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Opinions on Edison?

esidents who wish to air their views on Detroit Edison and the recent power outages in the Farmington area should mark Tuesday, Aug. 22, on their cal-

should mark Tuesday, Aug. 22, on their calendars.

The Michigan Public Service Commission will hold a hearing on the matter from 2-4 pm. Aug. 22 in the city council chamber at the Farmington Hills City Hall, 11 Mile and Orchard Lake roads.

"The recent storms that swept through the

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area certainly had an effect on many citizens," said State Rep. Jan Dolan, R-Farmington Hills, who helped organize the hear-

ington Hills, who helped organize the hearing.

The public hearing will provide a perfect forum for customer of Detroit Edison and Consumers Power to discuss their experiences. Dolan said.

The Public Service Commission will ask speakers to describe the utilities' response to outages caused by the storms and the safety procedures used to protect the public. Dolanded Participants also will be asked to suggest changes needed to deal with future storms.

ship.
Residents unable to attend either meeting should address their comments to the Michigan Public Service Commission, Chairman John Strand, 6345 Mercantile Way, P.O. Box 30221, Lansing 48909.

Memory Lane

From the Aug. 11, 1955 edition of the Farmington Enterprise:

A special appeal to Farmington residents to halt all outdoor water use was broadcast over a loudspeaker mounted stop a city truck driven through the neighborhoods. A hot summer with little rain had caused water shorters.

truck driven through the perindromeco. A most aummer with little rain had caused water shortages.

Watter Beuthin, manager of the Dancer's Department Store on Grand Ritver since it opened in 1945, announced that he was leaving to become a partner in a department store in Big Rapids, Mich. Darwin Bush was to manage the Farmington Dancer's store.

B A record number of 191 building permits were issued by Farmington Township during July 1955.

Short item: "None are more hopeleasily enlaved that those who falsely believe they are free."

Patterson, commissioners at odds on well policy

The reluctance of commissioners to adopt a well inspection program has rankled Oakland County Executive L. Brooks Patterson who said the policy "puts a significant number of citizens at risk."

wno said the policy "puts a significant number of citizens at risk."

In a strong message delivered
Thursday at the regular meeting
of the Oakland County Board of
Commissioners. Patterson
warned that not having a well inspection policy could lead to families becoming chronically ill from
drinking contaminated water.
Commissioners, however, insist
the arxeuitive is exaggreating the
problem and trying to push a
meedlessly spensive program.
"I might support a well inspection program, but it would have to
be better than the one I've seen so
far," said commissioner Sue Ann

Douglas, R. Rochester,
At Issue is whether Oakland
should establish a unit to inspect
new wills.
Some commissioners, including
Huth Johnson, R. Holly, said
Oakland doesn't need such a program, at least at the county level.
Oakland averaged less than five
cases of contaminated wells for
each of the last five years, she
said.
Commissioner Lawrence A.
Obrech, R. Lake Orion, said the
county should consider an inspection program, but not the one
supported by the executive.
At present, Oakland is one of 13
counties in Michigan that does
not have a well inspection program. That means no state or local agency oversees the use of
proper materials and grout with
new wells to prevent contamina-

tion.

Nobody knows how many wells are located in Oakland County. Patterson said, because accurate records are not available. But the Michigan Department of Public Health estimates that Oakland has more on-site residential wells than any other county in Michigan, he added.

Not having a county inspection program puts new homeowners at risk if their wells fail, Patterson said keiled wells can mean conteminated water and an expensive repair bill, he warned.

Patterson said he wants it fully understood that commissioners — by rejecting a well inspection program — "... must bear morally the responsibility for placing a significant portion of our population at risk.

"Public health functions, such

a significant portion of our population at risk.

"Public health functions, such as well permitting, are the responsibility of the local County Health Department, not local cities, villages or townships." Patterson said. "Further, such responsibility cannot be delegated to them."

Commissioners have been reviewing a proposed inspection with the proposed inspection.

program that includes a nine-person inspection unit. The cost per inspection is estimated at \$170 each, with the state and the homeowner each paying \$55. But after months of review, the county board's finance committee voted against adopting the policy 5 to 4. That vote, on July 20, was probably not the final word on well inspection. Patterson's atrongly-world message probastrongly-worded message proba-bly guarantees the issue will be

"I think there's room for com-promise," said commissioner Lar-ry Crake, R-Waterford, board

ry Crake, R-Waterrow, chairman. Everybody seems to think Oak-land should have some inspection system, said Commissioner Obrecht. "Even well diggers be-lieve there should be some inspec-tion."



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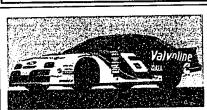
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