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## Heaven Help the Angels

EDITOR'S NOTE: This is the third in a series of articles by the Press' baseball authority Mike Callas, dealing with Los Angeles' newest major league organization, the Angels. In the first two installments the writer compared Angel owner Gene Autry with millionaire Red Sox Presy Tom Yawkey and how the cowboy star, along with Reynolds, got the Los Angeles franchise in St. Louis in December of 1960.

By MIKE CALLAS

In Hollywood later photographers captured their broad and enthusiastic grins. Inwardly, however, they knew they had to overcome a major obstacle—getting O'Malley's approval. "To our astonishment we had no problem with Walter. He was happy to have our team in town," Gene told the press. The "no problem," reporters guessed, meant that



BILL RIGNEY

Autry had agreed to pay the Dodgers slightly over \$300,000 for the privilege of doing business in Los Angeles. Firestone a few weeks later purchased a huge block of stock in the Angels to give the embryonic organization the feeling and security of gilt-edged bonds. Autry knew nothing about the rubber business; Reynolds couldn't sing a single note in key; and Firestone didn't go to Stanford. Neither of them knew the least bit of the mechanics of running a major league contingent. Who was going to organize the club, select the field manager, the players, business personnel, get a field to play in, purchase minor league clubs to form a farm system, and direct the destinies of the Angels? In St. Louis, at the time Autry and Reynolds received confirmation of their acquisition, was retired Fred Haney, a learned baseball wizard who had managed the Milwaukee Braves and Pittsburgh Pirates. Haney had made it plain, however, that he was no longer interested in returning to the game. None the less Haney listened to the big spenders from the west as they made a pitch for his services. "We were fortunate," Gene said, "Fred accepted our terms stating that such an experience was of historic nature and a challenge to him."

Setting up offices on the second floor of what was once the locale of independent motion picture companies adjacent to the edifice housing the equipment and facilities of KMPC, Haney immediately got to work. Together with his bosses he contacted Casey Stengel, the New York Yankee manager who had been fired by owners Del Webb and Dan Topping. In a taped interview with this reporter Autry said: "Stengel was writing a book about his life that required all of his time. In all fairness to his publishers he felt another assignment would be detrimental." It could be that Casey wanted no part of a last place team. He was used to being on top.

With less than a week remaining before the player draft meetings, the group had to settle on a field general to help select the men who would wear Angel uniforms. They chose Bill Rigney, a hustling, battling, ex-player who had taken over the managerial reins of the New York and San Francisco Giants when owner Horace Stoneham had fired Leo Durocher in 1955. Rigney's neck was also severed by Horace early in 1960. Stoneham was disturbed to see his team in second place, four games out of first.

Next Sunday the behind the scenes Angels and the background of the players making up its roster.

### Ticket Office Open All Day

The Angels announced last week that the box office at Wrigley Field will be open all day today for the convenience of fans who wish to purchase tickets in person. The office hours will be from 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Jordan said the ticket office is being opened because of so many requests from fans who could not go to the ballpark on work days.

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## PRESS Sports

### Christen Lifeguard Patrol Boat As Crowley Lake Opens April 29

Highlighting opening-day activities at Crowley Lake on Saturday, April 29, will be the christening of "Crowley I" the new lifeguard patrol boat built especially to safeguard anglers at the "lair of the tackle-busters" located in the Eastern High Sierras, it was reported today (Friday, April 14) by the Los Angeles City Recreation and Park Department.

The new craft was built for the Department by Jeffries Boats, Inc., Venice, at a cost of \$10,285, according to Capt. Myron Cox, chief beach guard in the Recreation and Park Department.

**CROWLEY I**  
Crowley I is 24 feet long, has a beam of 9 feet, draws 28 inches of water, and is powered by 225-horsepower Chrysler Imperial marine engine. The boat has a maximum speed of 35 miles per hour; is equipped with high-altitude carburetor jets; has a double-laminated, one-inch bottom especially designed for Crowley Lake service; a transom door for boarding; and a two-way radio for communication with the South Landing headquarters and the Sierra II, with which it will share patrol duty on the huge man-made reservoir, Capt. Cox reported.

