

## observing sports

If you have a teenage youngster qualified to drive an auto, you know all about it... How do you impress upon the kid that he should ease up on the gas pedal?

Looking back in our own household, perhaps the best thing that happened to both No. 1 and 2 sons was when they got nailed for speeding. They learned quickly in their driving lives, you CAN'T get away with excessive speed.

Now we have the same selling job to perform on our daughter. She still has a permit and either mom or dad must ride along side of her. But she thinks it's cute to zip along, until she gets shouted down or asked to yield the wheel. All of this serves as a prelude to a short speech we heard the other afternoon when Roger Ward, long one of the nation's top racing drivers, visited the Detroit area.

He was here with six other well-known speedsters of the race track...but they weren't in the area to do any racing this time.

**INSTEAD THEY CAME** to preach to young drivers how the safety rules of the race tracks can be applied to the streets and highways of our country.

"There's one thing about the good race driver," Ward said. "He knows that safety comes first. He's not going to take any needless chances."

"He knows how fast he should go...and never exceeds that mark. He knows that his life can be snuffed out in a couple seconds if he doesn't heed the proper rules."

"And, it's the same thing when you drive your own car. The speed signs, the curve and danger signs...all the rest are posted for a purpose. The guy who defies them winds up in trouble...and, unfortunately, there are many, many times, when an innocent victim suffers the most...like losing his or her life."

**WHAT WARD** said about racing drivers and abiding by the rules actually is something which holds true in all phases of sports.

Take the pro football player, or baseball player, or basketball player or golfer...There are moments when they get mad at each other in the heat of battle.

Take a couple of rival football lineup who are banging into each other time again in a game. They may lose their tempers...and do some pushing...but you'll seldom hear of an incident when they deliberately try and hurt one another.

This is not to say it never happens. Hockey had such a case in a recent exhibition when Ted Green of Boston and Wayne Maki, who's now back in the minors, swung their sticks. Green was badly hurt and has undergone surgery twice. He'll not play this year.

But the National Hockey League didn't let the incident go unnoticed. Green has been ordered suspended.



A TOTAL of 1,500 yards gained for the season. That's the goal of St. Agatha's Mike Murphy Sunday when he faces Mt. Clemens in a divisional Catholic League championship game on the Lola Valley Junior High gridiron in Redford Township.

(Observer photo by Vince Witek)

ded without pay for a substantial period whenever the day comes he can play again. Maki already is under suspension.

The smart athlete well realizes that if he's to enjoy a successful career, he must play the game—regardless of what the sport is—according to the book.

As Roger Ward noted, the same "smartness" carries over into anything else we do.

**NOT A BAD YEAR** for area football teams!

Thurston, St. Agatha and Stevenson wound up as outright champions...Redford Union shared a crown...Garden City East did the same.

Add such teams as Franklin and Our lady of Sorrows which finished second and North Farmington, which was a solid team, but had to settle for third...well, who can say that football in Observerland isn't as good as you'll find in the state.

Wonder how long Farmington Township's Sid Abel will handle both jobs—general manager and coach of the Red Wings? He inherited the latter post when Bill Gadsby was fired. From where we sit, Abel probably will handle the bench for some time to come...maybe the entire season. He likes the job.

**AND DID ANOTHER** Farmington Township, Ed Coil, the general manager of the Pistons, realize that his new coach, Bill van Breda Kolff, would have the same birthday as Coil?

Both marked Oct. 28 as their personal anniversaries...although each says he's "had enough" when it comes to birthdays.

Agreed, gentlemen. So have we.

Dick Beattie, the southpaw who is showing the way to bowlers in Observerland, is a firm believer in the old adage that practice makes perfect.

Rated the best left hander in the area a year ago, Dick set a higher goal for himself this year. He cast his eyes on the title of high average bowler for the area. And, at the moment, he is showing the way in two of the top classics at Westland and Westland.

He fired a 607 at Westland last Friday and established his average at 208. Then, on Tuesday, he posted a 707 series on games of 236, 212 and 259 for 707. This boosted his average in this league to 221—one of the highest in the metropolitan area.

How does he do it?

"Well, I bowl in four leagues in three establishments and bowl an average of 25 games a week," he answered.

"Aside from the classics at Westland and Westland, I also bowl in the Bowlers Classic. And I manage to get in about a dozen practice games a week."

Dick admitted that it is a tough job staying on top, "but I love the game and practice hasn't become a bore—yet."

**ANOTHER VETERAN** joined Beattie in the 700 class during the week.

Roger Helle, who has been around the area lanes for more than a decade, turned in games of 268, 235 and 199 for 702 at Westland.

Back of him came Jean Ginnrod with a 687 and Ted Bakatelo with a third for the night with a 663.

**ONE OF THE** most envied bowlers in Observerland is Don Ringrod—and not because of his average.

Don is the only male member of a league at Livonia Lanes, and, more than that, he tops the averages with 135 and is secretary.

But every time the American Plan League appears to bowl, there are plenty of male volunteers for substitute roles. Thus far, Don has shunned all of them.

**RALPH BERRY** and Jerry Snyder had a great battle for high game in the Iron Workers League and Berry finally won with a 202, that gave him a two pin edge.

**SCORING IS STILL** high in the Bel-Aire Classic, but the sharpshooters haven't been able to dislodge Maury Quinlan from top place in the averages. He has a 204.

**JOHN BELTEWSKI** showed the way in the Men's Classic at Garden Lanes when he posted a 695. Other high scorers were Joe Golewek with 673, Bob Arnold with 660, Mike Willett with 657 and Jim Teller with 650.

Paul Isken is still top man in the averages with 205.

In the Garden Ladies Classic the Jessie Jackson team had high game with 989 and Del Enterprise had high series with 2795.

Bertha Simonsen took individual honors with a 253 in 655.

**BILL ROE** is the Man of the Hour in the St. Linus League at Garden Lanes. With an average of 190 he came through with games of 266, 179 and 221 for a 666—high for the season.

**ANN SETLOCK** strengthened her bid for the role of Bowling Queen for the metropolitan area when she banged out a 634 series in the Bowlerettes League Monday night. This boosted her average to 198.

She is carrying a 202 in the Ladies Major that bowls at Pine Tree Lanes.

**VICK DAVIS** is the latest to add his name to the Honor Roll in the Teen League at Farmington Lanes.

He came through with a 234 game to take top honors and earn an award from the Michigan YBA. Among the adults, Jean Dembeck showed the way in the Ladies Classic with a 581 series.

**EMILY BROWLAKS**, wife of Big Ed, one of the GDBA officials, and an efficient bowler in her own right, has returned from a siege in the hospital and soon will be back on the lanes where she always makes her presence felt.

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