

As I See It

Gene Kelly...an Hour of Charm

By PAT COSTA

It is not a particularly wise idea to sit down to review a television program with a preconceived notion.

I think, however, that few viewers would have blamed me for having some slanted ideas on the subject of the Gene Kelly special "Wonderful World of Girls" before seeing it.

The special, seen here on Channel 8, seemed easy enough to pre-type if you took the title seriously. The promos didn't help either.

Still, in lieu of anything more stimulating on the TV screen, we turned to it, to find it mildly diverting at some times, absolutely charming at others and never once in poor taste.

Number one asset was the man

himself. As the head of our house commented, "I always sit down to watch Gene Kelly in movies or television not particularly caring for him, yet by the time the show is over he's changed my mind."

With the help of Barbara Feldon, and Ruth Buzzi and a couple of pin-size performers who danced and played the piano, Kelly entertained for an hour. Particular credit goes to the writers who lifted the sketches from the off color deliriums we are more frequently used to in such variety shows and placed them in a class of wit and fun.

Two other shows on NBC that preceded and followed the special didn't fare so well.

"The Shameful Secrets of Hastings Corners," a comedy special spoofing

TV programs with involved plots such as the afternoon soap operas and the defunct " Peyton Place," left something to be desired in clarity and sharpness.

Likewise, "Rowan and Martin Bites the Hand that Feeds Them," another spoof, this time of television in general, proved a disappointment.

Carol Burnett, the Smothers Brothers and Sammy Davis Jr. couldn't raise this hour out of the morass but it is doubtful that any other guests could have done better.

Rowan and Martin's continuing problem has been lack of originality in their scripts to say nothing of an adolescent preoccupation with sex on a level that could be of little interest to anyone over 12.

'Midnight Cowboy' Rides High

'Brand X' Film Heads Many Lists in Survey

Catholic Press Features

New York — A survey of various "Top 10" film lists compiled by critics of various Catholic and secular publications reveals that "Midnight Cowboy," "Z," "Oh! What a Lovely War" and "True Grit" were the most favored films released this past year.

"Midnight Cowboy," the first major American film given an "X" rating (persons under 16 not admitted) by the motion picture industry, led a great many lists, including those of "Our Sunday Visitor" and New York "Catholic News" critic John E. Fitzgerald. "America's" M. J. Walsh, and James Arnold, syndicated in about 20 diocesan newspapers.

"Midnight Cowboy," starring Jon Voight and Dustin Hoffman as two men who come to learn the meaning of compassion in the sordid atmosphere of Times Square, was given an "A-4" rating (morally unobjectionable for adults, with reservations) by the National Catholic Office for Motion Pictures, a generally favorable review by NCOMP, and a prize by the International Catholic Film Office.

"Z," starring Yves Montand as a Greek political leader who is assassinated; "Oh! What a Lovely War," a musical-comedy satire on World War I, and "True Grit," a Western-style adventure starring John Wayne as a crusty old marshal, were the films most often mentioned in the various "best film" lists.

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Ferrante and Teicher, Move Over

And make room at the twin pianos for Father Joseph Roff, left, and Father Genaro D'Ecclesiis, members of the music faculty at St. Joseph's College, Brooklyn. The two priests performed at a recent concert at the college.

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.

With the Catholic Office ratings, we include the ratings of the Motion Picture Association: G, general; M, mature audiences; R, restricted (persons under 16 admitted only when accompanied by parents or adult guardian); X, persons under 16 not admitted.

Pilgrimage Planned to Oberammergau

An Oberammergau Pilgrimage with visits and stopovers at major religious and tourist centers throughout Europe is being planned to leave from Rochester this spring.

Special features are confirmed reservations to the Oberammergau Passion Play; celebration in Fatima of the 53rd anniversary of the apparitions, an audience with Pope Paul VI.

Other stops on the tour will include Lisbon, Madrid, Florence, Venice, Munich, and Lucerne, Switzerland.

The tour will leave Rochester on the afternoon of Monday, May 11 for New York City and from there that night for Lisbon. The return flight will take off from Zurich, Switzerland, on Monday, June 1.

Stoneridge — "On Her Majesty's Secret Service" (Adults). M.

Studio 2 — "I Am Curious (Yellow)" (Condemned). X.

Stutton — "The Reivers" (Adults). M.

Towne I — "Paint Your Wagon" (Adults). M.

Towne II — "Cactus Flower" (Adults). M.

Warning — "101 Dalmatians" (General). G.

Loew's — "Bob and Carol and Ted and Alice" (Objectionable). R.

Monroe — "Hello Dolly" (General). G.

Panorama — "Goodbye, Mr. Chips" (General). G.

Paramount — "Butch Cassidy and the Sundance Kid" (Adults). M.

Regent — "The Arrangement" (Objectionable). R.

Riviera — "John and Mary" (Objectionable). R.

Father John J. Steger, pastor of St. Jude's Church, will be spiritual director and daily Masses will be provided. A professional tour conductor will accompany the group throughout Europe.

The rate is \$995 per person and further information may be obtained from Father John J. Steger, pastor, St. Jude's Church, 4100 Lyell Road, Rochester, N.Y. Phone number is 716-647-3056.

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Gates-Chili FISH Story

FISH, meaning Friends in Service Here, is a going concern in Gates and Chili.

