

# Assignment TV

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

"Who am I?" That's the big question asked by actors here these days who are curious about the characters they portray in the fall TV shows. But the writers seldom answer because they don't know themselves.

Even after filming the opening installment of "The Ghost and Mrs. Muir," Hope Lange doesn't know where Mrs. Muir lives and her co-star, Edward Mulhare, isn't sure whether his ghost is English, Irish or American. "I suppose these things come out later in the series," said Mulhare a little wistfully.

Sometimes it takes a long while. David Canary has played the role of "Candy" in NBC's "Bonanza" for a year and didn't know anything about the character's background until this week.

"I DISCOVERED from the script that I was an Army

brat whose marriage to the Colonel's daughter had been annulled. Hell, I didn't even know I'd been married." That's the way it is on any series where the scripts are written by a different writer each week.

Canary (pronounced "Canery") is a rough-looking Irish-American who went through the University of Cincinnati on a football scholarship and broke his nose making Pop Warner's scholastic all-America team in 1960.

"I was drafted by the Denver Broncos but turned it down when I discovered the ability to succeed in pro ball is in direct proportion to your mean streak — and just wasn't that mean," he told me in Beverly Hills yesterday.

I BELIEVE HIM. Canary is the kind of guy you don't want to argue with. Viewers of "Peyton Place" will remember him as the physiotherapist who kneaded Mia Farrow back to health after she was run down by the District Attorney's wife. I was preparing to ask him what sort of body she has, but after seeing "Rosemary's Baby" there's no mystery left on that subject.

Canary's name attracts more bird-calls than is usual for those in the acting profession. "If that wasn't bad enough, one of my first roles was in 'Kittywake Island,' an off-Broadway musical about an ornithologist," he said. "The character I played was named 'Rusty Swallow.'"

In 1965, Canary went to "Peyton Place," then to "Hombre" with Paul Newman, and last season he became the newest addition to the permanent cast of NBC's "Bonanza."

"IN 'PEYTON PLACE' I never found out who the character was supposed to be. It just never came into focus. Then came 'Bonanza' and I was thrown into a cast with three men who have been playing their roles for 10 years. At first there was a tendency to make me another Cartwright. They spoke about fixing up a room for me in the Ponderosa ranch house but 'Candy' is a hired hand and I thought he ought to stay in the bunk house with the rest.

"In this week's script which will be seen early next season I was surprised to learn that I was orphaned at nine, and had no education except frontier learning as an Indian scout. It's nice to know who you are even if a freelance writer just dreamed it up last month. It's a good sign. It shows I'm not on trial any longer," he said.

Who can tell? The writers can even make Candy the real heir of the Ponderosa instead of Little Joe. An old gypsy midwife switched babies when Pa Cartwright wasn't looking.

# Sea Barrier Units Due for Completion

Completion of the pioneering sea barrier project along the county's west coast line is scheduled this year, a report filed with the Board of Supervisors has indicated.

Supervisor Burton W. Chace, in whose district the project lies, said the summary was prepared under the direction of the County Flood Control District and covers a period from 1963 to 1967.

Developed by the district in cooperation with the state, the project is designed to prevent further intrusion of salt water into fresh underground supplies by creating a pressure barrier between the sea and subterranean reservoirs.

THE PROGRAM involves a series of water injection wells, observation wells to monitor effectiveness and pipelines which deliver Colorado River water in maintain the barrier, Chace said.

The completed project will have 97 injection wells spaced at intervals varying from 185 to 1,500 feet and between 1,000 and 9,000 feet inland from the coast. Well depths range from 239 to 756 feet.

Chace said the barrier will extend 10 miles from the Palos Verdes Hills to Imperial Highway. It lies within sections of Los Angeles, El Segundo, Manhattan Beach, Hermosa Beach, Redondo Beach, and Torrance.

A PILOT PROJECT—forerunner of the over-all barrier program—afforded protection along a coastal stretch of about a mile and a half and resulted in injection of 37,621 acre feet of fresh water prior to July 1, 1963.

The latest report covers the period 1963-64 to 1966-67 during which the project was expanded, Chace said. In this span, protection from seawater intrusion increased to 6.7 miles which is 70 per cent of the stretch which requires safeguarding.

During the same period, 121,510 acre feet of Colorado

River water were injected.

EXPENDITURES in the report for fixed assets amounted to \$5,794,927 and were financed from Flood Control General and special Zone II funds, Chace said. Operational expenses — exclusive of water purchases —

were \$1,456,351 and also came from Flood Control General funds.

Costs for water injected during the report period totaled \$2,575,314 and were paid for by the Central and West Basin Water Replenishment District.

THE REPORT noted that major changes in groundwater elevations have occurred in the West Coast Basin as a result of the operation of the expanded project. Groundwater quality in the area has improved significantly because of the barrier program, Chace said.

Similar programs are in operation or under construction by the Flood Control District in the east Long Beach-Seal Beach and north Wilmington areas, the supervisor added.

## Deadline Set for Voters

Voter registration for the Nov. general election will close Thursday, Sept. 12, Ray E. Lee, county registrar-recorder, has announced.

Voters must be at least 21 years of age, a resident of the state for one year, and the county for 90 days, and be able to read and write the English language.

Persons convicted of a felony crime are not eligible to vote.

Lee also reminded voters who have changed their name, address, or political affiliation since they last registered must re-register in order to be eligible to vote.

