

SHOP TALK

by
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BROOKS

WE'RE JUST REMINDED . . .

That out of many, many entries submitted in Les Prince's Beacon Drug's recent misspelled word contest, Mrs. Teala Bellini came in the closest, had her name raised as "The Winnah!" To her, with the compliments of Druggist Prince, goes a 35-piece set of aluminum ware. Out of a possible 84 misspelled words, piano-playing Mrs. Bellini dug deep, came out with 83.

That Herald Shop Foreman Bob "Put-On-A-Man" Lewellen is worrier-plum about a sign on the window at the now defunct City Paint Store, on Sartori, which sign reads "Sartori Xmas."

That Mrs. Bob Lewellen has obtained such a reputation for whipping up a batch of the world's finest enchiladas that she now makes them for sale once a week. Wednesdays, Town Talk who loves to eat, promises you a definite gastronomic sensation when you first sink your molars in one of her perfect enchiladas. Rare back with delight as it trickles past your palate.

That Shop Talk's Bakersfield brother-in-law, Jack Tate, with an odd sort of humor, tells of a recent military funeral being told when an old soldier was being buried. With much ceremony & pomp a squad of the militia lined up, raised rifles, saluted out over the hills. A small boy, grandson of the deceased, grabbed his mother, hollered, "Mama, they've shot Grandpa!"

That the mock chicken legs which Edinburgh-born Alexander Bell, prop. of the meat dept. at Civic Center Mkt., sells for seven for two bits are really fish eating. . . and that those who like sour dough French bread can now find same at Whitney's Bakery, on Sartori. (Unpaid advertising!)

That another former Torrance Herald employee, Roy L. Rosenberg, now managing editor of the Inglewood Daily News, leaped into the limelight recently when he reported a speech by National Labor Relations' Southwest district director Dr. Towne Nylander before Inglewood's Civic League. Rosenberg, who announced ago as vice president of The Herald, in his story quoted Director Nylander as saying an employer hadn't the ghost of a chance when he was brought before the local National Labor board. Result: Congressman Ford took Rosenberg's article to Washington, had it read into the Congressional Record, and Mr. Nylander has been suspended.

That Samuel the Levy, theatre builder, store owner, and teller of good jokes, is now going to a throat specialist. Says the M. D. "Now say after me, K.K.K., K.K.K., K.K.K." Says Samuel the Levy, "Doctor, do I HAVE to say K.K.K.?" Isn't there any other combination of letters that would do just as well?

That agile Charlie Drury, Geo. Moore's right hand man in the hardware business, got too agile, slipped off a ladder, fell plunk thru a plate glass show case top.

That Les King, Roberts' Liquor Store Mgr., swears he is working his way thru college, has put in a large display of magazines.

That tall, likeable Mike Fenwick, efficient shoe & heel fixer upper over on Marcellina, is planning on opening a new shoe store, the which he hopes to have ready by fall. Already in stock is a goodly display of children's shoes, with a complete line of men's & women's shoes to foot. Of course, Mike intends to all operate his shoe repair department.

Last in today's pillar but first in the alert mind of Penny's Hillman Lee are thoughts of his beautiful, new women's ready-to-wear dept. Ready to start this weekend is a corps of sales girls who will rip out the entire rear of the store, install on the balcony a complete & modern spot for women's make-up, with new fixtures and all. To be ready Hillman is offering this week extra special bargains of remnants & odds & ends to clear the way for the workmen.

More Operators Invading Eshehman-Walnut Sector of Oil Field

GAS ABSORPTION PLANT TO RISE IN HARBOR CITY AREA

Five new operators have staked locations for drilling projects in the current "hot spot" Eshehman-Walnut area of the South Torrance oil field. Newest completed in the area is W. E. Caselli's Springman lease, try at 238th and Eshehman for 400 barrels and heavy gas pressure, according to late reports.

The newcomers to the field are J. M. Bradley and J. D. Hawks, who have a derrick erected southeast of 238th and Eshehman; Calabasas Oil which is planning to drill at 242nd and Eshehman; C. W. Hammack, L. L. Bates and L. J. Menchini, who have a location staked south-west of 237th and Eshehman; Kidumac Oil which has started to deepen a well at 233rd and Walnut, and California Petroleum Oil which is planning to drill at 243rd and Eshehman.

