

Consumers To Expand Area Gas System

Consumers Power Company will spend \$2.5 million this year to expand its Livonia-based Western Wayne Division natural gas distribution system, announced division manager James P. Thomas. The construction will benefit customers in Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth, Wayne, Northville and Novi, where nearly 2,300 new customers are expected in 1970, said Thomas.

\$2 million on its gas distribution system and the remainder on improvements of the Livonia service center in 1970, he said. Over 47 miles of gas mains will be laid in the division including construction of additions and extensions of gas mains, improvements to existing mains, connections for new customers and replacement of distribution equipment. The service center will gain a truck port and equipment cleaning area. Portions of the building's interior will be re-modeled.

Gas customers in the division receive supplies through a network of pipelines bringing gas from storage fields in Michigan and from suppliers in the southwestern United States. Consumers Power is keeping abreast of increasing gas demands with the conversion of former gas fields in Wayne, Oakland and Macomb counties to storage sites. The Northville gas field is being converted with 19 wells at the field to be reworked to store natural gas.

A cushion of 10.7 billion cubic feet of gas will be injected into the sites, said Thomas.

A 20-MILE, 20-INCH gas transmission pipeline will be built from the present Northville-Clarkston pipeline to a Consumers Power regulator station at Walled Lake. Thomas said the construction plants are part of a record \$252 million program which Consumers Power has budgeted for projects to improve and expand its statewide operations in 1970.

The company provides electric service to over one million customers and serves over 600,000 gas consumers in a combined service area which includes all but one of the 68 counties of Michigan's Lower Peninsula.

Some tickets still are available for the rock program being performed Friday, Feb. 27, by the Symphonic Metamorphosis at 8:00 p.m. in the Louis E. Schmidt Auditorium at Clarenceville High School, Middle Belt north of Seven Mile. Tickets for the program are \$1.50 in advance and \$2 at the door. They will be on sale at the high school three days preceding the concert. Ticket information also is available from Mrs. Richard Wood at 474-1708.

This attraction at Clarenceville is made possible with the support of the Michigan State Council for the Arts.

The Symphonic Metamorphosis is a group of eight Detroit Symphonic musicians who, as they explain it, occasionally switch from Bach to rock.

To promote the upcoming rock concert by the Symphonic Metamorphosis, Clarenceville High School students designed posters. Of the 50 posters made by students six were declared winners.

Students who designed them are Chuck Broombaugh, Andy Baur, Elvce Lentovich, Nancy LaVie, Don Dommett and Nancy Szubielski. They will receive free tickets to the concert.

Oakland Accountants Meet Feb. 26

The Oakland County Chapter of the National Association of Accountants will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 26, in Devon Gables, Long Lake and Telegraph Roads.

This will be the second member participation meeting of the 1969-70 season. Topics are "Work Simplification" conducted at 5 p.m., followed by fellowship at 6 p.m. and "Relation Between the Internal and External Auditor" conducted at 8 p.m.

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