

Great-grandmother is the "Ten Pin" Queen, Takes 18 Bowling Trophies in Seven Years

By MILDRED HUNT

A collection of 18 bowling trophies in seven years is the amazing accomplishment of Mrs. Fio Lewis, 60-year-old great-grandmother who with her husband, George, resides at 2325 Sierra St. She will readily tell you that she is an average bowler and goes in for the fun of it rather than honor. What's more, she means every word of it, too. "You know, it's funny to me if the team starts losing and I begin to laugh and the others laugh, too. Then all of a sudden we are all bowling at good form and winning."

When asked what method she uses in bowling which has made her team winner of numerous cups, she simply says it is not how hard you put it that counts. Being modest is another factor she recommends and follows.

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The local bowling champ recently added another cup to her growing collection in winning the 26th women trophy in Torrance. Fifteen of the trophies are for league championships.

She has a 156 average and the newest she came to a perfect score was 285. What apparently helps her to win time after time, is her consistency of always playing a good game. Then too, she seldom becomes tired while bowling.

Her husband, George, talked her into bowling when she first started. They visited a bowling alley in Los Angeles but it

took further convincing on his part to get her to pick up a bowling ball and throw it down the alley. To her surprise she had little trouble in not only keeping the ball on the alley but showed promise of clearing the alley of pins of the 10 pins. It didn't take much urging after that and she soon found herself as a member of a bowling team. Although her husband does not go in for bowling, he highly approves of his wife being the bowler of the family. What's more he is her most ardent fan, not only in her bowling prowess but as a wife and stepmother to his four children who are now grown-up.

Mrs. Lewis began to bowl when she was 58. She is now captain of the majority of the teams with whom she bowls. The first year she bowled, she won a trophy and has been winning them at the rate of two or three a year. Not long ago a woman of 70 told her that she thought she was too old to bowl. To which Mrs. Lewis replied, "the only time you're old is when you think you are."

The Lewises have lived in Torrance for the past five years and reside in one of those lovely homes in Torrance Gardens.

CHICAGO GUESTS

Guests for several days last week at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Lyle O'Hara were Mr. O'Hara's sister and husband, Mr. and Mrs. George Westfall, and son Robert of Chicago, and another sister, Mrs. John Dowling of Los Angeles.

TO INDIANA

Larry H. Hunt, 2324 Arlington, left on the El Capitan last Thursday for a two weeks' vacation in Indiana. He will visit his father in Morgantown and with other relatives in Indianapolis.

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YOU ARE JUST AS OLD AS YOU FEEL . . . the lot of philosophy handed out by Mrs. Fio Lewis, 60-year-old great-grandmother pictured here with her first teacher and husband, George Lewis, amid her 18 bowling trophies. The local grandmother, with an exceptional aim for life, defines this "old age pep-punk" and at least once a week takes a jaunt in the bowling alleys, joins her team, and displays her mastery of the alleys.

—Courtesy Photo

Rebekahs Plan Year's Activities

Plans for the fall activities was the main topic of discussion at the Torrance Rebekah Lodge at the meeting last Wednesday evening held in the Torrance Masonic Temple on Calleillo Ave.

Plans were completed for the initiatory work of Mrs. Pauline Grier to be held in Santa Monica on Thursday evening, July 25. Those accompanying Mrs. Grier were Mrs. Katherine Vash, mile grand-mom, Mrs. Frances, Mrs. Florence Winters and Mrs. Belva Gross. Mrs. Grier was received into membership by initiation by the Santa Monica degree staff. Received into membership at the meeting on Wednesday evening were Mrs. Ann Collins and Mrs. Dorothy Wayne. Mrs. Gross finds it will be received as a member on Aug. 8.

Honored guests of the evening were Mrs. Blitha Kinder, Mrs. Charlotte Van Roek of Long Beach, and Mrs. Mary Caldwell of the jurisdiction of Wyoming. Mrs. Kinder is the district good fellowship chairman of District No. 70.

The mile grand, Mrs. Vash, appointed Mrs. Pat Young and Mrs. Jeannette O'Meara to take the altar bearer positions vacated by Mrs. Mary Fine and Mrs. Madeline Hand who have resigned.

Requirements are a written permission from the mother's personal physician, all members must be at least three months pregnant and for class work, blankets, pillows, jackets, shorts or pedal pushers are necessary.

Those wishing further information are asked to call the local YWCA.

Beta Sigma Phi Council Meets

South Bay Area Council of Beta Sigma Phi Sorority met Monday evening, July 23, at 8 o'clock in the Lounge room of the Gardens Community Center, 2421 Market St., Gardena, with Mrs. B. J. Garrison of Manhattan Beach Pi Phi, president, presiding.

Other officers officiating were Mrs. William Swisher, of Torrance Omicron Pi, vice-president; Mrs. James McEwen, Lawndale Phi Xi, recording secretary; Dorothy Stevens, Manhattan Beach Pi Phi, corresponding secretary; Blanche Wright, South Bay Lambda Eta, treasurer; Mrs. Jean Jennings, Lawndale Phi Xi historian; Mrs. Stephen Niedly, Manhattan Beach Pi Phi, parliamentarian; and Mrs. Jean Davis, Torrance Theta Pi, press chairman.

YWCA TO START STORK CLASSES

Torrance YWCA at 2320 Carson will offer a course for pregnant women beginning July 23 at the Y. The sessions of the "Stork Club" will be held each Tuesday evening at 8 for eight consecutive weeks. There will be a fee along with Y membership. Mrs. Doris Alles is the instructor.

The classes are "to prepare the mother physically and emotionally for childbirth," pointed out Mrs. Alles.

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NEW B&PW OFFICERS . . . Pictured at the family picnic and swimming party held at Nichols Ranch are from left; Maxine Herman, treasurer; Virginia Beck, district federation corresponding secretary; Ruth Shiram, recording secretary; and Muriel Whiting, president. Husbands and children of the members were special guests.

LODGE DANCE IS SLATED TUESDAY

Torrance Royal Neighbor Camp will sponsor a public dance Tuesday evening, July 21, at the Woman's clubhouse, 1422 Encinala. Dancing will begin at 8:30 p.m. with the McDonalds orchestra of Long Beach providing the music.

At intermission door prizes will be awarded and refreshments will be served by Mrs. Pat Young and Mrs. Barbara McGuire and their committees.

B&PW Stages Family Picnic

Torrance Business and Professional Women's club entertained their husbands and children at a picnic and swimming party at the Nichols Ranch on Monday evening, July 23.

On Tuesday, July 22, at the Western Club, the Harbor Section break fast was held.

Highlight of the program was a debate on "Resolved: That women are ready and willing to accept equal responsibility and equal rights."

On the affirmative panel were Susan Campbell, education and vocations chairman, and Eve Nanzo, health and safety chairman.

Taking the negative side of the issue were Isabelle Wilkerson, news and service chairman, and Helen McCann, radio and television chairman.

Attending from the Torrance Club were Virginia Beck, Muriel Whiting, Maxine Herman and Ruth Shiram.

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