

# Homes Exempted From Gas Cutoff

The Michigan Public Service Commission (PSC) has approved the Consumers Company decision to refuse new service to industrial and commercial businesses, which the company says is necessary due to inadequate gas supply.

New residential service remains available for an indefinite time under a five-point set of procedures. These, too, will be refused when the company satisfies the PSC that total demand equals total supply.

These were the results of the commission's review of the company's Oct. 1 request for authorization to refuse any new service requests.

The company, which serves more than 835,000 customers in 780 lower Michigan communities, has said its usual sources of supply are dwindling.

THE COMPANY is concurrently fighting Michigan Department of Natural Resources (DNR) plans to place stronger pollution-control standards on the state. And the company says it is pursuing explorations elsewhere.

Usual efforts of Consumers Power to gain new sales have been noticeably fewer in recent weeks.

The crisis reflects high power supply costs, public spending reluctance and the clamor for sophisticated and costly anti-pollution controls.

ALL EXISTING orders for residential service will be voided under the PSC-Consumers Power decision. New applications in writing will be required and the company will honor them on the following basis:

• Persons who had installed a gas furnace, or were

in the process of installing a gas furnace on Oct. 1, will have first priority on remaining uncommitted gas supplies. The company must be notified by Dec. 15 of continued desire for the service by these.

• All other persons desiring residential gas service, including service to existing residential units and new construction, must make application in writing to the company.

• Applications for existing residential units may be made at any time.

Applications for gas service for new residential construction may be made only after the footings and foundation walls have been completed at the location. In the case of mobile homes, applications may be made after the concrete slab has been poured.

• The company thereafter will verify existence and

continued progress of the construction with two inspections, and will be able to deny service if the new service isn't used within 12 months.

• Persons now receiving service in a building to be torn down because of public improvements may transfer such gas service for the same uses to another building, providing the transfer is completed within 12 months after discontinuance of service at the original location.

THE COMPANY must report to the commission by Dec. 31 the number of additional residential units taken on by Nov. 30, the supply volume required and an indication of how many additional residential units can be served.

When these additions produce a total connected load of 370 billion cubic feet annual-

ly, the current supply, the company expects to be able to refuse all further new services.

Thereafter, said a company spokesman, the company will establish a list of dated applications, which will be used to the extent practical in the allocation of any additional gas supplies that may become available.

The commission said Consumers Power "acted in good faith" when it imposed the stringent restrictions on gas sales Oct. 1 but that its procedures for serving those who applied before that date resulted in some inequities.

PSC CHAIRMAN Willis Ward said Consumers has received an unprecedented demand for new service in recent months "prompted in large part by the enforce-

ment of air pollution regulations."

A bulletin issued by the Department of Natural Resources this week said Roland Godbout of the Northern Michigan Exploration Co., a Consumers Power subsidi-

ary, was appealing against anti-pollution restrictions on state gas and oil explorations.

He reportedly said his firm preferred to spend all its money for exploration in Michigan but will be discour-

aged from doing so if the DNR's recommended leasing policy is adopted.

He and others called for a continuance of the present leasing policy with some modifications to strengthen administrative procedures.



AWARD OF APPRECIATION -- Thomas B. Adams (center), chairman of the board of Campbell-Ewald Advertising Agency, discusses the national Red Cross award of appreciation with Robert G. Wick (left), executive director of the Red Cross southeastern Michigan chapter, and E.A. Schirmer, member of the Red Cross national board of governors. The award was recently presented to the company for developing, as a public service, the nationwide American National Red Cross "Write Hanoi" campaign last spring.

## Highway Rebates Increase

An increase of 8.8 per cent in state motor vehicle highway fund revenues for the third quarter of 1970 over the same period of 1969 will be reflected in rebates to counties and local incorporated municipalities.

Wayne County will receive \$4,802,932 compared to \$4.5 million last year; and Oakland County will receive \$1,871,447 compared to \$1.7 million.

In Wayne County, area communities will receive: (1969 rebate in parentheses) Garden City -- \$89,257 (\$83,750); Livonia -- \$192,115 (\$179,369); Plymouth -- \$21,100 (\$19,900); Westland -- \$167,233 (\$150,677).

IN OAKLAND County, Farmington -- \$17,585 (\$16,473); Quakertown -- \$1,870 (\$1,728). Wood Creek Farms -- \$2,701 (\$2,544); Beverly Hills -- \$25,302 (\$23,769). Total state receipts were \$77,786,148 -- an increase of \$5,271,480 over 1969.

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## Realtor Wins New Caddy, Gives It Away!

A Plymouth resident gave away a brand new Cadillac the other day.

George B. Smith, of 44411 Beech Rd., gave away the vehicle after he won it in a game sponsored by the Men's Club of St. Anthony Church in Belleville.

Informed he was the winner, he declined the new car and instructed it be turned over to the club and used for the parish school and school-children.

Smith is the president of George B. Smith Real Estate which has offices in Plymouth, Belleville and Garden City.

## Few Plump For Plums Of Politics

If the poor quality of candidates at election time disturbs you, it might mean the jobs aren't too attractive.

In fact, a quick glance at the enrollment figures for Schoolcraft Community College this fall shows that more students signed up for conservation and law enforcement courses than for public administration in the public service department.

Conservation attracted 41, law enforcement attracted 50 and public administration interested only two.

## Pledges Frat

FARMINGTON Jay Hazelroth, a sophomore at Central Michigan University and a 1969 graduate of North Farmington High School, has begun pledging of Sigma Chi fraternity at CMU. A business administration major, he will be initiated into the fraternity in January.

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