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He Bowls 'em Over! Octogenarian Is Striking Fellow

By IRMA N. DAVIS Staff Writer EAST BEVERLY—The oldest active member in three leagues, octogenarian John Dietiker boasts a bowling average almost twice his age, 83 years.

Until 1916, he lived in Illinois in a soft-coal mining area. With a twinkle in his eye, he said he "started at the bottom and worked up to being a miner."

IN DETROIT, he was employed at the Packard Motor Car Co. and later went to Ford Motor Co., where he worked until he retired 11 years ago.

Widowed in 1949, he has made his home with his daughter since then. He fills in as a baby sitter for the Koppes and loves a good game of checkers with his grandson though he has "to let him win once in a while."

At the retirees club in Detroit, he enters the pool tournaments and participates in an occasional skit. With other members, Dietiker plays shuffleboard at Detroit's Palmer Park in summer and enjoys the club's monthly birthday parties.

HE LIKES "ladies for partners for dancing," but disclaimed any undue interest in that direction. Polkas, waltzes and square dancing are favorites but he likes "folk dancing best."

His daughter added, "I'm just waiting for him to learn the cha-cha-cha so he can come home and teach me."

Her father allowed he "might just do that—maybe."

"MODERATION" is the key to life and health, he says. As a result, he rarely has anything more than the "sniffles and those not very often. Guess my resistance is better since I retired."

Dietiker knows his Bible thoroughly and believes "people should make an everyday affair of religion, not just on Sundays."

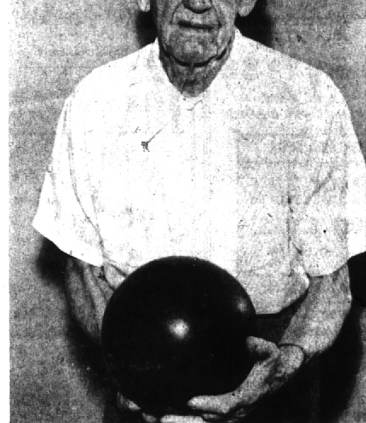
"They have more things in common today," he added. "They should get along better."

HE CHUCKLED as he held out a picture, somewhat chewed at the edges by the family's dog left.

The photograph was of Dietiker and another retiree, taken at a banquet. The two men were posed behind Detroit's Mary Beck.

Dietiker pointed a steady finger at the likeness of his friend.

"He's only 79 years old," he said in Dietiker's league, that's young.



John Dietiker shows the form that won him the "Over Average Jackpot" Friday night when he competed against men half his age.

Not only that, he can out-dance his own daughter and when it comes to dancing, it's just ask his grandchildren, Barbara and Ray.

He beats everyone to the skillet almost every morning, is as apt as not to get the evening meal under way and winds up his day watching the fights on television.

SEATED IN the family room of his home at 31250 Sheridan, where he lives with his daughter and son-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Scott, he commented that he "doesn't want to stay in a rocking chair."

His busy schedule would "rock" many a younger person. One of the very few things he doesn't do is drive but, one way or another, he gets to bowling alleys and a club for retirees at least four days a week. He learned to bowl in 1951.

Two weeks ago he helped a league team, the Bowlerama Old-Timers, to victory over a rival senior group from the Detroit East Side Retired Men's Club. Junior man on Dietiker's team was a mere 75 years old.

TWO OF THE leagues in which he bowls are made up of retirees; the third includes some more juveniles in the middle-age brackets, plus Dietiker.

He has tallied the high score for the current season in both of the senior citizens' leagues, with a 244 game in one and a 229 in the other.

Teams that he has played on have placed first in their league several times, although he is modest about his trophies.

WHEN ASKED IF he was reluctant to be out in bad weather, his daughter snorted an eloquent, "hah!"

He shovels snow in the winter and keeps the hedges

Seven to Compete For Three Council Posts in Franklin

FRANKLIN—Seven candidates will vie for three council posts in Franklin's annual Village election lively on March 13.

Though there is no competition for the clerk's office, leaving Mrs. Elsie Garwood free sailing for a third term, the job and assessor's post will offer a variety of choice in candidates.

SEEKING HIS third term, councilman Don Hunter will be opposed by Robert L. Dwyer, D. E. Goodnoor, former treasurer Robert Winkler, Richard Oberschulte, Willard Chapoton and county appointee Eugene Kelly.

Seeking Winkler's treasurer job will be Donald Harker, Stone said, and Richard Cudaby, all newcomers to the village government.

Dr. Ralph Smith will run against Ann Emmenlender, incumbent who has served four terms as assessor.

No Contest In Bingham

BINGHAM FARMS — Two incumbents and a newcomer will seek electoral approval for council seats March 13 at Bingham Farms.

William Hyland and Donald Morse have agreed to again serve two-year terms.

Ronald A. Johnston Jr. of Hickory Hollow will replace retiring councilman Donald Kiegar.