The organization has answered 40 requests for emergency help since Oct. 1. Mrs. Barbara Pedeville of Elm Grove Road reported this week. Brochures with telephone stickers have been ordered and will be distributed by Boy Scouts to 15,000 homes in the area, she said.

The FISH answering service number is 544-8220. Volunteers are prepared to supply household help and child care, meals, transportation, emergency needs of the sick and elderly, all on a short-term basis. They also read to the blind.

'Men of the Year' Named by CWV

The Catholic War Veterans of Monroe County have chosen Joseph A. Roncone for their "Catholic Layman of the Year" award.

Ted Houck, Jr., was named "CWV Man of the Year." Awards will be presented Sunday morning, Feb. 15, in a ceremony at St. Anthony's Church.

Roncone, of 850 N. Plymouth, has been active in the affairs of St. Anthony's parish for half a century and has been a trustee for 20 years. He is a member of the ushers' group and of the Holy Name Society. In 1967-68, he was president of the Undertakers' Association of Rochester.

Houck, of 276 Clay Avenue, is an usher at Sacred Heart Cathedral and works with the parish Boy Scout troop.

The awards were announced at the 23rd annual convention of the county CWV last Friday. Michael Terrigno was elected commander, with Trevor Durant, Sam Colantoni and Robert Kaman as vice commanders.

BLACKFRIARS SET TRYOUTS

The Blackfriars are looking for about 15 men and 15 women of "all shapes, sizes, ages and dispositions" for their Spring production of "Marat/Sade."

Tryouts are scheduled for 8 to 10 tonight, Jan. 23, and 4 to 6 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 25, at the theater troupe's studio, 892 S. Clinton.

PARTY TO BENEFIT HOLY CHILDHOOD

The fathers of Holy Childhood School children will put on their annual stag party next Saturday night, Jan. 31, from 8 until 1 at Cardinal Mooney High School, 800 Maiden Lane.

The school for retarded children has 85 pupils aged 7 to 18. It is financially dependent on such benefit parties as this.

TV Movie Ratings

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

Week of Fri., Jan. 23 thru Thurs., Jan. 29

Time	Channel	Movie	Rating
Friday, January 23			
10:30 a.m.	13	Only Two Can Play, Part 2	A2
9:00 p.m.	10	Wake Me When It's Over	A3
11:30 p.m.	13	The Great Man	A2
Saturday, January 24			
1:30 p.m.	13	The Siege of Sydney Street	No Rating
8:30 p.m.	21	Encore	A2
9:00 p.m.	8	The Last Safari	No Rating
11:15 p.m.	13	The Gallant Hours	A1
11:30 p.m.	10	Away All Boats	A1
11:45 p.m.	8	Monkey Business	B
Sunday, January 25			
5:00 p.m.	13	Bye Bye Birdie	A3
9:00 p.m.	13	Hombre	A2
11:25 p.m.	10	All at Sea	A1
11:30 p.m.	13	Go Into Your Dance	No Rating
Monday, January 26			
10:30 a.m.	13	Wet Asphalt, Part 1	No Rating
8:30 p.m.	13	Suddenly, Last Summer	S.C.
9:00 p.m.	8	Flame Over India	A1
11:30 p.m.	13	Nightmare In the Sun	A3
Tuesday, January 27			
10:30 a.m.	13	Wet Asphalt, Part 2	No Rating
8:30 p.m.	13	Carter's Army	No Rating
9:00 p.m.	8	Kings Go Forth	A2
11:30 p.m.	13	Six Black Horses	A2
Wednesday, January 28			
10:30 a.m.	13	The Great Man, Part 1	A2
11:30 p.m.	13	The Restless Years	A2
Thursday, January 29			
10:30 a.m.	13	The Great Man, Part 2	A2
9:00 p.m.	10	Mister Moses	A2
11:30 p.m.	13	Sergeant Rutledge	A2

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HOMETOWN COOKERY

If variety is the spice of life it may do something for cooking, also, so this week "Hometown Cookery" has chosen a recipe from "Specialties of the House," a collection of traditional recipes published by the Temple Sinai Sisterhood.

The book is a more extravagant edition than those done by most publishers; it costs \$3, has a plastic cover and more than 200 pages.

The book offers some ideas which may be of help to parish fund-raisers. First of all, members of the sisterhood sold ads to help with production costs. There also is a section devoted to table decorating, discussing color schemes, seasonal suggestions, fruits and flowers.

An extra dimension is added by descriptions of Jewish holy days and appropriate recipes for each of them individually. These recipes would be helpful in planning

Fritterin' Pays

Rose Perlitz made pancakes for breakfast Monday morning and had a lot of batter left.

When her husband, John, and their two grade-school boys had gone forth from the house at 380 S. Eileen Drive, to take up their share of the world's work, Rose gladly tackled hers.

She put two more eggs in the surplus pancake batter, to stiffen it, and incidentally increased its volume.

First she batter-fried the outside stalks of a new head of celery. Then she did up a batch of artichoke hearts. There was still some batter in the bowl.

Meanwhile, Rose had filled her waiting time by getting pop corn ready for the boys' return from school. Corn fritters are good, she thought; how about popcorn fritters?

Delicious! she said modestly. And besides, rather funny. She was laughing when she came on the Courier-Journal phone.

"My friends are always kidding me about my recipes. Why don't you write in to the papers, they say. I never have, but this one is so good..."

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