rodgers of Olive Branch; and Becky McCommons, 16-year-old daughter of Carroll and Bobbie McCommons of Dongola.



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Do you know these people?

The abandoned property list for the period 7/1/78 to 6/30/79 includes the following names with their last known address. Refund checks issued to these consumers were returned because of no forwarding address:

Mike Betts, Mounds, IL 62964
 Wm. R. Elliott, R1, Goreville, IL 60939
 Dan Testa, R1, Alto Pass, IL 62905
 Big Cypress Hunting Club, c/o Bill Johnston, 433 28th St., Cairo, IL 62914
 Larry Jenkins, R1, Metropolis, IL 62960
 Brenda Stokes, McClure, IL 62957
 Mike Stallings, R1, Brookport, IL 62910
 Greg Plott, Anna, IL 62906
 Zelphia Poinexter, R1, Pulaski, IL 62976
 Gordon Cameron, R1, Box 194, Belknap, IL 62908
 Charles F. Laughlin, R3, Vienna, IL 62995
 Clifford Jones, R2, Jonesboro, IL 62952
 Herbert Robinson, R2, Cobden, IL 62920
 Larry Drew, Mounds, IL 62964
 Gene Adams, Miller City, IL 62962
 Kerry Neal, East Cape Mobile Park, McClure, IL 62957
 Wm. J. Cantrell, R1, Metropolis, IL 62960
 Sarah Kimmel, Olmsted, IL 62970
 Danetta Ashwork, Olive Branch, IL 62969
 Randy Stacy, Makanda, IL 62958
 Thomas Adams, Cobden, IL 62920
 Michael J. Egan, R2, Cobden, IL 62920
 Thomas J. Athy, Makanda, IL 62958
 Jerry B. Heal, Belknap, IL 62908
 Leonard E. Riddle, R1, Tamms, IL 62988
 Dennis Newman, R2, Jonesboro, IL 62952
 Marie Greenslate, Makanda, IL 62958
 Walter Douglas, Gen. Del., Sesser, IL 62884
 Wm. Averitt, Jr., R3, Vienna, IL 62995
 Norma Woods, Ullin, IL 62992

CHECKS WRITTEN 11-13-85 TO
 6-30-86 RETURNED UNCLAIMED
 Dennis J. Holt, P.O. Box 241, Karnak, IL 62956

Patricia Morris, R2, Anna, IL 62906
 Nancy A. Ashworth, Gen. Del., Olive Branch, IL 62969
 Wayne Davis, Gen. Del., Olive Branch, IL 62969
 Robin V. Goskie, Gen. Del., Olive Branch, IL 62969
 David Van Carlock, 1610 North Fair, Marion, IL 62959
 Walter Cromin, R1, Box 88B, Jonesboro, IL 62952
 Mike Piotrowski, R3, Metropolis, IL 62960
 John J. Oliver, R1, Box 131, Beebe, AR 72012



Mr. and Mrs. Aldrich Cummins of Karnak were the grand prize winners of a General Electric, 19-inch color television with remote control, AM/FM radio and alarm, donated by General Electric Co. of St. Louis, Missouri and Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative.



Harry Inman of Grand Chain won the Magnavox, 19-inch color television with remote control donated by JIMELCO, Inc., of Jacksonville, Arkansas. SIEC's Larry Lovell makes the presentation.



Christopher Ritter of Century High School, thanked the members of the cooperative for sponsoring the "Youth to Washington" program, which enabled him to visit the nation's capital.



George Helman, Sr. of Villa Ridge, chairman of the nominating committee, read the minutes of the June meeting.

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Telecommunications co-op seeks to scramble signals

Two Washington-based rural electric cooperative organizations have agreed to form the National Rural Telecommunications Cooperative to ensure that high-quality and affordable telecommunications services do not bypass rural America.

The new cooperative will develop and deliver telecommunications services, including programming available by satellite, to rural people. Its formation was approved this summer by the national boards of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association (NRECA) and the National Rural Utilities Cooperative Finance Cooperative (CFC).

Testifying before the House Subcommittee on Telecommunications, Consumer Protection and Finance in June, Bob Bergland, executive vice president of NRECA, stated that one of the rural electric goals is to develop a satellite programming package for rural dish owners. "There is great concern in America's rural areas," he said, "that scrambling may darken the skies."

He explained that the programming package, which would include news, information and entertainment channels currently scrambled or scheduled for scrambling, is part of a comprehensive plan to ensure the availability of an array of telecommunications services in the nation's countryside.

The new cooperative is charged with carrying out the plan. It is estimated that 75 percent of rural electric consumers do not now have cable and never will.