Sunset Oil entered the local picture during the week and is now drilling for LaSalle No. 1 near 24th and Walnut, and the local picture during the week and is now drilling for LaSalle No. 1 near 24th and Walnut, and the local picture during the week and is now drilling for LaSalle No. 1 near 24th and Walnut.

Gas Plant Announced
The Harbor City-Los Angeles field continues active. To process waste natural gas from 40 wells in that sector, Shanley Oil and Gas company announced plans to build absorption plant on Broadway and Lomita boulevard. J. R. Shanley has interested J. L. Dunn and O. F. Collinge in the venture.

A network of lines over the 10-block square field will bring gas from wells into the plant, according to plans. Most of the gas is now exhausted into the air, also a few major company wells are connected with distant gas absorption plants.

The plant will have a capacity of 6,000 gallons daily. It is expected to be in operation within 60 to 90 days and is located on the D and S company's lease.

General Petroleum has staked location for Paggi No. 14 near Lomita Boulevard and Washington avenue. Paggi No. 13 recently was completed for 300 barrels of 28.6 gravity cutting four percent.

Prior Action Saves Trees On El Prado

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fell during the recent windstorm and the trees are dangerous and a menace to the safety of my home. They should be immediately removed and I respectfully request that this action be taken.

"In addition to the actual danger presented by the trees, the shade they cast on my home makes the ceremony and program unbearable. The sun does not strike the house until afternoon. This is a serious objection and constitutes a very real danger," the letter continues.

"Removal of El Prado trees for individual landowners is not a new idea. Five persons — Mr. Rippey, Mr. Scott, Mr. Polhemus, J. C. Smith and Mrs. W. R. Bell have already had eucalyptus trees removed at their request. Also I am informed the city council recently promised a local real estate agent that the trees would be removed for his prospective buyers when they demonstrated their good faith by building homes.

Old Tree Requests
"Furthermore, when the new city hall was built, the city removed the towering eucalyptus trees adjacent to the building and substituted palm trees. Other words, the city council has removed trees for others and removed trees for the new city hall. Surely on the basis of fair play the council should not refuse to deny me the same rights granted to others." Young concluded.

Two other requests for tree removals and one for tree trimming were received by the council Tuesday night but no action was taken on them. Brady wrote that the eucalyptus trees located at 2317 Sierra, Mrs. L. C. Luek asked that a damaged tree be removed at 1004 Beech and Carleton B. Bell requested that a Magnolia Grandiflora be substituted for a pepper tree which "who technically alive, is more than half dead" in front of his home at 1444 Marcellina.

TAKEN TO HOSPITAL
Mrs. M. M. Bailey of 1851 247th street, Lomita, was taken to a hospital Tuesday to undergo a major operation.

Slain Beauty



Anya Sosoyeva, blonde drama student, dancer and movie extra, who was slain on the campus of Los Angeles City College.

Tablet Marks Site of Famed Rancho's Spring

A tablet marking the site of the historic Aguaje de la Centinela—the spring of the sentinel—near Inglewood was to be unveiled today by Mrs. Bertha H. Fuller, president of the California History and Landmarks club.

The spring gave its name to a famed old rancho upon which much of the city of Inglewood was later built.

Origin of the spring's name has long been veiled in mystery, but George Wycherly Kirkman, authority on California history, was scheduled to reveal the story at the ceremonies.

NEW LODGE FORMING IN LOMITA AREA

Lomita is to have a new fraternal organization known as the Practorians and the lodge extends a cordial invitation to the public to attend its grand opening tonight (Thursday) at the L.O.O.F. hall, 2015 Wilmington-Redondo boulevard. The lodge will be known as Pioneer Council, No. 1616 of The Practorians.

Roy L. Driggers, assistant superintendent of schools in Kern county, will be master of ceremonies and the Harbor District Girls' band, directed by James E. Son, will give a concert. Following the ceremony and program there will be dancing and refreshments.

Among the distinguished guests to attend will be Anton Hill, state manager of the lodge; Joe May, state president, E. T. Lisle, state secretary, and Ben B. Jones, past president of the State Fraternal Congress.

Children Given Hearing Tests

All pupils attending Torrance Elementary school from the fourth grade up received audiometer tests during the past week to determine if any child needs special attention, according to Principal Merle Helbach.

