

Around Hollywood

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Palm Springs — (U.P.) — Television is grueling to many actors but TV star Charles Farrell decided today it's a breeze compared to another job he holds.

Farrell, the only TV actor who is also a saloonkeeper, owns a swank private tennis club for millionaires and movie stars, the Racquet Club, launched 20 years ago this Christmas in this cactus community.

Looking over the club's history on its anniversary, the suave TV star reflected that co-starring with Gale Storm in "My Little Margie" on radio and TV is "much easier" than catering to his celebrated guests.

"At the club you have to greet people even if you don't feel like it," said Farrell as he relaxed in his tennis shorts by the pool.

Buy Drinks
"You have to play tennis. People want to buy you drinks—he sighed. "A club must have a personal touch and members expect to see me here."

Even when he's working on the "Margie" show Farrell drives 100 miles from Hollywood to Palm Springs each week end and often during the week.

The evolution of Charles Farrell and his club is an unusual success story. Farrell was a top matinee idol of the silents and early talkies. Even the club bartender hasn't forgotten when Charlie wooed Janet Gaynor in "Seventh Heaven" (he serves a Seventh Heaven drink).

In 1934 Farrell and actor Ralph Bellamy (who later sold

out) built two tennis courts in Palm Springs, then a whistle stop on the desert, for their own amusement.

"We bought the land for \$50 an acre," said Farrell. "Now it might be worth \$40,000 an acre."

Paul Lucas and Charlie Butterworth were among their pals who horned in on the courts. As more friends wanted to play, the Racquet Club expanded gradually to more courts, a pool, bar, dining room and rooms and cottages for 100 guests.

Benny Show
Jack Benny immortalized the club on his radio show; even Farrell's program featured the Racquet Club with another actor playing Charles Farrell.

The club's 500 members from all over the country include Bob Hope, Vic Damone, Ginger Rogers, Tony Curtis, Janet Leigh, Cornell Wilde and Joan Crawford. One recent week end, I watched Vera-Ellen swimming her 100 laps of the pool while Edward G. Robinson playing rummy and Dinah Shore and George Montgomery played tennis.

Farrell quit pictures in 1938 because the club was successful and "I wasn't enjoying my movie parts." Three years ago the club helped him to an acting comeback when TV Producer Hal Roach, a member, talked Farrell into "My Little Margie."

"I only came back to acting to take a fling at it," smiled Farrell. "I was only going to do 13 shows."

"But I'm not quitting the club. It's insurance. My TV show may not last forever. But the club's been going 20 years."

Rebekahs Announce Friendship Night

Olive Rebekah lodge will observe friendship night Monday, November 1, at Medford IOOF hall.

Ashland, Central Point, Jacksonville, Gold Hill, Grants Pass, Kerby and Glendale Rebekah lodges have been invited, as well as visiting Rebekahs and Rebekah newcomers in this area.

Mrs. John Daniel, noble grand, has announced that a program and refreshments are planned to follow a brief business meeting.

Olive Rebekah lodge officers and those members who so desire are asked to wear formal gowns.

Here's an idea for a fall desert that looks as autumnal as its name — Amber Russet — sounds. Dissolve a package of orange-flavored gelatin in one cup of hot prune juice. Add a dash of salt and one cup cold water. Pour into individual molds and chill in your gas refrigerator until firm. Makes 4 servings.



The formidable giant, Cuchullain, played by Pat Riley, gets ready to snatch Mr. Meebly, the leprechaun, in one of the opening scenes of the play "The Giant of Knockmany." The production, sponsored here by American Association of University Women, will be presented Thursday, November 4, at 3:30 p.m. at the Craterian theatre.

Children's Play Booked At Local Theater Thursday

From the lips of the Irish bards have come stories of many of Ireland's great heroic and legendary figures. The lives of two of Ireland's great men and one of her legendary characters have been interwoven into a delightful and humorous story named "The Legend of Knockmany" and this is to be presented in Medford as a children's play Thursday, November 3.

The production is set for 3:30 p.m. at the Craterian theatre under the sponsorship of Medford branch, American Association of University Women.

As both Cuchullain and Finn McCool were giants, not in stature but in deeds of chivalry and heroism, it is easy to understand why the vivid Irish imagination has been able through the centuries to build the physical stature of these two men to match their personal glories.

