



Tomorrow is another big holiday. Happy New Year, everyone, from Gable House and this reporter. All set for the big night tonight? The GHBA is having their big party in the Rik-Sha Room, while others will occupy the lanes to see how many pins they can knock down into the new year.



FIFTY AND OVER PARTY

The Fifty and Over Club had their Christmas party last Saturday night. There were 39 members in all who attended.

Vi Hill and Bea Freiburger cooked a delicious meal of baked ham, candied sweet potatoes and candied apples, string beans, beets, and home-made biscuits. Later the big feast was topped off with cookies, cake and coffee. The dinner was made complete when Bill Caudle, Bill Hill, and Earl Queen, clad in aprons, acted as waiters.

After dinner the group played games, danced, and exchanged Christmas gifts. The group was very happy with the successful party, as it was their first big Christmas party with such a large group.

ROLLING MILL WINS

Through the careful observation of Nick Fuscardo, who bowls in the Columbia Steel League, this reporter was handed an exclusive story. It seems that through the efforts and great bowling skill, Art Celio of the Rolling Mill team rolled games of 202, 198, 182—582 series to lead the Rolling Mills to the winner's spot in the first round. Congratulations to Art and condolences to the (2) Short Circuits, (3) All-Americans, and (4) Boilermakers.

Before the final week of firing, the All-Americans were leading, Rolling Mills was second, Boilermakers were third, and Short Circuits were fourth. All in all, it was a tough fight to the end. Other teams in the league Thinkers, Termites, Varieties, and Brickstackers, have a good chance in the next round to show what they can do. Happy bowling, fellas.



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BIG FLIP—Young Dave Hubert, Huntington Park, is shown flipping his stock car during a recent race at Gardena's Western Speedway, 139th St. at So. Western Ave.

This season Hubert will be seen in double-header programs featuring stock car and hot rod races.

Surprise Entry Listed in Today's Ascot Park Tilt

Surprise entrant A. J. Foyt of Houston, the 1961 Indianapolis champion, heads a powerful three-car Bowes Seal Fast entry in J. C. Agajanian's USAC national championship midjet auto race this afternoon at Ascot Park, Gardena.

Foyt previously had not been expected in the field, recovering from minor surgery. However, the two-time national driving champion got the go-ahead this week and was planted in one of the Bowes cars by Jack London of Oakland. He'll be favored in the 40-lap main event.

Joining Foyt as teammates will be Elmer George of Indianapolis and southland favorite Billy Cantrell of Anaheim who was slated to drive the No. 5 Offenhauser which Foyt drove to victory in last month's 150-lap Grand Prix.

The three-car team backs a field deep with Indianapolis contention. The Speedway 500 is represented by its last two outstanding rookies — Jim Hurtubise of Lennox (1960) and Parnelli Jones of Torrance (1961)—as well as veterans Shorty Templeman, Dempsey Wilson and Jimmy Davies. The latter is more famous at the moment for his 1960 and '61 national midjet driving championships. The former Glendale driver now hails from Monticello, Ind.

NEW THREAT
Hurtubise is expected to unveil a powerful new threat to the long-dominant 110 Offy engine. He has been assigned to pilot a Tempest-propelled car entered by Mickey Thompson. The machine formerly was owned by Porky Rachwitz of Rubidoux. Thompson is confident the new Tempest engine will make it a threat to Foyt and the offy.

Jones, who handles the Agajanian Willard Battery Special on the big car circuit will drive Agge's 98 Jr. Sunday. First midjet ever to be sponsored by the popular racing promoter-car owner.

Several nationally as well as locally prominent drivers augment the field, including Tommy Copp, San Francisco; Allen Heath, Northridge; Don Horvath, Riverside; Chuck Hulse, Downey; Don Cameron, Downey; Bud Sterrett, Norwalk; Johnny Moorhouse, Santa Ana; Clay Robbins, No. Hollywood; Don Melton, San Bernardino; Mike McGreevy, Hayward; and Joe Garson, Eagle Rock. Qualifying trials will ignite competition at 1 p.m. First race on the seven-event program will begin at 2:30.

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Scranton, Cook Wind Up Stock Car Battle Sunday

Arley Scranton, Compton, and Dick Cook, Lakewood, wind up their battle in quest of the 1961 CJA stock car racing championship, this afternoon at Gardena's Western Speedway, 139th and So. Western Avenue, where a 30-lap main event highlights the day's ten event racing card, the final of the year.

Scranton who drives an Oldsmobile, is currently on top for the coveted title, but Cook, last year's champion is closing fast. Both will be trying hard for their fifth main event wins of the year today.

Top threat to stop their victory drive will come from "Wild" Bill Foster, Newhall, winner of six feature wins this year, a new stock car record. Foster drives an Oldsmobile as he shoots for feature win number seven. Foster is fifth in this year's points and could make the

top three in the remaining race.

