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ON THE COVER

Spring and Summer mean State Park time, say these three young lady-boaters. And their choice is Pickett State Park. You will enjoy a visit to one of these fine recreational facilities, too—there's one near you. Photo courtesy State Department of Conservation.



Volunteer Views

By J. C. Hundley

Lacking one week of being exactly two years apart in their governmental births, two of our Nation's greatest benefactors came into being in the good month of May.

It was on May 18, 1933 that President Franklin Roosevelt signed into law the historic act which created the Tennessee Valley Authority.

One year and 51 weeks later, on May 11, 1935, President Roosevelt, by Executive Order, created the Rural Electrification Administration. Congress enacted the more formal Rural Electrification Act the following year.

Individually and/or collectively, these two Federal agencies probably have favorably affected more Americans in more ways than any other one or two bills ever passed by Congress.

Are these two agencies, 36-year-old REA and 38-year-old TVA still doing the jobs they were created to do?

Yes, and a lot more—and still going strong. Let's take a closer look.

The junior of the two in age, REA, is still doing the job it set out to do—financing electric systems to serve rural and small town citizens on an area coverage basis. Today, with loans from REA, more than 1,000 such systems—mostly cooperatives—are serving upwards of 21-million people. Size of these systems run from a few hundred to more than 30,000 members, with several of these super-size cooperatives being located right here in Tennessee. Some of the nation's systems number in the area of ten to twelve members per mile of line while a few, such as a new electric cooperative which serves a 12,800 square mile "power desert" in central Nevada and west central Utah, average fewer than one member per mile of line. Some REA-financed lines go under water while others go thousands of feet higher over mountain tops. The one greatest common denominator of REA-financed systems is the delivery of electric service to all rural and small town Americans who want it.

With loads doubling every few years for the systems which the agency has financed to the tune of more than \$6.3-billion during the past 36 years, sufficient loan funds are REA's biggest

problem, one which is beginning to receive at least some relief through the creation of the CFC, a story on which appears elsewhere in this issue. Meanwhile, REA will continue to stretch every loan dollar as far as it will go in a program which has seen only 6 thousandths of 1 percent go into default.

There are many people, especially in other parts of the nation, who think of TVA as primarily a generator of electricity. It does generate power, in great abundance, and has provided its distributors with some of the lowest wholesale rates in the world, despite the recently necessitated increase in rates—and it does much more. TVA is and has always been a MULTIPURPOSE installation. In addition to wholesale rates far below the national average, consider these accomplishments, among others:

FLOOD CONTROL—Since 1936, TVA dams and reservoirs have averted \$400-million in potential flood damage and provided another \$150-million of flood control benefits to the lower Ohio and Mississippi basins.

COMMERCIAL FREIGHT TRAFFIC—Tennessee River traffic has doubled during the past decade and altogether has saved shippers some \$500-million.

RECREATION—Recreational improvements on TVA lakes by private interests and public agencies other than TVA now total some \$300-million.

ECONOMIC—38 years ago, the Tennessee Valley was the Nation's No. 1 economic problem with personal income only 45% of the national average. Today that average stands at 71%.

Add to these TVA's contributions to agriculture, particularly in fertilizer research and land use and other resource development and you come up with one of the wisest decisions ever made by Congress.

This is our May "birthday" salute to REA and TVA which, particularly in this area, have done so much to bring our rural and small town areas out of darkness and continue to make daily living and economic opportunities ever more attractive.

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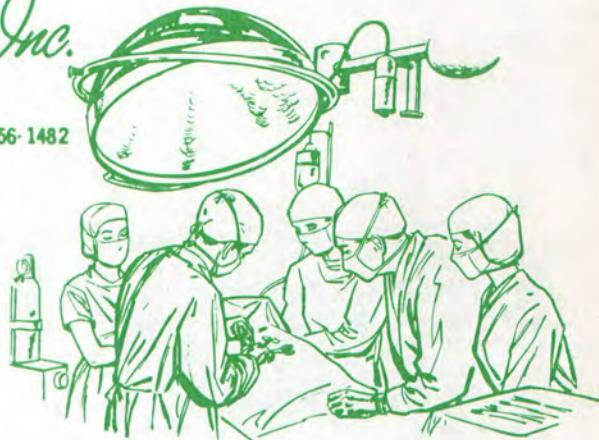
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Not a Tall Tale But...

This Yarn Ends With A Sock

By John Stanford

If all the yarn used each year by the Kimball Knitting Mills and the Goodwill Knitting Mills of Route 1, Jasper, Tennessee (Kimball Community) were made into a continuous string, one of our space flights theoretically could take the leading end of this immense ball of twine to the moon, circle this heavenly satellite five times and head back to earth before the other end would be lifted from the ground.

Projected into a more practical, and actual, example, these two knitting mills, owned and managed by Gordon Hill, Sr. and Gordon Hill, Jr., produce 120,000 pairs of hosiery each week, usually the year 'round. Although each owns and operates one of the mills on a separate basis, this father and son have combined their business skills on a third company named Dol-Wear, Inc. It is a seasonal business specializing in doll garments and Christmas promotions.

Business was not always done on such a large scale for the Hills, especially Gordon Hill, Sr. Although he had been involved in the knitting business for most of his adult life, it was not until 1950 that the senior Hill started his own venture—in his garage and with the somewhat-less-than-startling capital of \$250. His and his son's present investment amounts to about two thousand times that amount—or about \$500,000.

It wasn't long after the elder Hill's modest start in his garage—and in keeping with small beginnings, he began by making doll sox on rented equipment—that he began needing more and more room. He first added 25 feet to his garage, then made two more additions of 25-by-50 feet each. Today, within a short stone's throw of each other, are separate buildings for each of the two knitting mills and the Dol-Wear operation.

After five years of making doll sox, Hill went into production of ankle and knee-length hosiery for larger dolls—the human variety—in 1955. He bought out another company operating under the name of Dol-Wear in 1964 and integrated it with his existing business.

After college and military service, Gordon Hill, Jr. went into the manufacture of grieve goods (unbleached and undyed hosiery) in 1961 and operated independently until 1966 when he went into partnership with his father in the Dol-Wear end of the business. His knitting operation, while still operated independently, is located on the same acreage as that of his father. The two knitting mills and Dol-Wear hire some 50 employees and have a payroll now approaching \$200,000 per year.

Between them, the two Hills own 350 knitting machines, 180 of which are kept on the production lines. Each machine operates with an average of 108 needles in knitting unbleached yarn into hosiery. The hosiery comes off the knitting machines with open toes which are closed on commercial sewing machines, inspected inside out, packed and shipped by company trucks to the Willwear Company in Chattanooga, which contracts for the entire production of the Kimball and Goodwill mills.

Dol-Wear is provided its doll sox by the mills but purchases most of its garment materials on the open market. Most of its output is cut, sewn and packaged under one roof. Dol-Wear products are distributed by way of a national salesman who heads a force of 27 sales representatives.

