

Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Mike's Thursday Mailbag—
Dear Mike: Why all the raves about Jeanette MacDonald's singing in her old movies on TV? To me, it's more like screeching. — Margo Kempf, Raymond, Alta., Canada.

Dear Margo: They didn't have very good sound recording in those days. Or so I'm told.

Dear Mr. Connolly: I sent Frank Sinatra my song. It cost me money to have it copyrighted, and I sent him return stamps to send it back to me, if he couldn't have it published. I sent this about two months ago to his Cal-Neva Lodge, and he hasn't returned it yet. Can you find out if he can do anything with it? — Pat Sullivan, Syracuse, N.Y.

Dear Pat: Frank's had his hands full lately with other pressing matters concerning his Lodge. Phyllis McGuire and Sam Giancana, I'm sure he'll get around to your song one of these days.

Dear Mr. Connolly: As president of the Mae West Fan Club, I am writing to tell you that Miss West is asking to sell her Santa Monica beach house. It has 22 rooms, 10 full baths and, as one writer recently wrote, "the mirrors alone should be worth the \$250,000 she is asking." She is looking for a house elsewhere — Palm Springs. — Craig Eadie, West Hill, Ont., Canada.

Dear Craig: If those mirrors could talk, I'd almost be tempted to try to raise the 250 G's myself.

Dear Mike: I can't understand why a wealthy star like Richard Boone would have his own car and get into terrible accidents. Can't he afford a chauffeur? — Willard H. Collins, Lyons, Ill.

Dear Willard: Chauffeurs aren't accident-proof. Besides Dick says he likes to drive — and will continue, but with a safety belt.

County Fire Executive Urges Care

Los Angeles County Fire Department today reminded everyone that National Fire Prevention Week will be observed throughout the United States and Canada on Oct. 6 through 12. Chief Paul Schneider said that this is the 42nd international observance of a "week" which began by simultaneous proclamations of the President of the United States and the Governor-General of Canada. "This week," the Chief explained, "marks the Oct. 9 anniversary of the Great Fire of Chicago of 1871 and is used to arouse public interest in fire safety."

CHIEF SCHNEIDER said that we have an unfortunate habit of dismissing most fires as accidents, a sort of visitation of bad luck which somehow was unavoidable. But how unavoidable, or unpredictable, is the fire started by a carelessly discarded cigarette, or overloaded and defective electric wiring, or poorly maintained heating and cooking equipment? Chief Schneider explained that these and similar, uncomplicated causes are responsible for the great majority of fires.

We need to acknowledge the fact that fires are not only wasteful but avoidable, then go on to reform the habits and remove the hazards which cause them.

WHEN EACH of us as an individual has done this, we will no longer risk our lives, jobs and possessions to the destructive forces of fire. Chief Schneider said, "Please be careful, not only in your home, but in our valuable watershed areas which are tinder dry due to our unprecedented drought this year." Remember, Fire Prevention Week is a good time to pledge yourself to the slogan, "Don't Give Fire a Place to Start."

Mr. Connolly: Would you tell me how I can contact Greta Garbo? — Mickey Miller, San Francisco, Calif.

Dear Mickey: You can write her at home — River House, 450 East 52nd Street, New York City — but I doubt if it'll do you any good. She never answers her mail.

Dear Mike: What was all that racket coming out of Allied Artists Studio the other day? I live right down the block and I swear, as long as I've lived in this kookie town, I've never heard such caterwauling in my life! — Kay Carlson, Hollywood, Calif.

Dear Kay: It was Victor Buono refusing to do a scene for "The Strangler" in which he's supposed to strangle a girl who wears nothing but panties and a bra. Victor, a very religious boy, blew his top and walked off the set. But producers Sam Bischoff and David Diamond ordered the doll dressed in something less sexy (a bathrobe!) so Victor returned and polished her off. But not, as you say, without a scene like something out of "The Last Days of Pompeii."

Dear Mr. Connolly: You wrote in your column about Ben Hecht's play, "Winkelberg," opening in Hollywood after a run in New York. If my memory serves me right, it never even opened in New York — and believe me, we've had plenty of bombs on Broadway this past year. Forgive me if I'm wrong. — Eric Benson, Brooklyn, N.Y.

Dear Eric: Let's forgive each other, because we're both wrong. It opened in an OFF-Broadway theatre, and closed almost as fast as it opened. But it's doing very well here, because I guess we're less sophisticated than you Eastern slickers.

Dear Mike: I have a great desire to see a certain episode of the "Wagon Train" series repeated. Could you help? It was the most emotional show I have ever seen. Dick York, who played the Indian, wandered into a snowbound cabin occupied by Duke Shannon and he was so filthy and loathsome and vicious, at first, that it turned your stomach. Duke, to keep from being killed, tied him up. Duke finally talked his old buddy into taking a bath, which was absolutely hilarious. Then they needed meat so they went hunting. The Indian got back first. Just then Chris Hale came in and, thinking Dick had harmed Duke, shot and killed him. Then Duke arrived and, seeing what had happened, sat in the snow and held Dick in his arms and rocked back and forth in grief — while I sat there and cried crocodile tears! That Dick York, such a sweet boy, has the most pathetic, heart-rending expressions sometimes. Thanks if you can help. — Mrs. H. W. Lewis, Tampa, Fla.

Dear Mrs. Lewis: The "Wagon Train" people tell me they'll re-run it next summer. You've got me so excited, I can't wait.

Unusual Fish On Display At Cabrillo

The ninth annual Aquarium Show presented by the Harbor Aquarium Society will open tomorrow for a three-day run at Cabrillo Beach Museum in San Pedro, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. The Southern California Guppy Assn. will also feature an exhibit.

Sponsored in association with the Recreation and Parks Department, the Harbor Society's show will include Piranhas, Bettas or Siamese Fighting Fish, Congo Eels, Blue Loach, Oscars, Jewelfish, inhabitants of local tide pools, live bearing fish, colorful and unusual egg layers, and tropical fish.

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