



Henry Parohl of Jackson Heights, who won the Class A laurels in the competition at Bowne Park, Flushing, shown preparing one of his craft for a race.

### **WATCHED BY 1,500**

## **Government Observers Present as 23 Tiny Craft Speed on Flushing Lake Course**

Park Commissioner Robert Moses and official observers of the United States Government and radio engineers were among the 1,500 spectators on hand yesterday afternoon for the annual Walter Eliot Memorial model boat races on the lake in Bowne Park, 159th Street and Twenty-ninth Avenue, Flushing. The races were sponsored by the New York Society of Model Engineers.

The twenty-three entrants, mostly from New York but including representatives from Buffalo, Hartford, Conn., and Washington, were divided into three classes. The race procedure was to tie the boats with a 50-foot cord to a stake in the middle of the lake. Places were determined by timing four laps made at the end of the cord.

Most of the boats were powered with diminutive gasoline motors, although a few were steam driven. Designed and built almost entirely by their owners, the tiny craft showed marked improvement over those of five years ago when the races were first run. At that time most of the boats could just make the required four laps, while many of those entered yesterday could make 40 or 50 laps, according to their owners.

The interest of the Government and the National Broadcasting Company was due to the search of both for a lightweight compact motor. The Government wants such a motor for radio-guided torpedoes and the radio company is seeking to develop a portable radio transmitter with its own generating plant.

The winners were:

**Class A (over 12 pounds)**—First, Henry Parohl, 35-15 Seventy-second Street, Jackson Heights, speed of  $31\frac{3}{4}$  m.p.h.; second, H. D. Brailsford, 67 Myrtle Avenue, Larchmont, N. Y., 28 m.p.h.; third Julius School, 154-42 Twenty-eighth Avenue, Flushing,  $25\frac{3}{4}$  m.p.h.

**Class B (8 to 12 pounds)**—First, Martin Waller, 564 Bramhall Street, Jersey City,  $28\frac{1}{2}$  m.p.h.

**Class C (under 6 pounds)**—First, Bill Leiber, 44 Second Avenue, Port Washington, L. I., 26 m.p.h.