

OF THE STARS

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD



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DALE OLSON threw a party to help JACK OAKIE celebrate his 71st birthday and his new found success as an author. Jack has now written six stories about his experiences in show biz to various magazines and a whole new career as a writer has opened up. There's no one who can tell a story better than Oakie, so it's a natural. Among the good friends stopping by to wish Jack and his Vickie the best (her birthday was 11 days earlier) were DOROTHY LA MOUR, MARY BRIAN, CARMEL MYERS, BUDDY ROGERS, IRVING RAPPER, SAM YORTY, GEORGE KENNEDY, CONNIE MOORE, GERTRUDE NEISSEN, JUDITH JETT, GEORGE & BILLIE MAIN, JACK HALEY, SR., PAT & ELOISE O'BRIEN (his birthday was the next day so at midnight, Vickie had everyone sing "Happy birthday" to him too), PATRICIA MORISON (her tour with TERRY-THOMAS & NOEL HARRISON in "Oh, Coward" starts after



BILLY KAY, ACTOR, MUSICIAN AND COMIC OPENED IN THE FRONTIER CASINO LOUNGE TO A SRO CROWD. A PROVEN ATTRACTION FOR LOCALS AND TOURISTS, HE HAS WON THE RAVE OF CRITICS WHO SAY "BILLY KAY IS DYNAMITE."

the first of the year) and SUSIE KRUGER (her first time out since the death of her husband Otto). It was supposed to be a cocktail party from 5-8 but the last stragglers left at 1 A.M. It's terribly hard to leave a party that's that good and for someone as great as Jack Oakie. Los Angeles is becoming a mini-Las Vegas

DEAN MARTIN CELEBRATES MGM BIRTHDAY

"It's "Happy Birthday" time at the MGM Grand Hotel, and the towering, sprawling palace of pleasure will hail its own first anniversary with the re-

turn of its premiere super-star Dean Martin. Martin opened a special one-week engagement in the plush 1,200-seat Celebrity Room Wednesday, December 4th. Joining Martin on the Celebrity Room stage will be the Third Generation Steps and "Mr. Electric."

Almost one year ago to the day, Wednesday, December 5th, Dean Martin stepped on stage of the Celebrity Room amidst Hollywood-style hoopla, flashing lights, celebrities and the excitement of huge crowds - marking the opening of the world's largest resort hotel - casino - entertainment complex, the MGM Grand Hotel. The in-

fancy of the MGM has indeed been Grand. If there has been a let-down in hoopla, lights, celebrities, excitement or huge crowds, it is not noticeable.

The Grand has become a Las Vegas entertainment "home" to Dean Martin. The upcoming engagement marks Dino's fifth return to the Celebrity Room. In addition, he recently taped two of his famed "Celebrity Roasts" for television in the Celebrity Room. Telly Savalas and Lucille Ball were fried in the recent "roasts," and three more roasts are planned for the Grand involving Jackie Gleason, Sammy Davis, Jr. and Michael Landon.

TOP ENTERTAINMENT IN STARDUST LOUNGE

The Starlight Lounge at the Stardust Hotel is, and has always been, one of the most popular nightspots for tourists and locals, alike.

The high calibre of entertainment offered is the main factor for the nightly turn-away crowds. However, the comfortable, informal, free access to come and go as you please of the Starlight theatre-lounge

is a contributing reason for its great success.

Between now and the first of the year, the lounge attractions include some of the nation's most versatile musical variety acts, in addition to top name single performers. The Starlight Lounge is also the "home" of the award-winning revue, "Bare Touch of Vegas." The colorful production is presented three times nightly.

"Crying" comedian Rip Taylor, whose popularity has skyrocketed as a result of his many television guest appearances and talk show visits, is one of the hotel's main lounge draws.

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with lots of good lounge acts playing all over town. KAY DENNIS, a dynamite redhead whose resemblance to a young RITA HAYWORTH is startling, is also fortunate to be an extremely talented singer. She opened at the Studio One to a packed audience for whom she could do no wrong. From "Up On My Roof" to "Let It Be" to a dramatic "I Can't Live Anymore" to a socko "Sophisticated Lady," the Dennis sound is terrific. At the end, she remarked that she was aware of her resemblance to Rita and then went into a torris "Put the Blame on Mame" that brought down the house. She's some lady.....Across town at the Brass Rail, pint-sized KELLY FORD is knocking them out with anything but a pint-size voice. Imagine if you will the voice of a MERMAN in the frame of a SHIRLEY TEMPLE (Just kidding, Kelly, you're not that short). Kelly is one of the freshest talents in town with a repertoire that is so versatile that it's like seeing three or four different acts. She belts, she torches, she even did an outstanding impress of KATHARINE HEPBURN singing, "I Wish I Were in Love Again" and then goes back for the "Oogie Woogie Boogie" and does it all so very well. She'll be a smash in the right musical with her range.....

If you're starting to get the holiday feeling, try to hold on to it for the rest of the year.



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