Johnston has served this year as deputy marshal, representing the residents in the north end village.

MRS. CARL KALMBACH, also of Hickory Hollow, will run on the slate as village clerk. She succeeds Mrs. James McGuire.

David R. Stany of 13 Mile Road has been nominated to take over assessor's duties from Walter Gerick and James Washburn who continue as treasurer.

No other petitions were received by the Feb. 25 deadline.

Road Weight Limits Effective in Lathrup

LATHRUP—County road weight limitations became effective at 6 a.m. Tuesday in Lathrup. City Administrator Gerald Stone said city limitation on trucks weighing over 4,000 pounds would take effect this week.

Trucks over this weight must secure a permit from the city offices before traveling city streets, Stone said.

Lathrup Residents Seek S'field Approval on Pool

SOUTHFIELD—A request by a group of Lathrup residents to build a private swimming club on land owned by Lathrup was referred Monday night by Southfield's council to that city's zoning board of appeals.

The club plans to use four out of 13 acres under option near Saratoga and Evergreen Roads. Owners of the land are Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Pasutin, 32311 Arlington, Beverly Hills.

THE SWIMMING pool group was unable to find available land at a feasible price in Lathrup; the site under option is in Southfield, close to the western edge of Lathrup.

Thomas E. Munson, head of the swimming pool group, said the club plans are in formative stages, pending permission to use the land.

A PRIVATE CLUB may be located on residential property with zoning board approval. Munson said the pool might be ready for late summer use if approval is granted and plans proceed well.

Lathrup's option on the tract, originally expiring March 1, has been extended until May, Munson said. Cost would be about \$10,000 an acre.

PLANS ENVISION a 300-family membership at a cost of \$550 to \$650 per family.

The pool would be 40 by 80 feet with a 30 by 33 foot diving area. Plans include parking for 110 cars and tennis courts.

He Can't Tell a Lie; He Can't Talk—Yet!

BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP —With all the acumen of a born politician, little Greg Stewart timed his arrival to town with George Washington's birthday.

Son of Mr. and Mrs. Murray Gilbert, both practicing attorneys, he was mum on the subject of Mother Alice's recent victory at the polls.

He is the township's first lady justice of the peace.

HOWEVER, a member of the family council indicated that baby Greg is eminently satisfied with Mrs. Gilbert's qualifications. In his judgment, the family member said, she would do justice to her job as homemaker, mother and public official.

Mother and new baby came home from Mt. Sinai Hospital, Detroit, on Tuesday. Greg is formally planning to continue making a patriotic flag when his mother takes office July 4.

Recipe for Stable Elections

By NITA HARD Special Writer When in Rome, do as the Romans —

When in Wood Creek Farms or Bingham Farms, do likewise — which means you can have one lump or two with your vote or get it almost straight from the horse's mouth.

In Wood Creek Farms, a little more than 200 registered voters are invited to "drop in" March 13 at the Vernon. Fisher home on Wellington Road to down a ballot lever and coffee.

VOTING BOOTHS will be set up in their large, comfortable recreation room at one end of the house. Grandson Wally is temporarily banished and his playthings all hidden to make room for the great American tradition. Neighborhood women bring an endless supply of fresh-from-the-green goodies.

Great steamsy urns of coffee are kept perking and a roaring fire encourages voters to exchange a little gossip over a cup after casting their ballot.

SERVING THEIR community without compensation are the members of the election board. This year Mrs. William Weightman is in charge, seeing that all voting regulations are observed.

She is officially also in charge of cups, sugar, cream and keeping the comfortable chair cushions puffed up.

Pipe Dream Comes True

LATHRUP—A different view of the sewer line in Lathrup is evident these days. Basic construction work was started last week on the sewer line on Saratoga near

Evergreen. It marks the realization of a program that has taken several years of negotiations.

THE CONTRACTORS will not be delayed by the county road weight limitation ban, effective Tuesday morning, Stone said, as all necessary equipment and materials have already been brought in.

Delay in dedication proceedings of 15 feet of frontage property along Evergreen Road may mean locating the sanitary sewer in the alley behind Lathrup, a Kelly-owned land, the council said.

THEY NOTED the contractor would probably be ready to work in that area after completion of the necessary dedication and vacation proceedings.

City Attorney Everett Hayes said the city must have a clear dedication before vacating the alley and utilizing the front property for sewer line.

Location of the line in the front-alley property would facilitate possible future boulevarding of Evergreen.

THE KELLEYS were not present at Monday's council meeting and have not completed the dedication nor filed a petition for alley vacation.

City Councilman H. Earl Hanson cautioned against accepting a deed to the front 15 feet, if it included the stream, unless a commitment on cost of moving the stream to the center of Evergreen was obtained.

THE COUNCIL agreed the taxpayers should not have to bear the cost of moving the stream to a possible future boulevarding. Stone was directed to get a report from the MLEM on the status of stream ownership, should the land be deeded to the city.

