SHOP TALK

by RAY BROOKS

THOMPSON TELLS

Vastly encouraged was Shop Talk early this week after a talk with "The-Man-Who-Treats-You-Right" Ed Thompson, Chevrolet dealer. Ed has been around this burg for 4 or 5 annums now and he reports that business in June of this year has been far better than any month he has ever had. Says General Motors in general have done a whale of a business this month all over the U. S. Both Ed and a Chevrolet factory man (who was present) look for a boomer year in 1940.

Let's hope they're right. Certainly this town needs a shot of optimism to get rid of the blues everyone has been singing.

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BASEBALL BOOM

Baseball in Torrance has taken a decided upward trend. Reason: the recent lighting of the ball park and the forthcoming Semi-Pro Baseball Tournament, which takes over the park from July 8 to 30 inclusive.

Out at the park where Dale Riley pitches orders they have installed powerful flood lights that equal or surpass those at Wrigley Field. 'Tis said that only at Wrigley and at Torrance are there diamonds to accommodate a night game. Shop Talk was plumb dumbfounded the other eve to observe the brightness of those lights. Their reflection, carried outside the fences, bathes the park lawn, shrubs, trees etc. in a beautiful glow. Night picnickers have a beauty spot now in which to roast wieners, munch sandwiches, romp on the turf. However, Shop Talk failed to observe a single roaster, muncher or romper.

This Semi - Pro Tournament promises to be quite an attraction. Teams are coming from all over the state; the winner goes back to Wichita to play in the national finals. Local baseball bugs are urged to take in the games, cheer the players, boo the umps. There are going to be some mighty interestin' games.

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NEW MANAGER

Taking up his duties bright & early Monday morning was E. W. Quimby, new manager of J. J. Newberry's local store. Quimby comes from San Pedro, where he managed the Newberry store there. He has been with the company ten years, spent six of it in San Pedro, the rest of it in Anaheim. Quimby is married, has three children . . . two daughters 12 and 14 and young son two. Quimby has been looking for a house to rent (a large house), but as yet has found none. (This is not a classified ad!)

Good luck to you Mr. Quimby. We hope you like Torrance.

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PEARSON'S PROGRESS

Sitting quietly down by the P. E. depot but doing a darn good business, is good natured, likable George Pearson, operator of the Richfield Station. Starting almost from scratch, George has built up quite a trade. Purchased only this week for a considerable chunk of coin is a new machine to facilitate lubrication of cars. This machine is hooked on a car while it's being lubricated, rocks the car about, produces the same action as the car gets on a rough road. Result: better lube jobs, says George, and it certainly is logical.

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HERE & THERE

J. C. Smith has ailing linoleum. Recently he remodeled his entire office, painted, scrubbed, polished, laid new floor covering. Now he has sand bags lying about to keep the linoleum from jumping up and spoiling a $5000 real estate deal . . . . **Robert E. (Hillman) Lee,** Penney's progressive Mgr., is having a corset showing (not personally, of course). Seems that the company has several hundred bucks worth of foundation garments they ship about to the stores, together with several miniature models for show window display . . . . **Jack Dabbs,** popular, amiable young manager of the Torrance Theatre moves his desk & duties to Gardena where he will look after the new Gardena theatre. Both houses have the same ownership. Coming here is the Gardena mgr. **Lou Reece.** Welcome, Lou. May you have bigger & better pictures . . . . **Ollie Medicus** is now heaving wrenches & screw drivers for the Mullins Garage . . . . **Harvel Guttenfelder** is getting nervous as a cat as he awaits the final standings of dealers in the recent Goodrich sales contest, which closed last week . . . .

City Ready to Begin Its 18th Fiscal; 16 Contracts Renewed

Tax-Deeded Lots Will be Auctioned, Restored to Rolls

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will default by failing to answer the City's complaint), the City then holds good title, cancels all taxes and penalties, and sells the lots to best advantage.

This method has been followed by the Cities of Santa Ana, Buena Park, Newport Beach, Orange county, and a number of other tax collecting bodies throughout Southern California, many of whom have written strong recommendations of C. W. Hyde, Jr. and his associates for his work in cleaning up tax-deeded vacant property.

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recently requested this work. Hitchcock said that the sprinkling system alone would cost about $685 to install. The Park department will go into the matter and report at the next council session.

Three members of the library board whose terms would expire July 1 were re-appointed by Mayor William H. Tolson with the council's approval. They were: Councilman Hitchcock, named for a two-year term, and Scott R. Ludlow and Councilman Tom McGuire, three-year terms.

Expenditures authorized this week were: $625.14 for the purchase of a 1939 Chevrolet sedan for the Police department, replacing a Plymouth sedan which will be traded-in.

Renew 16 Contracts

A new Plymouth coupe, net price $639.54, for the Street department; $153 for 110 gallons of drip fluid; $58.58 for a Kardex cabinet for the police department; $535.87 for a new fire-proof safe cabinet for "valuable records" of the municipal water department, the old safe to be traded-in; $206.10 for a steel map file, $86.09 for a steel flat-top desk and $90 for a typewriter, all for the same department.

