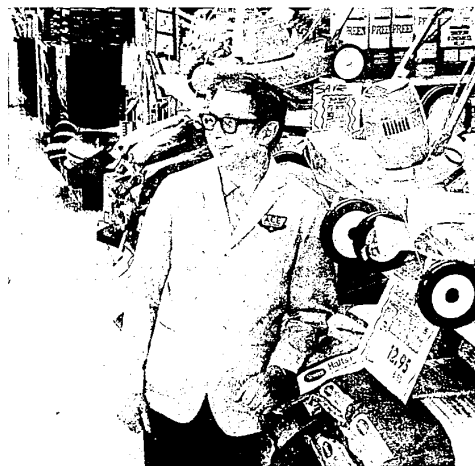


## BUSINESS



MURRAY PITT has expanded quarters for his Ace Hardware store in Redford. (Observer photo)

## How A Small Hardware Shop Can Survive

REDFORD Can a "mom and pop" hardware store compete with the big chain discount operations?

Murray Pitt, owner and operator of Murray's Ace Hardware, at 2707 Plymouth Rd. in Redford, thinks he can do it by offering personal service and relying on a reputation built up in 15 years in business in the community.

MURRAY'S is a "new business" on Plymouth Rd. They moved from their old location at 2617 Plymouth to the new store and expanded from 10,000 to 15,000 square feet of space.

"We are a 'service hardware' store," Pitt said. "We cut pipe, electrical cable, glass and do the kinds of things that people used to depend on a hardware store for."

The added floor space meant an increase in the Murray line. The auto department, paint department and household supplies are all larger than the old store.

"We have been in business in Redford for 15 years," Pitt said. "We started with a toy store right near here."

### Domino's Pizza Names Staffers

Domino's Pizza Co. has announced the appointment of two new top-level management people.

Richard Longbrake becomes vice president and director of marketing. Harry Wasson, CPA, becomes vice president of administration and finance.

### Megown Gets TV Promotion

George J. Megown of 30720 West 12 Mile, Farmington, has been appointed film services manager of WJW-TV.

He has been traffic manager since September 1968.

In his new post, Megown will be responsible for the preparation, editing and presentation of all syndicated film and videotape programs.

Formerly associated with WBNS-TV of Columbus, Ohio, Megown is a graduate of Ohio State University with a bachelor's degree in speech.

### CARE SS At Work

For every dollar donated by Americans in 1969, CARE delivered \$8.53 in food, self-help and medical aid to less fortunate peoples. Public contributions to CARE, New York, are multiplied by U. S. donations of farm abundance and operating cost support from local governments.



VICTOR HANSON of 36079 Dover, Livonia, retired April 1 from Western Electric's Michigan service center in Plymouth, where he directed the inspection and shop methods group. He began his 35-year career as an installer in Detroit and is a member of Wolverine Chapter 10 of the Telephone Pioneers. He and his wife Jean have four married children and 14 grandchildren. At a later date, they plan to move to Idaho.



E. EDWARD WILLIAMS, president of Edwards Glass Co. in Livonia, has been elected third vice president and a member of the board of the National Glass Dealers Association at its annual convention in Dallas. Williams, of Livonia, is also a past president of the Redford Lions Club.



C. JOHN O'BOYLE of Farmington has been appointed assistant to the vice president of finance of F. J. O'Boyle & Co., Detroit-based builders of special machines and materials handling equipment and solid-state machine control systems. O'Boyle, who earned two degrees in business administration at the University of Michigan, was previously a manager with a public accounting firm. He is a member of several professional accounting associations.

## Michigan Bags Bob Thornbladh Of Plymouth

Plymouth High School's highly regarded gridiron full-back Bob Thornbladh disclosed he intends to enroll in the University of Michigan, spurning scholarship offers from at least two other Big 10 football powers.

Thornbladh has signed and returned his U-M scholarship tender to Coach Bo Schembechler at Ann Arbor, which precludes his playing for any other university in the Western Conference. He said he also will indicate Michigan as his preference when he receives the NCAA's national letter of intent.

Michigan State, Ohio State, Kansas State, Tulane and a number of other schools also had romanced the 210-pound, 6-2 Plymouth star who will reach his 18th birthday Sept. 15.

THORNBLOTH PLAYED in only six ball games for Plymouth last fall because of a broken foot, and even then never was able to go at top speed. Despite this he led the Rocks in ground gaining for the second straight year and won All-Suburban Six honors for a second time.

