

Spoo Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Stuff About Stuffing

That is to say, stuffing oneself and according to Mosley Electronics, Inc., from somewhere back in the Middle West there are certain "dos" and "don'ts" when it comes to eating.

In just what way Mr. Mosley and Company are qualified in this field we can't be sure but according to them, it's illegal to sell milk by the glass in San Francisco. How about that! Must remember to contact Herb Caen on this!

And in Gary, Ind., it's illegal to ride a streetcar or attend a theatre within four hours of eating garlic. That streetcar bit would be kind of out in Los Angeles, wouldn't it! How about buses?

To continue, it's compulsory for all boarding houses, clubs, hotels, and restaurants in Wisconsin to serve free at least two-thirds of an ounce of cheese with every meal over a quarter. Pretty sneaky way of pushing their cheeses, don't you think?

And in Nebraska it's illegal for tavern operators to sell beer unless they simultaneously are cooking soup. Oh, come, now!

But restaurants in Birmingham, Ala., must be pretty dirty 'cause it's forbidden to use a broom to clean their floors there.

Bouncing pickles are the "in" thing in Connecticut. Seems it's illegal to sell pickles that collapse in their own juice when dropped 12 inches; they must stay whole and bounce.

Now this one we buy! Barbers are forbidden to eat onions between 7 a.m. and 7 p.m. in Waterloo, Neb. And so it goes.

None of the foregoing, however should affect diner-outers in our Southern California. In the first place, our restaurants wouldn't allow a non-bouncing pickle on the premises. Particularly at the Pen and Quill Hotel's Turtle Club.

This new International Turtle Club cocktail and entertainment lounge in Manhattan Beach features a unique sandwich bar where you actually build your own sandwiches and no doubt there are pickles involved.

This unusual concept of a fun club, which is open to the general public at all times, held its opening the 19th of May to introduce one of the most delightful and intimate rendezvous in the Southland.



MUSIC MAN . . . Currently entertaining, Tuesday through Saturday at the Red Onion Restaurant on Hawthorne Blvd. in Torrance is Baldo Ochoa. Musician supreme.

If there is such a thing as a "turtle's den" then it must be what you find at the Pen and Quill. That's the kind of decor they're presenting to you at the Turtle Club, where the drinks are generous and the glasses attractive. You'll find the entertainment and music impressive from 4 in the afternoon 'til 2 in the a.m., plus dancing for those of you who are so bent.

There's no two ways about it. The Turtle Lounge should be and is rapidly becoming, a smash hit here and is well worth your time to pay a call for a quick bite at lunch time, a cocktail after your work-day or just before dinner. Or for that matter, after dinner and then just spend the evening here for a restful and relaxing time.

Yes, and if the spirit moves you, you may even become a "turtle" so make it by this exciting new spot soon and have yourself a ball.

Got a hangup somehow with the name "Fred"? Keep calling and referring to John Seitz as Fred Seitz. Even wrote him a note recently and ear-marked

the envelope. Att: Fred Seitz. Ah-h, well . . .

Anywho, John Seitz is the gent who so ably handles the public relations for one of our fine dinner houses in Los Angeles — Robaire's French Restaurant.

But a goof on John's name is in no way a goof on your plans to visit Robaire's at 348 S. La Brea for some fine authentic French cuisine.

And now by way of adding a bit more authenticity to his Gallic dinary, owner Robert Robaire welcomes to his staff, Claude Rueff as his new maitre d' who learned the restaurant business in the French province of Normandy. Claude may also be remembered by many when he was with still another of our better restaurants in Los Angeles. (Why give them a plug! They don't scratch our back!)

That's a highly interesting guy that's playing nifty over at the Fortune Steak House in Gardena.

Not only is he interesting but he's also a great talent. Stopped in there one day last week and while talking with Pat, the day bartender, happened to be aware of some

most melodious music coming from somewhere in the huge restaurant. Pat said, "Oh, he's a regular!"

When the old eyes finally adjusted to the darkness from the sun outside, realized someone was playing the big new organ set up at the piano bar but with no light couldn't see anyone there.