Existing contracts were renewed with no changes for fiscal year 1939-40: With the State Relief Administration for water service to irrigate the SRA garden in north Torrance; Luther Andrews for garbage and trash collection service; Menard and Tabery for decorating the Civic Auditorium for $500 per year; Torrance Municipal band for $600; County Health department for health service, paid on basis of inspections (last year the cost was about $100); Los Angeles County Public Library for library service; General Electric for lamps for street lights; General Petroleum for gasoline and oil; and the South Bay Humane Society for public pound service.

Southern California Edison company for electric power for overhead and ornamental lights; Torrance Memorial hospital for emergency service; Torrance Herald for legal printing; Walt Morris for concessions at the city park; Robert Nuckles for lease of recreation building at 2415 Arlington; Harvey Beckwith for lease of recreation building at 2708 Carson; and for chemicals for the water department.

One more contract is to be renewed by the city at the next council meeting. This is with the Chamber of Commerce for advertising and promotion services.

SAVED FROM TIDE

James Fleming, 14 - year - old local boy, was one of 11 persons rescued by life guards from a rip tide at Redondo Beach last Sunday.

People

what they're doing

Mr. and Mrs. Sam Neely, their son **Jay** and **Mrs. Alice Wilburn** of 916 Cedar Avenue, returned Saturday from a visit with Neely's brother in DuQuoin, Illinois. Enroute home they stopped at the Carlsbad Caverns and visited with Mrs. Neely's relatives in New Mexico.

Mrs. C. F. Wittenberg of Tonopah, Washington, returned to her home Tuesday after spending several days with her parents **Mr. and Mrs. George T. Wheaton** 1228 Arlington Avenue.

Guests at the George T. Wheaton home this week are their daughter Mrs. Harmer Davis and children, Jean and Lynn of Berkeley, California.

Mr. and Mrs. M. B. Lane and daughter, **Mildred** of C. C. M. O. with Miss **Lorraine Miles** left this week for ten days vacation at Huntington and Florence Lakes.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Miles and **family** will spend the week-end with friends at Big Bear.

Mrs. J. R. Garner 713 Amapola Avenue, has as her house guest this week Miss Dixie Calkins of Eagle Rock.

Mr. and Mrs. Peter Phillips and son of 2703 Carson are spending two weeks in the High Sierras.

James J. O'Toole, commander-elect of the Disabled War Veterans, is attending the D.A.V., convention in Sacramento this week.

Old-Time Montana Cattleman Visiting Daughter Here

Mr. and Mrs. A. H. Silligo, 1412 Engracia Avenue, have returned from two weeks vacation, part of which they spent at the San Francisco exposition where they met Mrs. Silligo's father and mother, Mr. and Mrs. Charles Field, of Otter, Montana. Mr. and Mrs. Field returned with them to Torrance and will visit here for a short time. Field is one of the pioneer cattlemen of Montana, and 60 years ago was the first to drive a herd of longhorns from Texas to the northern state.

Five Babies Born Here During Week

Five babies, three of them boys, were born at Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week. They were:

A son to Mr. and Mrs. R. L. Hayes of Redondo Beach, Tuesday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Joseph Graff of Gardena, last Wednesday:

A son to Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Lock of Gardena, last Friday;

A daughter to Mr. and Mrs. J. E. Stiles of Culver City, Sunday;

A son to Mr. and Mrs. Paul Sanford of Redondo Beach, last Wednesday.

FIRE SWEEPS PLANT

A fire which swept the Gardena Valley Milling company feed and grain plant early last Friday caused a loss estimated at $16,000. Origin of the blaze was undetermined by firemen.

The Herald—3 months, 50 cents.

INTEND TO WED

Delbert R. Nelson, 24, of 17805 Crenshaw boulevard, Torrance, and Marjorie C. Schuerman, 17, of Gardena.

Fernand Depasse, Jr., 26, of 712-F Amapola, and Margaret L. Levene, 22, of Hawthorne.

George W. Robinson, 34, of 1414 Cravens, and Francis E. Wills, 26, of 627 Sartori.

Joseph J. Dunlop, 70, of Torrance, and Dellar Miles, 54, of Florence, Texas.

Lewis E. Wagner, 55, of 1728 Abalone, and Sallie M. Abbott, 48, of 2229 West 230th.

Joe B. Perryman, 25, of Willowbrook, and Dorothy M. Holcomb, 22, of 2210 Andreo.

Robert Stanley, 22, of Long Beach, and Martha Hoke, 19, of 21740 Harvard, Torrance.

Robert F. Folts, 34, of 917 Cota, and Ethel Price, 28, of 1807 Andreo.

David A. Cairns, 24, of Long Beach, and Coral E. Lindeman, 18, of 2227 Plaza Del Amo.

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