

the business beat



SATURDAY'S A GIFT to customers, says Southfield Volkswagen dealer Thomas A. Sullivan. Here, two service employees present the wrapped package to Christine Emrick.

Dealer Shifts To 4-Day Week

SOUTHFIELD Tom Sullivan Volkswagen Co. A Southfield auto dealer, has achieved what may be a

nationwide "first" by reducing the standard work week for its service employees to four days.

At the same time, the company has expanded service to customers by opening its service department on Saturdays.

"As far as we have been able to determine," said owner Thomas A. Sullivan, "we are the first franchised dealership in the country to adopt the four-day week."

"Our employees are much happier because it gives them more time off, and we are confident that most of our customers will appreciate the chance to get service on Saturday," Sullivan continued.

On April 5, each of the two service departments shifted started working a four-day, 36-hour week composed of two 12-hour days and two six-hour days.

One shift will be off from mid-afternoon on Thursday until Monday morning. The second shift will be off from closing time on Saturday until mid-afternoon on Wednesday.

The service department is now open six days a week from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. This reverses a trend of recent years that has seen practically all Detroit-area franchised dealers close their service operations on Saturday.

Another feature of the new schedule is a "quickie service" unit of two men that begins work at 7 a.m. Mondays through Saturdays. They write up the customer orders for the large service jobs to be done by the full service crews, and they can also do minor repairs.

2 Business Classes Start

Two popular evening courses, "Introduction to management" and "Starting a small business," are offered by Oakland University's division of continuing education in a new six-week term.

These and 29 additional courses will be offered evenings in the new late spring term which begins the week of May 10.

Faust, Baker Oppose 18-Year-Old Amendment

All but two of Observer-land's state legislators voted to ratify a U.S. constitutional amendment that would lower the voting age to 18 in all elections.

Last year a federal law was passed lowering the voting age but the U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it only could apply to federal elections. The passage of a constitutional amendment would extend the lower voting age to state and local elections as well.

The State Senate ratification vote last week made Michigan as the 15th state to ratify the amendment. At least 38 states must ratify the amendment before it can become the 26th amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Sen. William Faust and Rep. Raymond Baker voted against the amendment.

The Senate passed it by a 24-12 vote and the House had passed it in March by a vote of 62 to 22.

FAUST TOLD The Observer that his negative vote was not based on the merits of young people voting, but on the rejection of the proposal by Michigan voters in two previous elections in the past five years.

Although he had supported the 18-year-old vote publicly and politically for many

years, Faust doesn't think that "should the vote be extended to 18 year olds" is the question at issue.

The question is quite deeper, Faust said. "All of us are aware of the generation gap" and that the Senate approval of the resolution endorsing the constitutional amendment would bring about a "significant political gap."

He said that Michigan voters have twice "used the political process to say no, and now the peoples' representatives are to overrule that opinion and say yes."

Although the extension of voting rights to 18-year-olds is intended to "make young people part of the system," those same people may not have respect for a resolution that overrides the vote of the majority, Faust said.

REP. BAKER was not immediately available for comment.

In 1966 and again in 1970, Michigan voters defeated the 18-year-old vote. It is estimated that 500,000 Michigan youths will be allowed to vote if the amendment is passed.

Persons under 21 can vote in Alaska, Kentucky, and Georgia and six other states have voting ages of 19 or 20.

Purtan In Shows At Mall, Northland

Dick Purtan, WXYZ radio personality, will perform in a live comedy review at two area shopping centers, Livonia Mall and Northland Center.

Purtan's half-hour skit routine will be presented at Livonia Mall, Seven Mile at Middle Belt, this Friday, April 16, at 7 p.m. He will be at Northland Center, in Southfield, on Sunday, April 18, at 2 p.m.

The free program will require no tickets or reservations.

The program is entitled "What You Hear Is What You Get" and includes the Dick Purtan Players—Pamela Parks, Ted Rogers, Larry Parks and Richard DeWiest, four veteran stage and supper club performers.



DICK PURTAN "What You Hear..."

Open House Set At Lawrence Tech

The public is invited to attend the annual Open House of the Lawrence Institute of Technology to be held Saturday and Sunday afternoons, April 17 and 18 at the campus, Northwest and W. 10 Mile in Southfield.

This year's event will include scores of scientific exhibits arranged by student organizations and two panels on ecology featuring leading industry spokesmen on the subject. There are no admission charges.

Theme of the panels is how technology can help—not hinder—the fight against pollution.

HERE IS the lineup of speakers for the ecology panels:

- Saturday, 1 to 3 p.m.—"The Case for Technology" Charles M. Heinen, executive engineer, Chrysler Corp.; William E. Adams, Ethyl Corp. research laboratories; Paul McKee, Ford Motor Co. emissions programs manager; Daniel J. Harman, LIT student; and LIT Dean Glider Jackson. Moderator: Dr. Richard E. Marburger, director of the LIT School of Arts and Science.
- Sunday, 1 to 3 p.m.—"The Tools of Technology" Roy C. Hausler, Chrysler Corp. chief engineer for automotive safety and security; H. Richard Ford, Bendix Corp. vice president; James Rosten, Detroit Edison environmental studies division; and Bruno Zane, Wayne County Health Department air pollution control division. Moderator: Dr. David H. Woodstock, professor of physics of the LIT School of Arts and Science.

Michigan's Special Commission on the Age of Majority recently recommended that the age of responsibility in the state be lowered to 18. This would include making youths accountable for contracts, giving the young adults the right to sue or be sued, the right to enter into and be held responsible for criminal acts, as well as the right to vote and purchase liquor.

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