Bergland said that this situation could be easily compared to the absence of reliable electric service in 90 percent of the nation's rural areas in the 1930s. It is a natural step, he said, for rural electric cooperatives, which serve 2,600 of the nation's 3,141 counties or county-type areas, to develop telecommunications services.

"As locally controlled, service-oriented organizations, rural electrics have become involved in a wide variety of projects, programs and services designed to help improve the overall quality of life of the people they serve," he stated.

Rural electric studies pinpoint a number of applications



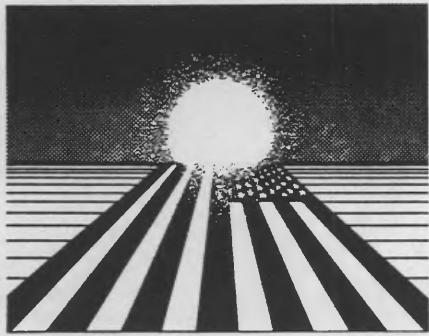
MISS SOUTHERN IS PEACH FESTIVAL QUEEN

History repeats itself again in 1986. Our Miss Southern, Diane Williams, 17-year-old daughter of Harold and Terry Williams, of Rural Route 1, Anna, was crowned the Peach Festival Queen in August at the annual festival at Cobden.

of telecommunications technology by rural electric systems, including electric load management, data collection, electronic funds transfer, and, in addition access to information and entertainment television channels, the ability of consumers to shop, bank and pay bills from home.

Bergland cautioned that the formation of the national telecommunication cooperative was just a first step in ensuring telecommunications services for rural Americans,

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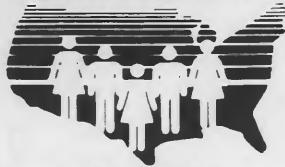
40,000 cooperatives work hard for their member-owners and their communities.

In big cities, small towns and rural areas, cooperatives owned and operated by 60,000,000 people provide a tremendous variety of goods and services — electric and telephone service, farm credit, credit unions, farm marketing and farm supply, food, health and day care, and insurance.

Cooperatives work because they meet people's needs efficiently and economically. That's why co-ops have scored high marks for quality goods and services for more than half a century all across America.

Co-op people point with pride at what their cooperatives have achieved for their friends, neighbors and communities. Co-ops are true American success stories.

When cooperatives work, all America benefits.

COOPERATIVES

WORK!

Anita Holshouser closes out 34-year career

Anita Holshouser retired August 15, 1986, having completed 34 years employment at Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative. She went to work May 1, 1952, in the position of advanced pay clerk. These responsibilities continued until her retirement.

Anita has two children. Jennifer Flowers is an assistant principal and teacher living in Houston, Texas and James M. Helm is secretary-treasurer at Electric Energy Incorporated at Joppa. Jennifer has two daughters. Adrienne, 17; and Alison, 11. Jim has a daughter, Paige, 15.

After a lifetime on the work force, Anita is looking forward to doing her handwork, visiting the children, lots of travel, and just enjoying her home.



Holshouser

Cathleen Taylor new employee

Cathleen Taylor, Rural Route, Ullin, began work in August of this year as clerk in the general office at SIEC. Cathleen is a graduate of SIU with a degree in business. Up to this time she has been employed at banking institutions in the area.

Cathy's husband, Larry, is a partner in Taylor, Dillon and Dodd, of Anna. The couple have two daughters: Beth Anne, 7; and Laura Kay, 3.

The pleasant voice you hear when you request service changes will be Cathy. Everyone appreciates her kind and efficient manner.



Taylor

Barbara Keller now billing clerk

Barbara Keller has changed responsibilities at the cooperative. Since her employment in May 1965 she has been busy with sales and record keeping in the resale department. In August of this year, she moved into the billing department as a billing clerk. As billing clerk, she will be opening mail, entering data on the computer and answering member inquiries.



Keller



Practice safety during harvest

It is time for the 1986 grain harvest in Southern Illinois. Harvest-time means bringing increasingly large and sophisticated machines out of their resting places. And, while today's time-saving and cost-efficient farm machinery gives farmers advantages past generations only dreamed about, safety is an increasing concern — especially around power lines.

Each year, a tragic number of accidents are caused by less-than-careful handling of farm equipment around power lines. Your cooperative urges you to watch for overhead power lines and utility poles and avoid contact with this potentially lethal equipment.

Insist that hired hands and family members learn to look over working areas carefully before engaging farm equipment in work activities.

Even if you have no power lines in your crop fields, you certainly have them present in equipment storage areas and grain storage areas. Be sure paths to those areas are safe routes. There should be ample clearance for combines, pickers, balers, end loaders, augers or any other equipment you're moving around your farm. If there is some question about whether equipment will clear a power conductor, assume it won't and take measures to avoid contact.

