

ENTERTAINMENT TRIP AROUND THE WORLD

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JACK OAKIE, no stranger to awards was honored the other night with a brand new award, the "Joakle." Photoplay decided to honor Jack for his contributions to the art of screen comedy and realized that the best way was to name the award after him. It will be presented annually to the personality who has done the most to advance the art of screen comedy and Jack himself will present it each year. Gus Milonis, Photoplay's publisher and their editor Lynn Dorsey flew out from New York especially for the occasion and took over Chasen's party room for the event. Oakie friends and former co-workers showed up to toast Jack and to listen to HAL KANTER, who wrote radio scripts for Oakie 40 years ago, affectionately "roast" his former boss. Kanter began with "This event was intended to honor one of the great men of the motion picture industry. Unfortunately, he turned it down, so we got Jack Oakie." He added, "No one has contributed more to the art of screen comedy than Jack Oakie, with the possible exception of CHARLTON HESTON." Jack's 31 year marriage to Vicki didn't go by Kanter's barbs. "He calls her Mommy, she calls him sweetie. That's because they can't remember each other's names." MARY BRIAN, CARMEL MYERS, PATRICIA MORISON, STU ERWIN JR. & WIFE JULIE SOMMARS, PAULINE KESSINGER and her sister ALVINA, CESAR ROMERO, HENRY BERGER & Councilman JOHN FERRARO, who once played football at USC and said he became a football star by watching old Jack Oakie movies, all cheered Jack, the new Joakle award and the wonderful party. I asked Jack later if he was really surprised. (Vicki had kept the whole thing from him right from the beginning). He said, "Yes, I was. But I did get a little suspicious when I received three phone calls that afternoon from three wonderful ladies, LILY PONS, ALICE FAYE & GINGER ROGEPS all telling that they were going away and wouldn't be in town. But I never expected such a wonderful surprise." And no one deserves it more than Jack Oakie!

Las Vegasites will remember the dynamic BETTY RHODES from the opening of MARK TAN's Forbidden City, a few seasons back. She's back in Hollywood and is alive and well and singing better than ever. Tripped over to her opening at the Cabaret and that little devil had the audience in the palms of her hands as she whipped through a hysterically funny 50's bit. She didn't miss a trick in her mimicry of the hits of the fifties like KAY STARR's "Wheel of Fortune," TERESA BREWER's "Music, Music," "Crying in the Chapel," etc. That was fun but my favorite Rhodes moments come when she really lets go with songs like "Ladies of Love," the title song from "Irma La Douce" (I haven't heard that for a long time and have never heard it done so well) and of course "Carousel" from Jacques Brel is Alive and Well, etc. Betty said that she had decided not to do any Brel material but I hope she never sticks to that statement. An evening with Betty Rhodes is always a treat but the whipped cream is listening to her "feeling" Brel's music.

