

SHOP TALK

By RAY BROOKS

WESTERN WONDERS

Manager Murchison of the Western Auto Supply store displays this week the niftiest little machine to come on the market. It's a small power plant that manufacturers enough electricity to light several lamps, run either with or without a motor car battery and starts with a small gasoline engine. Ideal in this gadget for trailer, mountain cabin, beach house or anywhere electricity is not available. The price, too, is remarkably low.

On sale also this week at Western are divers and sundry radios of all styles and sizes at drastically reduced prices.

SIT-DOWN VACATIONER

Vacationing on a day bed in a mountain cabin on the timbered slopes of Mt. San Jacinto was Harry Abramson last week-end and, according to brother-in-law Ted Jacobs who did all the cooking, Harry raised from the couch only to swallow food then relaxed again. Ted did report, however, that after much argument Harry was persuaded to do a pair of shorts, the better to enjoy the sunshine. Albeit from Harry's position on the day bed he saw little of the sun, was content to let the sun hunt him out if it was such a fine thing.

GOING, GOING, GONE!

Enthusiastic crowds have swarmed about the Star Department Store these past few days to listen to the gay patter of Auctioneer Willys and to bid for wanted merchandise in the Star's big auction of furniture and household appliances. Very successful has been this auction and to the auctioneer goes much of the credit. He's good! However, bidders are really getting bargains, have bought brand new merchandise for a fraction of its retail price. The auction closes August 28.

CIGGIE CEASER

From Roland Blakeman, of the RB Cut Rate Drug, comes the startling information that there is now on the market a substance that when taken internally in pill form will take from cigarette smokers all desire to continue puffing the frightful weed. The substance is known as lobeline sulphate, is a concentrate from the old time Indian tobacco plant. Of course, with the pills there must be a strong desire on the part of the smoker to quit. Pathetic it is that human flesh is so weak that it needs a boost to help it rid itself of a bad habit.

What a kick in the bloomers this urge would be to the ciggie makers if it becomes popular. Millions they have spent to educate America to one or another brand. In this respect O. O. McIntyre writes about the contented smoker of San Francisco who finally quit smoking entirely when thrown in a panic after listening to radio cigarette programs that told of the terrible consequences of smoking the other outfit's brand.

CHAPLAIN'S CITATION

To the American Legion convention at Stockton a few weeks ago traveled Jim Wilkes, member of the local Legion post of which he is chaplain. Gassing with the Vice-Commander Jim facetiously asked why he had not been given a citation (which, in the Legion, is a badge pinned on the chests of outstanding members).

Said the officer, "Jim, I certainly DO think you should be given a citation. In all the Legion posts in the United States you are the only chaplain who also is the bartender."

FERRIES' FARES DOWN

Advertised in Bay District newspapers the past few weeks have been appeals to the traveling public to "Remember the Ferries." Seems that the big boatful bridges have put a cramp in the old side wheelers, have driven them to advertise, a very unnecessary thing when their's was the only way to cross the water.

Owners of a string of the now obsolete tug is the Southern Pacific Golden Gate Ferries, Limited, though the "Limited" appears now to apply only to the diminishing trade. However, its rates have been lowered to almost half the bridge toll. It asks only 30 cents one way, 50 cents round trip. Bay citizens can remember, though, the long years when the ferries tooted very independently about the bay, gave no quarter, were side wheeling smoothly from San Francisco to Oakland well pleased with their monopoly.

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AGE PENSION OFFICE LOCATED HERE

NO CASH FOR DRAINAGE OF SLOUGH AREA

Flood control district funds will be completely absorbed by the cooperative construction program being undertaken with U. S. army engineers on Compton Creek, Ballona creek and the Los Angeles river and no funds will be available for development of the Nigger Slough district, or the watershed lying above it.

This statement came this week from Chief Engineer C. H. Howell of the flood control district, in response to an inquiry from W. A. Curl of the Hawthorne city planning commission.

Howell informed Curl that the county surveyor's office was preparing an application for a WPA project to effect relief for the low-lying section of Hawthorne, however, and that was the only prospect of relief at this time. His letter to Commissioner Curl, in part, follows:

Under County Surveyor "The upper limit of activities heretofore, proposed by the Los Angeles County Flood Control district on Nigger Slough has been about Western avenue. There appears to be no possibility, however, of improvements planned below this point being undertaken by the Flood Control district for a long period of time. Our district is cooperating with the Federal government on a program of flood control work to cover a period of several years and will completely absorb its funds, so that the district will be unable to undertake any improvements on its own behalf."

"Improvement of Nigger Slough is not a part of the cooperative program mentioned. Such drainage improvements as have heretofore been made in our Nigger Slough watershed above Western avenue would have been under the jurisdiction of the county surveyor, these improvements having been undertaken through the establishment of county drainage districts."

"Some extensions of drainage district improvements in various parts of the county have been made by the county surveyor through assistance rendered by the Works Progress Administration. The county surveyor has been instructed by the Board of Supervisors to prepare plans and estimates for your drainage project for submission to the Works Progress Administration."

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USED CAR SALE

Factory Says "UNLOAD! ... and Clear the Way For More New PONTIACS!"

