

# TV CANDIDS

by Terrence O'Flaherty

"Keep your nose clean and don't think." That's the advice director John Ford gave a fledgling named Pe... Graves who had a bit part in one of his movies. I have no idea whether or not Graves took this advice, but he seems to be successful at acting. He starred in a TV series titled "Whiplash," a kind of Australian Western based on the life of Chris Cobb, the man who established Australia's first stagecoach line in 1853.

I cornered Graves the other day while he was on tour in a new play titled "The Captains and the Kings," based on the fight of Admiral Hyman Rickover to develop the first nuclear submarine. It is vaguely reminiscent of an old Cagney-Pat O'Brien movie where the insubordinate young officer takes the ship out against his skipper's orders and then they all sit around and wonder if he'll get it back. (Graves plays the young officer. He brings it back without a scratch—just like Cagney.)

In real life (an expression I always find amusing), Graves is the brother of James Arness, the chap who rides highest in the "Gunsmoke" saddle. Like his brother he is tall and easy going. The year Graves spent filming "Whiplash" in Australia was a strange and happy adventure.

"Our main enemy was the weather. When it rained it lasted for days—even weeks. We shot most of the shows in a little town 200 miles from Sidney. And, believe me, 200 miles from the coast you run out of people and roads. You could look a hundred miles in any direction and see nothing—absolutely nothing," said Graves.

"The Captains and the Kings" is his first stage role. His stage contract permits him to leave the drama at any time after June. I have a hunch the drama may leave him first.

Meanwhile, back in Australia, they're waiting to welcome him for a second year of "Whiplash" if the characters haven't whipped themselves to death by June.

"Last evening we watched 'Sing Along With Mitch' and this question arose: are they actually singing the songs right then and there? Or are they pretending to sing?" This question is always popping up in my mail.

The singing on "Sing Along With Mitch" is recorded in a sound studio under the best recording conditions—proper microphones and grouping of singers for maximum total effect. Before the cameras, the singers merely pretend to sing while their recording plays through the sound system.

This is always done in motion pictures and quite frequently, now, on television. Producers give several reasons to justify the deception.

When the singers are moving a lot (as they do now in this season's "Sing Along") it is impossible to have microphones all over the studio. If they are overhead, they can be seen in a wide shot.

Also, singers get out of breath while moving around. In addition, the mikes that are sensitive enough to pick up moving singers would also pick up the sound of walking feet, even the rustle of fabric in women's skirts.

There is also the big problem of the lack of vocal quality in many of today's recording stars. The voices of many of the young crop of singers are pieced together by a sound technician.

Many of them can't actually sing in public at all and their personal appearances are phonies. (With teenage favorites it literally doesn't matter because their fans are squealing so much that no one can hear what's going on anyway.)

Many programs still have "live" singing. To my knowledge, the Sullivan show, Come, Garry Moore, Dinah Shore, Ernie Ford, and the Bell Telephone Hour have never used recorded voices with the possible exception of a rare number requiring tricky exterior or ensemble numbers.

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By CLAY R. POLLAN			
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