More often than not, power lines follow property lines. You may be lulled into a false sense of security when you're in the middle of your field, not realizing the danger when you reach the end of the field and begin turning your

machinery around. There's a good chance power lines will be near the edge of the field, so always be alert and check for them. Power lines can be hidden by brush or trees, so take precautions to make sure your equipment does not make contact.

Grain augers and bins are often used along property lines too, since such placement makes the best use of the land. Again, it is important to see that augers don't come into contact with overhead lines.

Crop storage equipment such as augers, balers and stackers can be extended to exceed electric code clearances for power lines. When you store hay, alfalfa or baled straw, see that your stacking equipment won't reach the power lines. It only takes one mistake to bring tragedy to your harvest.

If you're planning the construction of any new storage bins, be sure to take the placement of existing power lines into account. For the best use of your farm space, storage bins are often erected along property lines, just where the power lines usually are.

If you simply can't find adequate space to construct bins away from power lines, call SIEC to discuss the problem. We'll send an engineer to your farm to survey your potential building sites and work with you to come to the best possible solution. Your complete safety and comfort are prime concerns to us. We'll be happy to assist you in developing a safer farm. Harvest with safety and continue to enjoy a productive life and a productive farm.

1986 annual meeting door prize winners

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Frontier Double Eagle Imperial Knife	Dennis Helton Dongola, IL	Curtis Industries ATTN: Van Waugh 34999 Curtis Blvd. Eastlake, OH	21 Lb. Box FS Power Plus Detergent	Lawrence Dubois Cobden, IL	Fruit Belt Service Co. P.O. Box 366 Vienna, IL
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6 Qts. 10W40 Fire & Ice Motor Oil	Lawrence James Karnak, IL	Smoot Oil Company, Inc. P.O. Box 155 Dongola, IL	12 Inch Oscillating Electric Fan	Robert Davis Dongola, IL	Fletcher-Reinhardt Co. Attn: J. Oldfather 11440 Schenck Drive Maryland Heights, MO
21 Lb. Box FS Power Plus Detergent	Melford Krueger Metropolis, IL	Fruit belt Service Co. P.O. Box 366 Vienna, IL	Show Biz 42" Decorative Ceiling Fan	Melvin Thurston Pulaski, IL	Oil Field Electric Co. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL
Magnavox 19 Inch Remote Control Color TV	Harry Inman Grand Chain, IL	Jimeco, Inc. Attn: Richard Priest P.O. Box 216 Jacksonville, AR	Frontier Double Eagle Imperial Knife	Roy Basler, Jr. Cobden, IL	Curtis Industries Attn: Van Waugh 34999 Curtis Boulevard Eastlake, OH
Black & Decker Spacemaker Coffeemaker	Bob Brewer Metropolis, IL	Big D Electric Attn: Dave Brewer P.O. Box 156 Eldorado, IL	Desk Folder	Michael Stone Olive Branch, IL	Stiles Office Supplies P.O. Box 3676 Carbondale, IL
Soundesign Deluxe AM/FM Clock Radio Telephone	United Methodist Parsonage Karnak, IL	Oil Field Electric Co. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL	1985 United States Proof Set	Raymond E. Manus Buncombe, IL	Henry A. Petter Supply P.O. Box 2350 Paducah, KY
\$50 United States Savings Bond	Carl Buddenbaum Belknap, IL	First State Bank-Dongola P.O. Box 217 Dongola, IL	Presto Under Cabinet Can Opener	Ward Osman Dongola, IL	Oil Field Electric Co. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL
6 Qts. 10W40 Fire & Ice Motor Oil	Steven R. Eller Karnak, IL	Smoot Oil Company, Inc. P.O. Box 155 Dongola, IL	6 Qts. 10W40 Fire & Ice Motor Oil	John Sissom, Jr. Olive Branch, IL	Smoot Oil Company, Inc. P.O. Box 155 Dongola, IL
Hamilton Beach Electric Knife with Tray	Dennis Helton Dongola, IL	U.S. Pole & Supply Co. P.O. Box 17089 Pensacola, FL	Westbend 12 Inch Electric Skillet	Ralph Blaney Tamms, IL	United Utility Supply P.O. Box 32170 Louisville, KY
1 Year Subscription	Elmer B. Jacobs, Jr. Dongola, IL	Dongola Tri-County Record P.O. Box 187 Dongola, IL	\$25 Gift Certificate	Loran Hoffman Dongola, IL	Jo-An Laundry & Cleaners 339 S. Main Anna, IL
Black & Decker Utility Jig Saw	Edgar Bremer Metropolis, IL	Curtis Industries Attn: Van Waugh 34999 Curtis Boulevard Eastlake, OH	Proctor Silex 2-Slice Toaster	Ada Altenberger Karnak, IL	Oil Field Electric Co. P.O. Box 247 West Frankfort, IL
6 Qts. 10W40 Fire & Ice Motor Oil	Phyllis Oliver Metropolis, IL	Smoot Oil Company, Inc. P.O. Box 155 Dongola, IL	Mr. Coffee Coffeemaker	W. W. Raby Tamms, IL	Tennessee Valley Elec. 6th Ave., South & Clark Place P.O. Box 24460 Nashville, TN
4 Qt. Electric Ice Cream Freezer	Lorraine Wilke Belknap, IL	Thomasson Lumber Co. Attn: Patricia Stokes P.O. Box 490 Philadelphia, MS	General Electric 19 Inch Diagonal Portable Color TV	Aldrich Cummins Karnak, IL	Souther Illinois Elec. Coop. P.O. Box 97, Dongola, IL and General Electric Co. St. Louis, MO
Mini Mag Lite Batteries	Russell Mighell Goreville, IL	Jim Wilson Company 2100 Themis P.O. Box 970 Cape Girardeau, MO			

