

RAY BROOKS

SHOP TALK

TODAY'S POEM

(Submitted by Harry Abramson)
If you want to live in the kind
of a town
Like the kind of a town you
like,
You needn't pack your clothes in
a grip
And start on a long, long hike.
'Cause you'll only find what you
left behind—
There is nothing that's really
new;
A knock at your town is a knock
at yourself
'Cause it isn't the town, it's
you!

Real towns are not made by men
afraid
To let somebody else get ahead,
But if everyone works and no-
body shirks
You can raise your town from
the dead.

And if while you make your per-
sonal stake
Your neighbor can make one,
too,
Your town will be what you want
it to be
'Cause it isn't the town, it's
you!

MASTER MECHANICS

Nether a railroad nor a brand
of baked beans, the B (for
Brown) and M (for Médicus)
takes its place this week as a
full fledged institution, its full
moniker being the B & M Auto
Service. Headquarters are in the
rear of the large building now
occupied by Harvey's Service Sta-
tion, Cravens & Marcelina.

Mr. B, having a luxurious
growth of crimson-colored hair
is known (you guessed it) as
"Red"; while Mr. M, being chris-
tened at birth with the front
turned up of Oliver, has naturally
turned up as "Ollie." Red &
Ollie, Master mechanics, Red has
been fourteen years with Dodge,
three of them in Torrance with
other Chrysler products. Ollie
has been looking under Dodge
hoods since 1915, the year they
first came out. Both gentlemen
are experts in their business,
have a large following, hope to
have many a job in their new lo-
cation. They are specialists in
the Chrysler line and have plenty
of new testing machines & tools
with which to do the job.

SWASTIKA

We've all seen & heard con-
siderable about Herr Hitler's na-
tional flag, the Swastika, but it's
100 to 1 few of us know what
color it is!

PHENOMENAL PHILCO AGAIN

Bouncing back into Shop Talk
this week is another Philco mir-
acle also on display at the Star
Furniture Co. This model is the
much publicized Philco with the
"Mystery Control." Now you
won't believe this gadget works
like it does unless you actually
hold the "Mystery Box," do the
dial twirling yourself. Shop Talk
carried the box about the spaci-
ous floor of the Star, spun the
dial, heard the radio switch over
to the dial station while many,
many yards away. And with this
tuning box you can turn her on
full blast, or cut it down to a
whisper. A most remarkable thing
and I'm still inclined not to be-
lieve it!

Equally impressed Eddie Brun-
ner, who was present at the time,
remarked that with this new
Philco you could turn down your
neighbor's radio or switch to an-
other station if it irked you!

CZECH TALK

"Have you put in your appli-
cation?" said Howard's Jewelers'
Richard Brunswick during the
recent Czech crisis. "Application
for what?" asked Shop Talk.
"For your piece of Czechosla-
vakia!" says Richard!

CRAFTY CRAFTSMAN

Starting only a few short years
ago with but scarcely more than
a hammer & saw, J. H. Mc-
Cutchen, carpenter and cabinet
maker par excellence, has grown
to amazing proportions, now
hires two and three men, has
enlarged his work shop several
times. With home & shop out in
the Shoe String on 218th street,
Mac makes anything out of
wood, supplies several local
stores with unfinished furniture,
can whip out a table and four
chairs as easy as shooting fish.
He only recently completed a
tremendous bar for a swank
night club, usually has orders
waiting.

And besides all this Mac raises
nice children, his daughter Don-
na Jo, Torrance High grad and
puppy as a pitcher, having re-
cently got married, has gone
back to hilly Tennessee with her
hoosband.

Canada Mines More Gold
OTTAWA, Ont. (U.P.)—Can-
ada's 1938 gold production will
amount to approximately \$160-
000,000.

