

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Mike: So the Burtons got \$50,000 for doing Sammy Davis Jr.'s TV show! How — they should have paid him \$50,000 to stay off it. They destroyed forever any illusions of glamor I ever had about them. It's water under the bridge now but what I would like to know is WHY Hollywood's two top glamor stars looked so bad that night? — Stasia Bernauer, Vestal, N.Y.

Dear Stasia: Liz Taylor always needs a strong director. She didn't have one on that show. The shooting was supposed to start early on the morning of the Sunday they filmed it. Instead, everyone sat around for hours, rewriting the script. As a result, when the time came for "Lights, camera, action!" everyone was tired. It finally reached a point where they all said, "Aw, let's shoot it and get it over with." So now you know.

Dear Sir: What's become of Mike Nichols and Elaine May? I thought their act was the brightest thing ever to hit TV. — Lillian C. Haun, St. Clair, Mich.

Dear Lillian: He's directing movies (just finished "Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" at Warner Brothers) and she's writing screenplays (about to start "The Unholy Grail" at Metro). They're much happier. As Mike says, "Who wants to be the richest comics in the graveyard? The pace was too killing." The pace was too killing.

Dear Mike: Why does Phyllis Diller go so all-out to make herself ugly? She's really not a bad looking dish. I know she's a comedienne and is supposed to look funny but don't you think she's overdoing it these days? — Jerry Milas, Chicago, Ill.

Dear Jerry: She's cooling it, Dick Stabile, her orchestra conductor at the Coconut Grove, is now giving her act a musical introduction with a beautiful old pop song, "You Are Too Beautiful." As Bob Hope remarked about it on opening night, "I'm glad for Phyl — after all, can she help it just because the doctor picked her up when she was born and slapped her in the mouth?"

Dear Mike: Red Skelton didn't look too well the last time I saw his show. Is he all right? — Mrs. Roy E. DuVernet, New Haven, Conn.

Dear Mrs. DuVernet: It's been a tough season for

Red — so rough that he'll be taking off at the end of this season to spend a six-month sista in the South Seas.

Dear Mike: Could you tell me what is the matter with Gary Lewis' left eye? It may be my imagination but in most of his photos it shows up and seems odd. Could you give me his address? — Ann B., San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Ann: Gary's eye always has an uncontrollable twinkle, especially when it lights on a pretty girl. Sorry, no addresses: write to the network on which you saw his show or to the Screen Actors Guild, 7750 Sunset Boulevard, Hollywood, Calif. 90046 — and that goes (and will continue to go) for the rest of you readers who write in for private addresses.

Dear Mike: Who was Andy Devine's handsome sidekick when Andy played "Jingles" in that old series — I forgot his name but I have a bet on so please help me. — L.H., Las Vegas, Nev.

Dear L.H.: Are they betting on TV actors in Las Vegas now? The series was "Wild Bill Hickok" and the star, Guy Madison, is now making movies in Europe.

Sir: I think Wayne Newton is a real swinging singer but I wish he would knock off some weight. Don't you agree, if he does it that he could become one of our greatest stars? — Mrs. Grace Tiscareno, Geneva, N.Y.

Dear Mrs. Tiscareno: I do indeed. So does producer Joe Levine. Wayne is now down from 185 pounds to a trim 160, and Levine says if he takes off about 10 more he'll assign him the role of the teen-age singing idol in the new Paramount movie, "The Dream Merchants."

Dear Mike: What's happened to that all-cartoon movie version of "Finian's Rainbow?" You wrote about it in your column at least two years ago. — Jeanne Golden, Boston, Mass.

Dear Jeanne: They finished it but it wasn't good enough to risk releasing it. Producer Harold Hecht is now talking to Julie Andrews and Rod Taylor about starring in a regular "live" feature-film version.

(Mike Connolly will try to answer your questions in his column. He gives no personal replies by mail.)

West High Band Sets New Pipe Mills Ordered From Torrance Company

Third Pops Concert

West High music groups will combine Thursday, Jan. 27, to present the school's third annual Winter Pops Concert in the gymnasium.

Ronald Large, band director at West High, said the concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Six band numbers and seven specialty numbers will be presented during the concert. Members of the Warrior Precision Drill Squad also will be featured.