Two from S'field Schools to Attend Reading Conference

SOUTHFIELD—Pierce McLeod, reading director of the Southfield schools, and Mrs. Mayhew, sixth grade teacher at Birney School, will attend the state meeting of the Michigan Reading Association today and Friday at Michigan State University.

McLeod will moderate a panel, "The Role of the Reading Consultant." Mrs. Mayhew, a participant in the panel on "Reading and Personnel Growth," will moderate a panel on "Materials and Methods to Pupil Needs."

Some 1,000 members of the association, teachers, consultants and school personnel will attend the meeting. McLeod is a resident of Southfield. Mrs. Mayhew lives in Birmingham.



Sells Bonds For Sewer In Lathrup

LATHRUP—General obligation bonds for \$280,000 for the sanitary sewer project were purchased Monday by Kenmore-MacArthur and Co. and McDonald-Moore and Co., Detroit firms, in a combined bid.

Three bids were submitted. The bonds will be redeemable over a 30-year period at a net interest cost of \$168,403.37 or a net rate of 3.909 per cent. The bid included a cash premium of \$428.

Meanwhile work on the sanitary sewer commenced last week. City Administrator Gerald Stone reported, Gianetti Brothers, contractor, are working on a sewer line on Saratoga, between Evergreen and Red River Drive, Stone said, and will probably start on 11 Mile Road next.

B'field Township to Develop Water System Master Plan

By SAVILLA SLOAN Special Writer BLOOMFIELD TOWNSHIP — Development of an overall master water plan for Bloomfield Township was approved by the Township Board at its meeting Monday night.

The move anticipated the eventual establishment of a township-wide public water system with water furnished by Detroit.

The board allotted a \$2,000 fee to Hubbell, Roth Clark Inc., engineering firm, to develop the master plan.

The firm is presently in charge of engineering the township sewer system.

BOARD ACTION followed a report from Jim Scott, township sewer and water department head. Scott met last month with the Detroit water board to determine when and at what location Detroit water would be available to residents of the township.

Scott reported that Detroit time schedule is indefinite. The city is not willing to extend water mains to serve the township until the potential customer load would justify the expense.

ONE OF THE two transmission mains which would be installed to serve the township is located at Dequindre and 14 Mile Road.

It would be extended north on Dequindre to 20 Mile Road. (South Boulevard), then along South Boulevard to Pontiac.

NEGOTIATIONS between Pontiac and Detroit for extension of this main are expected to step up this week, Walter Willman, Pontiac City Manager, recently received a communique from local Pontiac industry stating that it would pay its share of bringing Detroit water to Pontiac.

The matter has still to be discussed by the Pontiac City Commission, but it is expected to receive approval.

BLOOMFIELD Township residents on the east side could be served from the South Boulevard transmission main presently located at 8 Mile Road and Inkster.

Future plans call for its extension north on Inkster to 14 Mile Road, where it will service Bloomfield Township, parts of Southfield and West Bloomfield Township.

At the suggestion of Detroit water officials, the township master plan will include a survey of existing population growth in the township. This will enable Detroit to develop a specific time schedule for extension of the Inkster main.

The master plan will also contain location of mains in the township, pressure districts and water storage facilities.

Car Hits Tree, Hills Man Hurt

SOUTHFIELD — A 49-year-old Bloomfield Hills man was listed in "critical condition" Wednesday after his car crashed Tuesday night into a tree on Lahser Road.

Norman A. Rowe, 1045 Kimberlake Road, suffered multiple cuts and is being treated at Beaumont Hospital.

Elsewhere in the Eccentric

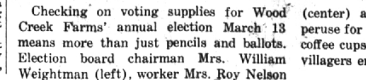
Town Hall Announces 1961-62 Series U of M Prof To Speak Wednesday At AAUW Luncheon Backstage Confusion At St. Dunstan's Maple Leaf Quilt 19 Swimmers For League Finals

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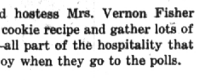
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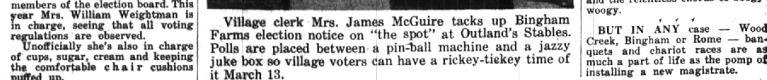
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Checking up voting supplies for Wood Creek Farms' annual election March 13 means more than just pencils and ballots. Election board chairman Mrs. William Weightman (left), worker Mrs. Roy Nelson



(center) and hostess Mrs. Vernon Fisher peruse for a cookie recipe and gather lots of coffee cups—all part of the hospitality that villagers enjoy when they go to the polls.



Village clerk Mrs. James McGuire tucks up Bingham Farms election notices on "the spot" at Outland's Stables. Polls are placed between a pin-ball machine and a jazzy juke box so village voters can have a rickey-tickey time of it March 13.

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