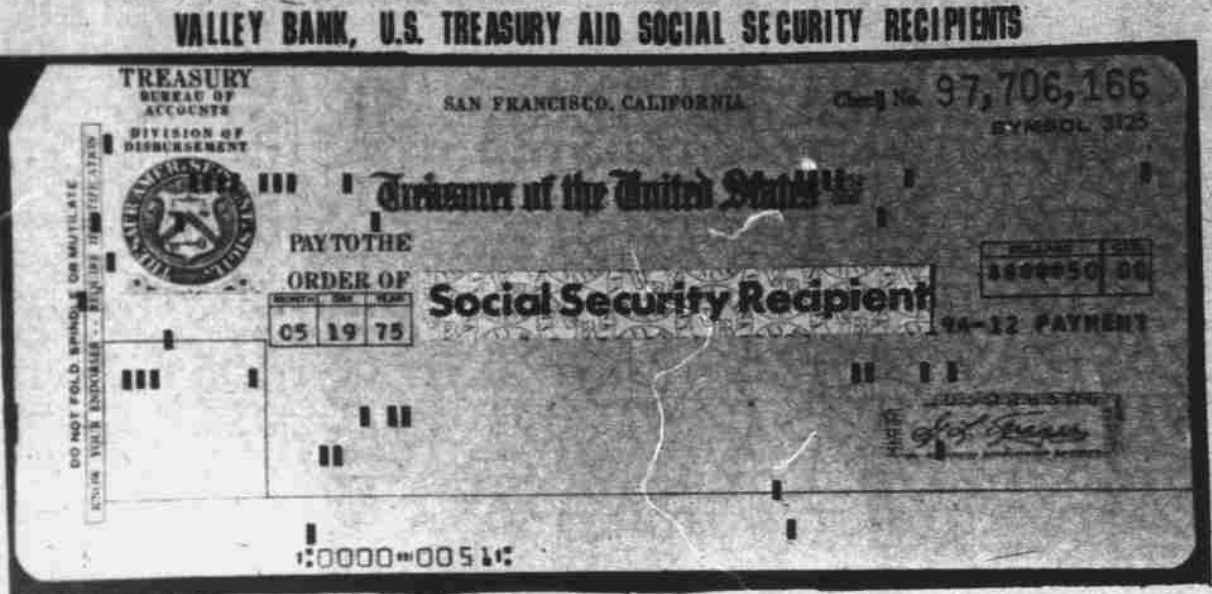
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The Valley Bank of Nevada has joined forces with the U.S. Treasury Department and the result is an historical "first" in the history of Nevada banking which is expected to benefit nearly 70,000 Nevada Social Security recipients.

R. Bernard Gutcheon, vice president of marketing, for the 16 statewide offices of Valley Bank, announced the plan called "Guaranteed Automatic Deposit," which is being launched this week, after months of research, negotiation and planning.

"Recent Federal legislation," he explained, "opened the doors to the new plan, when 'automatic depositing' of Social Security checks was approved. That move merely allows recipients to have the government send their monthly checks directly for deposit, to a financial institution selected by the recipient. Under the arrangement, the money cannot be used, until checks are received and credited to the individual accounts.

"Valley Bank's new 'Guaranteed Automatic Deposit,'" he said, "is totally different, and offers recipients the following benefits:

Valley Bank guarantees that the amount due will be deposited on the day it is due, whether the check has arrived, or not. This makes the

new 'Guaranteed Automatic Deposit' account both theft-proof and loss-proof. In addition, Valley Bank will give those participating in the program, free personalized checks and a free checking account, with no minimum balance required.

There are 50,000 Social Security recipients in Clark and Washoe Counties," Gutcheon added. "They will no longer have to run fruitlessly to the post office, the mail box, or to their banks to see if their monthly checks have arrived. They will also be spared from having to stand in long lines to cash or deposit their Social Security checks.

"All 16 Valley Bank offices," he continued "are now offering their exclusive 'Guaranteed Automatic Deposit' plan, and we have added the extra free services as a weapon in the fight being waged against inflation, by all Social Security recipients."

He explained that signing up for the new program requires bringing in the next Social Security check to any Valley Bank of Nevada office in the State...and, "We'll do the rest!"

If, for some reason, an individual is unable to appear in person, Gutcheon suggested that special arrangements can be made.

The Union Plaza's highly hilarious "Mind With The Dirty Man" is fast becoming the talk of the town as the No. 1 show in Las Vegas, twice nightly.

Senator Howard Cannon lauded Senate passage of new legislation providing \$2.5 million annually to continue the promotion of both foreign and domestic tourism and said the substitute measure was virtually "veto-proof."

Jean Shepherd's America' airs on TV-10 Thursday, July 10 at 7:30 p.m.

'Evening At Pops' returns Sunday night, July 6 at 7:30 p.m. on Channel 10.

"Broken Treaty At Battle Mountain" will be seen July 7 at 8 p.m. and repeated Saturday, July 12 at 9 p.m. on Channel 10.

'Man Builds, Man Destroys' Wednesday, July 9 at 8:30 p.m. on Channel 10.

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