

SHOP TALK

By RAY BROOKS

Oh, to be in England
Now that April's there,
And whoever wakes in England
Sees, some morning, unaware,
That the lowest boughs and the
brushwood sheaf
Round the elm-tree bole are in
tiny leaf,
While the chaffinch sings on the
orchard bough
In England—now!

—ROBERT BROWNING.
"Home Thoughts from Abroad"
(WHAT Broad?)

DRAMMER GRAMMER
Down along the right hand
side of the dodger published by
Kiwanis advertising tonight's
Super-Super production, "The
Gay '90's," is a statement, to-
wit: "See the Things Mother
DONE in the '90's."

Now, you know, there's some-
thing grammatically incorrect
about that sentence. We wonder
what master grammarian could
have did such a thing!

SEEGAR SYSTEM
We ponder, sometimes, the
physiological or psychological
impetus that prompted the first
cigar clerk to hand a man a
full box of cigars when the cus-
tomer only wanted to purchase
one. Observe, if you will, the
stretching, grunting and wheez-
ing every clerk goes thru when
he is forced to reach clear to
the back of a counter for a box
of five-cent stogies just to sell
one.

BLAZING BLONDE
Blonde Esther Kuethe out at
Alcorn's roundly resented the
story last week of the local
restaurant that advertised for
a waitress and emphatically ex-
cluded blondes. Cracked Esther,
"Gentlemen STILL prefer them!"

HILARIOUS HOAX
Mouth watering and eyes
pleading, a jungle-gym (tramp,
to you) shuffled in the back-
door of Christy's cafe the other
P. M. and gasped for food. Kind-
ly Mrs. "Christy" ordered the
bum a roast beef sandwich and
cup of coffee to be served the
unfortunate fellow in the rear
booth.

Shortly thereafter, a waitress
noticed the tramp wasn't eat-
ing, called the Mrs. who found
that the ragged one declined the
roast beef, demanded ham and
eggs.

Indignant, the Mrs. rushed to
the Mr. and the latter, with
blood in his eyes, strode up to
the high and mighty tramp and
in no few words informed him
that if he didn't like the food
as is, "then get the hell out of
here."

Without a word the bum rose,
stalked to the door, only to let
out an uproarious guffaw... a
guffaw no costume could con-
ceal... it was Postmaster Earl
Conner, with old Nick in his
veins and spilling for a laugh.
Well, he got it!

FIRST YEAR
John Ellwood celebrates this
Friday his first year in Tor-
rance. In appreciation of the
business given him this past
annum he is holding a really
worthwhile sale... 10% off
on everything in the store. This
means quite a saving to the cus-
tomer, also means quite a big
mark-down to Ellwood.

Let Shop Talk congratulate
this store owner here and now.
He is a good merchant, good
fellow, sells good merchandise
and seems to have a good time
doing it.

MONOPOLY
Rubber necking from our
office windows the other day
mine weary eyes fell upon the
names written across the up-
stairs windows of the building
directly across the street. Let
there were "Dr. Mitts,
Chiropractor," and "W. I.
Laughon, M. D." What a great
chance, says I to myself, for a
bit of collusion... Dr. Mitts
twists and turns till he breaks
a leg and Dr. Laughon, right
across the hall, sets the frac-
tured bone.

All very nice, says I...
though, of course, I know Doc
Mitts... he's as gentle as a
lamb. And Doc Laughon,
though new to this town, has
well equipped offices and an im-
pressive record as a physician
and surgeon. He's a very nice
person, and a recent joint with
him fixed me up in one day
when a bit of sickness I de-
veloped had, promised to lay me
flat for a week or more. Doc
Laughon's idea is to keep the
patient in good health, not hope
and wait till the person de-
velopes a chronic case of the

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Torrance Herald

"GAY 90'S" LAUGH HIT OPENS TONIGHT

**More Than 70 Local Men Frolic
In Wildest Comedy Ever Staged
Here; Second Show On Friday**

Tonight at 8 o'clock "The Gay 90's," under the spon-
sorship of the Kiwanis Club, will make the first of two
appearances at the civic auditorium. The production is
staged with a cast of more than 70 local men who will
perform as belles and heroes with true thespian abandon.
A second performance will be
given tomorrow night.

Ticket sales point to crowded
houses for both nights, accord-
ing to Earl Conner, chairman.
The cast promises one of the
finest shows ever to be put on
in Torrance—just ask Robert
Deininger, general chairman.

Two acts of hilarious comedy,
complemented by music, danc-
ing and other special numbers
by a troupe of talented Meglin
Studio dancers and entertain-
ers, will round out a two-hour
performance. The first act of
"The Gay 90's" is a trial in
those days when a breach of
promise suit was something to
write home about. This suit is
something to write home about
even in 1937.

Jury of the Century
Henry Ubright as court judge
abandons his gentle demeanor
to perform the role of a severe
magistrate. He is assisted in
court proceedings by "Clerk"
George Probert.

Dotty Perkins (Bill Shawer)
who, like the Royal Northwest
Mounted Police, "gets her man,"
is suing Dennis Casey (Sam
Kennedy). A "League of Na-
tions" jury presides in the box.
One scans them and sees a
Dutchman (Jack Barrington),
a Jew (Sam Levy), a Swede (A.
H. Silligo), Mae West (Gaston
Arc), a deaf Deaconess (Ray
Beque), a Frenchman (Harwood
Clark), and a farmer (J. B.
Scotton).