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1936 Ford Touring Sedan.....	\$145
1935 DeLuxe Coupe.....	\$115
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1936 Willys DeLuxe Sedan.....	\$85
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1932 Dodge Sedan.....	\$100
1931 Willys Knight Victory Coupe.....	\$65
1931 Pontiac Sedan.....	\$65

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50 Apply Daily for New Grant

Elderly persons in this vicinity and the South Bay area who desire to apply for the state old age pension which becomes effective Sept. 1 should telephone Torrance 860, which is the district welfare office here, for a date to appear at the office and file an application. Or they may write to Miss Ann Newburgh, director of the pension office, which is located in the county health and welfare center, 2300 Carson street.

This is the easiest way for elderly persons to apply for new state aid, according to Miss Newburgh. The Torrance location is the main office for the Harbor district and South Bay area. A sub-office is located in San Pedro.

Since last Thursday, when the application - flood began, the local headquarters has been receiving better than 50 applications daily, while the San Pedro office has maintained an average of 40.

Requirements Listed "Persons who make appointments by phone or in writing to present their claims to pensions will probably receive an earlier date than would be received after standing in long lines for many hours," the director said. Requirements for the aged aid, as provided by the last state legislature, are as follows:

Applicants must be at least 65 years of age; they must have lived in California at least five years during the last nine years; they must have resided in the state continuously during the last year.

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160 County Firemen Get Extra Course

Every county fire fighter throughout the county is to be made a potential crew leader in time of major forest fires, with a two-day training course to be given today and Friday, according to Spence Turner, county fire warden.

A total of 160 of the blue-uniformed firemen from the Lomita fire protection district and 29 others throughout the country were called upon to spend one day each at the scene of the recent mountain fire that started behind the American Legion rifle range north of Burbank.

"With the forest fire season now passing into the critical period of September and October, this training will be very timely," Turner said. "Our purpose is to make our entire organization as flexible as possible, so that in times of emergency the blue-uniformed firemen and the green-uniformed firemen can come to each other's help."

Get ready for the fun... and the profit! Read next week's Herald and Tri-City Shopper!

Fall Display at Dress Shop Opens Tomorrow

One of the busiest establishments in town today was not open for business. This was the Claudia Adams Dress Shop at 1279 Sartori avenue which was being prepared for the gala fall opening display tomorrow and Saturday.

The store was closed today to enable Miss Adams, who recently purchased the shop, formerly known as the Lene, and her staff to make final arrangements for the showing of the newest and smartest in women's wear. Completely remodeled thruout, the style center has new decorations and fixtures to enhance the display of the season's most advanced in woman's wear of all kinds.

All of the fall stock is new and includes apparel especially selected by Miss Adams for inspection by Torrance women. They will be most welcome to visit the Claudia Adams Dress Shop any time tomorrow and Saturday to see the wide variety of new styles for fall.

Stripped Car Found After Abandoning

Discovery of a 1926 Buick sedan apparently abandoned a week previous at Ocean avenue and 101 Highway was reported to local police Monday. The car, which was partially stripped, was towed to W. K. Adolph's garage in Waltham to await claim by its registered owner, Fred M. Sheppard, Jr., of Los Angeles.

Brief Highlights of California History

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The Explorers

History's first reference to California occurs in a Spanish book of romance, "Las Sergas Espanadian," published in 1510. The author, Montalvo, there told of the "island of California, where a great abundance of gold and precious stone is found." From that hour the quest for California and its "great abundance of gold and precious stone" began.

During the centuries that followed, gold was indeed found in abundance, but the Spanish romanticist's "precious stone" remained within the covers of his book. The belief that California was an island, however, persisted until the beginning of the eighteenth century.

John Rodriguez Cabrillo, Lieutenant of Cortez, Conqueror of Mexico, is credited with being the actual discoverer of northern, or Alta California. Sent by Cortez in search of treasure, and the fabulously wealthy—but mythical—Seven Cities of Cibola, Cabrillo arrived in the bay of San Diego in 1542. This hardy navigator entered Monterey bay, charted the coast line as far north as Cape Mendocino, and died in California of gangrene from an improperly set broken arm. He was buried on the island of San Miguel, in the Santa Barbara channel, his ships finally returning to Mexico under another commander.

Plaque Found Last Year The riches Cortez sought were not found, but a vast new territory was discovered for the Spanish throne. Sir Francis

Drake, sailing under the English flag thirty-seven years after Cabrillo landed, on June 17, 1579, at what is now Drake's Bay, near the headlands of Point Reyes. Although Drake claimed the land for England, Spanish sovereignty of the new California was never seriously threatened.

On this visit Drake nailed to a "faire great oaken poste" a brass plaque, suitably inscribed, as a memorial that he had taken possession "of this kingdom" in the name of Queen Elizabeth.

This famous relic was discovered in the vicinity by a camper just last year—348 years after Drake's visit. It has been accepted as authentic by California historians and is now in the possession of the California Historical Society, Drake's Cross, the "Prayer Book Cross," a towering granite structure in

Golden Gate Park, San Francisco, commemorates the discovery of Drake's Bay.

Sebastian Vizcaino, sailing by command of King Philip III of Spain for further exploration of California, anchored in Monterey harbor, December 15, 1602. He camped there for some time, exploring the adjacent country, and erected a cross, thereafter returning to Mexico. A bronze tablet now marks the spot where the cross stood.

The Spanish Era Under Spanish control, colonization work was carried on in California by the pioneer padres as Mission founders. The greatest of this line was the Franciscan, Junipero Serra, who came to California in 1769, landing at San Diego. He labored here for sixteen years in his epochal work in Mission building and (Continued on Page 6-B)

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