

Student Designs Garden Dome, Forms Own Firm

Success, by way of a geodesic dome, is in sight for an El Camino College 1961 graduate, James R. Howell.

According to Howell, there has been "nothing but acceptance" for the dome since a model of it was shown last spring at the El Camino College annual Art Show. The impression at the art show was favorable enough to bring about the sale of the first full-scale dome for \$1,000.

Since then Howell has been kept busy making preparations

for the showing of the dome at all of the main flower shows in California including the Pan Pacific Exhibit, and the Great Western Center Garden and Flower Show.

THE DOME, a semi-spherical structure, is not restricted to use as a "green house," but can be used as a patio cover, lathe house, pool cover, and for numerous other uses.

Success of the geodesic dome has been great enough that Howell is in the process

of forming a company. Howell states that the inspiration he received to "push the idea through" came from El Camino College industrial design instructor Robert Niece. Yet Howell, himself, has probably been the main reason for his success, for he has been described by El Camino faculty member Arthur Beale as "brilliant, with drive."

HOWELL is presently attending Long Beach State Col-

lege part time with most of his time spent on arranging showings of the geodesic dome. He is planning to re-enter college full-time either next semester or next fall.

He and his wife, Connie, reside in Hawthorne.

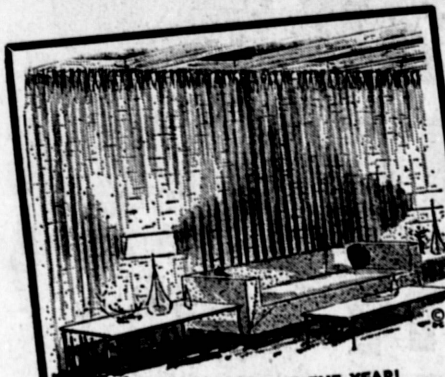
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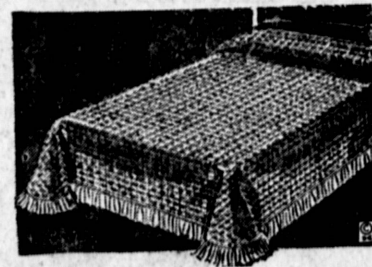
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