

W.C. Fields' young sidekick retired early

Entertainment

Q. I'd like to know about Baby LeRoy, who played in some movies with W.C. Fields. Where is he now and what is he doing? Also, Paul Muni — what is he doing now? — M.R., Amarillo, Texas.

A. You are a bit tardy with your query about Paul Muni — he died in 1967. Baby LeRoy retired from acting when he was 4; he is 57 now. At last report, he was in the Merchant Marine — using a different name.

Q. On "General Hospital" not long ago, the show was dedicated to someone, but my daughter failed to catch the name of the person it was dedicated to. Would you happen to know the circumstances? — M.B., Commerce, Ga.

A. That particular show was dedicated to the memory of Wayne Gibbs, a grip on the show who had recently died.

Q. Who were the main performers in the original movie "42nd Street"? And who were the other main performers with Al Jolson in "Wonder Bar"? — B.F.P., Goshen, Ind.

A. The cast of "42nd Street" was headed by Warner Baxter, Ruby Keeler, George Brent, Bebe Daniels, Ginger Rogers and Dick Powell. "Wonder Bar" had Jolson, Kay Francis, Dolores DelRio, Dick Powell and Ricardo Cortez.

ASK DICK KLEINER



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Q. Could you please tell me what Boris Karloff's real name was? — C.S., Toronto, Ohio.

A. He was really William Pratt.

Q. Who played the original part of Topper — Charles Ruggles or Cary Grant? — E.C.Z., Madison, Wis.

A. Neither of the above. Topper was played by Roland Young — Cary Grant and Constance Bennett were the Kirbys, who had died but continued to befriend Topper.

Q. Is Allison Doody an English gal or an American? — M.D.B., Deland, Fla.

A. Doody — Harrison Ford's leading lady in "Indiana Jones and the Last Crusade" — is Irish. She comes from Dublin and says that Doody is a fine old Irish name, and, no, she isn't related to Howdy.



Tina Louise

Joanne Woodward

Q. Could you please tell me what other movies Joanne Woodward has been in besides "Three Faces of Eve" and "Sybil." — K.W., Evergreen Park, Ill.

A. Among many others: "No Down Payment"; "The Long Hot Summer"; "From the Terrace"; "A Big Hand For the Little Lady"; "Rachel Rachel" and "The End."

Q. What's happened to Ginger of "Gilligan's Island"? And did Mr. Howell die recently? — N.V., DuBuque, Iowa.

A. Tina Louise (Ginger) is acting away and, yes, Jim Backus, who played Mr. Howell, did die a short while ago.

Q. Being a true-blue traditional Greek, I'd like to know more about John Stamos of "Full House." How old is he? Is he really an Elvis fan, like his character on the show? — M.N., East Grand Rapids, Mich.

A. Stamos is 26 and, while he likes Presley (I assume that is the Elvis you meant) he is not as rabid as the character he plays.

Q. Help me! I'm having a little trouble figuring out who played Trapper on "M*A*S*H." How did they explain his leaving the show? Please help! — A.S., Jay, Ariz.

A. Here is a life raft — Wayne Rogers was Trapper until he left the show after a contract dispute. They wrote him out by having him discharged and go home.

Q. I love the theme music that is used on "Midnight Caller," starring Gary Cole. Is that music available on record or tape? — R.A.H., Kalamazoo, Mich.

A. Unfortunately, it's not. Brad Fiedel composed it but, as yet, it has not been recorded.

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