The two knitting mills and Dol-Wear require, and get, quite a supply of electricity, which is provided by Sequachee Electric Cooperative of South Pittsburg, Tenn. Powering the combined operation are nine 5-horsepower, one 7½-horsepower and six ½-horsepower motors.

Gordon Hill, Sr., who at 67 years of age has seen his business grow, literally, from a garage operation to a \$500,000 in sales-per-year business, is looking forward to retiring and turning the entire operation over to Gordon Hill, Jr., now 37.

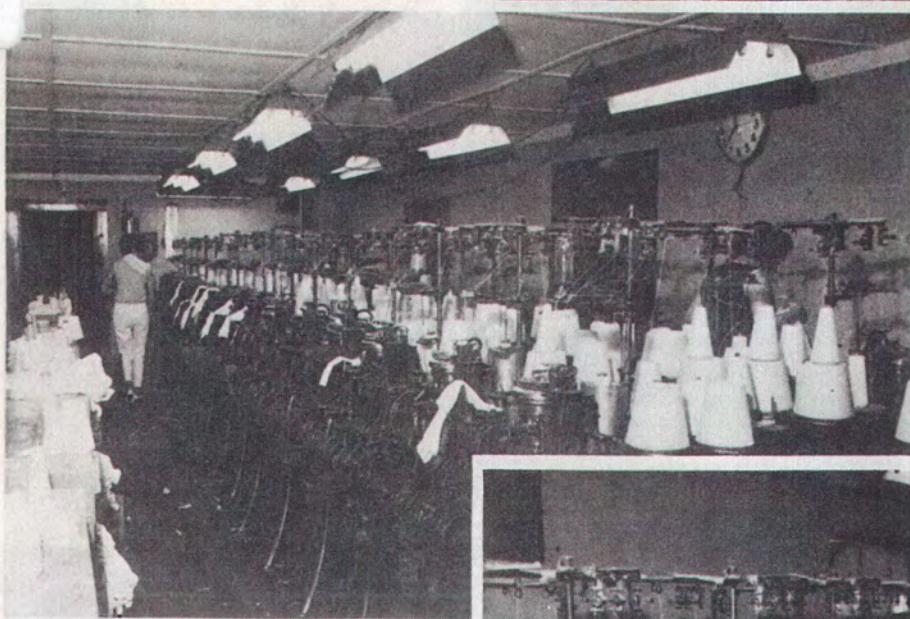
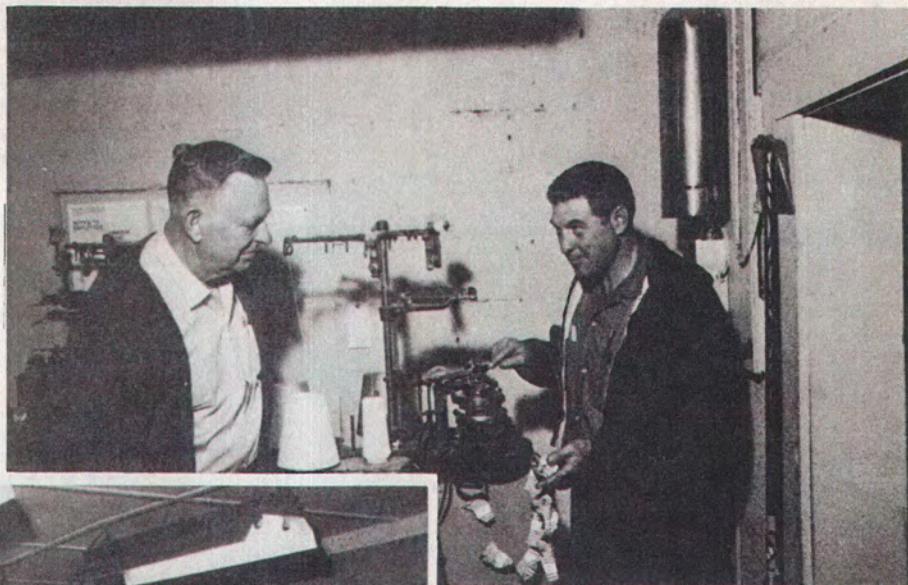
"For certain," says the elder Hill, "I could not have given a thought to starting this business had electric service not been available and we remain dependent in large part to the excellent service that we get from Sequachee Valley Electric Co-op in the amount of almost 100,000 kilowatt hours each year."

Come to think of it, it would take a lot of doing to knit 120,000 pairs of hosiery every week ... by hand!





Gordon Hill, Jr. shows Art Edmister, left, Electrification Advisor of Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative, a string of tiny socks which will be used for doll clothes or dog toys. Sequachee Valley is electric supplier to entire operation.



Mrs. Mary Holder tests sox by running their length over her arm, turning inside out and examining:



Final step before packing is the toe-closing process. (Center, opposite page.) Janice Curtis (foreground) and Dianne Blevins are two of several employees who perform this job.

The Gordon Hills, Junior and Senior, discuss the quality of hosiery which has just come from knitting machines in background.

FONDUE The ELECTRIC Way

By Mary Ann Pitt
Home Service Advisor
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Fonduing is fun!...and it's easy too. One can enjoy all the romance of a European fondue from hors d'ouevres to dessert; from brunch to informal supper or late night treat.

What is Fondue? It's a method of cooking right at the table. Everyone is given a fork and you and your guests prepare your own meal by dunking into the communal pot. The fun of fonduing is the participation. The atmosphere is relaxed and carefree. Fondue goes anywhere from the formal dining room out to the patio.

The Swiss originated the Cheese fondue. The French, however, receive the credit for the name derived from the French word "to melt."

Several traditions surround fondue cooking. For example, if someone drops his bread in the fondue pot, he has a choice of three penalties. 1. To forfeit a turn. 2. To buy the next bottle of wine, or 3. To kiss the person of his choice. A new American fondue tradition is starting — the one who drops his food in the fondue pot gives the next fondue party.

There are many types and sizes of fondue pots; of course, electric fondues are far more convenient.

There are many advantages of electric fondues. Electric fondues maintain a constant temperature (no reheating); need no extra supplies of fuel (just plug it in any outlet); and the fuel is odorless. Several manufacturing companies, Oster, West Bend and Presto make electric fondues, each having different styles and features; so check around and compare these electric fondues.

If you haven't tried fondue get into the swing of things and try some of the recipes below. If you are an old pro at fonduing, perhaps you will find some new recipes to try.

Hot Cheese Dunk

1 medium onion, finely chopped	1½ cups Swiss cheese, grated
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6 tablespoons butter	1 cup grated Parmesan cheese
2 chicken bouillon cubes	1/2 cup Sauterne
5 tablespoons flour	
1 teaspoon steak sauce	

Mix cream, flour and steak sauce and set aside. Saute onion in butter with bouillon cubes in Fondue Pot at Hi Setting, stirring to dissolve cubes. Reduce heat to medium. Add cream mixtures, stirring constantly until thickened. Add cheeses gradually and stir until melted. Add Sauterne and mix well. Adjust low range to maintain dipping consistency.

