Mike's Thursday Mailbag-Dear Mike: Why oh WHY did that darling Jesse Pearson flop in his nightclub act at the Slate Brothers? I thought he was so YUMMY in "Bye Bye Birdie." - Marie Currie, Beverly Hills, Calif.

Dear Marie: Jesse made the mistake of refusing to sing any of his "Birdie" songs, to wear anything even slightly resembling that wild gold lame out fit he wore in the film, or to in any other way identify himself with the picture. It didn't work out any more than it work out - any more than i Judy Garland were to do a con cert without singing "Over the Rainbow" — so they brought in Vic Dana to replace him.

Dear Sir: What's Debbie Reynolds doing working at M-G-M when she swore she'd never go back there after finishing "How the West Was Won"? — Frank E. Maltby, Castroville, Texas.

Dear Frank: They gave her the part she wanted in their biggest musical of the year, "The Unsinkable Molly Brown," and she's also up for "The Sound of Music" — and show me any actress, however angry wouldn't change her mind for a good part.

Dear Mike: How sneaky can you be? You certainly sneaked in a sarcastic remark about Billy Graham in your column Why? Shame on you. - N. Richardson, Pasadena, Calif.

Law In Action

MARRIAGE AND LAW

A good marriage seldom makes the headlines except possibly on Golden anniversary occasions.

The ones you read about are those that end up in divorce, annulment or separation. Sometimes you'll hear the law Some say divorces are too easy; others say they're too hard; others say they're too hard; Fact is, there will never be marital laws to please everybody. We have so many kinds of neonless of people.

The remedy, of course, isn't so much in the law as in the people themselves.

NO LAW can really make a person love, honor, and obey. No law can make a person generous and understanding. generous and understanding, nor truly protective and re-sponsible for those who de-pend on him. Besides, what "standards of performance" would one use to measure a wife's comfort, a husband's kindness? In this field the law has hard decisions to make.

But the law does operate to see that children are supported and property protected.

Children, it goes without saying, must be supported as minors. Where they have the means their parents must see that the children are fed, housed, cared for, and edu-

WHAT DOES Ithe law make of the phrase, "To love, honor and obey?" Well, says the law somewhat ponderously, "Hus-band and wife contract toward each other obligations of mutual respect, fidelity, support." In short the support." In short the hus-band's duty is to support his wife at the very least.

But sometimes she have to support him. Suppose he becomes ill or cannot pro-vide income? Under California law she must support him

—assuming he has not deserted her—from her own separate property, if need be, when he has none of his own and when they have no community property. Should he become incompetent and have to go to a state hospital, she may have to pay, at least in may have to pay, at least in part, for his care.

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Amebiasis Makes Reportable List

Reportable diseases in Tor-rance for the week ending Sept. 28 include one case each of amebiasis and scarlet fever and two cases each of gonor-rhea and syphillis, according to the Los Angeles County Health

ount several years ago, star- send recordings) to the casting Mrs. Sam La Puma, Meadville, uncooperative than others in THE TORRANCE HERALD for being sinful, I'm glad my friend Billy has changed his mind about us. What's sarcas- huenga West, Los Angeles. tic about that?

referring to my item about one of Bill's role in a Jack Benny —Judi show. After Billy made all Calif.

ring himself, and then blasted departments of Walt Disney Pa. Hollywood and all its studios Studios, 500 S. Buena Vista, Burbank, Calif., and Hanna-Barbera Productions, 3501 Ca-

Dear Mike: My 10-year-old brother has a darling fake voice that would be perfect for any cartoon show. How does he go about getting someone from one of those shows to hear it?

Dear N. M.: I assume you're referring to my item about Bill's role in a Jack Benny Bill's role in a Jack Bill's a Bill's role in a Jack Bill's a Bill's role in a Jack Bill Dear Mike: Is Mary Peach

Dear Mrs. La Puma: Your eye is sharper than sprout's. Mary and her band, Thomas Clyde, welcomed a son last Feb. 2, shortly after the picture was finished (or should I saw photo-finished?)

the TV world (a rat race, I Young, Oakland, Calif.

Dear Mrs. Young: Eric is no more difficult than any other lotte, N. C. star. I doubt if "Cleopatra" have been the biggest should I saw photo-finished?)

Dear Sir: I keep reading that Eric Fleming, star of "Raw-like all other Stars, is a perfective like all other Stars, and the perfective

Dear Mike: Why did Robert

understand)? — Mrs. Helene Catherine Craig, after all that better than American beds? Is Johns? - Mabel Gleason, Char-

> Dear Mabel: Glynis' new TV series came along and started taking up so much of her time that Bob took it on the lam back to his ever-lovin'

Dear Mr. Connolly: Why did Burt Lancaster tell a French

hullabaloo about his plans to he flippin' or something? get a divorce and marry Glynis Donna Shipp, Yonkers, N. Y.

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Dear Donna: He didn't. The reporter asked him what he liked best about France and Burt said, "Your bread." The reporter thought he said "bed" and that's the way it came out in print.



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