OTHER DRIVERS

Other pilots who will tackle the job of stopping the above trio include: Bob Price, Burbank (Olds); Jim Cook, Norwalk (Dodge); Marvin Heins, Sylmar (Olds); Clem Procter, Compton (Dodge); Ronnie Donelson, Inglewood (Lincoln); Gene Davis, Santa Monica (Olds); Harold Bates, Buena Park (Pontiac); Chuck Townsend, Gardena (Olds); Gabby Garrison, Long Beach (Dodge); Jimmy Jack, Van Nuys (Olds); Eddie Kusch, Compton (Buick); Walt Price, San Fernando (Olds); Bill St. James, Gardena (Ford); Frank Denny, Los Angeles (Olds); Gerald Rae, Lawndale (Chevy); "Sad" Sam Stanley, Newhall (Olds); Ray McKinley, Bell (Ford); Cliff Garner, Culver City (Olds); Bill Ferrier, Oxnard (Olds); and Ernie Swift, Gardena (Ford).

Glinski, Jensen Head Toros With 210 Averages

Don Glinski and Dick Jensen, both on hot streaks, are showing the way statistically for the Los Angeles Toros through National Bowling League games of December 20th. Each has a 210 average. Jensen has high game for the Toros, a 289, while Glinski's 520 is high series. Don leads in match points with 43 and is tied with Steve Nagy for total points at 147. Steve has the most bonus points, 111.

Skiing Resort Owners Are Own Best Customers

Kratka Ridge, the popular nearby ski area on Angeles Crest Highway, is currently not only enjoying its finest skiing in its ten-year history (30 inches of packed powder), but it also boasts one of the handsomest owners and prettiest co-owners in the business.

The reference is, of course, to husky Randy Zimmer, one of the finest ski racers in the far west, and his blonde wife, Norma, who is probably better known as the "Champagne Lady" singer on the famous Lawrence Welk TV show.

Randy is one of the original ten co-owners of Kratka Ridge and for years has reigned as one of the greatest ski acrobats extant. His wife, whose soprano voice has thrilled millions, has been the "voice" of many nationally-known TV commercials as well as a star of the Welk show, and is an excellent skier in her own right.

Following in their parents' footsteps are the Zimmer boys, Ronnie, 12, and Mark, 9, who have been ski-born since they were able to walk, and who can be seen almost every weekend enjoying Kratka's chair lift and four rope tows.

The Zimmermans are also plenty busy in other channels. Randy, a skilled finish carpenter, is in the midst of building a lavish mobile home manor on a country club deluxe basis in La Habra, while Norma is kept hopping with the Welk show, TV commercials and recordings occupying her "spare time."

Top 15 Golfers Scheduled for Local Appearance

Professional golf's top 15 money winners of 1961, headed by South Africa's Gary Player, spearhead the corps of touring pros and local stars who launch the new year in the 36th annual \$50,000 Los Angeles Open, starting Thursday, Jan. 4, at Rancho.

Qualifying for non-exempted players in the Los Angeles Junior Chamber of Commerce-sponsored classic is set for tomorrow at Riviera, Wilshire, Yorba Linda, Hillcrest, El Caballero and California.

The traditional prelude, Thursday's pro - celebrity tournament, will set the stage for the rich 72-hole event which opens Friday and winds up Monday, Jan. 8, at the West Los Angeles course. Stars of the entertainment world will join with the top pros in the pro-club.

Defending champion is talented Bob Goalby, who used last year's victory as a springboard to his best season on the PGA tournament trail. He wound up eighth on the money-winning list with \$34,000. He is one of eight former Open winners in the field, including four-time champ Lloyd Mangrum, the squire of Apple Valley.

Player, the Masters champion and first foreigner to lead the dollar parade (\$68,377); Arnold Palmer, the 1960 golfer of the year who stunned the gallery as the favorite last January by taking a "12" on the ninth hole; Bill Casper; Gene Littler, the National Open Champion; Jerry Barber, the PGA titlist and player of the year, share pre-tournament favoritism.

The tournament also will mark the professional debut of young Jack Nicklaus, golf's leading amateur since Palmer and Gene Littler seared the courses as unpaid talents. The two-time National Amateur king is a great prospect.

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News caster for Rose Bowl Game Announced

KMPC sportscaster Fred Hessler has been named as play-by-play announcer for the radio broadcast of the Rose Bowl Football Game between the UCLA Bruins and Minnesota Gophers, New Year's Day over the National Broadcasting Company.

Hessler, who has been the radio voice of the Bruins the past two seasons on KMPC, was named today to share the broadcast chores by NBC Sports Director Tom Gallery with Chick Hearn, local sportscaster.

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