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Telecommunications

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and that the challenge is a large one.

Rural electrics, he pointed out, are well-established, vital community institutions, ideally suited to develop subsidiary telecommunications co-ops. The subsidiaries, Bergland stressed, would operate as separate entities, yet could share billing and other administrative functions, with each entity carrying its full share of the cost of operation.

The rural electric systems, according to the telecommunications plan, hope to negotiate agreements with various program providers and begin marketing a program

package to rural electric consumers in the early part of 1987. The potential market is estimated at about 1.2 million. The co-ops have a goal of offering a programming package at a low monthly cost, considering that consumers would also have to finance their own receiving and decoding equipment.

NRECA is the Washington, D.C.-based national service organization of the nation's 1,000 rural electric systems, which provide electric service to more than 25 million people in 46 states. CFC provides supplemental financing for rural electric systems from private, non-government sources.



Office closing

The cooperative office will be closed, Tuesday, November 11,
to honor those Americans who have served
their country in defense of our freedom.

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Two linemen attend school on underground electric

Linemen Larry Lingle and Deon Davis attended the Hot Line School at Lincoln Land Community College in Springfield October 6-9. Cooperative personnel worked with representatives from a number of suppliers to lead the discussions on installation and maintenance of underground electric facilities.

The Hot Line School is coordinated by the Job Training and Safety Department of the Association of Illinois Electric Cooperatives in Springfield. Classes are conducted in first-year distribution, second-year distribution, third-year distribution, rubber gloving, and underground distribution and transmission. The school was offered over a three-week period with each class approximately one week long. Worthwhile experiences were gained by more than 100 linemen and other personnel from the electric cooperatives and a number of municipal electric suppliers in Illinois.

SIEC has joined with other electric



Classroom instruction in underground school

cooperatives to establish an innovative extension curriculum of training and enrichment programs for our employees: "hot line" schools for linemen, equipment workshops, first aid, and apprentice and advance training courses that are designed to further and improve the working skills of our employees.

Electric cooperatives, locally owned by the members they serve, maintain

more than half the electric distribution network in Illinois. Our employees understand how vital our service is to the well-being of farms, homes and businesses along our lines. Before the hot line methods were introduced, outages for line repair were sometimes quite long. Understanding new technology and practicing new techniques will help our employees provide better service.

Happy Thanksgiving



In America, the gathering of the crop has been climaxed traditionally by prayers and a feast of Thanksgiving.

As this season's harvest draws to a close, let us pause and give thanks for the many fine blessings and everyday joys of our lives. The directors and employees of Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative wish you and yours a happy and pleasant Thanksgiving.

The Cooperative office will be closed on Thursday, November 27, and Friday, November 28, for the Thanksgiving holidays.



Marjune

Marjune Corzine retires Oct. 31 after 21 years

Marjune A. Corzine retired October 31, 1986, after completing 21 years of cooperative service.

In June 1948, when she began work, the cooperative office was situated in the metal building at the rear of the present location. June opened mail, handled prepay billing and answered correspondence. At that time, there were 3,828 members on co-op lines. Four years later, she decided to postpone her career and begin a family.

Seventeen years later, June 1969, she returned to work. Her responsibilities have included capital credit accounts and payroll clerk.

June has two children. Suzanne is a business education teacher at Anna-Jonesboro Community High School and lives in Carbondale. Byron is a pharmacist employed in Carterville and lives in Marion.

Busy hands are happy hands for June. She has a long list of things to do around the house after retirement. Along with her home projects, she plans to attend art classes, stay active physically, and take time to do some reading. She will plan all the new hobbies around her responsibilities at church and the many things she enjoys doing for her children. Maybe, if she can find enough time after her hobbies, she plans to travel.

