SHOP TALK

By RAY BROOKS

TOASTMASTER'S INTRODUCTION OF AN AFTER-THANKSGIVING DINNER SPEAKER

Gentlemen, you have been giving your attention to a turkey stuffed with sage. Now you will hear from a sage stuffed with turkey.

—Reader's Digest

MR. CLAUS COMES TO TOWN

All primed and loaded are the merchants of Torrance and the Torrance Herald today to welcome Old Man Santa Claus to town. He'll be a-comin' round the mountain tonight at promptly 7:20 and he'll not be drivin' two white horses nor a spankin' span of reindeer. Out in the modern manner he'll be a-ridin' in a big silver airplane. The light of five billion (I said Billion) candles concentrated in the beam of a powerful searchlight will sweep the skies for the old gent's plane, which, my goode fellow, will shew mighty pretty in the heavens.

After waving to kids from the plane he will land and come boomin' (and I mean BOOMIN'!) into town with a fanfare of trumpets, lights and all the ballyhoo of a first night in Hollywood. After collecting his mail and chatting with the kids, he'll scram back to the icy Arctic, there to whip together the toys, etc., etc. so ordered by the Tiny Tots.

It is hoped that the mothers & fathers of Torrance and surrounding communities will be considerate enough of their kiddies to sacrifice a little to bring the youngsters to Torrance tonight. Remember, that of all the dreams & fantasies of childhood Santa Claus is tops. Every kid of the "believe-in-Santa-Claus" age should be given a chance to see the bewhiskered old boy in Torrance tonight.

WANTS TO GET EVEN

Harry "Friendly Credit" Abramson suggested that while Santa was in Torrance Friday night all the Christmas-bill-paying fathers and husbands be given a chance to get even with Mr. Claus. Harry recommends that the husbands take him (Santa . . . not Harry!) out back of some building, let Mr. Claus assume the position, and then take turns giving the old man a good, hearty boot in the pants.

BAKER'S BELL-RINGER

Recently installed at Baker Smith's jewelry shop is a practical adaption of a new scientific principle . . . the electric eye.

Fixed to one side of the front door is a box from which shoots an invisible beam of light that crosses the door way and shines upon another box. When a person enters and breaks the beam an electric impulse is created that rings a bell, mellow & soft. This bell, of course, warns Baker that there is a customer, a thief or a salesman in the front, permits Baker to have the door open, is far superior to the old style bell hung on the door or the electric buzzer type.

HARDWARE HAPPENINGS

Taking advantage of an extra-super special knotty pine now being offered by the Consolidated Lumber Co., Carl Paxman has this week dolled up his hardware store until it much resembles Bullock's sport shop. Making departments for sporting goods, paints, etc., Carl has covered the walls, put up new shelving, laid down partitions, all in knotty pine. All in all it is quite swanky, helps the appearance a 1000%.

HARRIETT'S BIRTHDAY BIRD

Two years ago come November 30, Harriett Leech, florist and mother of three of the darndest nicest boys you ever want to meet, opened her "Harriett Leech, Flowers" on Marcelina.

To celebrate this momentous occasion, Mrs. Leech is holding open house on that day (mark it down . . . it's on a Tuesday), will glad hand all who wish to drop in from 2 to 6, has prepared a bit of refreshment for the hungry (but I'm not sure about the thirsty).

Ready to show will be Harriett's Bird of Paradise, a rather gangling looking plant but one which produces brilliant blossoms famed from here to Siam for something or other. Anyhoo, the famous one is now in the process of bursting in bloom, will be lit up like a Christmas tree come the day of the Birthday Party.

ETCH & SKETCH

Denying that etchings are something you scratch, Mary Haig, recently back from photo college in the Midwest, is specializing this Xmas on some of the prettiest photo portraits these tired eyes have seen since the last time I tooked some snaps with muh trusty Brownie 2-A.

Handy with her fingers, Mary does some new Art Mounts that are "just darling" (doesn't that much-used feminine phrase look funny in print?), gives Torrance folks excellent work at a fraction of what they pay in the metropolitan studios.

More New Homes to Join These on Edge of City

TORRANCE HIGH LIGHTS . . . by Carl Gilbert

Japanese Aud Call . . .

The first Japanese aud call held last Thursday was an interesting affair. Student Body President Midge Higgins opened the session and then Master-of-Ceremonies Tomiye Nagayama took over. Tomiye gave a short introduction and introduced the first number, a Japanese dance called Ondo. It was directed by Mitsuko Toke, Nobuko Kobayashi, Yumiko Omatsu, Akiko Shimotani, Mary Jane Hata, Michiko Tanaka and Terumi Harieta. These girls also did another Japanese dance.

The second act was Kindo or Japanese fencing with Akira Nakamura giving the history of Kindo. He said that the Japanese have been fencing for many centuries, the art of using the sword has been handed down from father to son, and was originally used by the Samurai.

Akira introduced the boys taking part in the demonstration: Akira Shimatsu, "Tack" Tanouya, Masashi Ikezau, Akira Nakamura, Hisoshi Hamano, and Susuna Honda. A match between "Tack" Tanouya and Akira Nakamura was given for a demonstration.

The third and last act was Judo or Jujitsu. This was explained by Minari Sueda, who said that, in all Japanese sports the form or the way in which it is done is demonstrated by the young Japanese men of this country. They expect to learn honor, good sportsmanship, patience, endurance and obedience.

Judo training is organized in age groups. A demonstration was given by Minori Sueda and Robert Ueda.

Thanks Narbonne . . .

