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Cable Link To Harstine Lines Now Complete

More than 2,700 feet of electrical cable was unreeled from the mainland to Harstine Island Tuesday to make the final connection in the long-awaited electrification of the island homes.

The huge reel of cable was submerged Tuesday afternoon, and the final connections were expected to be completed and energization of the Island lines was scheduled for last night, according to Claude Danielson of Mason County PUD No. 3.

This marked the final step in bringing to actuality the dream which had been in the minds of Harstine residents for many years.

THE CABLE which was laid Tuesday was on order for nearly two years by the PUD, and when it was finally delivered the price was nearly twice the cost quoted when it was ordered, Danielson said.

At least 72 new customers will be served by the PUD with the final connection of the new lines on the Island.

The actual cable laying was speedily and efficiently carried out by Roy J. Kimbel and his Yacht Gypsy, aided by a crew of linemen from the utility district.

MAURICE NEEDHAM and W. L. Jessup, editor of the Journal, witnessed the cable installation as guests of Kimbel, but the occasion caused little stir among Harstine residents.

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They have been without modern convenience for so many years that they probably won't believe electricity has been provided for them until they can see the light.

No resident of the island was on hand to watch the cable installation.

MANAGER Claude Danielson was elated over the island extension, lack of service to that part of Mason county having been one of his most acute headaches.

Materials for the extension have been under order for several years, with the cable recently arrived to complete the extension.

A splicing of connections at the mainland and island terminals was hoped to be completed by Wednesday night which would provide service for the islanders for Thanksgiving eve and energy for cooking by electricity of the Thanksgiving turkey.

THE CREW of linemen and utility employees, working under Manager Danielson and Foreman Alva Miller included: C. L. Potter, Leonard Steel, Wilbur Flint, Glenn Miller, Roy Umphenour and Al Goodwin.

The cable is a two conductor, 15,000 volt capacity and is insulated for salt water submarine usage. The actual cable is incased in a lead sheath and is armored with steel.

Distribution lines on the island have been installed for several weeks and the only operation necessary for years of ambitious hoping on the part of Harstine residents to be realized rested after Tuesday evening with the speed by which PUD employees could make the final connection.

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