

As I See It

Weekend Fare Not for Mamas

By PAT COSTA

"DON'T touch that dial!" Sound familiar? Like back in the Forties, Right?

Wrong. At our house it happens every weekend, but it's television not radio. And it's not the announcer for "Blondie" calling the shots but the football fanatic and the cartoon fan on the living room side of the screen.

I have been conscious for some time now that on Saturdays I must get permission to run the vacuum cleaner, usually during the few minutes between the signoff of the cartoons and the start of the first football contest of the day.

But, it never really dawned on me how much television I was ingesting over the weekends without ever once exercising a choice.

The realization came last Sunday afternoon when I was loafing idly through the local television schedules and found a 1945 movie starring Barbara Stanwyck and Dennis Morgan scheduled.

Now, if there is one thing I'm overly fond of — it is

1940 movies — lots of schmaltz, gobs of romance, preferably Grade B.

Looking up at the screen, I saw the Baltimore Colts and the Minnesota Vikings doing precisely the same thing as the Dallas Cowboys and the Cleveland Browns had been doing the day before.

Did I point out the redundancy to the head of the household, lying there and immobilized with the flu. I did not. What kind of woman, who has the set to herself during the whole of the week could be so selfish as to get picayune over a couple of weekend football games?

Instead I dozed complacently in my chair rousing only to complain now and then

that the New York Times was thin as thin could be and hardly worth the 75 cents we upstarters are forced to pay.

Every now and then Walter Cronkite would break in with an announcement that the moon-bound astronauts would now show us a picture of the earth. Instead one of the white clad trio waved a tooth brush at me, a scena I see every morning at 7:30 in our own bathroom without having to resort to electronic devices.

A little later in the day, I found myself watching "How the Grinch Stole Christmas." In this particular case it was a pleasant surprise.

For those who have not seen the animated Dr. Seuss story in previous years, it

Books

The Raw Pearl by Pearl Bailey (Harcourt, Brace & World, \$5.75) This is an autobiography that will delight any admirer of the one and only Pearl Bailey. Photographs.

Trumpet of Conscience by Martin Luther King, Jr.; Foreword by Coretta King (Harper & Row, \$3.95) Presented as the 1967 Massey Lectures by invitation of the Canadian Broadcasting Company, a summing up of the creed and final testament of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

In The Mecca, by Gwendolyn Brooks (Harper & Row, \$4.95) The title poem in this new collection by a Pulitzer Prize winner is a long narrative set in the huge decayed apartment house called "The Mecca" in Chicago's Negro ghetto. Other poems have their source in contemporary figures and circumstances.

Follow Me, Everybody, by Craig Bettinger; (Doubleday, \$3.50)

The Color of Man, by Robert Cohen (Random House, \$3.99) The origin and science of color, the history of civilization and prejudice, and philosophical discussion. Ken Heyman's beautiful, deeply moving photographs often yield their own commentary by sequence and arrangement.

Don't Be An Oyster by the same author is another book in the series for teens. Some questions dealt with are: How should a boy or girl choose friends? How can he or she be popular? How can young people

build their characters? How can they please God? Here is a perfect book to keep on your desk or by your bed.

Some recent paperbacks: **Discovery in Word**, Heyer, Paullist Press, \$1.95

Is It the Same Church, Sheed, Pfau, 1.75

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Religious Syllabus Praised

London — (RNS) — Catholics and Anglicans gave a general warm welcome to a new religious syllabus just published here for some 750 state-run schools in an area covered by the Inner London Education Authority.

The syllabus, the first in 21 years, was "drawn up inter-dominationally" and published under the title, "Learning for Life."

It advises teachers to "play down" the "miraculous" and also says that "brainwashing and indoctrination are to be avoided, but this does not mean that the reasoned teaching of Christian doctrine is to be left out."

"Indeed," declares the syllabus, "how could any pupil be satisfied with an understanding of any religion that did not include a careful explanation of its beliefs?"

The syllabus includes chapters on Judaism, Islam and Hinduism, reflecting the new religious and cultural variety in London schools as a result of immigration. Many of the schools that will use it are in multi-racial areas.

One of the first to react to the publication was Duncan Macpherson, lecturer at the Roman Catholic St. Mary's College at Twickenham, south-west of London.

In a published review he said no Roman Catholic parent should, as a result of it, feel it necessary to withdraw his child from religious classes in Inner London schools, nor should any Roman Catholic teacher have scruples about teaching religious instruction "within such an excellent framework."

Mr. Macpherson also said, "There are Catholics who

Rome Press Hits Obscene Films

Vatican City — (RNS) — L'Osservatore Romano, Vatican City daily newspaper, said that because of laxity in censorship and misplaced enthusiasm for alleged "artistic values" in obscene films "things are now getting out of hand."

The newspaper noted that in the past it has "opposed heavy-handed and excessive censorship as undesirable" but asserted that "art and obscenity have nothing in common" and that "evil must be combated."

