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STATE-WIDE MEETING HELD IN SPRINGFIELD

An important state-wide meeting was held in Springfield, June 27, 1940. The following represented our Co-operative:

Roy L. Sharrow, Ray M. Sims, Lewis Barnes, G. F. Vollbracht, Mrs. Clara Robertson, John Sargent, R. A. McCaskill, Marion Young, W. D. Scoggan, E. H. Garlich, George B. Whitman, Max L. Weinberg, George D. Simpson, and Mildred Urkes.

This meeting was called by REA, and officials announced that we could have funds for the building of 200 additional miles of line this year, if our application is in Washington by September 1, 1940. This is in addition to the 186 miles for which we already have made application.

Our Board of Directors has approved the plans for an aggressive Membership Campaign, and Mr. Gladstone Califf has been appointed as our Coordinator to direct the Campaign in the three counties. It will be our aim to extend lines into every community where the people are willing to cooperate on the "signup."

The work of selecting committees, and the educational part of the program has already been started. We urge every member to help sell those who are not on the present line. This opportunity may never come again and we believe we should make a special effort to saturate our territory while the money is available.

EDITING A PAPER IS NOT EASY

Some appear to think that running a paper is easy, but from experience we can say that it is no picnic, because readers are hard to please.

If we print jokes, people say we are silly, if we don't, they say we are



too serious. If we clip things from other papers, we are too lazy to write them ourselves. If we don't, we are stuck on our own stuff. If we stick too close to the job, we ought to be out hunting news. If we get out and try to hustle, we ought to be on the job in the office. If we don't print contributions we do not appreciate true genius; and if we print them, the paper is full of junk. Now like as not some guys will say we swiped this from some other paper--AND WE DID!

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FINANCIAL REPORT

<u>June Energy Bills</u>	<u>Billed</u>	<u>Amount</u>
Farm Members	892	\$3,368.09
Non-Farm Members	113	200.50
Commercial Bldgs.	15	140.92
Public Buildings	106	159.99
Totals	1126	\$3,869.50

Demand.....	240
Average Bill.....	\$3.40
Average KWH.....	38
Minimum Bills.....	764
KWH Sold.....	42,684

In the operation of an electric distribution system, one of the major problems is the Safety Problem. Our personnel is constantly striving for better safety records and attending meetings and schools to become more "safety" conscious.

"Accident Free" records not only preserve life, limb, and property but reduce our Liability Insurance premiums!

No matter how careful a company is, it cannot prevent such regrettable accidents as the one which occurred last month on the line of the C. I. P. S. Company. One of their lines had been blown down in the road during a severe storm. A young man passing along this road came in contact with one of the wires which was "hot" and was electrocuted. We do not want this to happen on our lines, THEREFORE, we are asking each member to act as a committee of one on safety, and see that his family and neighbors are impressed with the importance of leaving broken electric wires ALONE! This applies to secondary or low voltage wires, as well as high voltage wires.

There are some who have the mistaken idea that 110-volt wiring is not dangerous. Under certain conditions, contact with 110-volts may prove fatal. The SAFE plan is to treat all broken electric wires as dangerous.

If you discover a broken wire along our lines please report it to us immediately. It would be a good idea for one person to remain there to warn other people, until our maintenance men arrive.

A BIT OF PHILOSOPHY FROM ONE OF OUR MEMBERS: Mrs. J. R. Willard

To Complainers: "The fellow who never makes a mistake never does anything."

To the Bachelor: "The reward of freedom is loneliness."

Mrs. Ray Callahan: "You should meet my husband. He makes a living with his pen."

Margaret Walbridge: "Oh, so he's a writer, too?"

Mrs. Callahan "No, he raises pigs."

HONOR ROLL

The following are the "high ten" for using the greatest number of KWH for the month of June, 1940.

RESIDENTIAL RATE:

Scott Meyer	745
Henry Ihrig	301
Ray C. Thompson	255
John R. Roy	235
Ogle E. Love	237
Wilbur Pearce	215
Anna B. Grubb	208
Alice B. Sterne	206
Thomas D. Sorrill	194
Oscar Weiss	181

COMMERCIAL RATE:

