

RAY BROOKS SHOP TALK

A dashing young fellow named Tim, Drove his car with a great deal of vim. Said he: "I'm renowned For covering ground." But alas, now the ground covers him.

—Houghton Star.

COBBLER'S COTTAGE
Kenney, Huffrol, ping-pong playing levels & sole man from over Carson St. way, starts this week the erection of a new home on Martina on an F.H.A. loan. Kenney & the Missus are justifiably jittery about the "spankin' new layout, can hardly wait till the job's done. Kenney says it takes a lot of shoe repairing to build a new domicile and that he can now use all the new business he can get. (Shop Talk has it on good authority that instead of using shingles Kenney plans to half-sole the roof!)

FABULOUS FISH
Perched above a bowl of water wherein were several sprigs of parsley and a handful of rocks, is a sign that tells customers of Harry "Friendly Credit" Abramson that here is a display of rare Chinese Invisible Fish. Much ogling and nodding of necks have curious lookers gone thru these past few days.

FRIENDLY FABLE
A friend of a friend of a friend chuckles as he tells the one about: The lady whose best friend was her black cat, a friendly feline what was the friendly old lady's finest friend. Came a day when said friendly puss fiddled out of this fiasco called life, and the friendly old fussybuddie fumbled about feeling faint at the forlorn thought of it. So-o-o, not finding it fitting to fill a cold, earthy grave with the fast fermenting feline, the friendly old filly fox-trotted off to a famous fairy-land where falling felines are finally laid to rest.

Now, with the friendly feline stuffed in a fancy shoe box the friendly old filly fanned off to the cemetery, but fanned off route for a few gardeners at the fashions in a big Los Angeles department store (and I don't think it was the Famous!). However, while feasting her glimmers on a fabulous fur piece, the friendly old filly forgot the fancy shoe box, left it on a counter where it was filched. Frightfully fulminating, the friendly old frump found a floorwalker, allowed she had been pilfered. The floorwalker a fatherly fellow, was flabbergasted when the female refused to disclose contents of her fancy shoe box, dismissed her as a fiddle fuster.

Finally, the friendly old lady found it necessary to retire to the store's rest room, filched when she saw the feminine attendant fishing a fat female who was flat on her face from a locked and barred door. After much ado, the fainting one was fetched from under—and what, kiddies, do you suppose they found—a big black cat that had once been a friendly, fat feline. ("There's a moral against shoplifting here if you can find it. And believe it or not, this yarn is substantiated and guaranteed by persons of reputation!")

LOCAL BOY DOES WELL
Tailor Jake Lepkin's boy Benny busted out in the papers one day last week when the firm for which Benny works (Sontag) published pictures of all its managers, showed Benny's likeness as manager of one of their Pine Avenue stores in Long Beach. Congrats, Benny.

POLITICAL PIFFLE
Neatest trick of the present political campaign is Council Candidate Carl Marsteller's book matches engraved "Vote for Marsteller." Most unusual is City Clerk Candidate Bert Holmes' campaign car, a huge red 1917 Ford with a huge sign on its rear reading, "I'm old enough to vote for Bert J. Holmes for City Clerk." Best vote-getting stunt is publication in today's Herald of James "Scotty" Scott and his three sons, two of them twins. (What is that you say? Three of them could not be twins? Or could they?)

BRICK BATS
Bet you don't know that over 90% of the cost of making ordinary building bricks (one of the oldest forms of building materials . . . the Babylonians first used them) goes to the Gas Co. for the fuel needed to make bricks out of just plain clay. And do you know how much a brick weighs? (Answer: 5 pounds).

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VETS CO-OP UNIT CANS KRAUT HERE

Self Help Plan Gains in State

By E. K. FRITZ

Stock market quotations might fluctuate, giant industries might curtail their outputs, but production at the Veterans' Co-operative unit, 1920 Border avenue has stepped up. Kraut is being canned in No. 2½ size cans and in kegs. The local unit recently canned the early crop of tomatoes into sauce, puree and juice.

Plans to swing into other farm products as the season progresses. This is the kraut-canning season.

The kraut comes from other units that have no canning facilities. The total number of cans and kegs can not be estimated as yet because the output from other units is uncertain. Nevertheless, the proceeds from the seasonal activity goes in part to repay government loans to the organization and to stock government institutions, principally, the CCC camps and to other units through the central clearance house in Los Angeles. Trades are worked out for other products such as bread, milk, clothing, vegetables and whatever is not harvested in the immediate vicinity.

In the local Veterans' Co-operative, managed by Victor Wade, there are some 34 members. Last summer during the busy tanning season, more than 150 families profited through the cooperative self-help keeping them off relief.

Plan Federation
"Every year," Manager Wade says, "the organization is enlarging its activities. These will soon include every phase of canning and marketing. Almost every product of a ranch or farm will be included in unit-trad and canning. And through the splendid co-operation of the government, machinery was loaned to the unit of the latest design and type. Not only that, but a rigid state food inspection prevails on all operations, sterilization of cans, cooking, steaming and sealing of containers."

