

# Hollywood Reporter

By Mike Connolly

Dear Lunkhead: You really flubbed this time, didn't you, picking only four out of the eight top Oscar winners—Marvin Winkerson, Glendale.

Dear Marvin: Haw haw yourself. Go pick four out of eight winners at Santa Anita race track some day and tell me what your winnings were.

Dear Mr. C: I do not belong to the group of old ladies who get hysterical everytime "The Beverly Hillsbillies" appears on TV. Neither do I care if Joan Crawford's lamps resemble Pepsi bottles or if Rock Hudson's headache kept him from working in his latest movie. Your comments on Hollywood I read rarely, maybe because Hollywood has lost its glamor, or whatever it had. The only real excitement these days comes from French films, England's shabby-kitchen dramas, Italy's sophisticated comedies and the avant-garde American film-makers. You see, I'm over 17 and Hollywood has nothing to offer me — I just don't CARE about the private lives of Miss Crawford, Bob Hops, etc. — Shirley Rodgers, Altadena.

Dear Shirley: I'm glad for you but where were you the night of April 5 when, according to the Nielsen Index, more Altadenians than ever before in history turned in on the Oscarcast, Hollywood's all-time rated show? What does one do in Altadena?

Dear Mike: So my favorite Mouseketeer, Annette Funicello, is going to have a baby! My, how the time flies. Does this mean we won't be seeing her in movies for a while? And for how long? — Claudia Petris, Clinton, Miss.

Dear Claudia: The baby isn't due until Oct. 5 so her obstetrician has okayed it for her to shoot American International's "How to Stuff a Wild Bikini" — but right away! She has another picture in the can so you'll be seeing plenty of Miss Laughing Violin (as her pals call her: as in "Funny Cello") in the meantime.

Dear Mike: Honor Blackman and that kookie character she played in "Goldfinger" really clonked me but how can she ever find another part to top THAT? — Eddie Sloan, Marion, Ia.

Dear Eddie: She thinks she has it in "The Last Flapper," the Broadway-bound play produced by Billy "Golden Boy" Elkins. It's about Zelda Fitzgerald, widow of the tragic "Lost Generation" novelist F. Scott Fitzgerald who met her own tragic death in a mental institution fire in Montgomery, Ala. in 1948.

Sir: Hollywood must be INSANE, letting Merle Oberon's beauty and talent go to waste. She was breathtakingly beautiful in the Academy Awards show. Why isn't she acting? — Mrs. Maria DiGiorgio, Boston.

Dear Mrs. DiGiorgio: Merle is "Queenie" to her friends for more reasons than one. As the wife of multimillionaire Bruno Pagliai and widow of the very wealthy Sir Alex Korda, she is happy queening it over the Cuernavaca and Acapulco social scenes in Mexico. In addition, she tells me she just sold the rights to "I Claudius," the movie she started filming 15 years ago (with Flora Robson, Charles Laughton and Charles Richardson) and never finished because she was in an auto accident. It will now beam as a BBC-TV special in England, with Merle narrating the unfinished stuff, and may be seen here later.

Dear Sir: The Academy telecast was too long, too full, too well-rehearsed, too perfect! Why can't they have more stars like Martha Raye and Jimmy Durante, who made the only amusing contribution to the whole show by stumbling over their lines? — Mrs. Albert L. Schulz Blairstown, N. J.

Dear Mrs. Schulz: That "stumbling" is strictly stock-

in-trade for The Mouth and The Schnoz. If you only knew how carefully they rehearsed those "mistakes"! Let's see, what kind of flubs can we give you next year? Maybe somebody should slip Gladys Cooper's sleepwalking scene from "Macbeth" to Martha by mistake, and then give Gladys the wrong cue to do Martha's pratfalls? Whatever happens, you may be sure it will be

carefully rehearsed, as always, to make it look legitimately flubbish. "Too perfect" indeed — what do you want from those poor movie stars, blood? Dear Mike: My heart went out to Audrey Hepburn when she presented the Oscar to Rex Harrison and then had to stand aside while Julie Andrews won for "Mary Pop-

pins," when Audrey should have won for "My Fair Lady." Is there no justice? — Mary Kay Stuebbe, Ogden, Utah. Dear Mary Kay: There is indeed, Audrey is getting \$200,000 for three weeks of filming "Cast a Giant Shadow," as Kirk Douglas' wife. Dear sir: Is Glenn Ford really going to marry Kathy

Hays? — Jennifer Crippen, Williamsport, Pa. Dear Jennifer: They seem very serious but you never can tell about Glenn, he's such a slippery one. However, one thing's for sure: he'll walk down the middle aisle in October in his next Metro movie, "The Big Wedding." (Mike Connolly will try to

## Zone Change Is Requested

H. M. Kent has requested a zoning change for an irregularly shaped 3.6 acre parcel of land on the Palos Verdes Peninsula. The acreage is located between South Via Victoria and South Via Rivera. A public hearing before the Board of Supervisors must be held before the change of zone becomes effective.

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