

Spring 2009 Newsletter

“Dix to You”

Writing a book was a first for me. I have written screenplays, a very different form of writing. Through the years people have said to me on many occasions, “Bob, you should write the Dix Story.” I kept waiting for someone to offer to write the story of my Dad’s career, The Richard Dix Biography. My hopes went up when I heard of a life-long fan of Dad’s was researching his life. This happened more than once but to date nothing has appeared in print for the still thousands of Dix Fans in the world. And if there was one career principle above all others it was my Dad honoring his fans and treating them like extended family. He was fully aware that it was his fan base that made his movies successful.

About four years ago I wrote the first words of my autobiography, “Out of Hollywood.” I would walk away from it many times with feelings of inadequacy. With Mary Ellen’s encouragement, I developed the discipline to spend four or five hours a day and achieved the finished manuscript. Now we are putting captions on the many family and professional pictures to be included in the book. In this sorting process we will give you the highlights of two generations of Actors in Hollywood’s history.

To date no one has seen the finished version of, “Out of Hollywood,” because we don’t have it yet. Ernest Publishing, our publishing company and its sub-contractors, who do the inclusion of the pictures, the formatting and first printing for us, are waiting for the sorting process of the pictures to be completed. We have three groups of pictures for the Dix Book: The Early Years; MGM, movies and TV appearances and the third group, the Dix Family in the 21st Century. For now I can tell you there are twenty-three pictures in ‘The Early Years’. The other two groups are still ‘works in progress.’

The finished book will be around three hundred pages with the pictures. Ernest Publishing Group has promised the finished, paperback book to us sometime in March. We will let you know when it is available. I think you will enjoy it. My thoughts and prayers are for you in this most difficult time in our country. May God continue to direct, guide and protect us.

Bob