

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Don't actors resent having to go out on the road to publicize their own movies or TV shows?"

If it would advance his career, I don't know of any actor who wouldn't be delighted to bring in his own grandmother over his shoulder and make her sing selections from "Hello Dolly."

"How did Don Quine, the actor who plays the young man in 'The Virginian' get his start as an actor?"

He had the lead in his senior play in high school. There

were not enough high school plays performed in this century to provide roles for all the Hollywood actors who make this claim, but Quine seems to check out. His play was "The Admirable Crichton" which, incidentally, will be produced by Hallmark for the current TV season.

"Does the name Jordan Christopher mean anything to you?"

Not yet, but it means a lot to Richard Burton. Christopher married his ex-wife, Sybil. Until recently they operated a rock-and-roll emporium for cafe society called "Arthur." Now he has given up pop music for acting — a gain for the theater as well as the musical world because he's a good actor and a terrible musician.

"Who was the wonderful girl who played the title role in last week's TV version of 'The Diary of Anne Frank?'"

Her name is Diane Davila and she is now rehearsing for a Broadway show, "The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie." She was

born in the United States when her Cuban father was serving at the U.N. Information Center. Her mother is from a Chilean diplomatic family. Her home is in Lima, Peru but she has lived all over the world. She made her Broadway debut this year playing Alfred Drake's daughter in "Song of the Grasshopper." She was born the same year that Anne Frank's diary was published.

I never knew him that well, but friends of mine who get around in the gorilla set here in Hollywood report that he lived to a ripe old age and died of pneumonia in his cage, still bragging that he smoked a dozen cigars and drank a fifth of Scotch a day. When last heard from he was in New York's Museum of Natural History, stuffed, and still frowning from ear to ear. You may visit him there, but you better phone first.

"How does an actress combine marriage and a career? I have two children and a husband to look after and I'm done-in by the end of the day. I can't imagine how I'd get the strength to go to the theater and play 'Taming of the Shrew' as well."

It may be harder on the husbands and youngsters than on the wife but the smarter

ones work it out—with servants. Ingrid Bergman who has a career and THREE families puts it this way: "I won't give up my life as an actress and my husband knows that. The children know it too so they have patience with me. They're trained since they are small. They come to the theater, they see the rehearsals, and I try to say to myself maybe they're happy that I'm an actress."

"Was 'Gone with the Wind' ever shown on TV? I seem to remember it on the late show."

GWTW was never released for television because it's still a gold mine in the movie houses. Maybe you saw "Jezebel," a Bette Davis movie about the Civil War, Southern womanhood and all that, which was hastily thrown together by Warner Brothers to beat "Gone with the Wind" to the theaters and capitalize on its enormous publicity.

Food, Gifts Collected For Marines

The Children's Theater of Lomita is still asking for donations of food and small gifts which will be sent to five Marines with whom they have been corresponding.

Desired items, which will be sent overseas, include home-made cookies or fruit cake, canned meats, tuna fish, vienna sausages, hard candy, powdered milk, soap, nuts, comic books, crossword puzzle books, paperbacks, and other articles of this sort.

Deadline for donating the items is Dec. 11.

The Children's Theater meets weekly at the Lomita Recreation Center, 24428 Eshelman Ave.

Storybook Hour Set at College

Faculty and student storytellers at El Camino College will present the humor of Ogden Nash and joy of The Gospel in "A Christmas Storybook," Dec. 10, 14, and 17 in the recital hall of the Music building.

Instructor Thomas Vize will start the program with "Commencement Address from Santa Claus" and will close with Luke 11:1-20 and Matthew 11:1-20.

Other story tellers include instructors Dr. Howard Banks, Stanley Wilson, William Buck, and Marjorie Schuchat, as well as students Mary Miller, Susan Berger, and John Weitz.

Selections include "The Boy Who Laughed at Santa Claus," "The Night Before Christmas," "A Child's Christmas

in Wales," "A Christmas Memory," "Many Moons," and "The Ballad of Baboushka."

Music for the Christmas program will be provided by guitarist William Callery and carolers led by Muriel Gilmore. The singers are Barry Anderson, Art Barras, Charles Carlson, Kathy Greenup, Elizabeth Jaensch, Debbie Jones, and Pete Lebel.

No charge will be made for the program and children are especially invited to attend, according to Dr. Eleanor Gebrecht, director of the program.

Sunday evening presentations will be at 7:30 on Dec. 10 and 17. There will be an 11 a.m. performance on Thursday, Dec. 14.

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