

Sunflower Championship Claimed by 82-Yr.-Oldster

For several months T. S. Lovelady's challenge to sunflower raisers has stood unanswered while that "big growth" title-claimant and owner of the Torrance Feed and Poultry Market, reveled in the belief that his 12 feet 6 inches of the sunflower plant was tops in Torrance.

Now comes John G. Adams of 22600 South Moneta avenue, two miles east of Torrance, who produced two stalks, one 14 feet 3 inches and the other 13 feet 2 inches tall. Adams, who is 82 years of age and boasts he comes from a family noted for its longevity, has been located here for seven years and he says that he can "raise anything but Cain" on his place.

Recently he disposed of a bumper crop of Eastern Concord grapes from his 500 vines. Adams is a native of Arkansas "but it isn't my fault," says he has been in California 20 years, coming here from Texas "where my mother brought me against my wishes when I was three months old."

Speaking of his belief that he'll live for many more years, Adams, who formerly followed the ministerial profession, says his mother was 97 when she passed away some seven years after a fall which made her bedfast; his father died three months before Adams was born; his grandparents lived to pass their 104th birthday and he had an uncle and an aunt who both lived to be a century.

Buick Shows Amazing Progress

During the first seven months of 1937, Buick dealers made a net profit that was \$4,872,000 greater than the entire net profit for the year 1936. W. F. Hufstader, Buick general sales manager, has informed B. M. Prewett, local Buick dealer at 1629 Cabrillo avenue.

The Prewett Motor Sales is now displaying the 1938 Buicks and the dealer cordially invites all motorists, particularly those driving Buicks, to come in and see how motor, comfort, security and values have advanced.

In the first seven months of 1937, Buick also sold more straight eights than all other nine straight-eight manufacturers combined. Prewett says, Buick registrations for this period were 124,940 cars, as compared with only 115,397 for the other nine weeks. Buick now has the largest number of dealers in its history—2,831, an increase of nearly 40 percent since Jan. 1, 1933.

Here's a Hint—

To keep bread fresh, keep it wrapped in wax paper. Do not use the first slice, but place it back on the end of the loaf after you have cut or removed the necessary number of slices. And, incidentally, don't fail to attend the free classes in Modern Gas Cookery, as announced by this paper. You'll enjoy every minute!

DETOUR

Col'm Under Construction
By BETSY BYRNES

"You are old," said the youth; "one would hardly suppose that your eye was as steady as ever."

Yet you balanced an eel on the end of your nose—
What made you so awfully clever?"

QUESTIONS

Who was the author of the preceding lines?

How do you pronounce the following words? Dirigible, hospitable, English.

What does the abbreviation viz. mean?

TODAY'S PROVERB

"He who isn't contented with what he has, wouldn't be contented with what he would like to have."

—Auerbach.

ANSWERS

The author of the clever verse at the head of this column was Lewis Carroll. It appears in "Alice in Wonderland." The old man's reply to his smart aleck son is good, also. Here it is:

"I have answered three questions, and that is enough,"
Said the father; "don't give yourself airs!"

Do you think I can listen all day to such stuff?
Be off, or I'll kick you down stairs!"

Maybe it was the heat, or something, but when we ran across those lines the other night we, like little Lulu, laughed and laughed!

A dirigible is a DIR-igible, not a dir-IG-ible. You must always accent the first, not the second syllable of that word. If you are hospitable, you are not hosp-IT-able. You must accent the first syllable of that word, too, saying HOS-pitable. And remember, English is pronounced ing-glish, not eng-glish.

Viz. is an abbreviation of the Latin word videlicet, which means namely.

ADIOS

"Tender-handed stroke a nettle,
And it stings you for your pains;
Grasp it like a man of mettle,
And it soft as silk remains."

—Aaron Hill.

Tunnel Work Proceeding Steadily

With 848 experienced workmen on the job, the driving of the San Jacinto tunnel is now being carried forward on a normal three-shift per day basis with satisfactory excavation progress it is reported by F. E. Weymouth, General Manager and Chief Engineer of the Metropolitan Water District.

Excavation progress of 506 feet has been made at the two main tunnel headings since a C. I. O. union called a strike on the San Jacinto tunnel on August 14, and ever since that time has been picketing the job and attempting to prevent construction progress, it is stated.

A MESSAGE

From the Employees of the Torrance Laundry to the People of the City of Torrance

Few people realize that the Torrance Laundry is more than just its owners. The large investment in buildings and machinery would be useless were it not for us, sixty loyal working partners.

We men and women are more than just employees. We are partners in this business, and are, so to speak, the Preferred Stockholders. Our dividends are in the form of wages made possible by the continued support and patronage of the people of Torrance.

True, a great bulk of our earnings is from business the laundry is able to obtain out of town, but, remember this . . . **THE EARNINGS THEMSELVES ARE PAID OUT IN THE CITY OF TORRANCE IN THE FORM**

OF RENTS, FOODS, CLOTHING, AMUSEMENTS, ETC. The balance of trade, therefore, is vastly in favor of Torrance people and Torrance merchants.

We of the Torrance Laundry are glad to say we belong to the City of Torrance, a city of workers and home owners, built by liberal, broadminded, far sighted men and women who realize that the well-being of the city's industries depends on their support, moral and otherwise. We appeal to those people to regard our plant, not as a building of steel and wood, but as a living thing and one of the many families making up the business and social life of our city. We are your friends and neighbors and ask that you give us the consideration that friendship deserves.

We, the Torrance Laundry Family, would consider it a friendly gesture if you would bring your laundry and dry cleaning to us instead of sending it to out of town laundries.

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