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by Dwight Dunbar,
Consultant to ILICA

Democrats will control the 93rd General Assembly starting in January 2003, and things will be different. In the House the Democrats increased their majority to 66 vs 52 Republican minority - it's still not a 3/5s veto proof majority as some had hoped for. With the budget crunch looming large, I can't believe the Speaker will let his members get overly zealous about many things, however.

The Senate Democrats will hold a 32 (33 if, as expected, Independent James Meeks side with the Democrats) majority vs 26 Republican minority for the 93rd General Assembly. With Democrat Blagojevich as Governor the legislative and budgetary processes/decisions will be completely controlled by the Democrats.

There is no love lost between Speaker Madigan and Governor Blagojevich so don't look for him be a great help to Blagojevich. More importantly there's no Republican whipping boy for the Speaker to blame things on if they go awry.

There are 16 new Senators to begin the 93rd General Assembly - that represents less than 30% turnover; however, only 8 of the 16 are new faces to the General Assembly. There are new Senators in the following Districts: 56, 55, 54, 53, 52, 47, 39, 37, 29, 20, 19, 18, 16, 15, 12, and 9. The new Senators are split evenly between downstate and Cook/Collar districts

Senator Sieben will no longer be the Chair of the Senate Ag & Conservation Committee. With the loss of

Senators Donahue, Maitland and Weaver from the Republican Leadership Team there is a possibility that Senator Sieben could be tapped for Republican leadership role and not serve on the Ag Committee at all. It could have been assumed that Senator O'Daniel would become Chair of the Ag & Conservation Committee under the Senate Democratic majority. However, O'Daniel lost his reelection bid and now we can only speculate who will move into the Chairmanship role, but Senator Larry Walsh may be in line for the post.

Turnover in the House was considerably lower at 22% - 26 new members and only 2 are not new faces to the General Assembly. Former Senator Robert Molaro [D-Chicago] won election to the House and former Assistant Republican Leader Robert Churchill [R-Lake Villa] returns to the House following the '02 Election. There are new House members in the following Districts: 5, 6, 21, 24, 28, 30, 35, 38, 39, 42, 51, 55, 57, 59, 60, 62, 78, 83, 89, 96, 100, 103, 105, 109, 110, and 118.

There are a number of Democratic House members that could be tapped for Committee Chairs by virtue of seniority. That increases the pressure on Speaker Madigan to further divide Committee responsibilities by increasing the number of Committees. There has been some talk of that around the rail but it's only speculation, now.

At this stage, I'm still planning on Mike Smith Chairing the House Ag Committee and Ricca Slone Chairing the Conservation & Land Use Committee.

As we assess the make-up of the 93rd Illinois General Assembly about 55% of the House comes from the northeast region of Illinois - Cook and Collar Counties. The new faces from the Downstate districts include only 1 person tied directly to agriculture and 1 small businessman that I know of there are only 5 of the new House membership that come the farm or from a small town. The picture isn't much different on the Senate side of the

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone has had a safe and successful year. Remember the state convention in Peoria this year. The Convention and Education Committees have been working hard to make this an educational and fun convention. I hope you take advantage of this and attend. Don't forget to bring items for the auction!

The National LICA Convention is in Oklahoma City in February. They are now offering different registration opportunities. Please see the information in this newsletter and in the LICA News. There will be lots to see and do and lots of educational opportunities. We hope for good representation from the Illinois Chapter.

As most of you know our son Brian was killed October 26th in an accident. Jean and I would like to thank all the members for all the support we received – the phone calls, the prayers, flowers and memorials for his two sons and everyone that came to the visitation and funeral service. It showed us what the ILICA family is all about.

I will see all of you in Peoria.

Forrest Davis
President

2003 NLICA Raffle

The National LICA 2003 Raffle was launched at the Summer Meeting in Moline. Tickets are available from the ILICA office and sold at board meetings. The drawing will be held on the last day of the 2003 National Meeting in February, 2003. You do not have to be present to win. Here are the prizes.

Grand Prize: CAT 247 Multi Terrain Loader

2nd Prize: John Deere Diesel Construction Gator 6x4

3rd Prize: Trimble/Spectra Precision 1242 Laser

4th Prize: \$1,000 toward purchase of Volvo Construction Equipment

5th Prize: One \$500 coupon towards purchase of Agri-Drain products

6th Prize: One \$500 coupon towards purchase of Agri-Drain products

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COMMITTEE MEETINGS

January 15, 2003

3:00 PM – Budget Committee

6:00 PM – Convention

Committee Dinner

7:30 PM – Convention

Committee Meeting

Upcoming Meetings



ILICA BOARD MEETINGS

2003 Annual Convention
January 16-18, 2003
Holiday Inn Brandywine, Peoria

LICA MEETINGS

February 17-22, 2003
Oklahoma/Tulsa, Oklahoma
Renaissance Hotel

July 15-19, 2003
Buffalo, New York

February 25-26, 2003
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Northfield Inn & Conference Center
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2003 ILICA CONVENTION Tentative Program

WEDNESDAY January 15

5:00 - 6:00 P.M. Registration *Pre Convene Area*
 3:00 Budget Committee Meeting
 6:00 Convention Committee Dinner
 7:30 Convention Committee Meeting



THURSDAY January 16

8:00 - 11:30 Registration *Pre Convene Area*
 7:30 Busses load for Caterpillar Tour
 8:00- Tour of Mapleton Foundary- Iron casting for engine blocks
(Must be at least 12 years old/no open toed shoes/no cameras/wheel chair accessible)
 10:00 Tour of Track Type Tractors (assembly and testing of D6R, 7R, 8R, 9R, 10R, and IIR)
 11:30 Lunch at Cat Administration Offices
 12:30 Return to Hotel
 1:00 - 3:00 Exhibits Open *Ballroom*
General Session *Grandview*
 Moderator-Ron Masching, Education Chairman
 1:00 - 1:45 Overview of Unemployment Insurance
 Who's Liable? Gene Copper, IL. Department of Employment Security
 1:45 - 2:45 Contractor Compliance with regard to Private Sewage Disposal & Dept of Public Health Code - Update - John Smet, Acting Regional Supervisor, Department of Public Health
 3:00 - 4:00 Board of Directors Meeting *Grandview*
 4:00 - 7:00 Exhibits Open *Ballroom*
 5:00 - 6:30 Attitude Adjustment Hour (Exhibit Area) (rules of Murder Mystery passed out)
 6:45 Early Bird Get Together - *Atrium* "Just Clowning Around- Circus Theme" *(clown or circus attire suggested)*
 7:15 Welcome - Bill Dean, Convention Chairman
 7:15 Entertainment -Champaign Urbana Theatre Company - "Seven Corpse Mystery Dinner"
 Scenario-"Fun Corn"—something more than corn is going to pop tonight!
 8:30 Associates Hospitality Room Open *pool side rooms*

