

'AS I SEE IT



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Reviewing all of the new shows before some of them are canceled seems to be a continuing problem of the last few television seasons. This year is no different. A goodly number have already been axed. More are destined for sudden death.

With this in mind we took a look at the latest Jack Webb production, "Mobile One."

Jackie Cooper, as Peter Campbell, is a TV newsmen attached to a West Coast station that depends a lot on a mobile news unit, a helicopter, and two-way radio, to make headlines.

Right at the outset, one very interesting item was noticed. Webb in picking himself a hero did not fall for the same trap that so many real TV stations do. He managed to steer clear of the baby-faced, semi-experienced hot shot commentator that is endemic to the current TV scene.

Health Center Has Fair

More than 550 members of the Genesee Valley Group Health Association recently attended its first annual "Fall Fair for Health" at Group Health's Joseph C. Wilson Health Center, 800 Carter St.

With emphasis on the preventive aspects of health care, displays and demonstrations were set up in each area of the center. Physicians and staff members were there to answer questions and man displays.

Strolling guitarists and refreshments rounded out the day of festivities and education designed to enable Group Health members to learn more about their own health while becoming better acquainted with the center.

Cooper might have been baby-faced at one time. But the bags under his eyes and leather like skin says 50, if he's a day. And what a refreshing sight that is.

The rest of the production is pure zilch. The youngsters in the house immediately noted the similarities to "Emergency," another of Webb's Mark VII productions.

For the young viewers, the cameraman (Mark Wheeler) looks to be somewhere in the vicinity of 15 or 16 and pulchritude is furnished by Campbell's producer played by Julie Gregg.

The tiny bit of humor in the episode I saw revolved around the sports commentator (Gary Crosby) being punched in the nose by an irate mother whose young daughter said Crosby "runs funny."

Los Angeles newsmen Bill Stout is supposed to have written the episode which deals with an unscrupulous transit company which failed to repair damaged brakes on a school bus.

When an accident ensues, miraculously, killing no one, roving reporter Campbell exposes the transit company owner as the villain. During the same show he is the target of a psycho who keeps threatening to kill him and finally does take a shot at him while he is broadcasting. To no one's surprise Campbell never even blinks, goes on with his expose while security guards subdue the would-be killer.

Newsman-written or not, the dialogue was horrible. At one point, in radio contact with his producer, Campbell talking about the newsroom intones, "It must be a jungle, back there."

There was one noteworthy minute in the entire hour. The weatherman is broadcasting. He wants to show his audience the evening's low pressure map. But, he's lost it. In lieu of tonight's map, he shows one taken 8 1/2 months ago over Arabia. Because as he says, "If you've seen one low pressure map, you've seen them all." Amen.

Marriage is big this year for continuing characters in television series. Carol Kester on "The Bob Newhart Show," Ted and Georgette on "The Mary Tyler Moore Show," Steve Kiley on "Marcus Welby, M.D." Some other unlikely holdouts we're waiting to see take the big step: Kojack, Fonzie and Captain Kangaroo.

Supper To Aid Repairs

The annual St. Philip Neri Spaghetti Supper, scheduled for Monday evening, Nov. 3 in the school hall, will be more than a social event this year.

According to Father Charles B. Connell, pastor, proceeds from the event will be used to defray the estimated \$10,000 in repairs to the church's heating system and roof.

The breakdown of the church boilers and deterioration of a portion of the roof produced a "double strain" on the parish

budget, Father Connell explained. "These are expenditures which cannot be postponed because the repairs must be made before winter," he said.

More than 50 members of the church's Men's Club, Women's Club and Lady of Fatima Society will provide the manpower for the affair, which annually attracts scores of families from the Rochester area.

Tickets may be purchased at St. Philip Neri Rectory or at the door, according to Father Connell.

Charles Willmer and William Rahn are Co-Chairmen of the event.

DANTE FUND DANCE

The Italian Women's Civic Club will hold its Dante Scholarship Fund Dance on Saturday evening, Nov. 1, at the Holiday Inn Downtown. The fund was established in 1922 for local college students of Italian heritage. More than 40 scholarships have been awarded to students in area colleges.

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