"Usually honest Catholics sometimes defend obscene films, seeing art in them," L'Osservatore said. "This is wrong. Such temptations must be resisted. We are dealing with true and real corruption, a calculated demolition of consciences."

The Detroit News and Arthur North of the New York News.

On Jan. 12 John Cardinal Cody of Chicago will discuss Catholic education with William Ryan of NBC News, Ben Bolton of the Associated Press and Floyd Anderson of NC News Service.

Bishop John Wright of Pittsburgh will be interviewed on the papal encyclical on birth control and the American reaction on Jan. 19, and on Jan. 28 John Cardinal Krol of Philadelphia will discuss authority in the Church.

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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 Catholic Office of Motion Pictures:

Paramount — "The Brotherhood" (Adults)

Regent — "Ballitt" (Adults)

Cinema — "The Subject Was Roses" (Adults)

Warning — "Camelet" (Adults & Adolescents)

Monroe — "Funny Girl" (Adults and Adolescents)

Riviera — "Star!" (Adults and Adolescents)

Studio 2 — "Skidoo" (No rating)

Loews — "Horse in the Grey Flannel Suit" (General), "Winning the Pooh" (General)

Stoneridge — "Yellow Submarine" (General)

Romania — "2001: A Space Odyssey" (Adults and adolescents)

Towne — "Chitty Chitty Bang Bang" (No rating)

Statson — "Finian's Rainbow" (General)

Fine Arts — "The Shaggy Dog" (General), "The Absent Minded Professor" (General)

Little — "The Fixer" (Adults)

Lyle — "Hell Fighters" (Adults and Adolescents)

Catholic Hour Changes Name

New York — (NC) — The "Catholic Hour," the Sunday religious program aired by the NBC radio and television networks, will change its name to "Guideline" on Jan. 5.

The newly named television series to be shown on Sundays at 1:30 p.m. will feature interviews with four leading American prelates during January. On Jan. 5 Archbishop John P. Dearden of Detroit, president of the National Conference of Catholic Bishops, will discuss the workings of the bishops' organization with Bob Teague of NBC News. Harold Schack-

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JANUARY

12 — In the first event of the centennial year of the diocese, Pope Paul VI named Msgrs. Dennis W. Hickey and John E. McCafferty auxiliary bishops to Bishop Fulton J. Sheen.

13 — Bishop Sheen visited St. James Mercy Hospital on his first trip to Hornell.

21 — Ecumenical services were held throughout the diocese to mark the Week of Prayer for Church Unity.

26 — Rabbi Abraham J. Karp joined the faculty at St. John Fisher as visiting professor of theology.

28 — Marguerite Rohack of East Rochester, a St. Agnes student, won the state championship in the VFW oratory contest in New York City.

FEBRUARY

2 — Sister Mary Bryan was picked to become principal at Our Lady of Mercy High and Sister Mary Maureen vice principal of Cardinal Mooney High in June.

9 — Father Richard Torrey was named editor of the Courier-Journal.

16 — Sacred Heart Academy announced that it will close its doors in June 1969.

23 — After 36 years with the Courier-Journal, news editor Thomas O'Connor retired.

23 — "Salesman of the Year" is Bishop Sheen, the Rochester Sales Executives Club revealed.

MARCH

14 — Auxiliary Bishops Hickey and McCafferty were consecrated before an overflow crowd at Sacred Heart Cathedral. Bishop Lawrence B. Casey of Paterson, N.J., preached the sermon and Archbishop Luigi Raimondi, apostolic delegate to the United States, performed the consecration, assisted by Bishop James E. Kearney.

17 — Mother of Sorrows Church opened in Greece.

24 — Church of the Annunciation was dedicated.

APRIL

7 — Palm Sunday marked the opening of Church of the Holy Spirit in Penfield.

12 — Bishop Sheen announced that the Priests' Council will assist the Pastoral Office in the June appointments of priests.

12 — Diocese approved pension program for full-time lay employees of the diocese, beginning July 1.

12 — There will be no shut-down of grades in parish schools without the permission of the Pastoral Office, Bishop Sheen announced.

24 — The Priests Association of Rochester held its organizational meeting in Canandaigua.

MAY

3 — "The Diocese of Rochester, 1868-1968", written by Father Robert McNamara was published as another of the events noting the centennial of the diocese.

3 — Bishop Sheen elevated 23 St. Bernard's seminarians to the diaconate in rites at St. Augustine's Church.

4 — Sacred Heart Cathedral announced the sale of a former rectory it owned on Lake Avenue at Clay. The new owners said they planned apartment units for the site.

5 — Holy smoke! St. Nicholas' Ukrainian Church in Elmira Heights burned its mortgage.

10 — "No outback in Catholic schools in near future". This was the consensus of pastors at a diocesan-wide hearing on the schools' crisis at Notre Dame Retreat House.

11 — The Bishop named the

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