But the music that was rolling from that instrument was unmistakably "Q" Williams, piano-organ-vocal artist extraordinaire. And when he finished (he was just sort of giving the new organ a trial run to smooth out the stops, etc., before the evening performance) he came over and sat down at the bar.

This nimble-fingered cat has regaled people the country over in the past and has a touch you wouldn't dare believe. One would almost think, after so many performances with such greats as Count Basie, for one, that some of the Count's style would creep into his renditions but Quinan (think that's the way he spells it. Williams has his own inimitable style with just overtones of some of the other greats in the world of music.

Anyway, we sat and compared notes about the past greats and near-greats — as well as the present — for some time and such a background as this guy has! And you can hear him any nite, Tuesday through Sunday, at 1435 Redondo Beach Blvd. So one of these nites when you drop by to charbroil your own steak (at extremely reasonable prices) why not plan on hanging around for a spell and listen to some truly wonderful music.

For a dollar ninety-five you can't hardly beat the fare offered at Sam Failla's San Franciscan on Sepulveda at Crenshaw. Especially when you get choice prime rib or choice top sirloin at that price and prepared the way Chef Frank fixes it.

Add to this (there are other items on the menu, naturally!) kind of cuisine, the quality entertainment down there Tuesday through Saturday and you've got yourself quite an evening.

It's The Playmates these nites and they feature swingin' "Sax on the Sax" Ivy Black along with Betty Jane Furke on drums for your entertainment.

Then by way of featuring entertainment nites at the San Franciscan, Sam has Sonny Knight in there on Sundays and Mondays so you can see it's a well rounded out program for

both food and entertainment. Try 'em!

Sorry to have missed out on all the loot Bob Mumey was putting out here recently but then, that's the breaks! Can't be everywhere at once!

But for all ye who didn't get in on Bob's "offer" you can make it up by cashing in on those other terrific offers he has at his Wray's Restaurant at 18421 Crenshaw in Gardena.

Look at that buttered spaghetti, for example. On his Thursday nite special, which is Family Nite, you get all the spaghetti you can eat at 99 cents per copy. This includes the Italian meat sauce, of course, grated Parmesan cheese and toasted garlic bread.

It's a 3 to 9 p.m. special so don't arrive late or you won't be able to fill the brood up at these prices. But then, Bob's always got some sort of a special going for you over there. And by all means, irrespective of what you order for your entree, be sure you try one of those hot fudge sundaes to round out your meal next time you visit Wray's Restaurant.

Had a chance to hear Yvonne Ribucca at Rose and Louis Song's Tea House? She's playing there every Thursday, Friday, and Saturday nite in the cozy little cocktail lounge at the rear of the Tea House and highly entertaining.

Then, on Tuesday and Wednesday nites you'll be regaled by Helen Sun Moon — a true star — at the same piano-bar.

Not only will you be regaled at the piano-bar with this kind of entertainment but that bartender-manager Ronnie Iwamoto is also one of the best regalers you've met in a long time. So don't pass up this kind of action.

Putting behind-the-bar stuff together with front-of-the-bar



MARTIN-SCHMARTIN . . . The above shot doesn't show the Island Beauties but they're there you must believe at the Latitude 20 these nites along with the all new Martin Denny Revue. You can catch this talented group nite except Monday at 3901 Pacific Coast Highway in Torrance. One of the Southland favorites is the special family show at 6:30 on Sundays.

stuff and you've got what is one of the best daily-doubles in the business. Remember the Tea House is on Crenshaw just before you reach Pacific Coast Highway (on the left-hand side) in Torrance.

on Pacific Coast Highway and noticed a little something new in the decor department. The bit of fuzz hanging over the bandstand does so much for this already attractive room! Takes away from the formerly, stark canopy they had before. And it'll lend itself handily to the new swing-time thing they've got for you every Tuesday and Thursday from 9 p.m. 'til 1:30 in the a.m. The Phil Porreca combo is featured. Phil's on the accordion and Karl Romaine's on electric guitar. So like—Go!

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