

State Senator Carl Pursell (R-Plymouth) didn't wait long to display his bowing ability in the state legislature.

Competing in the annual legislative championships, sponsored by the Bowling Proprietors of Michigan, he posted high game and high series with counts of 170-220-390 to win the title.

Pitted against Sen. David Plawewski (D-Redford) in a special match during the second game Pursell won by 77 pins. His rival fell to a 143 after an opening game of 193.

Bill Spurgall, a member of the Westland Classic, won the monthly Michigan Majors Tournament at Comet Lanes in Grand Rapids and averaged 212 along the way.

THE WOMEN bowlers have done it again!

The Detroit Woman's Bowling Association, with many of its members spread through Overland, has attracted 840 teams to its annual tournament and thus kept its record intact of having the largest city tournament in the nation.

This entry also sets a record for the city event and competition is certain to be keen for the next few months at Thunderbowl where the battle for titles is limited to weekends.

For years Detroit and Chicago have been rivals for the honor of having the largest city event. But for the past few years Detroit has gone far out in front.

AS THE TRI-CITY tournament closed at Westland, Marge Brothers and Ev Huble captured the doubles title. Marge had a 634-63-697 while Ev added a 568-54-622 for the winning 1319 count.

The sharpshooters had one of their poorest nights of the season in the Westland Classic. Cleland Stanley paced the circuit with a 249 middle game in 672. Joe Wilson had a middle game of 245 for a 860 and second place, while Bill Fite landed third with 660 that included a middle game of 242.

JIMMY O'NEIL was the lone bowler to crash the 700 barrier in the Garden Lanes Classic.

He came through with a 706 to beat B. C. Nunnery by 45 pins, while Ken Fournier landed third with 659.

Other high scorers included Chuck Stanley 659, Bill Rose 653, John McCrellan 632 and Bob Bramble 642.

U-M Cage Coach Tops Program

John Orr, varsity basketball coach at the University of Michigan, will headline the April 13 program of the Livonia Kiwanis Club during which the coach and outstanding player from each of the city's four high schools will be honored.

Orr, who coached the Wolverines to a second place finish in the Big 10 and the best season record since the days of the immortal Cazy Russell, will be making his first appearance in the area as a speaker before a service club.

His team played in the National Invitational Tournament in Madison Square Garden and lost in the quarterfinals to Georgia Tech after outlasting Syracuse in the opening round.

With only two seniors on the squad, Michigan is already looking forward to the 1971-72 campaign, with anticipations that it will be one of the best in the land.

It was Orr who brought such outstanding sophomores as Henry Wilmore, Ken Brady and Ernie Johnson to the campus and start a building program he hopes will bring a Western Conference and perhaps a NCAA crown in another year.

The Livonia Kiwanis Club meets at the Porterhouse on Five Mile Road near Hubbard at noon.

FAY DeWOLF and Mike Krueger won the annual "Dad's Night" doubles that honored longtime owner, Clarence M. Hoffman, at Livonia Lanes.

They fashioned a 1320 series to take the trophy in a field of three squads. Vivian and Ed Bryns landed runner-up honors with a 1285 and Verna Wiske teamed with George Stickles for a 1233 and third place.

By George Maskin observing sports

There's one thing about the modern-day teacher, he or she never stops trying to learn something new which can be passed along to his (her) students.

It's especially that way among the various coaches, from football to basketball to track to tennis to baseball.

Every chance a prep coach gets, he's off to a clinic to listen to the experts, to try and better himself with the hope that if he's smarter, he can improve the team he's handling.

All of which leads us into the annual Motor City Football Clinic which the area's Ford Dealers will stage next Friday and Saturday at the nearby Redford St. Mary's High School in Detroit.

JUST ABOUT EVERY area coach will be there. So will almost 2,000 others because the faculty arranged for the occasion has to top anything one will find at almost any other undertaking of its kind.

Consider some of the names who'll be there to instruct:

1 -- Bo Schembechler, head man at the University of Michigan.

2 -- Don McCafferty, coach of the Super Bowl champion Baltimore Colts.

3 -- Ron Holland, whose North Farmington High team won unbeaten, untied last season and was crowned the state's Class A champ.

There'll be other big names, like Dan Boisteure who has made Eastern Michigan University into a major football power. Alex Agase from Northwestern and Bill Battle from the University of Tennessee.

All in all, it's tough to beat this array of talent. And what a bargain it is for the coaches. They register at the door with a breakfast and luncheon and a hospitality room tossed in!

The three coaches we'd like to hear most are Schembechler, Holland and Boisteure.

SCHEMBECHLER HAS TURNED in a tremendous job in his two seasons at Michigan and judging by the way he talked the other afternoon he'll have another powerhouse at Ann Arbor next fall.

Here's a man who came back from a heart attack to perform one of the toughest jobs there is -- coach a football team.

He's as eager as he ever was, which is great for the University and Michigan football fans, in general.

As for Holland, he was Michigan's prep coach of the year in the eyes of most experts last fall.

It's pretty difficult to top his record. He has coached teams at North Farmington to 59 victories, against 19 losses and three ties over a nine-year span.

He twice had had unbeaten-untied teams. Three times the Raiders have won the Northwest Suburban League title.

What he has to say on building football powers on the high school level should prove worthwhile to contemporaries seeking to emulate his successes.

And Boisteure! He came out of the Detroit area as an athlete and schoolboy coach to succeed as an assistant at Michigan State and then as the head man at Eastern.

WHILE THE COACHES immediately benefit from such a clinic, their players do too fold.

