

As I See It

Story about Priest, Celibacy Pure Melodrama

By PAT COSTA

It may have been a repeat, last week's episode of "Judd for the Defense," but if so it was still the first time that either we or our neighbors had seen it.

The storyline, as far as I know, was a first for a prime time TV program. It concerned a priest teaching on a college level, who maintained, to the displeasure of his order, that for some of his priestly brothers the way to salvation included marriage.

Yet for himself, he asserted, celibacy was the only answer.

What, our Presbyterian friends wanted to know, had we thought of it.

Never one to wait for a lull

in the conversation, I leaped in to assert that, as usual, "Judd for the Defense" had flunked out.

After allowing the priest, played by James Franciscus, to mouth his liberal views, the screenwriter had had to follow the sensational format of the program which necessitated some kind of action that would call in the services of the criminal lawyer Judd.

In this case that action revolved around a pretty but emotionally disturbed student of the priest's, who although dating another student, was emotionally attracted to her teacher.

Filching a gun that the teacher handily had left in a

desk drawer after he had used it to illustrate a philosophical point, the disturbed young woman took it home and then called the priest.

If he did not come to her home immediately she would take her life with his gun. Arriving at the conveniently otherwise deserted home, the priest is then told by the girl that she will talk with him only in her bedroom.

What followed could have been predicted by any 10-year-old unfortunate enough to be watching the show. Attempting to wrest the gun from the girl, the teacher inadvertently knocks her to the floor, swings around gun in hand to find the girl's boyfriend flinging himself

through the door to assault him. The gun is fired in the melee, the boyfriend is killed and the priest is made to face a jury. He subsequently convinces them of both his innocence and his purity.

To throw in another bit of misbegotten humbug, the writer makes the district attorney a "devout Catholic" who muses sorrowfully, if philosophically, that his job (of prosecuting the priest) will send him, the prosecutor, to Hell.

The particular show as it went, followed the other episodes of the series, in a precise pattern. Its writers, unable to allow its stories to flow logically and credibly, contrive, twist, bend and batter the ingredients.

Certainly in this day and age the problem of the married priest is a legitimate subject for any serious dramatist. For the sensationalist it came off as pure drivel.

Had the author of this particular fantasy chosen, instead of boudoir melodrama, to examine how the teacher priest had arrived at his beliefs of marriage for some but not for others of his brothers, and had reported the reactions of a cross section of his students and other laymen to his assertions, plus a well researched explanation of the historical background calling for clerical celibacy, he might then have had something.

Instead of a phony hour of mishmash capitalizing to the fullest on the clerical collar, it could have been thoughtful and revealing drama upon a current controversy.

May those who next tackle the subject, and you can be assured there will be many, try a little harder.



Wendy (Lucy Meddoza) tells stories to Peter Pan (Mary Sue Scarcialatta) in scene from Storytellers' Summer Playhouse production of "Peter Pan" to be presented at St. Agnes High School auditorium, 300 East River Rd., tonight and tomorrow (July 26, 27) at 8:15 p.m. Storytellers' is sponsored by the Sisters of St. Joseph and directed by Sister Claudia.

Ex-Rochesterian Gets LCBA Post

Virginia A. Croston, a former Rochesterian, has been named national treasurer of the Ladies Catholic Benevolent Association.

She moreover also was treasurer of the Mother Cabrini Circle, a director of St. Joseph's House of Hospitality, and treasurer of the Rochester Diocesan Council of Catholic Women.

Miss Croston is a graduate of the Academy of the Sacred Heart and Rochester City Normal School. She was a teacher for three years. She also was medical secretary for Strong Memorial Hospital and was a medical technician for the American Red Cross program.

Since becoming treasurer in January, 1964, Miss Croston has resided in Erie.

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Movies

Here is a list of motion pictures currently playing in Rochester area theaters and the ratings given them by the National Office of Motion Pictures:

- Paramount — "Wild in the Streets" (Adults)
- Regent — "Green Berets" (Adults)
- Cinema — "Rosemary's Baby" (Condemned)
- Little — "Elvira Madigan" (Adults)
- Lycell — "In Enemy Country" (Adults); "Don't Just Stand There" (Objectable in part for all)
- Monroe and Coronet — "Theresa and Isabelle" (Condemned)
- Riviera — "Dr. Doolittle" (Family)
- Studio 2 — "The Graduate" (Adults, with reservations)
- Loew's — "The Detective" (Objectable in part for all)
- Stoneridge — "The Thomas Crown Affair" (Objectable in part for all)
- Panorama — "The Odd Couple" (Adults)
- Towne — "Yours, Mine and Ours" (Family)
- Waring — "How Sweet It Is" (Adults)
- Station — "Never a Dull Moment" (Family)
- Fine Arts — "Hour of the Wolf" (No rating available)

TV Movie Ratings

Friday, July 26 - Thursday, August 1

Ratings are those given by the former Legion of Decency, now the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, when films were originally shown. A-1: morally unobjectionable for general patronage; A-2: morally unobjectionable for adults and adolescents; A-3: morally unobjectionable for adults; A-4: morally unobjectionable for adults, with reservations; B: morally objectionable in part for all; C: condemned. No Rating: film has not been reviewed by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures (formerly the Legion of Decency). N.B. Before A-3 classification was established, A-2 indicated morally unobjectionable for adults.

Movie listings supplied through the courtesy of TV Guide Magazine

Time	Channel	Movie	Rating
4:00 p.m.	8	This Side of the Law	A-2
9:00 p.m.	10	The Young Philadelphians	A-3
11:35 p.m.	13	This Happy Feeling	A-3
12:15 a.m.	10	Saturday's Hero	A-2
Saturday, July 27			
2:00 p.m.	10	The Mongols	B
2:00 p.m.	13	Tarantula	1-A
3:30 p.m.	13	Zombies of Mora Tau	B
5:35 p.m.	10	Family Honey-mooners	A-2
9:00 p.m.	8	Moment to Moment	No Rating Available
11:00 p.m.	10	Sky Commando	A-1
11:15 p.m.	8	Night Passage	A-1
11:30 p.m.	8	Break in the Circle	A-2
Sunday, July 28			
2:00 p.m.	8	Target Zero	A-2
2:00 p.m.	13	Hollywood Canteen	A-2
5:35 p.m.	10	The Pearl of Death	A-1
9:00 p.m.	13	Hatari!	A-1
11:15 p.m.	10	Undertow	A-2
12:15 a.m.	13	The Great O'Malley	A-1
Monday, July 29			
4:00 p.m.	8	Thunder Cloud	No Rating Available
9:00 p.m.	13	Written on the Wind	A-2
12:30 p.m.	13	The Traitors	A-1
Tuesday, July 30			
4:00 p.m.	8	As Young as You Fool	A-2
8:30 p.m.	8	Freud	A-4
11:30 p.m.	13	Twice Round the Daffodils	No Rating Available
Wednesday, July 31			
4:00 p.m.	8	Let's Make It Legal	B
9:00 p.m.	13	The Big Gamble	A-1
11:30 p.m.	13	The Last of the Big Guns	A-1
Thursday, August 1			
4:00 p.m.	8	The Silver Whip	A-1
9:00 p.m.	10	Joan of Arc	A-1
11:30 p.m.	13	The Restless Years	A-2

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