

REA

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(You still have a chance to name this letter)

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MEMBERS WILL READ THEIR OWN METERS

Your meter reading card for May is inclosed. Starting with this reading, all meters will be read by the members on the 18th of each month. We will endeavor to mail the news letter and meter card so that it reaches you on the 18th. Please read your meter on the 18th and send to us immediately. The card needs no stamp, just drop it in the box. Person who reads meter please sign card.

If the card does not reach you on the 18th, please read the meter on day it does reach you, and advise us when you actually received it, by writing on the margin of card. This will help us to figure the correct time to mail cards for each branch so they reach you on time.

In adjusting meter reading dates to the 18th, we will prorate the bills for May. If your card is not returned by the 22d your bill will be estimated on basis of previous consumption.

MEMBERS SUGGEST FILING NEWS LETTERS

Several members have expressed a desire to file the monthly news letters for future reference. This is a worthwhile idea and can be easily accomplished by filing them in an inexpensive ring binder which can be purchased at any store carrying schools supplies. We can have the letters punched if there are enough requests for this service.

Please let us know what you think about it!

ENERGIZATION HAS STARTED IN SCHUYLER COUNTY--BROWN COUNTY TO BE SOON

Fifty-eight miles of line on our "B" Section were energized since our last issue of the news letter. There are 119 new members being served on this new mileage.

We have wired Washington for permission to energize the remainder of Schuyler County. Brown County will be energized as soon as the required number of members are ready for service. An average of two per mile must be ready for service before we can turn on the power. To date we lack approximately 40 members in Brown County, but we believe they will be ready soon.

EXTENSIONS IN ADAMS COUNTY APPROVED

On April 25, 1940, we received approval from REA for the construction of twenty-six miles of line in Adams County to serve 60 new members. Construction has started and the Contractor expects to complete the work within four or five weeks.

MANY ENJOY SPRING ELECTRICAL FESTIVALS

The Spring Electrical Festivals held at Clayton, Rushville, and Quincy, the week of April 29, were very worthwhile. The unfavorable weather conditions prevented many from attending, but those who did come were amply repaid for their effort.

Dealer displays were exceptionally fine and the programs given by Mr. Lee Lloyd and Miss Louisan Mamer were both instructive and interesting.

HONOR ROLL

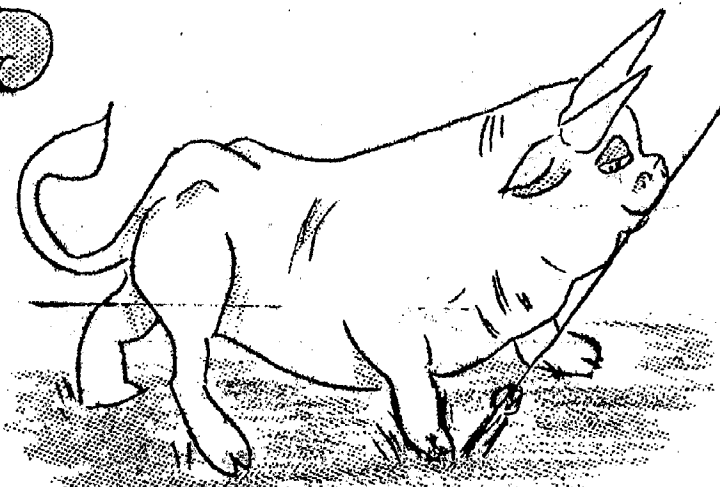
The following used the greatest number of KWH for the month of April.

RESIDENTIAL RATE:

Oscar Weiss	888
Scott Meyer	512
J. Ben Jefferson	462
Henry Ihrig	373
C. P. Whitney	286
J. C. Padgett	266
Mrs. Clara Robertson	250
E. L. Anderson	248
Albert Blickhan	206
George Ernst	204

COMMERCIAL RATE:

Harry Hertzler	638
R. J. Rapp	618
Ruth Miller	329
Wm. C. Lavin	211



DO YOU THINK A BULL WOULD MAKE A GOOD LINEMAN?

Mr. C. H. Whittler has a bull that is trying to qualify as a lineman. By rubbing a guy wire he "jiggled" secondary wires together and turned off Mr. C. H. Whittler's transformer. If he can get so he can turn the transformer back on, we may be able to use him.

Handwritten note: April 20, 1940

KNOW YOUR BULBS!

We recommerid the use of 120-volt bulbs on our system. Your dealer will be glad to furnish them if you will just ask for them. We carry a supply of these bulbs in our office.

PROTECT YOURSELF

HAVE ALL ADDITIONAL WIRING INSPECTED

All wiring should be inspected. If you have done any wiring since your job was inspected, please advise us and we will have the Inspector visit you. The charge for additional inspection is one dollar.

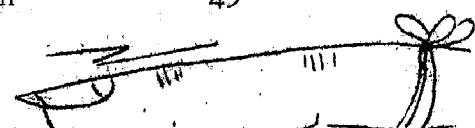
CO-OPERATIVE OFFICE MOVES

We received approval from REA to move our offices to 935 Maine. Please address all correspondence to our new address so there will be no mixups.

ENERGY BILLS

April Billing		\$3229.75
Number Billed	873	
Average Bill		3.69
Average KWH	45	

REMEMBER!



This is your news letter. We want your ideas, your suggestions, your comments! Whenever you get a new appliance, we would like to know that also, as we will publish lists of the new appliances purchased.

If you have a telephone, please indicate it and the exchange which you are on, on the margin of your meter card.

