

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Sir: Can you tell the name of the series Marion Lorne appeared in as a be-fuddled wealthy lady traveling with a beautiful girl as her companion? I would also like to know the name of her companion. This is keeping me awake nights. — Mrs. S.R.S. Sudbury, Mass.

Dear Mrs. S.: You're asking about the series, "Sally," which starred Caulon Lorne and Joan Caulfield as her companion. It was produced by Frank Ross, Joan's husband at the time.

Dear Mr. Connolly: I was absolutely flabbergasted reading that John Huston is acting in and directing the next James Bond, "Casino Royale," and that David Niven was going to play "007." This can't be true. It would have to be played strictly for laughs. Where is Sean Connery? How did such a catastrophe come about? — A.P. Arlington, Mass.

Dear A.P.: You are partly right. It will be played for laughs. This "catastrophe" came about when the on-his-toes producer Charlie Feldman foresaw the future of James Bond after viewing "Dr. No" and moved quickly to buy the rights to "Casino" from Ian Fleming before the original producers could reap enough money to do the same. Sean is busy making his "last" Bond, "You Only Live Twice," in Japan.

Dear Mike: I would like to know if Ann Francis and John Ericson of "Honey West" and Robert Vaughn and David McCallum of "U.N.C.L.E." do their own stunts or do they have stunt people? — L.B., Albany, N.Y.

Dear L.B.: You bet your life they have stunt people or doubles. The fact that you ask just shows how much the double resembles the actor and how clever the photography is. Just think what would happen to a series and its schedule should one of these actors have a broken leg in a cast for six or more weeks.

Dear Sirs: Tell me, is Eddie Albert French and is he from Massachusetts? He seems to fit in so well on his farm in "Green Acres." — M.W., Lowell, Mass.

Dear M.W.: Sorry Eddie is not French. He was born in Illinois and spent most of his childhood in Aurora, Illinois.

Dear Mr. Connolly: Will "Star Trek" and "Hogan's Heroes" be on TV next season? — M.R., Fitchburg, Mass.

Dear M.R.: Our crystal ball is so cloudy, I can't even tell you if they'll be on for the rest of this sea-

son. With "The Jean Arthur Show" getting axed without a fair trial after 7 weeks, we'll take the stand that viewers' preferences have nothing to do with how long a show will stay on TV.

Dear Sir: Can you please tell me what happened to Richard Cromwell? Was he ever married? Are his old films on TV? — J.N., Dorchester, Mass.

Dear J.N.: Richard Cromwell passed away about six years ago. He was, for a short time, married to Angela Lansbury. As for his old films, watch for one of his best, "Lives of a Bengal Lancer" with Gary Cooper.

Dear Mike: We know Milton Berle was one of TV's first big stars and we are sorry to learn his new show is cancelled. But exactly when did he start his old show for Mexico? — R.M., Cowney, Calif.

Dear R.M.: Uncle Miltie's show first began Sept. 21, 1948 and ended June 9, 1953. Then he kept his show going with other sponsors through June 5, 1956.

Dear Mike: I'm seriously beginning to doubt that a Mike Connolly exists because I wrote to you so long ago and never received an answer. However, one of my greatest virtues is perseverance — so here goes. Approximately how much is Andy Williams worth at the present? Is he as happy as his beaming smile seems to indicate. How is he thought of by the majority of those in the entertainment world? I love him. — M.P., Lowell, Mass.

Dear M.P.: I'm answering your letter only to prove there is a Mike Connolly. As for your other questions, I don't know what you expect me to say. You love him. That is clear.

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

Seminar on Tax, Estate Matters Set

Sidney Prerau will be the principal speaker Wednesday, Nov. 30, at a seminar on charitable giving and estate planning to be sponsored by the Northrop Institute of Technology.

The seminar will be conducted at McKinley Hall on the Institute's Inglewood campus. Sessions will begin at 2 p.m. and conclude about 8 p.m.

Prerau, a consultant on taxes and estate planning, will join attorneys, tax consultants, and trust officers, as a speaker at the seminar.

Spoo Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman

Hernandez Bros Now Three

Remember not so far back when *The Red Onion* featured The Hernandez Bros. in the entertainment slot every Thursday, Friday and Saturday night? Well now the brothers two, Visante and Arturo have added still another brother, Chucho, for your listening pleasure.

Heard 'em last week for the first time and a finer mixture of voices you'll not hear anywhere around. All three play the guitar and blend their excellent South-of-the-Border voices to form a fine composite trio at Bart Earle's Red Onion on Silver Spur Road in Peninsula Center.

