

**SHOP TALK**

By RAY BROOKS

**THINGS I NEVER THOUGHT TO BEEF ABOUT UNTIL NOW**

**Head-on Parking**  
On Sartori...  
If Sartori avenue were 200 feet wide the present parking system would be sensible. As things are the method used is dangerous, discomforting and infinitely annoying. Going in you scrape fenders; backing out you lock your front bumper with rear fender of next car. You throw your neck out of joint, strain your eyes, twist your back.

**Railroad Tracks**  
On Torrance Blvd...  
Seems as if something could be done about the rusty old tracks on Torrance boulevard west of Post. These ancient rails serve no purpose, make landscaping impossible and what's more important, give the entrance to the city a drab, lifeless, "no-business-in-this-town" look. How about it, Pacific Electric? You ain't got no use for them tar rails. Tear 'em out and sell 'em to the Columbia. They use rusty debris like that.

**Boulevard Stop At Carson and Cabrillo**  
One of the worst traffic intersections in this here burg is at Carson and Cabrillo. Seven different lanes of traffic converge at this point plus the P. E. tracks and many's the time I've seen autos tangle there. It's one of those crossings where every driver needs six arms, three horns, eight pairs of eyes, a sign and a red flag. Now why not have boulevard stop signs halting traffic on both sides of Cabrillo as well as on Cravens. Make Carson the thoroughfare. How about it, Mr. Council and Mr. Police Department?

**Street Markers**  
Wednesday...  
One fine day last week (yes, there was one) I ventured out into the area west of Cedar avenue north of Carson and south of Sonoma. I was looking for a certain address. I could not find it. I could not find the house number. I could not even find the street. I wandered about for some time, walked over a long empty lot to a house in the rear, had a dog chase me, banged at the door to find out the name of the street. No one was at home. Went back to car, drove up to another house, learned there that the street I wanted was three blocks over. Went over as instructed. Numbers on house I searched for had come off in the big earthquake of 1933. Had to inquire at two more residences before I finally collapsed on the front steps of the address I had started to find long, long ago.

In view of my experience and similar experiences by others, I would recommend that street markers be put up in CORRECT NAME OF THE STREET THEREON AND POINTING IN THE RIGHT DIRECTION. There's not a single shred of evidence in that entire district to even start you guessing as to the name of a street or the hundred block it starts in.

Now how about THAT!! (P. S.—They could use a few street lights out there, too!)

**BOOM ARRIVES**  
If and when the weather permits, this city will see one of the greatest building booms it has ever known. Lumber dealers have been burning midnight oil figuring bids on new homes. Contractors have been biting their nails trying to give prospective home builders estimates on costs. Real estate brokers have been kept busy showing lots, the largest number of new homes, it appears, are being built by persons who have had a lot or lots for several years, just now build, and are able to build.

From the merchant's viewpoint the finest thing that could happen here is for more employees of the two big industries to live here. Too much of the monthly payroll is going elsewhere. Undoubtedly, one of the prime reasons why more Columbia and National men do NOT live here is the acute housing shortage. There is no place for them to live. With more of the old timers building new homes, the industrial men will find more vacant houses to rent. After all, so many of these men are transferred about from city to city they hardly can be expected to build, to a lot of them could and should. FHA

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**STEEL WORKERS FORM C. I. O. LOCAL**

**Election Follows Sign-Up**

With approximately 600 men in attendance, formation of a Torrance local of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Tin and Steel Workers' Union, a John L. Lewis C. I. O. subsidiary, was completed at a mass meeting in the Moose hall here last Sunday afternoon. Union officials claimed that 1,000 workers have now been taken into the organization here.

The sign-up of members was interrupted by two short talks and an emphatic address on the subject of the Committee for Industrial Organization by William Dalrymple, California field director for the Steel Workers' Union. Immediately following his speech, Dalrymple urged those present to make out application cards for membership before the "open" time closes April 1. A large number of those present did so and then the local unit of the union was formed with Charles Steele being elected president.