TORRANCE HERALD

TWENTY-FOURTH YEAR

TORRANCE, CALIF., OCTOBER 13, 1938

SECTION B

ALONDRANS WITHHOLD LEVY PAYMENTS

Delinquency Should Force Bonds Down

Association Will Meet Here Again
Nov. 3; Negotiation Group Formed

Determined to get actual relief from their crushing
assessments in the form of refunding (after purchase by
the county) of the outstanding Alondra Park bonds, more
than 250 vitally-interested property owners voted last
Thursday night to refrain from paying their Acquisition

They also approved the forma-
tion of a six-man committee
which will negotiate for them
with the board of supervisors
and the bondholders to obtain
immediate action on the Alondra
Park assessment problem. This
committee and directors of the
district's Property Owners' As-
sociation will meet at 7 o'clock
Thursday night, Nov. 3, and will
report to the general group an
hour later.

Mayor William H. Tolson of
this city, president of the associa-
tion, pointed out that the reason
behind the tax-strike on the
assessments was to increase the
assessment delinquency (now
only about 13 percent) in order
to force owners of the bonds to
scale down their prices in event
refunding is found advantageous
to the property owners.

It was reported that the max-
imum the county can contribute
to the retirement (purchase) of
the bonds is 80 cents on the dol-
lar. The county has never paid
as high as that in other A. and
I. refundings; the average pay-
ment being from 50 to 55 cents
while the lowest was 30 cents.

The negotiation group, which
will also keep in close contact
with the supervisors' A. and I.
committee, is composed of Judge
Frank Carrell of Gardena, chair-
man; Mayor Colfax Bell and
Councilman Chester Daly of Re-
dondo Beach, Percy W. Giddings
and City Attorney John E. Mc-
Call of Torrance and Bert L.
Cook of Lawndale who will rep-
resent the unincorporated terri-
tory in the Alondra Park assess-
ment district.

It was indicated that if the
"tax strike" on the current as-
sessments does not produce some
response from the supervisors
and bondholders an even more
drastic clamp-down on personal
pocketbooks may be invoked.
This would mean a decision to
refrain from paying all taxes.
Judge Carrell stated at the meet-
ing last Thursday night in the
Civic Auditorium, that he was
heavily in favor of withholding
payment of A. and I. assess-
ments and then declared:

Ambiguous Action
"There are some who say:
'Why stop with the payment of
only the assessments? Why not
refuse to pay all taxes until we
get just relief?' I am not pre-
pared at this time to make any
statement about that but I do
intend to refuse payment of the
assessment this year."

The motions for the assess-
ment strike and creation of the
negotiating committee were un-
animously carried after pro-
longed discussion of many angles
of the Alondra problem. The
meeting opened with a brief re-
port from Judge Carrell on the
result of the Alondra delegation's
descent on the board of super-
visors Oct. 4.

He terms the board's final ac-
tion—an order for re-appraisal
of Alondra Park's 318 acres and
passage of a resolution declaring
"it shall be the policy of this
board" to provide \$14,000 for the
district next year—"somewhat
ambiguous." Carrell pointed out
that no supervisory board has
the power to bind another board
—such as will come into power
Jan. 1—to any appropriations.

Banks Will Cooperate
Property purchasers in the dis-
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CHAIRMAN . . . Judge Frank
Carrell of Gardena was placed at
the head of the Alondra Park
Property Owners' association neg-
otiating committee last week
and is now directing the group
toward a settlement of the as-
sessment problem.

Gardena Chamber Backs Alondra Fight

Directors of the Gardena Cham-
ber of Commerce voted Monday
night to ask the county super-
visors to take over Alondra Park
and absorb the tax indebtedness
all against it by means of a general
county tax. The action was based
on the fact that Gardena tax-
payers now are being taxed for
system and that Alondra Park,
with the exception of a small
tract in the southeast district
near Downey, is the only one be-
ing purchased thru special as-
sessments.

New Service Station Under Construction

Construction of a \$10,000 su-
per-service station began this
week at the southeast corner of
Carson and Andreo. It will be
in operation in about two or three
weeks by R. G. Whisenant of
Long Beach, commercial agent
for Richfield products in this
territory.

