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LEITNERS HOSTS AT BAVARIAN PARTY

RAY BROOKS'

SHOP TALK

PETTICOAT PROMOTER

To Mrs. Grace M. Eberly a rousing good pat on the back for ambitious and enterprising manner in which she has gone about promoting a subdivision over on Figueroa street. At an age when most women are comfortably seated with their knitting before the front window, Mrs. Eberly purchased a tract of land on Figueroa (between Carson & East Road) had it sliced into ½ acre plots and then went to the Torrance Building & Loan Co., borrowed money and erected a modern, five-room house. The tract she calls Torrance Heights; the house is now completed, open for inspection and is the first unit in Mrs. Eberly's building program.

Other houses will soon rise near the first one, can be built to suit any buyer and the price for the house and a half acre is remarkably low. Drive out to Figueroa and see what this "petticoat promoter" has done. It's amazin'.

THIS WEEK'S GREATEST GRIPE . . .

is being tossed by Honor Griper Mike Straszer, Herald editor, at that abused and repetitious ballad in the minor key . . . "Bei Mir Bist Du Shoen". Rumor has it that Mike beats his children and punches his wife every time he hears it.

PEDDLER'S PANACEA

For the benefit of those who may have missed the "Recovery Plan" of one A. L. Clark as reported in last night's L. A. Herald-Express, Shop Talk herewith reprints it. Mr. Clark, an itinerant vender, silk hosiery peddler and temporary merchant of the South and Southwest, was invited to the annual "small business men's" conference with the President. But here's the important thing—OF ALL THE REMEDIES, THE PANACEAS, THE PLANS AND SALVATIONS THESE ECONOMIC-WEARY EYES OF MINE HAVE SEEN THESE PAST FEW YEARS — THIS PEDDLER'S 10-POINT PLAN IS THE MOST LUCID, SIMPLE, YET THE MOST DYNAMICALLY LOGICAL ANALYSIS OF OUR ILLS YET PRESENTED.

Here is the plan:

1. There must be a back-to-the-farm movement. This is the most important point of all. Too many folks have gone to big and little towns from the farms.

2. Repeal about a "gillion" laws. Too many local ordinances restrict small businessmen. Why, if a farmer manages to cure a few more hams than he needs for his family and tries to sell them without a license that costs ten times as much as the hams, he gets tossed in jail.

3. Reduce prices of manufactured products. The consumer and retailer are getting hooked and the producer gets most of the gravy.

4. Adjust labor's differences. If the different functions can't settle their quarrel, then the federal government should step in and say: "Here, young fellows, there's been too much dilly-dallying. We'll settle this thing and nobody'll get hurt."

5. Spend money. Any more ideas like the C.C.C. would do a world of good. It's one of the finest things ever done and, boy, has the drug store cowboy population dropped since the C.C.C. came in!

6. Uniform laws. Make all laws begin and end the same in all states. Lack of uniform state and local laws is raising Old Ned with interstate commerce. In my business, I've had to get licenses in 620 different towns and the fees have cost me almost $5000 in 10 years.

7. No officeholder in the United States except the President ought to succeed himself. Terms of office should be only six years.

8. Keep pace with the times. If new forms of transportation can be utilized, don't continue the old ones.

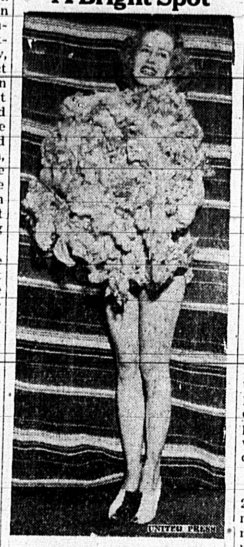
9. Stop grafting. I don't think you can, myself. It's hard to legislate against human nature. But all businessmen, big and little, ought to go to church Sundays, read the Bible and apply its teachings to their business dealings.

10. Quit looking to others for support. Quit gambling and work like hell.

Course On Thinking Opens

BERKELEY, Cal. (U.P.)—The complaint that modern school education does not teach students how to think is to be overcome at the University of California. It has inaugurated a new course on "How Men Think."

