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WILL REAL JAMIE FARR

PLEASE STAND UP?

HOLLYWOOD -- Jamie Farr, the soldier who parades around in women's clothes in 20th Century-Fox Television's "M*A*S*H" series, is sometimes difficult to recognize in his own personal wardrobe.

However, this does not bother Jamie. Until he started wearing female garments in an effort to get a psycho discharge in the series, he was just another unknown actor.

After many years of struggling and one-liners, the role of Corporal Klinger made Farr another one of those 20-year-long overnight success stories.

He was ready to quit show business when he got a call for a one-day job in the sixth show of the first season of "M*A*S*H." He came on for one day and stayed for three and one-half years.

He now feels that he has "arrived."

Jamie; his wife Joy; son Jonas, 6, and daughter Yvonne, 3, live in the San Fernando Valley. Their rather modest French regency house is surrounded by flowers and shrubs. This year a swimming pool was added. Next year, hopefully, a tennis court.

His own wardrobe runs from blue jeans, cashmere sweaters and sports jackets to well-tailored suits. A look into his closet reveals several dresses which he quickly explains: "I'm often on personal appearance tours and suddenly called upon to dress up as Klinger. That's the reason for the dresses."

Jamie gets a kick out of the jokes, but by now he claims he has heard them all.

"M*A*S*H" is seen on Friday at 8:30 P.M. on CBS-TV.

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