The station will front 112½ feet
on Carson and 140 feet on An-
dreo. Tom Waters, local real
estate broker, handled the sale
of the corner lot, owned by a
Mrs. Thompson of New York
state. Whisenant also purchased
a lot fronting 50 more feet on
Carson from the Misses Kather-
line and Rosa Ortmann of this
city.

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Alondra Park Improvement Reported

More than 400 palm trees were
planted in Alondra Park last fiscal
year as part of the county
forester's efforts to beautify the
area with what meager funds
were available, according to the
annual report of Spence D. Turn-
er, county forester and fire warden.

A new well was put into opera-
tion on the north side of the
park, west of the slough, in Au-
gust of 1937, to provide additional
water needed for landscaping.
The local district roadside tree
maintenance crew assisted the
forester's department in hauling
and baling hay, watering trees,
repairing pump house and accom-
plishing the spraying of 1-
000 trees.

The work on the park was
materially aided by use of labor
from an SRA camp established
on the ground, there being 40,541
man hours of this type of labor
used in excavating in the lake
area, digging ditch for 10-inch
irrigation pipe laid by the county
mechanical department, cultivat-
ing, watering and trimming
trees, fire hazard reduction, har-
vesting the hay crop, cutting
fire wood and planting the palm
trees.

Check Electrical Equipment to Cut Fire Hazards

The largest fire recorded in
history was the burning of Rome
in A. D. 64. That was the oc-
casion when Nero is supposed to
have "fiddled" while his capital
was consumed. The second larg-
est fire of all time was the Chi-
cago fire in 1871.

As part of Fire Prevention
Week, O. D. Butterfield, city
electrical inspector, urges all
householders in this territory to
make a survey of their electrical
equipment to see if any of it
might constitute a fire hazard.

More Aliens Enter Canada
OTTAWA, Ont. (U.P.)—More
than 8,000 people from almost
every country in the world en-
tered Canada as immigrants dur-
ing the first six months of 1938.

Ford Proposes Leasing Park For Men's Camp

Proposal that the board of su-
pervisors lease Alondra Park for
a single men's camp was back
in the files of the board today,
after some warm discussion by
members of the board.

Supervisor Leland M. Ford
favored the proposal, which was
vigorously opposed by Supervisor
Gordon McDonough. McDonough
pointed out that the board had
only a week ago adopted an
order asking the state relief ad-
ministration to remove the camp
immediately, on motion of Super-
visor H. C. Legg. Legg was not
present when the discussion
opened, but came on the board a
few minutes later and supported
McDonough.

"I solved your problem over
this park for you last week, and
we agreed to order removal of
the camp," McDonough said. "I
pledged myself to vote \$144,000
of gasoline tax funds next year;
inasmuch as you, Mr. Ford, prob-
ably will not be on this board
then if you are elected to Con-
gress."

"Yes and you created the prob-
lem over this park too," Ford
shot back, referring to McDon-
ough's refusal some weeks ago
to vote to put funds in the bud-
get to aid the old Mattoon Act
district around the park and
more than a score of other de-
linquent districts where the tax
burden is more than property
owners feel they can bear. Ford
maintained the park was "out in
the wide open spaces" and that
SRA single men confined there
would not be objectionable.

Efforts to rescind last week's
action to have the camp removed
immediately failed by a tie vote,
Supervisor J. A. Ford being ab-
sent, and a motion to receive and
file the matter, so that it could
be brought up later carried.

In an effort to secure first
hand information on the way
single men's camps are con-
ducted by the State, Mayor Tolson
and a group of other Torrance
civic leaders made a trip to the
Pacifica Park Camp in the San
Fernando Valley Wednesday. All
those in the party expressed ap-
proval of the quiet, orderly, and
sanitary manner in which the
camp was conducted.

P. V. Incorporation Move Awaits Supervisors' Decision on Petition

M.W.D. Feeder Line Will Cost Over Million

Low bids for the Palos Verdes
feeder line of the Metropolitan
Water District between Los An-
geles and the San Pedro Hills
total more than \$1,000,000 on the
basis of tenders under considera-
tion this week by the board of
directors.

