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YOUR METER READING CARD IS INCLOSED!

WE'VE NAMED OUR NEWS LETTER
HOW DO YOUR LIKE IT?

With the help of our members, the office personnel and Mr. R. R. Parks of the Extension Service of the University of Illinois we have it named, and we think it's a good one--do you? Mr. Parks suggested the ABS so as to unite the three counties, Adams, Brown and Schuyler. With the help of our members we finished the last part. When you speak of this paper, don't say news letter, say LIVE LINE NEWS!

And remember, each one of you members is a reporter on the staff of this paper. Keep your eyes and ears open for interesting news, helps which you discovered that are worth passing on to other members, what you like most about electric energy, what appliances you have, what appliance you couldn't do without, etc.

FIELD ENGINEER VISITS COOPERATIVE
Mr. W. M. Vaca, Field Engineer from REA was in our office twice during the past month. We appreciate these visits from REA officials as the benefits derived from them are both helpful and worthwhile.

ENERGIZING COMPLETED IN BROWN
AND SCHUYLER COUNTIES

All lines in Brown and Schuyler Counties have been energized. This makes a total of 326 members now receiving service on these lines. Several were not ready when lines were energized, and we are trusting that they will be ready soon. They will be granted 30 days to have their premises ready; after that time they will be billed according to their membership contract.

All members energized since the 10th of June will not get a meter card as they will not read their meters or be billed until next month.

Extensions totaling twenty-six miles in Adams County are now being constructed. These extensions will complete our "B" Section, and we will have a total of 626 miles of line, serving more than 1300 members.

We have filed application with REA for funds to build 170 miles for the year starting July 1, 1940. This will be known as our "C" Section. We believe it will be approved shortly after the first of July. Congress has granted REA \$100,000,000.00 for REA construction in 1940-41 and we shall endeavor to get a line to every community in our territory which can show sufficient interest to make lines feasible.

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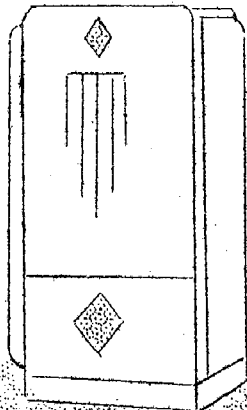
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ALL ABOUT PAYING ENERGY BILLS

A survey of our Collections indicates that a number of our members who pay by mail are waiting until the 15th to mail their remittances. Those waiting until the 15th often forget it on that date and mail their remittance later without adding the penalty. It is not pleasant for us to collect the penalty but it becomes a part of the bill and we have to treat all members alike in collecting them.

Our bills are sent out on the first of each month. The member is allowed until the 15th to pay without penalty. After the 15th it is mandatory on our part to collect a 5% penalty. To those who mail their remittances, we do not charge a penalty if envelope is postmarked the 15th. If a later date is shown, naturally the penalty must be charged. Some have stated that they mailed their remittance on the 15th but postmark showed the 16th or 17th. We regret this but will have to charge a penalty on all bills postmarked later than the 15th.

Inasmuch as the bills are sent out the first of the month, and are for energy consumed for the month ending the 18th, preceding the billing date, we believe those paying by mail can aid our book-keeping department and avoid penalty by making remittance as soon as bill is received.

Some Cooperatives allow only five days for payment, and charge a 10% penalty.

FINANCIAL REPORT:

No. of Members Billed	1001
Amount Billed	\$3,122.78
Average KWH	33.5
Average Bill	\$3.12

Since the meter reading date this month was changed to the 18th the bills were prorated which reduced the totals and averages.

HONOR ROLL

The following used the greatest number of KWH for the month of May.

RESIDENTIAL RATE:

Oscar Weiss	959
Scott Meyer	442
Henry Ihrig	260
O. G. Musick	233
Ralph Morton	223
Harry Sherrick	206
Oscar Dedert	205
Roy L. Sharrow	189
Ogle E. Love	186
Alice B. Sterne	174

COMMERCIAL RATE:

Harry H. Hertzler	637
R. J. Rapp	605
H. M. Seymour	473
Ruth Miller	262
Cupp Barn Pump	244
E. Beckman	210

WITH APOLOGIES:

In last month's issue we omitted our President's name from the Honor Roll. We're sorry Mr. Sharrow. Mr. Sharrow used 229 KWH in April

A SUGGESTION!

