

Oil Firms Say: Take It Or Leave It

By STEVE BARNABY

The fuel shortage is taking its toll on area school districts as major oil companies have made "take it, or leave it," offers on gasoline bids. With some of the districts working on a monthly allocation, others have only enough fuel to last until September. One district has run out of gasoline.

Mel Blunk, Plymouth schools assistant superintendent of business, revealed that the Plymouth district ran out of gasoline last week and was forced to buy at public filling stations.

The district was accused to be paying 12 cents a gallon, but is now forced to pay nearly three times that price.

South Redford School District recently advertised for bids and received only one bid which quoted twice the normal price the district is now paying.

Wilbur Bishoff, SR district comptroller, said because of the recent price freeze, he wasn't sure whether the district will have to pay the doubled fee. Beginning in September, the district will be working on a monthly allocation of 5,000 gallons.

Redford Union School District, on the other hand, anticipates no price rise in its renewal of gasoline supply, according to Robert Junkey, assistant superintendent of business. The RU district pays 11.5 cents a gallon.

The Livonia School District, which pools its gasoline supply with the city, is holding its breath on future developments.

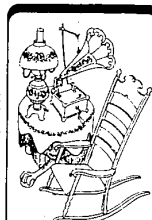
For the last two months the district has been on a monthly allocation of 28,000 gallons which is the minimum amount needed, according to William Bedell, assistant superintendent. Currently paying 11.66 cents a gallon, the district doesn't foresee a rise in price, but is not optimistic over how long a supply will last.

Southfield School District reports it is receiving only 90 per cent of its needed supply and has been forced to curtail some activities.

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William Adcock, assistant superintendent, says that through the recent acquisition of larger school buses and redefining of routes, a fuel saving has been made. He also said that some field

trips had to be canceled because of the fuel situation. The Farmington School District, which pools its supply with the City of Farmington, Farmington Township, and Clarenceville School District, anticipates

only the present supplier to reply to its bid, says William Prisk, Farmington schools business manager. They have also been forced to cut services because they aren't receiving 100 per cent of needed fuel.

The Garden City School District is also working on a monthly allocation. Ed Herpings, business manager, says the district is at "the mercy of fates and the oil industry" as to whether the district will receive gasoline

from one month to the next. He said there was some hope in the situation when the present supplier assured the district that the oil company was under a "moral obligation" not to cut off the supply.

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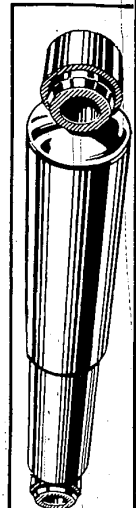
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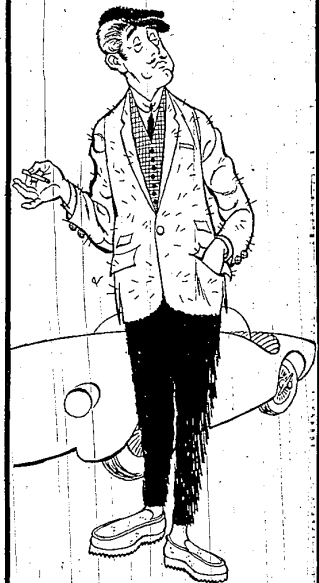
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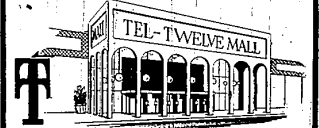
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