

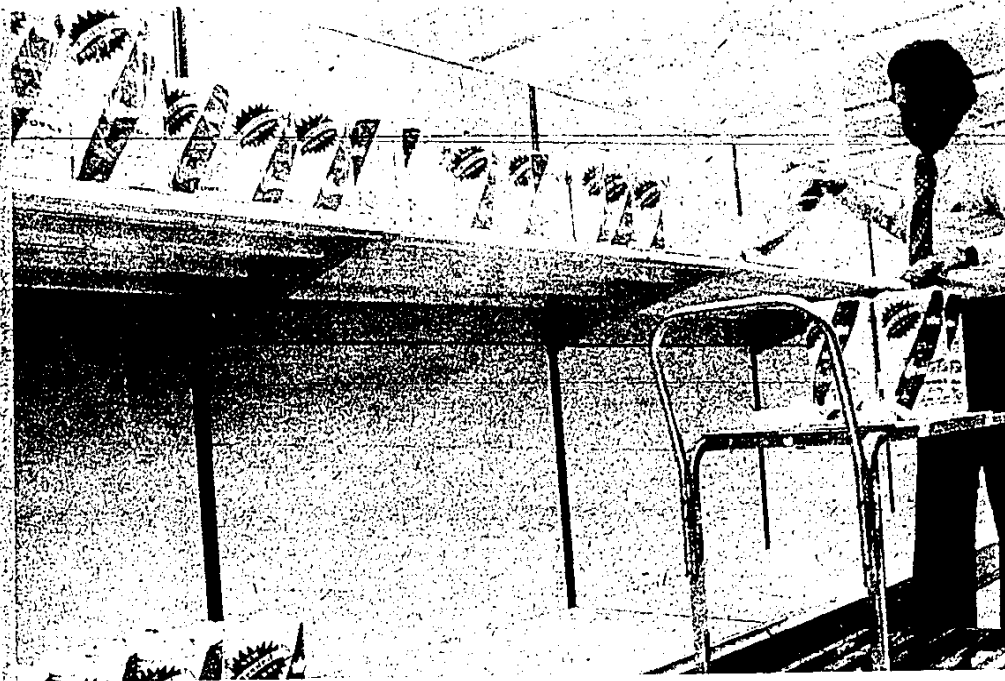
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Empty shelves

RESTOCKING SHELVES Wednesday afternoon following the rush on Tuesday keeps this

stock man busy at an area Chatham supermarket. (Photo by Fran Evert)

John Watzke is honored with silver beaver award

"I feel terrific. I feel great about it."

John Watzke of Farmington talked about his silver beaver scouting award.

Watzke is the 21st person in Farmington to receive the silver beaver, highest award to scout leaders.

Watzke said the silver beaver is an honorary award and you don't really know when you're going to get it.

"It's given quite by surprise," he said.

Watzke said he knew he would get the award someday but added, "I didn't expect it quite this soon."

Watzke, who lives at 35999

Charter Crest, has been in scouting for 23 years. He started in the Detroit Area Council serving the Harper Woods - Grosse Pointe District as an assistant scoutmaster and later as part of the training team.

Shortly after completing his wood-badge training and receiving his beads in 1956, he registered in Farmington's Clinton Valley Council, where he set up a training staff. He began a series of training adventures which became the forerunner for present training courses.

Watzke was camping and activities chairman for two

years and served on the executive board for three years. His present position is that of assistant scoutmaster of a Farmington troop and a member - at large for the Ottawa District.

Watzke is a member of the First Presbyterian Church of Farmington where he is an usher.

His community activities include an amateur radio station affiliated with the Air Force MARS program, a service available to military personnel whereby messages are relayed by radio to folks at home.

Watzke was state MARS director for four years and is currently the region one training manager for 13 states.



JOHN WATZKE

Jaycees hold annual prayer breakfast meet

Larry Hand, from the Detroit Lions, will be the guest speaker at the seventh annual Jaycee prayer breakfast in Holiday Inn, 10 Mile and Grand River, Jan. 24, at 7:30 a.m.

Community leaders are ex-

pected to gather for the interdenominational occasion, which will include readings from three faiths.

John Allen, Farmington city councilman; Dr. Mervyn Ross, school board presi-

dent; and Robert McConnell, mayor of Farmington Hills, will read at the breakfast.

Reservations are being taken by Ray Grehawic, 26349 Kiltarton. Tickets will also be sold at the door.

Groceries stockpiled for strike

By DAN McCOSH

It's a polite, orderly kind of panic.

These are crisis times, with new and obscure shortages being announced almost daily.

It's not surprising the announcement of a truckers' strike would prompt housewives to rush to the supermarkets to stock up the pantry.

But why do they buy so much dog food?

"We've been through it a dozen times before," Harry Brenner, one of Farmington's oldest independent grocers, said.

Brenner said his business has been unaffected by the Teamsters' strike at five major Detroit-area supermarket chains.

Major outlets in the area reported business rose from 50 per cent to more than double their usual sales on Tuesday.

Brenner had some insight into the nature of customers based on his 42 years in the grocery business.

"It happened during the Korean War, the Second World War.

"We limit the sales if there is a shortage, people cooperate."

"I hate to get business that way," he said when asked whether an abnormal number of customers had come in this week. "There are thousands of smaller stores whose suppliers aren't affected by the strike," he added.

"If they limit their sales, and people cooperate, there won't be any shortage."

Some supplies are still in heavy demand, even without the supermarket strike, he said.

"When guys like Johnny Carson make remarks on television, (referring to the supposed scarcity of toilet paper) there's going to be a shortage."

A sign by the cash register "We are in short supply of bags and paper products" has brought a spirit of cooperation from his customers, he said.

"There is always a substitute," he said, urging people to resist buying items to force prices down.

But Tuesday evening, heavily-manned cash registers kept ringing, and waits of up to an hour were reported.

Representatives from A&P, the only supermarket chain unaffected by the strike, were observed scouting the stock at their rival, Chatham's.

But even a source at A&P was dour about the increased buying. "I think it's psychological — those guys on TV keep blasting about shortages, so there are shortages."

The strike affects central distribution at the five markets affected: Chatham, Farmer Jack, Great Scott, Kroger and Wrigley, a

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