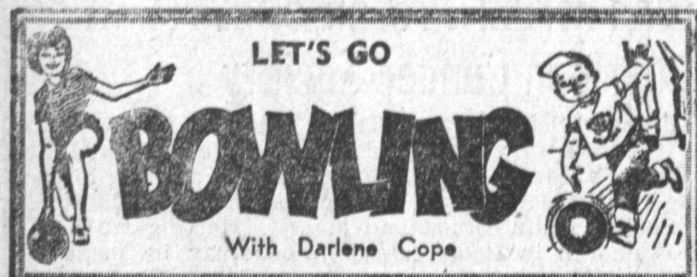


# Local Industrialist is 'Hot Boat' Pilot

## PRESS Sports



Sunday afternoon was definitely ladies' day at Gable House. Some 350-400 women bowlers sans their bowling togs turned out in their nicest dresses to enjoy the special party honoring just them.

### FABULOUS EVENT

The Banquet and Rik-Sha Rooms, as well as the upper terrace, were full of activity. Models walked through these areas wearing the most beautiful of fashions. Formal evening gowns, cocktail dresses, bridal gowns, casual dresses, lingerie, sports wear and jewelry were among the exquisite fashions. What charming models there were and they were members of Gable's leagues.

The luncheon was very tasty. It included many salads, cold meats and cheese, breads, relishes, dessert, and coffee. Many different hair styles were being demonstrated in the two main rooms while all other activities were in progress.

A little past the half way mark, Jan Painschab and An Homel drew the winning names of the many door prizes which were given away. Among the local merchants donating gifts were the Del Amo Stationers, Esquire Cleaners, Ramon's Salon, Southwood Camera, Howard's Market, Cherie Knits, Roberta's Fashions, Gable Dance Studio, Pizza Palace, Space Age Travel and Eric's Pharmacy.

After the drawings, two real cute teenage gals, Judy and Julie, who are twins and were clad in their black and white twist dresses, did their version of the twist, and they looked real good.

Near the close of the party, Shirley Lerman played on the piano some old standard tunes, while the gals gathered around and sang. Concluding the afternoon, Jerry Homel introduced his evening group, "The Artistries," and they played a few numbers.

The party was a huge success. To describe it would take every good adjective available in Webster's Dictionary. Comments which were made and the over all feeling through the afternoon, one knew that everyone had a tremendous time.

Congratulations to Ann and Jerry Homel for all their hard work and generosity. Thanks to the many models and hostesses who volunteered their services. If any lady league members couldn't attend the party she missed a very good time. My advice to you then is don't miss the next one.

### BOWLING SPECIAL

For one week only, Homel is offering a bowling special to his patrons and also to new people who have moved to Torrance.

For \$4 you can buy a bowling card for 40 games good at Gable House. You may only use the card for one game each time you bowl, but you have as long as you like to complete the card. This card will be good in open play, day and night time bowling. This special started yesterday, Tuesday, and will run through until next Tuesday. So drop in this week and take advantage of this bowling special.

### 50 AND OVER vs. OLD TIMERS

The Fifty and Over Club and the Old Timers 700 Club of Long Beach are having an exhibition bowling match this Sunday, Jan. 21, at 2 p.m. at the Red Fox Lanes in Long Beach.

Five members from each club will roll in this match. Old Timers line up and averages are Johnny Ryan, 179; Jim Sturm, 186; Bill Heber, 171; John Ireland, 174; and Jack Roehbeck, 184.

Fifty and Over include Bill Caudle, 164; Ruth Caudle, 152; Nelson Hopkins, 161; Murdock McKay, 158; and Dot Christian, 150.

The Old Timers brag about their ages. Their five ages total 325 years. The Fifty and Over are about 266 years for their five participating members.

Ruth informed this reporter that they will bowl the Old Timers "scratch" and see how close they can come to beating them. Fifty and Over Club has been bowling about one-third the time the Old Timers have, but that won't stop their spirit.

If bowling fans have a little time to spare, drop over and see this fine match. If you can't travel the distance to Long Beach, there will be a rematch at Gable House on Feb. 11.



RELAXATION from his engineering responsibilities is enjoyed by industrialist-sportsman I. W. Thompson in his champion "Cumon Baby II." Thompson is presi-

dent of Thompson Industries, a division of Space Equipment Corporation, Torrance.

## Corporation President Is Holder of Records In Fast Boat Field

I. W. Thompson is a conservative corporation president five days a week and a dare-devil racing enthusiast on weekends.

Weekdays he serves as president of Thompson Industries and corporate vice president and member of the board of directors of Space Equipment Corp., of which TI is a division.

In order to get back to earth after spending so much time with the problems of space, Thompson takes to the water, where he has made quite a national splash as a hydroplane racer.

He has won an international reputation and a wall full of trophies since he took up this sport in 1941.

His most recent accomplishment was in the 1961 Inboard National Championships held in San Diego where he drove his hydroplane "Cumon Baby II" to victory.

