

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



DICK MCINNES

Theatre Trip. . . "Oliver" is back and the Music Center's got him (remember those ads when Gable returned from the service, "Gable's Back and Garson's Got Him"). That is to say, that there's a brand new production of "Oliver" at the Dorothy Chandler Pavilion starring RON MOODY, KAREN MORROW, COLIN DUFFY and DAVY JONES. Moody is perfection as the wily Fagin (what a joy just to watch him on stage), Karen who is one of the best musical comedy talents of the century, delivers a socko version the show's biggest hit, "As Long As He Needs Me", and nearly stopped the show cold on opening night; Colin is an appealing Oliver and Davy, who played the role originally 12 years ago and won a Tony nomination for it, still looks 15 and makes the Artful Dodger a delightful character. Some of the supporting players are overdone, to say the least, and there are a few faults with the production (for which, by the way, there are no excuses. When there is so much money invested, there's no excuse for gaping holes in the show.) But I doubt if you'll find a better show for the whole family.

Went out with JACK OAKIE and his lovely VICKIE to the curtain Call afterwards and all the young boys in the show kept coming over with their parents to say hello. When Ron Moody came in, he walked right over to Jack and got down on his knees and said, "When I'm in the company of genuine stars, I'm in complete awe" and said he couldn't wait until he told his family in England that he had met the great Jackie Oakie. Nice tribute to a fantastic performer to a fantastic performer. Others there included CHITA RIVERA (says she likes doing The Dick Van Dyke Show, but all she's done so far is to say, "Hello Dick, Goodbye Dick.") JEAN NIDETCH (the Weight Watchers' Head Lady who is really excited over doing her own series, a talk show based on WW) and RUTH BUZZI and BILL KEHOE (Ruthie says she is a Weight Watcher too, but I don't know where she'd lose it. Underneath that Gladys drag is a real cute bod.)

A Music Trip. . . On the other side of the Music Center, Columbia Records threw a series of concerts called "A Week to Remember", featuring the best of their recording talents. I didn't catch all of them, but did manage to see the JOHNNY MATHEIS-PETER NERO-MAXINE WELDON concert. That's right, the three of them on one program. Talk about a music trip! Maxine is a big favorite here in Hollywood and is obviously on her way to becoming a big, big star. Her rendition of "Try A Little Tenderness" rocked the Ahmanson Theatre to the rafters. In fact, every number of hers was greeted with a lot of love from the audience. Nero's artistry on the keyboard defies description, but I can tell you that his version of the medley from "Jesus Christ, Superstar" almost makes you a believer, and his smash "Summer of '42" is unbelievable. And what more can be said about Mathis? Did you know, he's the only performer to have the same album on Billboard's Top 100 for ten straight years. His "Maria" is even more outstanding now than when he first sang it. He makes everyone wish they had just met a girl named Maria, and that they could feel that way about her. What an array of talent and what an evening.

If it sounds like I had an exciting week, I did.

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BETTY ROSE

BY JACK TELL

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Here's how it adds up. There are some 50,000 women bowlers competing in Las Vegas, representing every state, and a dozen nations, where more than 2,000,000 were eligible. It is the Women's International Bowling Congress tournament.

There are many classifications, including singles, doubles,

team or all-events division. It started April 5 and will terminate July 20.

To date, a five-man team, representing SNAP-ON TOOLS of Las Vegas, is second in the Open Division competition, the highest event on the program. The Vegas team is only seven points behind the leader, with a total score of 2,765. That's where our Betty shines. Her personal score was 565, four points better than the runner-up, and 35 points ahead of the lowest scorer. In her doubles she shot a 631 for her and her partner, Judy Dodson to place with 1130.

This makes our Betty's score the most outstanding to date in the entire tournament. Why not? She's an original member of the Professional Women Bowlers' Association.

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