

As I See It

Summer Shows... a Happy Farewell

By PAT COSTA

With the new television season about to burst forth upon us, perhaps it's time to take a look at some of these summertime replacement offerings that made so many of us rediscover the merits of movie drives.

Among the better ones, Dick Cavett heads the list. His many talents have already been discussed here. Hopefully he'll find a niche later on in the season when the networks start looking frantically for replacements for the turkeys they knew would never make it past the first Nielsen ratings, anyway.

Another fairly enjoyable entry was the Jimmie Rodgers Show seen in Carol Burnett's regular Monday night slot. In his last show of the season we watched him with the sprightly and most entertaining Bobby Russell, composer of "Honey," "If That Ain't Lovin' Me" and an assortment of other bits of whimsy. Jimmie's voice may not be as mellow as it was

before his "accident" but he still can please an audience.

We've also had some fair moments from the Goldiggers in Dean Martin's spot featuring Dean's daughter Deana, singer Lou Rawls, comedians Paul Lynde and Stanley Myron Handlebaum.

Kraft Music Hall missed the boat entirely with its Sandler and Young programs. Mishandling of the singing stars plus the worst skits and transitional patter to come out of TV in a while added up to zero.

In a story of more than passing interest the New York Times recently profiled a Nielsen family, that is, one used by the A. C. Nielsen Co. to compile its television ratings.

According to the story, the family's tastes which influence what we in the rest of the country will be offered by the networks run to "The Flintstones," "McHale's Navy" and "F Troop."

Of even more interest to this viewer at least was the fact that the 35-year-old father didn't watch one minute of news on television during one week in July. But he did watch every inning of every New York Mets game.

The family, who remained anonymous according to Nielsen's wishes, is but one of 2,400 families around the country who record daily what they watch and supposedly represent 57 million viewing families. The test families incidentally are picked at random but with the aid of census figures.

If the family written about is representative of the approximate 2 1/2 other thousand test families, we no longer have to wonder why we are being offered the same tripe year after year.

Speaking of the new season, the kids will find that all three networks are going for their attention in a way designed not to offend violence-conscious mamas and papas.

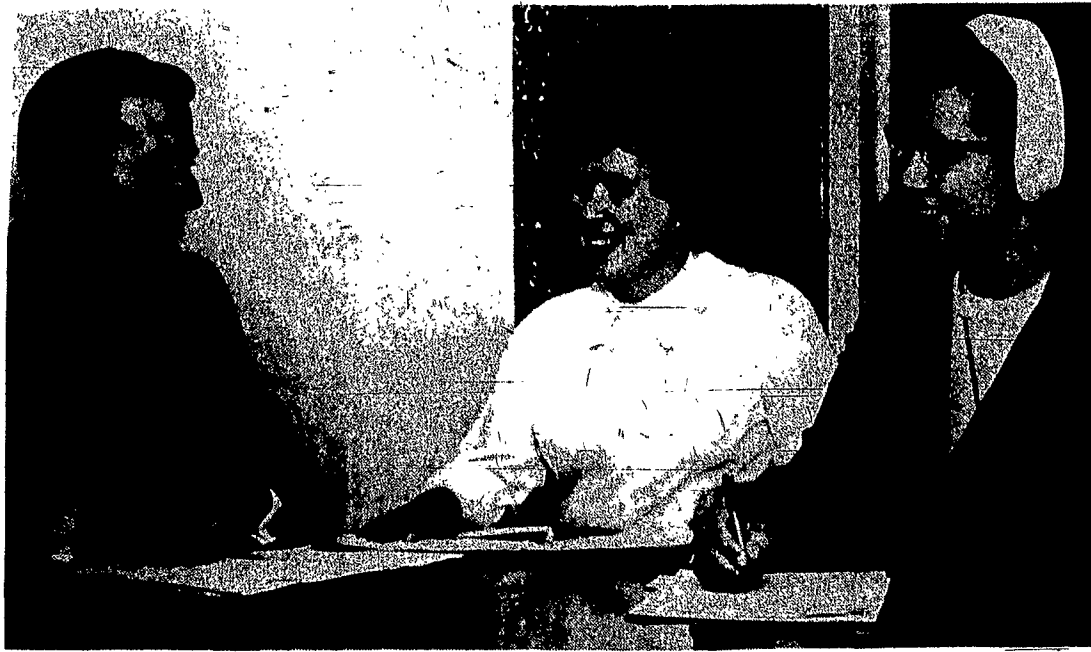
Cartoons are big and so are adventure series and that's not only on Saturday mornings either. Sunday mornings heretofore given over to religious programs, local cartoon shows and here

and there a bit of culture as interpreted by "Camera Three," have been discovered by the networks which are going to throw in their own kiddie programs.