'A Bright Spot



Delegates from the Pacific Northwest and intermountain states at the convention of the National Wool Growers Association in Salt Lake City found the modeling of Miss Eva Lynn Harris a welcome relief from discussion on threatened boycotts and other vital questions. Garbed in raw wool, Miss Harris demonstrated how clothes look before they really become clothes.

Costly Map Part Of Big Oil Trial

What is claimed to be the most expensive contour map ever manufactured has been added to the huge list of exhibits used to illustrate technical points in the billion-dollar Kettleman North Dome, oil suit which will go into its 16th month of trial before Superior Judge Minor Moore tomorrow.

Another exhibit also is a model of the Kettleman Dome temblor section, depicting the strata from the 5,100-foot depths below sea level to the 7,200-foot depth. This model measures approximately nine feet by three and one-half feet and is made of wood and paper pulp, laid layer on layer accurately built up according to scale.

An earlier model among the exhibits shows every oil well in the Kettleman North Dome. The suit is believed to be the largest legal action in progress today in the world, with virtually every major oil company fighting to participate in production in the field.

Slant Oil Well Drilling Upheld

In a decision of interest to the entire oil industry, the Third District Court of Appeal reversed a previous decision of a Los Angeles county Superior court upholding slant oil well diggings. The higher court held that slant digging which taps oil supplies in adjoining territory is illegal.

The court ordered back for re-trial the suit of Alphonzo E. Bell against the Bell View Oil Syndicate, which had been won by the latter company upon a sustained demurrer. Three companion suits were involved in the decision. Oil land in Santa Fe Springs oil fields is involved.

Celebrate 25th Wedding Date

"You learn a lot in 25 years . . . years of war, of revolution, of inflation, of depression . . . but you learn most to pull your share of the load when you've got a partner who is trying to do more than her share."

Joseph Leitner, German world war veteran and sheet-mill worker at the Columbia Steel plant, was speaking from experience . . . wasn't he celebrating his 25th wedding anniversary with buxom Mrs. Leitner last Sunday at McDonald Hall in the presence of scores of friends?

"We've had many things come to test us out . . . but we have held on to one or two things which we believe have made our marriage a success. One, we trust each other—that is important; two, we respect each other's ideas—that makes for peace of mind, and three, we work hard—that keeps us out of mischief, ja!"

No Respect for Hitler

The Leitners' little home at 2108 Dominguez street is brimming over with gifts the couple received before and during their wedding anniversary party. But most of all, the Leitners are rich in treasured memories . . . recollections of that grand anniversary where there was good music (by a costumed Bavarian orchestra which played melodies they sang in their youth in their native Munich), good cheer (plenty of lager beer), fine food (those Munichers know their culinary art!) and friends galore (the hall crowded to capacity at times during the day.)

They have memories too of the old days . . . of their marriage that bitter cold day of Jan. 30, 1913; of the war which came before their first wedding anniversary; of the privations of war days followed by the German revolution, inflation of the mark and Hitler's rise to power.

Leitner, who was a brickmason by trade, served from 1915 to the Armistice in the German heavy artillery on the Western front. He built many a brick-lined lookout point while under fire from French guns. During the revolution he was in a hospital suffering from a severe attack of pneumonia. He heard Hitler speak in Munich when Der Fuehrer was becoming the dictator but he doesn't think much of him.

Here 11 Years

"We hear from relatives in Munich and they write glowing things of what Hitler has done for Germany . . . but I still don't believe they are telling the truth because they dare not. I remember well when I

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School Savers Lead Nation In Per Capita Funds

GARDINER TURRILL

Who announced this week that Los Angeles county school children, with total savings of $1,563,000, lead the nation's school savers in per capita deposits. Turrill is president of the Los Angeles City and County School Savings association. The per capita account at the end of 1937 amounted to $24.35. School children have 64,200 accounts in the member-banks.

Wallace Post, president of the Torrance National bank, announced that the local institution is serving 386 school savers who have approximately $4,000 on deposit, or a per capita saving of $13.62—which is no small sum for school children.