The Moose hall was jam-packed with Columbia Steel, National Supply and other industrial workers. On the platform with Dalrymple at this second organization meeting was Ken Hunter, C. I. O. organizer, who opened the session with an attack on "company unions" and a statement about the Lewis group's objective to sweep all workers into industrial organizations. He played the Los Angeles Labor Council, an A. F. of L. affiliate, for endorsing Burton Fitts for district attorney at the last election and stated that the C. I. O. was meeting sensational response among Southern California industrial workers.

**Closed After April 1**  
He was followed by Chase Powers of the Mill and Smelter Workers' Union, who reported the successful effect his group had on Los Angeles Bureau of Light, Water and Power officials in obtaining a pay raise for Mono basin workers. Dalrymple, who doffed his coat before he began to speak in the smoke-filled hall and shed his collar and necktie as he warmed up to his subject, drew cheers and salves of applause as he paid his respects to "open shop" conditions in Southern California.

He warned that after April 1 local steel workers would not have an opportunity of joining the Amalgamated Association without being voted on by those now signing up for membership. These will be assessed at the rate of \$3 per year for those earning \$5 or less a day, \$3.50 a year for all over \$5.50.

Regarding the recent agreement signed by all subsidiary

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**Want County to Purchase Beach**

A group of Redondo citizens, headed by Mrs. Maude Dawson Shea, postmaster and chairman of that city's planning committee of the Chamber of Commerce is urging the county to purchase a 2,800-foot strip of beach land adjoining the tract now owned by the county at the beach city.

Public title is sought to the land south of the present county beach and extending from Knob Hill to Avenue L, the southerly boundary of the old Clifton Heights tract adjoining the Torrance city limits. If the purchase is made, a development of the bluffs as a "Palladium Park" will be the objective of the Redondo chamber.

A quotation of \$210,000 for the tract, one of the last privately owned beaches in this area, has been obtained, Mrs. Shea stated. The matter is being taken up with Supervisor Leland M. Ford to have the proposed purchase included in the next county budget.

**Legion Limits Stag to 100**

Only 100 tickets are available for the stag dinner to be held in the American Legion hall with members of Bert S. Crossland Post 170 as hosts, Tuesday evening, April 6, it was announced this week by Commander Pat Boyle. Proceeds from the affair will help defray the cost of hall equipment recently purchased.

A turkey dinner with all the fixin's will be served, followed by some high class entertainment. Members of the ticket committee, with whom reservations may be made, are D. A. Murphy, Charles Myers, Otto Modjlin, Alex McPhail, J. H. McNeill, J. R. Wilkes, Charles Smith and L. G. Barkdull.

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**CHARLIE SAYS...**

"Wind, rain and even hail to the contrary SPRING is here! If you don't believe it, look on the calendar. It's March, and in California March means Spring and versa vice.

"Spring in California, however, is like a shot in the arm—it's swell while it lasts but too soon it's over, the freshening, life-giving rains cease and we enter a long period of uninterrupted drought that would cook Southern California like a fried egg if it were not for man-made irrigation.

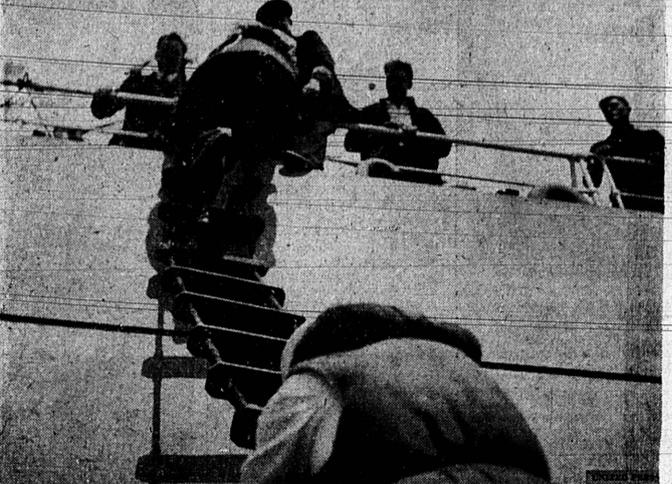
"Alas and alack! That is the sad, sad truth. And to us who have known the east (and who disturbing as this truth becomes even more disturbing as we view spring go into summer, summer turn into fall, and fall into winter with little or no change (not even underwear). A little snow and a real hot day would be welcome occasionally, wouldn't it?

