SHOP TALK

by RAY BROOKS

BILLOWING BALLAD

The devil sends the horrid wind
To blow the skirts so high . . . .
But God is just—he sends the dust
To close the bad man's eye.

Submitted by Roxie Sleeth, anent the blasts and blizzards of the last few days.

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ARK OF ARROWHEAD

Proud as two peacocks these days is George "Admiral" Morgan, one half of the firm of Two Macks Electric Co., as he sits home, dreams of warm, sunny days on Lake Arrowhead when he will be charging up & down the broad, blue waters of the mountain resort in his swank, new Cris Craft speed boat, only last week unloaded from a box car at Wilmington. Measuring seventeen feet overall, the new skiff will kick up a tremendous number of R.M.P.'s . . . . enough anyway to shoot it thru the agua pura at 40 miles per hour. The "Admiral," you know, has had a cabin at Arrowhead since April, loves the mountains, bought the Chris Craft especially for fresh water. (Seems that if they're designed for salt water they almost sink when placed in the less buoyant fresh water!) In addition, all motor boats lose at least 20% of their power in high altitudes. At even higher Big Bear Lake power driven craft are almost worthless. But they won't rust nearly so fast as in the ocean.

The "Admiral" wanted it pointed out that when the summer rolls around (the which George is anxiously awaiting) he will be glad to give all his friends a zip over the lake, promises to scare the pants off them as he cuts around rocks, swerves in & out among other craft, blasts down the lake wide open.

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COMING CAMELIAS

Have you noticed the lush growth of camelia plants all ready to bust into full bloom in front of the post office? It is alleged that Earl "Rose Bud" Conner has been nursing these buds along for weeks now, proposes to submit a resolution to Franklin D. that camelias be made the National Democratic flower.

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CONTEST FOR CASH

If the majority of U. S. males cannot actually fly airplanes (which most of them wish they could) then they make up for it constructing miniature airplanes modeled after the real things. Such is the actual state of affairs even here in Torrance, as the Service Electric Co. found out since stocking a large supply of model airplane kits. Sales have been brisk, interest keen even among older males.

Reasoning that such popularity should be rewarded, Service Electric this week announces a contest for the model ship constructed within the next month by a local male of any age, from a kit purchased from Service Electric. Awards will be $3 first prize; $2 second; $1 third, with next five prizes each a 50c model kit. Art Loft, actor-owner, promises to bring down a big name from Hollywood to judge the winners. (For further details see ad Page 1-B of today's Herald.)

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PRANKSTER

Typically boy in every sense of the word is young magazine-salesman Frankie Whiting, who, several weeks ago, worked a thumb tack under the leather cover of a fountain stool over at Geo. Probert's pharmacy. Fortunately (or should I say UN-fortunately) George himself beat his customers to the stool, sat down on it himself.

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PERSONALITIES . . . . Bill Mullin, manager of Harry Clark's new Buick-Pontiac agency at Harvel's corner, moving out quite a number of autos since settling here only a few weeks ago . . . . Hillman Lee & staff of J. C. Penney Co. in a fit of jitters as a huge section of shelving collapsed on the balcony when the Big Wind loosened a wedge supporting it . . . . Dwight Lister, snipping hair at G. Morton's American Barber Shop since Fred Montgomery went back to Illinois at the death of his mother. Lister, however, will man the third chair when Montgomery returns, give the shop another barber it sorely needed . . . . M. L. Fenwick, shoe repairer extraordinary, meeting Shop Talk in front of his shop on Marcelina on the same day of the week two weeks in succession. First time Mike was just returning from the dentist with all his uppers yanked; the second he was staggering back from the same dentist after losing all his lowers. What a life . . . . . .

Magic City Awaits Visiting Millions

Features of Treasure Island, California World's Fair site in San Francisco Bay. (1) Portals of the Pacific and Elephant Towers at main entrance; (2) Administration Building; (3) Exposition yacht harbor and landing area for Clipper Ships; (4) Yerba Buena "Women's" clubhouse, hospitality center for members and their guests; (5) Fine Arts Palace; (6) Federal Building; (7) Hall of Western States; (8) Pacific Building, center of foreign nation pavilions; (9) Coliseum for world livestock shows, indoor sports; (10) Chinese Village and 40-acre Gayway; (11) Hall of Science; (12) Vacationland Palace; (13) Mines, Metals and Machinery Palace; (14) Tower of the Sun; (15) Foods and Beverages; (16) International Palace; (17) Homes and Gardens; (18) Treasure Garden; (19) Hall of Air Transportation, Clipper Ship landing float at edge of lagoon; (20) California State and County buildings.