The new boat also has a resuscitator and other life-saving devices, electric windshield wipers, a defroster, and a built-in heated cockpit well, Cox said. Lifeguard Capt. Bud Clark will be the craft's skipper, he stated.

Commenting on current weather conditions at Crowley Lake, George Marks, senior recreation director in charge of the Recreation and Park Department's Eastern High Sierra facilities, said that—as usual in the spring

**1961 ANGELS HOME SCHEDULE**

MINNESOTA	April 27 (D), 28 (N), 29 (D)
KANSAS CITY	April 30 (2-D)
BALTIMORE	May 2 (N), 3 (N), 4 (N)
NEW YORK	May 5 (N), 6 (N), 7 (D)
BOSTON	May 8 (N), 9 (N), 10 (N)
CHICAGO	May 18 (6), 19 (2-Twi-Night)
WASHINGTON	May 21 (2-D), 22 (N)
CLEVELAND	May 23 (N), 24 (N), 25 (N)
DETROIT	May 26 (N), 27 (N), 28 (N)
BOSTON	June 20 (N), 21 (N), 22 (N)
BALTIMORE	June 23 (N), 24 (N), 25 (N)
NEW YORK	June 26 (N), 27 (N), 28 (N)
CHICAGO	June 30 (N), July 1 (N), 2 (D)
KANSAS CITY	July 3 (N), 4 (D)
MINNESOTA	July 18 (N), 19 (2-Twi-Night)
WASHINGTON	July 21 (N), 22 (N), 23 (D)
DETROIT	July 25 (N), 26 (N), 28 (N)
CLEVELAND	July 28 (N), 29 (N), 30 (D)
MINNESOTA	August 18 (N), 19 (N), 20 (D)
NEW YORK	August 22 (N), 23 (N), 24 (N)
BOSTON	August 25 (N), 26 (N), 27 (D)
BALTIMORE	August 28 (N), 29 (N), 30 (N)
KANSAS CITY	August 31 (2-Twi-Night), Sept. 1 (N), 2 (D)
CHICAGO	September 8 (N), 9 (N), 10 (N)
DETROIT	September 22 (N), 23 (N), 24 (D)
WASHINGTON	September 26 (N), 27 (N), 28 (N)
CLEVELAND	September 29 (N), 30 (N), Oct. 1 (D)

**DATES AT HOME** ..... 75  
**GAMES AT HOME** ..... 81  
**DOUBLE HEADERS AT HOME** ..... 6

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**Ten Event Race Schedule for Gardena Today**

"Wild" Bill Foster, San Fernando, and Marvin Heinz, Sylmar, lead a field of seventy cars entered for today's CIA Stock Car races at Gardena's Western Speedway, where a ten event program is set.

Foster is the current point leader, and also had won four main events in a row this year before Heinz triumph two weeks ago. Both will pilot Oldsmobiles in the days 30 lap feature event over the one third mile clay oval.

**LEADING DRIVERS**  
Other leading drivers who will be on hand when the first race begins at 2:30 p.m. preceded by time trials at 1 p.m. include: Jim Cook, Anaheim; Bill St. James, Gardena; Dave Hubert, Huntington Park; Cliff Fagott, Torrance;

## LET'S GO BOWLING

Most of the fall-winter leagues at Gable House are over or soon will be over. They are either rolling their position nights or sweepstakes. My league is over and it was a pleasure to be on the winning team with my two very good friends, Dolores Wick and Pat Harold.

