

## Businessmen Left in a Quandary By Tampering With Holiday Dates

**B**USINESSMEN are having a problem with holidays, along with problems concerning taxes, employment and complaints about prices.

Federal action that has shifted holidays around has disrupted practices of closing stores and offices to celebrate, creating considerable confusion.

Banks, federal and state offices, county court houses and post offices are not involved. Officials in charge of closing them decided long ago to shut down on the slightest pretext.

Should businessmen close up while their competitors remain open, remain open while their competitors are closed, or require employees to stay unhappily on the job to do less than normal business because many customers are out of town? The decision may be a costly one, whatever the choice.

Saturday was National Armed Forces Day, usually celebrated by parades, exhibits and displays of what is left of our military might. Gov. David Boren proclaimed the period from May 18 to 24 as Armed Forces Week.

Should business houses close all next week, or just put out the flag and not close at all? Employers wouldn't dare put the matter to a vote of employees.

We have a great many more special days, weeks and months than most people realize, and we couldn't possibly take time off to celebrate even a small percentage of them.

Sunday, May 11, was Mother's Day, with Mother-in-Law's Day coming later. June 15 will be observed as Father's Day, but Massachusetts apparently is the only state that has designated Sunday June 8 as Children's Day.

It slipped by without much notice, but April 6-12 was designated as the Week of the Young Child, followed by National Baby Week, beginning April 19.

National Hostility Week ended April 19, after competing for attention with National Artichoke Week, National Library Week, and Pan-American Week. National Procrastination Week was postponed.

This is just a sampling. No wonder most citizens use the day off, if allowed, for a trip to the lake, for yard work or for visiting, giving little attention to the reason for the holiday.

Memorial Day, set aside for honor-

ing the dead, has been moved from the customary May 30 to Monday, May 26, this year, so that it may be utilized for longer weekend trips.

Coming up in the near future are June 9, which is Senior Citizens Day in Oklahoma; June 11, which is Kamehameha Day in Hawaii; and June 13, which is Friday the Thirteenth everywhere.

June 8-14 is National Flag Week, with June 14 designated as National Flag Day. It must compete for attention with National Fraternal Week and National Little League Baseball Week.