Friday January 17

7:30 Devotional Service *Fon du lac*
 8:00 Breakfast sponsored by Prinsco, Inc. *Atrium*
 8:00 - 6:00 Exhibits Open *Ballroom*
 8:00 - 11:00 Registration Open *Pre-convene Area*
General Session Moderator - Forrest Davis, President *Grandview*
 9:00 ILICA Report - Forrest Davis
 9:15 LICA Report - Barney Flueger, Region IV Vice President/Louis McFarland, LICA President
 9:30 ILICA Legislative Report, Dwight Dunbar
 10:00 NRCS Report, Bill Gradle, State Conservationist
 10:15 FSA Report, William J. Graff, Executive Vice President, FSA
 10:30 Break
 10:45 IL Association of Drainage Districts Report
 11:00 AISWCD Report - Mark Besse, President, AISWCD
 11:15 Land Improvement & The General Assembly - Donald L. Moffitt (R-Gilson)
 11:45 Adjourn
 12:00 Luncheon (sponsored by Caterpillar Dealers - Altorfer Inc. & Patten Tractor & Equipment)
Atrium
General Session cont. *Grandview* Moderator/Forrest Davis
 1:15 - Software Possibilities for the Land Improvement Contractor - Spectra Physics - Rex Adams/Trimble
 2:00 Quick Books / Computer Program- Michelle Liss, CPA/William Peabodies P.C.
 3:00 Break
 2:45 - 3:00 Associates Committee Meeting - *(Exhibit Area)*



3:15 Storm Water Issues - Rick Pinneo, Bureau of Water
 3:40 Disposal Issues - Paul Purséglove, Bureau of Land
 4:05 Asbestos Handling & N.E.S.H.A.P.S. Regulations for Demolition & Renovation - Dale Halford, IL E.P.A.
 4:30 Open Burning/Permits - Floyd McKinney, IL E.P.A.
 5:00 Associates Hospitality Rooms Open *pool side rooms*
 6:00 Dinner sponsored by Agri Drain & ILICA *Atrium*
 6:15 - 7:15 Scavenger Hunt - rules will be on tables
 7:30 Entertainment - Silent Auction (*Atrium*)
(50/50 drawing held)
 5:00 - 11:00 Associates Hospitality Rooms Open *pool side rooms*

Saturday January 18

7:30 Devotional Service *Fon du lac*
 8:00 Breakfast sponsored by Eastern Illinois Clay *Atrium*
(door prize giveaway)
 8:30 - 10:00 Registration *Pre-convene Area*
 9:00 **General Session** Moderator-Ron Masching *Grandview*
 9:00 Shop Building/Layout - Panel Discussion ILICA Contractors
 9:45 Safety - Mike Panizzi, FCCI Insurance - Loss Specialist/Insurance Inspector
 Break sponsored by Port Industries
 10:30 J.U.L.I.E Update. -Dave Van Wy - J.U.L.I.E. Field Liaison
 10:45 - 11:45 Membership Campaign Luncheon (Everyone Welcome)
 12:00 *Grand Ballroom* New Members will be recognized
 Annual Business Meeting & Election of Officers *Grandview*
 2:00 Hospitality Hour (Cash Bar) *Grand Ballroom*
 Shirley Murphy to take photos
 6:00 Awards Banquet Moderator - Ron Schlatter *Grand Ballroom*
 8:00 Presidents Hospitality Room Open *Grandview*
 All Members invited to attend

LADIES PROGRAM

Thursday - January 16

1:00 Get Acquainted Coffee
 hosted by Presidents Wife

Friday - January 17

7:30 Devotional Service
 9:00 Board Buses for "River City Tour" of Peoria - (most comprehensive tour of Peoria area which will include; Grand View Drive, Averyville-old industrial area, Moss-High Street historic district, Glenn Oak and Peoria Heights)
 11:30 Lunch -Vonachen's Old Place sponsored by Advanced Drainage Systems
 12:45 Shops of Peoria Heights - Over 30 Unique Novelty and Boutique Shops
 2:00 Return to Hotel

Saturday - January 18

9:00 Ladies Spa Day - Pamper Yourself - chose one or all three treatments - 3 stations-1) facials 2) color cosmetics 3) nails Joan Weber with Mary Kay Cosmetic *Salon C & E*
 10:00 "There's a Lot to Learn About Diamonds" - Bremers Jewelry demonstration - John Fitzgerald - Certified Gemologist *Salon C & E*
 11:00 "Figure Enhancement & Getting the Right Fit" - Get your own personal body profile. Weekenders Wardrobe Fashion Show by Peggy Dyson - Fashion Consultant *Salon C & E*



January 17th - Holiday Inn Brandywine

Get Ready...
We're Going
to have an
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Do you have some unusual items in your basement, attic or garage that are just taking up space? Let ILICA put them to good use. Bring them to the ILICA auction. We need everyone's participation to make this a success. We've already got some great items donated by contractors and associates. Come join in the fun! Friday, January 17th at the ILICA Convention.

Bring your auction items to the exhibit area at the Hotel for display

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That we will come to see more clearly not that which divides us, but that which unites us.
That each hour may bring us closer to a final victory, not of nation over nation, but of ourselves over our own evils and weaknesses.
That the true spirit of this Christmas Season, its joy, its beauty, its hope, its abiding faith, may be among us.
That the blessings of peace be ours, the peace to build and grow, to live in harmony and sympathy with others, and to plan for the future with confidence.

