

# A&P transformed in 48 hours into new Great Scott!

By Carolyn DeMarco and Cathy Ligon staff writers

Presto, change-o! Yes, that's right: Monday that was an A&P Superstore in Sinsbury Plaza at 14 Mile and Farmington roads. And today it's a Great Scott supermarket.

The West Bloomfield store is one of seven supermarkets just acquired by Meadowdale Foods Inc. from The Great Atlantic & Pacific Tea Co. and Borman's Inc. Four were Farmer Jack's and three were A&P's.

Paul Coleman, Great Scott! spokesman, said the West Bloomfield changeover was accomplished in just over 48 hours. The store closed at 7 p.m. Monday. On Tuesday crews went in to effect the changeover by restocking the inventory and reworking the scanners. Coleman called it restocking, remerchandising and redecorating, although only a minimal amount of decorating was done.

Temporary signs were put up and remodeling is scheduled for later. Coleman said, "Right now we just want to be operable. The major changes will come later on."

LOYAL CUSTOMERS of the A&P Superstore who came to shop Tuesday were skeptical about its replacement.

Ann Celolough of Farmington Hills threw up her hands in disgust when she heard the news. "I don't like Great Scott," she said. "I live at 13 Mile and Orchard Lake and they have one there. I find their prices rather high. I guess I can go to Farmer Jack."

Keith Thompson of West Bloomfield commented, "It was a nice store. I don't know why it had to change. It was unusual for a grocery store. There was a lot of selection. It was better than most grocery stores."

Thompson said he would only shop at the new Great Scott! if things remain the way they were when the store was an A&P.

"I enjoyed the A&P tremendously," said Olga Kopin of Farmington Hills. "I'm not that keen on Great

Scott. A&P brands are very good. The service was just marvelous here," she said. "If they retain the same employees (that won't change), but they get new employees it definitely will."

COLEMAN SAID all A&P employees were offered employment with the Great Scott! chain, as were Farmer Jack's employees when those stores were changed over. Some chose to stay with their former employers and some came with him, he said.

John Wunsch of Farmington Hills said he didn't know if he would continue shopping at the store. "If the quality goes down I'm gonna change," he said. "But I don't know, I haven't shopped at Great Scott! in years."

"I shop at Great Scott! now and then, but they don't have the variety A&P has," said Morton Robins of Farmington Hills. "I think Great Scott's prices are a little higher."

Marla Meyers of West Bloomfield said she liked A&P's fruits and vegetables and its salad bar. "The A&P was convenient," she added. "It was open 24 hours."

One shopper, Janny Lu of Walled Lake, said she was happy to see the change. "I think Great Scott! is the nicest store," she said, adding that "Great Scott! provides good service and quality products."

SEVERAL CUSTOMERS said they didn't care whether the store was an A&P or a Great Scott! supermarket. They said the main reason they shop there is for convenience, and they didn't like the inconvenience of coming to shop Tuesday and finding it closed.

"It doesn't bother me," Farmington Hills' Cheryl Gannon said of the changeover. "I think they're all about the same. I'm not happy it's not open today. I needed something."

Concerning speculation that the acquisition of stores by Great Scott! was negotiated in exchange for the corporation not challenging the merger of A&P and Borman, Coleman said he would not comment. "The inner workings are confidential," he said.

## obituaries

### MYRTLE MARTHA SCRUTTON

Mrs. Scrutton, 84, of Clearwater, Fla., formerly of Livonia, died March 7.

Mrs. Scrutton was a homemaker. Survivors include her son, Keith, daughter, Muriel Smith; sister, Mabel Rose; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Services were March 13 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington Hills. Burial was in the Rev. Dr. William A. Ritter of Nardin Park Unit-

died Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

### NETTIE DOROTHY JODOUIN

Mrs. Jodouin, 80, of Farmington died March 7 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Mrs. Jodouin was a homemaker. Survivors include her son, Kenneth; a daughter, Marilyn Mauder; sisters, Phyllis Reed, Betty Charek and Arvelia Seyforth; four grandchild-

dren and one great-grandchild. Services were March 9 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Arthur J. Hunt of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Grand Lawn Cemetery, Detroit.

