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Efficient Cooling Conserves Energy

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With winter behind us it may seem that the urgency of the Energy Crisis has passed, but this is a long-term problem, so it is still necessary to conserve energy.

Although the air conditioning season in Upstate New York is short, air conditioners consume a great deal of electricity when they are operating. Pre-season maintenance is helpful to save energy later on. To clean a central air conditioning unit, first, shut off the electricity at the fuse box. Spray the outside condenser coils with a garden hose from inside out, taking care not to spray the electric fan motor. Clean or replace the filter on the heating unit, oil the motor and check the fan belt. Make sure the furnace switch is in the "Off" position before doing this. Window units should also be cleaned before use. If possible, unplug the unit and remove it from the window. Clean the filter and either vacuum or wash the condenser coils. Check your owner's manual for instructions on the proper procedure for your particular unit.

When using the air conditioning, turn the thermostat to the warmest setting which is comfortable, preferably 78°. It is not advisable to set it for a colder temperature than you really want because the unit won't cool the room down any faster. Always keep windows and outside doors to the room closed when the unit is on, or the unit will have to run much

longer to reach the proper temperature. Attic insulation is helpful in keeping a house cool. Proper insulation is particularly important around the air ducts and over ceilings in livable areas.

Next week I will discuss choosing an air conditioning unit with the proper cooling capacity for the particular room. If you would like further information, call RG&E's Residential Department at 546-2700, Extension 2751 or Appliance Department at Extension 2428.

Cooling Info. Available Here

If you are thinking about buying an air conditioning unit for this summer, or having central cooling installed you will find RG&E's guides for air conditioning interesting reading. There are two, one about central air conditioning and one about room air conditioning units. Either or both are available to you at no charge.

These booklets explain important things to look for when you buy cooling, including the whole story on Energy Efficiency Ratio.

Besides helping you buy wisely, these booklets also tell you how to make the most of your cooling system while conserving energy.

If you would like one or both of these informative booklets fill out and return the coupon on this page.

From the Home Service Department

Gas Pilots and the Energy Crisis

Everyone wants to help save energy and many people have discovered some unique energy savers. There is one practice that's not recommended, however, and that is turning off the gas pilots on your home range. The National Safety Council says that this practice could lead to an increase in the number of home accidents involving burns and fires.

Since approximately 32 million homes in the United States have gas ranges, and if you take into consideration the possible number of exposures to matches and open flames by persons unaccustomed to lighting a range, this procedure will undoubtedly have an effect on the home burn injury rate.

Use your range properly and save energy while cooking, but don't invite a crisis to your home by turning off the pilots.

Food Freezing Demonstration To Be Held June 7 At Bull's Head Plaza



RG&E's Home Service Department will present a demonstration on food freezing Friday, June 7, at the Bull's Head Office in Bull's Head Plaza at 26 Genesee Street.

RG&E graduate Home economist Wilma Schnabel (above) will explain how to freeze a meat dish,

vegetables, deserts and fresh fruits.

The demonstration will take place between 12 noon and 1:30 p.m. However, you are invited to drop in anytime during that period and to stay as long as you like. The demonstration will be informal. Bring in any specific questions you have. Our Home Economist will be glad to answer them.

Local Campsites Written Up In RG&E Camping Guide

More and more people become camping enthusiasts every year. And this year will probably prove no exception. To help campers choose a campsite, RG&E has prepared the booklet **Camping In RG&E Country**. It describes 20 campsites, all located within the service area that RG&E serves.

This is an area which stretches from Fair Haven, to Hamlin, includes Canandaigua and goes all the way down to the Pennsylvania border. So, no matter what part of RG&E Country you live in, there is a campsite near you — one close enough so that you shouldn't have to worry about the gas supply

situation when you drive to it.

To get your booklet, **Camping In RG&E Country**, fill out the coupon on this page. The camping season is just beginning, so send in the coupon today and you will be well equipped to plan your camping days.

10th Annual Nunda Fun Days Coming Up

May 30, 31 and June 1 have been set aside for the 10th annual celebration of Nunda Fun Days. You don't have to be from Nunda to enjoy the lively festivities that surround the celebration. If you are a camper, you might set up camp at a local campsite and come into Nunda to participate in the fun.

Wherever you plan to stay in the area, you'll find a large list of events from which to choose during Fun Days. Thursday, May 30, the celebration will get under way with a pet and merchants parade at 6 p.m.; at 8 p.m. the Miss Nunda pageant will begin. Also on Thursday there will be square dancing and a photography contest.

Friday, May 31, you're invited to start off the evening at the 5 p.m. Rotary-sponsored spaghetti dinner at the high school. A midway will open at 6 p.m. as well as a 21-booth section devoted to arts and crafts with a flavor of yesteryear.

Saturday, June 1 starts off with an auction at 11 a.m. on Main Street South. The midway opens at Noon. From 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. on the school lawn there will be a clothesline art show. There will be a food bazaar on the lawn of the Nunda Community Home.

Highlighting this 3-day celebration will be the parade at 7 p.m. on Saturday. Bob Mills of WROC-TV will emcee the parades. Several bands and drum and bugle corps will participate in this colorful parade.

These are just some of the events that make Nunda Fun Days something you won't want to miss.

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