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**NEWS AND NONSENSE IN THE P. E. SHOPS**  
 Edited by Carleton B. Bell

Frank Spoon had as a visitor during the past week his brother George and family from Muskegon, Mich. Frank had not seen his brother for thirty years and had a great time going over old times with him. Brother George is a great tinker in a plant in Muskegon making many automobile parts used in our shops on P. E. buses and was much interested in seeing parts on which he had worked in far away Michigan put into service in Torrance, California.

Al Winkler is a great celebrator rather than a hunter. Of course he calls it a hunt because he goes out where there is something to hunt and then shoots away three or four boxes of perfectly good shells and enjoys all the noise. When all the shells are gone, he calls it a perfect day and merrily returns home. Such a day was last Sunday, spent by Al in the vicinity of Palmdale. No rabbits were hurt.

Herman Davis also went a-hunting but got mixed up regarding the boundary of a certain gun club's preserve. The hunting was fine and a satisfactory number of ducks were bagged—right along comes an obstinate officer of the law and the day was ruined. That little lesson cost Dave just \$50.00. No more mixups for Dave.

James Madigan is making quite a reputation for himself among his fellow workmen as an expert on stocks and bonds. The boys don't know just how to take him for they have not as yet decided whether he is one of the bears or one of the bulls. In the meantime they are following Babson's advice.

Oscar Breese was taken home Saturday morning very much under the weather and has not returned yet. There was no mistaking the fact that Oscar was feeling rotten, probably it was the water.

All the boys report SOME game at Stamford last Saturday. Eight of the stonem men made the trip and all but ONE returned to work—something Monday. It was like this—everything went well (even though Clarence Strong did donate \$100.00 to the rest of the P. E. boys because of his belief in the Stamford team), until about one hundred miles this side of Fresno on the return trip. At this point, Earl Brucker discovered he had left his bill fold with all his money, etc., under the pillow in the hotel where he had spent Saturday night. He could not remember the name of the hotel nor its address so he could not phone back desired instructions so the only thing for him to do was to get the boys to take him back to the first bus station and wait there for the next bus and return from under it. He was taken back and left with all the well wishes of the rest of the gang but I have not learned yet whether or not the wad under the pillow, or otherwise findable.

Torrance is still growing. One of the latest additions is a beautiful new phone booth in the truck

**COMMERCIAL CLASSES ARE WELL LIKED**

High Percentage of Attendance Shown in This Practical Branch

Although the enrollment of Torrance Senior High School includes only 306 students, we find that 118 of these are making commercial work a part of their course. To be exact, we have 68 students enrolled in typing classes; 18 in Monotype and Comptometer; 25 studying bookkeeping; 24 learning shorthand; 51 taking business training; and 21 students who are taking office practice and clerking in the Student Body store.

Nearly all of the classes in the commercial department are showing a decided increase in enrollment each semester.

The success of any business firm depends largely upon the helpers who work in the organization. We all realize that the business world is increasing so rapidly, that we have to keep a steady pace in order not to be left behind.

What opportunity has a person of becoming a success today without the knowledge of business? Very little, of course; he is handicapped.

This is an age of special training with business taking the lead. The "Jack of all trades" is a thing of the past. One must have a profession to become a success. A young student on first entering high school, has a wonderful opportunity today, with paved road of success to follow. If he follows a strictly business course, all through high school, he is almost always assured a position; this is, in fact, an accurate work.

On the average of three or four times a month some Torrance business man calls the high school for help in selecting a capable young business man or woman. Why, just today, as I was sitting at my Comptometer fountaining away, Miss Weaver, the instructor, was being interviewed. Some local business man wanted a girl to fill the position of an office girl, to do Comptometer, typing and general office work. Miss Weaver, not only had her daily school classes, we are fortunate enough to have a business course at night as well as by day, in order to make it convenient for those who are interested and are unable to attend the daily sessions.

Torrance High School is exceptionally well equipped for the training of young business men and women. We now have 26 typewriters available at all times. Seven of these are new Woodstock machines, recently purchased. The remaining ones are Underwoods, received awards in typing, both boys and girls. We have three comptometers and one Monroe at the present time, and 2 adding machines, one being electric.

We consider ourselves quite fortunate in having very efficient teachers whom, we know, do their very best in training us for the business world.

Miss Weaver, who is a graduate of the Los Angeles Teachers' College, and also of Woodbury Business College is the faculty treasurer. She has classes in typing, shorthand, bookkeeping, Monocle, Comptometer and office training. She has proved herself to be a very capable commercial teacher.

Miss Marguerite Jones received her education a long way from here. She graduated from the University of Vermont. She is also one of teachers of business. Miss Jones teaches shorthand, typing and bookkeeping. She is the Student Body store advisor also.

Another of our commercial teachers, who deserves much credit is Miss Vaubel, who is a graduate of the Illinois State Normal University. Miss Vaubel teaches typing, penmanship and spelling. Spelling and good penmanship is very necessary in all lines of business.

**New Sewing Room Pleasant Quarters Fully Equipped**

By BETTY McINTYRE and VERONICA McNEIL, AIO

The new sewing room is located on the north side of the new building. It is arranged very conveniently with a locker room, supply room and fitting room, which is a great improvement over our present sewing room. Not only is it arranged nicely but it is much larger than the present quarters.

Our new equipment consists of two display cases, one in the hall, which will include "A" garments only, and interesting exhibits, and the other in the sewing room. We are also to have bentwood chairs and linoleum covered floor and tables. On each end of the table a measuring stick is to be inserted. This was introduced by Miss Sherer, our sewing teacher, and will be used hereafter in all the city schools.

Color is to be emphasized greatly because of room exposure. The curtains are woven with many beautiful colors, with yellow predominating. Goldfish, canary-birds and plants will, also add to the cheerfulness and color of the room.

**HOME MADE PIES**

Home made pies will be sold at the Piggly Wiggly next Saturday morning at 9 by the ladies of the Women's Missionary Society of the Methodist church. Come early.

**At the Dentist's**

By EVELYN ROWELL

Have you ever sat in a dentist's chair? With your mouth just opened wide, and have him stick his hand way in in And know that he had filed? He said, "Oh, it won't hurt you much." But gee! You knew darn well

That that was all a lot of bunk And that was due to tell. If he finds a nerve in there He plays around a bit: And says, "Oh, sorry! Did that hurt you?" It makes you want to hit. I hope I can pay that dentist back, He makes me so awful mad. If I can fix him up sometime I know that I'll die glad!

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