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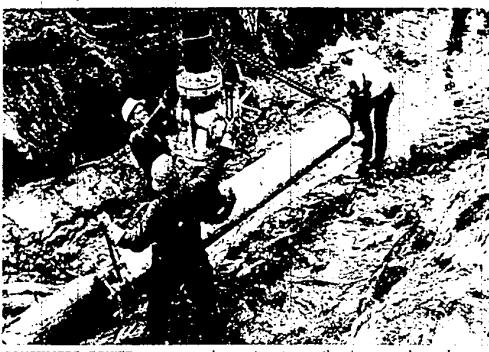
Plan Gives Workers Chance To Buy Stock

Burroughs Corporation is in process of putting into effect the Burroughs Employee Payroll deduction stock purchase plan for nearly 39,000 employees around the world. The new plan becomes another major item in the company's comprehensive employee benefit program.

Approved by the shareholders at the annual meeting, the Plan has been made effective by the Board of Directors as of July 1, 1967. With the approval, 300,000 shares of authorized but unissued common stock released from preemptive rights by the shareholders, have been reserved for purchase by employees.

Under the plan, which runs for the next five years, Burroughs is offering its stock for purchase by payroll deduction in a series of six-month-long purchase periods.

In addition to providing employees with a method of purchasing company stock which eliminates the cost of brokerage and service fees, the plan provides for a reduced purchase price. Employees purchase costs are based on the lower of the average prices on the New



CONSUMERS POWER crews are shown is cut near the river so valve and pumps starting the task of cleaning the natural gas pipeline system in Michigan. The line

Shingles Now Wind-Resistant

The long-lasting good looks of wind-resistant asphalt shingles is a prime reason for their use in more than 50 per cent of new roofing applications in many areas not normally subjected to high winds.

According to the Asphalt Roofing Industry Bureau, homeowners don't want to risk shingle damage from unexpected high winds that would mar the attractive ness of the roof.

They consider wind-resistant shingles, which cost only a few dollars more than regular shingles, a good investment because they stay down in high winds and keep the roof new looking longer.

Investigate Roots of New Plants

When you buy plants for yourself or as gifts, try to get a peek at the roots to

Roots of a mature plant in good condition will be tight and compacted around the sides of the clay pot.

This means there are seeking water and air, which the porous pot permits to enter.

It won't hurt the plants generally, if you tap out the entire soil ball intact to look at the roots. But get permission first.

Realtors To Study Residential Boom

To gain an overall perspective of real estate conditions in the fast-growing western Oakland county area, members of the United Northwestern Realty Association-Western Wayne-Oakland County Board of Realtors will take a bus tour on Thursday, Sept. 7, of Southfield, Farmington, Wixom and Walled Lake.

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Consumers Starts Big Pipe Cleaning Project

JACKSON — Crisscrossing the state of Michigan, under the sandy loam, clay and pine roots, lie hundreds of miles of large-diameter natural gas transmission pipelines.

The steel pipe is a highway for the transfer of billions of cubic feet of natural gas from the wells of southwestern United States to distribution companies and ultimately thousands of homes and industries in Michigan.

On the Consumers Power Company system—one of the larger in the United States—the lines are full year-round. In the summer the gas is rushed directly to homes, ground wells and fields where it will wait the winter call.

"When the temperature drops, the gas is sent to the major distribution points in the state for use as needed."

A major cleaning and testing operation is underway this summer on the Consumers Power and Michigan Gas Storage Company (a subsidiary of CPCO) systems. For the next three summers, Consumers Power crews will inspect, clean and test almost 535 miles of pipe ranging in diameter from 12 to 36 inches.

When the pipe was first installed, of course, it met every specification of both the company and the American Standards Association.

Now, says John B. Simpson, vice president, the company is backing up the original test specifications on pipe laid before 1955 by hydrostatic testing at pressures

that are twice as great as the original test.

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