FIRES IN AUTOS

Automobile fires are on the increase. The cause is laid to the deterioration of electrical wiring, particularly the wearing out of insulation which can be replaced.

Physical Ed Class at Narbonne Proves Popular

With its total enrollment nearing the fifty mark, the Women's Physical Education class at Narbonne high school, Lomita, is one of the most successful groups in this area, it is announced by Banning evening adult school which supervises activities in the Lomita branch. Enrollment may still be made, but should be done at once as a waiting list may soon be formed, it is announced by Miss Alice Roose, instructor.

Other classes offered at the Narbonne evening school branch include Physical Fitness for men on Thursday nights from 7 to 9:30 o'clock and embroidery and knitting on Monday nights, also from 7 to 9:30 p. m.

CHINESE AUTOMOBILES

China is planning its own postwar automotive industry. The program calls for initial annual production of one vehicle for every 12½ miles of road, or a total of 2,600 vehicles on China's 32,500-mile road system.

Army Arts Contest for This Area

A nation-wide Army Arts Contest, held to stimulate interest in off-duty recreational activity for military personnel, will enter its second phase at the San Francisco Museum of Art during the last three weeks of March, Ninth Service Command headquarters announced today.

Winning and honorable mention entries from Ninth Service Command installations—with approximately 200 works from the three major classifications, fine arts, architecture and photography—will be exhibited.

A limit of 15 entries for each Army installation in the eight Western states has been set, and a group of nationally known artists of the San Francisco bay area will comprise the selection jury.

The contest, endorsed by the San Francisco Art commission, is sponsored by the special services division of the Army Service Forces.

A civilian committee composed of Drs. Grace Marley, director of the San Francisco Museum of Art, Walter Heil, director of DeYoung museum and Jermayne MacAgy, acting director of the California Palace of the Legion of Honor, have arranged the second phase of the contest.

Competition in the Army Arts contest will culminate in July with an exhibition at the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D. C., where national winners in each of the eight classes will receive a $100 war bond.

BATH AIDS MORALE

A boost to the morale of American doughboys in Europe are bath and laundry units, camouflaged in groves of trees, near the front lines. The men withdraw from the front line in small units, bathe or shower, and receive fresh clothes. Soiled clothes are laundered and re-issued to other groups coming later.

'Life With Father' to Open Tour at Biltmore in Los Angeles on March 5

"Life With Father," the comedy that threatens the record of Tennyson's Brook, is again enchanting nationwide audiences on a transcontinental tour. Oscar Serlin, top-flight producer of this American classic, has booked his prized play for upwards of 40 weeks, the tour to include the principal cities of the country, many of them repeat engagements.

The local visit will be at the Biltmore Theatre for an engagement of two weeks only, beginning Monday night, March 5.

"Life With Father" remains fresh and sparkling because it is sent out each season as though it were a brand new attraction. New players are selected for the principal roles, new costumes are provided, and even new scenery to set off the priceless furniture and other decorations — many items of which are actual pieces from the Clarence Day home on Madison ave., New York, of 1880.

Another reason for the prosperity of "Life With Father" as it continues on its merry way on Broadway and throughout the country, is the fact that it has never been made into a motion picture. Not that the play that has delighted millions will not one day see the screen, but all information at this writing states that that day is far off.

In casting his comedy each season, Oscar Serlin exercises the utmost caution. Only actors and actresses who are ambitious to equal or surpass their predecessors in the prized roles are selected; and as there have been something like fourteen (count 'em, 14) Mother and Father Days, to say nothing of 30 Day children, cooks and maids since "Father" came to life five years ago, competition is keen, to put it mildly, and the labors of the producer as exacting as they are unending.

This season Serlin feels himself especially fortunate in having Carl Benton Reid and Betty Linley in the leading roles, and Marianne Byer, Priscilla Towers, Sandy Campbell, Walter Kelly, Thomas Moore, Helen Kingstead, Hale Norcross, Dorothy Ellison, Mary Diveny, Helen Evans, Helen F. Evans, Byron Ellison, Kathleen Phelan, James Jolly, among others to make up the long cast of characters.