In the play Cuchullain has become an aggressive giant. He wishes to become the ruling giant over all Ireland and can hardly wait to cross over into Ireland on the "pad road" which Finn McCool, a gentle and peaceful giant is finishing. Oonagh, Finn's wife who talks to the fairies, realizes the tremendous danger that awaits Finn once the road is finished and does her best to keep him from finishing the task. However, Finn does complete the road and then realizes suddenly the terrible contest which Cuchullain is about to force upon him.

Mr. Meebly is pale green, the color of the Irish woods from which he comes. His voice and manipulation have been assigned to Walter Murphy who also plays the role of the cousin.

Tickets are available from AAUW members and will also be on sale at the city schools for two days prior to the play.

Past Chiefs' Club Schedules Meeting

Past Chiefs club will meet with Mrs. Joe Cook, 124 King street, Wednesday, November 3, at 1 p.m. Mrs. Ida Ireland will assist the hostess.

Pythian Sisters plan a session Tuesday, November 2, at 8 p.m., in the Pythian building.



This smart cotton dress was one of the garments featured in a special fashion program presented at the International Dairy show in Chicago in early October. All the clothing entered was made from cotton feed sacks and was part of the 1954 "Save With Cotton Bags" sewing contest. Thousands of garments made from cotton feed, flour and fertilizer sacks were modeled.

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Lively got his first job on a Great Lakes ship in 1902.

"I've been on water ever since," he said.

One-Armed Carpenter Never Hits Finger

Davenport, Ida. — (U.P.) — Harry Klindt, now building his second house, is one carpenter who never worries about hitting his finger with the hammer. He has only one arm.

Klindt, a World War I veteran who lost his left arm in a threshing accident after he was out of service, said he has no trouble hammering nails.

"I just stick the nail in the wood with my hand, then pick up my hammer and pound."

Dead line for Sunday Classified is at noon Saturday.

Apples are plentiful now, tart and delicious! Why not try to make baked apples more glamorous, by making a lemon sauce to serve with the hot baked apples. The Gas Appliance Manufacturers association gives

another tip to dress up this chopped almonds topped with whipped cream! Real fancy.

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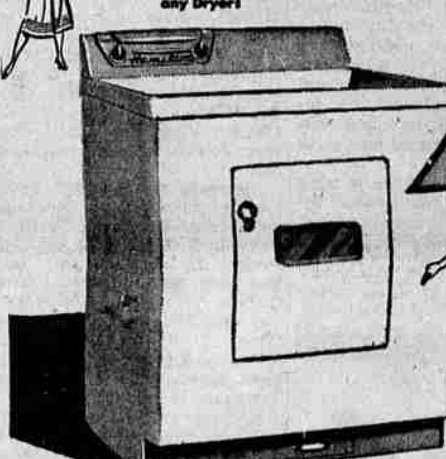
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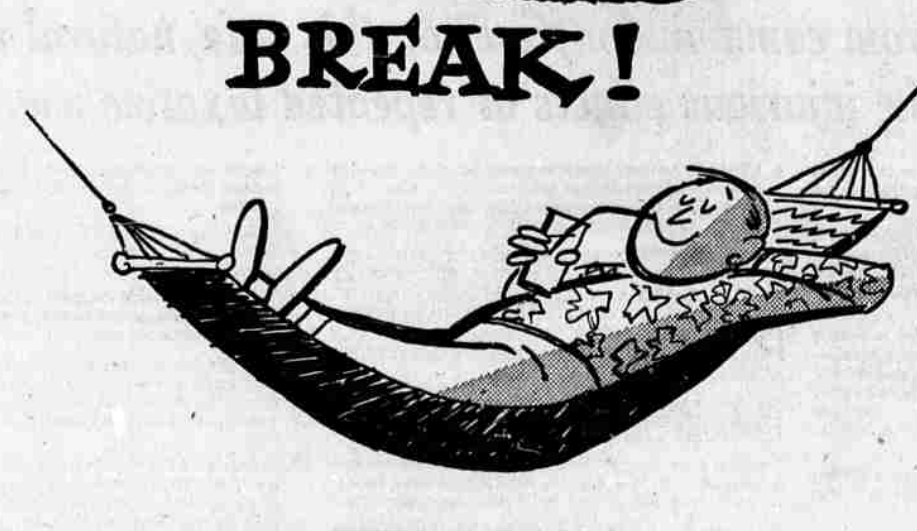
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