

Top Teenage Singer Has Name Trouble

Hollywood—Top teenage singer Molly Bee doesn't have the simple name she seems to have. Her mail is addressed often to people like Buckboard, Driftwood, and Surfboard.

"My real name is Mollie Jene Beachboard," the pretty, pony-tailed 18-year-old said. "I guess lots of fans know that, and somewhere the name gets twisted. Beachboard is a common occurrence."

"And Molly Bee as a name seems to cause confusion, too. Some letters come in for Molly B's and Molly C's."

Petite Miss Bee, a window on the mysterious teenage world, said she faithfully answers all her mail—and she gets quite a chunk of it, mostly from other teenagers who want her picture and want to ask her about Tommy Sands.

"I went to work when I was 10 years old," she said. "I lost a few years when I would have known how they think. Now in their letters I find their wonderful thoughts. They have some wild, fascinating ideas."

"I also learn about their favorites. They like Tommy Sands—yes, we have dated—and really dig Ricky Nelson."

Miss Bee, a blue-eyed, honey-haired charmer with the bubbling vitality of a happy, energetic teenager, said lots of teenagers want to know how to emulate her career in TV, movies and now in night clubs.

"I tell them to sing whenever and wherever possible," she said. "Any public affair like a local fraternal club or something is fine. You develop poise or something—anyhow, you get to figure that something's going to go wrong with the lights or music, and you get to expect it. You find after a while that whatever it is, it won't throw you."

Most of her mail lately has come in because of two movies she has appeared in—"Summer Love" and "Going Steady." Her proponents say she has been on TV more than anyone in the country except for Arthur Godfrey.

She began on TV at the age of 10, had her pigtails clipped on the screen when 15 and is still going strong at 18. Her TV credits include Tennessee Ernie Ford's show, Pinky Lee's program and spots on shows such as Ed Sullivan, Spike Jones and Jackie Gleason. Her current records are "I'm Going Steady With a Dream," and "Teenage Love."

The teenager appears unspoiled by her success. She still has to be in by 12:30 a.m. and her widowed mother insists on meeting all her dates before they take Molly out.

"This is no problem," she said. "They like mother—lots of times they come just to see her. We double date. Mother's very popular, and while she'll let me stay out later than 12:30 a.m., I worry about her sometimes."

"If mother's out, I just can't go to sleep until I know she's home."

Miss Bee, who doesn't believe in going steady, lives with her mother and two brothers in a three-bedroom-and-a-half home in the Burbank area. The family came to California from Oklahoma via a Tucson, Ariz., ranch.

"I guess I have only one real worry now," she said pensively. "My name again. I went from Beachboard to Bee, and now my agent thinks it should be changed again. He thinks 'Bee' sounds too young. Oh, dear."

Unique Club Set Up To 'Love Neighbor'

By PAT GRAY
United Press Correspondent
Washington—Leon Ackerman, wealthy Washington realtor, has founded a unique new club with a simple motto: "It is my intent never to resent."

There are no dues, no initiation fees, and membership is open to anyone who wants to live up to the slogan.

Membership consists only of a card signed by the member and countersigned by Ackerman. He figures there are 25,000 members now; he has mailed out that many cards since founding the club.

There is no "expulsion" from the club. But members automatically suspend themselves "each time they resent to the least degree."

Have No Choice
Ackerman, who is firmly convinced that people have no choice in the H-bomb era except to "love their enemies," founded the club a year ago—appropriately on St. Valentine's Day.

His inspiration was the widespread response to full-page newspaper ads extolling the virtue of loving one's neighbor which he has placed from time to time in newspapers from coast to coast.

Ackerman has three offices in Washington, a big Florida real estate development, and a smaller one at Ocean Beach, Md. The money spent on his ads and on the anti-resentment club, he said, comes from business profits.

A member of Ackerman's office staff said the realtor has an "uncanny sense" for placing his inspirational newspaper ads. He places them at random at different times in areas where he feels they will do the most good.

The staff member said people call and write constantly to tell Ackerman they have really benefitted from such messages as "Love Thy Neighbor" and "Resentment Is the Root of All Evil."

Many, he said, also have complicated Ackerman on the "Layman's Prayer" which appears on the back of the membership card for the Anti-Resentment club. It reads:

"Father, may we be ever mindful that it is in loving our fellow man that we truly love thee."

Headliners Club Confers Award On Defense Dept.

Atlantic City, N. J.—The National Headliners club conferred 22 awards Saturday for journalistic achievement in 1957.

One of the prizes went to the Defense Department for "the excellent job it did in providing films of its missile projects."

Vincent M. Newton, managing editor of the Tampa Tribune and chairman of the freedom of information committee of Sigma Delta Chi, the professional journalistic fraternity, will present the awards and make the principal speech. About 125 persons will attend the session.

The awards were decided upon by a panel of newsmen in the newspaper categories, the public service award went to the Philadelphia Inquirer for its series "today's world-page three." This was a full page relating to current events.

Other award winners were Burris Jenkins Jr., New York Journal American, editorial

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