

# Not Even Wheelchairs Foul Their Bowling Fun

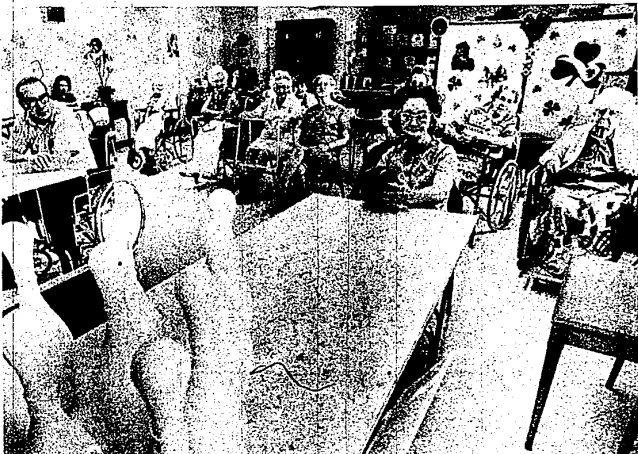
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Recent polls revealed that more than 39 million persons engaged in some form of bowling during the past year. Of this vast number, more than five million have participated in sanctioned leagues as part of the American Bowling Congress program, and an additional three million women were listed on the league rosters of the Women's International Bowling Congress.

handicapped residents, they were 100. At the moment, Mary Jones, who insisted that she was Irish, is the top bowler with a count of 125. One of the proudest is Kate Joslin, who earned two trophies in a recent tournament. She won the high series and another for being on the winning McNamara's Band team. Marion Ladewig, Michigan's famous woman bowler, never was prouder of any of her honors than Kate as she shows her awards. When the league started the handicapped bowling

residents were permitted to choose their own teams and give them their names. The result was such names as "Pennsylvania Stompers," "McNamara's Band," "Ding-A-Lings" and "Geritol Girls." The "Stompers" include Mary Jones, Cecile Johnson, Ben Miller and Maxie LeBar. McNamara's Band lineup consists of Mervin McNamara, Kate Joslin, Ona Ball and Charles Hill. Irene Munley captains the "Ding-A-Lings" with Sylvia Schmidt, Bernice Houshaw and Ethel Klingensmith as her mates. The "Geritol Girls" have Kate Feinstein, Dora Pearson, Verna Reynolds and Susan Sherriff in their lineups.

Lottie Smiley, Viola Hoffa, Irene Bagatine, Marie McCormack and Minnie Misegades are substitutes. Aches and pains, flared fingers and wrinkled faces on these elderly residents who turned to bowling as both mental and physical therapy were forgotten at the annual banquet when the "Ding-A-Lings" were given "crying towels" for their last place finish. Bowling has been traced back to 5200 B.C., but never has the game provided more benefits and enthusiasm than it has in the past several months for the handicapped residents at the center.



SHE SHOWS 'EM -- Vera Reynolds taking her place and getting set to topple the pins on way to the 125 score that is the top score posted thus far as others wait their turn in unusual tournament. (Observer photo by Bob Woodring)



KATE JOSLIN won the high series and placed on the winning team to earn these two trophies in first "wheelchair tournament." (Observer photos by Bob Woodring)

Few, if any, got more enjoyment out of the ancient game of toppling tenpins than the handicapped residents of the Middlebelt Nursing Center in Livonia. Introduced to the competitive side of the game only two months ago, they have organized an official league and bowled a regular schedule with as much enthusiasm as the all-stars in their monthly competitive classics. Their bowling setup is most unusual in that the "lane" has been built with the bowling surface about four or five feet above the floor with one end abutting the wall as a backstop. There are no pits to catch the pins, and the bowlers, under their own special rules, must be seated in a chair -- even the wheelchair -- when the lightweight plastic ball is released. "We don't have a foul line," Margaret Adams, supervisor of activities, explained, "and neither do we have gutters or channels. We use sideboards instead. Another concession is that we don't use balls with finger holes to roll at. These are the lightweight plastic pins, but you never saw such fun." When this new activity was introduced to the

## TB, Health Group Now Lung Assn. Guild Will Stage Comedy

The Tuberculosis and Health Society of Wayne and Oakland counties and the Macomb County TB and Health Association officially merged April 1 into a single agency with a new name, the American Lung Association of Southeastern Michigan (ALASM).

ALASM executive director and head of the former Wayne-Oakland agency, said the new name indicates the geographic area with which the agency is concerned and clearly identifies the lung as the vital body organ which is being defended against bacteria, air pollution and cigarette smoking. A new member board of directors has been formed with proportional representation from each of the three counties.

