Public's 'energy joy ride' is at an end

PLYMOUTH - The energy crisis -how did it arise and what's being done about it?

It was to that topic - which seems quite in vogue these days - that three experts in the energy field addressed themselves at last week's Plymouth Chamber of Commerce hunchen



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crunch" was the title of the Bogram that featured Wendell Mason of Con-sumers Power Co. James Lagowski of Detroit Edison Co., and Walter McDonald of Marathon Oil Co. as

of Detroit Edison Co., and Walter McDonald of Marathon Oil Co. as speakers.

Mason, an assistant division manager for "Constimers, said, "The energy loy tide in this country is coming to an end fast.

"We have to give some things up. "The era of cheap energy and illusions of unlimited abundance is drawing to a close," he said, prophesizing rough sledding ahead.

Mason said the demand for energy has now outstripped energy production and that was caused by technology.

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said. Although North America represents six per cent of the world's population, it accounts for 64 per cent of the world's natural gas use, he said, describing the situation on this continent

nent.

Because of increased cutbacks from its major supplier, Eastern Pipeline Co., Consumers has also cut back and is now adding residential customers only, Mason said.

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VANDYKE VISION. Middlebelt Road, north of Livonia Mall. Tel. 478-0234 Dr. A. Kowall, Optometrist. To help alleviate the shortage, he said, his company is exploring in Michigan for natural gas reserves although this is not believed to be a total solution for meeting residential, commercial and industrial demands. Lagowski, director of consumer products in Detroit Edison's public affairs department, said the energy crunch is being felt hard by electric companies.

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He'said that white there is an annual four per cent increase in demand for all types of energy, there is an increase in demand for electricity.

He echoed Mason's statement that our continent consumes more than its proportionate share of energy, saying that the United States alone uses one third of the world's electricity.

Of that domestic butput, he said, two thirds goes to commerce, industry and municipal customers while one third meets residential needs. A total of 10 per cent of all electricity is currently going towards environmental cleanup, Lagowski added.

The electric companies are currently feeling a squeeze because of the changeover from coal to oil fuels for pollution control at the same time there is a gap widening between oil production and demand for oil-based fuels, he said.

Michigan, which Lagowski termed an "energy poor state," gets 55 per cent of the senergy from the brought in from other states or countries.

He said one possible step toward aleviating Michigan's problems in the electric energy find is of the intruction more production facilities. But more production for the control of the c

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Outdoor life day is asked

for outdoor recreation is becoming more important.

More than 15 million hunting and 25 million fishing licenses are issued each year in the U.S., he adds, bringing more than \$200000 into local aristet treasuries. This become provides funds for fish and wildlife conservation and for preservation of endangered species. Ford sponsored a cimilar measure last year which was similar measure last year which was signed into law by President Nixon.

WASHINGTON DC — The President has been asked to declare next Sept. 28 as "National Hunting and Fishing Day" by Congressman William D. Ford (D - 15), whose district includes Garden City and Westland. In this era of congestion, shortages and frustrations, says Ford, the need for outdoor recreation is becoming more important.

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McDonald, manager of Marathon;
Oil Co, technical services department, began his talk by scoffing at a statement made by. Consumer. Advocate, Ralph Nader titat "the world is literally drowning in a flood of oil." He also dismissed the belief some that the "energy crisis" is a conspiracy by the oil companies.

Consumers are equally responsible—along with the oil companies and the government—for the gasoline shortage now being felt, McDonald said.

Like Mason and Lagowski, the He said that was just one reason why gasoline supplies were not meeting demands' today and suggested these possible solutions:

Like Mason and Lagowski, the Marathon spokesman also said Americans account for far more than their proportionate energy use when it comes to gasoline. Sixty per cent of all gasoline in the world is burned in the United Sates, he said.

"The days of bargain prices for oil are probably over forever;" McDonald emphasized.

Nuclear energy, once considered the hope for meeting rising energy de-mands, is "doing a darn rotten job today.

But this reliance on oil (and oil based fuels) is causing a crunch on oil refining capacities which, he said, are "inadequate to meet demand" because of governmental policies, lack of financial backing and environmental concerns.

McDonald stressed several times

that the environmental concerns today are responsible for much was-ting of energy.

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Environmental and economic controls should be balanced.

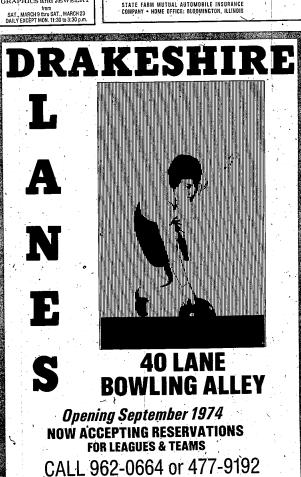
Price controls should be eliminated, thereby permitting a free market on gasoline and oil production.
 (This should perhaps be done on a phased in basis.)

• The development of all U.S. energy sources should be encouraged.

Consumers should try to conserve







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