

the business beat



RECORD SWEEP AWAY — Cadillac Motor Car Division's production for the 1970 model year ended with an new mark of 238,745. This exceeds the former record of 230,003 that was set in 1968. Sweeping away the old mark for Ed Preece, final assembly superintendent, are Cadillac secretaries Cindy Przydzial and Jackie Kot. Preece lives at 14050 Barboro, Livonia.

2 Picked For MSU Posts

Two Farmington men have been elected to officer positions on Michigan State University's advanced management program alumni club. They are Richard C. Wilson, of 2818 Adams Ct., treasurer, who is manager of special projects for Federal Mogul Corp., Detroit, and Bert Williams, of 2555 Killeigh Dr., board of directors, who is president of Rupp and Bowman Co., Highland Park.

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Painting your house is always a bit of a job, but it isn't so hard, if you keep these tips in mind: First, remember that the job will be a long one—depending, of course, on the size of your house! Be patient. Secondly, choose the right tool. You should have a flat brush 3-4 1/2 inches wide and 1 inch thick for larger surfaces. For narrow areas such as trim, a flat brush 1-2 1/2 inches wide is sufficient. When you begin to paint, start on large areas in the upper left-hand corner. Who's working on ends, moldings, and corners, brush toward the center. Try to end each day's work at the bottom of the job. And most of all, don't lose faith! A steady paint job, although slow, always looks better in the end than a fast one.

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Turf Tips, Quips

By Doc Minard

It isn't often that race tracks have a weekend holiday that extends through a Friday, Saturday and Monday but when they do it generally results in records for handle and attendance.

That was the story at the Detroit Race Course last weekend with new standards for wagering for three consecutive programs and probably for attendance during the same period.

The DRC handled \$1,400,000 on Friday, \$1,600,000 on Saturday, and \$1,041,081 on Monday—all of which adds up to more than \$4 million with paid attendance of some 50,000 for the three days.

The mutuel handle for July 4 was fifth in the nation with the total of \$1,655,258. As expected New York and Los Angeles topped the nation with Aqueduct reporting \$5,241,140 and Hollywood Park \$4,555,725.

Betting on Monday, July 6, was the most ever at the DRC for a first day of the week. It bettered the previous high of \$1,032,530 set on Aug. 11, 1969.

FOR A BIT OF VARIETY, those who like to put their money where their thoughts are, could give the following a second look in the next trip to the DRC.

Our information, which is sometimes good and often times not so good, is that these horses are fit and ready:

Big Cane: Comely Show, More Tor, Rellin's Call, Automatic Spin on an off track, Classic Brandy, Amber Song, Direct Tom, Banana Joe, Lawton made, Not So Lil', Note Ward, Light'n' Front, James Shot and Sunny Alma.

FROM THE peckey room and the users' quarters comes word that Bernie Walt, who suffered a punctured lung and several broken ribs in a race misadventure a week ago, is slowly recovering.

Bernie probably won't be able to resume racing until after the end of Michigan's "Federal" season at Hazel Park.

"Red," probably the best known of all users at the DRC and Hazel Park, is taking things easy for a few days following a heart ailment. If we printed his name there probably isn't a one of his thousands of race track friends who would recognize it.

Scotty Morrison, the long-time jockey and gambler who suffered a severe heart attack some three weeks ago, is back on the job and taking things easy. No more hustle and bustle for Scotty... Just a slow, easy pace.

ONLY TIME will bring the answer as to whether Racing Commissioner Leo A. Shirley is going to extend the thoroughbred and harness racing campaigns in another year.

Indications are that Shirley plans to extend the thoroughbred and harness racing campaigns in another year. He wants the tracks to accept dates for a cheap early meeting and a cheap late for the end of the season—or four distinct campaigns.

Neither DRC nor Hazel Park officials are particularly keen about this because of the complications involving the leasing of the plans for night harness racing.

The Commissioner is reported to have tentatively told officials of the two tracks that the season will be extended to start in mid-March and continue through mid-December.

Whether he will pursue the idea of having the four meetings is something that won't be known until he announces dates.

There was some thought that Shirley could be induced to announce the dates sometime in the next six weeks so that

IN THE POCKET

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Gaston Marois, the Livonia croupier who called an 897 series at Bel-Aire in Farmington to top the nation's bowlers and set an all-time record for metropolitan Detroit has learned that fame can be fleeting.

He was dropped from the top several days ago when Nelson Burton, Jr. of St. Louis, fashioned a 289 to take over the pace-making role. Since the 1969-70 season ends officially on July 31, Burton is almost certain to be the national winner on the ABC records.

Gaston will find that they don't remember the fellows who finish second—at least not very long.

Seven other Michigan bowlers are on the national honor roll for bowling series of 800 or better and four of these are from the out state areas.

Gene Westlock, of Saginaw, is in 13th place with 820. Behind him come Bud Mulholland, Detroit, with 812, George Glasco, Grand Rapids 805; Chuck Eubanks, Saginaw, 804; Tony Lindeman, Detroit, 803; Pete Dillhoff, Grand Rapids, 802; Robert Grono, Detroit, 800 and Fred Vitali, Detroit, 800.

FOR THE RECORD, here are the highest scores bowled in the nation this year, according to the latest information from The American Bowling Congress.

5 MAN TEAM SERIES—Columbia "300", Santonio, Texas, 3665.

(Detroit) Stroh's finished fourth with 3583.

