



1986 Inductees



Herman D. Holt

Herman D. Holt had recorded almost 40 years of service to cooperatives when he retired from the board of directors of the South Dakota Rural Electric Association and Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative in 1980.

Holt was one of the original incorporator/directors of Turner-Hutchinson Electric Cooperative in April 1941. He was secretary-treasurer from 1950 to 1980.

In 1962, Holt was elected to represent his local cooperative on the board of the South Dakota Rural Electric Association. He became SDREA treasurer in 1970 and was selected as president of the statewide association in 1972. He continued in that position until his retirement in 1980.

Holt was an active supporter of his local farm supply cooperative. He was a member of the board of directors of the Parkston Agland Cooperative from 1950 to 1965 and from 1967 to 1970. He served as board president for 10 years.

He also served as a member of his local school board for 20 years and a member of the Whittenberg Township board for 10 years.

Holt was honored for his leadership abilities with the South Dakota Rural Electric Association Distinguished Service Award in 1978. He also received the Rural Electric Pioneer Award in 1985.



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Albert Schramm

Albert Schramm began his cooperative career as a tank wagon driver for the Farmers Cooperative Association at Winner in 1941. He became general manager of the cooperative later that same year and continued to serve in that capacity until his retirement in 1980.

During his 39 years of service, the Farmers Cooperative Oil Association experienced outstanding growth – going from total sales of \$70,000 to over \$7 million.

Schramm, like other Hall of Fame members, was also active in support of other cooperative efforts. In 1953 he was a leader in organizing the Rosebud Federal Credit Union and continued to be an activist in the credit union movement.

He also represented South Dakota on the board of directors of Farmland Industries for 15 years – from 1967 to 1982. As a former regional board member, he continued to take an active interest in local cooperatives.

Schramm was elected to the South Dakota House of Representatives in 1986 and served until 1990. He was also a member of the board of directors of the West River Conservancy Sub District. He was the first cooperative manager to be elected to the Hall of Fame.



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