## Architects Chosen for Gardens

A Palos Verdes Estates architectural firm has been appointed as architects for the South Coast Botanic Garden administration building by Supervisor Burton W. Chace.

Chace's appointment of the firm of Hendrickson and Knox, 43 Malaga Cove Plaza, was approved by the Board of Supervisors Tuesday.

"This appointment was recommended by the Board of Trustees of the Gardens and has the full support of Dr. William Stewart, director of the County Department of Arboreta and Botanic Gardens," Chace said.

"The firm, in addition to being near the project, has a high degree of experience with the Spanish style architecture which will be the format of the building," Chace said.

## Go Classified

### AUTOMEDIC TIRE & SERVICE CENTER

2021 S. WESTERN AVE., TORRANCE

BETWEEN 190th ST. AND TORRANCE BLVD.

## FAMOUS "HOOD" "ARROW"



HOOD "400" FIRST LINE WHITEWALLS

915 x 15 2\$39  
885 x 15  
850 x 14 FOR

Plus Exc. Tax From 2.56 To 2.97 & Old Tire Off Car.

\*Compare with Firestone Safety Champion, Goodyear Safety All-Weather, Goodrich Custom Long Miller.

IN ONE PLACE FOR CONVENIENCE... LOWER PRICES

### INGLEWOOD CEMETERY-MORTUARY

INGLEWOOD PARK CEMETERY

**Free** KRACO TWIN RUBBER FLOOR MATS IN DECORATOR COLORS WITH YOUR PURCHASE OF 2 OR MORE TIRES

FIRST QUALITY\* 4 PLY NYLON CORD

## TUBELESS TIRES

FULL NATIONWIDE GUARANTEE 25,000 MILE WEAROUT WARRANTY LIFE-TIME ROAD HAZARD

650 x 13  
700 x 13  
695 x 14  
645 x 14  
735 x 14  
700 x 14  
775 x 14  
750 x 14  
775 x 15  
670 x 15

# 2 \$25 FOR

BLACKWALL PLUS EXCISE TAX FROM \$1.92 TO \$2.19 & TRADE-IN OFF CAR. WHITEWALLS ADD \$2.50 PER TIRE.

**Free** MOUNTING ALIGNMENT CHECK SAFETY INSPECTION TIRE ROTATION BRAKE INSPECTION

# 2 \$29 FOR

51285 P.R.T. Prices Plus Fed. Ex. Tax  
800x14 - 825x14 ... 3.35 & Old Tire Off Car  
710x15 - 815x15 ... 3.36 C.R. White-walls add 2.50  
760x15 - 845x15 ... 3.54 Per Tire.

## NO MONEY DOWN! TAKE MONTHS TO PAY... USE YOUR BANKAMERICARD OR MASTER CHARGE

MEDI-TREADS WHITEWALLS

450 x 13 775 x 14  
825 x 14 855 x 14  
775 x 13 850 x 15  
Plus P.R.T. from 90c to 95c per tire

With Cassings from FIRESTONE GOODYEAR U.S. ROYAL and other famous brands

# 2 FOR \$17.96

TRUCK & CAMPER TIRES

HI-WAY KING P.R.T.

480 x 14 ... 14.74 ... 3.37  
480 x 14 ... 19.74 ... 3.44  
470 x 15 ... 18.94 ... 3.43  
700 x 15 ... 31.74 ... 3.89  
700 x 14 ... 24.94 ... 3.81

6 PLY

# \$16.96 + TAX

SAVE UP TO 50%

3-YEAR BATTERY FAMOUS "AC" 12 VOLT BATTERY

For Most Cars

- 36 Month Guarantee
- Silver Cobalt Additives
- Heavy Duty Plates
- Free Charging System Check

**FREE** Rechargement if battery fails within first year

# \$14.96

Free Installation

VALUABLE COUPON

## ALIGNMENT SPECIAL

SAVE \$10 WITH COUPON

- Align Front Wheels
- Balance 2 Front Wheels
- Repack Front Wheel Bearings
- Adjust Brakes

Reg. \$17.46

# 7.46

Limit 1 Coupon Per Car

Disc Brakes Slightly Higher

— WITH COUPON —

SUMITOMO PREMIUM

4 PLY NYLON CORD TUBELESS TIRES

Sizes 495 x 14 - 735 x 14 - 775 x 14 - 825 x 14 - 855 x 14 - 775 x 13 - 815 x 15

Plus 2.06 to 2.97 per tire P.R.T. Whitewalls add \$3.00 per tire.

# 2 FOR \$35

SPORT OVALS

Sizes D7014 - E7014 - F7014 - G7015 - H7015 - 4 PLY

Plus Exc. Tax of 1.92 to 2.39 per tire.

# 2 FOR \$49

SAVE 40%

DOUBLE ACTION SHOCKS

Improves ride; stabilizes car; increases tire mileage. Free shock absorber inspection.

**FREE** Replacement if shocks fail within 25,000 miles.

# 4 FOR \$19

Free Installation

OPEN DAILY 8:30 to 6—FRIDAY 'til 9 P.M. (CLOSED SUNDAY) PHONE 320-1403

Have the NIGHTTIME of Your Life!

## NIGHT RACING now! at beautiful LOS ALAMITOS

FIRST OF NINE RACES MON.-SAT. AT 7:45

Turf Terrace Dining... Table Reservations Call: (213) 431-0922 (714) 527-4471

LOS ALAMITOS WEST OF DISNEYLAND ON KATELLA