### CHARLES HENRY ZAHNOW

Mr. Zahnow, 64, of Farmington died March 7 in Botsford Hospital, Farmington Hills.

Mr. Zahnow was a salesman for Dick Morris Agency. Survivors include his wife, Virginia; daughter, Carolyn; stepdaughters, Terry Beaune and Lynda Parks; sisters, Thelma Zahnow, Evelyn Northey and Mabel Boelch; five grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Services were March 11 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Arthur J. Hunt of Ward Presbyterian Church officiating. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery, Livonia.

Memorials may be made to the American Cancer or American Lung Association.

### JOHN S. CONSIDINE

Mr. Considine, 71, of Farmington Hills died March 8.

Mr. Considine was a steam engineer for Stroth Brewery. He was a World War II Navy veteran.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine; sons, James, John, Michael and David; daughters, Dianne Vaughn and Linda Smith; brother, Robert; sisters, Edith Wildscrey and Mary McDonnell; 10 grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

Mass was celebrated in St. Clare of Assisi Catholic Church, Farmington Hills, with the Rev. Robert Monticello officiating. Burial was in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery, Southfield.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

### JENNIE M. LUTTINEN

Mrs. Luttinen, 80, of Union Lake died March 10 in Huron Valley Hospital.

Born in Hancock, Mich., Mrs. Luttinen was a retired clerical worker for an insurance company.

Survivors include her son, Alvar; a daughter, Thyra Wallis; brothers, Henry and J. Rudolph Holmekangas; sisters, Sophie Van Hala, Thyra Pijparinen and Lillian Sihla; three grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were March 13 in St. John Lutheran Church, Redford, with the Rev. Rodney Buland officiating. Burial was in Parkview Cemetery, Livonia.

Arrangements were made by the Thayer-Rock Funeral Home, Farmington.

### GENEVIEVE ALMA VARTANIAN

Mrs. Vartanian, 64, of Novi died March 10.

Born in Brightmouth, Mich., Mrs. Vartanian was an electrical technician for Manufacturing Tool Machines.

Survivors include her sons, Larry and Randall; a daughter, Cynthia Coudriet; mother, Amy McClary; brothers, Oren McClary and Clayton McClary; sisters, Shirley Thomas, Mona May Mann and Jean Cole; five grandchildren.

Services were March 13 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. James Greer II of Orchard United Methodist Church officiating. Burial was in Oakland Hills Cemetery, Novi.

Memorials may be made to Ronald McDonald House or Children's Hospital.

### ELIZABETH ELEANOR SNOODON

Mrs. Snoddon, 91, of Farmington died March 10 in University Hospital, Ann Arbor.

Born in Toronto, Ontario, Canada, Mrs. Snoddon was a homemaker.

Survivors include her daughter, Ruth Barringer; nephew, Roy Snoddon; five grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

Services were March 13 at the Heene-Sundquist Funeral Home, Farmington, with the Rev. Mark McGilvery of Memorial Church of Christ officiating. Burial was in Roseland Park Cemetery, Berkley.

## recreation news

Each week, the Farmington Hills Department of Special Services Recreation Division presents a synopsis of upcoming activities. For more information about programs, call the recreation office, 473-8570. For matters regarding city council agenda items, call our Newsline at 476-3838.

### ADULT SOFTBALL

Registration is being accepted for new teams interested in participating in men's, women's or coed slow pitch softball leagues. Teams play a 14-game schedule, coed 10 games. A double elimination play-off tournament will be held for qualifying teams. Team registration fee is \$370 for open leagues, \$330 for industrial and residential leagues and \$295 for coed leagues. Registrations are taken on a first-come, first-served basis.

### PARKEY'S EASTER

Parkey, the Recreation Division's mascot, has planned a special day, Saturday, March 25, for children to join him in games, arts and crafts and, of course, an Easter egg hunt. Children ages 3 to 5 are scheduled 9:30-11 a.m. and ages 6 to 8 from 10:30 to noon. The activity will be in the Spicer House in Heritage Park. A pre-registration fee of \$5 per child is required.