PRE-REGISTRATION FOR ILICA CONVENTION JANUARY 16, 17, 18, 2003

Name _____ Wife's First Name _____

Address _____ City _____ State _____

Member _____ Area _____ Company Name & Address _____

Pre-Registration fee: **(Must be received in our office by January 5, 2003)**

Full Participation, three days

() Individual \$95.00 () Couple \$160.00 () Child under 12 \$50.00

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Thursday: () Individual \$45.00 () Couple \$70.00 () Child \$25.00

Friday: () Individual \$45.00 () Couple \$70.00 () Child \$25.00

Saturday: () Individual \$45.00 () Couple \$70.00 () Child \$25.00

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IF YOU DO NOT PRE-REGISTER BEFORE JANUARY 5, THE PRICE WILL BE:

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REGISTRATION POLICY
 Only individuals registered & badged may attend convention events. The spouse/guest of a registrant need not register to share hotel accommodations, but must register if they wish to participate in the program.
No registration may be processed without payment.
 Cut off date for mail in registrations is **JANUARY 5, 2003**
 A \$20 processing fee will be charged for cancellations received by January 5, 2003. Cancellations after January 10, 2003 will be subject to a 50% reduction in refund. All requests must be in writing.
 Registration fee is not tax deductible as a charitable contribution, but may be deductible as an ordinary and necessary business expense. Consult your tax advisor.
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CDL RULES TIGHTEN...

Rules published in the July Federal Register include a long list of CDL changes. The new commercial driver's license provision which went into effect September 30, 2002, included stiffer penalties for violations. They are designed to enhance the safety of commercial motor vehicle operations on our nation's highways by ensuring that only safe drivers operate CMVs.

For example, driving under the influence of alcohol or drugs will get you a one year disqualification—no matter what kind of vehicle you're driving. The same penalty applies for refusing to be tested. A second conviction leads to permanent disqualification.

CDL drivers will now face a one-year disqualification for leaving the scene of an accident, for driving with a revoked license, or for causing a death through negligent operation. The disqualification bumps up to three years if the cargo is placarded as hazmat, and to life for a second conviction. Again, these penalties apply even when the vehicle is not a commercial truck.

The rules also prescribe tougher penalties for second convictions on speeding, reckless driving, improper lane changes, even in a driver's personal vehicle.

There are also harsher penalties for violating railroad crossing laws and out of service order. And the new rules allow up to 30 days disqualification if they find that a driver is an "imminent hazard" - that he is likely to be a threat to life or property before a formal proceeding against him can be completed.

Other parts of the new rules target state procedures that have allowed scofflaw drivers to escape notice. For example, some states issue "hardship" licenses to drivers

who may lose their livelihoods if their license is suspended. States will no longer be allowed to issue such licenses for drivers whose CDL's have been suspended.

To view the entire Federal Register for July 31, 2002, go to www.access.gpo.gov. (Source: Truckinginfo.com)

DID YOU KNOW??

The face of money in the U.S. will soon change. The U.S. Treasury announced plans to add subtle background colors to the \$20, \$50, and \$100 bills as early as fall 2003 for the \$20 bill, with the \$50 and \$100 bills to follow about a year later. No decision has been made on color schemes.

The hope is that the colored bills, called the NexGen series, will help deter counterfeiters. Changes will not be made to the \$1 and \$2 bills because they are rarely counterfeited; changes to the \$5 and \$10 bills are being considered.

The Treasury has repeatedly told Congress the importance of changing the larger bills every seven to 10 years. The last changes were made in 1996 when: The presidential portraits were enlarged; a watermark portrait, visible when held up to the light, was inserted; color-shifting ink was added to the number in the right-hand corner; and other subtle changes were made. The changes will remain on the new bills.

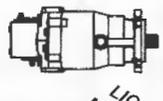
Despite the 1996 changes, counterfeiters printed \$47.5 million in "free" money during 2001, mainly by computer.

The Treasury also hopes that adding color to the bills will help consumers differentiate between denominations.



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Helen Steiner Rice

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ILICA Membership Campaign

September 1, 2002 to February 1, 2003

(date has been extended to run in conjunction with national LICA campaign)

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Join in the fun!! You'll not only be helping us to build a better association, but you'll also win some great prizes for your efforts.

Call the ILICA office for member applications or contact any of the following:

Richard Anderberg

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GOVERNOR RELEASES \$38 MILLION FOR WATER POLLUTION CONTROL PROGRAMS

Governor George H. Ryan released \$38 million in state funds to continue a joint state and federal program that helps Illinois communities clean up, reduce and control pollution in local water supplies.

The state allocation allows the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency to capture \$190 million in federal funds to be used on clean water programs and anti-pollution projects throughout Illinois.

"My administration has placed a priority on cleaning and protecting the environment – our land, our air and our water," Ryan said. "These funds are a clear signal that we value our environment and will be vigilant in protecting it for future generations."

The governor's Illinois FIRST program assured the EPA had all of the funds necessary to capture all federal money available to Illinois. Prior to 1999, Illinois was only able to capture a portion of the federal funds available in the program to control pollution and protect drinking water.

Since 1999, the state has earmarked a total of \$87 million from the sale of bonds as the state's share of the Water Pollution Control Revolving Loan Program. The governor released the Fiscal Year 2003 allocation of \$19

million, which enables the EPA to capture \$95 million in federal funds.

The governor also released an appropriation of \$19 million that was carried over from Fiscal Year 2002 because local projects needing the money were not ready to begin.

Each \$19 million allocation actually funds two programs — \$12 million for the Water Pollution Control Program, which targets wastewater and sewage treatment facilities, and \$7 million for the Public Water Supply Loan Program, which targets drinking water supplies.

The two programs help local governments undertake expensive water pollution control and mitigation projects. Since 1989, more than 380 loans to local governments totaling \$1.4 billion have been made to control water pollution. The drinking water program, which began in 1997, has resulted in 132 loans for local communities totaling \$209 million.