In addition to the coach learning something he can pass down the line, it's amazing how many high school students wind up with college scholarships thanks to such clinics.

Tom Boyle of the Ford staff, was talking about how many a high school coach finds a spot for one of his boys in colleges as a result of the clinic.

"We took a survey this past year and discovered that over 600 boys in Michigan received scholarships at some college, and in several cases, it was because a high school coach was able to call a coach he met at the clinic and say: 'Look, I've got a boy who deserves a chance.'"

Hence, is it any wonder why most of the prep football coaches won't be in school next Friday... at least at their regular schools?

They'll be attending a different type of school.

Northville Is Satisfied With 1st Winter Meeting

Michigan's initial taste of midwinter harness racing didn't exactly give Executive Manager John Carlo, of Northville Downs, the feeling that he had been feasting for the 44 nights.

Northville concluded its winter campaign Thursday night with waning and attendance figures that were quite a bit short of the predictions of Carlo and his associates, when they first learned Racing Commissioner Leo Shirley had allotted Northville Downs dates beginning on Feb. 3.

"WE KNEW from the beginning that the state's first midwinter season would be anything but a financial boom," said Carlo. "We were starting cold after two months of darkness against the Windsor operation which never shut down except for a few days around the Christmas holidays."

"We had hoped to pick up enough impetus to really cut

into the action at Windsor but we ran into the worse winter Michigan has had in a long time and never did hit the peak we expected. Everything considered we feel we had a fairly successful meeting. You must remember that we didn't have a single weekend with good weather and when weekends are rubbed out a track never has a chance to pick up during the week."

"We learned a lot during this meeting, things that will help any area track that gets winter dates. There isn't any question that Michigan will continue winter racing and its lessons learned in the first campaign that helps all winter seasons that follow."

Northville ended with a nightly average handle of \$234,934 with total wagering of \$10,337,138. The final program attracted 3,146 fans who bet \$77,688 through the mutuel machines.

Total attendance was

134,001 for a nightly average of 3,045.

DUANE DILWORTH, the 42-year-old Adrian, Mich. driver, didn't arrive at the Downs until the third week of the meeting but made the most of his opportunities to win the driving crown with a winning percentage of .372.

He waited until the final night to beat out veteran Don Hall, of Northville. Hall was in front with a .365 percentage but didn't have a start on the closing program.

Dilworth actually clinched the crown in the sixth race when he guided Linda's Plebe to victory. That put him ahead of Hall even though he was up the track with a pacer in the eighth race. Previously he had two second-place finishes.

Duane had 12 firsts, 18 seconds and 11 thirds in his 69 trips to the post. Hall had 28 wins, most of any reinsman, 18 seconds and 13 thirds in 116 starts. Wally McMurray, of Novi, was third with a .325 winning percentage.

Livonia Muny Links To Open

By ARTEE

Weather permitting, the Whispering Willows golf course will open for 1971 activities Thursday, April 1. That was the announcement Friday by John Dufour, Livonia Sup't. of Parks and Recreation, in telling of plans for the city's municipal links located at the intersection of Newburgh and Eight Mile Roads.

Pro Gary Whitener, who recently returned from San Francisco where he was assisting a fellow pro, will start his fourth year. Gary was on the scene last week and started the task of getting the course ready for the opening. He reports the course soft in several places but playable and expressed belief that a few warm days would work wonders.

WHISPERING WILLOWS handled more than 49,000 golfers during 1970 and Dufour and Whitener believe it will shatter all records in 1971 if the weatherman decides to smile a bit instead of frowning and ordering all of the cold, chilly, snowy, rainy days of the past two months.

The course will be open from 8 a.m. until dusk daily with no leagues... which means there will be room for golfers to take off at one of the two starting tees (No. 1 and No. 10) at almost any time.

The 1971 green fees were approved by the Recreation Commission and presented to the Livonia City Council several weeks ago.

The fee schedule includes: **RESIDENTS** - Mondays through Fridays, \$2.75 for

nine and \$4 for 18 holes; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, \$3.25 for nine and \$5 for 18 holes.

NON-RESIDENTS - Mondays through Fridays, \$3 for nine and \$4.50 for 18 holes; Saturdays, Sundays and holidays, \$3.50 for nine and \$5.50 for 18 holes.

TWILIGHT (after 6 p.m.) - \$2 for residents and \$2.25 for non-residents.

SENIOR CITIZENS (residents only) - Mondays through Fridays, \$1 for nine holes, \$2 for 18. Senior citizens must tee off before noon.

BOYS-GIRLS (17 years old and under) - Mondays (8 a.m. to noon only) \$1 for nine and \$2 for 18 holes.

Reserved starting times for Saturdays, Sundays and holidays can be made by calling the course 476-4493. Both Dufour and Whitener emphasize that there will be a charge of 25 cents per person for reserved times. They call attention to this charge now at the start of the season inasmuch as there was considerable furor over the

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Meetings Set For Umpires

Umpires are needed to handle recreation baseball and softball assignments for the coming season, and two meetings have been scheduled as training sessions for the new blood.

Men who are interested can report to Room 110 of Plymouth High School at 1:30 p.m. either Sunday, March 28 or Sunday, April 4.

President of the Suburban Umpires Association, which has arranged the meetings, is Clarence Levandowski of Livonia. The secretary-treasurer is Earl G. Gray of Plymouth.

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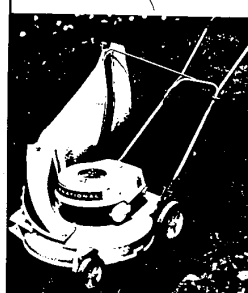
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