Meeting New Schedule Demands with Modern Signaling

Prior to inaugurating the high-speed “Rocket” service between Chicago and Peoria, the Rock Island installed “Union” color-light automatic block signals between Bureau and Peoria to provide signal protection over the entire route of the new trains. Interlocking facilities installed at Bureau Junction, primarily to avoid stopping the “Rockets”, are controlled from a “Union” C.T.C. machine. The new signaling and interlocking facilities have not only made it possible to maintain the exacting high-speed schedules of the “Rockets” but have also benefited other trains.

Installation of automatic block signals on this 47 mile single track section marked the inauguration of a comprehensive signaling program. The Rock Island was among the leaders in automatic block signal construction during 1937, having equipped a total of 177 road miles during the year with modern “Union” color-light signals.

Automatic block signals are of assistance in providing expedited train movements and improved service to the traveling public with safety and economy. Our nearest office will cooperate in signaling problems.