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AFD names 1990 scholarship winners

Associated Food Dealers of Michigan is proud to announce the recipients of the 1990 Scholarship Awards. The \$500 scholarship award is given based on achievement rather than financial need. Fifteen students were selected from more than 200 applicants. Two \$1,000 awards will be given as well as 12 \$500 awards In addition, Gadaleto, Ramsby & Associates will give an award for \$500 in memory of Robert L. Jackson this year. The winners will be honored at the Annual Scholarship Golf dinner on August 9, 1990 at the

Links of Pinewood, Walled Lake.

The AFD scholarship fund was established in 1972. Employees of AFD members or children of employees are eligible for the program.

To ensure complete impartiality in the selection of the winners, Scholarship Program Administrators, Inc., a firm directed by Dr. Nyles Ayers. administers the program. Criteria for evaluating the applicants includes high school records, college grades, ACT test scores, extracurricular activities and recommendations

Scholarship recipients must attend college on a full-time basis in the fall of 1990 and continue in school for the entire academic year.

The Associated Food Dealers' scholarship progam encourages intelligent and active students to further their education," said Joseph Sarafa, AFD executive director. "These students exemplify the academic excellence and leadership that is vital to our nation's future

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Make the grade with back-toschool sales

Take advantage of the intrinsic marketing theme provided by the backto-school season. According to IGA Grocergram, industry figures indicate that the back-to-school season produces 40 percent of the total sales for stationery items and mass retailers say that these items rank number two in the area of dollars returned versus dollars invested. To gain the full benefit of back-to-school marketing. adopt the following suggestions:

1. Consider stocking loss leader items like commodity filler paper and notebooks early. Though the main selling time for stationery items is late August/early September, consider displaying them again at some point



Don't miss the 1990 AFD golf outing, see details on page 5.

during the middle of winter.

- 2. Cash in on multipacks which have become profitable. This is especially true for pen and pencil combinations
- 3. Stock a wide variety of products and product designs. Different students have different needs and bright, eye-catching items brighten up the department
- 4. Segment the stationery aisle. Instead of stocking items by shape. with pegable items like pens on top and flat items like notebooks on the bottom, build interest with unusual looking displays
- 5. Many back-to-school products are impulse sellers, such as highlighters, which do well near the checkout. Others may sell better when displayed together on a table.
- 6. When advertising back-toschool products pick a theme and make sure all items described make sense with the headline. For example, don't advertise unrelated food items in these promotional pieces

Some items may seem unrelated to back to-school promotions, but can be tied in to advertisements and displays

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individually wrapped cookies and snacks lunch boxes

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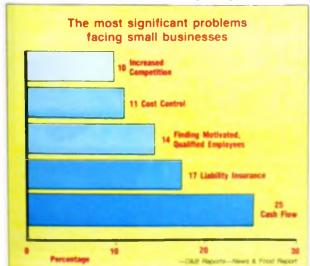
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AFD CHAIRMAN S REPORT

AFD scholarships contribute to future of our young people

By Amir Al-Nalmi Chairman, AFD



Each year since 1972, the outstanding quality of the AFD Scholarship Awards winners indicate the future is in good hands and this year is no exception. From

Al-Naimi more than 200 applicants from around the state. AFD will distribute 15 awards valued at a total of \$8.500.

There are two \$1,000 and 13 \$500 scholarship awards. Gadaleto, Ramsby & Associates have donated one of the \$500 awards in memory of the late Robert L. Jackson.

The scholarship program is a valuable contribution AFD makes to ensure the future of our young people. Funding for the program is provided by AFD's annual golf outing. While you are out having fun and making business contacts it is rewarding to know that your expenditure goes in part to this worthy cause.

The awards are given based on achievement rather than financial need. The 1990 recipients are an impressive group of students who have just

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graduated from high school or who are already attending college. The recipients are all either employees of AFD members or children of employees of AFD members. the program is administered by an outside agency to ensure complete impartiality.

Many of the recipients are National Honor Society members and five ranked first in their class. Two others ranked second in their class. The students also participated in a variety of extracurricular activities ranging from SADD to sports teams.

Get to know the 1990 AFD Scholarship Award recipients by looking at the personality profiles on page 12. You will no doubt be impressed by the caliber of these students and will be pleased to be contributing to their bright futures through AFD.

Scholarship winner sends thanks to Association

Dear Mr. Sarafa:

Thank you very much for the scholarship you have awarded me. Paying for college would have been difficult, if not impossible, had it not been for the opportunity to apply for financial assistance awards from programs like yours.

