

In The Pocket



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This may come as a real shock to area bowlers, but chances are that they will be paying \$1 a line when the new league season starts in September.

Because of the higher costs of supplies and utilities, many of the proprietors claim they no longer can make the grade at the current 90 cent rate.

One of the proprietors who preferred not to have his name mentioned said his electric bill has jumped from \$50 a month in 1976 to \$1,400 and his heat

from \$300 to \$700 a month over the same period.

Aside from that, the cost of the lane finish has jumped to \$29 a gallon and the pins that used to cost \$11 a set in the old days now cost \$80 and the price is still rising.

With all of this, he moaned, it just seems impossible to stay afloat with a price of \$1 a line. Then he recalled there was a time when the cost of a line of bowling was 10 cents and you received a ticket for a glass of beer with each game.

WITH A BOOST in price facing them, bowlers are expected to turn out in large numbers over the coming weekend, starting on Friday, when the members of the proprietors' association turn back the pages to the good old days.

They are going back to the prices charged 20 years ago, not only for bowling but for such items as hot dogs and the drinks at the bar.

This promotion has been popular in other years and it is now expected that more bowlers than ever will take this opportunity to practice for the league season.

WITH THE POSSIBILITY that the

price will be raised for the actual bowling, there is little chance that bowlers will boost their prize lists in the major leagues.

In fact, one of the major classics that had a first prize of \$1,000 last year is considering spreading the money through the league.

The Wonderland Classic will retain the \$2,500 top prize with \$2,300 for the senior house league. Meanwhile, the Classic at Westland is expected to remain at \$5,000, the same amount that will be paid for top place in the 48-team house league. The 32-team league will also remain at \$2,000.

The lone boost in prize money may come at the new Novi Lanes, where it is said that \$10,000 will be paid for top place—if the league attracts 40 teams.

FOR THE FIRST time in several weeks, none of the bowlers in the top league at Westland Bowl was able to break the 700 barrier.

Bob Newbrough came the closest when he rolled games of 241 and 257 in a 580 series. Next to him came John Wodarski, who fashioned a 235 in 634. Jean Essa showed the way to the women with games of 191 and 216 in a 503 series.

Team name tempts puns

A baseball team sponsored by a funeral home offers all sorts of temptations to a headline writer.

Such is the case with the Lynch and Sons baseball team, which is sponsored by the funeral home of the same name. It is very difficult to resist writing puns.

One time a headline like "Lynch buries foes" did creep into print. I didn't even notice the pun until Corinne Abbott, our Creative Living editor, told me she liked my sense of humor.

This prompted a general staff discussion on possible future headlines for Lynch games. A few of the results are: "Lynch cremates opponents"; "Lynch embalms Oakland team"; and "Lynch nails Federation League coffin tight."

Before Community Editor Nick Sharkey buries my typewriter six feet under, I should explain that these headlines never reached the sports section.

HOWEVER, RESULTS from the Lynch games have been anything but dead. They look like a good bet to win the Connie Mack District Tournament for the second consecutive year.

Before this year's tournament I asked Lynch team manager Floyd Lasser if he ever gets kidded about having a funeral home as sponsor.

"The kids joke about it a lot," Floyd said. "Before a game they'll sit around and say things like, 'We're going to bury these guys.'"

"The Lynch's are really great people," Floyd said. "They enjoy the jokes too. They want people to know their funeral home sponsors the team."

Which makes a lot of sense. One reason businesses sponsor sports teams is for the exposure.

Another reason for the Lynch family is that son Ed Lynch plays on the team. Ed was a two-sport starter for Brother Rice. He was starting offensive center and did the punting for Rice's state championship football team. He also started at third base and pitched for the Rice baseball team.

which won the Catholic League and City Championships.

Ed is one of the mainstays of the Lynch team. Besides playing third base, he pitches. He also provides a strong threat at the plate.

"A lot of pro scouts are paying close attention to Eddie," said manager Lasser. "He still has another year at Rice. They want to see his improvement from this year to next."

WITH THE LINEUP the Lynch team has there are pro scouts at most of their games. Shortstop Tim Scheerer and first baseman Jeff Maher are both headed to Western Michigan University on baseball scholarships. Scheerer just finished a year on scholarship at Southern Arizona Junior College. Maher is a spring graduate of Seaholm.

Catcher Jim Price is headed to Florida Southern on a baseball scholarship. He is an Andover grad. Center fielder Bill Hyde, another Andover grad, has a baseball scholarship to Central Michigan University.

Karl Ring, a left fielder for Seaholm last spring, has a baseball scholarship to Miami of Ohio. Tom Wurster of Rice and Roger Goodes of Seaholm will try to make the UM team as walk-ons.

Back-up catcher Tim Beale is headed for Northwood Institute. Second baseman Eric Polin, pitchers Brian Young and Todd Murphy, and right fielder Jim Maertens each have one more year at Seaholm. Scott Lasser has two more years at Andover.

Pitcher Tim Birtus plays for MSU. Doug Greenstater, another pitcher, has a baseball scholarship to Mott Junior College. Second baseman Paul Dawson will try to walk on to the WMU team.

With a lineup like this, maybe opposing teams should bury themselves before a game.

But seriously I am happy to know the Lynch's don't mind any puns in sports stories.

Now I know they'll be happy when I report that Ed Lynch hit the "coffin corner" with his punt in a Brother Rice football game.

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Show them where you keep the emergency numbers and how to call the operator, if necessary. Your babysitter should be told who to call, too. Know if 911 can be dialed for fire, medical and police help in your area. Nobody likes to think about emergencies at home. But, it's better to give it a little thought now, than be sorry you didn't later. Why not check out the family on your emergency phone call procedure right now?

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