### CUPWINNER

Among the other major competitions the sea-weathered driver has won are the Sahara Cup Race in Las Vegas, 1956; Newport Harbor Championship, 1958; Belmont Shore's Lion's Club Memorial Day Regatta, at Long Beach, 1957 and 1959; and the Fourth of July Race in Long Beach in 1959.

Before he bought his own boat, he raced for other owners, principally Eddie Meyer and Kenny Harman. He drove Meyer's "Avenger V" in 1959 to win the Southern California Speedboat Club's coveted highpoint trophy.

Why does an engineer-industrialist get into speed boat racing?

"I race for the pure 'kick' I get from it," says Thompson. "After spending so much time at a desk wrestling with papers, it is a wonderful feeling to meet the pure physical challenge of racing."

The only injury he has received in his 20 years in the sport occurred in 1953 during a Fourth of July race at Long Beach. While driving the world competition record holder "Little Joe," a coupling broke and the shaft and propeller ripped

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## Andrews Honored As ECC's Top Athlete at Banquet

All-American End Mike Andrews walked from the El Camino College Fall Awards Banquet last week heavily laden as the most-honored fall athlete.

A freshman, Andrews was presented trophies honoring him on his selection as the outstanding lineman and most inspirational football player of 1961.

Widely honored at the close of the football cam-

## Quarter Midgets Fast Time Set by Bill Hendrickson

Despite biting cold winds Little Indy quarter midget racers were ready to put on a good show for the spectators last weekend. Little Indy is located at 190th and Normandie.

Billy Hendrickson set fast time in the "A" class. Main event winners were GeeGee Mills, Billy Hendrickson and Stan Beringhele.

Semi-main went to Leanne Thomas, Billy Graham and Teddy Larson. John Dean won the junior main with Gary Cordova and Lloyd Wilson second and third, respectively.

Heat winners were Mike Porzio, Dickie Burdge, Roger Girdner, Margo Pickering and Gary Cordova. One of the group's veteran drivers, Skip Effler, ran his last race because of a birthday. At age fifteen a driver can no longer race a quarter midget.

"B" class fast time was set by Lonnie Patterson and Tim Holt took the trophy dash. Main event winners were Lonnie Patterson, Randy Brogden and Tim Holt. Semi-main went to Robbie Vieley, Johnny Graham and Tommy Kern. Heat winners were Tim Holt, Linda Wyrick (who was the only girl to win a race in the "B" class), Rippy Curry and Robbie Vieley.

No stock class races were run Friday night because of rain.

paign, the 6-2, 177-pound flanker, received All-American recognition. Andrews, a tremendous all-around athlete recently signed a \$20,000 contract to play baseball for the Boston Red Sox.

Richard Fernandez, one of the finest cross-country runners ever to set a spike on the ECC course, was also honored with two awards.

Fernandez, first place finisher in the All-Southern California Junior College meet, was named outstanding cross country runner and was also given an award for being cross country team captain.

Although out during the early part of the season with a leg injury, Fernandez boomed back and paced the harriers to one of the finest seasons in the squad's illustrious history.

Another member of a select sports group was also honored at the banquet. Mike Nolan, All-Southern California goalie for Coach Rudy Kroon's water poloists, was named as the outstanding water polo player of the year. Jim Graham, one of the leading scorers on the club, was named the most improved player.

The outstanding offensive lineman award for football was presented to tackle Tom Fitzgerald, while Joe Prael was honored as outstanding defensive lineman.

John Torok, sensational quarterback at ECC in his freshman season, was given the outstanding offensive back honor. All-American honorable mention Jim Allison, also in his initial year at El Camino, was presented the outstanding defensive back trophy.

Lou Rizzo, bone-crushing Warrior fullback, was named the most improved football player of the year. Intramural awards for outstanding swimmer went

## Lomita Little League Signs in 52 Recruits for Spring Training

To date, 52 boys have signed-up to play Lomita Little League baseball. Boys may sign-up through Jan. 27 at the following addresses: 26240 Eshelman, 25026 Oak St., 23679 Moon St., 25321 Woodward, 1930-241st St.

Lomita Little League boundaries are: Torrance city limits; center line of Walnut Ave. and to the center line of Appian Way, Regent St. to Palos Verdes Dr. N.; Palos Verdes Dr. N. to city limits of Rolling Hills Estates; north along the Torrance city line to 101 Hwy. and west to Crenshaw and north to point where Los Angeles County and Torrance city come together.

When signing-up all boys must be accompanied by a parent and furnish legal proof of age. Little League age is from eight years and not over 12 years old in July 30, 1962.

to Cappy Sheeley while Cliff Davis received the outstanding diver award.

Intramural awards in golf were made to faculty members Stan Buck, low gross and Harry Perry, low net. First flight, 80-89, low gross was won by John Morrow, while low net was given to Beryl Keene. Second flight, 90-99, low gross was awarded Jim Gualtieri, and low net to Chuck Freeman. Third flight, 100 and over, low gross was awarded Les Edwards and low net to Gene Kerstiens.



TOP REBOUNDER for the El Camino College basketball squad is 6-4 center Keith Erickson. Key rebounds by Erickson have played a large part in keeping the Indians in the thick of the Metropolitan Conference title chase.

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