By awarding these scholarships, you are recognizing students who exhibit academic excellence, leadership skills, and just simple responsibility and determination. It is reassuring to know that my years of hard work throughout high school were recognized, awarded, and therefore completely worthwhile.

Sincerely

Deborah Williamson \$500 AFD Food and Beverage Scholarship winner



Knapp

AFD welcomes new staff member Sue Knapp

The most recent addition to the AFD staff. Sue Knapp handles office ad ministration. Prior to AFD she worked at The American Center in Southfield. While there she coordinated a life insurance plan for American Motors.



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The Greater Detroit Chamber of Commerce 1990 Legislative Conference on Mackinaw Island was attended by AFD Board Members Louis Stephen. Tom Simaan. Mrs. Janet Blanchard. Gov. James Blanchard and AFD Chairman Amir Al-Naimi (not pictured - AFD Board Member Nabby Yono).

AFD NOTES

AFD members attend legislative dinner

At the recent Legislative Dinner at the Michigan Automobile Dealers Association in East Lansing, the following AFD members were in attendance. Sam Yono, board member, Jerry Yono, board member, Joe Sarafa, AFD executive director, Amir Al-Naimi, chairman, Frank Arcori, board member. Tony Munaco, board member, Bill Viviano, board member, Louie Stephen, board member, Nabby Yono, board member, Frank Tum-

barello, board member, Sam Dallo, board member, Fred Dally, board member, Richard George, board member, Mark Karmo, board member, Jim Bellanca, AFD legal counsel, Richard Gergis, Jim Garmo, Karen Yono, John Louissa, Pete George, Patty Knox, Chairwoman of the LCC, and Amir Denha

T.I.P.S. session

T1PS training session: August 23 at AFD offices, two sessions 9 a.m. and noon, call AFD at (313) 557-9600 for reservations

GOLF'90

Date: Thursday, August 9, 1990

Place: Links of Pinewood, Walled Lake

Event: Golf and Dinner

Time: First Tee at 7:45 a.m.

Dinner at 7:00 p.m.

Call AFD for more information: 557-9600

A special thank you to the 1990 scholarship golf outing committee for their hard work on these sub-committees including door prize donations hole sponsorships hole contests goodle bag donations and the food and beverage donations. Thank you for a job well done!

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SDD/SDM

Group wants flexible bottle deposit

Michigan politicians and members of the Michigan United Conservation Clubs are now looking at a flexible bottle deposit method which would place a greater burden on food and beverage retailers.

The MUCC, a Michigan group which spearheaded the bottle bill of 1976, recently called for an increase of Michigan's beverage container deposit fees.

A recent editorial in MUCC's publication Michigan Out-Of-Doors stated: "Inflation has changed purchasing power to the point where the original 10-cent deposit is equivalent to only about a nickle... this threatens to reduce the incentive for consumers to return bottles and cans for the mandatory deposit."

Robert H. Rasche, professor of economics at Michigan State University, has come up with a formula for increasing the deposit amount in 5-cent increments to maintain purchasing power if inflation continues.

Professor Rasche suggested that it is appropriate for the Michigan legislature to act to restore the value of the bottle and can deposit to its original purchasing power and called for increasing the beverage container deposit to 20 cents.

According to a MUCC publication, Professor Rasche wrote to William A. Sederburg, R-East Lansing, who has a long-standing interest in beverage container deposit legislation. He stated "If we continue to experience inflation at annual rates of four percent, I believe that the deposit requirement of 10 cents will become less and less effective in inducing customers to recycle cans and

"The danger of erosion of the bottle bill's effectiveness through inflation could be permanently solved by adoption of a flexible deposit adjusted each year by the state on the basis of the Consumer Price Index for the previous year."

POINT/COUNTERPOINT

Lottery license rights are examined by Konrad Stauch

Stauch, Arabo and Dickow, P.C.

In recent years, lottery terminals have become more and more valuable to merchants in the Detroit area. With the increase of demand and the decrease in supply, the competition for these terminals has become fierce. This has resulted in much litigation concerning the Lottery Commission's denial and revocation of lottery terminals.

Of all the state agencies, only the Lottery Commission does not operate under the procedures of the

Administrative Procedures Act. All other state agencies such as the Michigan Liquor Control Commission must have notice of hearing, opportunity to present evidence and right to an attorney before they are involved in the revocation or suspension of the license.

The Lottery Commission, on the contrary, makes a determination to suspend or revoke a license and then notifies the licensee of an opportunity for an informal conference to discuss the matter and present evidence. This procedure has been under challenge in several Circuit Court actions.

