

# In The Pocket



By W.W. EDGAR

Bowling has contributed much to our way of life in recent years, but leave it to two housewives—Marge Knapack of Plymouth and Mary Mohr—a Livonia school teacher—to come up with the unusual this summer.

They are going to take their children with them and their husbands to a different bowling establishment each Thursday evening throughout the summer. "We think it will be a means of helping to educate the children," Mrs. Knapack explained. "If we bowl in one establishment, as we have been doing, the children don't get a chance to meet new people and learn how the other half gets along. Staying in one place could be boring to them."

Mrs. Knapack also has another motive for the new plan. Suffering from a bad back, she found out several years ago that bowling gave her just the right type of exercise. As a result, she bowls in as many as five leagues during the winter. There are not that many openings available in the summer.

Mrs. Mohr has been taking her children traveling around the lanes for several seasons and as a school teacher, found it beneficial.

According to the latest rumors along the Leptin front, a definite cure is on the way for the "bucking" problem that has had both the American Bowling Congress and the Women's International Congress on edge for the past season.

It is being said that AMP, one of the top manufacturers of bowling equipment, is working on a new finish that will not require any oil to keep the lanes in top condition.

If the present experiment proves successful, maintenance of the lanes will consist mainly of keeping them clean. There will be no need to use oil and therefore no build-up of tracks to the headpin will develop.

IT DIDN'T take Bob Row long to make his presence felt in the summer leagues. Bowling at Westland Bowl in the Thursday night classic he linked games of 231, 223 and 248 for a 702. It is the highest score reported in the summer season.

SUE PTAK won a place on the Westland Bowl honor roll last week with the best shot of her entire career. She encountered the "impossible split"—the 7-10 and let out a sigh. Then it happened. She rolled her ball and of all things she converted the split and was so excited she couldn't tell anyone how she made it.

This is usually the case. One year Otto Pfeiffer, sponsor of the Greens by Enterprise team left up the "big four" the 4-7-10.

It was during the captain's speech (tournament at the old Detroit Recreation Building).

"I never saw this split made," he said as he picked up his ball. Then with little hope, he released it, turned his back to the pins and wonder of wonders he converted it.

When the audience started cheering, Otto chuckled. "I still have never seen a made."

HIGH SCORES are the rule rather than the exception in the Champion of Champions Tournament now under way in many of the area's establishments. The highest reported thus far in the west-

ern suburbs is a 223 series rolled by the Bowcraft team at Westland Bowl. On its way to the top this squad beat out Johnson's Gang, from the west side by four pins.

COMPETITION GOT OFF to a good start in the Men's Trio circuit at Bel-Aire Lanes in Farmington. Al Manning set the pace for the week with games of 109, 219 and 194 for a 592. Chuck Harrington took the runner-up spot with games of 174, 230 and 170 for 574.

IF AN EXPERIMENT now under way at Bel-Aire Lanes meets all expectations, the work of the league secretary will be reduced to reporting high games and arranging for sanctions and attendance.

With a group known as PALS (Percentage Assistance to League Secretaries), a computer system is being set up that will handle all scores and averages and deliver sheets, much faster than the secretaries can possibly do it.

BILL SPARGO returned to the King Row in pinpoint and tied him with three others for the number of titles won since the inception of the Michigan Majors several years ago.

Bill, one of the mainstays of the Stroh team, averaged 240 in the finals and won 11 of his 12 matches.

## Thurston clobbers Northville

Redford Thurston girls placed one-two-three in the district and the high jump Monday to forge an early advantage which they never lost in downing Northville, 73-41.

In was Parents' Night at the Eagles' stomping grounds and the Thurston girls, coached by Steve Boyak, put on quite a show for their folks. Chris Wandy finished first in the discus, the shot put and the 100-yard dash for the Eagles, while teammate Jean Ashley responded with field-besting performances in the long jump, the high jump and the hurdles.

Sue Verga placed second in the high jump and hurdles and third in the discus. Thurston also won all three relays, and with the victory over the Mustangs, evened its season's mark to 5-3, the best in the school's history for girls' track.

### RESULTS

Discus—1) Wandy (T); 2) Arney (T); 3) Verga (T); 100 feet 6 1/2 inches. Long Jump—1) Ashley (T); 2) Daves (N); 3) Thielke (no official result). High Jump—1) Ashley (T); 2) Verga (T); 3) Joan (T); free feet. Shot Put—1) Wandy (T); 2) Jomantas (T); 3) From (N); 34 feet 1 1/2 inches. 100-yard Relay—1) Thurston; 2) Northville; 1) 54.5. 800-yard Relay—1) Berta (T); 2) Kratz (N); 3) Williams (N); 2:30.6. Hurdles—1) Ashley (T); 2) Verga (T); 3) Daves (N); 17.5. Mile Relay—1) Broderick (N); 2) Thielke (N); 3) Boland (T); 4:30.6. 100-yard Dash—1) Wandy (T); 2) Daves (N); 3) Wisman (N); 12.5. 400-yard Run—1) Daves (N); 2) Joyal (T); 3) Smith (N); 1:04.5. Two-mile Run—1) Peen (N); 2) Johnson (N); 3) Kinrand (N); 13:04. 200-yard Dash—1) Spicer (T); 2) Daves (N); 3) Kelum (N); 27.9. Mile Relay—1) Thurston; 2) Northville; 4:25.5. 400-yard Relay—1) Thurston; 2) Northville; 55.0.

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