Dunkers: Fresh cooked shrimp, ham cubes
Serves 4-6 as main course — 10-12 as appetizer

Pizza Fondue

1 onion chopped	1½ teaspoons fennel seed
1/2 lb. ground beef	1½ teaspoons Oregano
2 tablespoons margarine	1/4 teaspoon Garlic powder
2 10½ oz. cans pizza sauce	10 oz. cheddar cheese, grated
1 tablespoon corn starch	
1 cup Mozzarella cheese, grated	

Brown onion and melt in shortening in Fondue Pot at Hi. Reduce heat to medium. Mix cornstarch and seasonings into pizza sauce and add sauce to mixture. Stir well. When mixture thickens and bubbles, add cheeses by thirds, stirring well after each addition. Adjust to medium range to maintain bubbly consistency.

Dunkers: Garlic Bread cubes, toasted English muffin cubes. Serve over toasted English muffins for a luncheon treat.

Serves 4-6 as main dish — 10-12 as appetizer

Tempura and Oil Fondue

Pour 4 cups of oil into base
1 teaspoon salt
1/3 to 1/2 lb. tenderloin beef per person
or 1/3 to 1/2 lb. chicken breast, shrimp or other seafoods

Cut meat into bite size cubes, let stand at room temperature 30 minutes. To prevent spattering, blot off excess moisture, especially if frozen. Lightly salt and pepper. Set control at highest setting and heat about 15 minutes or until 1" cube of soft bread browns in 40 to 60 seconds.

Marinade for Beef Fondue

1 teaspoon garlic salt	3 tablespoons honey
1/4 teaspoon dry mustard	1 tablespoon vinegar
1/4 teaspoon pepper	1½ teaspoon celery seed
2 tablespoons soy sauce	1/2 teaspoon ginger

Combine above ingredients in a saucepan and bring to a boil. Pour over beef. Cover and chill for several hours or overnight. Remove beef and pat dry.

Bearnaise Sauce

1 medium onion, finely chopped	6 parsley springs chopped
3/4 cup Hollandaise sauce	1/2 teaspoon tarragon sauce

Put onion, parsley, tarragon and vinegar in small saucepan. Heat to boiling and cook until liquid is evaporated. Mix well with Hollandaise sauce. Serve warm.

Horseradish Sauce

1 slice dry bread, finely crumbled	1/4 teaspoon salt dash pepper
/2 cup light cream	1/2 cup heavy cream 1 tablespoon sugar

Combine ingredients except cream. Whip cream and fold into horseradish mixture. Refrigerate until serving.

Soy Sauce

3 tablespoons butter	1 cup water
3 tablespoons Soy sauce	1 tablespoon cornstarch

Melt butter in skillet. Add water and heat to boiling. Add paste to soy sauce and corn starch and cook until thickened or clear. Serve warm.

Milk Chocolate Fondue

2 1 1/2 oz. packages chocolate chips	
1 cup heavy whipping cream	
1/4 teaspoon mint extract or 1 to 2 tablespoons	
creme de menthe, optional	

Combine chocolate chips and cream in fondue pot. Set heat control at dessert or low setting and stir until chocolate melts. Add mint flavoring. Stir until blended. 8-12 servings.

Dunkers: 1-inch cubes of angel food, sponge or pound cake, cut ladyfinger cookies, marshmallows, dates, dried apricots or fresh fruit tidbits.

Cream Fondue

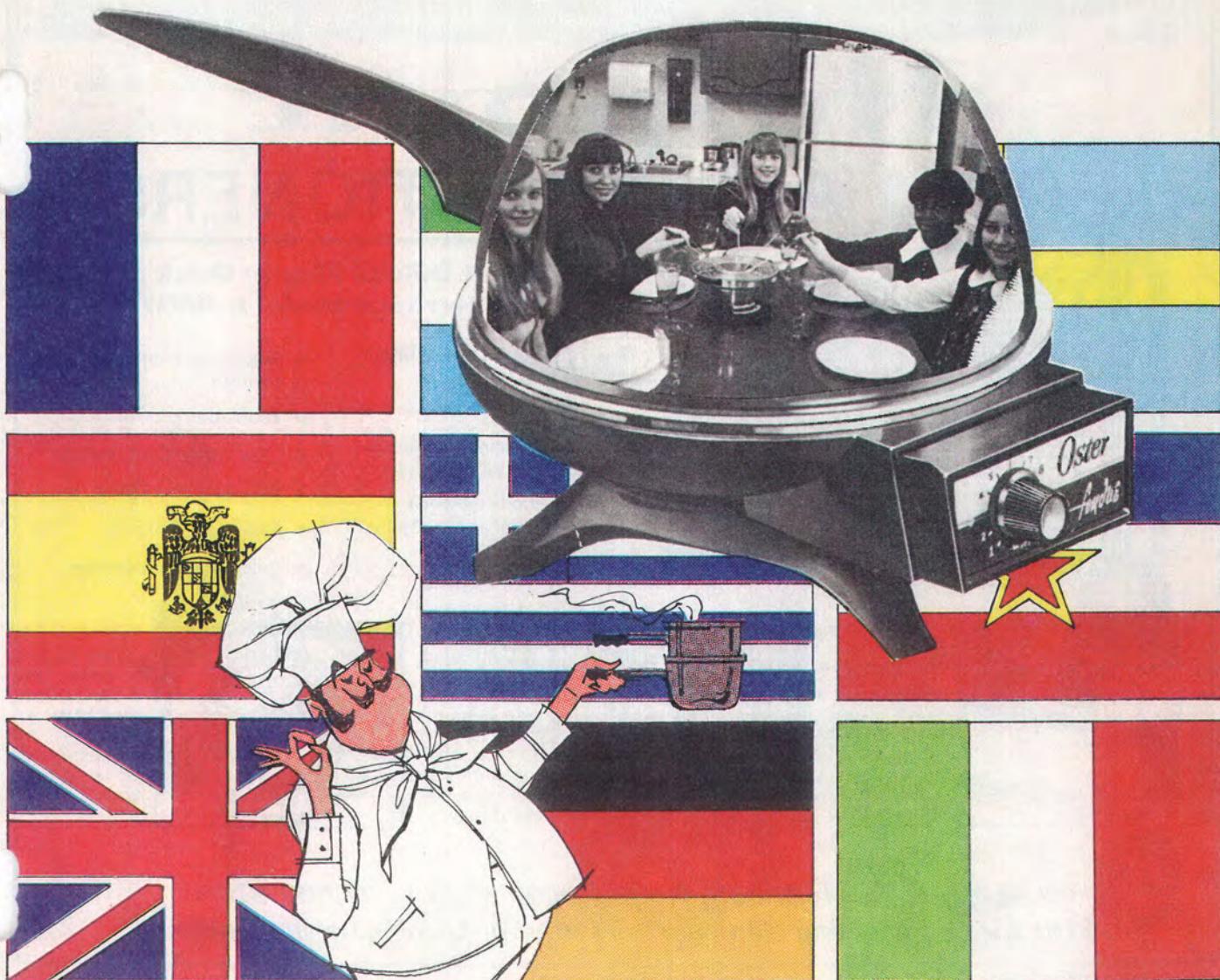
1/3 cup whipping cream	1/2 cup miniature marshmallows
1 tablespoon powdered sugar	

Pour one cup water into base. Combine whipping cream, marshmallows, and powdered sugar, stir until blended.