His high school career has included six varsity letter awards, three in football, two in basketball and one in track. In his junior year, when he



BOB THORNBLOTH

was used extensively as a line-backer as well as at fullback, he was the only Suburban Six player selected for the conference all-star team both on offense and defense.

Asked whether he prefers offense to defense at Michigan, Bob said, "I just want to play, the position doesn't matter."

He summed up his praise for Schembechler in the statement, "He's a winner," and disclosed that he had visited at the Michigan coach's home twice since Bo returned from Pasadena following his New Year's Day heart attack.

## What's Doing In Prep Sports

BASEBALL	
Monday	Churchill at Fordson Wayne at Thurston
Tuesday	Plymouth at Northville Redford Union at Garden City East
Wednesday	Bentley at Thurston
Thursday	Stevenson at Dearborn Walled Lake Central at Plymouth Redford Union at Franklin
Friday	Plymouth at Dearborn Franklin at Bentley Churchill at Crestwood
Saturday	Berkley at Redford Union (2) Royal Oak Kimball at Thurston
TRACK	
Tuesday	Bentley at Franklin Plymouth at Walled Lake Central Farmington at Walled Lake West
Thursday	Clarenceville vs. Kettering and Northville at Northville Robichaud at Bentley Franklin at Stevenson Walled Lake Central at North Farmington
Friday	West Bloomfield at Clarenceville Farmington and Redford Union at Mansfield Relays (also Saturday)
GOLF	
Monday	North Farmington, Farmington at Redford Union
Tuesday	Franklin-Stevenson-Churchill at Whispering Willow
Thursday	Stevenson at Plymouth
Friday	Franklin at Redford Union
TENNIS	
Monday	Dearborn at Plymouth
Tuesday	Franklin at Wayne Ann Arbor at Plymouth
Wednesday	Wayne at Stevenson
Thursday	Franklin at Bentley Walled Lake Central at Plymouth
Friday	Crestwood at Clarenceville Churchill at Glenn

## IN THE POCKET

By W.W. EDGAR

League officials aren't expected to be good bowlers, but this belief was shattered this week by Livonia Lanes.

Dick Walters, secretary of the Tuesday Junior House League, came through with games of 244, 241 and 236 for 721 that set a high for the season in the house.

Ironically, he held the honor only a few nights. On Monday, Les Balyo, bowling in the singles classic closed with games of 231, 245 and 242 for a 723. Other high games during the week included Ed Dybas with a 299 in 688, John Urban 219, Leary Erlandi 245.

In the Whirlwind League Jim Becker showed the way with games of 236 and 243 in 680. High single game honors went to Hank Tyl with a 266.

IT'S EITHER FEAST or famine with Ann Setlock in the Bowlerettes League at Motor City. Carrying an average of 191 she rolled her lowest series of the season—a mere 179.

B. C. Nunnery was high man in the Garden Lanes Classic with a 581. Behind him came Walter King 673, Howard Crum Jr. 672, Bill Dennen 668, Paul Sterling 649 and Roddy Pittaway 647.

LITTLE JIMMY HAMLIN, nine-year-old son of the owner of Farmington Lanes, rolled what is claimed to be a state record for the "Peanut" division of the Michigan Youth Bowling Association when he fired a 214 in 317.

ONE OF THE MOST unusual match games of the season is scheduled Sunday at Southfield Bowl.

It is a match between eight junior teams from Farmington Lanes against eight teams from Southfield Bowl.

These match games, originated by Fred Hamlin, of Farmington Lanes, now have become popular competition in the suburban areas.

WITH MOST of the leaders in Knoxville, Tenn. for the ABC tournament, scores took a dip at Bel-Aire Lanes. Ed Dunkle was high in the Classic with a 255 in 696, while other high singles included Bill Schwartz 239 and Paul Kotas, 243.

In the Ladies League Kackie Dix was high with a 611 and Lillian Campbell had high game with 255. Rita Oldfield lost high series by a single pin with 249 in 610.

GORDON WATERSTONE, a 5-year-old member of the Junior League, stole the show at Oak Park, with a high single of 286.

He started with 10 strikes in a row, then left up the 2-4. Among the adults Don Aron was high for the week with a 268.