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T.A.C. Nine Trounces Yankee Jrs.

Torrance A. C. made its opening at Torrance park a big success by nosing out the Yankee Juniors 12-11 in 13 innings Sunday, Feb. 25.

Off to a fast start, the Yankees knocked out three runs in the first inning and kept driving until they had piled up an imposing 11-2 lead going into the last half of the eighth. Here the Torrance boys came in with four runs. Ervin Palica, Lomita boy, who plays his last game Sunday before reporting to the Brooklyn Dodgers, by which club he was recently signed, started the rally with a single. Bob Williams followed with a hard double. Gus Muehler then scored with a single. Tex Roberts walked and Harold Jackson cleaned the bases with a long double. The next three men went down in order.

Torrance went into the ninth inning trailing 11-6. Alex Palica smashed the Yankee Junior's pitcher Davis' first pitch over the left field wall for a home run. T. A. C. cut loose with three straight hits by E. Palica, Bob Williams, Gus Muehler. Here the rally was apparently stopped when Tex Roberts popped a fly to center, Harold Jackson struck out. But veteran "Pat" Patton, pinch hitting for Gerald Jackson waited for the pitch he wanted then slammed it over the score board in the right center field for the longest home run in the game to tie the ball game. It was necessary to play until the last half of the 13th inning when T. A. C. pushed over the winning run on Alex Palica's single, after H. Jackson and Pat Patton had walked.

T. A. C. stamped itself as one of the top semi-pro teams by beating the always rugged Yankee Juniors. Ray French, now manager of the Yankee Juniors, challenged Torrance to a rematch at the earliest possible date.

Torrance and Lomita fans are advised to watch for this one.

Next Sunday T. A. C. will play the Eastside Beer team on a double header bill.

In the first game, 7 innings, Ervin Palica, who has been widely publicized in the St. Louis Sporting News, will pitch.

In the second game, 9 innings, Bob Williams who has been signed by the Hollywood Stars will pitch.

Al Gilbert, sensational pitcher in the Eastside dugout, has just been signed by the St. Louis Cardinals.

This double header promises to be one of the best shows the local fans have seen.

C. Ausmus, T. A. C. manager, says he expects the best games of the team's career.

T-Sgt. Wener Back In U.S.A. With Purple Heart

Tech. Sgt. David Wener, son of John B. Wener, of 14700 S. Western ave., was among the wounded returned to Camp Shanks, N. Y. from the European theatre of war, it is reported.

Sergeant Wener, attached to an armored division, was wounded in the battle of Aachen and has been awarded the Order of the Purple Heart. He is expected here soon.

TOO MUCH SALT

If by mistake soup is salted much too liberally, just grate a raw potato and add it to the soup. This, will neutralize the salt flavor.

Tartars Hold High Hopes In Baseball

By KENNETH KESSON

The Tartar baseballers have great hope for championship because of their seven returning lettermen. Last year our horsehiders finished in last place but this year promises to be different. Practice does not open until April.

The returning lettermen are: Gerald Jackson, Gil Bennett, Pete Dodos, Gordie Smith, Don Cook, and Bill Stanley.

We will also have 15 boys returning with junior varsity letters. They are: Joe Ban, Doug Bodner, Bill Morgan, Jim Standifer, Ed Page, Jack Turner, Bill Waters, Merwin Jarrett, Bill Johnson, Ellis Hollingshead, Frank Dominguez, Jack Delsigne, and Herbert Curley.

There are also five new boys out for the first time.

They are: Chuck Sullivan, Bill Collins, Don Mattern, Don Reese and Kenny Kesson.

The team will be divided into varsity and junior varsity. The junior varsity, last year, lost but two games.

BAD HABIT

Discourage youngsters from the bad habit of reading funnies on the floor, and you'll protect them from the risk of needless eyestrain.