



1990 Inductees



J.E. Krull, Sr.

J.E. Krull Sr. was one of the pioneer leaders of the rural electric movement in South Dakota. He was one of the original incorporators of the Codington-Clark Electric Co-op at Watertown and served on the cooperative's board of directors for more than 50 years.

Krull was also a strong supporter of East River Electric Power Co-op at Madison, S.D. In 1990 he retired from the East River board after 24 years of service, including seven years as treasurer.

The regional power supply cooperative honored him with the designation Director Emeritus.

His cooperative commitment also extended to other areas. In 1954 he was one of the organizers of the Watertown Milk Producers Association and served as a director until 1960.

He was also active in organizing the North East TV Co-op in 1988 and was president for two years. He also served as a member of the board of directors of the Heartland Public Power District beginning in 1974.

Krull was also an active Farmers Union member. He was one of the original agents for National Farmers Union Insurances in South Dakota in 1948. He received the Farmers Union Meritorious Service Award in 1995.



1909-1999

Lawrence Stoley

Lawrence Stoley was active in organizing and leading supply, marketing and telecommunications cooperatives in the Hyde County area.

Stoley helped to organize the first Farmers Union Oil Company at Highmore and served as a director from 1935 until 1946. In 1946 he raised money to begin a new Farmers Union Oil Company affiliated with the Farmers Union Central Exchange. He served on that board from 1946 to 1971.

He was even more prominent as an organizer of the Sully Buttes Telephone Cooperative and served on the board of directors from 1952 until 1983. He was a member of the board of trustees of the South Dakota Association of Telephone Cooperatives from 1957 to 1983.

Beyond the borders of South Dakota, Stoley was a member and chairman of the National Telephone Cooperative Association Public Relations Committee and was honored with the Life Achievement Award by the National Telephone Cooperative Association in 1983.

He was also a member of the board of directors of the Farmers Union Cream Station at Highmore from 1928 to 1946 and was a director of the Highmore Cooperative Association from 1940 to 1962.



1901-1987