Brownson Murray, a Detroit attorney who lives in Oakland County, will serve as president of the tri-county association which is the position he occupied with the Wayne-Oakland agency.

Bloomfield Hills St. Dunstan's Guild of Cranbrook will stage "Last of the Red Hot Lovers," a Neil Simon comedy, April 6, 7, 13 and 14, in St. Dunstan's Playhouse, Lone Pine west of Woodward. Tickets are \$2.50 for adults and \$1.50 for students, and are on sale at the playhouse.

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## Boat Control Hearings Set

The Department of Natural Resources' Marine Safety Section will hold several hometown hearings in April to air proposed controls and draw out comments aimed at solving local boating problems on a number of Michigan lakes.

Some of next month's public hearings will focus on watercraft rules recommended by the DNR's Marine Safety Section to minimize boating hazards and conflicts which have stirred local citizens to ask for action.

Each of these proposed controls stems from investigations of the problem lakes which the Marine Safety unit conducted after local units of government petitioned it for help.

April 3: 7 p.m. - Hemmingway Lake, Lapeer County (Otter Lake School).  
April 9: 10 a.m. - Moon, Simpson, and Brookfield lakes, Oakland County, West Bloomfield Township Hall.  
April 9: 1 p.m. - Woodpecker Lake, Oakland County (West Bloomfield Township Hall).  
April 10: 7 p.m. - Ruth Lake, Grand Traverse County (Long Lake Township Hall).  
April 13: 7:30 p.m. - Pine Lake, Barry County (Prairieville Township Hall).  
April 18: 7 p.m. - Tiptoe Lake, Oakland County (Rose Township Hall).

If investigations and testimony from the April hearings confirm the need for special local controls, such rules will be established under authority of Michigan's Marine Safety Act. Several of the April hearings will represent a more preliminary step toward conducting the needs for boating regulations. The purpose of these hearings will be to listen to the complaints and views of local citizens to determine the seriousness of boating problems on certain lakes.

Evening credit-free courses in business, management, investment and law are offered by Oakland University's Division of Continuing Education in the spring term that begins the week of April 23. "Starting and operating a small business, conducted by Frank M. Butrick, "law for the layman," outlined by attorney Melvin Merzon; "stock market advanced-craft, not witchcraft," taught by Robert Wilds; and "effective supervision," conducted by Ann Bernorio, are on Thursdays. "Effective business writing," directed by Robert M. Boltwood; "introduction to accounting," taught by Paul E. Pielusch; "management accounting," instructed by Walter D. Stelmazek; and "introduction to management," conducted by Aleck Casalis, are on Tuesdays. OSHA requirements for guarding of all machines are covered by Gary L. Robinson in "machine guarding" on Mondays. "Management philosophy," instructed by William A. Snow, is also on Mondays. "Administrative office management," instructed by Doris M. Brown, is on Wednesdays.

## State Camping Fees To Rise

Starting April 1, overnight fees will be raised by 50 cents for most of the 14,800 state park campsites in Michigan, reminds the Department of Natural Resources. The new camping rates are caused by rising costs of maintaining and operating these sites for nearly 500,000 camping families each season. They are: \$3 at all campgrounds featuring modern facilities including electrical service. (About 12,300 of the state park system's campsites will come under this charge.) \$2.50 at campgrounds offering either flush toilets without electricity at sites or vault-toilet toilets with electricity at each site. Standing as it has for the last several years is the \$1.50 daily camping fee for rustic-type facilities, including state park sites used by backpack and hike-in campers.

## Assessment Classes Set At Oakland U

ROCHESTER Two courses in a six-course review program for assessing officers will be offered this spring by Oakland University's division of continuing education. Appraisal theory III begins Monday, April 23, and assessment administration II begins April 25. Assessing officers and those preparing for an assessing career can enroll at any point in the program because the courses don't have prerequisites. Registration can be completed at the division in Rochester. The program covers all phases of property tax assessment. Certification examinations will be offered at the end of June.

## Non-Return Bottle Ban May Get On Ballot

Michigan voters may get a chance to decide whether zip-top cans and non-returnable bottles should be banned from the market and whether stores should be required to redeem all beverage bottles. A resolution to put this proposal on the ballot in the next general election was introduced by Sen. David Plawicki (D-DeARBOR Heights), whose district includes Redford. The proposal states that any person selling a particular brand must redeem all bottles of that brand and set a five cents minimum deposit on returnable bottles.

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