Shawger Home From Oil Field Journey

"Boy, am I glad to get home—I've seen the south and southwest and they can have it, along with their dust storms, rain, swamps and punk food!" So declared William Shawger of 2204 Andreo on his return Monday morning from a field trip for the D & M Machine Works thru the oil fields of Texas, Louisiana, Kansas and New Mexico.

Shawger traveled 7,000 miles by automobile after arriving back in the southwest by train.

MWD FEEDER LINK BEGUN

Bringing construction work on the Giant Metropolitan Aqueduct into the very heart of Los Angeles, a huge ditch digging machine went into operation this week at 98th and Wadsworth streets to begin work on the Palos Verdes cross-feeder of the aqueduct distributing system.

Being constructed to deliver Metropolitan Aqueduct water to the cities of Torrance, Los Angeles, Compton and Long Beach, this pipe line will be more than 30 miles long and will connect to the "upper feeder" of the aqueduct distributing system in Eagle Rock Canyon.

Pipe line construction operations started this week will move north from 98th street through the eastern side of Los Angeles, South Pasadena, and Pasadena to Eagle Rock Canyon. The line is being constructed of welded steel pipe which is lined on the inside with cement mortar. The inside diameter of the pipe will vary from 51 to 57 inches.

This is the first construction work on the 392-mile Metropolitan Aqueduct that has taken place in the city of Los Angeles. Now in its sixth year of construction, all work heretofore has been on the main aqueduct between the Colorado River and the Cajalco Reservoir near Riverside, and on the distributing pipe lines and tunnels which are located north and east of Los Angeles.

Bourbons Gain; G. O. P. Loses

Democrats have gained 632 in new registration while Republican ranks have lost 165 since the first of the year, according to a tabulation prepared this week by W. M. Kerr, county registrar of voters. Records show that Democrats have a total strength of 731,954 today, as compared with 730,962 on Jan. 10.

Republicans, on the other hand, had 441,541 Jan. 10 and now have 441,376 in their party. The Democrats gain has been obtained from the ranks of the decline-to-state class and from minority parties, it was indicated by analysis of the new totals.

Entertain Many Friends at Hall

MR. and MRS. JOSEPH LEITNER
. . . his formula is: trust, respect and work

Seven Babies Arrive Here During Week

Seven babies arrived during the past week at Torrance Memorial hospital. They were claimed by: Mr. and Mrs. Benner Martin of San Pedro, who became parents of a son last Thursday evening. Martin is city editor of the San Pedro News Pilot. They have a young daughter.

A son to Mr. and Mrs. C. A. Carter, 25000 Narbonne avenue on Jan. 26. Carter is employed at Columbia Steel's rolling mill.

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Lyle Downing of Redondo last Friday. A son to Mr. and Mrs. Everett R. Gruber, San Pedro, Saturday. A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Louie Failla, local dairy worker and his 17-year-old wife, last Thursday.

A daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Pitman of Los Angeles as result of a Caesarian section Saturday morning. The baby, which weighed eight pounds, eight ounces, and Mrs. Pitman are making a splendid recovery. A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Myerscough of Harbor City last Thursday.

Better Times Help Cupid

Romance in California, aided by improved economic conditions, set an all time high during 1937 when 64,397 marriages were registered, an increase of seven percent over the 1936 total of 60,197.

In Los Angeles county 24,576 marriages were performed last year, compared with 22,401 in 1936.

During the last five years there has been an increase of 43 percent in the number of marriage certificates filed in California, the state department of public health revealed.

Graves' Tax Trial Feb. 14

Application of Sidney T. Graves, former chairman of the county board of supervisors, for probation following a guilty plea to a federal charge of income tax evasion, has been set, for Feb. 14 by United States Judge George Cosgrave.

Graves was paroled last year after serving two years on a conviction of accepting a bribe of $80,000 in connection with the contracts for building of San Gabriel dam.

The government charges that Graves had a taxable income of at least $41,541 in the year of the bribery and that he evaded paying a tax of $3,221. Graves at first plead not guilty, then changed his plea this week to guilty and applied for probation.