

JOHN NICKELL
Youth rolls perfect game in warm-up

Nickell Rolls 300 In Practice Game At Bloomfield

A 21-year-old bowling whiz-kid, of whom great things are expected, partially fulfilled past prophecies by rolling probably the first 300 game in Bloomfield Lanes history last Saturday.

John Nickell, a stocky 5' 8" 160 pounder, threw nine straight pocket hits, crossed to the "breakdown" on his tenth ball, and then leveled 2 more pocket strikes to set the history-making precedent.

This is not the first time, however, that the bowling public has heard of what Joseph Paulus calls "Nicky," one of the finest prospects I have ever seen in bowling.

Paulus is the owner of Bloomfield Lanes, Chene-Trombley Recreation in Detroit, publisher of the nation's leading bowling newspaper, the Modern Bowler, and, until he gave up "big-time" bowling for business, one of the country's finest bowlers.

NICKELL IN 1948 was the high-scoring member of the Birmingham YMCA team as it became the Michigan State YMCA Bowling Champion.

One year later, at the age of 16, he anchored the YMCA team to fourth place in the AJCIC National Athletic tournament in which more than 15,000 thousand teams participated, representing 46 of the 48 states.

While 16 years old, he bowled a 707 series and averaged 187 in the Birmingham Junior House League leading his Cheer Shop team to the league title.

In 1952, while stationed in the army in Germany, he was the United States Seventh Army singles and all-events champion, as well as posting a 204 average for the 29 game season to claim the Seventh Army high average honors.

Nickell presently bowls with the high-powered Bloomfield Lanes quintet in the Birmingham Senior House League, and the Bob & Lowe team in the professional Detroit Major Classic.

The very first few years of a child's life are of more importance to its future than any double span of years later on. For in childhood does one get lasting habits or habits can you change the shape of a cake once the heat of the oven begins its work?

Defer Action on Sewage Treatment Pact

B of E Votes To Pay Share Of Signal

SOUTHFIELD — At last the question of a traffic signal at the Beverly road-Southfield intersection to serve school children crossing Southfield en route to the new Beverly elementary school has been solved.

Tuesday night Birmingham Board of Education pledged itself to as much as half the cost of \$850 to install a fixed-time light.

Southfield Supervisor William Roesser was requested to ask the Oakland county road commission to contribute one-third of the cost with the township and school board each paying one-third. Otherwise the township and board will share the cost of the installation.

THE LIGHT will be amber on both sides when not in operation before and after school hours.

Roesser said Oakland county authorities recommended an attendant for the light, and would approve it on that basis.

The installation will require 45 to 60 days, Roesser said. The board members shared the opinion that the county should share in the cost, inasmuch as the question involved traffic on a county road.

The question of an attendant for the light was not discussed.

School Landscaping

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Landscapers were authorized to landscape Wing Lake school on the basis of a \$2,000 budget approved by the Hills board of education Monday night.

Wing Open House

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Formal dedication plans are being made for the new addition to the Wing Lake school on Oct. 4. Plans are being mapped by the parent-teacher's organization of that school.

Hills Seeks Expert

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — School administrators Monday night were authorized by the board of education to seek competitive bids from experts in the field for preparing a master land use survey of the school district as to where future schools should be placed and in what order.

School Heads Meet

Superintendents of the four school districts attended a state meeting of school superintendents that convened Sunday through Tuesday on Mackinac Island. Those attending were Dr. Dwight B. Ireland of Birmingham, Eugene L. Johnson of Bloomfield Hills, Stewart K. Baker of Troy and Glenn Schoenhals of Southfield.

Noon Trek Home Seen Dangerous, Parents Complain

FRANKLIN — A delegation of some 35 parents converged on the Birmingham board of education Tuesday night demanding that their children be permitted to stay in school during the lunch hour rather than walk a "treacherous stretch" of Franklin road to their homes for lunch.

The question involved about 20 children living on the west side of Franklin road.

The board promised to take the matter under consideration saying that the situation "bad as it was" could be duplicated elsewhere in the school district and that their decision would have to be made on the basis of 1000 other children in similar circumstances.

But the board agreed to make some temporary arrangement until the unsafe factors involving the road could be settled between the township and road authorities.

DESCRIBING the unsafe factors involving Franklin road, Richard E. Carter, chairman of the delegation said the widest part of the road was only 30 feet. Probst said that even school authorities admitted the road was unsafe for even adults to walk.

