## Judy Garland biography — highly engrossing

by Terry Dupuis "Judy" by Gerold Frank, classic musicals as The biography, over 700 pages Dell Paperbacks, \$2.50; Wizard Of Oz, Meet Me In But it is highly readable

biographies out now on Easter Parade; her being difficult to put down. And the late singer and ac- fired by MGM and her that cannot be said about ress Judy Garland, but triumphant comeback many other biographies. by far the most wor- several years later in A "The Great Child Stars" Thinkile one is the Star Is Born; her by James Robert Parish; biography by Gerold marriages to musician Ace Paperbacks, \$1,75: Frank. Mr. Frank is an David Rose, director 206 pgs. author whose previous Vincente Minnelli, Sid This fascinating book books include "The Luft, and two further by the author of "The Boston Strangler". "I'll marriages before her Great Western Stars' ('ry Tomorrow'' and death; her years-long takes a look at 24 of "Beloved Infidel". His battle with drugs; and her Hollywood's most massive and extensively tragic death in 1969 at the talented child stars of the researched biography of Judy Garland is likely to become the definitive book about the late star. Frank met Judy Garland on a number of occasions and conducted a series of interviews with her. Moreover he is the only biographer who was given total authority and cooperation by Judy

The book "Judy" studies Judy Garland's complete life in fascinating detail. All the triumphs and tragedies. the high points and the low moments of both her private and professional lives are detailed: her childhood years as a m\_.nber of the family act known as the Gumm sisters, her many years under contract to MGM

Garland's Fusbands and

children.

### Mulcahy leaves Gryphon

Sean Mulcahy, for three years Artistic Director of Barrie's Gryphon Theatre has resigned, and declares he's "saddened to so suddenly sever my connection with Gryphon audiences.

Mulcahy's resignation was accepted at a September meeting of the Board of Directors of the Georgian Foundation for the Performing Arts.

Wendy Hicks, Georgian Theatre Co-ordinator and board member insists that "it is with the greatest regret that we accepted Sean's resignation. He built Gryphon into very successful summer theatre.'

Differences of opinion

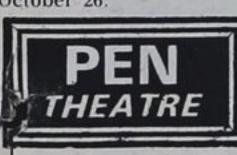
about casting for the 1977 Gryphon season are cited as reasons for the Mulcahy's departure "Since the board couldn't accept my choice of plays and casting," said Mulcahy, "I had no choice but to interpret this as a lack of confidence. It was a case of either stay and collect a pay check or quit."

Mulcahy has a full plate of guest productions ahead of him. He's scheduled to direct plays at the Manitoba Theatre Centre, and at the Bronfman Theatre in Montreal and in Sudbury He is also working on a documentary on Sean O'Casey for CBC-TV.

His biggest regret, he says, is leaving the Gryphon audiences. "They really seemed to understand what I was doing," he said, "and I'm terribly sorry to be leaving them.'

Mrs. Hicks paid tribute to Mulcahy's contribution, and on behalf of the board, wished him every success in future ventures. "We have several prospects to fill the position of Artistic Director," she said

"A decision will probably be reached at the next Board meeting. October 26.



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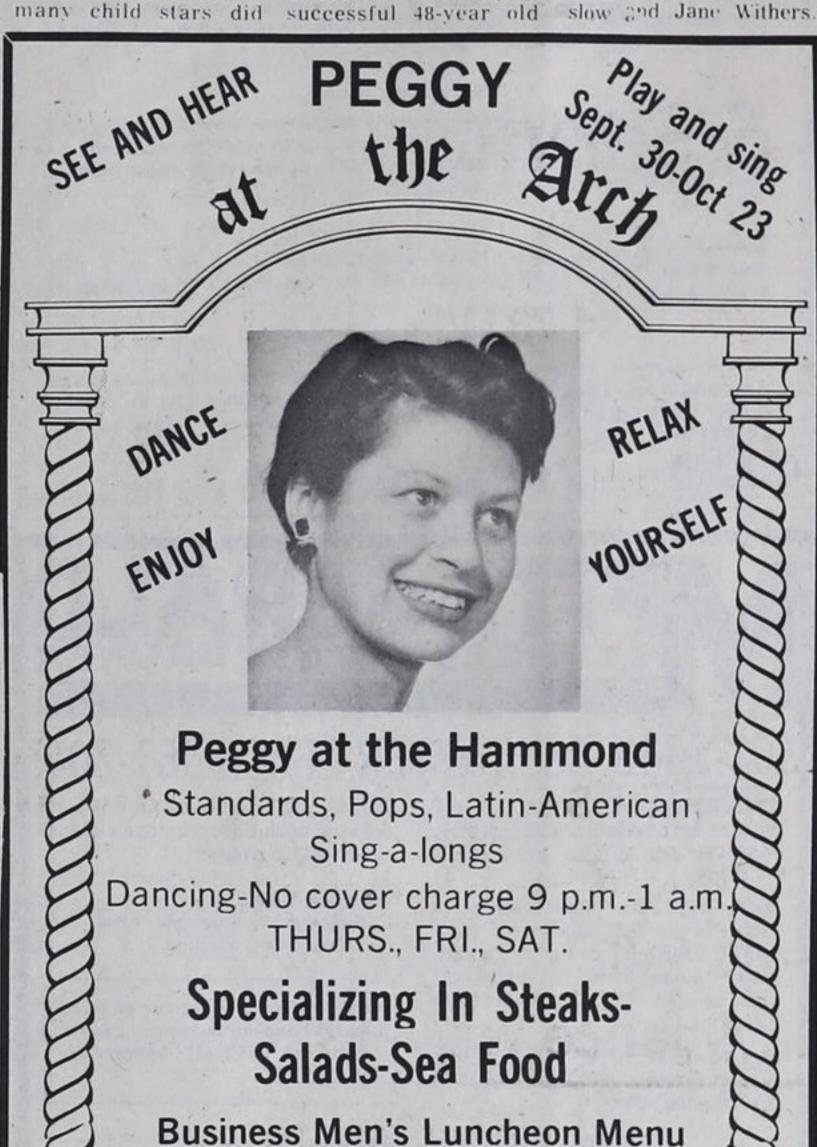
On the other hand, comedies is now a highly