With the aid of his faithful
gavel Judge Ubright main-
tains the dignity of the court—
when the jurors are quiet. Wit-
nesses who know too much or
nothing ("Crazy" Thomas and
Charles Shultz) almost drive
him to distraction, but the two
attorneys (Alden Smith and
Charles Rippe) do succeed in
exhausting his patience.

After weighing the evidence
concerning heart-breaking poe-
try manifest in "Dotty" Shawer's
tears, the jury almost im-
poses a \$50,000 fine. Defendant
Sam Kennedy, however, prefers
life sentence—marriage.

What a Wedding!
The wedding scene is convivial
with all the fixin's and trim-
min's for preparation. Mary
Perkins (Charles Rhoades) is
anxious that "her" daughter be
properly married and orders the
wedding guests around accord-
ingly. Jack Miller as "her" hus-
band almost has a solo celebra-
tion because his henpecking
wife is so busy "bawling out"
everyone else that she hasn't
time to concentrate on him.
However she does manage to
curb any funny stories that he
feels might liven up the wed-
ding.

The well scrubbed and well
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**Fourth Attempt
for Slough Drain
Project Ordered**

Altho the value of the land
is declared to be less than the
cost of installing drainage
facilities, Los Angeles county
officials will try for the fourth
time to obtain federal funds
for draining Nigger Slough.
It was decided this week fol-
lowing a conference between
Supervisor Leland Ford and
residents of Keystone.

County Surveyor Alfred
Jones and Chief Flood Con-
trol Engineer C. H. Howell
were instructed to file an-
other WPA application in the
hope of obtaining approval
under the President's newest
Public Works Program. Some
of the houses are standing in
water up to the eaves, the
county officials were told at
the conference.

**Rain Total Sets
New Record**

This city's total rainfall to
date—20.90 inches—is slightly
more than eight inches in ex-
cess of the average seasonal
precipitation.

Records kept at the high
school since 1930 show that the
average rainfall at April 1 is
but 12.02 inches. The average
for the entire rain period over
the past seven years is 12.96
inches.

The following table shows the
moisture records closest to
April and the total for the sea-
son:

Date	Inches	Total
Mar. 25, 1937	20.90	
Mar. 31, 1936	10.32	10.57
Mar. 7, 1935	16.13	20.33
Feb. 26, 1934	8.79	9.59
Mar. 17, 1933	9.42	11.47
Feb. 18, 1932	15.20	16.47
Mar. 12, 1931	6.95	10.40
Mar. 16, 1930	10.51	12.91

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**SYMPHONY PRACTICING FOR
FREE CONCERT ON APRIL 9**

Conductor George N. Mershon is conducting final
practices of the Torrance Symphony orchestra for the
next free concert that will be given in the civic auditorium
Friday night, April 9.

The soloist will be George Luddecke, who is teaching
voice here at the First Chris-
tian church. Luddecke, a bar-
itone, has appeared with the
Ford symphony at the Pan-Pa-
cific Exposition in San Diego
and also sung at the Organ
amphitheatre in that city.

He has been soloist with the
Hollywood Women's chorus and
at Grace cathedral in San Fran-
cisco. A student of Dr. Edward
Lippe, teacher of famed Nelson
Eddy, Luddecke plans to leave
shortly for radio additions in
New York City. He will sing
the Largo from Dvorak's New
World Symphony, the amusing

**C. I. O. Local to
Hold Open Meet**

An open meeting of the Amal-
gamated Association of Iron,
Steel and Tin Workers will be
held at 2 o'clock next Sunday
afternoon at the Moose hall on
Carson street. According to
President Charles D. Steele, of
the Torrance local, Organizers
Hunter, Dahymple and Thyms
will speak after which a short
closed business session will be
held.

**SCHOOLS NOW
ON FINAL LAP**

All schools in the Los Angeles
system reopened Monday morn-
ing following a week's spring
vacation. The next holiday will
be Monday, May 31, for Mem-
orial Day which occurs on Sun-
day this year.

The junior class play is sched-
uled at Torrance high school for
April 30 and the Junior prom
will be held late in May. The
third annual high school carn-
ival to raise funds to pay the
cost of pictures in the annual
publication will be given about
May 21. The 1936-37 term will
end on June 25.

Australian Gold Increases

CANBERRA, (U.P.)—Austra-
lia's gold production of the past
year exceeded \$50,000,000.

**Switchboard Out
At City Hall**

A saving of \$16 per month
was effected this week in the
city hall when the switchboard
was taken out and the trunk
lines serving city telephones
were reduced from four to two.

Persons desiring to contact
the several city offices must
now call separate numbers be-
cause the former 400 call, which
passed thru the switchboard, is
now reserved for the police de-
partment.

Here are the new telephone
numbers:
City Clerk or City Engineer, 627
City Judge 275
Civic Auditorium 360
Fire Department
Business Office 491
Police Department 400
Park Department 621-J
Street Department 693
Water Department 555

**Day of Derricks
Held Passing**

The day is not far distant
when the tall, weather-blackened
spires that stand over oil wells
will no longer dot the land-
scape around Torrance. This
was the prediction made by oil
men this week in commenting
on the increasing number of
new-type electric pumping units
being installed in the local field.

These are replacing the old-
style cumbersome and unsightly
pumpers which require a derrick.
Many wells have been
equipped with the power plants
and several derricks have already
been removed along with the
old-heavy equipment.

Oil men, who have installed
the electric pumpers say that
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