

[Interview with Vito Cacciola #4]

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The cobbler's business is bad, ver' bad. Lots of shops — twent' — thirty — most Italian. They cut the price. They steal the customer.

They play the bad tricks.

Why they no cooperate? Too much heads like the pig. Too much the selfishness. They wanta want my business. They wanta want your business.

One a time they have the big meeting. They cry the price she is too low. Most all charga charge the same. Most use the besta best leather. giva give my plan. I speaka speak to them. We mosta most close all the shops but joosta joost a couple.

Everyone he will work in these a shops. Joosta Joost one company. One a family.

All the work she will be divide equal. One'a will buya buy the supplies.

One'a will keepa keep the books. Only the eight hours we work. When the job is a finish we have the time for play. /#

They no like my plan. Bertucci say: "I own my shop. What I do?

What I gonna do?" I say we take your shop and pay you the rent.

Vitali say: "What you do with my electric buffer? Who pay for that?" I say the machine we need, we take the besta best from each. We paya pay the mon'.

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They calla call me thief and a fool. Now they wish they do what I say.

The dry cleanser he's fix the shoes for twenty-nine cent'. The Italian he is all for himself. Everybody push himself up and pulla pull somebody down.

I make the living. I no hustle myself too bad. I give the children some lesson on the guitar. I have some peace and [?] a joy in the heart.

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[???] INTERVIEWS WITH VITO CACCIOLA by Merton R. Lovett “ De cobler's business is bad, very bad. They are twenty, thirty shops; most Italian. They cutta de price; they steala de customer; they play with one another all de bad tricks. “ Why don't they coperate? They have too much heads like de pig. They hava much selfishness.

They hustle, they worry, they shake. They wanta my business and his business. “ One day they hava big meeting. They cry de prices price is she too low. They say all must most all charga de the same. They demand to Most use good the besta leather and [?]. I make talk. I tell em they say mucha but will getta nowhere. I giva my plan. I speak to them, we First de [cobblers?] musta most close all de the shops , but just a couple. And a everyone two or three. At these all he will [?] work in a these shops. There will be only one head Joosta one company. One a family.

All the work she be divide equal. One a [?] will buya all de the supplies and save much cash. One a man will keepa de the books and advertise in de papers [.?] Instead of rent for twenty shops de cobblers will pay three. >De workmen will works Only the eight hours the days we work . When de work the job is a finish done they can rest and we have the time for play.

When de workman have no work he can visit the people and ask for the business.

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[7?] “ No; they no lika my plan. Bertucci say: “I owna my shop, what I do, what I gonna do?” I answer we taka your shop to use and paya you rent. “ Vitali ask; “ What you do with my electric buffer. Who pay for that? “ I reply the machines we need, we take the besta one each cobbler has. “ By jingo they calla me thief and fool. Now they wisha they do what I say. De The dry cleanser he's fixa fix de the shoes for twenty-nine cents. De cobbler he [?] and he [?]. [????????????????] Run in “De The Italian he is all for himself. De The grocers is ten times a too much. Everybody push himself up and pulla the other fellow somebody down.

“I getta make the living [,?] [??] I don't have much, but I don't no hustle myself too bad. I giva give de the children some lesson on de the guitar. I have some peace and joy in de the heart. “