

Gas Customers in SOC Area Increase 74 Per Cent Since End of Recent War



B. G. CAMPBELL, JR.

A growth of 74 per cent since World War II in the number of natural gas customers in southern Oakland County is reported by B. G. Campbell, Jr., district manager of the new South Oakland District of Consumers Power Company.

This district includes Royal Oak, Ferndale, Berkley, Hazel Park, Birmingham, Clawson, Oak Park, Huntington Woods, Pleasant Ridge, Bloomfield Hills and neighboring territory.

"It was this tremendous rate of growth that led to the establishment of the South Oakland district. With a district office and staff in Royal Oak we will be in a better position to meet the needs of our customers as southern Oakland County continues to grow."

"At the end of the War there were 24,800 natural gas customers in this area," Campbell said. "By the end of 1950 the number would be about 43,100, representing a gain of 74 per cent."

LEGAL NOTICES

CITY OF BIRMINGHAM, MICHIGAN
NOTICE TO PROPERTY OWNERS
VALLEY VIEW SHEFFIELD ALLEY

The City Commission of the City of Birmingham will meet Monday, November 20, 1950, at 8 o'clock p.m. in the Municipal Building to consider any objections to the construction of an improvement described herein and to the creation of an assessment district, created to defray the cost of construction of the improvement extending from Tenthon to Third Street, in the block bounded by Tenthon, Tenthon and Woodward.

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V. W. SISUNG

Victor W. Sisung, formerly assistant distribution superintendent of the Lansing Division, has been appointed district gas distribution superintendent of the South Oakland division.

Campbell has been with Consumers since 1939 except for four years spent in military service during the war. He began in the sales department, later became personnel and safety supervisor, and early this year was appointed local manager at Royal Oak.

An district manager he will continue to maintain headquarters there.

SISUNG HAS BEEN in the gas business since 1939 and with Consumers since 1934 when that company purchased the Michigan Federation Utilities Co.

He has been manufacturing gas production superintendent in Plymouth and Marshall, gas production and distribution superintendent in Manistee, and, since 1944, assistant gas distribution superintendent of the Lansing division.

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If Rouge Goes on a Rampage, the Army Engineers Are Ready

In event the River Rouge or any other waterway in this area, ever rises above flood stage and endangers lives and property, a comprehensive flood emergency plan is ready to be placed in operation immediately, according to C. G. Hoffman, chief of the technical information branch of the Detroit district of the Army engineers.

When necessary, the plan provides for Army engineer assistance in the form of technical advice to responsible local officials and relief and rescue work in cooperation with the Red Cross and other relief agencies.

Local officials also can notify the district office when they require any assistance.

Hoffman pointed out that the possibility of a flood which would overtax local relief and rescue facilities in Birmingham is very remote.

However, he added that engineer observers take to the field as soon as flood threatens area, and each flood, whether serious or not, adds to the technical data being compiled in the engineer corps' study of flood control problems.

UPON DEVELOPMENT of critical flood conditions, army engineer personnel engaged in technical operations, are alerted to swing into the relief phase of the emergency plan.

The army engineers first started flood control operations on the lower Mississippi river in 1927. In 1938, the corps was given the responsibility of controlling floods on a nation wide basis.

Today, it is working on a plan whereby approximately 200 of the country's major water regions will be protected from serious flood damage.

Territorial limits of engineer districts are fixed by watersheds for civil and flood control operations and by state limits for real estate functions.

The Detroit district commences at the outlet of Lake Superior on the Mays River, down to the St.

Mays for 60 miles to Lake Huron; then along the western Huron shore, including the straits of Mackinac to the St. Clair river.

THE BOUNDARY then proceeds along the St. Clair river and Lake Erie past Toledo and Port Clinton to Marblehead, Ohio.

The district takes in the tributary area, south and west of the boundaries named.

Hoffman said that the Detroit district has responsibility for all improvements for navigation of waters in the water region previously described.

It also takes care of improvements for flood control, and such beach erosion and shore protection projects as may be originated. In addition, the district is responsible for Army Aid Air Force real estate activities in the state of Michigan.

THE ENGINEER CORPS is now engaged in supervising construction on the enlargement and rectification of the Red Run channel from the intersection of Campbell and 12 Mile roads to the junction of the Red Run and South Branch, a distance of 12 miles.

Communities in Southern Oakland county and Macomb county are served by the Red Run drainage district.

This project is of special concern to Birmingham, as storm water from a sizeable portion of the city drains into this channel. The present construction will facilitate the storm water drainage, according to Hoffman.

The only area east of Hunter boulevard in Birmingham, not in the Red Run drainage district is the territory from Adams road to Hunter from the north city limits to Madison. Also not included east of Hunter, is Oakland from Poppleton to Hunter; Ridgedale from Poppleton to Hunter; and Hunter from Maple to the north city limits.

On the west side of Hunter, the Red Run drainage district will include Maple from Hunter to Pierce; Woodward from Maple to 14 Mile; Brownell street; Merrill and Martin east of Chester; Townsend from Bates to Pierce; and Brown from Hunter to Chester.

THE DISTRICT also takes in

Daines; Frank and George from Woodward to Pierce; Ann, Landon, Purdy and Clark; Lincoln east of Pierce; Cedar, Edgewood, Floyd and Grant to Catauga; Benaville and Cummins; Chaunin, Emmons, Davis and Bird to one-quarter block east of Grant; and 14 Mile road east of Grant.

Although the engineer corps is not handling the actual construction of this project, the Detroit district office was responsible for acquisition of necessary real estate and easements, preparation of plans and specifications, issuance of invitations to bid, awarding of contracts and supervising the construction of the job.

Hoffman said the construction should be completed during 1951. The government is providing funds for construction work in the channel, he pointed out.

Hoffman added that the engineer corps doesn't initiate river and harbor flood control projects. It acts only as consultant to Congress on the worth of a proposed project, after people of the basin apply directly to Congress for aid.

A Birmingham resident, Lt. Col. J. B. Bristow, 742 Greenleaf court, is the Detroit district engineer.

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