

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 rates are based on the lower of the average prices on the New

York Stock Exchange on either the first or last day of each purchase period. Actual employee cost is then computed at 85 per cent of the lower average.

In a letter to employees Ray W. Macdonald, Burroughs President stated, "The company has established this plan in response to widespread requests for a payroll deduction stock purchase plan by employees who wish to become owners of Burroughs stock."

Macdonald also emphasized that participation in the plan is purely a matter of individual choice for each employee.

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 attractiveness 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.

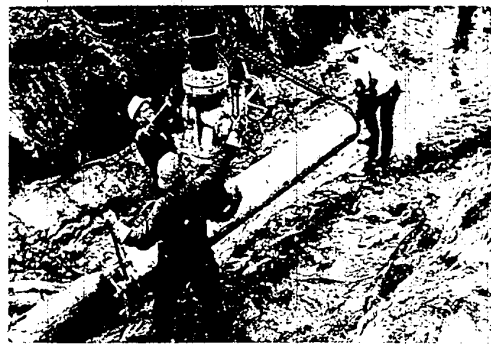
Roots of a mature plant in good condition will be vigorous and concentrated around the sides of the clay pot.

This means they 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. Object of the tour, which will open the fall season of events for the 1,700 member Realtor group, will be to visit the latest residential developments in the four communities and compare their current land values, home price changes, areas of fastest growth and the reasons therefor. This information will also be related to the commercial and industrial development and expansion in each of these areas.

Real estate experts from each of the communities will act as tour guides. Guides



CONSUMERS POWER crews are shown starting the task of cleaning the natural gas pipeline system in Michigan. The line

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 system 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 underground storage 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 CP&CO) systems. For the next three summers, Consumers Power crews will inspect, clean and test almost 525 miles of pipe ranging in diameter from 12 to 26 inches.

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

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

exceeding the most that will ever be demanded of the steel in regular service.

It takes a certain amount of ingenuity to test and clean pipe while still maintaining service for the more than 700,000 customers of the utility.

"We're using a combination of ground corn cobs and sand for the cleaning and then we inject water for the pressure test," Simpson said. Strange elements, indeed, in this modern age of electronics.

First, the cleaning. Ten-mile sections of pipe are isolated by cutting the line at two points near valves. Nearby pipelines route gas around the isolated sections to continue service to customers. Each end of the segment is plugged and a hole is cut at a midpoint. Then the ground corn cobs are pushed by gas at up to 35 pounds pressure through the line to absorb moisture and oil which accumulates on the walls and in pockets where the line dips. Four times the line is purged with cobs. Then sand is used to scour the line.

The line is sealed again, purged of any gas remaining and water is channeled from a nearby stream. Into the pipe it goes under pressures

as high as 1500 pounds per square inch.

Following the test, water is returned to the stream as clean as when it was taken, or use a combination fertilizer 24 hours earlier.

Water frequently at first, tapering off as new grass reaches mowing height.

Nothing serves better than a thriving permanent grass to hold weeds at bay.

Fertilize from time to time, or use a combination fertilizer-weed preventative.

Save Money, Buy the Best

With beautification America's watchword, good lawn products are increasingly vital, says The Lawn Institute. Happily, weed-free seed in score of combinations is available everywhere.

There are numerous Kentucky bluegrass varieties, beautiful and durable; fine fescues for shade and improvident soil; bent grasses for golf-green luxury; even rye grasses that are perennial.

Indeed, topnotch lawnseed can be obtained to fit your climate and mode of care.

Seed may bolster thin turfs, or be sowed to a newly cultivated seed bed. For a new lawn, till the soil a few inches deep, with a rotary tiller. Mix in plenty of fertilizer to give seedlings a head start over weeds.

Mulch—spread straw, excelsior or "fabrics" your garden store may recommend—to hold moisture and hasten sprouting.

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