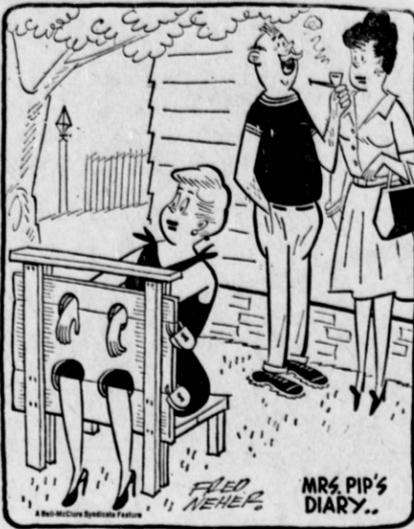


LIFE'S LIKE THAT

By FRED NEHER



"Grace finally found a successful way to diet."

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

This column is being written by Mike Connolly's staff while he is on vacation.

**HOLLYWOOD — Movie News** — Alan Ladd's first co-production project with producer Joe Levine is "Alice in Hell"—an original story about a GI who returns to Salerno 15 years after World War II. Looks like Levine's "Carpetbaggers" with Alan in a key role has started Alan's movie career upward again.

Liz Taylor has stopped wearing ALL her jewelry except that one tiny ring on her left hand from Richard! . . . William Holden may get an unknown actress named Liz Shepherd as his leading lady in "Americanizing Emily" . . . Johnny Mathis gets a magazine spread in "Elegant" showing his new home and the cover for himself in color.

Universal is so excited over Bobby Darin in "Capt. Newman, M.D." he gets a contract re-write for seven movies in the next five years.

Joe E. Lewis is delighted—he gets a Scotch bottle shaped after him!

**BETTE DAVIS** asked for and is getting a slave-driving pace for herself on "Dead Ringer" so she can get to Italy by Aug. 26 for "Empty Canvas." And Bette can go to Italy or anywhere in Europe without money — her "Baby Jane" percentage is piling up all over the place!

Meanwhile "Dead Ringer" director, Paul Heinreid, heads for Rome to direct "The Glass Heart" . . . Rocky Marciano is offered \$2 million to come out of retirement to fight Liston — Rocky will do it when his lawyers work out how he can keep 70 per cent of the money . . . Tokyo gets to see Bob Wise's new spooky movie, "The Haunting" this month before any of us because August is Japan's "month of the spirits" . . .

Tommy Sands landed a nice sole in "Ensign Pulver and the Captain" alongside Robert Walker Jr. . . . Gene Kelly dances back into movies again with a nine-minute dance sequence in "I Love Louisa" . . .

"If a man doesn't know whether her husband is a man or mouse," muses Pat Palmer, "she should keep her trap shut!"

**TV Highlights** — Ernest Borgnine's more money demand for working in "McHale's Navy" is causing some delays. They're expecting to set sail any week now.

Curt Jurgens is taking singing lessons so he can do something besides just stand there when he makes his bow on the Ed Sullivan Show in November to plug his new movie.

TV Producer's secretary: "Oh yes, Mr. Hubbard was expecting you — he's gone for the day."

Joel Grey, on tour with "Stop the World, I Want to Get Off," got knocked out of doing the first five-parter (5) for "Sunset Strip" . . . Buddy Greco, who found it tough with his singing career up till just three years ago is now set for engagements of 18 months for a third of a million dollars!

Don Rickles, the InSultan

comedian, is lining himself up for a nice role in Frank Sinatra's "The New Yorkers" . . . Audrey Meadows swings over to England to top the lineup of her B-way show, "Top Banana" for a BBC special.

**THE SEPARATION** rumors are rampant on Doug McClure and Barbara Luna. They just bought a new home in fashionable Beverly Hills which may help keep them together.

Corinne Calvet really means business with her new career start — she bought her entire wardrobe in Paris that she uses in an upcoming "Burke's Law" segment with Gene Barry . . . Jane Wald surprised the 20th Century execs with her footage in "Take Her, She's Mine" so they get her as Phil Silver's gal in a "Phil Silvers Show" for fall showing.

Allan Sherman will spend Thanksgiving as a headliner at the Copa — last year he could not even get a reservation . . . Dan O'Herlihy, busy at work on his TV "Travels of Jaimie McPheeters" at MGM studios, is trying to squeeze in a movie with John Ford called "The Long Flight" . . .

"Hazel's" Whitney Blake just earned her AID shingle and becomes a professional decorator to fill up her time when not too busy with her series. Red Skelton says things are so slow Rody McDowall is taking self portraits!

Commission Approves New Carson Tract

County planning commissioners this week approved a new sub-division in the Carson area on the petition of Floyd V. Colwell and Vincent Grant.

The tract, to be located at 220th Street and Moneta Avenue, will contain 45 single family residences.

In other action, the Regional Planning Commission held under submission a petition from Henry K. Beck of Gardena for a change in the zoning of a 1.6 acre parcel at Carson and Neptune Streets. Beck has asked that the area be rezoned from A-1 and B-1 to C-3.

German-American Day Set Aug. 18

German-American Day at the Los Angeles County Fair has been set for Aug. 18. The annual celebration is under the sponsorship of the German-American League of greater Los Angeles.

Proceeds from the day will go to the Orthopaedic Hospital in Los Angeles. The program will feature several German numbers, and the Consul General of the Federal Republic of Germany will be on hand.



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