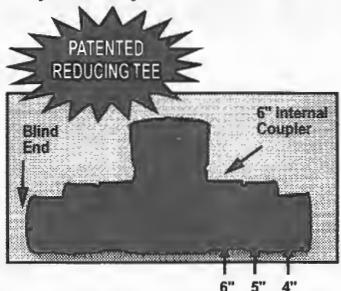
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- ▶ JULIE will notify member utilities companies allowing them to mark their underground facilities at the excavation site.
- ▶ The new legislation took effect on July 1, 2002. Significant changes included the ICC penalty process, definition of important terms, and establishing reasonable business practices. Excavators are encouraged to view the full text at www.julie1call.com.

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Dear Land Improvement Contractor:

The Illinois Land Improvement Contractors Association, in cooperation with the Natural Resources Conservation Service and the University of Illinois Extension service is sponsoring this workshop for land improvement contractors. The workshop is designed to broaden your knowledge of conservation projects. It is our hope that you will leave the workshop a more knowledgeable, more profitable contractor.

We urge you to register early; we must limit attendance. We hope that you will take advantage of this opportunity to sharpen your skills as a contractor.

Sincerely,

Kent Mitchell Jim Evans JoAnn Huff
Agricultural Engineer State Engineer Executive Director
University of Illinois NRCS_USDA ILICA

FEBRUARY 25, 2003

8:30 A.M. REGISTRATION
9:00 OBJECTIVES OF WORKSHOP
9:15 TILE & TUBING - INSTALLATION
 PROCEDURES
10:30 BREAK
10:45 TILE & TUBING CONT
12:00 LUNCH
1:00 BENCHMARK LEVELING & CROSS
 SECTION SURVEYING
2:00 CONTINUED
3:00 BREAK
3:15 REPAIR OF FIELD TILE @ PIPELINE
 CROSSING
4:00 DRAINAGE LAW
5:00 ADJOURN
6:00 DINNER SPONSORED BY SPRINGFIELD
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8:00 BIDDING JOBS
9:00 CONTINUED
10:00 BREAK
10:15 SEPTIC TANK INSTALLATION - CODE
 UPDATE - PUBLIC HEALTH
11:00 FLOOD PLAIN & DAM PERMITS - OFFICE
 OF WATER RESOURCES
12:00 LUNCH
1:00 INSTALLATION OF BLOCK CHUTE
 STRUCTURES
2:30 CURRENT TOPICS - PANEL DISCUSSION
 - ILICA CONTRACTORS
4:00 ADJOURN

ADVANCE REGISTRATION

<u>Registration Fees</u>	<u>ILICA Member</u>	<u>Non-Member</u>
By February 10, 2003	\$75	\$100
After February 10, 2003	\$95	\$120

A notebook will be provided that includes considerable reference materials (\$100) including the Illinois Drainage Guide.

Lunches and breaks are included in the registration fee.

Send names of participants and registration fee by February 10, 2003 to:

**ILICA Workshop
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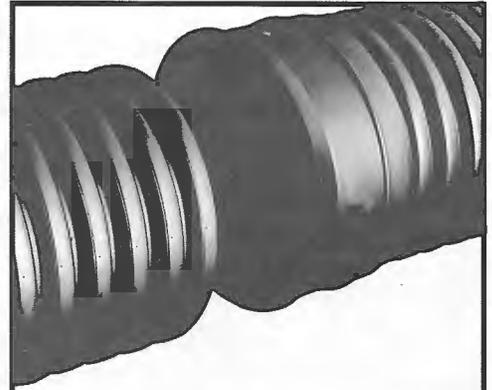
STATE AND LOCAL TAX BURDEN IN ILLINOIS

Illinois residents will pay about 10.0 percent of their income in state and local taxes in 2002, according to research conducted by the Tax Foundation. Illinois' tax burden is the 31st highest among the 50 states. The states with the highest state and local tax burdens are Maine (12.8 percent), New York (12.3 percent), and Wisconsin (12.0 percent). The lowest burdens occur in Alaska (6.3 percent), Tennessee (8.4 percent), and New Hampshire (8.6 percent).

State and Local Tax Burdens Across U.S. States (2002)

Rank	State	State and Local Taxes (% of income)	Rank	State	State and Local Taxes (% of income)
1	Maine	12.8%	26	Arkansas	10.2%
2	New York	12.3%	27	Delaware	10.2%
3	Wisconsin	12.0%	28	Arizona	10.1%
4	Hawaii	11.6%	29	North Carolina	10.1%
5	Minnesota	11.3%	30	South Carolina	10.0%
6	Rhode Island	11.3%	31	Illinois	10.0%
7	Utah	11.2%	32	Montana	10.0%
8	Ohio	11.2%	33	Oklahoma	9.9%
9	Vermont	11.0%	34	Indiana	9.9%
10	Connecticut	10.9%	35	Pennsylvania	9.9%
11	New Mexico	10.9%	36	Wyoming	9.8%
12	Nebraska	10.8%	37	Marvland	9.7%
13	Michigan	10.7%	38	Missouri	9.7%
14	Mississippi	10.7%	39	Massachusetts	9.5%
15	Louisiana	10.5%	40	Virginia	9.4%
16	Idaho	10.5%	41	Oregon	9.4%
17	Kentucky	10.5%	42	Florida	9.3%
18	West Virginia	10.5%	43	Nevada	9.2%
19	Washington	10.5%	44	South Dakota	9.1%
20	Kansas	10.4%	45	Colorado	9.1%
21	Iowa	10.4%	46	Alabama	9.1%
22	New Jersey	10.3%	47	Texas	9.0%
23	California	10.3%	48	New Hampshire	8.6%
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Source: Tax Foundation



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GOVERNOR RYAN ANNOUNCES \$3.8 MILLION IN GRANTS FOR LOCAL CONSERVATION 2000 PROJECTS

Governor George H. Ryan announced more than \$3.8 million in Conservation 2000 grants to 30 local private-public partnerships for natural resource protection projects through the Illinois Department of Natural Resources Ecosystems Program.

"Conservation 2000 has been successful in large part because local citizens and private property owners are dedicated to working together to improve their communities," Gov. Ryan said. "These groups provide matching funds to accomplish the many important land management, habitat enhancement and resource conservation projects in watersheds throughout Illinois."