Recently, the Oakland County Circuit Court has ruled that this entire procedure is unconstitutional. According to Konrad Stauch of the law firm of Stauch, Arabo and Dickow, P.C. Judge Gene Schnelz has recently ruled that the procedures of the Lottery Commission must change. In a case pending in the Oakland County Circuit Court, Judge Schnelz ruled that the Lottery Commission must comply with the Administrative Procedures Act. He also ruled that the Lottery Commission licenses are, in fact, property rights that are protected by both the United States and the Michigan Constitution. This, in essence, means that these licenses cannot be taken away without due process of law

Hopefully, with this new decision, there will be a change in the procedures of the Bureau of State Lottery. The time has now come for

Lottery agents to be treated fairly and equally with the same rights as holders of liquor licenses or holders of driver's licenses. These licenses should not be terminated upon the mere whim of the Lottery Commission without a full hearing and an opportunity to confront witnesses and examine them with representation of counsel.

Bureau to seek appeal by Bureau of State Lottery

From its inception in 1972 to the present time, the Bureau of State Lottery has always viewed the legal relationship between it and licensed agents as an agency relationship. This position has been repeatedly and successfully advanced by the Attorney General in numerous circuit court actions about the state.

The significance of these circuit court rulings lies in the fact that decisions by the Bureau concerning agent licenses have been found to be legally exempt from the procedural formalities and requirements of the Administrative Procedures Act.

While the recent Oakland County Circuit Court ruling regarding 14 Oak Wine and Liquor mandates that licensing decisions be made in the context of a formal "contexted case" hearing, no other Court has reached the same result. Therefore, a specific request has been made to the Attorney General that an appeal be taken to the Michigan Court of Appeals from the Oakland County ruling.



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Yono makes extra effort at XTRA Foods

Nabby Yono has supplied the extra effort and service that takes XTRA Foods in Detroit beyond being typical supermarket to a store that offers all manner of products with a focus on freshness.

"Anybody can sell peas and corn and in any market you'll find the same peas and corn." said Yono. "Part of this store's success is the high quality of the perishables." Yono prides himself on the superior quality of XTRA's produce and meat, of which he offers a variety that goes far beyond the basics.

"Before it became popular I would order kiwi even if I had to throw some of it out." he said. "It gave me an edge, like offering a broad lunch meat variety." He works with specialty food companies to get brands not available through wholesalers and will special order customer requests.

"All competitors have the same other items in terms of nonperishables," he

Governor's Dinner at Southfield Manor

says. "It's the meat and produce that determines success in the supermarket business."

Yono has owned the store for about four-and-one-half years. Prior to that he owned two liquor stores, one on Eight Mile Road and one on Joy Road. XTRA Foods is 20,000 square feet and Yono did extensive cosmetic remodeling when he moved into the building. "I like being an owner-operator business," he said. "You have to devote more time to the business but dealing with the public is nice."

One of the challenges of working in Detroit is the population decrease. "We need three things in this city: people, people, people," he says. Another challenge is the peaks and valleys in business caused by the timing of government aid distribution. Yono believes a possible solution would be to disperse government aid in two shifts rather than in a monthly lump sum.

Yono and his wife Mary Annhave a three-and-one-half year old daughter and an 11 month old son. He has two brothers who also work in the industry.

Yono has been an AFD member since 1972. He was asked to join the board about 15 years ago but didn't feel he had enough time to devote then. He is now an active board member and serves as chairman of the Political Action Committee. "You

must look at yourself to see if you have time to contribute, not just to have your name on the marquis," he said.

Yono emphasizes the willingness to offer variety as the cornerstone of his success. "What excites me most is when a customer asks for something we don't have and I get to accommodate the customer." he said. "Nothing makes me happier than to get something a customer requests."

HETAILER PROFILE

Don Bosco makes innovative marketing his trademark

Don Bosco has run a successful store through hard work and a good attitude. Located at the corner of 12 Mile Road and Orchard Lake Road in Farmington Hills, Bosco's Wine & Liquor has established itself as a party store which offers innovative products at competitive prices.

Prior to the current location, which he moved to in 1980, Bosco ran a store across the street. He started in the industry after working as a business course teacher at Birmingham Groves High School. "I don't regret getting into this business." says Bosco. "I enjoy it."