Dunkers: Peaches, Sponge cake, Strawberries.

Carmel Cream

Substitute brown sugar for powdered sugar in cream fondue. Use apples or pop corn for dunkers.



PUZZLE CORNER

April's puzzle brought much response and 90% of the answers were correct! We had numerous replies from our young people (good algebra teachers?) and we are glad to see that they are interested in this portion of our magazine.

The puzzle for April concerned a chief of the M'gmb race, who was a shrewd man, and worked the men of the tribe at rates so that each man would break even in every month of 24 working days and thus the chief never had to pay any of them. He hired the men at 5 bmgs per day.

The chief would fine each man 7 bmgs per working day when he was absent or loafed—(which the chief knew would be often for the lazy men.)

You were asked how many days a M'gmb worked per month.

The answer: 14 days per month. The winner of our first place prize of \$10 from THE TENNESSEE MAGAZINE is Robert Jarrett, P. O. Box 93, Adamsville, Tennessee, a member of Pickwick Electric Cooperative.

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ber of Sequachee Valley Electric Cooperative.

Here is your puzzle for May:

Tommy's mother said, "You had almost a dollar in dimes this morning . . . is this all you have left?"

Tommy replied: "I spent the others. Half of what I spent is two-thirds of what I have left."

Can you determine how many dimes Tommy had left?

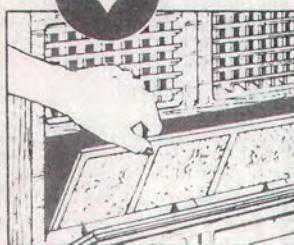
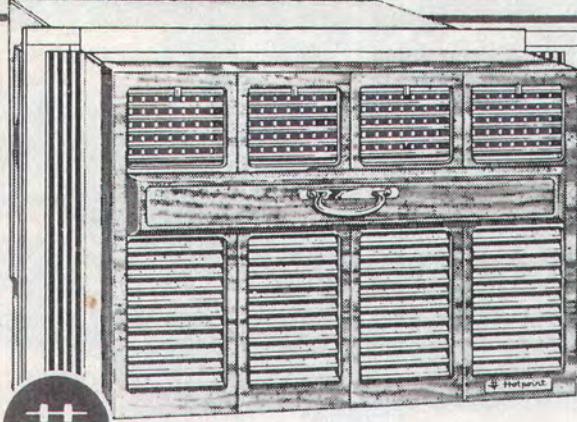
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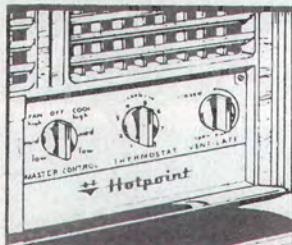
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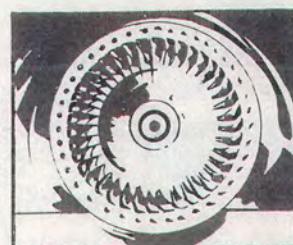


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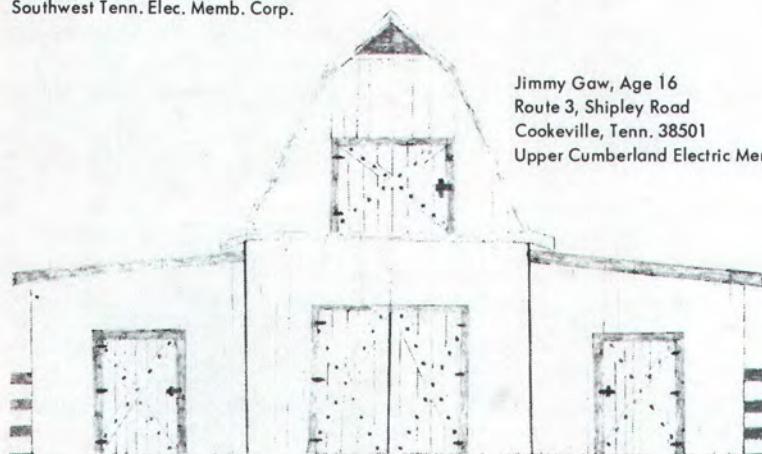
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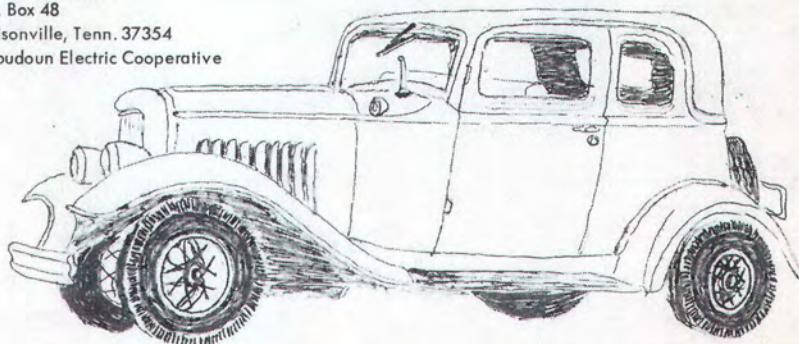