In the vicinity of Los Angeles, there are more than 54 units, comprising every type of agriculture and unit-made product. These units operate separately, although they have a central distributing warehouse. In an effort to combine all California co-operatives into one united federation, a general state-wide conference was held April 1 in Maywood. A planned method of expanding and coordinating the activities of all units was outlined to improve distribution problems. The new set-up would comprise over 250,000 families throughout the state. From a small beginning, co-operative self-help has become one of the largest independently-sustained organizations in the state, Wade declares.

FED. SECURITY GRANT
The social security board in Washington has announced its approval of a grant of \$1,928,186 to California to assist the state in carrying its program of aid to the needy aged, dependent children and needy blind during the current month of April.

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Board Breaks No-Rent Policy For Libraries

The county board of supervisors this week broke its policy of refusing to pay rent for municipally-owned buildings in which branches of the county library are housed such as here in Torrance.

The board voted to lease part of a city-owned structure in South Gate for the library branch there against the recommendation of County Librarian Helen E. Vogleson.

"We are now occupying 10 fine buildings, rent free, in various cities of the county," the librarian told the board, "and I maintain that the saving thus made to the county library fund has helped in providing the standard of book service which these communities have desired."

"To rescind our policy of refusing to pay rent for these municipally-owned buildings would be to break faith with those municipalities which have for so long provided us with free quarters."

However, the city of South Gate urged that the lease be made and the board voted to approve it.

38,747 In County Get Age Pensions

State department of welfare reports disclosed 104,201 persons received old age assistance totaling \$3,429,745 during February in Los Angeles county. 38,747 persons were paid an aggregate sum of \$1,284,947.53. Average payment on a state-wide basis was \$32.91.

Models Made of Sugar
SAN JOSE, Cal. (U.P.)—Robert Stevens, 18, constructs from original plans, model houses with lumps of sugar.

(Political Advertisement)

Airmen's Choice



Perched atop a plane fuselage is Miss Gwen Kenyon, unanimous choice of pilots and aviation writers to reign over an exhibit of wartime and stunt planes at Van Nuys, Cal.

Riley Recovers Stolen Sedan

Car thieves who stole Recreation Director Elmer Riley's sedan here March 27 drove it more than 2,300 miles, the owner learned when the machine was recovered by Los Angeles police last Saturday. The radio was missing and the car was badly damaged. Riley learned one of its license plates was found on a stolen Ford last week.

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(Political Advertisement)

U. S. BOND SALES ARE REPORTED

Secretary of the Treasury Morgenthau has announced that the total maturity value of United States Bonds sold through the close of business March 7, 1938, amounted to \$1,584,462,875. This total was purchased by more than 1,260,000 investors and represents an average sale for each business day since March 1, 1935 when these bonds were first sold, of \$1,720,375.

Torrance postoffice ranked 96th on the list of second-class postoffices in California for its sales of \$21,637.50 worth of bonds, \$75 of which were by mail order. The top five second class postoffices in sales were Spencer, West Va., Greenville, Mich., Seward, Neb., Osage, Iowa, and Livingston, Mont. The leading California second-class postoffices were Chico, Covina, National City, Needles and Oceanside. Redondo Beach placed ninth.

Sales of Savings Bonds for the calendar year 1937 was 34.2 percent greater than for 1936. Approximately 16,000 post offices throughout the country are authorized to sell Savings Bonds. The government to date actually retains more than 92 percent of all the money that has been invested in Savings Bonds, less than 8 percent of the bonds having been redeemed. The majority of the registered owners are small investors who are buying the bonds out of income.

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Learns Too Fast



"I'm almost beside myself wondering what to do with her," says Mrs. William Roberts of Richmond, Cal., in referring to her precocious 19-month-old daughter, Carlene, shown above. The child counts, draws, has a reading vocabulary of 25 words, already talks in three languages.

LEAD WINE CROP
Fresno and San Joaquin led California's wine producing counties during 1937.

(Political Advertisement)

Pennsylvania Makes It Tough On Speeders

"Every speeder arrested in Pennsylvania faces three major legal hurdles before he reestablishes his good driving status."

This statement was made by Chief Paul Kleinspahn of Egoystown, Pa., during a visit to headquarters of the California Department of Motor Vehicles. Explaining the strict enforcement program in Pennsylvania, Chief Kleinspahn said:

"The motorist who exceeds 50 miles an hour in our state is arrested and given an immediate summons to court. On conviction the first offender is assessed a fine of \$12.50 or given 10 days in jail but the processes of strict enforcement have just begun."

"Within a week after conviction the offending motorist is summoned to appear before an inspector of the Pennsylvania Motor Patrol for a license suspension hearing and, in 98 percent of the cases, licenses are suspended for periods ranging from 90 days to six months."

"With completion of the suspension period the motorist is required to appear again before a Motor Patrol inspector and post an \$11,000 surety bond before his license can be restored."

(Political Advertisement)

James H. SCOTT for CITY CLERK

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5. "New Blood" often finds a better way to do things.
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7. As he has been a factory worker, he understands the working man's problems, as a store-keeper the merchant's problems, as a property owner, the owner's problems.
8. Service to others is his hobby.
9. Youth, intelligence and ability.
10. Scotty says "No favoritism, a square deal for all."
11. He understands "Public Relations." It means service.
12. A PROGRESSIVE SPIRIT IN AN OLD JOB.

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