Low bidder on the northern
half of the section, 6.8 miles, was
the American Concrete and Steel
Pipe company of South Gate, at
\$532,708. This was for 50-inch
lock-joint steel cylinder rein-
forced pre-cast concrete pipe.
Bids also were taken on 51 inch
welded steel pipe, however, for
which the Emco Derriek and
Equipment was low bidder at
\$549,628.

On the southern half of the
new line, the United Concrete
Pipe Corporation of 1347 West
208th street, was low bidder at
\$498,640. On the steel pipe alter-
nate, the Emco Company sub-
mitted the low bid at \$542,107.
The steel pipe in each instance
is to have a cement exterior and
centrifugally-applied mortar lin-
ing. Eight bids were received in
all.

Bids for construction of the
storage reservoir into which the
pipeline is to empty are expected
to be called for shortly, as
soon as the plans are completed
and approved by the state en-
gineer. The district already has
filed a condemnation suit to ob-
tain the land for the reservoir
and dam site.

Wooldridge Writes

"The world is a comedy to
those who think—a tragedy to
those who feel."

Men Outnumber Women
CANBERRA, Australia (U.P.)—
Every state in Australia con-
tinues predominantly male.

Report from the county coun-
sel's office is being awaited by
petitioners who desire to incor-
porate a portion of the westerly
slope of the Palos Verdes Hills
into a city of the sixth class. The
petition was filed several weeks
ago.

Efforts to hurry the decision
were made late last week before
the supervisors by two of the
interested petitioners. They ap-
pealed to Supervisor Leland M.
Ford, but Deputy County Coun-
sel Claude H. McFadden said the
opinion was being prepared but
had not yet been passed upon by
the office staff.

Supervisor H. C. Legg said it
appeared to him that the men
who appeared before the board,
U. B. Bray and G. A. Bauman,
were using the county counsel's
office for private legal advice,
but they said they had their own
attorneys working on the matter
also.

Question at issue is whether

the signature of the land-own-
ing corporation's manager
shall be considered as only one
signature, or whether it shall
count for the 2,100 lots owned
by the company. The law pro-
vides that one-fourth of the own-
ers must sign the petition, and
not one fourth of the land, some
county attorneys believed.

Bauman said that the circum-
stances had arisen so that it
probably would not be possible
to get the signature of the land-
owning company again, in the
event a new petition had to be
circulated. It appeared this week
that the petition filed several
weeks ago would be ruled insuf-
ficient.

EVENING MEETING
The Baptist Missionary Soci-
ety will meet at the church
Thursday evening, Oct. 20, at
7:30 o'clock. There will be a
missionary address and the ses-
sion is open to the public.

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DEAR About-To-Become NEWLYWEDS . . .

FOR a very special reason this letter is addressed to
young (or old) couples who plan to trip up the aisle
this month and get hitched . . . (Old married folks can
read this but we don't give a hang). Unfortunately, how-
ever, the young about-to-be-married couples are probably
so love sick they'll never see this, unless of course, a re-
print appears in each other's eyes, which it won't.

Notwithstanding, we hope some of them will see it
because it carries a mighty important money-saving mes-
sage. It's simply this:

Every bride must have a wedding ring . . . (to be
hot stuff she must have an engagement ring as well!)
and Howard's Jewelers has the fanciest selection of swank,
new ring sets that any blushing bride has ever rested her
loving eyes upon. Over 40 New York styles to choose from!

Well, here's the deal . . .

With every ring set Howard's sells this month they
will give an order for a FREE 30 days supply of Mayfair
Milk (a quart a day, at your grocers or delivered to your
home), that life-giving milk that puts zip and pep into
any newly married couple, no matter what age.

This may sound crazy. Maybe it is. But it means
FREE MAYFAIR MILK for ONE MONTH!

Yours for more marriages,
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