"Yours for Stewart-Warner, "Charlie LeBoeuf."

**MODERN APPLIANCES**

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**Passengers Leave Burning Ship in Mid-Ocean**



Harry Robert of New York city, one of the last of the passengers to be taken off the burning motorship Silverarch, is shown going over the side as fire raged in the ship's hold. The passengers were taken aboard the U. S. cruiser Louisville, while the crew remained to fight the fire.

**Torrance Motorist Involved in Fatality**

Knocked down by one car and then run over by a second machine driven by Lester Stirrat of 812 Amapala avenue, a Los Angeles resident, suffered fatal injuries Sunday at Brewster street and Atlantic avenue. He was W. P. Reynolds, 50, of 1437 Ridgeway avenue, and he succumbed at Las Campanas hospital in Compton. Stirrat was not held by the investigating officers.

**VOICES COMPLAINT**

Complaints that operators of the General Petroleum service station at Carson street and El Prado were sweeping oil and rubbish from the grease rack across the El Prado sidewalk were told the city council Tuesday night by Councilman Robert J. Deiningner. Police Chief G. M. Calder was asked to investigate and request that this practice be stopped.

**FHA INSURES**

The Federal Housing Administration lends no money. It insures loans made by private financial institutions operating under provisions of the National Housing Act.

**Library Budget Said Reduced**

Members of the city council received a pleasant surprise when the tentative budget for the county library branch in this city was submitted in comparison with the fund that was set up last year by the city to maintain the institution here. The proposed 1937-38 cost sheet totaled \$5,980 as compared to \$6,660 appropriated during the last fiscal year.

**Hospital Receives 8 New Patients**

New patients received at Jared Sidney Torrance Memorial hospital during the past week were: Mrs. Clarahelen Anderson, Hermosa, March 19, for surgery; Robert Bolte, Hermosa, March 20; Clarence Chambers, Gardena, March 17, and Dr. A. S. de Loutour, Redondo, March 20, for appendectomies.

**Death Damages Object of Suit**

Damages of \$100,000 are asked for the death of William J. Cooper, resident PWA engineer-inspector, fatally injured on the White Point outfall sewer project last March 4, in a complaint on file this week in Los Angeles county superior court.

Merritt, Chapman and Scott corporation and William M. Swinney, power shovel operator for the corporation, are named as defendants. Cooper was standing beside a platform used in connection with laying the 60-inch outfall pipe on the ocean bottom, when the bucket on the boom of the shovel struck him on the head. He died in a few minutes of a fractured skull.

**Local Men Four Great Water and Power Projects on Weekend Trip**

A 1,025-mile motor trip that traversed orange groves and deserts, braved rain and sand storms, was thoroughly enjoyed last week-end by five Torrance men—C. T. Rippey, his son Charles, G. M. Calder, Dean Sears and John Holm. The party, driving in Rippey's car, toured the Metropolitan aqueduct project, Boulder dam and visited some interesting old mining camps in Death Valley. Leaving here Friday, the quintet spent the night at M.W.D. Camp No. 3 located about nine miles off the highway from Desert Center. Saturday they drove on to the Parker dam where they were shown all details of its construction. Judge Rippey as Torrance's representative on the directorate of the M.W.D. was enabled to conduct his fellow citizens over part of the project which are rarely seen by the casual visitor.

From the dam site the group went to Needles and then to the old mining camp of Searchlight, arriving at Boulder dam late Saturday night. Sunday they spent touring that great reclamation project and then went on to Las Vegas, Death Valley Junction and Furnace Creek Inn. En route they passed thru the great salt beds, Devil's Golf Course, Stovepipe Wells and the deserted mining city of Darwin. From Olancha, the party returned by way of Mojave.

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