

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

Among the new shows we caught past week were "The Montefuscos," "Starksky and Hutch" and "When Things Were Rotten."

The first and last are situation comedies. "S&H" seen Wednesdays on 13-is cops and robbers, so amateurishly done you may be compelled to look up from your reading material and watch this one for a full five minutes. If you do, you'll learn a lot — about how not to act, how not to direct, how not to write, etc., etc. The plainclothesmen of the title are played by Paul Michael Glaser and David Soul.

"The Montefuscos" seen Thursdays on Channel 8 is an attempt to capitalize on the trend toward the ethnic.

For those who still think that to be Italian is to be garlicky, gesture-prone and garrulous, the

show may have something to offer.

As a third generation Italian-American I find "The Montefuscos" about as authentic as a plate of spaghetti served in a Swedish restaurant. And about as enjoyable.

The best thing about "When Things Were Rotten" is the vacuous look on Dick Gautier's face as the not too bright Robin Hood of this Mel Brooks' creation. The jokes in this spoof of Sherwood Forest bomb more often than not but if you're looking for something with a fast and furious pace this is it.

The best shows were oldies but definitely goodies. For its season opener "The Mary Tyler Moore Show" had Lou Grant's wife Edie remarrying to Lou's ill-concealed mistress and Mary's very visible concern for her boss. It was beautifully done. The writing was excellent, the directing tight and the acting, especially as Lou bids his remarried wife adieu, absolutely top notch. Writers for other sit-coms should sit down and study this show for its credibility, its understatement, its restrained flair and classy style.

"The Bob Newhart Show" another "MTM" production was almost as good. Tom Poston played an old college chum visiting Bob Hartley. Again the writing was first rate, the directing and acting harmonious complements. Look for Poston to return as a regular guest. He's just what the doctor ordered to add a little liveliness to the lineup.

'Lady Bug Mart' Planned Sept. 27-28

The atmosphere of an old-fashioned out-door flea market will prevail at the "Lady Bug Mart" Saturday, Sept. 27 from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and Sunday, Sept. 28th from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. in St. Thomas the Apostle School parking lot and convent garage on Colebrook Road. The sale will feature all types of collectibles, glassware, bottles, furniture, knick-knacks, as well as household items, small appliances, toys, sporting goods, etc.

In addition to the "Lady Bug Mart", a newsprint paper drive

will be conducted. Donors are asked to bring their newspapers to the parking lot during the above hours, where eighth grade boys will be on hand to unload and stack.

These events are the first fund-raising projects of the season for St. Thomas the Apostle Home School Association. Chairpersons are Mr. and Mrs. James Kloster, Mr. and Mrs. Conrad Dolski, and Mr. and Mrs. William Consadine. Sale articles may be brought to these addresses beforehand or arrangements may be made for a pickup.

Secretary Honored

By LORRAINE DRAZEK

Dryden — At Holy Cross Church the parishioners and the staff of Sharing, the monthly newsletter, dedicated the October issue to Marie Gay, who began her service as Parish Secretary in October 1955.

In the beginning the parish could not afford a full-time secretary so she climbed the three flights to the office on the third floor of the Urquart home at George-Junior Republic, devoting many hours on weekends and evenings to the parish affairs.

Not only has she served as secretary, but over the years she has been active in the Altar and Rosary Society (now the Guild), holding office and as an active

band member. Many young people received instruction for First Communion during her 15 years of teaching. Mrs. Gay has been chairperson for many fund-raising committees. She recently served on the steering committee for the formation of the Parish Council.

Over the years her knowledge of the parishioners, the area, an uncanny knack of remembering names and events of both the past and the present has had much to do with the efficient and friendly atmosphere in the office.

In 1955 she assumed the duties as part-time secretary to Robert Stevens, former Dean of Cornell Law School. After his death she has continued as secretary to his wife.

Mrs. Gay has developed many close friends and has deep ties with the personnel at George-Junior Republic. Her compassionate and Christian concern is evidenced with practical deeds.

Her contribution to the parish in this first score of years can never be measured.

ROSARY DEVOTION

Elmira — A special rosary devotion has been scheduled at the Dominican Monastery on 1310 W. Church St. at 7:30 p.m., Sunday, Oct. 5. Father Robert O'Riley, Dominican, will speak on the rosary and the Sisters invite all to attend.

St. Elizabeth Honored by Elmira Unit

Elmira — The Ladies of Charity here recently sponsored a special Bicentennial project to honor canonized St. Elizabeth Seton.

The program was held at St. Peter and Paul Church and included music along with a presentation about St. Elizabeth's life.

Ladies of Charity officials said one reason the project was held was because St. Elizabeth's life closely paralleled the growth in our nation in the past 200 years.

A Fair with a Difference

Elmira — There's going to be a fair here on Sunday at St. Mary's Southside in the Marian Center. The difference between this fair, however, and the usual fair is that this one will have booths to explain opportunities for Christian growth.

The fair is going under the heading of PACE Fair — Personal Alternatives in Catholic Experience (PACE).

The fair is being sponsored by the Inter-Parish Adult Education Committee of the Chemung-Schuyler Region.

There will be 22 booths with information on a wide range of activities, ranging from educational to renewal to prayer

groups.

Babysitting services will be provided to allow parents the opportunity to browse.

During the fair, which will run from 3 to 6 p.m., Father Michael Reagan, regional coordinator for the Chemung-Schuyler Region, will present a short talk followed by a panel discussion. Father Regan also will moderate the panel discussion.

Registration cards will be given to all those attending so that they can provide the adult education committee with indications of what future programs they would like to see in the region.

Fair officials have termed the three-hour event a chance to

offer persons a look at various activities within the Church. The officials have emphasized that no "hard sell" approach will be taken to have those attending join or get involved in any activities.

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