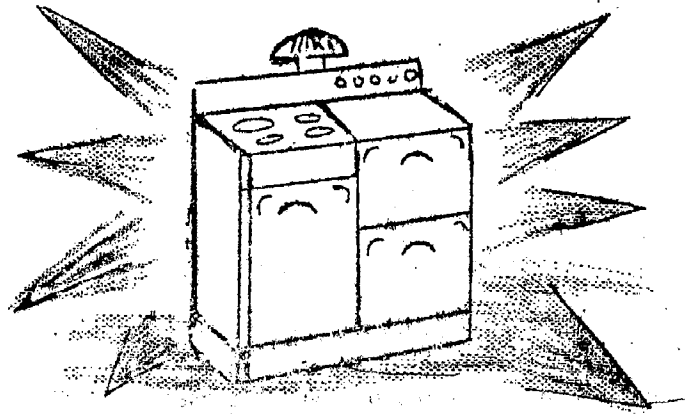
Harry Slattery, Administrator of REA, will speak on a broadcast, Monday evening, May 20, at 10:30 p.m. Eastern Standard Time, over NBC stations. You can hear him over Station WLS or WLW.

Check with your local station for exact stations, and time.

BEWARE OF FALSE SALESMEN!

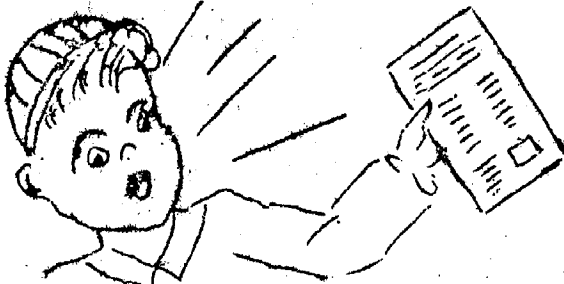
Reports have come to our office that certain salesmen are soliciting our members, leaving the impression that they are representatives of REA. Also that they can furnish any make of appliance the member may desire, at a reduced price.

REA does not sell merchandise and has no representatives on the road selling appliances. Our members may buy whatever and from whomever they wish, but we recommend that you buy from an established dealer, who will be able to render service in case of trouble.

**RANGE PROGRAM ENDS FOR THIS SEASON**

The Range Program for this season, ended officially May 15, 1940. The following members received benefits from this program:

E. L. Anderson	Miss Gertie Meyer
Mrs. Clara Robertson	Oscar Dedert
C. A. Wallace	Henry Ihrig
Mrs. Alice Sterne	John Krueger
Raymond Longlett	Ray Thompson
Rudolph Miller	

LAST CALL FOR SERVICE SURVEY CARDS!

We need your cooperation. We need it 100%. We still haven't received all of those Service Survey Cards we sent out over a month ago. Many of you cooperated immediately. Congratulations to you--you need not read the remainder of this paragraph. TO YOU WHO DID NOT RETURN YOUR CARD may we urge you to do so immediately. We have some extra cards at the office in case you have mislaid yours. We want to finish this report this month, and we can't do it without your help.



H O T weather is coming on--keep



electrically. An electric refrigerator helps immensely. Ask a friend who has one.

**FIVE KITCHEN PARTIES HELD**

In connection with the Range Program, five Kitchen Parties were held in the following homes:

Mr. and Mrs. Oscar Dedert
Mr. and Mrs. E. L. Anderson
Mrs. Alice Sterne
Mrs. Fern K. Funk
Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Wallace

We appreciate the hospitality of these homes very much. It is an example of a real cooperative spirit for a member to open his home for such meetings. A total of 252 members attended these fine meetings. Miss Louisan Mamer, REA Home Electrification Specialist directed the parties and electrically prepared an appetizing dinner with the help of the women guests. Mr. Lee Lloyd gave some practical information on electricity on the farm.

LISTEN TO THIS ABOUT ELECTRIC BROODERS!

Mr. Albert Blickhan was in our office the other day when he paid his energy bill and he stated that he could brood chicks electrically for one-half the cost of brooding them with an oil brooder. Mr. Blickhan has 500 White Rocks under one brooder, and everything is going fine. In Mr. Blickhan's own words he says, "The old oil brooder was so much trouble but with the electric brooder there isn't anything to do but let 'er go!"

The following have reported brooders since the last issue of the News Letter:

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| A. B. Leeper | Alta E. Francis |
| Mrs. C. C. Ellsworth | John Mast |
| Mrs. Ernest Simon | Orville Musick |
| Fred Schnellbecher, Jr. | C. A. Kaiser |
| Theo. H. Wenhaner | Elmer Paxton |
| Stanley Hibbard | (Lee Graham has an |
| Everett Jackson | incubator) |

The following poem was composed by Mr. Brown, a Lineman. Furnished to us by our Line Foreman, Mr. J. R. Carpenter. Mr. Brown wrote this poem while in the hospital recovering from line injuries.

THE LINEMAN

Upon the wind swept crossarm
Where the wind blows wild and free,
A cowhide belt and a chip of steel
Betwixt him and Eternity.

When the lightning gleams on the hilltop
And the thunder rolls in the dell,
It's then his work is awaiting him
And he gets plenty of thrills.

When folk in houses cringe and shake
Before the storm has passed,
He handles Death in his fingertips
To make the hot wire fast.

One slip of the hand and he's gone
To at least long days of pain,
But let him out and as sure as sin
He'll be up on the poles again.

Sometimes he holds in his very hands
The fate of a pal he loves,
And he prays that he fails not
In his trust, by a flaw in his rubber
gloves.

But for all that, he's a common guy
And very much carefree,
And he will stick to you through every-
thing
The best pal you ever did see.

So sometimes in a thunderstorm
When everything goes black,
Just think of the poor guy working hard
To get those hot wires back!