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	Oval with red velvety covering. Sometimes almost colorless. Larva has six legs. Harmless adult has eight and resembles a small spider. Very tiny—about 1/20-inch long.	Found in low damp places covered with vegetation: shaded woods, high grass or weeds, fruit orchards. Also lawns and golf courses. From Canada to Argentina.	Attaches itself to the skin by inserting mouthparts into a hair follicle. Injects a digestive fluid that causes cells to disintegrate. Then feeds on cell parts. It does not suck blood.
	Flat oval body with short broad head and six legs. Adult is reddish brown. Young are yellowish white. Unpleasant pungent odor. From 1/8 to 1/4-inch in length.	Hides in crevices, mattresses, under loose wallpaper during day. At night travels considerable distance to find victims. Widely distributed throughout the world.	Punctures the skin with piercing organs and sucks blood. Local inflammation and welts result from anticoagulant enzyme that bug secretes from salivary glands while feeding.
	Oval body with eight legs. Light yellow to medium dark brown. Has distinctive mark shaped like a fiddle on its back. Body from 3/8 to 1/2-inch long, 1/4-inch wide, 3/4-inch from toe-to-toe.	Prefers dark places where it's seldom disturbed. Outdoors: old trash piles, debris and rough ground. Indoors: attics, storerooms, closets. Found in Southern and Midwestern U.S.	Bites producing an almost painless sting that may not be noticed at first. Shy, it bites only when annoyed or surprised. Left alone, it won't bite. Victim rarely sees the spider.
	Color varies from dark brown to glossy black. Densely covered with short microscopic hairs. Red or yellow hourglass marking on the underside of the female's abdomen. Male does not have this mark and is not poisonous. Overall length with legs extended is 1 1/2 inch. Body is 1/4-inch wide.	Found with eggs and web. Outside: in vacant rodent holes, under stones, logs, in long grass, hollow stumps and brush piles. Inside: in dark corners of barns, garages, piles of stone, wood. Most bites occur in outhouses. Found in Southern Canada, throughout U.S., except Alaska.	Bites causing local redness. Two tiny red spots may appear. Pain follows almost immediately. Larger muscles become rigid. Body temperature rises slightly. Profuse perspiration and tendency toward nausea follow. It's usually difficult to breathe or talk. May cause constipation, urine retention.
	Crablike appearance with claw-like pincers. Fleshy post-abdomen or "tail" has 5 segments, ending in a bulbous sac and stinger. Two poisonous types: solid straw yellow or yellow with irregular black stripes on back. From 2 1/2 to 4 inches.	Spends days under loose stones, bark, boards, floors of outhouses. Burrows in the sand. Roams freely at night. Crawls under doors into homes. Lethal types are found only in the warm desert-like climate of Arizona and adjacent areas.	Stings by thrusting its tail forward over its head. Swelling or discoloration of the area indicates a non-dangerous, though painful, sting. A dangerously toxic sting doesn't change the appearance of the area, which does become hypersensitive.
	Winged body with yellow and black stripes. Covered with branched or feathery hairs. Makes a buzzing sound. Different species vary from 1/2 to 1 inch in length.	Lives in aerial or underground nests or hives. Widely distributed throughout the world wherever there are flowering plants—from the polar regions to the equator.	Stings with tail when annoyed. Burning and itching with localized swelling occur. Usually leaves venom sac in victim. It takes between 2 and 3 minutes to inject all the venom.
	Small dark fragile body with transparent wings and elongated mouthparts. From 1/8 to 1/4-inch long.	Found in temperate climates throughout the world where the water necessary for breeding is available.	Bites and sucks blood. Itching and localized swelling result. Bite may turn red. Only the female is equipped to bite.
	Large dark "spider" with a fury covering. From 6 to 7 inches in toe-to-toe diameter.	Found in Southwestern U.S. and the tropics. Only the tropical varieties are poisonous.	Bites produce pin-prick sensation with negligible effect. It will not bite unless teased.
	Oval with small head; the body is not divided into definite segments. Grey or brown. Measures from 1/4-inch to 3/4-inch when mature.	Found in all U.S. areas and in parts of Southern Canada, on low shrubs, grass and trees. Carried around by both wild and domestic animals.	Attaches itself to the skin and sucks blood. After removal there is danger of infection, especially if the mouthparts are left in the wound.

SEVERITY	TREATMENT	PROTECTION	
Itching from secreted enzymes results several hours after contact. Small red welts appear. Secondary infection often follows. Degree of irritation varies with individuals.	Lather with soap and rinse several times to remove chiggers. If welts have formed, dab antiseptic on area. Severe lesions may require antihistamine ointment.	Apply proper repellent to clothing, particularly near uncovered areas such as wrists and ankles. Apply to skin. Spray or dust infested areas (lawns, plants) with suitable chemicals.	 CHIGGER
Affects people differently. Some have marked swelling and considerable irritation while others aren't bothered. Sometimes transmits serious diseases.	Apply antiseptic to prevent possible infection. Bug usually bites sleeping victim, gorges itself completely in 3-5 minutes and departs. It's rarely necessary to remove one.	Spray beds, mattresses, bed springs and baseboards with insecticide. Bugs live in large groups. They migrate to new homes on water pipes and clothing.	 BEDBUG
In two to eight hours pain may be noticed followed by blisters, swelling, hemorrhage or ulceration. Some people experience rash, nausea, jaundice, chills, fever, cramps or joint pain.	Summon doctor. Bite may require hospitalization for a few days. Full healing may take from 6-8 weeks. Weak adults and children have been known to die.	Use caution when cleaning secluded areas in the home or using machinery usually left idle. Check firewood, inside shoes, packed clothing and bedrolls — frequent hideaways.	 BROWN RECLUSE SPIDER
Venom is more dangerous than a rattlesnake's but is given in much smaller amounts. About 5 per cent of bite cases result in death. Death is from asphyxiation due to respiratory paralysis. More dangerous for children, to adults its worst feature is pain. Convulsions result in some cases.	Use an antiseptic such as alcohol or hydrogen peroxide on the bitten area to prevent secondary infection. Keep victim quiet and call a doctor. Do not treat as you would a snakebite since this will only increase the pain and chance of infection; bleeding will not remove the venom.	Wear gloves when working in areas where there might be spiders. Destroy any egg sacs you find. Spray insecticide in any area where spiders are usually found, especially under privy seats. Check them out regularly. General cleanliness, paint and light discourage spiders.	 BLACK WIDOW SPIDER
Excessive salivation and facial contortions may follow. Temperature rises to over 104°. Tongue becomes sluggish. Convulsions, in waves of increasing intensity, may lead to death from nervous exhaustion. First 3 hours most critical.	Apply tourniquet. Keep victim quiet and call a doctor immediately. Do not cut the skin or give pain killers. They increase the killing power of the venom. Antitoxin, readily available to doctors, has proved to be very effective.	Apply a petroleum distillate to any dwelling places that cannot be destroyed. Cats are considered effective predators as are ducks and chickens, though the latter are more likely to be stung and killed. Don't go barefoot at night.	
If a person is allergic, more serious reactions occur—nausea, shock, unconsciousness. Swelling may occur in another part of the body. Death may result.	Gently scrape (don't pluck) the stinger so venom sac won't be squeezed. Wash with soap and antiseptic. If swelling occurs, contact doctor. Keep victim warm while resting.	Have exterminator destroy nests and hives. Avoid wearing sweet fragrances and bright clothing. Keep food covered. Move slowly or stand still in the vicinity of bees.	
Sometimes transmits yellow fever, malaria, encephalitis and other diseases. Scratching can cause secondary infections.	Don't scratch. Lather with soap and rinse to avoid infection. Apply antiseptic to relieve itching.	Destroy available breeding water to check multiplication. Place nets on windows and beds. Use proper repellent.	
Usually no more dangerous than a pin prick. Has only local effects.	Wash and apply antiseptic to prevent the possibility of secondary infection.	Harmless to man, the tarantula is beneficial since it destroys harmful insects.	
Sometimes carries and spreads Rocky Mountain spotted fever, tularemia, Colorado tick fever. In a few rare cases, causes paralysis until removed.	Apply heated needle to tick. Gently remove with tweezers so none of the mouthparts are left in skin. Wash with soap and water; apply antiseptic.	Cover exposed parts of body when in tick-infested areas. Use proper repellent. Remove ticks attached to clothes, body. Check neck and hair. Bathe.	"Use common sense and precautions around all insects."

