

Consumers Power Co. Planning to Invest \$9,000,000 in Area

Consumers Power Co. and its subsidiary, the Michigan Gas Storage Co. in 1951 will spend more than \$9,000,000 in Consumers' southeast division to expand and improve gas service to Oakland, Macomb and western Wayne counties, according to David E. Brown, division manager.

In the gas distribution replacement program, Birmingham is included among the cities where more than \$1,400,000 will go into constructing of wrapped steel mains to replace existing mains. Brown pointed out that many replacements will be made with larger pipe to accommodate rapidly growing loads. Plans are also underway for a new office building to be constructed in Birmingham.

LATHRUP VILLAGE NEWS

By MALLAN DIEDERICH
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Women Elect

Women's Republican Club of Southfield elected officers Thursday. They are president, Mrs. Eamon Rutledge; vice-president, Mrs. John W. Diederich; second vice-president, Mrs. Arthur Payne; secretary, Mrs. Charles Rantz; historian, Mrs. William Donner.

It was decided to give Southfield township industries presents as they leave for camp. Knitting and crocheting lab robes as well as piecing together nine inch squares of usable volens for hospitalized veterans was also discussed.

The retiring president, Mrs. Herman F. Luhn gave a talk on her recent Washington trip when American Legionnaires met there. She told of the Republican county convention held in Pontiac recently. She announced the state convention for Feb. 16-17 in Detroit.

Mrs. Luhn will be hostess at her home at a shower in honor of Mrs. Clayton Dittmers in March. Mrs. Hugh White and Mrs. Eamon Rutledge will be co-hostesses.

Refreshment chairmen for the meeting were Mrs. James Campbell and Mrs. Fred Neidermiller.

Community Church

Community church circles have elected these new officers: Circle I—Mrs. Viva Eckel, chairman; Mrs. G. Kasch, secretary; Mrs. W. Douglas, treasurer; Circle II—Mrs. James Wiebert, chairman; Mrs. Phil Urige, secretary; Mrs. David Redwood, treasurer.

Executive board of Lathrup Township church met Thursday, to further plans for the community dinner birthday party to be held Friday, Feb. 16 in Fellowship hall. Mrs. Robert Dymert chairman of the event will be assisted by guild members. Mrs. Wendell Holmes will accompany the community sing.

St. Sebastian Guild

Mrs. Wilfred Modjeska of Fernside, will entertain St. Sebastian guild, Tuesday, Feb. 20. Members met for breakfast last week and to sew on afghans at the home of Mrs. E. C. Brunner. Four afghans for hospitalized veterans have been completed in less than two months.

PTA Notes

Lathrup PTA executive board met Thursday at Lathrup school and the results of the snow carnival were discussed. It is estimated that about \$225 was cleared. The board voted that a coffee run be purchased together with 12 dozen forks.

A safety film "The Case of Tommy Tucker" will be shown to school children March 1, at 2:30 p.m. Parents are welcome.

The survey of traffic conditions on Southfield road has been completed. County Road Commission-er, E. W. Gogsd, said a speed control zone of 45 miles is needed between 11 and 12 Mile roads to that effect will soon be greeted.

Men's Club

Nineteen members of Men's club will be held Feb. 20 at 8 p.m. in Fellowship hall. At the recent annual meeting these officers were elected: president, Nelson Kimberly; vice-president, Elmer S. Craig; secretary, R. Neil Brennan; treasurer, Walter Bielanski. Other members are Charles Zink, Neil Cooper and David Stuart.

Social Happenings

Mrs. Nelson Kimberly of Coral Gables road entertained at luncheon and canasta last Thursday.

Mrs. John Campbell of Glenwood, was a luncheon hostess Thursday.

Dr. and Mrs. Ford K. Daines were chairmen of the cooperative dinner and square dance held in the Community church Saturday. Mr. and Mrs. Milton A. Dixon and daughter Diane have returned to their Manor court home after visiting Pompano Beach, Fla. Recent guests were their son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. John Murley of Jackson, who will move to Deckerville soon.

