

Penny Machines Disappear From Old Penny Arcades

By REYNOLDS KNIGHT
Are you being nickle-and-dimed to death?
Try to find something for a penny in a Penny Arcade. Maybe you can weigh yourself on a scale. What else? Look sharp in the local "Five and Dime" store. Aside from candy, you'll be lucky to find something for a nickel or a dime, and if you do it's probably a special markdown.
"Brother, can you spare a dime?" was the theme song of

the Depression. Nowadays, it's "Mister, can you spare a quarter?"
The 10-cent shoeshine is ancient history around here. The going rate is 35 cents.
THE DIME tip for the hat-check girl is obsolete and even the quarter tip is viewed with little enthusiasm. We've seen middle class citizens in moderate restaurants leave a dollar to ransom a hat and coat.
One church has taken the

velvet pads from the bottoms of its collection plates. The discrete rustle of paper money is expected; the ring of coins would cause all heads to turn. Another church dispensed with the offering. You pledge, and pay a solid sum by check.
The Wall Street Journal notes that the government puts out no Price Index for Little Things. They're just uncounted items in the cost of living.

AMAZED at the speed with which high-rise buildings are erected these days?
Part of the explanation is in the use of glass panels, pre-formed concrete sections and other materials that do away with the old brick-by-brick construction technique. But improvements in the tools builders have to work with are as big a factor in the speed-up.
Fastening tasks, for example, used to be particularly time-consuming. To hang duct-

work, attach wires and cables, anchor wall frames and secure sprinkler systems to concrete and steel, craftsmen had to laboriously drill holes for each fastening, often hundreds of thousands of them on a major building project.

NOW, HOWEVER, builders can make a fastening in concrete or steel in an instant using powder-actuated tools. These are implements that utilize the explosive force of blank cartridges to drive specially hardened fastening pins into surfaces so deeply that they can withstand thousands of pounds of pullout pressure.
About seven fastenings a minute can be made with these tools, which are themselves being improved year after year. Omak Industries now has a model with a noise-sup-

pression system and a cartridge-ejection mechanism that help reduce operator fatigue and speed reloading. And with the construction industry going the way it is these days, builders need all the speed they can generate to keep up.

BITS O' BUSINESS — June brides — business loves you, too! An Atlanta bridal shop says the average bride spends about \$1,000, or double the amount of five years ago. A Boston bridal shop says business is "almost too good" . . . Seafood lovers groan at the tab: in New York's big Fulton Fish Market, Florida crab meat is about \$4.15 a pound wholesale, up from \$2.40 a pound last year; and live Maine, two-pound lobster bring \$1.30 a pound, up from \$1.10 a year ago.

YOUR CAR might purr like a kitten but, says an automotive expert, you shouldn't believe your ears.
"Cars used to be pretty noisy. If the engine was running poorly you could hear it. But no more," writes Robert E. Grissett, executive vice president of the Automotive Parts Division of Borg-Warner Corp., in a humorous, glove-size booklet on car-care tips.
"Engines are almost always quiet," Grissett advises. "You get the feeling that they always work well, unless they don't start at all. This is why you should have your garage man make regular tune-ups."
The booklet is titled, "Intelligent Things You Can Ask Your Mechanic To Do For Your Car (That Won't Cost You an Arm and a Leg . . . that Will Make Your Car Safer

and More Fun to Drive . . . and that Will Make Your Mechanic Think That You Know More About Your Car Than You Really Do!"
The booklet contains 25 tips for keeping your car in good operating condition. It's available free by writing: Automotive Parts Division, Borg-Warner Corp., 11045 Gage Ave., Franklin Park, Ill. 60131.
THINGS TO COME — Instead of the usual scenery, psychedelic light film will be projected behind the performers when the opera "Turandot" is presented in Seattle next season. . . . The future is almost blank for about 1.5 trillion pieces of paper on file in U.S. business offices. One office furniture maker estimates that 98 per cent of it will never be looked at again.

Hahn Report Rapid Transit Plan Outlined

By KENNETH HAHN
County Supervisor
One of the most critical problems facing the residents of Los Angeles County today involves transit.

I think a lot can be done with our existing roads and our existing equipment until a better 25-mile radius from downtown Los Angeles.

I favor a single, minimum rate — with no zone fares — for a 25-mile radius from downtown Los Angeles.

I BELIEVE major bus lines should be established on key east-west and north-south streets (such as Santa Monica Boulevard, Manchester, Slauson Century, Western, Crenshaw, La Brea) throughout the county.

Buses would stay on these streets for the entire run, rather than weaving from one street to another and from one community to another.

Schedules should be so that a bus arrives at each stop every 15 minutes on major streets and every half hour on secondary streets.

I ALSO believe times of arrival should be posted on bus signs so that people will know exactly when to expect a bus.

The grid system and the single fare would stimulate passenger use and would provide faster and more convenient service.

The single fare would be especially helpful now that the Southern California Rapid Transit District is installing "exact fare" boxes in buses and is requiring passengers to have proper change.

I also believe buses should be comfortable. Every bus should be air conditioned and have earphones with music and news reports.

THE AIRLINES have been very successful by providing these services.

Furthermore, no one should have to stand in a bus. There should be enough buses and enough seats for everyone.

If, on occasion, a person did have to stand, he should be given a coupon for a free ride the next time he boarded a bus.

I believe these suggestions can become realities and I hope Samuel B. Nelson, general manager of the RTD and former general manager of the Los Angeles City Department of Water and Power, will be able to use his experience to improve the district's service.

Youth Band To Appear Saturday

Los Caballeros Youth Band of Carson will appear at Shrine Auditorium Saturday. The event starts at 8 p.m. The program will feature many bands performing individually and for a finale with the bands performing en masse under the direction of Caesar Mattei.

The event is sponsored by the Southern California Youth Band Council whose president is Jim Davidson, director of the Torrance Area Youth Band. Bob Cotton, director of Los Caballeros Youth Band, is vice president of the Council.

"Cabbies" just returned from Las Vegas' Heildorado Days Parades with a third place trophy, competing with many bands from out of state. Drum Majorette is Miss Pat Pearman of Carson High School and Miss Pat Cominski, also of Carson High, is assistant drum majorette.

Warehouse Enlarged By Store

A planned \$9 million remodeling project for Alpha Beta Acme Markets' Distribution Center in La Habra moved into its second phase this month when ground clearing began for a 160,000 square feet addition to the warehouse area.

The first phase, a two-story, 14,000 square feet addition to the office building, was completed in April. It added 42 per cent more space to the existing facility.

Scheduled for completion in October, the warehouse addition will comprise 100,000 square feet of grocery storage and 60,000 square feet of produce storage, according to William Deeley, vice president-operating services, and treasurer.

The grocery warehouse addition will include a new 2,100-foot extension to the automated conveyor system, which will allow the handling of 1,500 additional products.

Currently, Alpha Beta Acme operates 165 supermarkets in California. Also there are nine Hy-Lo drug stores, 14 Alpha's coffee shops, and 12 flower shops.

Temple to Hold Bar Mitzvahs

Sandy Dubrow will be Bat Mitzvah tomorrow in ceremonies at Temple Menorah, 1101 Camino Real, Redondo Beach. Bar Mitzvahs will be held at the temple for Scott Miller, May 31; Peter Schwartz, June 7; and Jeff Kellman, June 14.

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