"There is no way for children to get off the road other than jump into either drainage ditch, which becomes a 10 foot snow bank on either side during the winter months," Probst said.

Probst stated that a car pool of the parents had been making the daily four trips but that the area was a large one to cover at the noon hour and would be increasingly difficult during the winter months.

He said there was a feeling among the parents that regardless of distance and age of the child that they should be allowed to eat their lunches in the school.

Cranbrook Alumni Elect R. H. Porter

CRANBROOK — Five Birmingham men have been elected to serve as directors and officers of the Cranbrook School Alumni Association, announced Alumni Secretary Carleton P. McLean, Jr.

Robert H. Porter, 820 Hazelwood, will take over as president of the association. A graduate of the University of Michigan and an Army veteran, Porter is currently associated with the United Central Life Insurance Company.

Other officers include James Nordlie, 1955 Stanley, a University of Michigan graduate now connected with Nordlie, Inc. in Detroit; Alan Schwartz of Detroit; and Vincent Anderson of Romeo.

New Association directors selected to serve for three year terms are Weston Meyer, 671 N. Elm, a graduate of Yale, now a research engineer with Bundy Telling Co.; Peter DeWitt, Duke University graduate, now serving on faculty at Cranbrook School; and James Schneider, 273 Euclid, a



BLOOMFIELD — EQUESTRIAN OF NOTE is Dottie Ann Ellis, 11-year-old daughter of the Norman J. Ellises on Lahser road. Dottie, one of 250 entries, took one first and two seconds at the Dixie Saddle Club Sixth Annual Horse Show, Sept. 11-12 at the Glen Ellis farm near Charleston. Dottie and her Palomino stallion, Rainbow's End, took a first in Tennessee Walking and two seconds in the Palomino Open and the Parade Class. Riding since she was nine, Dottie says she'd almost rather ride than eat!

Walnut Lake Sub Elects Officers

WALNUT LAKE — Maynard Mott, 5487 Sunnycrest, was elected president of Walnut Lakes Estates association Sunday, Sept. 12, at a meeting in the subdivision two clubhouse.

Other officers named to serve during the 1954-55 year are Roland Walton, vice president; Mrs. Roy Elder, secretary; Mrs. Paul Dahl, treasurer; and Harry Broard, sergeant-at-arms.

To serve on the board of directors will be Gayle Chesterfield, Julian Osterfeld, Ronald Ireland, Paul Dahl and John Bell.

2 Detroiters Hurt In Auto Collision

BLOOMFIELD — Two Detroiters were injured Saturday afternoon in a rear-end collision at Telegraph and 14 Mile road. Treated at St. Joseph Mercy hospital were Mrs. Dorothy Clifton, 50, an accountant riding with Miss Constance Clifton, 19.

The accident occurred when a car driven by John E. Jackson, 19, of Pontiac, collided with the rear of a car driven by Miss Clifton.

Singles Semifinals

BLOOMFIELD TWP. — Bloomfield Lanes, Westwood at E. Long Lake, has been chosen as the site for the semifinals of the Michigan State Singles bowling championships, October 16 and 17, according to Joe Paulus, proprietor. The state's leading bowlers will roll in two squads on Saturday at 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. and two squads on Sunday at the same times.

graduate of the University of Michigan, past president of the Association, and currently employed by Brooke Smith, French and Dorrance advertising agency.

City Asks More Study On Westchester Sub.

BLOOMFIELD — While action on a proposed sewage treatment contract between the City of Birmingham and the eastern part of the township was deferred for one more week by city commissioners Monday night, the city learned that no shopping district was proposed on property adjacent to the city's west borders in Westchester Village subdivision.

The northeast corner of Lincoln and Cranbrook in Bloomfield and directly across from Birmingham High school has been the center of controversy among Birmingham residents since the former owner of the property proposed to build a commercial development in the site.

Robert Smith of Sullivan-Smith, co-developers of Westchester Village, said the new owners paid for it.

A revised sewage treatment contract that would enable the township to fully develop land lying within the area tributary to the River Rouge, including Westchester Village, was submitted to the city Monday night but a majority of the commission asked that they be given another week of study on proposed development in the township and turned down signature on the contract.

Bloomfield's entry into a contract with the city is seen as the only answer to the area's development until the time when the Township Drainage District's intercepter sewer to the City of Detroit is in operation.

