

ADAMS LIVE LINE NEWS

VOLUME IV

AUGUST, 1943

NO. 5

OUTAGES

The Saboteurs of Food Production

References have frequently been made to line outages through the medium of the newsletter. We attempt to stress the importance of the prompt reporting of trouble due to electrical storms as well as any other causes in normal weather. Not only does this promptness mean savings and convenience on your part with the service more quickly restored, but it does mean extra savings for your Co-Op. Much overtime and mileage expense might have been avoided had the trouble been reported at once. Tires and gas are now invaluable and must be taken into consideration also.

Occasionally it is necessary that we de-energize a line for usually not longer than one hour in length to change out damaged poles, connect new users, etc. In case of a major outage, kindly call the director nearest your vicinity who in turn will report it to us. Please remember to check your fuses first of all for if the source of the trouble remains to be found beyond the metering point, a charge must be made for the expense involved by the Co-Op. Charges on trouble calls may be reversed. If you yourself make the call and the call is refused, we have already been informed of the service interruption by another party on that particular line.

Typical of the "to and from" correspondence concerning the above, is the following notation on a postal card received from Mr. Dwight Fowler of Birmingham and the reply to him:

Dear Sirs:

REA pole #10H173 has been struck by lightning. Thought you would like to know it.

Yours truly,
/s/ Dwight L. Fowler.

Dear Mr. Fowler:

I certainly appreciate your card of August 2, pointing out that one of our poles had been damaged by lightning.

One of our line crews while working in your vicinity yesterday inspected this pole and reported that it needs to be replaced. This will be done in the next few days.

You render your Co-Operative an invaluable service when you report damage and conditions which should be corrected. I wish it were possible to impress all of the members that the prompt reporting of such conditions will result in a lower cost of operation and fewer outages. We strive at all times to give the best service we possibly can but you can very readily understand that it is impossible for us to patrol our entire system at frequent intervals. This makes it doubly important that you members act as service men observers and report any condition which needs attention.

Again I wish to thank you for the kind service you have rendered.

Very truly yours,
ADAMS ELECTRICAL CO-OP.,
/s/ Dean Searls, Supt.

Direct from the REA center at St. Louis, we have the following program to be announced to our members:

"An REA-prepared series of five-minute dramas, stressing conservation of electric equipment through proper care and use, will feature Friday morning broadcasts of a new 15-minute farm program from Radio Station KFUD, St. Louis (850 on your dial). The first REA drama will be broadcast Friday, August 13, at 7:30 a.m. with others following mornings."

ANNUAL MEETING OF STATE ASSOCIATION

The second annual meeting of the Assn. of Illinois Electric Co-Ops will be held at the Leland Hotel, Springfield on August 19 and 20.

An estimated 400 to 500 delegates are expected to be in attendance representing the 26 co-ops of the State whose combined membership numbers more than 60,000 Illinois farmers.

Included among the speakers will be Howard Leonard, State Secretary of Agriculture, Clyde T. Ellis, Executive Manager of the National Rural Electric Co-Op Assn., and other Government, State, and REA officials. Representatives of the National and State War Production Boards will also discuss recent WPB rulings.

Your co-op will be represented by the following directors: Roy L. Sharrow, John Sargent, Horner Myers, Albert Flick, Lewis Barnes, and Geo. Vollbracht. Attorney Max Weinberg & Superintendent Dean Searls will also attend.

Adams Electrical Co-Operative
Camp Point, Illinois
Return Postage Guaranteed

Sec. 562 P. L. & R.
U. S. Postage
PAID 1¢
Camp Point, Ill.
Permit No. 3