

Supermarkets Change Hours

All major supermarket chains in Observeland changed store hours to a 7 p.m. closing time on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays starting Monday, June 8.

Edward Deeb, executive director of the Associated Food Dealers of Greater Detroit, announced Thursday. Even some large independents plan to change their hours. Deeb said.

In Oakland County Observeland, the new closing hours will affect stores in Southfield, Lathrup, Farmington and Farmington Township. In Wayne County Observeland, the new hours will be in force in Plymouth, Plymouth Township, Livonia, Redford Township, Westland and Garden City.

Over the past several years, normal open hours for food stores and supermarkets have been from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., except Sundays when most stores are open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., if they choose to open at all. The new store hours will mark the first time since 1945 that major food stores will close regularly before 9 p.m.

"Reasons for the move according to the food associations is an attempt to reduce operating expenditures, while attempting to maintain or re-

duce food costs to consumers," said Harvey L. Welsberg, president of the Associated Food Dealers of Greater Detroit.

"It should be pointed out that the food industry is trying to avoid passing all of the higher cost on to the consumer in the form of higher prices. Manufacturing, labor, transportation, construction and insurance costs have been consistently increasing."

Eugene W. Peterson, president of the Food Industry Council of the Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce, stated that while operating costs are reduced through the reduction of the number of store hours per week, and at the same time, the action will enable store employees to spend more time with their families.

Recently a new contract was negotiated with the retail clerks union, which gives workers an increase in wages over the next three years. Negotiations are underway with the teamsters and later with members of the meatcutters and butchers union.

Major food chains that have new store hours include: A & P, Bi-Lo, Chatham, Farmer Jack, Great Scott, Kmart Foods, Kroger's, Parker's and Wrigley.

CPAs Elect Schmalz

Donald E. Schmalz, of 510 Northland Towers West, Southfield, has been elected vice chairman of the Michigan Association of Certified Public Accountants.

Other new officers of the group are Robert D. Wishart, Dearborn, chairman, and Robert H. Wright, secretary, and Richard H. Austin, treasurer, both Detroit.



6 Beer, Wine Licenses OK'd

Six beer and wine takeout licenses have been approved in Observeland communities by the State Liquor Control Commission.

Licenses were approved for Alkon, supermarkets Inc. 2850 Orchard Lake Rd., Farmington; A & P Store, 215 E. Main, Northville; Kroger Store, 131 E. Dunlap, Northville; Consolidated Foods Corp., 1520 Merriman, Westland; Herbert W. and Sarah L. McGinn and Southland Corp., 524 Wildwood St., Westland; and Bonnie Discount Stores Inc., 930 W. Ann Arbor Trail, Plymouth.

HARRY M. BARKLEY, of 20906 Botsford Dr., Farmington, was a speaker at a recent conference in Absecon, N.J., of Provident Mutual Life Insurance Co. of Philadelphia. His topic was "Opening Doors to Penetrations." Barkley is manager of the Mid-West regional group office of Provident in Detroit. A graduate of Miami (Ohio) University, he joined Provident in 1957 after eight years in the insurance business.

Long Cold Night

The word curfew comes from the French word "couvre-feu," meaning "cover fire." It was used as a signal, by the tolling of a bell, to warn townspeople to put out their fires and lights at a certain time of night.

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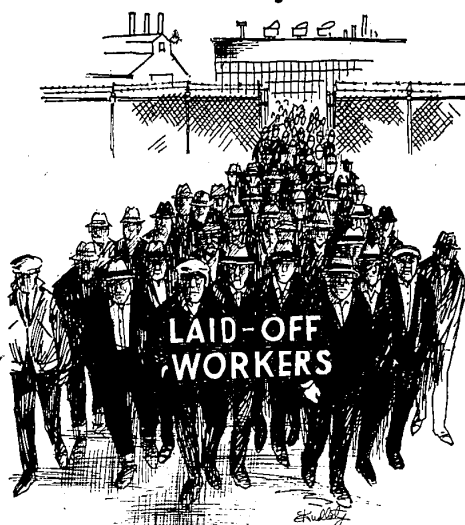
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2 Area College Prexies Aid Montgomery Bid

By DENNIS L. PAJOT

Two of three Observeland community college presidents circulated nominating petitions for the Democratic gubernatorial candidacy of State Rep. George F. Montgomery at the request of Montgomery's campaign staff.

State Rep. Marvin Stempien of Livonia lent his name to the campaign staff request and is baffled by criticism.

Dr. Eric Bradner, president of Schoolcraft Community College received the request but "threw it in the wastebasket."

Dr. Joseph E. Hill, president of Oakland Community College, agreed to circulate them in his home neighborhood but said he would not on campus.

Dr. Murray Jackson, president of Wayne County Community College, had another person circulate them.

REP. MONTGOMERY (D-Detroit) is House majority floor leader and chairman of the appropriations subcommittee which is currently considering budget requests of state colleges and universities.

Dr. Bradner stated, "We have a problem of neutrality. We cannot take sides politically, although Rep. Montgomery is a very great friend of education."

He said that in addition to receiving the letter, which

bore Rep. Stempien's signature, he received a telephone call from Stempien's office inquiring what he would do.

"I said they've been disposed of and they said that's okay, fine. There was no pressure whatever," said Dr. Bradner.

STEMPEN (D-35th District) said he is neither a member of Montgomery's campaign staff nor aware of what stationery was used, but that he believed it was not official House stationery.

He said he had been asked for permission to use his name and gave it.

Stempien is a member of the subcommittee with Montgomery.

He said he could not understand the reaction to Montgomery's asking "his friends" to help.

Stempien said he was not aware of who compiled and who did not. "It would have no effect on decisions of the subcommittee — absolutely. It's absurd to imply that it might."

He said that although he's not working on Montgomery's campaign, "I'm supporting Montgomery in his campaign for governor among the four Democratic candidates."

Stempien said he did not see anything wrong with the request to college presidents; that they were friends as well as committee appellants; and that many people in many walks of life were also asked to help.

From college presidents, he said, "Response was not very widespread but some were eager to help."

STEMPEN'S district includes Livonia and Northville, both communities within the Schoolcraft college district.

Oakland Community College serves Farmington and Southfield in Oakland County. Wayne County Community College serves most of the City of Detroit and Wayne county suburbs not otherwise in a college district, including Westland and Redford Township.

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