child actors came to -manage a successful tragic ends as adults: career as adults in motion Carl "Alfalfa" Switzer of pictures, performers such the Our Gang comedies as Roddy McDowall. was shot dead in a bar Mickey Rooney and

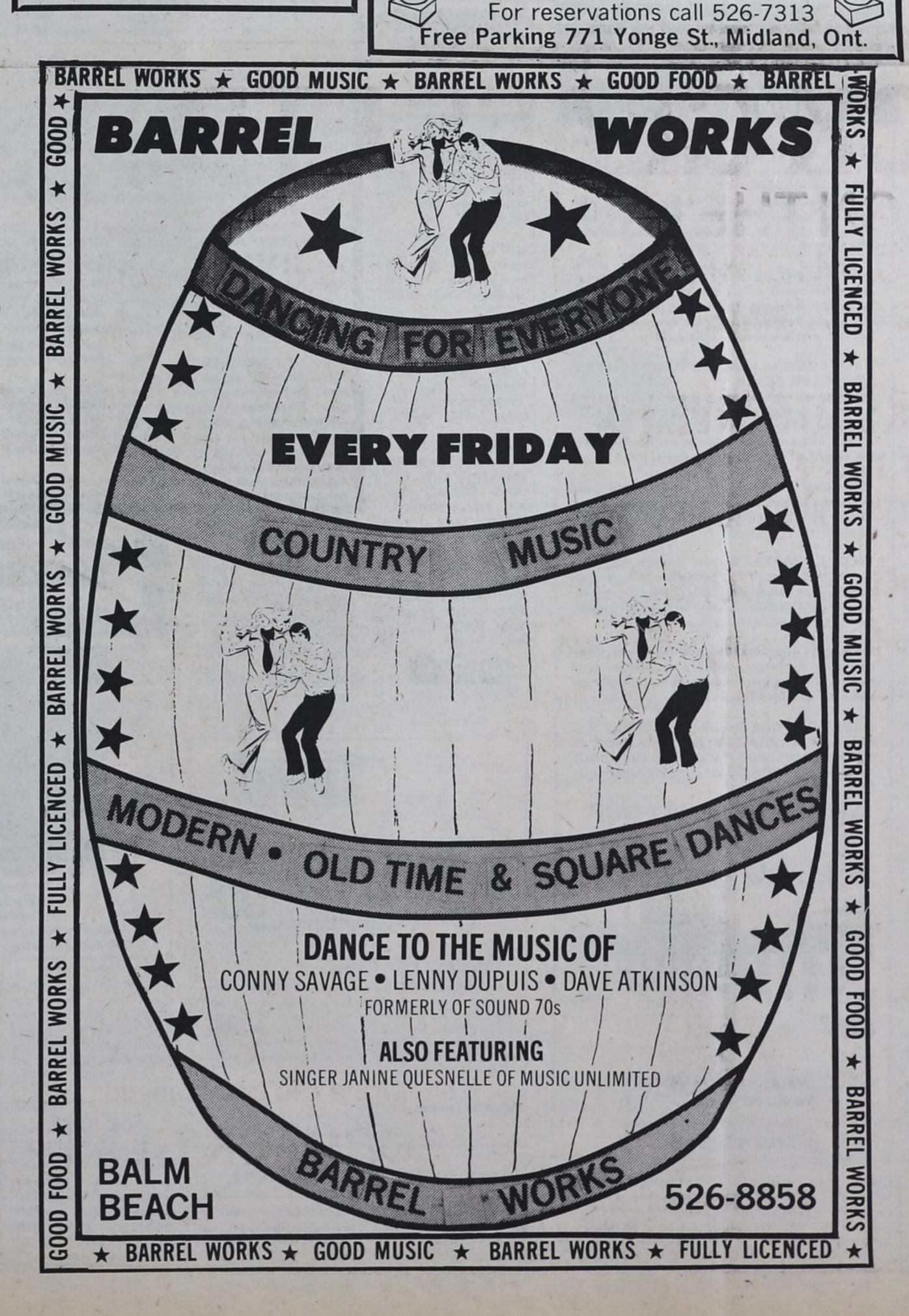
"Song of the South" and their childhood charm who won a special and retired from motion honourary Oscar in 1949 pictures, but went on to for his performance in a live normal, wellthriller called "The adjusted and successful Window" ended up a lives in other fields. For penniless vagrant and example. "Spanky drug addict with a prison McFarland, the stout kid from the Old Our Gang

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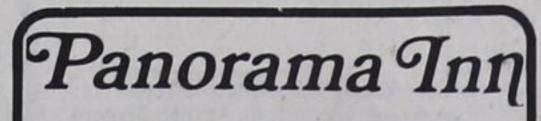
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