**POURTRAIT OF A BOWLER**  
Dottie Brown, who resides at 22329 Ladeene Ave. in Torrance, will have the headlines in this column. Dottie does not have a high league average but has the spirit and enthusiasm to be a better bowler and to have fun at it. Dottie started bowling in her first beginners league last October, where she joined team three in the Tuesday Toots No. One. She finished the league with a 114 average. The highest scratch series and game to her credit are 516 and 189. Next Tuesday during the sweepster, Dottie plans to bake a sheet cake decorated to fit the occasion. In rolling with the Gable House Bowl Association handicap tournament, our star finished fourth with a 704 series.

Dottie, her husband, Jim, and their 6-year-old daughter, Dena Jean, belong to Gable's Association and enjoy meeting the members and participating in their group activities. Jim doesn't belong to a league but does enjoy rolling an occasional game in open bowling with our subject.

Our spotlight gal really enjoys the spare pick-up classes on Thursday afternoons. The only thing that would keep her away would be illness. She had learned to throw a curve ball, but the class taught her to throw a controlled hook. But like any other beginning bowler, it takes time and practice to be consistent. Dottie hasn't won any awards yet, but she is going to keep trying if it takes the rest of her life—and quite!

**LEAGUE OF WEEK**  
The International Sea Van Inc. mixed handicap league, which bowls Wednesday nights at 6:45, holds this title. There are six teams with four bowlers on each. This league has just completed its sweepster, so congratulations to the Champs on team six. They finished in flying colors with 76 1/2 wins and 47 1/2 losses. Their names and averages are as follows: P. Wesson, 129; B. Blodgett, 120; M. Rump, 157; and E. Wesson, 166.

Those who gained title of the last weekly high scores are: MHS, C. Wood, 629; MHG, A. Johnson, 226; WHS, D. Wood, 529; and B. Blodgett, 195.

The Champs who won trophies for gaining season titles are: MHS, R. Swenson, 657; E. Wesson, 247; WHS, P. Wesson, 611; and WHG, M. Monson, 240.

C. Wood of team two held the high league average of 170 and high scratch series of 588. The unusual team names are Four W's, Alley Cats, Ups and Downs, Ferocious Four, Four Flops, and Guys and Dolls.

In the following columns, this reporter will try and give recognition to all the league winners. Watch for your name to appear soon.



**LEAGUE WINNERS** — Top winners in the Wednesday TopNotcher's League at Gable house posed prettily this week with trophies won during the current series. Shown are, kneeling, Darlene Cope, Press columnist, Pat Harold and Dolores Wick, all members of the Green Strippers. Standing are Marilyn Biggs, Jerry Homel, general manager of Gable House, Dot Downer and Gloria Simmons. Standing women are all members of the Lazy Bones, number two team of the league.

### Bakersfield, LBCC Vie For Conference First

Both Bakersfield College and Long Beach C C track and field athletes won last week and continue to lead the Metropolitan Conference thin-clads with perfect 4-0 records as the eight Metro Colleges go into the fifth week of the '61 schedule.

Bakersfield Renegades took Harbor into camp last week 74 to 48 while Long Beach was doing likewise to El Camino 78 to 44. Valley, currently in third spot in Metro standings, won from Santa Monica on Friday 70 to 52 and East L.A. beat San Diego in a real close one 61 1/2 to 60 1/2. Incidentally, last week's San Diego loss was their second in as many weeks by the identical score.

Four big feature meets were on tap for this Friday, in the Metro Conference. Valley host Long Beach C C, Harbor did the same for Santa Monica, San Diego C C moved into El Camino, and Bakersfield traveled to East L.A.

Last Friday's Metropolitan Conference meets provided some top notch performances, including Steve Matthews, of Valley, and his tri-win against Santa Monica C C in the 880, mile, and two mile; a 6' 7 1/2" high jump for Santa Monica's George Fleckenstein which is not only his best mark but tops the Santa Monica, Valley-Santa Monica meet, Monarch field, and the Metropolitan Conference record as well as being the top J C mark this year; Charles Meekins, of San Diego, and his 9.8 in the 100; San Diego's Orice West's 23.7 in the 220 low hurdles; and a 3:24.7 mile relay mark by Long Beach's four man team of Willie Mar-

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