Grants this year are being used to acquire interest in more than 856 acres and restore 9,624 acres of forests, wetlands and prairie. In addition, more than 11,000 students will be educated on the benefits of habitat restoration and protection. Governor Ryan noted that local ecosystem partnerships are matching the grants with more than \$3 million of their own funds.

The C2000 Ecosystems Program brings together the

interests and participation of local communities along watersheds — landowners, businesses, scientists, environmental organizations, recreational enthusiasts, and policy makers — in a partnership to enhance and protect watersheds through ecosystem-based management. Each partnership group is eligible to apply for grants and technical assistance from the Department of Natural Resources. The program has grown to 39 such partnerships, covering 82 percent of the state's landcover.

Since its inception, the C2000 Ecosystems Program has awarded more than \$26.8 million in grants, while the partnerships have provided another \$35 million in funding, for a total of \$61.8 million for 626 projects throughout the state. These projects include more than 60,000 acres of habitat restoration, nearly 6,000 acres of land acquisition through conservation easement or purchase, and more than 450,000 citizens educated on the benefits of habitat restoration and protection.

The Conservation 2000 program provides technical and financial assistance to landowners interested in improving and enhancing the ecology in environmentally sensitive watersheds throughout the state. The program provides funding for habitat protection and restoration, environmental education, and planning and research projects proposed by the local watershed partnership organizations.

Funny You Asked!

Tourists are naturally inquisitive creatures. Some curious questions they've asked:

- Is that the same moon we see in Vermont?
- How come all the war battles were fought in national parks?
- Are the Amish in season?
- If it rains will the fireworks be held inside?
- Is the horse manure on the square real?
- When do the caribou turn into moose?

Source: Travel Industry Association of America

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Capitol Update... (con't from page 2)

Capitol. There are challenges and opportunities for us in the months ahead.

We've lost some old friends as a result of the Election. Senator Evelyn Bowles' retirement in the 56th District, Senator Bill O'Daniel [D-54, Mt. Vernon] defeat by Representative John Jones [R-54, Mt. Vernon], and Senator Laura Kent Donahue [R-47] lost to John Sullivan [D-47, Rushville]. Senator Stan Weaver's announced his decision to not stand for reelection some time ago. Senator Bill Shaw [D-Dolton] lost his race in the 15th Senate District to Independent challenger James Meeks [I-Chicago], and finally Senator Kathleen Parker [R-Northbrook] lost her 29th District race to Representative Susan Garrett [D-Lake Forest]

In the House Ron Lawfer's decision to not seek reelection means a new face from that area Jim Sacia [R-89, Pecatonica] won that contest defeating the son of Adli Stevenson. We also welcome to the House livestock producer Rich Brauer [R-100, Petersburg] for the 93rd General Assembly.

The major Commodity groups hosted a surprise reception for Representative Lawfer in Springfield, Tuesday evening, November 19th, to thank him for his dedication to agriculture and unfailing support for the 10 years he served as a Representative.

Republican Leadership Roles Change

After nearly 2 decades Republican Leader Daniels decided not to seek that post again. That led to a battle between Tom Cross [Oswego] and Art Tenhouse [Liberty].

Representative Cross was elected to succeed Daniels at a Republican Caucus meeting Monday evening the 18th, prior to the start of the Veto Session. To date he has revamped the Republican leadership team selection and the House Republican Campaign Committee.

Senator Pate Philip announced he plans to quit the Senate which opened-up the Republican leadership position - now the minority Leader. Senator Frank Watson was elected to succeed Philip at that post. Emil Jones, Jr. is sure to be elected Senate President after they are Sworn-In January 8, 2003.

Four-Point Ladder Safety Checklist

Almost every business uses some type of ladder. Ladders are so useful and commonplace that they are often taken for granted. That's a mistake according to the American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, because falling off a ladder is also commonplace. The Consumer Product Safety Commission reports that more than 511,000 people get medical treatment each year because they fail to follow proper ladder safety. And, even more frightening, is approximately 300 people each year die from ladder-related injuries. Injuries can be avoided.

CLIMB IT SAFE**1. USE THE CORRECT LADDER.**

Determine ladder type according to the use and working load. Remember the working load is the combined weight of the climber and the load being carried.

2. INSPECT THE LADDER.

Never use a ladder that is damaged, broken or bent. Don't make temporary repairs and then use the ladder. Make sure it's free from grease, oil, mud or other slippery materials before using.

3. MOVE THE LADDER CAREFULLY.

Carry a single or extension ladder parallel to the ground. Hold the side rail in the middle of the ladder so you can balance the load. Get help to move a very long ladder. Always carry a step-ladder in the closed position.

4. SETTING-UP THE LADDER.

Before using a single, extension or stepladder outside, make sure it will not come into contact with electrical wires, tree limbs or any other obstructions when extended. To ensure that the ladder is stable, place the feet of the ladder on firm, even ground. The bottom of the ladder should be one foot away from the wall for every four feet that the ladder rises. For example, if the ladder touches the wall 16 feet above the ground, the feet of the ladder should be 4 feet from the wall. If you are going to climb onto a roof, the ladder should extend 3 feet higher than the roof. The upper and lower sections of an extension ladder should overlap to provide stability.



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IN MEMORIAM

Brian Davis - was killed in a truck accident on Oct 26, 2002. He was born Oct 27, 1969 in Pekin to Forrest & Jean Davis. He married Kelli Fowler on March 6, 1992 and she survives. Also surviving are his parents in Manito, two sons, Zachary and Christopher; two sisters Joy, (and Robert) Garlisch of Forrest City and Lynne (and David) Brooks of Manito. He was an operating engineer at Forrest Davis & Son Construction for 15 years and was a member of Operating Engineer Local 649 in Peoria. He had been a Cub Scout den leader for Pack 194. He was a member of Central Illinois Mustangs Auto Club. He was a member of Springlake Missionary Church of rural Manito.

John F. O'Reilly, 75 of Kansas City, MO died on Tuesday, Oct 15, 2002 at his home. John had been in the Insurance business since 1952. For many years he owned and operated Insurance Professionals and most recently was a broker for Marion and Associates. John was a past president of CPCU. He was a long time friend and member of LICA.

Do not stand at my grave and weep.

I am not there. I do not sleep.

