

Mother Nearing 88 Finds Bowling Great

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Dallas, Tex. — When a certain 10 Dallas women, all 65 or more years young, find time on their hands, they head for the bowling lanes instead of the rocking chair.

They're members of the Dallas Senior Ladies Bowling club, whose organizer and captain is Mrs. V. Hancock, a lively blue-eyed woman, Mrs. Hancock, mother of four sons and one daughter, grandmother of eight, will be 88 June 15.

"We're not a league, but a club," she stressed. "We think we're the first such all-woman senior group in the country."

"But I was going to claim that I was the nation's oldest bowler, until somebody found a man who's still bowling at 97."

Mrs. Hancock said that when her daughter, who lives in Houston, heard "that my age had appeared in a writeup about the club in a Dallas paper, she wrote, 'Mother! Have you lost all your pride?'"

"I told her it'd just leaked out," laughed Mrs. Hancock.

Senior Group
Mrs. Hancock, whose sons operate parking lots in Dallas and bowling centers in Dallas and Fort Worth, organized the senior group last fall. Current membership numbers 10. All the women are 65 and over — a club requirement on age.

The club bowls every Monday afternoon, but in between on almost any day you can find two or three of the members trying to improve their average with practice at Expressway lanes, Dallas, one of the Hancock-owned centers.

"Now, we don't put too much stress on form or average," Mrs. Hancock warned.

"I've invented my own stroke. I don't run and swing. Matter of fact, sometimes I use both hands and sort of push."

The day we called on Mrs. Hancock at the lanes, two other club members also were practicing. They were Mrs. Arthur Ross, 75, and Mrs. E. Y. Laughlin, 74. The three were the original members.

The women use either a nine or 10-pound ball, and some are bowling a 160 average. Mrs. Hancock said hers was around 132 — "but I'm working to improve it."

It's a wonder the 87-year-old club founder waited until her senior years to take up the sport — she's been active all her life in a variety of projects.

She was born in Knoxville, Tenn., educated in elocution at Lamar college, received another degree at the Dallas Kindergarten Training school, and studied also at Southern Methodist and Columbia university.

"Every time a child reached kindergarten age," she said, "I went back to college."

In 1928 she founded the Dallas Story league, affiliated with the National Story League. Mrs. Hancock, widow for 16 years, has taught in private and public schools, conducted a story-telling program on radio in Dallas, and currently is writing a book on the art of story-telling. She also has just completed training an adult education course at Dallas College of SMU.

Once, she said, when her sons owned the bus line operating between Dallas and Fort Worth, she ran a charter bus

business on the side — arranging vacation tours to such spots as Atlantic City and New York.

Plays Bridge
She plays bridge regularly. She is active in the Methodist church, took up painting two years ago, and drove her car until recently when "it was either get a new one or spend a lot to fix the old one up."

Now, her children or friends chauffeur for her.

The children are John S. (Jack) Hancock, president of Expressway lanes; Robert W. Wedgewood lanes, Fort Worth; Thomas Peers and James Clay (dubbed Jimmie Mud as a child and still called the nickname by his mother), also of Dallas, and Zola Margaret, Mrs. J. C. Coerver, of Houston.

Mrs. Hancock said club members wear regulation bowling shoes and usually play in shirtwaist dress or blouse and skirt. One equipment company gave her a regulation suit but "I don't wear it too often . . . it calls

for a tight girdle."

"You'd be amazed at what bowling has done for my figure," said the slim, erect Mrs. Hancock. "I've dropped about 20 pounds . . . most of it from here (she indicated the stomach area). And for my health, I'm younger now than when I was 65. But I'm no idiot. I went to my doctor for a check-up before I took up bowling. My legs used to give out on me easily. Now I walk home from church."

She believes bowling clubs for the elderly are one of the

best therapies for the lonely — "It takes just about two sessions until you see the newest member smiling."

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There was a total of 306 multiple death fires and explosions in the United States and Canada, the fire safety organization said.

There were 200 multiple death fires in dwellings. These fires killed 813 persons, including 633 children. In 75 of the 200 dwelling fires, not one person escaped alive.

The NFPA reported recently that there was about 11,800 persons killed in fires in the United States last year. The report today was an elaboration of the earlier statistics.

Little Escape Time
In more than half the dwelling fires analyzed, the time available for a safe escape after the fire was discovered was just less than two minutes. Only occasionally did fire departments have sufficient time to save lives.

The main cause of the dwelling fires analyzed were defective heating and cooking equipment, misuse of flammable liquids, careless smoking and children playing with matches.

More than 40 per cent of the fires started in the living room. The kitchen and the bedroom were each the point of origin for about 20 per cent of the fires, the report said.

Virgin Islanders To Open College

St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands — A new educational institution, the College of the Virgin Islands, plans to welcome its pioneer freshman class in July.

The first American institution of higher education in the Caribbean, it will be a public junior college, the majority of whose students will be Virgin Islanders. A limited number of places are being reserved for students from the continental United States.

Dr. Lawrence C. Wanless, former assistant to the president of Sacramento State college, Sacramento, Calif., has been named head of the new college.

The college will offer a two-year transfer program in liberal arts, in addition to vocational studies in business education, engineering technology, nursing and resort operation. It also will be the home of a Peace Corps training center and will participate in the Experiment in International Living.

FOOT A YEAR
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