

...Let's Go

By LARRY MACARAY

One of the nicest things to do during the Christmas season is to visit friends and wish them well in the coming year. We were fortunate to find Leon Franks at home in his studio in Laguna Beach the other day. As usual, we did not stop talking — the subject varying from people to art. It is a joy to talk with someone who is stimulating and yet so humorous in his outlook toward life.

Less than a year ago, I suggested to Leon Franks that we would like to have a self-portrait of his for our gallery. He was somewhat reluctant to the idea, as he had not painted one for a long time. Anyway, he did two or three very fine ones and he used the best one for his Christmas card this year. To make a long story short, they were all sold to other people and I am still

Battle Of Bands Postponed

The second Battle of the Bands has been postponed until Wednesday, April 10. Those who already have purchased tickets may return them for a refund or hold on to them.

Applications for the April 10 battle are now being taken. An application and a \$5 registration fee are required. Beginning Friday, Jan. 12, the Lomita Recreation Center will officially become a Youth Activity Canteen (YAC). The Canteen is designed for all boys and girls between the ages of 10 and 14.

YAC will feature athletic activities as well as live bands and motion pictures. First activity for the new YAC will be a basketball tournament. The first 12 boys or girls to sign up may participate. Prizes will be given to members of the winning team.

Admission to the first YAC dance will be 25 cents for YAC card holders and 35 cents for non-YAC card holders. In addition, the constitution, rules and regulations of the YAC will be presented. Elections of YAC officers and board members will be announced.

For further information, contact YAC coordinator Bob Ciborowski at Lomita Recreation Center, 24428 Eshelman Ave.

Extension Will Offer Music Class

Teacher-students will learn to play rudimentary instruments during a University of California Extension course in "Music in Elementary Schools," to be offered Thursdays beginning Jan. 4, from 7 to 9:45 p.m., at North High School.

Instructor Judith Samuels also will survey state texts and supplementary materials, correlating music with social studies. Fee for the three unit class is \$40.

Further information is available by writing P.O. Box 24902, Education Extension, University of California, Los Angeles, California 90024.

\$5 Million Bank Credit Arranged

Aeronca, Inc., has finalized a new \$5 million line of credit with the United California Bank, Chase Manhattan Bank, Central National Bank of Cleveland, and the North Carolina National Bank. A. G. Handschumacher, president of the firm, has announced.

This revolving bank credit agreement will provide the necessary working capital to finance the company's expanding commercial aerospace and environmental control business through 1969, Handschumacher said.

Aeronca, with primary offices in Torrance, Middletown, Ohio; and New York, is a major aerospace subcontractor for advanced commercial aircraft structures and a leader in the field of highly engineered environment control systems.

McGrew, the noted painter of Indian Life in the Southwest, and Burt Procter, long admired painter of the vanishing cowboy. Mr. Franks is the third member of the Committee of Selection for the John and Anna Lee Stacey Scholarship Fund for Art Education.

waiting — perhaps in 1968. During our conversation he mentioned the difficult time that he is having in giving away thousands of dollars. Sounds incredible — yet it is true. Along with Brownell

UNBELIEVABLE is the situation that this committee finds itself in from time to time. Every year they meet to discuss the entries that come in from throughout the United States — and to select a win-

ner, of course. The entries are so few — or relatively so, for such a plum of a scholarship. Don't know exactly how much it is this year, but it will be in the thousands. That's dollars.

McGrew was the very first winner several years ago — don't know how many — and Leon Franks was the second winner. Where are the good artists hiding? Are they too modest or too preoccupied with painting to sit down and fill out an entry blank. Some-

how, the artists, or I should really call them aspiring artists, do not usually respond in great enough numbers to scholarships and grants of this kind.

The Stacey will stipulates that the net income from the trust estate shall be available for scholarships and education, in this country or abroad, of worthy and serious-minded students of conservative art, namely painting and drawing. The Committee of Selection will judge the work in drawings and paintings of the candidates on its merit;

on evidence of capacity for research and ability to take full advantage of the scholarship.

ANNA LEE STACEY was educated at the Chicago Art Institute, and married John Stacey in 1891. After her marriage she continued actively in art work and was the recipient of many important prizes for her portraits and landscapes. Mr. Stacey received his early art training at the Massachusetts Normal Art School in Boston and the

Julian Academy in Paris. He received many high awards for landscape painting in this country and abroad. In 1907-1909 he was elected president of the Chicago Society of Artists.

As to the specifics — one must be an American citizen, male or female, single or married, irrespective of race, creed or color. The age limit is between 18 and 35 years but in exceptional cases, and at the discretion of the committee of selection the age limit may be extended. In my

opinion, this age limit should be abolished, but at least there is an "out" in case the committee deems it necessary.

Here is an opportunity that rarely knocks. If you draw or paint well and are looking for that "break" that never seems to arrive — sit down and write to the committee for an application blank. Address your request to the John and Anna Lee Stacey Scholarship Committee, 441 Locust, Laguna Beach, Calif. 92651. Good luck.

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