Church to Observe Fourth Anniversary

Fourth anniversary of the Township Community church will be marked by a dinner Feb. 16 at 8:30 p.m. Reservations may be made with Mrs. Ernest Coverdill or any Circle chairman.

Dr. Walton E. Cole, minister of Detroit's First Congregational church, will speak. Guest soloist is Miss Mona Spezzano.

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Official Describes Little League Plans For Bloomfield PTA

Little League baseball was discussed by William L. Bartholomew, vice-president of the organization, at the Bloomfield Village PTA meeting Feb. 6. He said the local league will be the first in Michigan. Boys from eight to 12 years may join.

The library project to have numerous reference books as well as material for all reading levels is under way. One plan is the birthday book gift, whereby each school child will present a book on his or her birthday.

Mrs. Elliot W. Higgins, president, with Mrs. William H. Cartwright and Mrs. Willett McCourtney, have volunteered to set up the library system.

Square and Jolk dance classes were explained by Mrs. Mary Hartwick, music teacher. The kindergarten group, having the most parents present, won the silver cup.

Movies from the "Land of the Free" series and refreshments completed the evening.

Local Girl Swimmer Wins at Michigan AAU Championships

Pat Palmer, 13, of 3555 Woodale court was a member of the Detroit Women's City club 200 yard free-style team which won its event at the Michigan AAU swimming championships in Battle Creek Saturday.

The event was for girls 16 years of age and younger. This is Pat's first year with the club. Last summer she swam in competition at Oakland Hills country club.

Pat is an eighth grade student at Hamlin junior high school and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John H. Palmer.

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HORSE SENSE AND NONSENSE

By ALICE E. MORGAN

For years my family has been telling me I never knew when to keep my big mouth shut. Since I hate to disappoint them, I may as well open it once more. Before I go, however, let me say it has been really nice knowing all you Birmingham people.

The topic, this week, is: Starlings.

Since coming to this little city four (almost) years ago, I have read, written, listened and talked about starlings a great deal. I never knew, before, how important the darned things are.

I've followed, with a great deal of interest the suggestions and experiments on persuading them that there are other communities where they would be much happier. This has ranged, as you all know, from the imitation owls to the real thing.

IT ALSO included one session of the city commission when a young man demonstrated the "newest thing in ovis" to that august body.

The whole thing made me startlingly conscious and I began reading about them when they made headlines in other communities and other states.

The latest here, of course, is the story of the two who perched on high tension electric lines, mugged a bit and became the late and lamented.

That is a possibility, of course. The question in my mind is just how we would provide enough fatal wiring? Our trees would look like a lot of Christmas trees after the needles have all fallen off.

Like, too, there is an item of expense involved in stringing miles of wire and paying for the juice needed to electrocute starlings by the hundreds.

ONE EASTERN community is said to have lessened the threat by catching a few with bird lime smeared on the tree branches. It seems that the ones which get stuck tell the rest this isn't such a good place and they depart.

Another town had a drive of some sort which enlisted the aid

of a lot of tree-climbing citizens. Every evening they sent out bands of agile little boys with flashlights. They swarmed into the starling-filled trees with the lights and zec the poor things very advanced cases of the d's.

It was suggested, in Texas I believe, that hobbyholders in the areas most thickly populated by starlings, all get cats. The idea here was to keep the cats food and hungry and let them attend to the starlings.

Never did find out if it worked, but I've often wondered if the good lady ever watched a batch of starlings go into divination? It can buzz-bomb like nobody's business.

the menace of the English sparrow. Great life, isn't it? No matter how many ideas come up they meet either rejection on one ground or another—or failure.

About the only thing left, apparently, is for all of us who live in Birmingham to move out and let the starlings have the place.

Don't get me wrong—I don't want to leave Birmingham, I like it here, but really, we're running out of ideas, aren't we? And that one hasn't been proposed before, has it?

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