Bosco laid out the direction he wanted to go with the interior and brought in a designer to handle the specifics. The result is a modern, clean store design which reflects the upscale specialty items available. "We try to use unusual items. "said Bosco." We have unique things from all over the country, from all over the world." Bosco attends one or two specialty food store seminars each year, and will often take an employee.

One outstanding product offered by Bosco's is the gift basket. Designed in-house, there are a variety available in a wide range of prices. One basket is highlighted by a small television set, while others showcase products in attractive containers such as wicker baskets, a wheelbarrel, and a backgammon set. The clever concepts behind the gift boxes accounts for their popularity and provides a focal point in the store. Bosco's delivers the baskets worldwide and guarantees safe delivery 100 percent.

In addition to the color brochure which promotes the gift baskets. Bosco markets the store by sending flyers. Last year he held an open house which he plans to do again in November. "This gives us a chance to expose customers to what we are doing." he says.

Bosco is as careful with the selection of employees as he is with the selection of products. The general manager, Todd King has been at Bosco's for 16 years. Mike Działowski, who designs the gift baskets, has worked there intermittently for many years. "It's nice to see these kids grow up," said Bosco.

Bosco sent employees to a Training Intervention Procedures by Sellers program to educate them on how to avoid selling alcohol to minors. "It impresses on them the seriousness of the issue," said Bosco.

"I think the most important thing is attitude," says Bosco of his business philosophy. "I treat customers the same way I want to be treated. The customer has to feel satisfied when they walk out the door."



Governor James Blanchard, Janet Blanchard and Nabby Yono, at the recent



Mike Dzialowski, and Don Bosco use innovative gift basket designs in their arsenal of marketing concepts.

PEOPLE

Spartan stores adds consumer affairs coordinator



Steinbech

Spartan Stores, Inc., announces that Shari Steinbach has joined Spartan's Controlled Brands Department in the newly created position of consumer affairs coordinator.

Steinbach comes to Spartan from Hackley Hospital where she was instrumental in creating the Hackley For Health community program used by Plumb's, a Spartan retailer. Her responsibilities at Spartan Stores, Inc. will involve consumer issues and correspondance, the development of recipes and nutritional programs, menu planning and assistance in creating educational materials for Spartan's private label line of products.

"Based on retailer and consumer needs, Spartan Stores felt that the addition of a consumer affairs associate would strengthen our Controlled Brands Department Because of today's emphasis on health, diet and nutrition, we are certain that Shari's expertise and knowledge in this area will fulfill our retailers and their customers with healthy foods and valuable health-

related information," comments Ken Wagar, vice president of marketing for Spartan Stores.

Spartan Stores, Inc. is a retailowned grocery wholesaler serving 503 stores in Michigan, Indiana and Ohio.

Russ Shipley joins National Grocers Association

The National Grocers Association (N.G.A.) has announced the appointment of Russell L. Shipley, Jr. to the position of director, membership and business development.

Shipley brings more than 15 years of trade association experience to N.G.A., with 14 of them in the food, confectionary and tobacco industry at the National Candy Wholesalers Association (NCWA). He served as NCWA associate director and, from 1983 to 1989, as executive vice president and publishing director.

Shipley has served on the board of directors of the Small Business Legislative Council and on the association executives council of the National Association of Wholesaler-Distributors

The National Grocers Association is the national trade association with over 2,500 member firms operating over 50,000 stores in the independant sector of the food distribution industry. Retail and wholesale grocers hold full membership in N.G.A.; 60 state/local associations and 105 manufacturer suppliers hold associate membership in N.G.A.

Coors Brewing adds Rich Lubash for Michigan area



Lubash

The Coors
Brewing Co.
recently announced
the appointment of
Rich Lubash to the
position of national
accounts manager
for the state of
Michigan.

Lubash began his career in the industry as sales manager and later became general manager for beer distributors in the midwest. He accepted a position at the Coors Brewing Co. in 1985 as area manager for western Iowa, and was transferred to Michigan in 1987 where he served as area manager for eastern Michigan.

simply presenting some of our oldest favorites in a new way to remind our customers that they have always made a healthy choice with Kowalski," says Kowalski vice president Michael J. Kowalski. The Kowalski Lite Line product line includes Kowalski Deli Ham, Bavarian Ham, Baked Krakowska, Cooked Krakowska, New York Style Loaf, Honey Loaf, and the 94 percent fat free Pepper Loaf. They are available at the 1,100 delicatessens and the grocery stores where Kowalski products are sold.