Pam Lentz is new Southern payroll clerk

Pam Lentz assumed the duties of payroll clerk in August of this year. She began work at the cooperative on a part-time basis in February 1977. In March 1978, she was hired as clerk in the general office. She has worked in this position up to the present time. Service changes, billing books and customer inquiries have all received prompt, courteous attention in her job as clerk.



Pam

What is a member of a cooperative?

Members — Are owners of our business — not outsiders.

Members — Are not dependent on us — we are dependent on them.

Members — Are not an interruption of our work — they are the purpose of it.

Members — Are deserving of the most courteous and attentive treatment we can give them.

Members — Do us a favor when they call — we are not doing them a favor by serving them.

Members — Are not cold statistics — they are flesh and blood human beings with feelings and emotions like our own.

Members — Are not candidates for arguments or contests to match wits; nobody ever "won" an argument with a member.

Members — Are the people who bring us their wants — it is our job to fill those wants in ways that are profitable to them and to us.

Members — Are the people who make it possible to pay our salaries.

Members — Are the life-blood of this and every other cooperative business!

FINAL SALE

Beginning December 1st
all remaining appliances
will be sold at cost or
BELOW!!

- Refrigerators • Ranges • Radios
 - Televisions • Disposals
 - Dryers • Microwaves
 - Telephones • Pumps
- MANY MORE**

**Come in and buy
a bargain
for Christmas**



Elaina

Elaina Poulos selected for internship

Elaina Poulos, a senior at Dongola Unit 66, was chosen, after an extensive selection process, to spend the first semester of her senior year working and exploring career opportunities in the department of Agriculture, Office of Information Services, Illinois State Government in Springfield. She also will attend Lincoln Land Community College to fulfill part of her high school requirements.

The objectives of the program enable student-interns to better understand governmental organization and political relationships on an everyday functional basis. Through this program they should become more self-confident and aware of their own skills and abilities as they participate in the process of state government.

Elaina is one of only two student-interns chosen from Southern Illinois. Dongola school has been fortunate to have two students chosen for this program in the last three years.

Elaina was one of the 1986 tour winners on the "Youth to Washington" essay contest. While in Washington, she was elected to the Youth Consulting Board and will serve on the Youth Tour Committee in Washington in 1987.

Control creosote

Heating with wood is satisfying in a lot of ways. But it has dangers, too. The main one is creosote buildup. If this buildup becomes severe, it can ignite and burn fiercely. A creosote chimney fire can burn at temperatures approaching 2,000 degrees F — 600 degrees hotter than a blazing torch. While a fireplace can generate some creosote, the problem is far more serious with wood stoves, especially air starvation types.

What can you do to prevent creosote buildup and its attendant hazards? A lot has been written on this subject, but now there's important new information that changes many of the principles we've been taking for granted:

1. The amount of creosote buildup from a wood stove is not dependent on the type or dryness of wood.

2. Secondary air input (introducing room air to the volatile gases just above the flame in an "airtight" wood heater) doesn't reduce creosote buildup; it may even hurt.

3. Proper sizing of stove pipes and chimney materials may be more important than the types that are used.

You'll never entirely prevent creosote, but you can reduce dangerous buildups. The following practices will virtually guarantee you'll never have a chimney fire. These rules apply to

both existing and new installations:

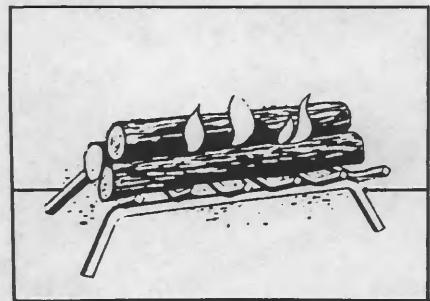
1. Use U.L.-listed wood-burning equipment and chimney material, and be sure that the unit is installed to the manufacturer's instructions.

2. Inspect the flue and chimney regularly to check for a tarry buildup of creosote.

3. Know the proper clearances for stoves installed near combustibles, such as furniture.

4. Starting with a clean chimney, at least once a day and always before adding fresh fuel to the fire, open the damper and let the stove burn hot for 15 minutes or so.

5. Do not use chemical cleaners. Since metal chimneys are typically designed for a lifetime of 35 to 40 years, there's no way of knowing how much damage such chemicals cause.



Learning to harness the energy potential of wood is much like working with electricity — it's respect, not fear, that allows us to make full and safe use of it.

Mini-oven for Christmas?

Have you started your Christmas wish list yet? If so, consider a convection oven that can sit right on your counter top.

A convection oven circulates the heat so you can bake at a lower temperature — or often, for a shorter period of time.