### NATURE STUDY

Identifying a wildflower is no problem, even at this time of a year. Clear and informative instructions of the plant in its dormant stage can provide you with enough information to identify it. You'll learn why flowers can only grow in certain areas.

Class is held Saturday, March 18, 9 a.m. to noon at Spicer House in Heritage Park. Fee is \$3 per person or \$10 per family. Pre-registration is required.

### YOUTH SOCCER

Registration will be accepted until March 24 for children in kindergarten through third grade. There will be a six-game schedule played on Saturdays beginning April 22. Divisions are kindergarten/first grade and second/third grades. Fee is \$16 per participant.

### SENIOR BAZAAR

A spring theme bazaar sponsored by the Senior Adult Division will be at the Senior Adult Center, 28600 11 Mile, 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. Friday, April 7. Featured will be crafts, bake and while elephant sale. Rental space for senior crafters is available at \$3 per booth. Call 473-9575 for further information.

### SWIM LESSONS

Swimming instruction for beginner through advanced swimmers is offered at North Farmington High School beginning Saturday, April 15. A \$20 fee is required for the six-session program. Participants must be 38 inches tall at their chin height.

### WHITE WATER ADVENTURE

Meet the challenge of rafting the Cheat River in West Virginia, May 19-26. Accommodations will be at a Holiday Inn. Fee of \$165 per person includes motor coach transportation, two nights accommodations and lunch on Saturday. Registration deadline is April 21.

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### NOTICE OF REGISTRATION OF THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS OF THE CLARENCEVILLE SCHOOL DISTRICT OF OAKLAND AND WAYNE COUNTIES, MICHIGAN FOR THE SPECIAL ELECTION OF APRIL 24, 1989

TO THE QUALIFIED ELECTORS: PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that a Special Election of Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan, will be held in said School District on Monday, April 24, 1989.

TAKE NOTICE, THEREFORE, that any qualified elector of said School District who is not already a registered elector of the aforesaid School District may register at the following place on the days and hours indicated.

PLACE: For those persons living within the School District and living within the City of Livonia:

- Livonia City Hall
- 33091 Five Mile Road
- Livonia, Michigan 48152

For those persons living within the School District and within the Township of Redford:

- Redford Township Hall
- 15145 Beech Road
- Redford Township, Wayne County
- Detroit, Michigan 48239

For those persons living within the School District and within the City of Farmington Hills:

- Farmington Hills City Hall
- 31555 Eleven Mile Road
- Farmington Hills, Michigan 48034

DAYS AND HOURS: Each day during the office hours until Monday, March 27, 1989, at 5:00 o'clock P.M. Persons planning to register should determine when the several municipal offices will be open for registration.

LAST DAY OF REGISTRATION: March 27, 1989, but not after 5:00 o'clock P.M. Local Time, on said date. Persons registering after that time and date will not be eligible to vote at the Special Election of April 24, 1989.

TAKE NOTICE, that those qualified electors who have not heretofore registered with the Clerk of the City or Township in which such elector resides must do so to be eligible to vote in the forthcoming Special Election. Those persons who are duly registered to vote in this School District at the Special Election need not re-register.

TAKE NOTICE, that there will be presented to the electorate the following propositions:

**PROPOSITION TO LEVY AUTHORIZED RATE**

"Shall the authorized millage for general operating purposes of Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan be approved for levy in 1988 without regard to the millage reduction required by Section 31 of Article 9 of the Michigan Constitution?"

**OPERATING MILLAGE LEVY**

"Shall the constitutional limitation on the amount of taxes which may be levied against all taxable property in Clarenceville School District of Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan be increased by \$3.50 per thousand dollars of state equalized valuation for a period of seven (7) years from 1989 through 1995 inclusive, to be used for general operating expenses of the School District?"

Dated: February 22, 1989 By Order of the Board of Education

/s/ Linda M. Ahnert  
Linda M. Ahnert, Secretary of  
Clarenceville School District of  
Oakland and Wayne Counties, Michigan  
Board of Education