Timely Topics

RECORDS HELP FIND TOP BEEF PRODUCERS

A University of Tennessee beef cattle specialist states that the amount of money a beef producer makes on his cow herd tomorrow is directly related to the records he keeps on his herd today.

"It costs nearly as much to keep a cow that weans a 300-pound calf as it does to keep one that weans a 550-pound calf," says Haley M. Jamison, associate professor with U-T's Agricultural Extension Service. "But, you must have records in order to see which cows are weaning those heavy calves."

Jamison emphasizes that good production records, interpreted and used correctly, can help smaller and less experienced breeders become competitive and increase their profits.

Performance testing is a systematic way to keep records on economically important traits of growth rate and quality, says the animal husbandman. Using these records in a selection program should help any beef producer make improvements in his herd.

"Performance testing is just another tool a beef breeder can use in helping make intelligent decisions in culling his cow herd, in selecting replacement females and in evaluating which of his herd sires are doing the best job of transmitting desirable qualities to his offspring," adds Jamison.

He states that almost any breeder can pick out the top and bottom ten percents from his herd by visual appraisal, or "eyeballing," but performance testing will be of great help in evaluating the remaining 80 percent.

It's difficult to place a dollars and cents value on this tool, but if the cows that are simply not paying their way can be eliminated the benefits from performance testing will far exceed the cost. Jamison suggests that you contact your county Extension office if you're interested in locating and getting rid of these "boarder" cows.

LICE CAN CAUSE LIVESTOCK LOSS

W. C. Johnson, assistant professor with the University of Tennessee Agricultural Extension Service, warns farmers that lice infestations on livestock may be robbing them of profits.

"Heavy infestations of lice will keep beef cattle from making top gains, and lice on dairy cattle may reduce milk production by ten percent or more," Johnson says. "Infestations of lice are usually light in the summer and fall, but increase rapidly during winter and spring."

For information on controlling lice on dairy cattle, Johnson suggests that you contact your county Extension office and ask for SP164, "Dairy Livestock Pest Control." Be aware, however, that the use of rotenone has been cancelled. For lice control on beef cows, see SP165, "Beef Livestock Pest Control." Note that carbaryl (Sevin) has been cancelled.

"In treating cattle, use a sprayer that will give 100-200 pounds of pressure," Johnson adds. "Spray when the temperature is 50-60 degrees, and don't treat sick or distressed animals."

Johnson concludes by pointing out that pesticide usages are changing from day to day. Be sure to check with your local Extension office for the latest information.

FERTILIZATION HELPS PASTURES

Farmers looking for a good, inexpensive way to give their livestock more high quality forage should consider fertilizing their pasture land, suggests a University of Tennessee soil fertility specialist.

"Demonstrations on permanent pasture maintenance were carried out across the state in 1970 in which farmers' regular fertilization methods were compared to fertilization according to recommended methods," says Donald D. Howard. "The recommended fertilization method out-produced the farmers' regular method by an average of 3366 pounds of air dry forage per acre."

This average yield difference would be worth around \$33 per acre if this additional forage had to be bought, he adds. The average recommended fertilizer cost for these plots was around \$9.40 per acre, showing that fertilization returned an average of \$3.51 for every dollar invested.

"This is just the increased quantity benefit from a good pasture fertilization program," says Howard, assistant professor with U-T's Agricultural Extension Service. "An additional benefit is increased forage quality. Research has shown that proper fertilization prolongs the stand of grass and clovers."

You can get these fertilization recommendations by taking a soil sample of your pastures. Send the sample to the University of Tennessee Soil Testing Laboratory, P. O. Box 11019 Nashville, Tennessee 37211.

START FLY CONTROL AROUND DAIRY NOW

A University of Tennessee dairy specialist reminds dairy farmers that the fly season is fast approaching and that proper fly control can prevent a drop in milk production.

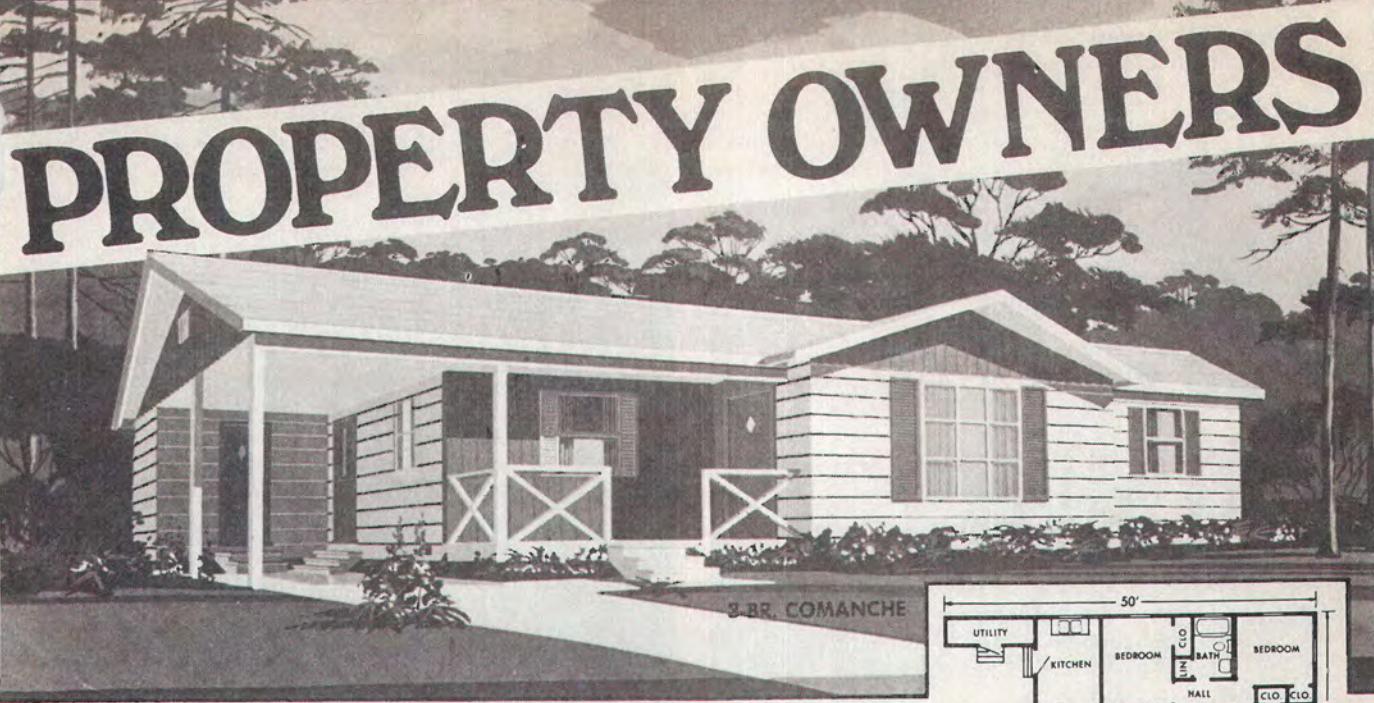
Herbert Holt, assistant professor with the U-T Agricultural Extension Service, says that ideal breeding places for flies can be found under feed bunks, hay mangers, calf pens and any other place where manure might not be removed by the scraper.

