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WIRING INSPECTOR RESIGNS

Mr. T. H. Sederwall, who has been the Wiring Inspector since the project started, resigned the middle of July, and for a time, we were without the services of an Inspector. Mr. John Boyd has been assigned to us, and he started his work August 5th. We will be able to give you prompt service from now on.

The Wiring Inspector is appointed by and under the Director of the Utilization Division of REA. The Co-operative furnishes him a list of requests for inspection. Since the only remuneration he receives is the inspection fee, we try to group the requests in order to save as much driving as possible.

The storm recently caused some outages. Two of the outages were due to the CIPS line being dead, and one outage in the Ursa bottoms was caused by trees being blown through the line. The others were lightning trouble. We regret the inconvenience caused the members, but are thankful for the rain.

Outages caused by trees fouling the line impresses upon us the fact that trees and hi-lines do not mix. Several members have recently permitted our linemen to cut or trim trees. We appreciate this cooperation very much and hope this spirit is contagious.

ASST. SECRETARY RESIGNS

Our assistant secretary, Miss Arlene Stuckman, received an appointment under Civil Service and left the latter part of July to take a position with the Munitions Department in Washington, D. C. We hated to lose Arlene because her work had been very satisfactory and one of her duties was publishing the news letter. We are just beginning to realize how much she meant in the editing of the news letter now that this has been turned back to us, but we are glad that Arlene had the opportunity to accept this position and we know she will enjoy living in Washington.

The Board of Directors, their families, and employees of the Co-operative gave a farewell picnic for Arlene on the evening of the 25th of July in the Bailey Park at Camp Point. The employees presented Arlene with an overnight bag and the Directors gave her a traveling clock. The picnic was a huge success and we hope Arlene will prosper in her new work.

A FACT TO THINK OVER

Electricity is the one commodity, the more we use of it, the cheaper it gets and the cheaper it gets, the more we can use.

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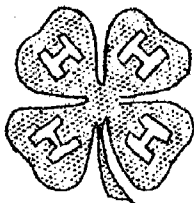
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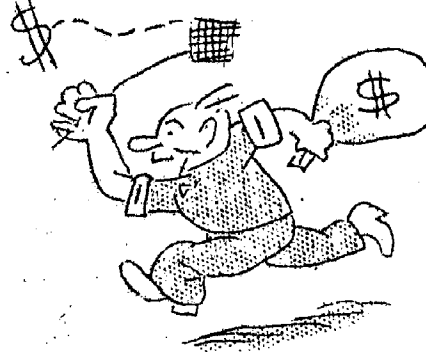
We are happy to note that a new project was started in 4-H club work this year for Rural Electrification. This new project is due to the fact that 50% of the farms in Adams

County are now electrified, and we realize that our young farmers growing up are going to be using more and more electricity. Mr. R. R. Parks, of the Extension Service of the University of Illinois has set up a fine, simple manual on the uses of farm electricity for 4-H boys and girls. It was found that 23 boys were anxious to start it. Because of this interest, Mr. Cox was asked to meet with this group and their leader, Dean Sims, on the evening of July 31st and he outlined the uses of electricity on the farm.

Paraphrasing Sir Walter Scott

Breathes there the man with soul so dead,
Who never hath turned his head and said:
"Hmmm, not bad! Not bad!"

INTRODUCING OUR PROJECT PERSONNEL



BOOKKEEPER -
Ben Hughes.
We don't feel that he is altogether a stranger to you because he was born and raised right here in Adams County,

in Concord Township. He has lived in Nebraska, California, and finally decided that Adams County was the best place he could find, so he came back here to locate. During the time he was in California he was Bookkeeper for a Cooperative Orange Growers Association. He became sold on farm Cooperatives. Mr. Hughes - better, just Ben - is the watch dog of our Treasury, and keeps all of our accounts in order - which is a mighty big job, and we don't mean maybe. He has proved to be very efficient as a bookkeeper--but not as a typist. He has just learned that typewriters are not self-feeding. The other day we caught him industriously pecking away at a typewriter in which he had forgotten to insert any paper. Do you suppose he is related to the Absent-Minded Professor?

FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>July Energy Bills</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Farm Members	964	\$3,683.85
Non-Farm Members	115	262.80
Commercial Buildings	16	157.05
Public Buildings	112	172.72
Totals	1207	\$4,276.42

Demand.....	240
Average Bill	3.54
Average KWH	40
Minimum Bills.....	739
KWH Sold.....	48,359

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HONOR ROLL

The following used the greatest number of KWH for the month of July:

RESIDENTIAL RATE:

Scott Meyer	903
Henry Ihrig	266
Harry Sherrick	249
El L. Anderson	239
Oscar Dedert	229
Wilbur Pearce	220
Oscar Weiss	215
Arthur Beckman	210
Clara Robertson	180
Anna Grubb	179

COMMERCIAL RATE

R. J. Rapp	745
Geo. Kestner Store	392
Elmer Beckman	359
Cupp Packing House	337
Ruth Miller	318

BE ON TIME



Out of 1207 members billed last month, 90 did not send their meter reading card in. Of this number, 25 have never returned a meter reading card. We realize this reading of your own meters is new and a member is to be excused for forgetting occasionally, but to never read it means a lack of cooperative spirit. If we can not get cooperation from these members, it will be necessary to send a man out to read these particular meters, and this added expense will have to be prorated over the entire membership or the expense charged to the meters read. It would be much better if all members would practice cooperation and go along with the majority.