House-to-House Drive Scheduled For Registrations

TROY — In an all-out drive to register with the city as voters for the November 2 general election, both political parties have launched a house-to-house drive to publicize the registration move.

Ralph Beale, Troy GOP chairman, and William Stacie, township democratic head, met with their workers and members of the township Monday night to plan the registration program.

Both parties agreed to further a non-partisan drive to get-out the vote and set Saturday, Oct. 2, as American Day when all efforts will be aimed at bringing new residents to the township clerk's office.

The office will be open from 8 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Oct. 2 for registrations and workers are planning a house-to-house canvass of the township on that day to inform residents of the program.

Literature outlining the importance of voting is being prepared for general distribution.

Workers will meet Tuesday night, Sept. 28, at the township hall to complete plans for the following Saturday.

All church groups, fraternal and civic organizations are being asked to help in the registration drive.

Headline for registration for the November election is 8 p.m. Monday, Oct. 4.

Gun Club Slates Hunters Special

A Hunters special shoot is scheduled at the Birmingham Gun Club, Sunday, Sept. 26. Prizes for high scores will include hunting and fishing equipment and clothing.

The shoot will consist of 50 16 yard targets and 50 20 yard targets. Corn on the cob and hot dogs will be served at the club.

Regular shooting days for October will be Saturdays, Oct. 2, 9 and 16.

Hills Pays Bills

BLOOMFIELD HILLS — Board of education Monday night authorized payments of bills totaling \$39,200.76, presented for their approval.

UNDER THE revised contract, the township would pay \$3,000 for the first year of sewage treatment in the city's plant. This charge would include the township's share of new aeration equipment recently installed at the plant.

The township would be given until July 1, 1956, to make this payment without interest.

The contract now also includes agreement to treat sewage from a maximum 8,500 population in the township area.

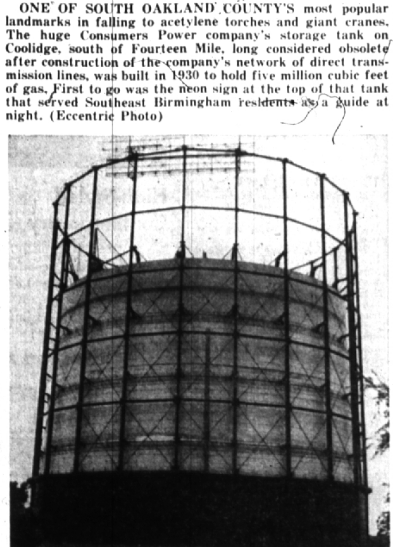
Frank Seapka, vice-president of Garling Construction company, stated that his firm had been waiting for the go-ahead signal on the development for a year and had so much money tied up in the property that if they were not allowed to put sanitary sewer lines in the property to Birmingham's plant, the builders would have to install septic tanks or build a separate treatment plant.

The developers added that they planned to build about 100 homes a year on the property.

'Round The Towns Pictorially'



WINNERS OF THE INTERNATIONAL Equestrian and Hunter Trials last week at Franfield Farm, Northfield, members of Grant's Irishmen team pose for the photographer. The team topped competitors to take both the Michigan League title and the international contest with a Toronto Ont. team. Pictured from left to right are, Paul Garlick, Gordon Bennett, Gordon Bennett, and Gordon Bennett.



ONE OF SOUTH OAKLAND COUNTY'S most popular landmarks is falling to acetylene torches and giant cranes. The huge Consumers Power company's storage tank on Coolidge, south of Fourteen Mile, long considered obsolete after construction of the company's network of direct transmission lines, was built in 1930 to hold five million cubic feet of gas. First to go was the neon sign at the top of that tank that served Southeast Birmingham residents as a guide at night. (Eccentric Photo)



TROY TWP. — The Rev. Dr. Benjamin F. Holme (left) poses before the altar of the Big Beaver Methodist church with the minister, the Rev. Reginald Hocking, prior to the Homecoming program and formal opening of the church Sunday morning. Dr. Holme preached the morning service, while Bishop Marshall Reed spoke during the formal opening program in the afternoon. The service climaxed the efforts of the congregation to rebuild its church which was destroyed by fire in 1947. Since 1948, services have been held in the church basement, while the sanctuary and other church rooms were under construction. Currently, a new parsonage is being erected