The Cooperating Council thanks the students of Narbonne high school for the cooperation at the dance held last Friday night. The Council also is extending an invitation to the Narbonne students to attend the dances from now on. The dance contest was won by Phyllis Sears and Bob Klink. This was the first time that these two had had the honor of winning the contest, in fact, it is the first time that either one has won a dance contest, and both were greatly surprised. This entitles Phyllis and Bob to enter in the All-Marine dance contest to be held after the remainder of the schools have been invited, namely: San Pedro and Gardena.

Why drive 30 or 40 miles to and from work when you can live in and own a fine home within a few blocks of your job? That is the pertinent question put before Torrance workers by the Southern Finance Service of Pasadena who built the two new homes pictured above and now announce the early start on 15 more in the tract bordering 213th street between Denker and Harvard, just three blocks north of Carson street.

The new homes will be erected on lots 40 by 150 feet and will range in cost from $2,975 to one for $6,000, which has been ordered by a new property owner in that Shoestring strip district. These homes, according to the Southern Finance Service, can be financed by F. H. A. loans if desired. T. E. Denny is the representative on the tract who will be glad to escort visitors thru the completed homes or discuss the new housing program.

These residences can be purchased like rent and the Southern Finance Service will build to suit individual plans. All street, sewer, sidewalk and other assessments are paid and the homes are designed in the popular Early American style with hardwood floors, large rooms and real home-like beauty.

Lomita Park Site Coming Up Tuesday

Proposal to purchase 6½ acres of land in Lomita for a park site is to be brought before the county board of supervisors at next Tuesday's meeting. John W. Welte, Lomita realty dealer, has made a formal offer to sell it for $7,500. The site is part of the old Howard Estate.

Local Resident Loses Aged Father

Earl Jay Hall, father of Mrs. Melva Hall of 2107 Gramercy avenue, passed away at the Los Angeles home of Mrs. Carlena Kingry, another daughter, Wednesday afternoon at the age of 79 years. He made his fifth trip to California from his native Grant County, Indiana, with Mrs. Hall last July. Two other daughters, Mrs. Hazel Kingry, Alhambra, and Mrs. Mabel Groves, Jonesboro, Ind., survive. The funeral will be Saturday afternoon, 1 o'clock, at the Crease Mortuary chapel, 5860 North Figueroa in Los Angeles and interment will be at Inglewood.

Doctor Advises Eating Less, Exercising More

ST. LOUIS (U.P.)—A gradual change in diet to fat-producing foods during the last generation has resulted in an increase in obesity, Dr. Reginald Fitz, associate professor of medicine at Boston University claims.

"People eat too much and exercise too little," Dr. Fitz said. "The logical remedy is to reverse this process, and eat less and exercise more.

Town Disproves Adage About Death and Taxes

HORICON, Wis. (U.P.)—The adage that nothing is certain except death and taxes has been disproved in Horicon. Residents still expect to die, but they no longer fear taxes.

For the second straight year the city of Horicon will make no assessments against the taxpayers to meet the 1938 $40,000 municipal budget, it was announced.

Five Patients Enter Hospital

Five new patients were received at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were:

Frederick Lippert, Jr., 17, who lives with his parents on the Standard Oil lease here, on Wednesday for a tonsillectomy; Mrs. Lorene McBride, 1919 218th street, Monday for surgery; John F. Murray, manager for the Southern California Gas company at Redondo Beach, on Saturday for surgery.

Robert James Rinker of Redondo Beach entered Sunday for an emergency appendectomy, and Edward J. Collett of 2387 Lomita boulevard was treated Tuesday for a dislocated shoulder, the result of a fall.

Five New Babies Arrive Here

Five babies were born during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. They were:

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. George Anderson, Jr., of Moneta on Tuesday; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Ed Burgess of Wilmington, last Thursday afternoon; a son to Mr. and Mrs. Laverne Bernhard of Lawndale on Sunday.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. August J. O'Conner of Hermosa Beach on Wednesday, and a daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Albert Puetz of Redondo Beach, last Thursday. Puetz works at the Columbia Steel plant.

Former Residents Buy New Place Here

If they go away, they come back again sooner or later.

The Charles Goldmeyers sold their home on Arlington avenue last summer and moved to Los Angeles. Recently they returned here and purchased a new home on Andreo avenue. Their plans about moving back are indefinite as yet but anyway they have a place to come to when the time is right. B. C. Buxton, realtor at 1960 Torrance boulevard, assisted the Goldmeyers in acquiring their property.

Skunk Wins Pet Prize

NEWBURGH, N. Y. (U.P.)—Theodore Sera's pet skunk won the prize for the oddest pet exhibited at the Dog and Pet Show here.

Old Library Under Lease for Scouts; Furnishings Wanted

Mayor William H. Tolson was authorized to execute a $1 a year lease on the old library property on El Prado on behalf of the city with the owner of the building, Trabue Pittman of Los Angeles. Pittman has agreed to allow Torrance Boy Scouts to use the building for a meeting place.

Scouts and their leaders have cleaned up the interior and now plan to trim the shrubbery and restore the lawn to its former green attractiveness.

Leonard Babcock, district commissioner, announced yesterday that the Scouts need more chairs or benches and a desk to furnish their new headquarters. Any donations of these furnishings or others will be greatly appreciated, he said. Those willing to give the Scouts this equipment should call him at 492-M or Robert Lewellen at 552-J and Scouts will call for the gifts.

Lomita Masons Hold 'Family Night'

Members of the Lomita Masonic lodge were hosts at a "Family Night" gathering Friday night in the Odd Fellows hall. The program began with the serving of a beautiful turkey dinner and proceeded thru some excellent entertainment. Earl Barringer, Master of the lodge, was chairman.

Game Called Off . . .

The Varsity-Alumni football game that was to be held Tuesday, Nov. 30, was called off because of a ruling by the Los Angeles Board of Education physical education department. The proceeds from this game were to go to Johnnie Selby medical fund.