Fuss Over 'International Baby'

The "international baby" shown here caused much confusion among Honolulu immigration officials because he was born a few hours before his ship docked on a voyage from the Orient. Son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Chaves, Chinese, who are emigrating to Tegucigala Honduras, the baby was named Taft Chaves, after the liner President Taft. Dr. Roger Cutting, ship's surgeon who posed with the family, said the baby was born an American. Immigration officials seemed doubtful. The family is en route to Honduras via Los Angeles.

Ships to Be Hotels

SAN FRANCISCO (U.P.)—In the event that attendance at the 1939 Golden Gate Exposition exceeds the city's hotel accommodations, recourse will be had to luxury liners now lying idle.

Dummy Balks Auto Thieves

MELBOURNE, Australia (U. P.)—A ruse to foil auto thieves has been perfected by a local motorist. It is a lifelike figure of himself, clad in his usual business suit, top coat and felt hat, which he leaves sitting in the car at the wheel while he is absent.

'Friendly Fever' Boon to Mankind, Dr. Gillett Says

Until recently, fever was considered something to be combatted and doctors gave medicine to supress it. Now medical science has learned that fever is one of Nature's weapons to check disease, destroy the low organisms present in nearly all disorders.

"Most disease germs cannot exist for any extended period of time in a temperature above 101 degrees Fahrenheit, altho some of the more resistant germs survive a temperature of 110 degrees," Dr. C. O. Gillett, chiropractor who recently opened offices at 1339 Post avenue, pointed out this week.

"Electro-fever, or 'Friendly Fever' is bringing about revolutionary changes in treatment of disease," he stated. "Altho this fever therapy is still in its infancy its possibilities—judging from what has already been accomplished—appear to be nothing short of miraculous.

"We have found that all skin diseases respond to fever therapy—chronic disorders, such as arthritis, rheumatism, varicose ulcers, sinus trouble, in fact all disorders resulting from retained toxins from faulty elimination are greatly alleviated if not completely cured by this 'Friendly Fever.' It is safe and so inexpensive that it is available to all. It is also a safe reducent for over-weight persons."

Dr. Gillett extends a cordial invitation to Torrance residents to enjoy a 'Friendly Fever' treatment at his new offices.

Call for Bids on Reservoir Metalwork

Bids are to be opened Feb. 17 for furnishing structural steel work, valves, operating equipment and miscellaneous metalwork for the new Palos Verdes storage reservoir for the Metropolitan Water district.

Thirty-inch gate valves are to be installed to admit the water from the supply line from the north, and on the outlet pipes to permit the water to flow to the cities of Torrance, Long Beach and the harbor.

RETURNS TO WORK

After a two months siege of sickness, Leroy Stevens, veteran deputy city clerk, returned to his duties at the city hall Monday morning. Stevens suffered a severe attack of bronchitis but is fully recovered now.

Ford Seeking Migrant Relief for L. A. County

Information concerning the number of migrants on relief in Los Angeles county and the cost to the county for emergency relief extended to them is being compiled for Congressman Leland M. Ford of Santa Monica, following a telephone request from Washington to Chairman Roger W. Jessup of the board of supervisors.

Ford, who said he wanted the information "for a meeting with President Roosevelt to lay the problem before him," also requested figures as to the number aided by the state and the cost.

The former county supervisor, now representing the 16th district in the House of Representatives, recently made an extended speech on the subject of migratory relief upon the floor of the house. He urged that the Federal government warn indigent persons in all states not to come to California, because there was no relief obtainable here for them.

Ford also urged that the government pay adequate relief in other states, and that the government cooperate with the county and state in shipping indigents back to their home states before they have lost their legal residence there. It has been estimated that between 85,000 and 100,000 migrants came to California last year via automobiles.

Hearse Is Family Car

PERRY, Okla. (U.P.)—Jess Treadway needed a pickup truck and he decided that a used hearse was just the thing. He planned to convert it into a truck. But, after the purchase was made, motorists treated him with such courtesy that he now uses the hearse for a family car.

Storm Brings Rain Total Up to 10.9 Inches

The early-morning wind-driven gale that swept the Southland Thursday night and Friday morning of last week left some mud-filled streets in Lomita and full gutters in Torrance but no property damage was reported.

Torrance had 1.11 inches of rain for the storm and .09 for Monday night's shower which brought the season's total to 10.9 inches. Lomita's storm total was 1.5 inches plus .06 Monday night. At the present time the seasonal rainfall in that community has amounted to 10.99 inches.