

Spot Checking

Food ★ Fun ★ Frolic
By Bill Whitman



Far-seein' the Seafarin' Inn

Now that may sound quite confusing but when you dig deep enough, it's not a bit confusing 'cause you see Pete Snyder and Wade Sunderland were far seein' when they planned their beautiful new dinner house, The Seafarin' Inn in Westchester. And they've got plans for this new spot that won't quit!

Pete himself is pretty far-seein' the other way, too, 'cause he goes back quite a ways in this show biz dodge-dinner house combo.

Pete and Billy Snyder, for example opened the first piano-bar type entertainment in Los Angeles in 1937 when they had the Band Box. This thriving piece of business was sold in 1942 to Lou Costello when Pete and Billy enlisted in the U.S. Navy.

Then upon their discharge they opened the still successful Melody Room on the Sunset Strip in 1948. They went on from there to open still another successful operation — Sardi's, on Hollywood Boulevard where that great insult artist, Don Rickles made his debut to the colorful world of show business in Hollywood.

Their next enterprise was that of The Metropole in Palm Springs which they only recently sold, and Billy re-

turned to his post at the Dunes in Las Vegas.

Our first contact with Pete and Billy Snyder was when they owned and operated the Dover House on Santa Monica Boulevard at the top of La Cienega where they both entertained nite, and at the same time hosting and operating the popular restaurant. And you haven't lived unless you've heard Pete render the Al Jolson-type numbers. Really a fine entertainer.

Pete's running-mate at the Seafarin' as well as on the golf course, Wade Sunderland, is no charlie-come-lately to this dodge, having operated bars and restaurants in the southland for 12-14 years. In fact, it was when Pete and Billy had their Metropole in Palm Springs that Wade first encountered this show biz duo.

Incidentally, if the fare offered last Sunday was any example of the type of cuisine they're presenting at the Seafarin', they should make it big. There was a free Easter spread to sort of introduce the patrons to the new Westchester spot and it was all served buffet style with the white livered attendants making with the huge helpings to the delight of the Easter celebrants.

The Seafarin' will be open daily for luncheon and dinner, with the luncheons starting at 65 cents and the daily special for \$1.25.

And for your dinner fare, it's a complete dinner nite at prices ranging from \$1.95 to \$4.50. Oh yeah, they've got a house specialty that'll put you away. It's called Calypso Coffee a la Wade. One of the features at Seafarin' is that they use all aged meats plus you'll find always fresh baked bread at each table.

So it should be a good food



BEAUTY AND THE BEAST... Hack as that may sound, this is the truth when you compare Miss Bach-Yen to the serpent she's holding above. Bach-Yen is the new and most charming, talented bit of fluff appearing nite at Hop Louie's Latitude 20 in Torrance. Such talent and such personality!



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