

# NCC to Re-evaluate Movie Ratings

New York (RNS) — Now that a new head of the motion picture rating system has been appointed, the Broadcasting and Film Commission (BFC) of the National Council of Churches will undertake a new evaluation of the system's effectiveness, according to the BFC director.

A six-month evaluation voted by the BFC at its annual meeting in February, has been held up pending the new appointment, said Dr. William F. Fore.

The Motion Picture

## At Home With the Movies

**THE GREAT NORTFIELD MINNESOTA RAID**  
[1972]  
Wednesday, July 24

This is a love-it-or-leave-it type of film, based on the last great raid by the Cole-Younger-Jesse-James gang, on a northern Minnesota boomtown bank in 1876. Cliff Robertson is a befuddled, kindhearted, but businesslike Cole Younger, and Robert Duvall is a bloodthirsty, psychotic and treacherous Jesse James.

The result of their collaboration is disaster, mostly for the picturesque town of Northfield and Younger. The real point of the film, however, is a dark and brooding theme about the end of the frontier (and the rough-and-ready life that goes with it), in the face of creeping modernism and industrialization in America.

## AS I SEE IT

Some thoughts about the boob tube after a week of no TV.

"If there was a disadvantage in not having TV to rely on during a week at camp (and I'm not sure there really was) it had to be the fact that we weren't getting any bulletins — had the Supreme Court come to a decision on the withholding of presidential tapes? How did Erlichman fare at the hands of the jury?"

Our battery operated radio for the most part refused to pick up anything other than a station devoted to the most banal chatter possible. The one metropolitan paper available daily was "The Buffalo Evening News" which tends to bury stories even mildly unfavorable to the administration on Page 10.

Among proponents of cable television in the Rochester area, no one is stronger than this writer. Hopefully the technical facilities will be better than that which my parents depend on in their northeastern Pennsylvania village. They at first thought their cloudy picture, snow and static was due to an old TV set but upon purchasing a new one found the old problems cropped up from time to time. On the bright side regarding cable facilities, we received tremendous reception via a cable in Toronto last Fall. In view of what is received here from 7 to 8 p.m. nightly, cable TV can't come fast enough.

The "Today Show" is giving various announcers and correspondents brief tryouts for the co-host job opposite Barbara Walters. Viewers are encouraged to write in with their preferences.

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Association of America has announced that Richard D. Heffner, professor of communications and public policy at Rutgers University, New Brunswick, N.J., will head the Rating Board that assigns the G-GP-R-X ratings to movies.

The former chairman, Dr. Aaron Stern, resigned in April to join Columbia Pictures Industries, and another official of the Rating Board, Albert E. Van Schmus, has served as interim chairman.

After a period of supporting the

The film is violent and bitter at times, but it has a real bite if you stick with it, especially in the acting of Robertson, Duvall, and an excellent supporting cast of character actors. The best line is Robertson's, when he sees his first steam roller.

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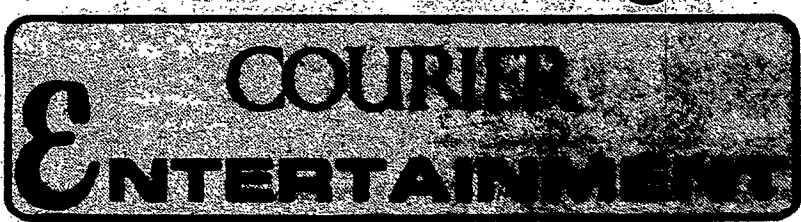
**MAROOINED [1969]**  
Saturday, July 27

Gregory Peck, Gene Hackman, Richard Crenna, and James Franciscus star in a star-trek adventure that goes awry as three astronauts get stranded in space.

Peck plays the ground control director, and David Janssen flies in a rescue capacity.

In all, the film offers super space and electronic effects, and a taut, gripping adventure yarn for all ages.

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ratings system, the National Council's film agency and the Catholic Division for Film and Broadcasting jointly withdrew their endorsement in 1971.

Three principal criticisms of the system have been made by the church agencies.

"They charge that films are rated on a line-by-line or scene-by-scene basis when they should be rated according to the total impact on children.

"Church officials think local theater compliance with the

ratings that are assigned should be strengthened.

"The agencies have called on the motion picture industry to carry out an educational campaign to inform the public about the true meaning of the ratings. This is needed, the agencies feel, in order to overcome the common misconception that an X rating necessarily is branding a movie as pornography, and thereby to reduce pressures for the ratings that enable children to be admitted.

## Planetarium Sets Childrens' Shows

The Strassenburgh Planetarium is planning special programs for young children on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings through Aug. 8.

Magic Sky introduces pre-schoolers to the wonders of what they can see in the day and night from their own backyards. Space Wizard, also for pre-schoolers, is live theater.

Earth, Sun, and Moon is designed for children in grades K through 3. "Sky Scanning" is a constantly updated view of the current night sky as an introduction to astronomy for children in grades K-3.

Reservations may be made by calling the Strassenburgh Planetarium at 244-6060, ext. 56.

## Ciaccios Note 54th Anniversary

Mr. and Mrs. Gabriele (Josephine) Ciaccio of Empire Boulevard in Webster will celebrate their 54th anniversary Sunday, July 28.

After a special Mass at 3 p.m. at St. Philip Neri Church, Mr. and Mrs. Ciaccio will be feted at a family party at their home.

The Ciaccios were married on July 28, 1920 in Mt. Carmel Church in Rochester.

## GOLDEN ANNIVERSARY

Naples — Mr. and Mrs. Carl Dinzier recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary. On July 14, they were honored at a coffee hour after the 10 a.m. Mass and members of the parish attended to offer their congratulations.

which NBC executives will purportedly heed in making their final decision.

There may be a dumber way to pick a TV emcee but off hand I can't think of one unless its pulling names out of a hat.

"From the one look I had at Tony Orlando and Dawn, I'd say CBS finally has itself a winner in the Wednesday night spot long occupied by Sonny and Cher and more recently by Bobbie Gentry whose "Happiness Hour" was atrocious.

Orlando and his two pretty sidekicks are smooth, good to listen to, but best of all able to laugh at themselves.

A high spot of the show had a member of the audience learning how to become a rock star. It was the most amusing bit I've seen on TV variety show in years. And most of the credit must go to the star whose rapport with the audience seems genuine.

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