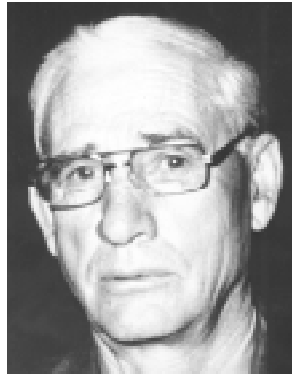




1985 Inductees



Arthur Jones



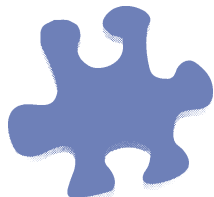
1905-1985

Arthur (Art) Jones of Britton was one of the foremost leaders of the rural electric cooperative movement in South Dakota, regionally and nationally.

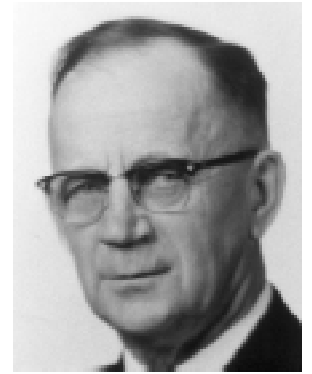
Art Jones was a founder of Lake Region Electric Cooperative in 1941 and helped to organize East River Electric Power Cooperative in 1954 and Basin Electric in 1961. He was a member of the East River board of directors from 1954 to 1980 and served as president from 1958 to 1973. He was the first president of Basin Electric and served on its board from 1961 to 1979. He was president from 1961 to 1976.

A member of the South Dakota State Senate in 1950-52 and 1954-70, Art Jones was also a director of Midwest Electric Consumers Association from 1958 to 1979 and was an active leader in Farmers Union and the Farmers Union Cooperative Association of Marshall County.

Art Jones was selected as South Dakota Rural Electric Association "Man of the Year" in 1960 and also received the Midwest Electric Consumers Association Distinguished Service Award. Other honors included the Western States Water and Power Consumers Conference John Carmody Award in 1970 and the National Cooperative Month Career Award for Outstanding Leadership in Rural Electric Cooperatives in 1980.



Emil Loriks



1895-1995

Emil Loriks of Oldham, was one of the founding fathers of the Farmers Union Grain Terminal Association. He served on the GTA board of directors from 1939 to 1967 and was the only South Dakota to serve as GTA chairman (from 1957 to 1967).

Loriks' service with GTA was a small part of his multi-faceted achievements on behalf of family farmers, ranchers and co-ops. A World War I veteran, Emil was a member of the state senate from 1926 until 1934. He was president of the South Dakota Farmers Union from 1934 to 1938 when he resigned to run for Congress. He also served as SDFU State Secretary-Treasurer, *Union Farmer* editor and was National Farmers Union Secretary from 1942-1946.

Loriks assisted family farmers, ranchers and cooperatives through his leadership as South Dakota Farm Security Administration Director during the early 1940s. He served as regional FSA co-op chief and led a major effort to reorganized cooperatives that has gone bankrupt during the Great Depression.

In addition to being selected as one of the first two inductees into the South Dakota Co-op Hall of Fame, Loriks received honorary degrees from South Dakota State University and Dakota State University and was the first recipient of the South Dakota Farmers Union Award for Meritorious Service in 1980 and was a charter member of the South Dakota Hall of Fame.

His biography, "Emil Loriks – Builder of a New Economic Order" was published in 1987 by the Center for Western Studies at Augustana College.