Someone suggested we print a DUNCE ROLL just below the HONOR ROLL. What do you think about it? You wouldn't want your name on it would you. Well, it's just for those who don't pay their bills by the 15th. A delinquent list.

DEFINITION (By Schoolboys)

"Insulators are people who insult other people." --Kentish Mercury.

DO YOU KNOW YOUR FUSES? THEY MAY CAUSE AN OUTAGE

Mr. A. C. Johansson of Augusta reports a trouble call that proved to be loose fuses. Fuses sometimes become unscrewed enough to cause a circuit not to work. If any part of your wiring does not work the first thing to do is to inspect your own fuses. Be sure they are in right, and are screwed tight. If you still do not have power, call your neighbors. If they do not have electric, the line is dead and we should be notified.

If you are the only one without service, and it isn't in your fuses, your transformer is probably "kicked out". In that case, you should call us, giving as much information as possible.

If you have any trouble on your premises past the meter, you should call a wireman. Our men are not supposed to do such service work, and a charge will be made if they are called out on such outages.

We wish to again call your attention to the necessity of inspecting any wiring done after the initial inspection. The fee for reinspection is \$1.00 and it must accompany request.

Our Maintenance Crew reports some broken insulators that show lead marks. These insulators were evidently broken by some thoughtless person practicing with firearms. We trust that each member will consider himself a committee of one to educate the public on the foolishness of such actions. It is costly to your Cooperative, and might cause serious damage and danger to life if done on a corner pole, where line would sag across the road or pathway.

Mrs. Robertson, a Director, and her four sons invited the office personnel and attorney out to their farm for a weiner roast the other night. Everyone had an enjoyable time, especially the attorney. Mrs. Robertson has many appliances, and among them is a new one--a fly catcher, which certainly does the job.

PRICES SLASHED

ON G-E MAZDA LAMP BULBS WICH YOUR
COOPERATIVE SELLS IN THE OFFICE

25 watt NOW 10¢

40-60 watt NOW 13¢

75-100 watt 15¢

Come in today

and

stock

up

Ray T. Nicholas, Farm Adviser, Schuyler County has an electric range for sale. We are glad to print the following notice for him:

FOR SALE: Westinghouse Electric Range, like new. In perfect condition. Very reasonably priced. We are selling this range because we won an electric range in the recent Westinghouse "Advise a Bride" contest.

Ray T. Nicholas
317 So. Liberty St.
Rushville, Illinois

A LESSON ON SAFETY

In many homes wired years ago,
No ground was made, they did not know,
That grounding done the proper way
Protects your home and life each day!

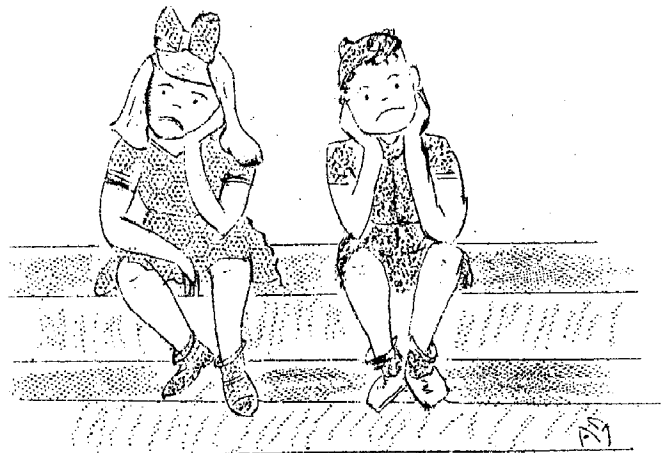
Good wiring done as per the Code,
Brings "safety first" in your abode;
Some trouble calls we all have had,
To check up on some wiring bad.

A lady phoned our shop one day,
"Please send a wireman right away;
The meter makes a howling sound,
With all lights off it still goes 'round."

The job was in a home quite swell,
Where the trouble was, no one could tell;
The mother was afraid of fires,
'Cause sonny boy had fixed the wires.

A switch plate by the bathroom door,
Would make you jump clear off the floor;
And sister says, "You get a shock,
If you pull the chain or touch the lock."

The wireman took a look around,
The kid had crossed the "hot" to ground;
"Well," she said, "It was here before,
But now it's gone the meter's slower."



"It's bad enough to be spanked by hand--but we heard mom say she was buyin' an 'lectric Beater."