"Backrubbers are effective in controlling flies," Holt says. "This method requires little labor since you only need to recharge the backrubber every two to four weeks."

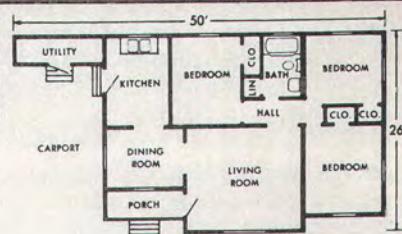
He suggests that you put the backrubber where the cows are forced to walk under it once or twice a day. The exit lane of the dairy barn is an ideal location for the backrubber. Charge with a mixture using three fluid ounces of CioVap to two gallons of No. 2 diesel fuel. Holt emphasizes that burned motor oil or kerosene should not be substituted for diesel fuel.

"Before you buy an insecticide for fly control, be sure it is approved for use on dairy cows," Holt stresses. "A residual insecticide must be used to control flies in resting pens and holding areas."

Holt urges dairymen to start a fly control program immediately—before the fly build-up.



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Slave Labor Handi-Work Gives Historical Atmosphere In Reconstructed House

"House By The Lake"

By: Thomas J. Clark
Electrification Advisor
Chickasaw Electric Cooperative

A picture and short article appeared in the January issue of the Tennessee Magazine about a big job one of our customers had undertaken and we promised to have more about it later.

The job is completed. A picture taken at the same location as the one in the January Magazine appears with this article which shows the finished project with chimney. Also, there are other pictures of the project as work progressed on the house and a picture of the lake which we think adds to the making of a very attractive place the Leaths should be most proud to own.

In 1954, Reed and Geraldine Leath bought a tract of land with 40 acres of beautiful hill timber. As Reed strolled through the woods he began to dream of a house he would like to build in the future. He knew exactly what he wanted, a two room log cabin with an open hallway separating the rooms. This would be patterned after the house he remembered playing in as a boy.

Next began the task of finding the logs, which was not easy. After much traveling and looking in the fall of 1968, the Leaths' dream began to take shape. They located fine houses that could be used in part for rebuilding. These houses were located in Shelby, Haywood, and Lauderdale Counties. Reed talked to the oldest people he could find where the houses were located and learned that all of the houses were probably built in pre-Civil War days.

A Mr. Edwin Stewart, who is 85 years old, told Reed one of the houses which was located on his grandfather's land was an old house when he was a small boy.

At a house which was located near Fort Pillow in Lauderdale County, an older citizen of that area pointed out an old road near the house that was said to have been traveled by the soldiers who fought in the Battle of Fort Pillow.

Some of the logs made of poplar trees in these houses are 2 feet wide and 22 feet long. Most of these are just as sound now as when first made.

Using farm labor, Reed tore down and moved the logs to the house site where they lay for two years



House at early stage of construction.

before he found a contractor he thought could build the house to his satisfaction.

On November 28, 1970, Gordon Bridgewater, contractor of Brownsville, Tennessee, with chief carpenter George Baggett and farm labor, began the task of cutting and fitting the logs back together. Three months later the house was completed. The house, complete with fireplace, has the rustic charm of an early pioneer house plus the convenience of a modern day house. It has two large rooms 18 feet by 20 feet with a 14 foot hallway.

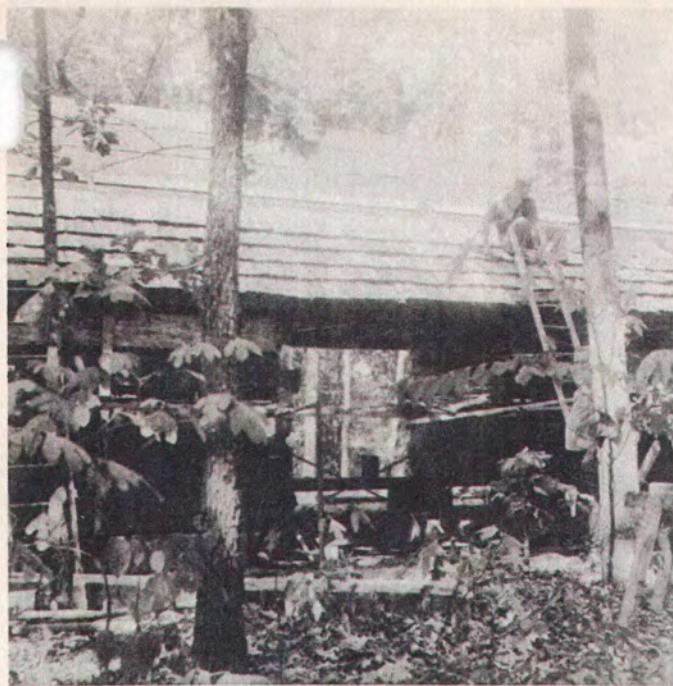
A small bath furnished with mobile home fixtures is located under the stairway leading to the garret. It is heated with an electric wall heater. It is also made of the logs fitted and built just as the other rooms.

The Leaths plan to take their time looking before completing the furnishings of the house. An old table for the kitchen was found in a junk shop. It is made of two poplar planks; each is 7 feet long and 18 inches wide. It is put together with pegs and square nails. An old marble slab 5 feet long and 12 inches wide made a perfect shelf which is used to serve coffee and dessert. An old fashioned wash stand with the original brass handles was bought from a friend of the Leaths, who had it stored in a barn. This was restored and is just perfect in the house.

