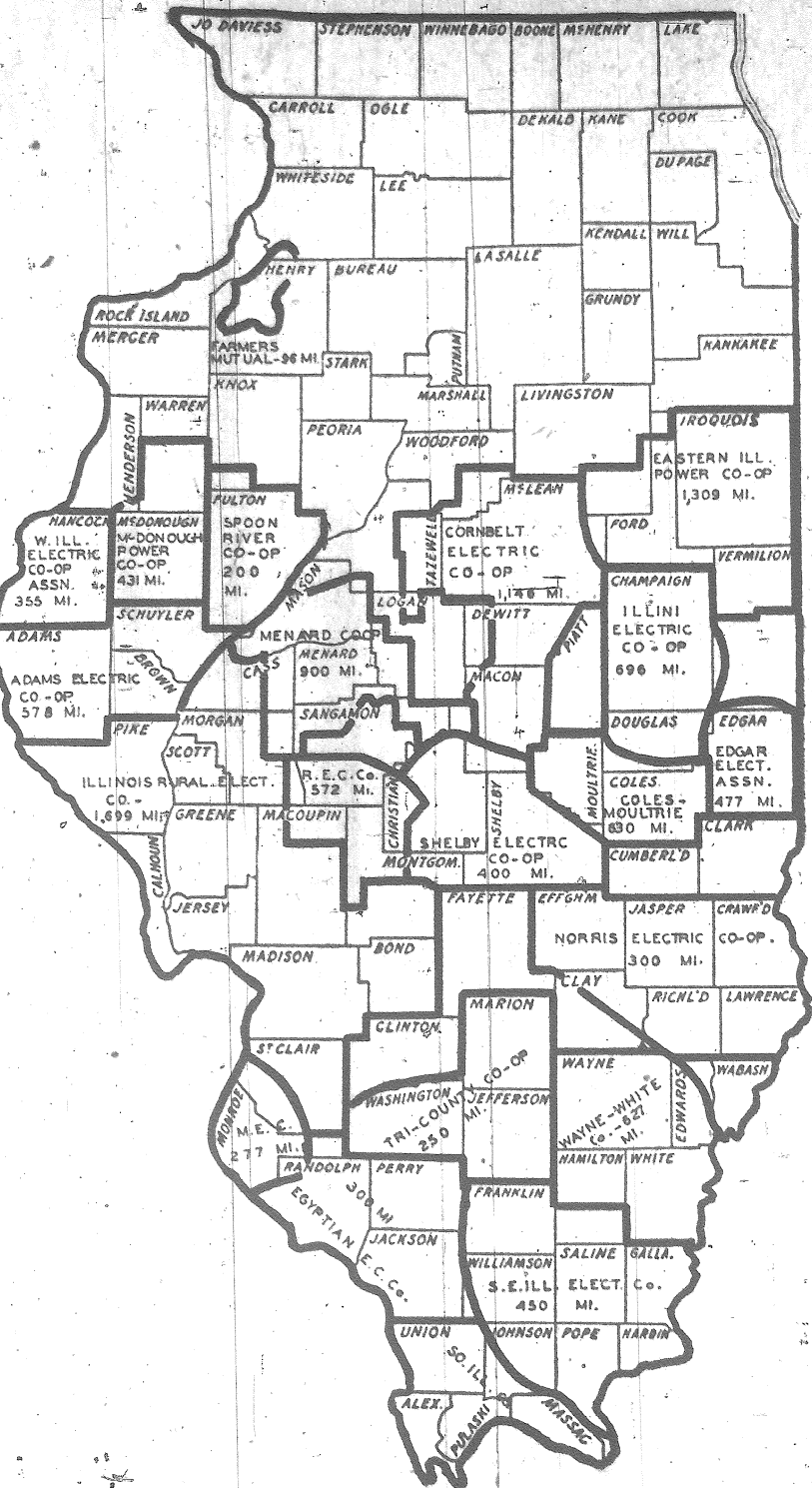


# RURAL POWER NETWORK GROWS



With 21 rural electrification cooperatives already organized and a 22d launched last week at Vandalia, plans are underway to electrify 86,000 of Illinois 231,000 rural homes within the next year. Planned is a network of 11,993 miles of rural power lines in the state, with 2,691 miles already energized.