Four Named for Golden Apple Awards



RADIO and television personality Johnny Grant greets Dorothy Lamour at Golden Apple Awards luncheon in Beverly Hills Hotel.

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to put on my 'good loser' smile after seeing the list of candidates for this award (Ann-Margret, Lee Grant and Shirley Jones).

"I didn't think I had a chance to win," Mary Tyler Moore said, beaming a winner's smile as she accepted the Golden Apple Award as the Hollywood Women's Press Club's choice as the Female Star of 1971.

The Golden Apple was presented to the former Encino resident and four others during the club's annual Christmas luncheon in the Crystal Room of the Beverly Hills Hotel.

Besides Miss Moore, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George T. Moore of Studio City, other winners were Hal Holbrook, Star of the Year; Sandy Duncan and David Cassidy, both recipients of Newcomer of the Year Awards.

The Louella O. Parsons

"I'd made up my mind Award, given to the person who "presents the best image of Hollywood," was won by Gregory Peck.

> It was the third time that the Hollywood Women's Press Club has honored the actor. They gave him the Golden Apple Award in 1945 (along with Joan Crawford) and another Golden Apple Award in 1947 (along with Joan Fontaine) for being Hollywood's "most cooperative."

> "I've always been partial to ladies of the press," Mr. Peck said as he accepted the award from Harriet Parsons, a member of the Hollywood Women's Press Club's board of directors, and daughter of the famed columnist.

"So much so," he continued, "that I married one," (His wife Veronique was a reporter in Paris when they met.)

Accepting the award for Hal Holbrook was Robert Brown (star of "Primus"). Continued on Next Page



WINNERS of Golden Apple Awards from Hollywood Women's Press Chub were Sandy Duncan, left, and Mary Tyler Moore.

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Cont. from Preceding Page Mr. Holbrook, noted delineator of Mark Twain and star of "The Senators," was appearing in New York. The press women selected him for "outstanding talent and consistent integrity in his profession."

Their reason for choosing Mary Tyler Moore was "for establishing her own entity as a comedienne who consistently brings laughter to millions."

The talented Miss Moore started her career as an acrobatic dancer on a television commercial. Studio City-reared, she is a graduate of Immaculate Heart High School, Accompanying her to the luncheon was her husband and producer of "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," Grant Tinker.

Sandy Duncan was the press women's choice for "parlaying TV commercials into a movie career and television's 'Funny Face' series in one year."

On accepting her award the Texas-born actress said, "I came here with two commercials to my credit. Lots has happened to me since. And this is one of the more encouraging things. So stick with me."

Young David Cassidy was cited for "reflecting a good youthful image and for being a wholesome influence on his generation in 'The Partridge Family' series."

With this, their 31st annual awards luncheon, the Hollywood Women's Press Club again said "Merry Christmas" to the stars. Even their Santa Claus was a star - Carol Channing.

And the stars came to the party by the hundreds. Among them were Carol Burnett (1970 Star of the Year), Jane Russell (a 1955 Golden Apple winner), Sue Carroll Ladd (whose husband, the late Alan Ladd won in 1944), Glenn Ford (a 1948 winner) and Dorothy Lamour (also a 1948 winner), who recalled "my wedding reception was held in this Crystal Room 28 years ago and some of you were present." A Toluca Lake resident, she's Mrs. William Howard in private life.

More were Toluca Lake's Johnny Grant, who left Friday for Christmas in Vietnam. It's Johnny's 14th trip to Vietnam and 41st trip overseas to enter-

tain the servicemen. Also Pat O'Brien, Encino's Steve Allen, Jane Wyatt, Lurene Tuttle, Greg Morris, Don DeFore,

Ruta Lee, Rock Hudson, Terry Moore, Bridget O'Brien (who modeled an outfit that went to a lucky ticket holder), singer Don Mintor (who entertained), Marilyn Mason, Ben Murphy, the Valley's Dean Jones, Shirley Jones, Jack Carter, Jeanne Crain and the Valley's Linda Henning.

Many Valley journalists and publicists hold membership in the Hollywood Women's Press Club.

Members of the Christmas party committee were Adrienne Ghio Anderson and Stella Roach, cochairmen; Marcia Borie, Ann Straus, Rae Lynn, Edith Lynch, Nan Schwab, Jane Tighe, Fredda Dudley Balling and Sarah Jane Paxton.

More members assisting were Bev Copeland, Jackie Brainard, Dorothy Clemetson, Ann Del Valle, Georgette Deveney, Nellabelle Dickey, Jill Jackson, Maggie Maskell, Betty Mitchell and Dee Phillips.

Sara Salzer is president of the club. The Golden Apple Awards idea was conceived by writer-editor Ruth Waterbury in 1941.