The tests given to 40 children at a sitting and the aid of headphones connected to a special recording were under the direction of Miss Margaret Mathis, who is in charge of this branch of the physical development for Los Angeles city school system. All children who tested low in hearing are receiving another examination. If the second test confirms the first result, then the child is given a medical examination to determine if adenoids, tonsils, impacted wax or nerve impairment is the cause of his partial deafness.

In event it is found the nerves are at fault, then the child is sent to a lip-reading class to study that method of thought transference and thus be able to maintain his position in school studies. Both ears are tested by the audiometer which has proven to be a valuable adjunct to child development, Helbach said.

Progress Depends on Love of Work, Declares Pollock

The United States' greatest contribution to life is the conception that labor is something dignified and desirable for everyone, declares Channing Pollock, distinguished playwright, author, and publisher, in the current Rotarian magazine. Work is its own reward, he believes, for nobody ever did anything well, or got anywhere, without joy in his job, and that is as true of little jobs as of big ones.

"We can have neither progress nor prosperity, neither opportunity nor democracy," says Pollock, "while any considerable number of us regard work as an enemy, but what is more to the point, we shall find our dignity equally lessened, and our self-respect, and our pleasure in living."

"There are dirty jobs, dull jobs, devastating jobs, but I think there can be, even of these, that do not give some return outside of the pay envelope," he continues. "It really must help to know that you're pulling your weight, doing your bit, and holding your place in the world—at least it must help the man whose vision hasn't been distorted."

Joy Found in Hard Work
The man who doesn't find his job too dull or too devastating isn't likely to hold it very long. The man who does find it so, for the majority of successful men started at jobs that may have seemed uninteresting, yet they were unshamed and unresentful.

"They are banking on themselves; playing a thrilling game; keeping one eye on the bolts, or the wastebaskets, and the other on the gold—not necessarily material gold—at the foot of the rainbow," Pollock points out. They could say, as J. E. Barrie once did, "The most precious possession I ever had—my joy in hard work."

"It is too bad, perhaps, that so many of us toiled to the exclusion of other good things, such as enjoyment of leisure and literature and art, but I should say that wise and balanced enjoyment of labor, like wise and balanced enjoyment of leisure, is an art."

"I can't remember any good job I ever did that didn't leave me thrilled, exultant, and almost hysterically happy," he observes.

"Of course there's no happiness in the other kind, though, mercifully, we often mistake bad work for good while doing it. But once one perceives, and had work becomes good—that's the thrill that, luckily, comes more than once in a lifetime."

Palos Verdes Seeks to Become City

Petitions asking a special election to decide whether or not Palos Verdes Estates will incorporate as a city of the sixth class are being prepared for filing with the board of supervisors. It was learned today.

The proposed municipality would have an assessed valuation of about three million and include about 5,500 acres. Both the Malaga Cove and Lunada Bay districts are made part of the incorporation plans.

Heir Flies

Alexey Westinghouse, heir to the former head of the electric and power industries, was to be a teacher at Seattle under the new civilian flying instruction course—part of the New Deal national defense program.

Sale of War Planes by U.S. Good for Defense, Business

There has been a lot of hullabaloo recently in the Senate of the United States over the purchase by friendly nations, specifically France, of military airplanes in the United States. The President, Secretary of the Treasury, the Secretary of State and other high administration officials, who can be presumed to know what they are doing, have commendably and intelligently deflected the procedure.

The question is of more than academic interest to Los Angeles county, inasmuch as more airplanes, both for military and commercial use, are manufactured here than in any other community in the country. Los Angeles county has earned the title of the "Airplane capital of the United States."

There are not fewer than 13,000 men employed in the airplane factories of the county. They come from many sections. Nearly every community has a few of its citizens who drive to their work at the plant where they are employed. The manufacture of airplanes in this county, and its resultant payrolls, has done much to alleviate unemployment. Tradesmen, owners of rental property, purveyors of every commodity used in modern homes, have all benefited by the \$1,000,000 per month is spent in Los Angeles county by men employed in the various plants.

As was definitely pointed out in hearings before the Senate Foreign Affairs Committee, the foreign contracts will have been completed before there is any demand for manufacturing facilities by the United States.

