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COOP LINES GOING UP

There are a lot of obstacles in the way of building this REA cooperative line. The power companies who were not willing to build lines to the farmers are doing everything they can to prevent REA from serving the farmers in Otsego and parts of Madison and Chenango counties. We have noted that in some cases they have come in and served a small group only and have not gone on to serve the farmers beyond who are more scattered. This is one way they are trying to hamper the REA movement. They don't seem to care about the farmer beyond.

They are willing to cut below cost to serve a limited few if they can drive a wedge into the Otsego Electric Cooperative lines and thus cut our line to pieces and either force us to build around them or force us to cut off part of our line and leave a few farms without service.

Before REA came in they were not willing to build lines out to serve scattered farms. They are only doing so now to hamper the REA movement. Therefore, it should be easy to see through their willingness to serve a few groups here and there. We are sure that the majority of our members realize this. With this realization they should stand firm and united in their loyalty to their cooperative. We are looking to each and every member to reject the offers of the power companies to serve them and to use their influence with their neighbors who might be listening to sales talks and propaganda. Every member should stay with the co-op and help their farmer neighbors get electric service.

Work on our Oakville sub-station is progressing nicely and the New Berlin sub-station will be started within the next 10 days. All of the line hardware and insulators have been received and so have all of the transformers including the sub-station transformers which are at Oakville and New Berlin. We are doing every thing possible to hurry things along so that we will be able to energize the line sometime the latter part of April.

Recently you received from your co-op a printed statement "An Important Message" setting forth the situation in Otsego County as it exists today regarding electrification of your farm.

We will have in the co-op office at Hartwick a display room showing milk coolers and machines, pumps, motors and lighting fixtures. All members are invited to see this display and to ask questions about the co-op.