A counter-top model takes up less room than a microwave oven, bakes or broils and uses less electricity than a regular oven. It won't make your kitchen feel like a sauna in the summertime, either. It is rated at 1,200 watts, while a regular oven uses four times that much electricity.

This little oven resembles a toaster

oven and is great for reheating leftovers or baking TV dinners, a pan of biscuits, a cobbler, meatloaf, apples or anything else you bake in a regular oven.

The big advantage of this oven is also its drawback — that is its size. It is small. A 7x9-inch pan will fit in it but you can forget using a 9x13 pan.

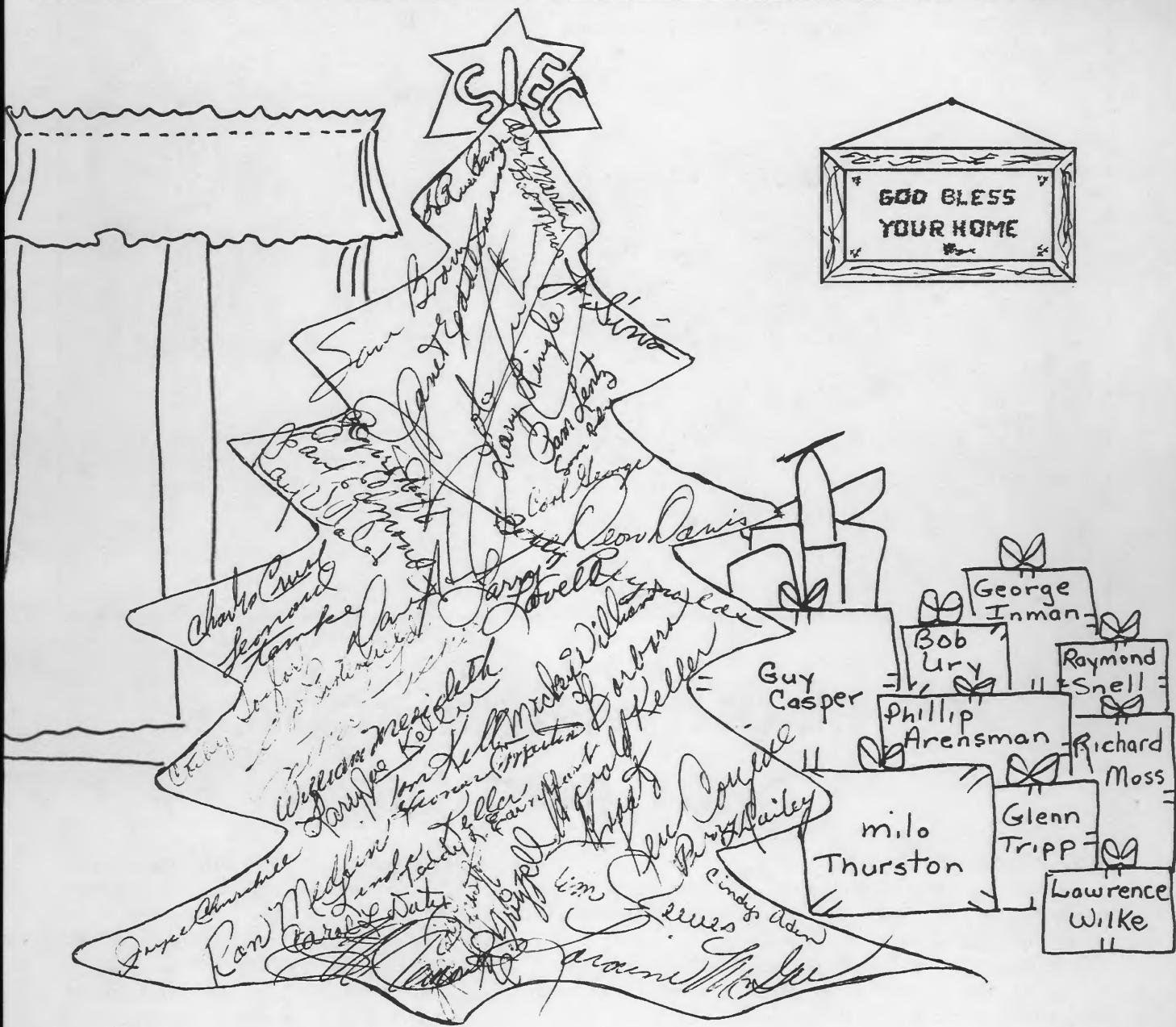
Imagine trying to fit everyone at a family reunion into a compact car. That is about what you'd have if you tried to use this small appliance to fix a large meal for a big family. But if your family is small or you bake small amounts at one time, this may be just right for you.