R. J. Rapp	810
Harry H. Hertzler	609
Geo. Kestner Store	358
H. M. Seymour	316
Ruthe Miller	289
Cupp Barn Pump	222

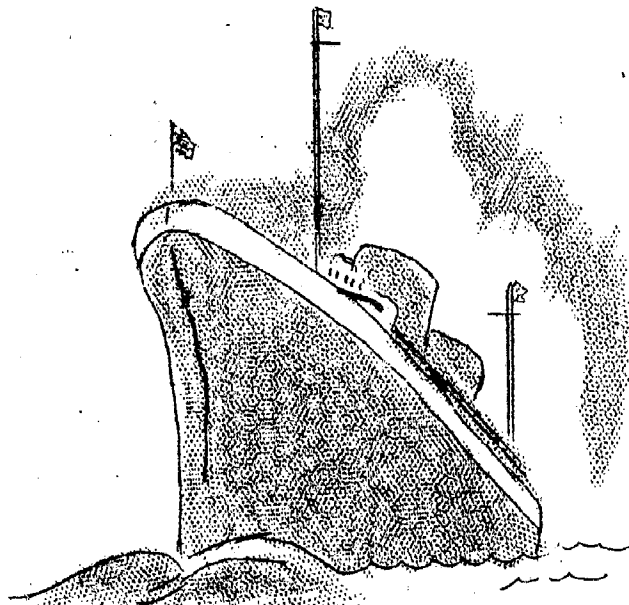
INTRODUCING OUR PROJECT PERSONNEL

Mr. and Mrs. Member we take great pleasure in introducing to you our Project Superintendent, Mr. Clate Cox. Now's the time to meet him if you haven't already done so. He's here to keep things running smoothly. When you have any troubles or problems, come in and see him--or if your're particularly glad over something new, different or otherwise, he'll be glad to hear that too. He'll also be glad to come out to your farm and talk things over.

Mr. Cox has an electric range, and if you want to hear about how inexpensive it is to cook with electricity, just come in and ask Mr. Cox. He's sold on the idea. Turn to Page 4 for an introduction to Mr. Sharrow, our President. See next month's issue for more introductions.



If you were sailing on this boat, you would be on time--why not send your meter reading card in on time?



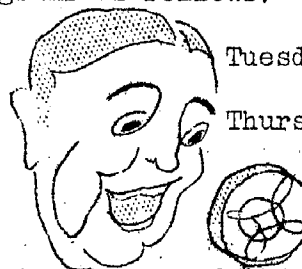
The idea of having the members read their own meters by the card system is a very good idea, and it will work too--if the members cooperate. Now most of you members cooperate 100%. You mark your card the minute you get it, and then right back in the mail box it goes, or at least you get it in the mail box the next day. If you mail it the 19th it will get to us the 20th. After we get the cards we have to file them before we can start billing. It makes it very hard on the billing clerk if all the cards aren't in on time, because she has to either estimate your bill or bill you the minimum and the next month she has to figure it all over again. Your card is inclosed, Please mark it now, and put it in the mail box the 19th, or sooner.

REA RADIO PROGRAMS OVER STATION W T A D

Tune in your radio to W T A D for REA programs as follows:

Tuesdays ---- 12:25 p.m.

Thursdays --- 6:15 a.m.



Tuesday, August 6, 1940, Your Cooperative will have a special program at 12:25 p.m. Save the time, and tune your radio for that program. You won't want to miss it. Tell your neighbors and friends about it. These programs are both interesting and

INTRODUCING! --



Mr. Roy L. Sharrow

Mr. and Mrs. Member we would like for you to meet the President of the Board of Directors, Mr. Roy L. Sharrow.

Mr. Sharrow lives on a farm northwest of Golden, in Adams County Illinois. He was born and raised on this farm, and it has always been his dream that someday high lines carrying electricity would come to his farm.

About twenty years ago he put in a Delco system, which he states partially filled his dream, but the Delco was a "back-number" when REA came along. In Mr. Roy Sharrow's own words: Quote "What I enjoy most is the water pump, and as for my wife, she says that she just couldn't do without a washing machine and iron. Then there's the refrigeration. I think the idea of plugging it in is much better than the idea of lugging it in. Then there's the brooding of chicks with an electric brooder, what a convenience that is--why I could just go on and on, but you know the conveniences as well as I do and if you don't, well now is the time to learn about them." Unquote

The following article appeared in the June issue of the Illinois Rural Electrification Bulletin.

SHARROW IS POET

Roy L. Sharrow, President of the Adams Electrical Cooperative, has turned poet to boost the REA project in Adams County. Following is one of his poems entitled "A. E. C. Progress in Rhythm," published in the Adams County Rural Life magazine:

The thing everyone wants to know--
How soon will Electric Current flow?
Now come with me while I pull back the
curtain
To show you that this thing is very
certain.

At first, promotion work we had to do.
The Farm organizations brought the most
of that to you.

Then a board of Directors had to be
elected

A Superintendent, Engineer, and Attorney
were selected.

Next in order the memberships we signed
And some of them were hard to find.

For, they said, "We'll wait till we see
the poles."

And couldn't believe the truth of the
things we told.

A lot of right-of-ways had to be secured.
To keep the lines from making a detour.

A contractor full of pep was hired to
build the lines

And as you tour the country, you'll think
they're mighty fine.

For 500 miles and more stretch across the
land

As wiring contractors work on every hand
To get the houses ready for that eventful
day,

When someone in Authority will have this
word to say.

Go home and turn your switches and you
will have Electric power.

And when at eventide, you pause to give
your thanks

Don't be like some who are sometimes
classed as cranks,

But in your prayers, remember your farm
organization

Which lent a helping hand to form your
corporation.

Wedding bells rang June 12, 1940, for
Miss Reitha Schreake, daughter of Mr. &
Mrs. Oscar Schreake
of R. #5, Quincy,
Illinois, and Mr.
Virgil Hildebrand
of Ellington Town-
ship.

Mr. Schreake said
that the electri-
city was a great
help for the wed-
ding preparations.
He said that the
refrigerator was
of special benefit
and that "he would
never be without
one again!"