These three Mexico City born lads will certainly go far in the field of entertainment, if the reception they receive these nights in the Cantina Room of The Onion is any indication. We'll be looking forward to watching the progress of this exciting new trio. Stop by and hear 'em some nite soon. They're most pleasing to the ear and heart.

That takes care of the ear and the heart, then of course the delights of the stomach are taken care of by the quality Sonora style Mexican food obtainable at The Red Onion, not to mention the quality AND QUANTITY prepared and served by Jose "Sucio" and Jose "Limpio," respectively, from the bar of the Cantina Room.

Gee, there's lots of new things going on around the area these days. Down there on Crenshaw just beyond Pacific Coast Highway for one, the new talent at Rose

and Louie Son's Tea House is none other than our old friend Gale Stoddard whom we've known for so these many moons and a highly talented bit of talent it is, too. Opens tonite, Nov. 16.

Gale has played around the Southland for some time and the Songs couldn't have made a better selection than this fine little artist. She'll be playing nite Wednesday through Saturday in the intimate little cocktail lounge at the rear of The Tea House, which comes under the supervision of that "Mad Man of Malts," Ronnie. Make the scene soon at this interesting spot and enjoy some wonderful Cantonese food as well as quality entertainment.

Don't take our word for it! Just ask Al Hinz and "Glorious Gloria" (who are making with the glassy eyes these days . . . and nites . . .) what we mean! It's entertainment personified, cuisine superb . . . and decor INTIMATE at The Tea House. (H m m m, Al and Gloria???)

So then now it's like back up on the hill and the Hunting Horn for some swinging entertainment by the gentle hands of the "Sonny Calderone Trio Plus One" group and a solid quartet it is, too. It consists of Sonny himself as leader and percussionist, Denny McReynolds is on the

takes off, bag and baggage (mother, too!) and they leave everyone holding the bag including the owners of The Halfway House, located at the entrance of the Torrance Airport on Pacific Coast Highway. Yep, that's our boy Mike Thompson! And you can make a small wager that owners Nick Pappas and Art Maskrey aren't too happy with him, either. That's not all! We've been carrying stories and ads on the chicken bit, and when people come in for some of it, they're turned away, without. How to win friends and influence patrons, huh?

However, they've got a new deal down there under the able direction of Jules Radinsky with an all new Mexican menu. Good too. Another thing to bear in mind is the cocktail hour they feature at The Halfway House. Runs from three 'til six. There's also piano bar entertainment nite for your enjoyment.

Well now how's this grab you! Y'go all out to try and make a success of a new enterprise or at least contribute toward it's success because a young guy and his mother have taken on the kitchen at one of our better dine-out-eries and what happens? He



SOUTH-OF-THE-BORDER SWINGERS . . . It's The Hernandez Bros. Trio, Vincente, Arturo and Chucho currently entertaining the customers at Bart Earle's Red Onion in the Cantina Room in Peninsula Center

Writers To Hear Novelist

Wirt Williams, author of five major novels and a professor at California State College at Los Angeles, will be guest speaker Friday at a meeting of the Southwest Manuscripters.

The meeting is scheduled at Clark Stadium, 861 Valley Drive, Hermosa Beach, at 8 p.m.

Williams' latest book, "The Trojans," is a novel about the world of motion pictures. The book is a monthly selection of the Doubleday Book Club and has won Williams a nomination for the Pulitzer Literary Prize.

He will discuss "The Hollywood Novel" during his talk before the Southwest Manuscripters.

Scholar Named

James Merritt Hansen, a former El Camino College student, has been named a Regents Scholar at the University of California at Santa Barbara. He is a graduate of Leuzinger High School.

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IRISH EYES . . . This is the sultry one, Liz Calderone who belts, crooks or just "sells" songs at The Hunting Horn these chilly nites but the chilliness leaves once you've heard Liz currently with the Sonny Calderone Trio plus One.

piano while Joe Friedkin holds down the bass. The "plus one"? Why that's lovely and limpid-eyed Liz Calderone whose provocative vocal styling is in a class by itself.

A wide variety of numbers ranging all the way from the rousing "Bill Bailey" to the "Shadow of your Smile" makes this one of the outstanding groups to hit the hill in some time. And when Liz moves in with her rendition of "Hav-a-na-gi-lah" (with Irish eyes, yet!) . . . the show stops! A truly sultry singer of songs.

The group, which opened at the Hunting Horn last Wednesday, is booked for a limited time, carrying through the holidays, may be enjoyed Wednesday, Thurs-

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