

Tigers' broadcaster is everyone's friend

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The Harwells chatted about how they met and fell in love while attending college in Georgia, and about their children — Bill, 37, Gray, 35, and twins Julie and Carolyn, 23.

"They're the reason we moved back to Michigan from Florida last April," said the 53-year-old Harwell. "We really missed them."

"We're still getting settled in — Ernie's study is the 'gonna room.' We're gonna do this and we're gonna do that," laughed Lulu, who later left for a nursing home where she does volunteer work.

"I'm not too handy around the house, but she can shame me into it," said Harwell, who planted trees, dug flower beds and hung pictures during the baseball strike.

His feelings on that issue? "I just wanted 'em to play," said Harwell. "You'd think two groups of grown men could be reasonable enough to get together."

On the Tigers: "They're a meat-and-potatoes organization — and one of the strongest in baseball. Jim Campbell and John Feter run it as a business, and they really want to produce a winner."

On his hobby, songwriting: "I can play the organ, but really badly — never where they can hear me. I think they'd let me play at Tiger Stadium if they wanted to get the crowd out in a hurry," he joked.

Harwell is an accomplished lyricist with over 35 recorded songs, including "Move Over Babe," popularized by NBC while Hank Aaron chased Babe Ruth's home-run record. Among the disco, country, ballad and soul record labels bearing Harwell's name are hits by B.J. Thomas ("I Just Don't Know Any Better") and Jose Feliciano ("They Ain't Heard Me Yet."). He's also written several songs with academy award-winning songwriter Sammy Fain.

ON HIS START in the business: "I began as The Sporting News' Atlanta correspondent when I was 16," said Harwell. "While I was still in school, I got a job working in the sports department for the Atlanta Constitution doing what nobody else would do. After I graduated, I happened to take an audition with (Atlanta radio station) WRB. They put up with what I did. On the future: "I'll keep showing up for my job as long as I'm healthy and as long as they want me. I don't want to quit — I enjoy it so much. God really blesses somebody when he gives him a job he enjoys doing," Harwell said.

On the highlights of his career: "I'd say the greatest memories for me are the Bobby Thomson home run that beat the Brooklyn Dodgers and won the pennant for the New York Giants in 1951; the 1968 World Series; my induction at Cooperstown (captured in dozens of photographs that Harwell flipped through, proudly pointing out his children and grandchildren), and the Billy Graham Crusade in 1961."

"That was the year I dedicated my life to Christ. Through God's help, I've set my priorities a little straighter since then. He's first — other things come later."

"Everything I do has to be for him. All my ability comes from God. When I have problems, God helps me face them. There's a certain peace you get."

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The Olympics are a bitter subject for both Tim and his sister, Lisa. They know their sport is as physically demanding as other Olympic sports, including ice figure skating, which is closely associated to roller skating.

"A lot of people think roller skating is more difficult (than ice skating)," Tim said. The young national champion spoke animatedly about the heaviness of roller skates compared to ice skates, the changing surfaces roller skaters must endure and the more exact nature of roller skating stunts.

"Ice skates allow a little give when you land, whereas on roller skates if you don't land just right you're down," Tim said.

Floor conditions at the 1980 Nationals led to several problems for both the sport and the skaters, problems ice skaters wouldn't encounter because ice is resurfaced between performances and surface changes are slight.

"It was so slippery, we had to keep trying different wheels just to be able to stand up," Tim recalled.

The event was also to be on television. "A lot of guys were trying to do things they weren't real good at," Tim said. The combination of the slippery floors and performing for the cameras led to a lot of spills.

SINCE SO little could be filmed at last year's nationals, the networks are reluctant to film the sport again.

So, despite their ability, the McGuires realize they will probably never have the chance to compete in an event as prestigious as the Olympics.

"They're never going to have it in the Olympics while I'm skating," Tim said.

Although two years younger, Lisa felt the same. "By the time I'm finished skating it won't be an Olympic sport," she said.

So their goals have been adjusted. "I want to make it to the world meet someday," Lisa said. The sophomore at Rochester Adams will be in the sport's top division, world class, with her partner, Joe Irvin of Mt. Morris, next year.

The top three finishers in the nationals qualify for the world meet. That is Lisa's goal.

Tim has accomplished that step, and may accomplish much more if he can hold off the competition in this year's world meet. He has other aims as well.

College is one. He doesn't plan on both working on his skating and trying to keep up college studies.

He does plan to skate for another two years and, hopefully, add to his championships.

Achieving my goals," Tim said, "is what's important to me."



Lisa McGuire
Second in pairs

Wabeek foursome wins Zaharias golf

Almost 300 local women golfers competing in the recent 6th Annual Babe Zaharias Invitational at Northville's Meadowbrook Country Club raised \$50,000 for the American Cancer Society, making the tourney

the largest money-making A.C.S. event in the state. Golfers were accommodated with shotgun starts at 8 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Exie Ochler, Candy Johns, Mary Lee Allan and Catherine Johnson, a foursome from Wabeek Country Club, took overall low-gross honors with a 78. The team was also runner-up in low net after-noon competition with a 57.

Meadowbrook's team of Novella Zinkon, Joy Holloway, Cecyl Henguth and Gisela McCabe won overall low net with a score of 56.

Both foursomes proceeded to the state finals at Boyne Highlands in September.

Betty Hussey, Bobbie Bueser, Kay Heuer and Maureen Wegrzyn of Meadowbrook won a.m.

low net honors with 61. In second place with 61 were Dorothy Malasky, Barbara Shaw, Edie Doheny and Carol McMan, also from Meadowbrook.

In third place at 63 were Orchard Lake Country Club's Billie Conway, Barbara Forte, Cathy Van Hartesveldt and Lee

Christner. The low-net p.m. third place finishers at 58 were Pine Lake Country Club's Doris Jefferies, Eileen Young, Connie Mullen and Laverne Short.

Tallying an a.m. low gross of 84 were Orchard Lake's Helen Mosher, Sonnie Brooks, Gimme Andree and Ellen Wieter-

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