

# Emergency Gas Service In Strike

Consumers Power Co. is handling only emergency calls to gas customers in its west Wayne division that serves Livonia, Farmington, Plymouth, and other communities in western Wayne and Oakland counties.

About 180 of the 342 employees went on strike last week after leaders of the Michigan Council of the Utility Workers of America, AFL-CIO, rejected a company pay offer.

Striking employees in the western Wayne division are in line installation, gas service, installation to homes, service work on appliances, janitorial and the garage group.

Wendell Mason, assistant manager in the division, said Consumers is "responding basically to emergency calls with our supervisory force of 60 and non-union office and technical help."

An emergency, he said, is "any situation where a customer feels in any type of danger — for example, with an overheated furnace." Customers are being referred to dealers with such problems as repair of water heaters, ranges, dryers and certain types of furnace repairs, he said.

In some Michigan steam plants which generate electricity, non-union employees are staying inside the plants or in trailers on company property to provide 24-hour service.



ON STRIKE at Consumers Power Co.'s west Wayne division plant at 11801 Farmington Rd., Livonia, are 180 members of the Utility Workers union, AFL-CIO. From left: Dan Courtney of Detroit, Paul Ranta of Livonia, Ed Robisch of Detroit, William Moore of Livonia and Thomas Sammut of Detroit. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)

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# Abortion Foes Rally

State Sen. David Plawecki (D-Dearborn Heights) will be one of the speakers at an anti-abortion rally on the State Capitol grounds at 3 p.m. Sunday.

Information on all aspects of abortion will be given by representatives of the medical, religious and political organizations. It is sponsored by the Michigan Right to Life Committee and People Taking Action Against Abortion.

Among the speakers slated are: Mrs. Jackie Davison, founder of the national organization, Happiness of Womanhood; Bruce Barton, Jackson County prosecuting attorney; Rabbi Joshua Sperka, of Detroit; and John Dorsey Jr., Birmingham pediatrician.

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# Attorney To Head GOP Drive

A West Bloomfield attorney was recently appointed director for the 1971 "neighbor-to-neighbor" Drive Republican fund-raising project in the 19th Congressional District.

Stephen K. Valentine Jr. will direct the drive in a district which includes Farmington, Redford Township, Livonia and a portion of Northville.

"Funds collected during neighbor-to-neighbor are collected on a one-to-one basis, thus serving the need for communication as well as fund-raising," said Robert Webster, Oakland County Republican chairman.

"Our ability to continue operations within the county will depend on the contributions of thousands of persons throughout our area and with their help we hope to reach our goal of \$55,000 this year."

The art work of a Farmington art instructor was recently accepted for exhibition in three competitive shows.

Ted Striewski, 26100 Barbados, will exhibit his work in the Ball State annual, a national competition; the annual Michigan Academy of Science, Arts, and Letters Exhibit in Kalamazoo; and the Michigan Council for the Arts "Art Train," a traveling show throughout Michigan.

Striewski teaches at the Orchard Ridge campus of Oakland Community College.

The work of another OCC instructor, Kephem Tazian of Birmingham will also be displayed.

Donald Mendelson, an Oak Park humanities instructor at Orchard Ridge, is currently exhibiting his painting "Computerized War" in the Garelick Gallery in Birmingham.

It is one of the exhibits in a showing entitled "Artists Against the War" which will run until May 22.



BELLE CREEK'S WIND-FALL, a Weimarner Pointer, owned and trained for field trials by William Blackmer of Farmington will be among the contestants at a conformation and obedience match to be held at the Livonia Mall May 15.

An obedience demonstration will follow the contest. Entries will be taken at noon and competition will begin at 1 p.m. in the contest sponsored by the Weimarner Club, of greater Detroit. The Weimarner is a popular breed of German origin with talents keyed both to hunting and to showmanship. Chairman for the event is Mary Kopus, 34700 Norfolk, Livonia.

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# Boy Scouts Dedicate Lost Lake

The Clinton Valley Boy Scout Council in Oakland County has dedicated its Lost Lake Scout Reservation near Clare.

Some 114 scout troops and Explorer posts took part in a weekend dedication camporee, the largest event in the council's 52-year history.

A new lodge will be named for Irvin C. Vollbrecht, of Southfield, whose estate provided a \$20,000 gift for the building.

The lodge will house a camp commissary, trading post and quartermaster facilities.

Lost Lake reservation itself has 2,300 acres and was acquired in 1966 through a major fund-raising effort.

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