As a matter of national defense it is good business for these plants to be speeded up to their maximum efficiency NOW, that they may be able to care for the demands of their own country when called upon.

And as a matter of good economics—of providing jobs and wages for skilled men who will, and are, spending their money in all parts of the county—it is good business to encourage the airplane industry here with all the influence at our command.

WHAT TO DO WITH GUAM?

Background of current controversy lucidly explained by Angelino for Herald readers

(One of the original features of the \$33,000,000 naval ship base program, now authorized by Congress, is to establish a base for navy scouting planes on the far away Pacific island of Guam. Late last week the House stripped that proposal out of the bill after three days of stormy debate.)

But the question of "What to do with Guam?" was by no means settled by this action. Instead, that pin-point on the world map remained as troublesome as ever to the U. S. Why it continues so is ably presented by Jerome P. Goodwin, Los Angeles resident, in the following article which he wrote especially for The Herald.—(E.P.T.O.L.)

By JEROME P. GOODWIN
Spain lost interest in her Pacific Empire when the United States deprived her of the Philippines. To relieve her financial difficulties following the Spanish American War, she sold the Micronesian Islands to Germany in 1899 for \$4,500,000.

The first guns of the World War had hardly been fired in Europe when Japan was able to sail south and occupied Micronesia. At the Peace Conference in 1919 the islands were entrusted to Japan as a mandate from the League of Nations. At the close of the Spanish American War the United States had her choice of all Spanish islands. She took the Philippines and Guam, and returned the other islands to Spain. If she had not done so, Japan would not today be in the South Seas.

After Germany lost the mandated islands to Japan, the great powers of the Pacific are less than 40 miles apart; from Japanese Rota you may paddle a canoe to American Guam. Under the Washington Treaty, the United States gave up its right to fortify Guam. The fortifications which once existed on this island have been demolished.

Dependent on Imports
Doubtless that makes the situation more comfortable for the neighbors and yet it is rather as if one of our central states, say Texas, were surrounded by alien power. If Japan is irritated by this bit of foreign matter she does not show it. Relations between Guam and the surrounding Japanese islands are friendly and cooperative.

Guam is the finest and largest of all these islands; in fact that is the reason the United States has it. It is commercially valueless to the United States which supports 20,000 natives and less than 100 Americans on it. The island is 20 miles long and from seven to nine miles wide, narrowing at the middle to a neck only four mountainous miles across. The highest point, Mt. Teniente, is 1,555 feet high. A landmark for approaching vessels, was formerly fortified but the guns at its summit have been dismantled, and the road so laboriously built up to the gun platform is now largely lost in the heavy tropical undergrowth.

In recent years the natives have at last discovered that it is not so easy to get a little more copra and buy rice from China or Japan with the proceeds than to raise their own rice and in the same way to import sugar and coffee. The result is that the Chamorros as a whole have become increasingly dependent on imports; grass mats and fresh fish have disappeared before the wicked fertilizer and canned salmon. The difficulty now arises in Guam, as elsewhere in the areas of economical depression, how to get the natives to a higher standard of living and

Stories Conflict in Trial of Two Mexicans Here

Conflicting stories of what happened on the afternoon of Feb. 18 when Tami Nakahira, rancher at 182nd street and Redondo avenue, was approached by two Mexicans asking for gasoline enlivened the court trials Monday morning of Jesus Martinez, 35-year-old WPA worker living on Spencer street and Joe Mendoza, 31, steelworker living in Moneta.

They were charged with trespassing and disturbance of the peace. On the stand Nakahira testified that Martinez took little or no part in the controversy over the gasoline which finally ended when the Japanese fired two shotgun blasts in the general direction of his unwelcome visitors. Charges against Martinez were dropped by City Judge Robert Lessing at the request of the defense counsel, Attorney John Shidler.

The charge of trespass against Mendoza was also thrown out of court but, also he categorically denied that he used abusive language and threatened to burn the rancher's house down when Nakahira refused to allow his automobile gasoline tank to be drained. Mendoza was found guilty of disturbing the peace.

However, because of his good record—testified by two character witnesses and Chief John Strohm's own statement—Mendoza was given a \$50 fine or \$25-day jail sentence suspended on his good behavior for two years. Chief Strohm conducted the entire prosecution of the case.

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