MERRI-BOWL LANES, sponsor of the largest section of the Livonia Park and Recreation League, will be host to the annual banquet at Roma Hall on Wednesday, April 29. More than 1,000 are expected when bowlers and their parents are to be the guests.

SCORING CONTINUED at a high level in the Westland Classic. Jack Treloar set the pace with games of 219, 253 and 253 for a 725.

Two others also broke the 700 barrier. Don McLeod had a 709 on games of 238, 227 and 236, while Jay Dishong came through with 252, 220 and 236 for 708.

In the Ladies Division Donna Rundles was high with a 255 game. Veteran Bert Nort turned in the lone 700 series of the week in the Wonderland Classic. When the firing ceased he had a 708 and his closest rival was Danny Campbell with a 673. Dick Beattie, the average

leader with 217, dropped back to a 588 series.

The Thunderbolt Inn team is one of the favorites to take Bowlerettes League under the over leadership in the Detroit

Woman's City Tournament over the weekend at Fair-lanes.

The team is leading one of the favorites to take Bowlerettes League under the sponsorship of Mr. F's.

By George Mashin

### observing sports

Far be it for the operator of this twice-weekly edition to spout out: "We told you so."

Modesty dictates otherwise.

But if memory serves the ol' mind, it was back in February when Denny McLain first was slapped down by baseball commissioner Bowie Kuhn we wrote something here that Denny's immaturity and lust for easy dollars were as much responsible as anything else for the jam he was in.

Apparently, after a long investigation, Kuhn has come up with the same thinking in letting McLain "off the hook" by announcing McLain will be suspended only until July 1.

Most experts figured Denny would be out for at least a year. Maybe longer.

They remembered how Alex Karras had to sit out a year for involvement with gamblers . . . or was it just betting? How Leo Durocher was suspended for 12 months because he allegedly just "consorted" with gamblers.

Denny has admitted he wagered -- but only on basketball games. He admitted he invested some money with some bookies, but the commissioner figures Denny was "duped" into this venture.

So there the matter stands. On July 1 Denny can return to the Tigers, who certainly need this big shot in the arm as they await their first game of the new season at Washington Monday.

Denny says things will be different now . . . that he has learned from being socked in the face.

Let's hope so.

ONE SPORTS GENT nobody ever will have to worry about is Southfield's Gordie Howe.

There are few anywhere who could fit into Gordie's shoes.

He's not only the greatest player ever in the history of the National Hockey League, but he's just as outstanding off the ice as he is on.

Which is why belatedly we salute Gordie who this past week celebrated his 42nd birthday.

Amazing is the only word we know that befits Gordie Howe.

Comes Sunday, he'll wrap up his 24th regular season as a member of the Red Wings. If all goes well, there'll be the playoffs for Gordie and his mates starting later this week.

At age 42, most men who have participated in such sports as football or baseball or basketball or hockey have called it quits for something easier.

But there's no sign that Gordie is ready to drop his stick and put his skates away.

He has said that he'll retire only after he engages in two bad seasons in a row. Considering he's had another banner season this year, well, we can look forward to seeing Gordie around at Olympia at least for two more campaigns.

RON CANTERA, the Wings publicist, has come up with some interesting facts about Howe.

Consider Howe's durability. Despite his age, he currently is the second-ranking "iron-man" in the NHL with a streak of 231 consecutive games played. By Sunday night he'll have upped that string to 233.

Howe has not missed a league contest in more than three years -- since March 18, 1967 -- when he was out with a bruised shoulder. Only Murray Oliver of Toronto has played in more consecutive games . . . and just seven more than Howe.

This will mark the 17th season in his 24 that Howe has gone through a full schedule without a miss. Out of a possible 166 games in his career, he has missed only 42 -- 20 of them alone in 1948-49.

Little wonder Howe holds all the league scoring records--like most goals, most assists and most points.

But all of this success hasn't gone to Gordie's head. Ask anybody who lives in his neighborhood. They don't come any nicer than this wonder of hockey -- yes, this wonder of all sports.

Are you listening, Denny?

BOUQUETS TO THE fine gentlemen who voted for the newest members of Michigan's Sports Hall of Fame -- Joe Schmidt, Bill Rogell and the late Charlie Forsythe.

Taking nothing away from their choices of Schmidt and Rogell, two deserving Hall of Famers, we're most pleased by their nomination of Mr. Forsythe.

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