The Kowalski Sausage Co., Inc., is a manufacturer of specialty meat products, including sausage, kielbasa, hot dogs, bologna, and harns. Kowalski products are made in the Old World Michigan community of Hamtramck and distributed in Michigan, Ohio, Indiana, North and South Carolina, and Florida.



Kowalski Sausage Co., Inc. addresses the consumers' concerns with health and fitness

PRODUCTS

Kowalski Sausage Co. introduces low fat product line

The Kowalski Sausage Co., Inc., introduces Kowalski Lite Line, a line of specialty meats that are up to 95 percent fat free. Made by the Michigan-based company from original recipes, the meats have always been low in fat and the new marketing concept is in response to the growing concern with health and fitness.

These products are from my great-grandfather's recipes. We are

GET A LOAD OF THESE GUYS.





To Michigan Lottery retailers, these faces are very familiar. After all, the success of Keno and the other games has meant increased profits for all.

In fact, for the more than 8,600 Lottery retailers, sales commissions and special tees are currently averaging \$1,500,000 a week. That includes a 6 percent commission



that comes with every ticket sold, and a 2 percent redemption commission on all prizes paid at the retail level. Not to mention the publicity gained when a customer wins the top Lotto 47, Zinger, Keno, and

Fame and Fortune prizes.
So, as a retailer, make the most of all the Michigan Lottery has to offer.
It's the one game you can't lose.



1990 AFD golf scholarship award recipients are winners



Carl Buccellato is the AFD scholarship. He graduated first in his class from Chippewa Valley High School in Mt. Clemens. He also played on the football and track teams and served as class

treasurer duing his junior and senior years Buccellato attends University of Michigan as a chemical engineering major



Leonard Buccellato scholarship award. He attends the University of Michigan and majors in chemical engineering. A graduate of Chippewa Valley High School, Mt Clemens, he was a member of the National

Honor Society, SADD, and student government He was junior class vice president and played



Jaime Grayson, third in her class at Lee M Thurston High School Redford Township will receive a \$500 award Grayson will attend University of Michigan - Dearborn with a major in business management

She received a Phi Beta Kappa Award, the Madame Curie Award and a Presidential Academic Fitness Award She also played on the tennis and track teams



Deborah Williamson will be awarded \$500 to attend Western Michigan University. A graduate of Ander son High School in Southgate, she plans to major in engineering. Williamson was president of the

National Honor Society, vice president of student council and has won several music medals. She received a Phi Beta Kappa aware and a Principal's Leadership Award



Mark Olszewski will receive a \$1,000 award While attending Paul K. Cousino Senior High, Warren, he ranked second in a class of 289 students He was a National Merit Scholar, Regents Alumni Scholar and a

member of the Phi Beta Kappa County Academic Team. Olszewski participated in the Ouiz Bowl, Student Council, jazz and marching bands and SADD. He plans to major in electrical engineering at University



Douglas Dekker graduated from Hudsonville High School Hudsonville and will receive a \$500 award. He will attend Grand Valley State University and major in computer science His extra-

curricular activities included band and bible study. He was a member of the National Honor Society and received an



Tracy Ann Kaminski will attend Oakland University with the help of a \$500 scholarship award. She has also been honored with the Torch of Knowledge, a Varsity Scholar letter and is

listed in Who's Who Among American High School Students. She graduated Summa Cum Laude from Warren Woods Tower, Warren, Kaminski plans to



Ganesa Rebecca Wegienka will receive a \$500 scholarship, the National Honor Society and graduated Phi Beta Kappa Wegienka participated in the German Club Latin Club, Girl's

Varsity Club and marching band. She plans to attend Alma College as a math major. Wegienka graduated from Trenton High School, Trenton.

Vicki Socall will receive a \$500 award. She attends Central Michigan University and is majoring in math in elementary grades. She has been lauded by the CMU Board of Trustees Honors and participates in the Students Making Math Matter organization. She graduated from Lake City High School, Lake City.

Gadaleto, Ramsby &

Associates contributes

to AFD Scholarship Fund

has donated \$500 to the AFD College

memory of the late Robert L. Jackson

Jackson died last January. He was an

Scholarship fund in the name and

Gadaleto, Ramsby & Associates



Tracey Barnett is the recipient of a \$500 award. She will attend Georgia Institute of Technology as an architecture major Barnett ranked first in her class at Carlson High School

participated in basketball, volleyball, and track She served as president of the National Honor Society.



Janet Erla will be awarded \$500. She plans to attend Oakland University and major in business As a student at Cass City High School, Cass City, Erla ranked first in her class. She

National Honor Society and yearbook staff.



