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JAYNE'S BIG RING PROVES EYE OPENER

\$25,000 Stone From Hargitay Surprises His Ex-Associates

Indianapolis, Jan. 13 (AP) — The \$25,000 engagement ring Jayne Mansfield received from her bridegroom was an eye opener for those who knew Mickey Hargitay as an Indianapolis weightlifter.

"If he's got that kind of money, he's made it in show business," said Fred G. Hofmeister, a veteran physical culture gymnasium operator.

Before his wedding at Portuguese Bend, Cal., Hargitay said he acquired a fortune as a builder of houses and filling stations in Indianapolis.

Listed As Carpenter

But the Construction League of Indianapolis couldn't find any record of him as a builder, and the 1956 City Directory listed him as a carpenter.

"If he had \$2,000, nobody knew where it was," said Earl Townsend, the lawyer who helped Hargitay's first wife, Mary, divorce him September 6, 1956.

Townsend said he understood Hargitay did some remodeling work on a large house where he and his wife and daughter, Tina, lived, but the owners were listed as Mrs. Hargitay and Hargitay's manager, Ross Christena.

The divorce decree mentioned no property, but Hargitay was ordered to pay \$20 a week for support of the daughter, then 7 years old.