100 members this last month did not pay on time, and it was necessary to add penalty. This penalty amounted to \$18.68. You not only save money by paying on time, but help our bookkeeping department in keeping records up to date. We have to send an operating report in to Washington, and we like to make a complete a report as possible.

Won't you help us by returning meter cards on time and paying your bill before the 15th?

Mr. Wm. Steinagel is especially proud of his electric fence. He says it's worth more to him than all his other electric appliances.

Lets have more comments from members published in our LIVE LINE NEWS. If you have some appliance that's particularly interesting, or that might be new to the rest of us, come in and tell us about it so we may pass it on to others.

MAYBE SO!

Many of our young engineers are spending their time tinkering with misses in their moters.

COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS

Mrs. Clifford Foreman writes: "We all think the REA is wonderful and we also enjoy reading the Live Line News every month. Although we do not use our lights so much right now, we certainly enjoy them and they will be fine for winter. We have a few appliances which are very nice and are looking forward to more some time."

Mr. Elmer Grawe, R#4, Quincy, reports that he has installed a radio in his barn. He says that he gets so much more good out of a radio in his barn than in the house. He gets through milking earlier, his cows give richer milk, not saying anything about the enjoyment he gets out of it himself.

When Mr. H. P. Osterman of La Prairie, was in paying his bill the other day, he said, "My wife and I certainly get a lot of enjoyment out of that news letter you publish, and we always look forward to getting it."

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ATTENTION

A feed grinding and farm lighting demonstration will be held on our project October 3d. At 1:30 p.m., the demonstration will be held at the Ray Thyson farm in Adams County, two miles east of the Ursa Y on U.S. Highway #24. At 7:30 p.m., it will be held at the John Young farm in Schuyler County, five miles west of Rushville, on the Camden road, just at the end of the narrow slab.

Lee Lloyd, Utilization Representative, will have charge of the feed grinding, and Miss Louisan Mamer, the lighting. Watch your news letter for more information on this next month.

The following is an article that appeared in the ELECTRIC FLASH published by the Illini Electric Cooperative of Champaign, Illinois. Because it is so appropriate for conditions on our project, we are taking the liberty of reprinting it.

"HI, FOLKS! I'm a little early this month. My boss told me to jump in the mailbag and be a modern Paul Revere. Go out, he told me, and warn all of our members of the enemy who is ready to invade their homes. This enemy is the Dry Gas Salesman. In order that I deliver this message exactly as he told it to me, I will quote him.

"Flashes, old Boy, you have a bigger job than usual this month, I understand that a new plague is presenting itself to our members, and they should be warned against it. This plague is the 'Dry Gas Bug' who is trying to come into the members' home to do that Member's cooking. I don't believe that we have a person in our territory who would sow seed in his garden and tend it until it was ready to use and then go to market and buy his vegetables. Neither do I believe we have a member who would spend several years raising a fine orchard and not do something about a certain kind of insect that would ruin the fruit so that he would receive no benefit from his efforts of several years.

In 1935 the Rural Electrification Administration offered to furnish the seed to different communities in the United States of America, if some active members

of different groups would sow and tend this seed. Several persons in our own group of members were very active in preparing the seed bed and planting the seed. The result of this work was 611 miles of poles, wire, transformers and meters.

The fruit available from this Great Orchard is Electricity for 1350 members of our Cooperative. The fruit is now ready to harvest and each of those members has as much of it available as he requires. I want you to tell these members, Flashes, that when that 'Dry Gas Insect' tries to come into their part of this great orchard for them to make an effort to drive them away. The 'Bug' will hang around trying to show our member how economical he is, but you may tell our members that they are now using an average of enough kilowatts up to the cheaper block. The cost of (the fruit) Electricity to do this cooking job is so very less than our 'Dry Gas Bug' can offer that I will feel personally responsible if our members allow him to come in their homes and spoil (the fruit) Electricity in the (orchard) Lines which they have worked so hard to acquire. I want to try very hard to sell this idea to our members so that they will not be influenced by the "ballyhoo" of the person who tries to sell them gas equipment when electricity is already available to them."

This, folks, is what my boss told me to tell you. I will give you some comparative figures a little later on so that you may see for yourself that he has spoken the truth. All electric merchandise is guaranteed to give satisfaction or money refunded from any dealer with whom you have traded, or who sells electric equipment. Factories always guarantee their merchandise to the dealer and stand behind each piece of equipment so that the user does not take a chance when he makes a purchase.

When a remittance is received by mail after the penalty date, the penalty is carried forward and added to the next month's bill. Some are failing to include this amount in their remittance. We have to collect the penalty and you can cooperate by paying on time, or if late, paying the penalty when added to the following bill.