



*Amanda Blake listens in on (elephant) trunk-line as Betty White of The Pet Set speaks at a colorful animal benefit.*



*Surprised on Ralph Edwards' This Is Your Life, our Earl gets Marty Allen's hearty thanks for boosting his career.*

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the sides, "made big enough to hold a quart of whiskey on each side." The crew of *F Troop* presented it to him two years ago.

Sitting in his chair, Tucker told **Michael Landon** a funny story: "Did you have a good time at the beach? My wife covered me with sand, and uncovered me. Then I covered her with sand. Next year I'll go back and uncover her."

He was born Gwyllyn Ford, and if **Harry Cohn**, late head of Columbia Pictures, had had his way, the name would have become John Gower (after the street where the studio's located).

Cohn, who changed Margarita Cansino to Rita Hayworth and William Beedle to William Holden, wanted to change Ford's name, too. Young Gwyllyn Ford convinced him he should be named after his father's Canadian hometown, Glenford.

And that's what it became—**Glenn Ford**—today's star of *Cade's County*.

**William Conrad**, who in 35 years of show business has been actor, producer, and director is an actor again. "I'm at an age when I don't want the worries and responsibilities of a producer. I've gone the cycle," said the 50-year-old star of *Cannon*.

Conrad, who agrees he's not exactly skinny, skips lunch when he works. For breakfast he allows himself grapefruit juice and coffee. But it's at dinner time—"the worst time to eat"—that he lets himself go.

He's quite content with his life: "I can die and be a happy man, knowing I've achieved everything I can achieve. I am a happy man today, and that's success."

**"Don't Print That!":** A beloved musician's heartsick. His son's about to announce his marriage is over. . . . **Claudine Longet**, Andy Williams' estranged wife, is see-

ing a great deal of **Ben Murphy** of *Alias Smith and Jones*. . . . **Gwen Farrell**, who appeared on such shows as *Naked City* and *The Untouchables*, and French film distributor **George Renaud** celebrated their elopement at Manhattan's Al-Mounia. . . . **Gavin MacLeod** of *The Mary Tyler Moore Show* met his wife, **Joan Roovik**, when he was an usher at Radio City Music Hall and she was a Rockette. . . . **Buck Taylor** of *Gunsmoke* was a champion gymnast at USC and one of the nation's top three competitors on the horizontal bar. . . . **Olivia de Havilland** and British Prime Minister **Edward Heath** still keep in touch. . . . Can you picture **Lauren Bacall** in a situation comedy series? She'd be great, and it might just come about next year.

—THAT'S EARL



*Rapidly recovering from his recent illness, David Cassidy wows a live audience at Garden State Center in New Jersey.*