LOST IN SPACE

CBS - TV - COLOR WEDNESDAY NIGHT Billy Mumy

Billy Mumy is 13 years old, a typical boy, teen-ager and loving son.

He is also more than somewhat diffident about his current acting assignment. Billy co-stars with Guy Williams, June Lockhart, Jonathan Harris, Mark Goddard, Marta Kristen and Angela Cartwright in producer Irwin Allen's "Lost In Space" series (seen Wednesday night in spectacular color over CBS-TV). The series, now in its second season, has made Billy one of the best known child actors in the world.

Curiously, Billy first faced a motion picture camera on the 20th Century-Fox lot five years ago when he made his film debut as young "Aladdin" in "The Wizard of Baghdad."

He had made his acting debut previous to that, on television. As Billy explains it, 'way back when he was just a mere child of three and while sitting out the mending of a broken leg, he became an ardent fan of a local Hollywood children's television show called "Romper Room." He pestered his mother to allow him to get on it. Later, when he was old enough, Mrs. Mumy finally did take him to the station for an audition.

The blue-eyed, red-haired youngster so beguiled the casting director that she immediately found a spot for him. In what seemed like no time at all, Billy had bounced from one important casting to another, amassing a list of credits that is the envy of many an actor in Hollywood's older set.

Billy, whose full name is Charles William Mumy, Jr., is the son of Bishop, California cattleman Charles Mumy and of the former Muriel Gould, who prior to her marriage to Billy's father, was a secretary on the 20th Century-Fox lot for 10 years. Billy was born on February 1, 1954, at San Gabriel, California.

An accomplished swimmer, Billy takes to water like the proverbial duck. He spends much of his free time in the public pool at Rancho park and his parents are currently building a new, two-story Cape Cod house in the nearby Cheviot Hills area. His parents own a 35-foot cruiser, "The Char-Mur." "That's half for the name of my father, Charles, and half for my mother, Muriel," explains Billy, who has a little speedboat of his own, a Glasspar, which he calls "The Little Squirt." He's an expert at handling a speedboat.

Billy is quite an adept artist at both painting and drawing — but best of all he loves to draw cartoons, horses and Superman, and thinks he'd like to be a cartoonist when he's grown. However, he's at the age where his ambitions change frequently.

Billy loves horsebach riding. He has two horses of his own, a Pinto named "Maggie," and a sorrel named "Monty," that live on the Mumy ranch in Bishop.

Billy likes to spin tops and read comic books. He is an ardent collector of rock 'n' roll records and has already worn out two record players spinning his favorite discs. He enjoys playing baseball and football with his buddies.

Billy is a Cub Scout and is above average in his school grades. Arithmetic is his favorite subject. Billy has an uncanny gift of mimicry and is very precise in his "takeoffs." Anyone lucky enough to sit in on his Connie Francis, Ed Sullivan, Frank Fontaine or Jimmy Durante delineations comes away with a definite feeling of having watched an artist at work.

Being gifted with a brilliant memory and a vivid imagination, Billy can master a script in a