I am a thousand winds that blow;

I am the diamond glints on snow.

I am the sunlight on ripened grain;

I am the gentle autumn's rain.

When you awaken in the morning bush,

I am the swift uplifting rush

Of quiet birds in circle flight.

I am the soft stars that shine at night.

Do not stand at my grave and cry,

I am not there.

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GABBING WITH THE GALS...



Here we are at the end of another year. Guess we are supposed to look back and scrutinize just where we were and how far we have come; if it was good, bad or indifferent, or did we make a difference to others. A year is a long time so it seems that we should have something to account for. For some of us it was a long time, for those of us who were very busy it was not long enough. It's just like a birthday card I sent to one of my friends; it said "You can't be that old" "That's my age!" Hard to realize just how far our journey has gone, isn't it?

It is appropo to say a big thank you to all ILICA and LICA who have helped me at one time or another because of my bad knees. It will not be forgotten and appreciated you can bet your boots on that. To show you how caring some people are, there are some who hold the post office door open for me and even wait until I get to the top of the steps to do so. That is what I call above and beyond and the good Lord will surely repay these kind persons. We are trying to do something about these awful joints, but keep having setbacks. Still trying' though.

Here are some responses to questions about the bible

from children: Noah's wife was Joan of Ark. The epistles were the wives of the apostles. The fourth commandment is "Honor thy father and mother." Eskimos are God's frozen people. The Tower of Babel is where Solomon kept his wives. Holy acrimony is another name for marriage. The eighth commandment is "Thou shall not witness thy bare neighbor." Christians have one wife. They call it monotony.

Seen on a psychiatrist's door; Satisfaction guaranteed or your mania back. Now that's telling it like it is, right?

Well, our whole world seems to be in chaos – it's not just the USA. There seems to be people in the world who are never satisfied with peace, never satisfied with war. And it is really scary that so few can destroy so many. It is something our generation will never understand. Not so sure any generation will understand it. We need new guidelines or something to get our world back to good living again. When people are willing to blow themselves up in order to kill others it seems impossible to try to get them to change. It may take a long, long time to get things back to normal but if we keep praying and trying to find a solution it surely will happen.

Let's all get geared up for the convention in January; it is advertised to be a good place to do some larnin' as well as have a little fun at the same time. We always enjoy having enough time to really visit with friends and new friends also. It is definitely worth the money and time given to it so please leave space for that event and plan on going. Don't forget something for the auction. And patronize the associations there – they help a lot on our convention and also enjoy talking to their customers and new friends.

Watching her father working on his tractor, the little girl asked her mother what happens to old tractors when they finally stop working. She replied, "They sell them to your father, dear."

Our Gibson City Lighted Parade was a good one again this year – there were 8 new entries. People are lined up deep along the route and ooh and aah as the entries pass along. Some are plain but Some are really lit up and people took a lot of time fixing it up. The stores downtown stay open longer that night and it is beneficial to all. If you want a place to park your car you have to do that in the afternoon or no space will be available. It attracts a lot of people from all around the community so is very worthwhile. Our local radio station broadcasts who each entry is for and a little about it. You'all are all welcome to come next year so put that on your calendar also. It is always the Saturday before Thanksgiving, begins at 6:30 pm. You won't be disappointed.

Here are some truths that children have learned; *No matter how hard you try, you can't baptize cats. *When your Mom is mad at your Dad, don't let her brush your hair. *You can't trust dogs to watch your food. *You can't hide a piece of broccoli in a glass of milk. *Puppies still have bad breath even after eating a Tic-Tac.

Now here are some truths that adults have learned: *Raising teenagers is like trying to nail Jello to a tree. *Middle age is when you choose cereal for the fiber not the toy. *If you can remain calm, you don't have all the facts.

Gabbing With the Gals... (con't to page 22)

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LICA 2003 Convention Round Up

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Sunday, February 9, 2003

6:00-8:00pm Registration

Monday, February 10, 2003

8:00am Pre-tours

7:00-9:00pm Registration

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

8:00am Pre-tours

6:30pm Executive Committee Meeting

7:00-9:00pm Registration

Wednesday, February 12, 2003

7:00am Registration

7:15am Devotions

8:00am Opening General Session

We are hoping to hear from Oklahoma Representative Frank Lucas on the 2002 Farm Bill

9:00am Awards Committee

9:00am **Erosion Control For Slopes & Channels**

Presentation on the newest products to control erosion and water runoff.

9:00am **Basic Surveying**

Seminar presented by a LICA Contractor Member covering the basics of surveying, including reading the rod, checking benchmarks, keeping field notes and checking final construction.

9:00am Associates Advisory Meeting

9:15am **Basic Computer 101: How Does It Work?**

Feel like the rest of the world is "computer friendly" and you're not? Here's your chance to caught up!

9:15am **Skin Cancer - Taking Precautions**

Learn what steps people who work outdoors can take to help prevent skin cancer.

9:30am Exhibit Hall Opens

9:30am LICA Blood Drive Begins

9:30am Ladies Lace & Tea Cups Tour

Must be pre-registered to attend!

9:30am Children's Omniplex Tour

Must be pre-registered to attend!

Wednesday, February 12, 2003 (Continued)

10:30am **Wetlands: Needed Equipment & Products**

Discussion on equipment and products used to develop and protect wetlands.

10:45am **The Basics Of A Spread Sheet Program**

Discover the versatility of the spread sheet and how to incorporate it into your business.

10:45am **Preparing For Age - Financial Planning For Long Term Care**

Discussion on what long term care might mean to you and your family and why you should be prepared - no matter how old you are!

12:00pm Lunch in the Exhibit Hall

1:30pm **Pond Construction, Maintenance & Repair**

Tips, techniques and products for pond maintenance and repair.

1:30pm **Directional Boring**

Products and technology available for underground construction.

1:45pm **OSHA - Trench Excavation**

Learn what the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) requires in the way of safety precautions, training and written programs.

1:45pm **Job Take-Off And Computer Technology**

An overview of software available for job take-off and estimating.

3:00pm **Getting Involved In The Legislative Process**

Discussion on the importance of being involved in legislative activities and developing a program for your state chapter.

