

# OF THE STARS



Dallas, Texas....."Everybody loves Maggie" in Dallas. That is, everybody in Dallas seems to love MARTHA RAYE in "Everybody Loves Opal," the current tenant at Granny's Dinner Theatre. Maggie is, as usual, outrageous on-stage but when she's serious and really acts there is nobody quite like her. She is an artist and I only wish she'd tackle something like "Come Back Little Sheba" and let everyone else in on her talent. However, the hilarious Raye is better than no Raye at all. Her supporting cast is a bit overdone but very good. RALPH FOODY is a combination ART CARNEY/HUNTZ HALL, HAL FLETCHER has an appropriate sinister air about him and BOBBIE JO LATHAN out-Nichols Barbara as the moll. SIDNEY BREESE has a nice bit as the doctor and TOM HAYWARD was okay as a good-looking cop who is Opal's friend. It was a fun evening but don't sit near the coffee machine, the noise almost drowns out the performance. Maggie gave a curtain speech that was very moving about the MIA's, the young Americans who are still "missing in action" in Vietnam. She is the Vice-President of the group that is still trying to find out information on the MIAs and she asked that people in the audience help support the group. Then she had to rush out because she had to spend her day off with the Green Berets who were having a reunion. The following day, she was given a surprise birthday party by the cast and some friends. She's a Virgo, born on August 27. She's also a very busy, versatile woman.

DOROTHY LAMOUR is still packing them in at the Country Dinner Playhouse in Dallas in "Fallen Angels." MIMI COZZENS, a delightful New York actress has replaced ANNE HANEY. It's not easy to follow an actress like Haney but Mimi really comes through.....SHEILA MACRAE had to bow out of her appearance at the Windmill Dinner Theatre due to an emergency operation. JUNE LOCKHART has agreed to stay on with "No Sex Please, We're British" until they get a replacement. ARTE JOHNSON also bowed out of his Granny's commitment so Martha Raye will stay on an extra week until a replacement is found. There's no business like show business!!!!

Ran into MIMI CHANDLER at the Lamour show and she looks terrific. She appeared with Dorothy in "And the Angels Sing" when she was 15. She had only made one movie prior to "Angels" and that was "Henry Aldrich Swings It," Paramount's answer to MGM's "Andy Hardy" series. She had a 7 year contract with Paramount and was skedded to appear next in "Out of This World" when she fell in love, got married and gave up the business. The marriage only lasted two years and then Mimi, six years later remarried, now has three great kids and stayed married for 20 years. She is recently divorced and living in Dallas with her daughter, Celeste. I asked her if she had any show biz plans and she admitted that she had thought of trying to do commercials or something but didn't know anybody out in Hollywood anymore. I think if they took a look at Mimi, she wouldn't have any problem.

Take a good look at yourself this week. If you don't like what you see, change it, and Happy New Year to all our Jewish Friends.

## JIMMY DEAN, IMPERIALS AT D.I.

Popular Country and Western entertainer Jimmy Dean opened in the Crystal Room of the Desert Inn for four weeks. Sharing the spotlight with Dean are the ever-inspiring gospel group, The Imperials.

Dean is one of the most versatile entertainers on the show business scene today. Singer, humorist, actor, musician and composer, the tall, lanky, easy-going Texan with the casual performing style has displayed his talents in almost every medium of entertainment. During his career as one of the top recording artists in the nation, he has had a number of hit singles and albums. Perhaps the most notable of these is his famed "Big, Bad John," a song he composed himself and which catapulted him to disc stardom in 1961 when it sold over 3 million records.

It was during his service in the Air Force that Jimmy had his introduction to professional show business. A Quartet of G.I.'s who performed at a small club in Washington asked him to fill in for a member of the group who had taken ill. Jimmy brought along his accordion, earned four dollars for his performance, and thus began one of the most luminous careers in the entertainment world.

Whatever you may choose to call it, Jimmy Dean has it. In spades!

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