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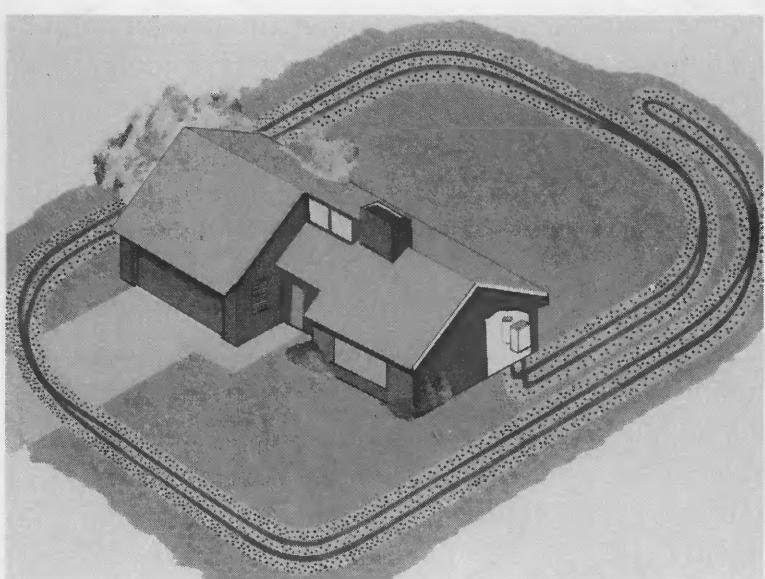
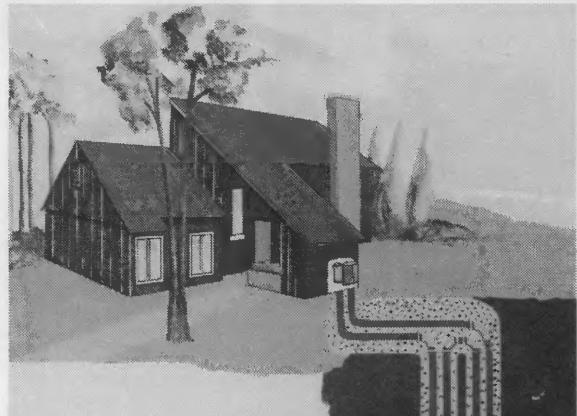
BRIGHTEN YOUR LIFE

WARM YOUR HEARTH

AND LIGHT YOUR WAY

Vertical loop

Of the two types of closed-loop installations, the vertical loop technique requires less space and affects yard and lawn less than the horizontal loop installation.



Horizontal loop

The horizontal loop installation takes advantage of coupling the heat pump with a large area of earth and avoids having to drill a vertical hole.

All about water-source heat pumps

Q. What is a water-source heat pump?

A. A water-source heat pump is an electrically powered device that uses the natural heat storage ability of the earth and/or the earth's groundwater to heat and cool your home or business. **Q. How does it work?**

A. Like any type of heat pump, it simply moves heat energy from one place to another. Your refrigerator works using the same scientific principle. By using the refrigeration process, water-source heat pumps remove heat energy stored in the earth and/or the earth's groundwater and transfer it to the home.

Q. How is heat transferred between the earth and home?

A. The earth has the ability to absorb and store heat energy. To use heat stored energy, heat is extracted from the earth through a liquid medium (anti-freeze solution) and is pumped to the heat pump or heat exchanger. There, the heat is used to heat your home.

In summer the process is reversed and indoor heat is extracted from your home and transferred to the earth through the liquid.

Q. You mentioned heating and cooling. Does it do both?

A. One of the things that makes a heat pump so versatile is its ability to be a heating and cooling system in one. You can change from one mode to another with a simple flick of a switch on your indoor thermostat. In the cooling mode, a water-source heat pump takes heat from indoors and transfers it to the cooler earth through either groundwater or an underground loop system.

Q. Does the underground pipe system really work?

A. The buried pipe, or "ground loop," is the most recent technical advancement in heat pump technology. The idea to bury pipe in the ground to gather heat energy began in the 1940s. But it's only been in the last few

years that new heat pump designs and improved pipe materials have been combined to make water-source heat pumps the most efficient heating and cooling systems available.

Q. What is a closed-loop system?

A. The term "closed-loop" is used to describe a water-source heat pump system that uses a continuous loop of special buried plastic pipe as a heat exchanger. The pipe is connected to the indoor heat pump to form a sealed, underground loop through which an anti-freeze solution is circulated.

Q. Where can this loop be located?

A. That depends on land availability and terrain. Some closed-loops are trenched horizontally in yards and adjacent to the home — others are placed in vertical holes that are backfilled with sealing material.

Q. How long will the loop last?

A. Closed-loop systems should only be installed using high-density polyethylene or polybutylene pipe. Properly installed, these pipes will last 25-75 years. They are inert to chemicals normally found in soil and have

good heat conducting properties. PVC pipe should not be used under any circumstances.