3:00pm **Waste Reduction, Land Clearing By-Products**

An overview of equipment and products available to dispose of brush and trees.

3:00pm LICA Blood Drive Closes

3:15pm **OSHA- Recordkeeping Requirements**

An overview of recordkeeping and postings required by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA).

4:30pm Exhibit Hall Closes

6:00pm **Caterpillar Presidents' Dinner and Tour of National Cowboy Museum**

Must be pre-registered to attend!

Thursday, February 13, 2003

- 7:00am **Registration**
- 7:15am **Devotions**
- 8:00am **Exhibit Hall Opens**
- 8:00am **Equipment Manufacturer's Breakfast in Exhibit Hall (All attendees welcome)**
- 9:00am **Check-Out Procedures**
Discussion by Natural Resources Conservation Service (NRCS) personnel on how contractors can assist with job check-out.
- 9:00am **Bidding A Job**
Do your bids cover the actual cost of doing the project? What's your profit margin? Get some tips from a LICA Contractor Member on making sure all bases are covered when bidding a project.
- 9:15am **Promoting & Marketing Your State Chapter**
Basic marketing principles as they apply to promoting membership and special events - Identifying the market, advertising, direct mail and public relations.
- 9:15am **Large Diameter Pipe Installation**
This is one area that keeps changing and growing. Take this opportunity to get the latest tips on handling and installing larger sizes of pipe.
- 9:30am **LICA Blood Drive Opens**
- 10:30am **Stream Bank Stabilization**
Stream bank stabilization is definitely becoming a larger and larger part of our members' businesses. Discussion will be held on the latest techniques and products available to protect stream banks from erosion.
- 10:45am **Integrating PowerPoint Into Your Presentation**
Whether you're an Executive Director making a presentation to a group of prospective members or a contractor making a bid presentation, this primer on PowerPoint and how it can be used to help you sell is tailor made for you!
- 10:45am **Computer Aided Drainage System Design**
Is your competitor using Computer Aided Design? If so, here's your chance to catch up. If not, this is your chance to set the pace by utilizing the computer for system design, from collecting field data to system installation.
- 11:30pm **Exhibit Hall Closes (For Lunch)**
- 12:00pm **John Deere Luncheon**
- 1:30pm **Engineers & Contractors: Communication and Documentation**
The engineer works for the owner and is looking out for the owner's best interest. This presentation will discuss ways for you to project your profit in a professional manner.
- 1:30pm **Curbing Equipment Theft**
Discussion on common sense steps to take to protect your equipment, as well as new products and technologies available to help.
- 2:30pm **Exhibit Hall Re-Opens**

Thursday, February 13, 2003 (Continued)

- 1:45pm **On-Site Waste: Gravelless System**
In this class, you will learn about the different gravelless products available, how to install them and a sizing comparison of the different systems.
- 1:45pm **Vegetation Options for Erosion**
This presentation will cover new technologies and products available as well as tips on selling hydro seeding as a means of erosion control.
- 3:00pm **Protecting Your Personal & Business Assets**
A discussion of the advantages and disadvantages of various types of business formation; proper insurance coverage; protecting personal assets in the event of a lawsuit against a business entity; and proper methods of ownership of assets to avoid taxation and unnecessary fees upon the death of the business owner.
- 3:00pm **Marketing Tools - Tips For Contractors**
Even if you feel you have never had the need to market your business, you should learn how doing it effectively can enhance your business and increase your profits. Marketing doesn't cost - it pays!
- 3:00pm **LICA Blood Drive Closes**
- 3:15pm **On-Site Waste: New Technologies And Products**
Learn how to work smarter - not harder - and enhance your profitability in the on-site waste market with these new products.
- 3:15pm **Committee Chair Training Session**
This class is a must for anyone who leads a meeting. Tips on conducting a meeting, keeping minutes, planning an agenda and sticking to it.
- 3:15pm **Nominating Committee Meeting**
- 4:30pm **Exhibit Hall Closes - Exhibitor Tear Down**

Special Registration Packages Available

Two-Day Educational Package Includes:

- Admission to Educational Seminars
- Admission to Exhibit Hall
- Wednesday - Exhibit Hall Lunch
- Wednesday - Caterpillar Banquet and National Cowboy Museum Tour
- Thursday - Exhibit Hall Breakfast
- Thursday - John Deere Luncheon

Two-Day Business Package Includes:

- Committee and Region Meetings
- Delegates Session and Board of Directors Meetings
- Friday - Working Lunch
- Saturday - Closing Banquet, Awards Ceremony, and Raffle Drawing

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Tuesday, February 11, 2003			
Legends of Wichita (8:00am – 5:00pm)		\$50 each	\$
Oklahoma Industry (Ditch Witch) (8:00am – 5:00pm)		\$50 each	\$
Wednesday, February 13, 2003			
Ladies Lace & Tea Cups (10:00am – 4:00pm)		\$40 each	\$
	Children's Omniplex Tour (10:00am – 4:00pm)	FREE	
TOTAL TOUR REGISTRATION			\$

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Registration & Cancellation Policy: Only individuals registered & badged may attend convention events. The spouse/guest of a registered member need not register to share hotel accommodations, but must register if they wish to participate in the program or meal functions.

No registration may be processed without payment. A \$30 processing fee will be incurred on cancellations received prior to January 27, 2003. Cancellations received after January 27, 2003 will be subject to a 50% reduction in refund. No registration refunds will be available after February 7, 2003. Meals will be on an "availability basis" for on-site registrations. Registration fee deadlines will be strictly enforced.

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	Discount Registration - Postmarked by December 15, 2002			General Registration - Postmarked after December 15, 2002		
	Educational Package	Business Package	Full Convention	Educational Package	Business Package	Full Convention
MEMB: Contractors, Spouse, Associates, Government Employee, Consultants	\$175.00	\$100.00	\$230.00	\$210.00	\$120.00	\$280.00
YOUTH: 13-15 years of age	\$110.00	\$70.00	\$150.00	\$135.00	\$85.00	\$180.00
CHILD: 12 years and under (Children 3 years and under are free.)	\$70.00	\$50.00	\$110.00	\$90.00	\$70.00	\$140.00
NON-MEMBER (Note: \$40 may be applied toward membership)	\$200.00	\$120.00	\$270.00	\$265.00	\$145.00	\$320.00

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Total Tour Registration (Please complete the Tour Registration Form and send it with this form)			\$

TOTAL TOUR AND CONVENTION REGISTRATION FEES:

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Oklahoma City

Tour Packages



Monday, February 10, 2003

Operation And Maintenance Of Upstream Flood Control Structures, Oklahoma Style!

