



ROCK HUDSON
really a shy guy

Get Ready, Girls— Rock Due On TV

By JOAN CROSBY
HOLLYWOOD (NEA) — Everybody who has any kind of a talk show wants Rock Hudson as a guest. But he makes life hard for his press agent by not wanting to do them.

Then, when he finally does agree to appear on one, what does he pick? Man to Man, a syndicated sports show with Los Angeles Rams football stars Roman Gabriel and Merlin Olsen.

Rock, looking extremely handsome with a bushy mustache, is trying to look insignificant at a corner table of the Beverly Hills Hotel, but it's not an easy task at his height. He is recalling that he once went on Johnny Carson's show "because I was talked into it. If I ever did a show like that again, I'd be better prepared so I wouldn't just sit there and feel like an idiot."

Rock also taped an appearance on "Dinah's Place," in which he told Dinah about chopping down your own Christmas tree.

But the major news is that he is the latest big film star to succumb to the idea of a weekly TV series. He will make a World Premiere film for Universal, "McMillan & Wife." It's a suspense comedy (somewhat on the lines of the Thin Man or the Mr. and Mrs. North comedies), and it is also a pilot for a series.

His philosophy: "Anything good that comes along I'll do—even a TV series."

He's a shy man, who would like most of all to be able to be anonymous when he's not working. He says he thinks maybe he has come up with a perfect disguise.

"I'll get a Rock Hudson mask—you know, one of those plastic things—and wear it," he says. "Then if someone asks me if I'm Rock Hudson, I can honestly say I'm wearing a mask."

He's a storyteller, once he warms up to his audience. He's the butt of many of his own stories.



A PAIR OF QUEENS

Pearl Bailey first feigns indignation, then joins in the laughter as Lucille Ball parodies Pearl's entrance promenade (complete with an elaborate costume and Pearl's Pages) in the second show of Pearl's new series at

8:30 p.m. Saturday on Channels 7 and 12. Impressionist George Kirby gives an imitation of Pearl and Sergio Mendes and Brasil '66 do their thing in a musical way.

Bugaloo Buggy A Special Mobile Bug

One of the more expensive cars in Hollywood is an odd-looking contraption that was designed to resemble an insect. It's the Bugaloo Buggy, an auto designed for use on NBC television network's Saturday morning colorcasts of The Bugaloos (9:30-10 a.m. on Channels 4 and 5).

"We decided that the kids on the show would need a method of transportation, and since the kids have wings we decided that we'd give them a car that had wings," explain producers Sid and Mary Krofft. The Krofft brothers asked custom car specialist George Barris to create a Bugaloo Buggy.

Barris and his team of designers started their "creation" with a visit to the stage. They chatted with the four young stars of "The Bugaloos" and asked what they'd like to have. In the way of a car, if they could have anything they wanted.

They also studied the scripts

to get the "feel" of the show, and then set out to give the Kroffts a car that was so fancy it is almost like another star on the show. The Bugaloo Buggy was born two months later.

It has wings and a taillight that glows, as well as headlights that appear to be insect eyes. It also contains four

stereo systems with individual earphones.

Barris, who also built the Batmobile and the Munster Coach for television shows, says the car is perfectly safe for use on city streets, but the Kroffts, who don't want any scratches or dents on the mobile "bug," won't allow it anywhere near those Los Angeles freeways.

Andy's Bear Honored With A Paw Print

The cookie-mooching bear on the Andy Williams show at 7:30 p.m. Saturdays was feted by the show business community in a "Grauman-style" ceremony when one of the bear's paws made an impression in cement at the Burbank (Calif.) Animal Shelter.

The bear's insignia joined those of other animals of TV and movie fame which through the years have been similarly honored.

The bear will be on hand when the Andy Williams show originates at San Diego, Calif., site of the Andy Williams Open Golf Tournament, Saturday night. The show will focus on the world of golf but will include entertainers Don Adams, Al Hirt and his Dixieland Band and the Lennon Sisters.

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