

# In The Pocket



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Even though we are in the midst of what people call dog days, the bowling lanes in the area were filled over the past weekend when the proprietors sponsored "Good Old Days" and charged the prices in vogue 25 years ago.

From east to west and north to south, especially the larger houses reported capacity crowds throughout Friday evening, Saturday and Sunday.

At Eastland Lanes, for example, the 60 lanes were occupied in mid-

afternoon Sunday with a waiting line. At Westland on the west-side, the lanes weren't exactly crowded, but the bowlers averaged 200 lines an hour.

From the early reports, the promotion was one of the best in

years even though some of the smaller houses did not participate, due to the work of re-finishing the lanes for the start of the league season.

TO THE MANY FRIENDS of Fred Wolf, co-proprietors of Eastland Bowl who suffered a stroke several weeks ago, he is showing some signs of improvement. The stroke has left him paralyzed on his right side and there is some impediment in his speech. But he is reported out of intensive care in Bon Secour Hospital.

ANSWERING THE MAIL. Several readers have asked about the status of the old Detroit Recreation Building on Lafayette across the street from the post office.

The building, torn down some years ago to be replaced by a parking lot, housed 68 lanes. There were four floors of the seven-story building devoted to bowling. There were 22 lanes on each of the four floors and at one time was rated the largest bowling center in America.

AREA BOWLERS got their first look at the bowling lanes of the future this week when the layout manufactured by General Electric was shown at Eastland Bowl.

Instead of being laid one board at a time, these lanes are laid in sheets, with three or four sheets to a lane. At first glance they look like the old ones. They are marked as if to indicate single boards. But the substance is synthetic and will require less maintenance than the old style.

Whether they will be high scoring boards remain to be seen, but the early onlookers seemed pleased with the introduction.

JOHN WODARSKI continued his hot streak during the past week when he paced the Trio league at Westland Bowl with games of 243 and 214 in a 683 series.

At that, he had to yield high game honors to John Anderson who had a 266 in 641.

In a make-up match among the men Jerry Lindley rolled a 692 and Bob Rose had a 615.

## Regional racquetball winners advance to national tourney

The Southfield Racquetball Center was the site of the Racquetball Regional Amateur Tournament this past weekend, as 178 contestants from 20 states competed for six berths in the national tournament.

The tournament was one of three regionals, the others taking place in Los Angeles and New York. The winners in each region will now advance to the national tournament in Chicago and compete for \$1,500 in prizes. All contestants are guaranteed \$500 in prizes, along with the expense-paid trip to Chicago to compete in the nationals.

The district tournament, which began last Saturday morning and was concluded Monday at noon, was divided into three groups—A, B and C level players. Each skill group was divided into men's and women's divisions.

The players that will represent the Midwest regional in the nationals are, in Women's A, Beth Mowery of Lexington, Ky., and in Men's A, Rick Derr, of Chicago. Mowery defeated Donna Henry in the finals, 21-19, 21-13, while Derr beat Mark Richardson of Livonia, 21-18, 21-9.

In Women's B play, Debbie Erhart of Southfield advanced to the national tournament when her opponent, Cookie Wachter of Massillon, Ohio, was forced to forfeit.

In Men's B action, John Richardson of Livonia was an easy winner over Al Mack of Detroit, 21-8, 21-6.

Lydia Colar of Chicago was victorious in Women's C play, beating Emily Pinto of Lexington, Ky., 21-18, 21-14, while in Men's C, Roy Leggat of Toronto, Canada, defeated Bob Rzepecki of Taylor, 21-13, 21-17.

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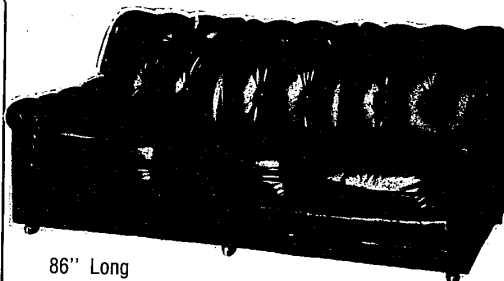
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