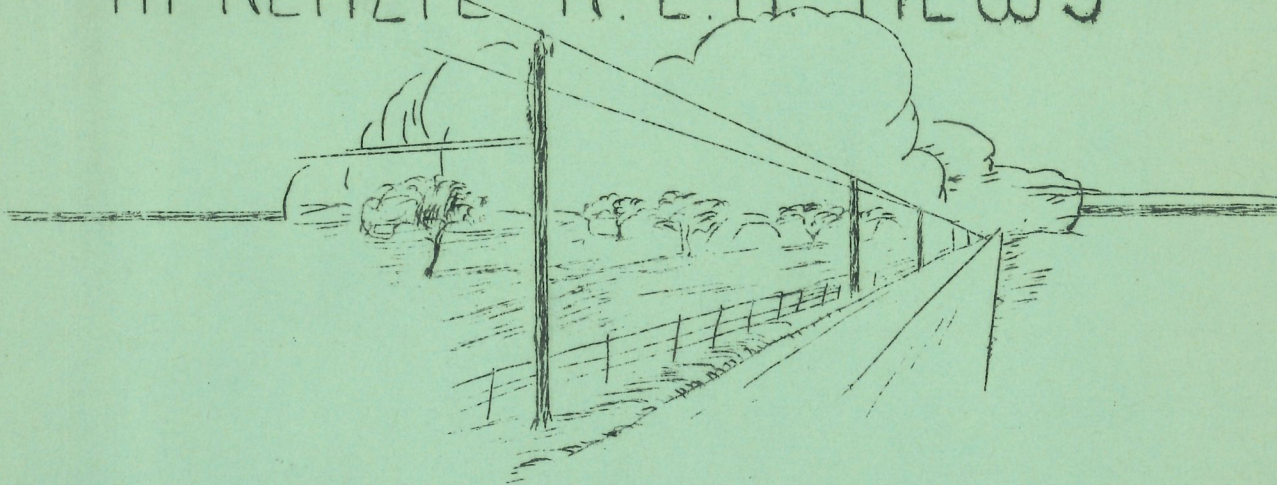


MCKENZIE R.E.A. NEWS



DECEMBER 22 -- THE DAY THE LIGHTS GO ON!

Monday, December 22nd, is the date set for energizing the first section of our line. Members of the Board of Directors, representatives of the Bureau of Reclamation, Montana-Dakota Utilities, and REA field personnel have been notified and will be present. Mr. Shipman, publisher of the Watford Guide, will take pictures for the paper. If you would like to be present when the first section of the REA in McKenzie County is energized, be at the substation in the Lewis & Clark Irrigation District at 11:00 A.M. Monday.

Some of the office staff thought that when the switch at the substation was pulled and the substation "heated" the entire section to be energized would get current all at once. Maybe you thought that too. But it is not right. After the current is turned on at the substation our linemen will go to each farm and turn on the current there. So it may be a matter of hours or a few days before some of the farms will actually have lights.

All line constructed West of U. S. Highway 85 and North of State Highway 23 will be energized. Those branches within this area not yet completed will be energized as soon as they are completed.

On the farms where the wiring is not finished and no inspection has been made, current cannot be turned on. As soon as you have your farm wired, either notify us to have the inspector come out, or direct your contractor to notify us that the job is complete. When wiring is finished and the inspection is made, your farm will be energized.

When you signed an application for membership in the Coop you agreed to pay a minimum monthly bill when electric energy was made available to you. In those places where a meter has been installed and the line is energized, current is available -- and whether your farm is wired or not, the minimum bill is due on the 15th of each month. It is to your advantage to complete your wiring jobs as quickly as possible so you can make use of the current you are paying for.

We will do everything possible to give you the very best of service with a minimum of interruptions. We hope we can do a good job. It is also our wish that you enjoy your lights and power -- and that you are as happy to have them as we are to have had a part in making electricity available to you.

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