We gave Merv Griffin a quick word or two here on the occasion of his opening night on CBS. Since then we've looked in a few times and been favorably impressed.

Griffin has definitely been toned down, losing none of the charm, only the rating quality.

We like his guests too, most notably veteran newscaster Walter Cronkite, who came on to tell a little about what it's like on his side of the camera.



Conferring on courses in Religious Teacher Training and Adult Christian Education for Elmira-Horseheads area are members of Christian Formation Board for the Southern Vicariate (from left): Father Roy Kiggins, Our Lady of Lourdes, Elmira, Christian Formation associate director; Mrs. Edward Slagis, Big Flats, and Sister Claire Josepha, SSI, St. Mary's, Elmira.

Courses Set in Southern Tier

Elmira — Combinations of courses in Religious Teacher Training and Adult Christian Education are scheduled in Elmira and Horseheads from Sept. 8 through May 22.

The courses are sponsored by the Christian Formation Board for the Southern Vicariate. Other programs are slated in Hornell, Bath, Ithaca and Apalachin.

Scheduled for Elmira are courses in St. Mary's School from 7:30 to 9:30 on Mondays

from Sept. 8 to May 20, and from Sept. 10 to May 22.

Teaching methods include presentation of theology to the student; psychology of the child and the adolescent; principles of education; the use of audio-visual aids; discussion techniques and lesson planning for grades 1-6 or grades 7-12.

Christian Education classes will be included in the 30-week schedule, and are offered to persons interested in enriching their backgrounds. Persons interested in only the education and not the teacher training classes may register separately for the former. Fee for the full course is \$15; for the education classes, \$5.

Father Sebastian Falcone, OFM, Cap., will give three classes in Scripture in Horseheads on Sept. 17 and 24 and on Oct. 1. Father Michael Keegan will teach classes in Salvation History in Elmira on Oct. 13 and 20, and in Horseheads on Oct. 15 and 22.

Father Thomas Nellis will conduct a course in Christology in Elmira on Nov. 3, 10 and 17, and in Horseheads on Nov. 5, 12 and 19. Father John Mulligan will teach Morality in Elmira on Feb. 9, 16 and 23, and in Horseheads on Feb. 11, 18 and 25.

Oratorio Group Looks Toward Expo 70, Japan

The Rochester Oratorio Society will begin rehearsing Sept. 8 for a season that will be capped by a trip to Japan.

The society's first appearance will be Nov. 16, with Haydn's "Creation," Handel's "Messiah" and Beethoven's "Missa Solemnis" are other works on the schedule. Next July, the group will give two concerts at Expo 70 in Osaka and one in Tokyo.

Theodore Hollenbach, conductor, invites interested singers to try out at 7:15 p.m. Sept. 8 and 15, at Columbia School, 22 South Goodman.

MISSION GUILD

The monthly meeting of the Catholic Mission Guild will be at 1 p.m. Sept. 10 at 513 Monroe Avenue.

Tutors Sought For AYM Center

Volunteer tutors are needed to staff an evening education center planned by the Area Youth Ministry of the north-west section of the city.

The Rev. Mr. John Wischmeyer of the AYM staff announced this week that tentative plans call for individual and group tutoring of about 50 persons, 12 to 19 years old. Reading, mathematics and English on the elementary level and all basic high school subject will be included, for students interested in the high school equivalency examination.

"Tutors do not have to be professional teachers but must have interest in the area in which they tutor, familiarity with the material and a willingness to accept supervision and guidance," the announcement said.

Volunteers are asked to phone the AYM at 254-6018. The proposed center is a project of the AYM education committee and the Concerned Youth Group.

SUNDAY THEATRE

A local theater group called ACTOR will present "Bits and Pieces" of comedy old and new in two performances this Sunday, Sept. 7, at Holy Family auditorium.

The show, put together by Alan J. Tanski, will go on at 2 p.m., for children, and at 7 for adults. Prices: 25 and 50 cents.

Kearney Units Win at Fair

A summer of work and sweat paid off for the Bishop Kearney Marching Kings at the State Fair last week. The 116 member unit marched its way to victory by besting 34 others that performed before the Kings took the field.

The unit was directed by Raymond Shahin, in his own arrangements of a series of love themes.

Bishop Kearney scored in the top three in all categories. The Majorettes took second place, missing the championship by one-half a point. Miss Marifran Kraski won second place in the Drum Major competition. The color guard took third place. Kearney won a total of four trophies.

Al Tevels concocted the intricate drill used by the Kings. Norm Reed was responsible for the "New Look" Color Guard. Miss Doris Britt and Mrs. Dolores Clements were responsible for the patterns and marching drills used by the majorettes. The percussion section instructed by Doug Kleinhans was cited as being most intriguing.

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