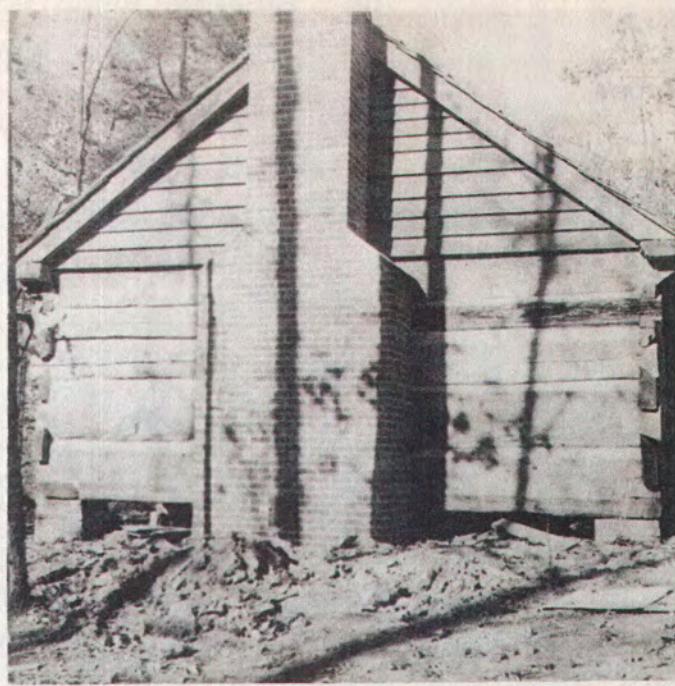
The house is already being used for family get-togethers and friends.

As one looks down from the front of the house he is enchanted by the blue water of a three acre lake. The lake was made before the house was started and the Leaths are already catching some nice size fish.

Reed declined to say what the house cost him but did say he had \$500.00 in the logs and labor before laying the foundation for the house. Mr. & Mrs. Leath deserve the pride and satisfaction which is theirs in the completion of a long and at times difficult job; however, as a result, they have a rare and unusual "home away from home." They will have many, many enjoyable hours in this house.



Beginning to take shape as rustic roof goes on.



This end of house now completed with chimney.



Lantern type porch lights are eye catching.



Beautiful lake.



House completed with very different appearance from earlier stages of construction.



House by the lake.

CFC LIKE HAVING A BANKER IN THE FAMILY

By CLYDE DENTON

■ During the 1971 annual meeting of the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association in Dallas in February, the heads of the Rural Electrification Administration and the Cooperative Finance Corporation announced the first two loans to be made jointly by the two agencies.

In a dramatic and history-making moment for rural electrification, REA's David Hamil and CFC's J. K. Smith signed the actual loan documents before the approximately 10,000 rural electric leaders gathered at that session.

In so doing, Hamil and Smith ushered in a new era for rural electrification and established a new direction for the program. For the first time in its 35-year history, rural electrification was receiving new capital from a supplemental source of financing. Until this moment, REA has been the sole and exclusive banker for the program.

For most rural electric systems, this represented one of rural electrification's finest hours. The rural electrics had been called upon to blaze a new trail . . . to once again become pioneers in an effort to assure that the rural areas of our nation would continue to enjoy an adequate and dependable supply of low-cost power.

In 1967, the rural electric systems faced what, at the time, seemed an insurmountable obstacle to their development. Power demands were doubling about every seven to ten years. More and more consumers, fleeing from the congestion and conditions of urban areas, were moving into rural areas. Industry was discovering rural America as the best place to locate new facilities. Here was the room for expansion and here was an abundant labor supply. Rural areas provided the only available recreational areas. In short, rural America became the place where the action was taking place.

The rural electrics were being called upon to change existing electric line facilities to heavier lines and transformers and to construct more substations to accommodate increasing load demands. Construction programs had to be accelerated to be ready to meet present and future needs. And all of this was taking place during a time when inflation was shrinking the value of the dollar.

It became apparent that the rural electrics would be required to obtain more new capital if they were to keep up with demand. Projections indicated that between \$12 and \$15-billion would be required within the next 15 years in order to keep up with demand. This was about twice as much as the rural electrics had invested in facilities during the 35-year history of the program.

REA could not be expected to meet all these soaring requirements. In fact, it appeared that Congressional authorizations for REA loans had leveled off at about \$345-million annually, or less than half the actual needs of the program.

If the rural electrics were to fulfill their role as utilities, they would have to come up with a plan to fill a portion of the capital gap that existed between what Congress was willing to authorize for REA loans and the actual needs of the program—a gap that promised to continue to widen in the years ahead.

As they always have in the past, the rural electrics used the "cooperative" approach, combining their own resources in a self-help supplemental financing program that would be member-owned and member-controlled. CFC is the financing institution that serves as the vehicle to make these new monies available.

The plan is quite simple, although more than three years of work, study, analysis, and travel were required for its implementa-

tion. Each member rural electric invests in Capital Term Certificates issued by CFC. In addition, they pay a nominal membership fee. CFC uses this capital as "seed" money and loans it back to the systems.

Loans made concurrently by REA and CFC are secured by a common mortgage on the system facilities with CFC and REA mortgages having equal status for the life of the loan. CFC then uses these mortgages as the basis for offering securities in the private capital market to raise additional monies needed by the systems.

Although this is an over-simplification, it represents the essentials of the plan. Every rural electric system can take pride in CFC because all had a hand in its development. In addition, this agency represents the determination of the rural electrics to stand on their own two feet and pay their own way as far as their financial resources will permit.

To date, 814 rural electrics have subscribed to invest approximately \$117-million in CFC Capital Term Certificates over a three-year period. Another 46 systems have applied for membership, but have not as yet made the decision to invest in Capital Term Certificates. CFC is now an operating entity, processing and making loans to its members.



REA Administrator David Hamil, right, hands to CFC Governor J. K. Smith the first loan document to be signed and participated in by the two lending organizations which the two men head.

CFC (continued)

At first, the idea staggered the imagination. It seemed too big—too demanding to be realized. But like those pioneers who built the first lines into rural America, today's rural electric leaders had faith.

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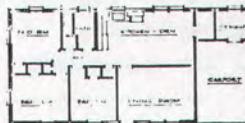
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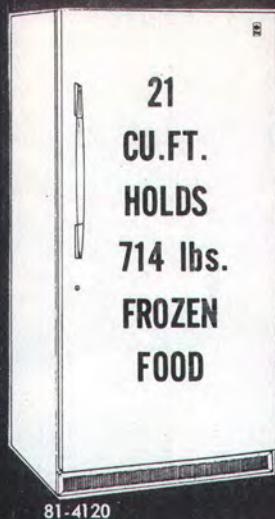
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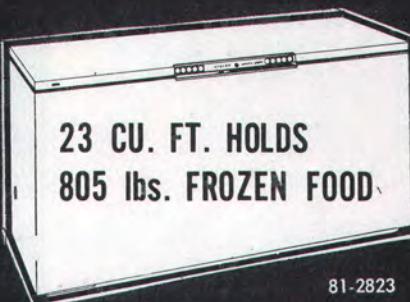
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