Q. Will an earth loop affect my lawn or landscape?

A. No. Research has proven that loops have no adverse effect on grass, trees or shrubs. Most horizontal loop installations use trenches about six inches wide. This, of course, will leave temporary bare areas that can be restored with grass seed or sod. Vertical loops require little space and result in minimal lawn damage.

Q. Can I install an earth loop myself?

A. It's not recommended. In addition to thermal fusion of the pipe, good earth-to-coil contact is very important for successful loop operation. Non-professional installations may result in less than optimum heat pump performance.

Q. I have a pond near my home. Can I put a loop in it?

A. Yes, if it's deep enough and large enough. A minimum of six feet in depth at its lowest level during the year is needed for a pond to be considered. In pond loops, copper, polyethylene or polybutylene pipe can be used.



Trench work extended into cropland south of the house. Because of the depth of the pipe, the land can still be used for production.

Walkers considered their options and chose water-source heat pump

One of the major investments in home building is the heating and cooling system. Before making this decision, the new homeowner should compare fuel costs in the area. A desirable system is one which will not become obsolete, maintain a high efficiency level and require a minimum of maintenance.

One local couple considered the

options and made the move to water-source heat. Tom and Peggy Walker of Ullin recently have equipped their new home with a closed-loop, water-source heat pump system. Up to the present time, they have been using a wood-burning furnace for their central heating. They were introduced to this idea by articles about water-source heating

which have appeared in several farm publications and in the Illinois Rural Electric News. After reading the reports, the Walkers weighed the advantages and decided that the new system was worth investigating.

The Walkers requested literature from the Member Service office at Southern Illinois Electric Cooperative and talked to suppliers in the

area. They requested bids on the conversion project. Two companies submitted bids.

Tom and Peggy's home is a seven-room frame dwelling with a full basement and two-car garage. It contains 1,400 square feet. The walls have R-17 insulation and there is R-21 in the ceilings. The windows are double-hung storm window units which provide maximum insulation and swing out for ease in cleaning.

The trench work was done by a local contractor who buried a 1,500 foot loop of special one and one-half inch plastic pipe four feet deep. This was the recommended depth for our climate zone. The loop of pipe runs out into the field south of the house, but Mr. Walker said, "The direction you lay the pipe is not important. In my situation, it was convenient to extend the pipe behind the house. After the pipe is in ground the acreage can still be used for crops."

The heat exchanger is located in the basement with the existing wood-burning furnace as a backup unit. Tom measured the duct work and had it made by a local tin shop. When the heat exchanger was installed, only minor adjustments had to be made to the duct work which was in use. The anti-freeze solution used by the closed loop is circulated through the buried loop into the heat exchanger and back out into the loop. The natural heat stored in the ground is transferred from the solution by the heat exchanger into the heat which is circulated through the duct work into the home.

The heat exchanger also supplements the existing hot water heater. Hot water is cost-free during the summer months when the heat of the ground transfers itself into hot water and the heat exchanger is acting as an air conditioner. During the winter months, all groundwater heat is absorbed by the heat requirements of the home. There will be hot water heating expense during the cold months.

After experiencing several years in their new home which were uncomfortably hot in summer and



The one and one-half inch pipe provides solution for the heat exchanger and then returns the solution to the loop.

cold in winter, Tom and Peggy are very grateful for the cozy warmth of their new system. Peggy was proud to claim, "The temperature seldom varies one or two degrees throughout the house with the thermostat set on 70 degrees."

Expressing satisfaction with the new heating plant, Tom stated, "Other new homes in the area have invested as much as I have and more for conventional heating and cooling systems. I don't expect my energy bill to exceed \$30 to \$40 per month. This setup has a potential for 300 percent efficiency and I expect to recoup the cost of installation by fuel savings over the next three or four years."

At the time of installation, the contractor stated that he had this type of system in his home and was enjoying an average energy bill of approximately \$100 per month. Operation is virtually problem-free with no replacement worries for at least 12 to 15 years.

Groundwater heat pumps are a common sense answer to the problem of high cost home heating and air conditioning. If you have questions about this type of installation, information is available through the Member Service Office at your cooperative.

To report an outage

To report outages during office hours, call: 827-3555

To report outages after hours (nights, weekends, holidays), call: Dongola, 827-3689 . . . Carl George Dongola, 827-3579 . . . Ron Medlin Dongola, 827-4202 . . . Ken Corzine

Metropolis area:

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524-2380 . . . Leonard Martin

Metropolis,

524-5627 . . . Perry Dailey

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Office closing

The SIEC office will be closed on the following days in observance of the holiday season: Christmas, Thursday, December 25, and New Year's Day, Thursday, January 1.