The tour will leave Oklahoma City and head south to Chickasha, Oklahoma in the Washita River Watershed. Oklahoma has 2,100 federally assisted Flood Control structures. Grady Co. Conservation District, alone, has responsibility for O&M on 127 structures. Chickasha is also the site of one of two O&M facilities constructed by the Oklahoma Conservation Commission.

At the shop, you will view several pieces of equipment used for O&M, including a remote control video conduit inspection camera, PVC syphon Systems, along with portable concrete cutting equipment and a mobile shop for repairs and on-site fabrication and installation of replacement parts. Both surface and underwater repairs will be discussed. New technology and materials (HDPE risers, aluminum gates are one example) will be available for inspection.

Then you will take a tour of several upstream flood control structures, including a site which has prematurely reached the end of its designed life in the Grady/ Stephens Co area. A Picnic Style lunch will be included.

The Splendor of the Old West and the Glory of America!

Our tour begins with a tour of Stockyards City founded in 1910 and currently the world's largest stocker/feeder cattle market. Walk the cat walk over the cattle lots and view an auction in progress.

Next, we'll visit The Oklahoma City National Memorial, which rests on the ground where the Alfred P. Murrah building stood. The memorial remembers the 168 lives lost and those that were changed forever in 1995. We will visit the Memorial Center, a 24,000 square foot museum, including some stunning displays and even a recording of the sounds of that morning.

Then, it's off to El Reno, Oklahoma, located on historic Route 66, the grandfather of today's interstate system, where we'll have lunch and a little time see some unique shops.

After lunch, we'll head to Yukon, Oklahoma for a visit to Express Ranch, home of some magnificent Clydesdale horses. These horses are some of the largest you'll ever see. We've been told these horses are very friendly ... and one will even perform a trick!

Tuesday, February 11, 2003

Legends of Wichita

We'll tour Fort Sill, built in 1869 by the famed "Buffalo Soldiers," the Old Post Guardhouse where Geronimo (the last great Apache Warrior) was said to have been imprisoned, and the Field Artillery Museum. In the museum is preserved and displayed a host of items depicting epic cavalry and Indian history of the Fort. We'll visit Geronimo's final resting place and learn why you yell "Geronimo" when you jump from a high place, along with lots of other legends!

We'll visit the Museum of the Great Plains, featuring a Fort replica of the 1830's and a booming Prairie Dog Town. Then we'll have a driving tour of the Wichita Mountains Wildlife Refuge.

We'll see the Holy City, built in the 1930's, on our way to Meer's Store where we will have lunch. Meer's Store is the only remaining building from a once prominent Gold Mining Town! Then we'll travel to Andarko, Indian Capitol of the World, and visit Indian City where Indian dancers in full regalia will entertain us.

Oklahoma Industry and Military

This tour is perfect for those who like to see 'how things work!' We'll start the day with a tour of The Daily Oklahoman, Oklahoma's leading newspaper and currently the only daily newspaper published in the state of Oklahoma! We'll see a little of the "controlled chaos" that takes place each and every day in order to get the news out!

Then, it's off to Perry, Oklahoma where we'll have lunch and a private tour of the Charles Machine Works Company, best known as Ditch Witch.

We'll see the process of manufacturing a trencher and trenchless unit. We will view engineering (electrical and dowhole tools), manufacturing, and testing of the electronic equipment.

At the Drill Pipe Facility, we'll see the manufacturing of drill pipe for the directional industry. And then, we'll have a chance to see some of the old equipment and learn how Ditch Witch came about at the Heritage Center.

Then, it's back to Oklahoma City for a self-guided tour of the 45th Infantry Museum and Equipment Display. The museum houses many displays of battle scenes, uniforms, armaments, and personal momentos of Oklahoma veterans. Outside, the grounds are full of tanks, helicopters, jeeps, etc.

Gabbing With the Gals... (con't from page 16)

*You appreciate the fact that wrinkles don't hurt. (Sure wish joints didn't.)

The word for this issue is "chaos". That is when everyone is running around like a chicken with it's head off, actually doing nothing, trying to find something to do for a certain situation. Like it says above, if you have all the facts you can calm down and reason with one another. These days, it is hard to sift the facts from the misinterpretations etc. There was a program on (TV one evening about the day President Kennedy was shot; they will never convince me that only one man was involved. Someone did a good coverup job there, right in front of television, God and everyone! When those kind of things can happen, how do we expect to clean up our own front yard?

We know that we simple folk will never solve the world's problems, but there are a lot of them that write a book about it and make bookoo bucks. It has been mentioned in this column before that there are those out there in reader's land who could write a book about their lifetime and do the same. You may think it would be uninteresting but some are bound to believe otherwise and maybe get you enough to last the rest of your days. Like the saying goes 'don't knock it if you haven't tried it.'

At the beginning of fall we heard rumors of what a bad winter we would be having. Now they have changed the tune and it will not be bad but to expect a couple of snow storms. So we all need to pray that the snow storms will not happen at convention time. It won't stop us but will make everything difficult. We could have a contest to make the best snowman (out of snow, too), with the prize being ice cream, of course.

Keep warm, and those Christmas cards and put up all of those calendars! See you next year.

..... Rambling Rose

When I was a young man I observed that nine out of ten things I did were failures. I didn't want to be a failure, so I did ten times more work.

George Bernard Shaw



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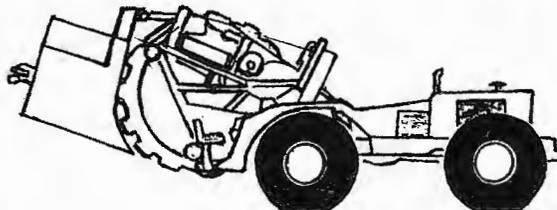
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