NUMBERS to be played include "Original Dixieland Concerto," to be performed by Darryl Buntin, David Haight, John Black, Ed Lanton, and Neal Shinder; "El Capitan," featuring the band and the drill squad; a skit from "St. George and the Dragonet" and Rachamandoff's "Prelude in C Sharp Minor," featuring Ruth Ann Stokley at the piano.

Shinder, Pat Benningfield, Steve Biby, May Miller, and Cliff Chastain will be featured in a tuba quintet rendition of "Camptown Races," while drum majors Becky Crozier and Becky Godard will twirl to the "Colonel Bogey March." Shinder will serve as student conductor for "Night Beat."

The 70-piece concert band will play selections from "Westside Story," by Bernstein; "First Movement, Symphonie Pathétique" by Tchaikovsky; "How the West Was Won" by Hawkins; "Bravura March" by Duple; "Kentucky 1800" by Grundman, and "Great Gate of Kiev" by Moussorgsky.

CHARTER MEMBERS of the band who will graduate this year will be honored with "Great Gate of Kiev." The number is the first ever played by the West High band in concert.

Marine Pvt. Ronald J. Kittell, son of Mrs. Mary Kittell of 3325 Crickewood St., was graduated from Marine recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot at San Diego.

Orders for four new pipe plants to be delivered in 1966 have been received by Torrance Machinery and Engineering, Inc., according to C. A. Babbitt, president of the firm.

Values of the new orders is more than \$6 million, Babbitt said. Three of the new plants will be installed in Australia, while the fourth is to be built for Mario Maraldi, SPA, an Italian firm, in Ancona, Italy.

THE NEW PLANT is the third ordered by Maraldi from the Torrance firm. It will be a 6-inch to 24-inch capacity plant.

The Australian firm is Stewart and Lloyds, which also ordered a coil slitting line. Two of the mills, one an 18-inch diameter capacity and one of 4-inch to 20-inch capacity, will be installed in a new plant in Port Kembla near the steel mills of Australian Iron and Steel Co.

The third mill will be installed in Stewarts and Lloyds plant in Newcastle, Australia, and will produce pipe and tubing which eventually will replace pipe now made by a seamless process.

RECENT discoveries of gas and oil in Australia will develop a substantial market for line pipe, Babbitt explained. Until the Torrance-built Port Kembla plant is put into operation, Japan and Great Britain will be the main sources of pipe in excess of eight inches in diameter.

The new Port Kembla plant is scheduled to be operational next October.

Babbitt, who has just returned from an around-the-world sales trip, said the new orders give Torrance Machinery and Engineering, Inc., its greatest backlog in the 17-year history of the firm.

THE FIRM recently completed work on a new pipe plant for Kaiser Steel Co., in Fontana, Calif., and is now

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Coliseum Commission Elects New President

Civic leader George Kinsey has been elected President of the Los Angeles Memorial Coliseum Commission and Supervisor Kenneth Hahn has been elected vice president.

The Coliseum Commission, composed of three representatives each from the County, City, and State, is responsible for the management of the Coliseum, Sports Arena, and other facilities in Exposition Park.

Hahn is known as the "Father of the Sports Arena," for it was during his term as President of the Commission in 1955 that he spearheaded the drive to build the Arena and succeeded in obtaining State legislation to make possible its financing.

At that time Kinsey was chairman of the Building Committee, and Hahn points out he "did an excellent job of seeing that Los Angeles County has the finest Sports Arena in America."

Supervisor Hahn emphasizes he feels an exhibit hall and convention center should be built in Exposition Park adjacent to the Sports Arena under the same financing plan as the Arena.

This would be through self-retiring revenue bonds which have made it possible to pay for the Sports Arena's construction from gate receipts and rents, at no cost to the taxpayers.

Seaman Appren, Michael R. Lee, son of Mr. and Mrs. H.L. Lee of 2007 Andrew Ave., completed a rest and recreational visit to the British Crown Colony of Hong Kong, while serving aboard the attack transport USS Calvert, currently on her 12th deployment with the Seventh Fleet in the Western Pacific.

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