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You May Have Trouble Finding Favorite Booze

You may be having trouble getting your pet brand of liquor at your favorite little drug or party store.

There are a couple of reasons—and one is related to Detroit's riots of last July. But the situation shouldn't last too long, according to George J. Burke, Jr., business manager of the state Liquor Control Commission, which has a monopoly on liquor sales in Michigan.

Meanwhile, suburban customers and small package liquor licensees will be inconvenienced, an Observer survey indicates.

or six or a dozen pints.

The new policy says the licensee can get only 10 per cent of his full-case order in fifth. For example, a licensee who orders 30 full cases can get only three cases of "splits"; under normal circumstances, he could order any number of "splits."

REASONS FOR the new rule, said Burke, are two:

First, the LCC got \$600,000 less than it asked from the Legislature. It ordered a cut in the number of splits to save handling expenses.

"It's six times as time-consuming to fill an order for a case of splits as it does for a straight," Burke said.

Second, the Detroit riots of July disturbed the liquor business. Some dealers were put out of business entirely. Others were afraid to re-order after the riot, which boosted the business of outlying dealers.

Then the dealers near the inner city got over their fear and began making "panic" orders of huge stocks, which threw the LCC's workload off kilter, Burke said.

The LCC is now filling orders on a regular basis, Burke said, but service had been irregular from September to mid-October.

He said the LCC would soon try to modify the splits order.

"THIS WEEKEND I'll be missing three gigs," said Rod Linn, proprietor of Linn's Party Store at 19162 Farmington Rd., Livonia.

Ordinarily, he needs about five to 10 cases of splits to keep a reasonable stock of the slow-moving brands. Now he can get only three.

"I just got an order in—and look, I've got blank spaces on my shelves," he said.

There were blank spaces on his shelves.

Linn feels he has two alternatives:

1. Carry a smaller stock. In the short run, a customer may switch brands; in the long run, he may switch stores.

2. Invest in a larger stock—which costs a lot of money. Linn gave this example: Three flats of a certain brand of scotch, which will sell in a week, cost him \$14.28; a full case would cost \$57.12. Multiply that by many slow-moving brands that he carries for particular customers, and you have an idea of the financial problem.

ROBERT BEYER, who has an SDD license for his Rexall Drug

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DONALD MASSEY recently became partner in the firm of Beglinger Oldsmobile Cadillac, Inc., 584 Ann Arbor Rd., Plymouth. A Garden City resident, Massey has been in the auto sales business for 15 years, the last six as owner of his own used car lot in Wayne.

Economic Growth Seen As A Regional Problem

By DWIGHT JARBELL Staff Writer

While the head of Michigan's Office of Economic Expansion last week tossed the ball to industrial development to civic leaders and public officials from 45 Wayne County communities, the state legislature was engaged in another ball game commonly called "political football."

The latter case involved a bill in the State Senate which, under the heading of Council of Governments (COG), would provide a regional forum for the discussion of local government

problems. Its proponents claim it has been scuttled by conservatives in the upper body of the Legislature who have inserted amendments in the original bill which restrict the types of problems COG will be able to discuss. And, at the same time, the same amendments close the door on schools for COG membership.

IN THE MEANTIME, while COG sat on the bench, state official B.M. Conboy, at a Wayne County Economic Development Commission seminar held Tuesday in Dearborn, was leading a cheering section for the support of COG by the 150 mayors, township supervisors, city commissioners, and industrial developers and coordinators present at the meeting.

Conboy is executive director of the Michigan Department of

Commerce's Office of Economic Development.

"It is no longer possible for any Wayne County community to function as an island of political jurisdiction," Conboy told his listeners. "The isolated community actions regarding tax policy, zoning, and the cost of services are not only obsolete but tend to detract from important growth potential for the whole state," he said.

His analysis of community responsibility to industry he defined as pooling "irrevocably to the provision of services throughout the broader geographic area."

DEATHS

ERNEST L. RAY, Services for Ernest L. Ray, 71, of Grose Point, father of Mrs. Robert Ray, of Farmington, were held Nov. 3 at Veterans Home, Grose Point. Officiating were the Rev. John Eitel of Grose Point Congregational Church, and George Washington Post of the American Legion. Cremation was held in White Chapel Cemetery. Mr. Ray died suddenly Oct. 30.

He was retired manager of the Detroit and Toledo Shoreline Railroad Co. and past president of the Exchange Club of Michigan, past commander of the George Washington Post and past vice of the Scotch-Irish Mason.

Also surviving are his wife, Vera; another daughter, Mrs. Betty May of Jackson; a stepson, John Richardson, of St. Clair Shores; three sisters; and six grandchildren.

HERMAN D. JOHNSON, 74, of 23233 Floral Ave., Farmington, died Oct. 23 in his home following a short illness.

Funeral services were conducted Oct. 25 in the Thayer Funeral Home by Dr. W. Leslie Williams, pastor of the First Methodist Church. Burial was in Ashland Park Cemetery, Detroit.

Mr. Johnson had resided in Farmington for 17 years. A retired insurance salesman, he was a member of the Michigan Life Insurance Co., the Lodge #101 F.A.M. and the Ashland Park Cemetery. He was a member of the Grose Point Post #34 of the American Legion and also held a membership in the Greater Shore Club of Farmington.

Mr. Johnson is survived by his wife, Doris; daughter, Mrs. George (Margaret) Bland of Detroit; and one grandchild.

MRS. BARBARA E. BINGHAM, Funeral services for Mrs. Bingham of 23300 Floral Rd., Farmington, were conducted Oct. 31 in the Thayer Funeral Home by Dr. W. Leslie Williams of Farmington. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

Mrs. Bingham, 81, died Oct. 29 in the Pineau Convalescent Home following an extended illness.

She is survived by her husband, Walter; a daughter, Mrs. Willy (Margaret) Pomeroy of Farmington; two grandchildren; and a sister, Mrs. Helene Drese of Freeport, Ill.

PATRICK D. FORD, Funeral services for Mr. Ford of Commerce Township, were conducted Nov. 3 by Rev. William E. Baklan of the First Baptist Church of Farmington. Burial was in the Hersey-Sundquist Funeral Home. Burial was in Glen Eden Cemetery.

The son of Mr. and Mrs. John D. Ford of Commerce Township, he died Oct. 31 in an automobile accident on the road between Decker Rd. and the intersection of Schreiber Rd. He was a student at Schreiber Rd. He is survived by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Ford of Enderwood; three sisters, Timothy, and three sons, Sandra, Laurie and Arthur.

LEONARD B. ARCHER, Funeral services for Mr. Archer of 32225 Greening, Farmington Township, were conducted Oct. 28 in the Hersey-Sundquist Funeral Home. Chaplain John C. Gilbert of the Veterans Administration Hospital officiated. Burial was in the Baltimore National Cemetery in Maryland.

Mr. Archer, 80, was a U.S. Army veteran from World War II. He was employed as an operator at Harper Hospital.

He is survived by a brother, Robert; and two sisters, Mrs. Delbert Wiles of Farmington Township and Mrs. Julia Berry

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