5 MAN TEAM GAME—Columbia "300", San Antonio, Texas, 1257.

(Detroit) All Stars placed fourth with 1270.

2 MAN TEAM SERIES—Billy Walden-Nelson Burton, Jr. St. Louis 1614.

2 MAN TEAM GAME—Tom Dern-Ron Spohn, Columbus, O. 589.

INDIVIDUAL—Nelson Burton, St. Louis, 889.

THE 1614 SERIES by Nelson Burton and Billy Walden is an all time record for the American Bowling Congress.

Walden fashioned an 810 series and Burton added an 804, to mark the first time in ABC history that doubles partners each bettered 800.

THE ANNUAL Parade of Champions sponsored by the Michigan Youth Bowling Association is scheduled at the Lansing Civic Center on Sunday, Aug. 9, and from present indications it will tax the big auditorium to capacity.

FEW CHANGES are expected in the lineups of the various teams in the All-Star Leagues when the new season opens late in August.

"In the women's leagues in particular," Ann Seelock pointed out, "we are fairly well set. And I don't look for any changes."

In the men's divisions Stroh

Area Skipper

In Huron Race

A Plymouth skipper is sailing in the Port Huron-Mackinac race this weekend. For George Mason of 1511 Lakewood Drive, it is his third Mackinac race but the first as skipper of his own 33-foot sloop, the Balquhquhader. He has sailed previously as crew on the Glass Skipper.

The C class Balquhquhader, sails out of the Windsor Yacht Club where it is crewed by a five-man Canadian crew. She won the sailing classic several years ago under a former owner.

Mason is regional manager of ABC JAC division on Industrial Drive in Plymouth.

ANN ARBOR Godfrey Murray, Michigan's freshman hurler for the Athletics, received the first annual Phil Diamond award. The award is given to the most outstanding track athlete.

already has made its changes due to the retirement of Captain Johnny Ruggerio. Strohs have taken Bob Kwolek and Jack Born from the Ivory team and no replacements have been announced.

Action will start next again in order that the lanes will be "broke in" by the time the leagues start again during the Labor Day holiday.

observing sports

One of our favorite characters has to be Morris Moorawnick, the statistician to top all statisticians.

We have mentioned M. M. on these pages before. He's the only man in these parts who can score three baseball games simultaneously, tell you what the pitch is on every batter, listen to the Tigers on the radio and keep up a running conversation.

And make no mistakes! M. M. spends most his time during the summer on the sandlots and the other day told about a play which rates "Hall of Fame" recognition — not for its brilliance, but because of its stupidity.

"Did you ever see a rundown in which two men were caught between the same base?" M. M. asked. "Impossible," chuckled the writer.

"It actually happened," laughed Bob Moorawnick, who then went into detail, as only he can, to explain the crazy incident.

"There was a man on first with two out. He stole second on what proved to be the fourth ball to the batter.

"AS THE BATTER reached first, he suddenly looked up and noticed that his teammate had started backtracking from second. Somehow, the runner who had reached second figured the batter had fouled off the pitch — instead of being on first base.

"Well, a rundown started... and wouldn't you know it, pretty soon, both players became involved, as they dashed between first and second.

"Well, pretty soon, the runner who had walked decided that he couldn't get any space. So to help his teammate, he started running back from first to home plate.

"Everybody was laughing, and the defensive team really didn't know what to do. They kept up the rundown. Actually, all that they had to do was step on second base in the first place.

"The runner, who had advanced to second on the walk, would have been retired by simply touching the base. He can't go back when there's another man occupying the base in front of him."

M. M. couldn't keep from breaking out in hysterics.

For that matter, neither could a guy who carries the initials of G. M.

NO SOONER DID Moorawnick depart the scene than inbounded one of our town's most successful slo-pitch managers — Ken Clover, whose Free Press team has won six out of its last seven.

Clover also has a Little League team under his wing and he was shook up the other day because of what happened.

Picture the play: The batter blooped one to left-center. Clover's centerfielder rushes in and makes a sensational, diving catch.

When the ball was hit, the runners started to move. Clover knew that the man had left second before the catch. So he ordered the ball thrown to second for an appeal play.

The umpire agreed. He called the runner out at second, but ruled that the runner from third had crossed the plate before the out was recorded at second. Hence the run counted.

"Illegal," shouted Clover. "How can a team cheat on the rules and receive credit for the run? But it isn't illegal. Since the third out didn't result from a force-play, or the batter being out for failing to reach first base safely, any runs scored before the third out is official must count.

Granted, it may not seem fair. But that's the way the rules read.

We asked Clover if, perhaps, the runner from third might have left his base before the ball was caught. He didn't know.

Here's one situation where a team can get away with making a fourth out and it would take precedent over the third out... had the runner left third too quickly, the ball could have been tossed there, even after what would have been the third out was registered as second.

But, the way the play stood, the umpire was right. The run had to count.

Fortunately, for Clover's team, it lost by more than a run. Otherwise, he'd still be yelling with every turn of the pencil as he edits those sport pages.

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Needs Luck

ANN ARBOR Jim Betts, senior defensive safety from Cleveland, O., was this year's recipient of the Meyer Morton Trophy, recognizing the "most improved ballplayer" during spring practice. Betts will have some tough acts to follow because other winners of the award include Don Moorhead, Tom Mack, Tom Keating, Dave Rainey, Ron Kramer and Alvin Wistert.