Anne Marie Scheid will receive \$500 to continue her education Central Michigan University and major in marketing. She graduated from Bishop Foley High School, Madison Heights. She has also been awarded

a Central Michigan Board of Trustees Scholarship. Currently she is a member of the marketing association at CMU.



Wendy Wypych is a \$500 scholarship award recipient She will attend Michigan Technological University with a major in mechanical engineering. Wypych ranked second

accomplishments include a Marysville Chamber of Commerce Academic Award and a Michigan Mathematics League Certificate of Merit for Highest Honors in Science and Mathematics



Nicole Weidler ha been awarded the contribution and will use it to help finance her education at University of Michigan this fall. Weidler is a

graduate of East Jordan High School, East Jordan. She was ranked first in her class and was named valedictorian. Weidler participated in SADD, softball, and volleyball.



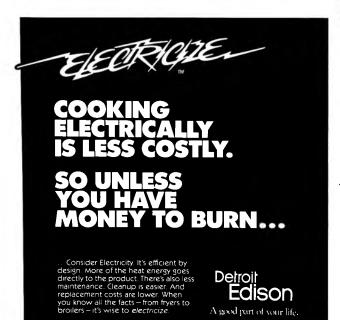
Colleen Richards attends Wayne State University as a biology major. She will receive a \$500 scholarship award. She graduated Cum Laude from Cranbrook Kingswood, Bloomfield Hills. Currently Richards participates in the Association of

"Paint the Town" with Council President pro tem Gil Hill

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> Saturday, August 18, 1990 (Rain Date August 19, 1990) time: 7:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. Refreshments will be served.



ACCORDING TO FOOD MARKETING INSTITUTE:

Annual study reflects changes in the 1980's

The Food Marketing Institute's annual study of the food distribution industry, called "The Food Marketing Industry Speaks," provides a clear look at just what occurred in our industry during the 1980's. At the beginning of the decade, "Speaks 1981" observed, "For almost two years the country has stumbled across a rocky path of inflation, record interest rates, fuel shortages and bracket creep". In 1989, the economy has become healthier and the energy crisis had subsided. Retailers and wholesalers surveyed in the latest "Speaks" survey said major concerns today include health-care costs and the labor shortages.

Consumer activism and consumer confidence in the industry have been constant concerns throughout the past decade. Early on, the problem was fair pricing. Today, the paramount issues are food safety and nutrition.

In 1986, the Food and Drug Administration reported receiving more than 2,000 product-tampering complaints, a problem that still persists. Today, major consumer issues also are food safety and nutrition. As the decade comes to a close, consumer worries focused on pesticide residues and such nutritional concerns as saturated fats, cholesterol and antificial ingredients.

The 1980's were a time of adjustment as the industry confronted the issues mentioned, as well as the changes in the lifestyles of its customers. In 1980, slightly more stores opened than closed. Each year thereafter, though, except for 1987, 1989, the opposite was true. The industry has been in a period of consolidation, with less emphasis on new stores and more on maintaining the existing store base through remodelings.



On the other hand, the size of these stores and the number of things

found in them increased phenomenally, settling down only during the last two years of the decade. New stores grew in size each year from 1980 through 1987, when the median new store size was 42 percent higher than in 1980. In 1981, the median size was 23,000 square feet compared with 35,000 square feet in 1989. In real terms, median weekly supermarket sales climbed \$124,434 in 1980 to \$155,778 in 1989.

Lifestyle changes of supermarket customers brought increased demand for convenient pre-cooked prepared foods, as well as a vast array of new services and non-foods. In 1980, an average of 12,745 items was sold in typical supermarkets compared with 25,855 in 1989. Competition for shelf space in supermarkets intensified as suppliers introduced new products in record numbers. The number of new products introduced annually rose from 2,689 in 1980 to 12,055 in 1980.

During the 1980's, the in-store bakery became a mainstay, with 62 percent of stores including this service by 1989, compared with 28 percent in 1980. As the decade began, 37 percent had a deli offering carryout products. Last year, that figure reached 72 percent. Today's supermarkets also feature services not imagined 10 years ago; banks, automated teller machines, video rentals, one-hour photo labs, prescription drugs, flowers, postage stamps, and dry cleaning are examples.

Northern WIC vendor application reminder

The WIC application period for stores in the northern part of Michigan will be July 1, 1990 through September 30, 1990.

Notices to extend current contracts with northern stores for six months until December 31, 1990 have been sent. The next two year contract bernod for the northern part of the state will be January 1, 1991 through December 31, 1992.

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