

AS I SEE IT



Pat Costa

For weeks the ABC network had been announcing that "Edge of Night," one of the oldest and in some viewers' minds one of the best soap operas, was changing stables.

A fixture of CBS for nearly 20 years, "Edge" was moving to ABC on Dec. 1 according to the promotional messages that flittered across the screen during the month of the November.

As the due date approached it suddenly dawned on some "Edge" fans that Channel 13 in Rochester was cutting off the audio portion of the promo, a common practice when the station concerned does not intend to run the network offering.

But it took the reality of its absence on Dec. 1 for the cancellation to sink in for some fans. When it did switchboards lit up at both Channel 10, where it was formerly screened, and Channel 13, the ABC station here.

The disappointment is understandable. I was bemoaning the loss myself until Channel 7, WKBW-TV Buffalo (which our cable system beams in) announced it would carry the showing starting a week after ABC picked it up. It is carried in the morning, rather than the 4 p.m. slot assigned it by the network.

I have watched the serial on and off for the past six years but it has been a part of the family since its inception in the fifties. My mother has followed the show through thick and thin and when I need filling in she can often piece it together for me.

I watch, depending on how

Xavier Society Offers Gift List For Special Group

NEW YORK—The National Catholic Press and Library for the Visually Handicapped offers the following suggestions to help with Christmas gift-selecting for friends or relatives who have a vision problem.

Senior Citizens who no longer read average-size print find a great deal of enjoyment and inspiration, as well as convenience, from the materials the New York based Xavier Society has available in Large Print. The Society suggests ways not only of brightening Christmas for people whose vision is impaired, but also of extending the Season's pleasure with: a subscription to the monthly CATHOLIC REVIEW in Large Print; single volume Gospels of Matthew, Mark, Luke, John and Acts; Large Print edition of the Liturgy of the Mass; and a Manual of Prayers in Large Print.

For the totally blind person who requires Braille or sound material the Society lists: the Braille monthly CATHOLIC REVIEW; Ordinary of the Mass and Sunday Propers in Braille; 1976 Catholic calendar in Braille; and beginning Guitar Instruction Booklets, 2 vols. in Braille.

High on the list the Society suggests a cassette recorder for an especially favorite relative or friend. Average price around \$40 in any store where recorders are sold, it will enable the user to enjoy the free lending library for hours of good reading; the JERUSALEM BIBLE on 43 Cassettes, available separately; subscriptions to any of 4 monthly or 2 weekly Catholic periodicals recorded in their entirety.

The above reading material and catalogs may be obtained from Xavier Society for the Blind, 154 E. 23rd Street, New York, N.Y. 10010. Your own Christmas will be brighter for having remembered... that those without sight may see.

tantalizing the storyline is, for "Edge of Night" is primarily a mystery story with sudsy overtones. The head writer, Henry Sleasar, is the best and counts among his following men as well as woman viewers who by virtue of their home bound occupations are naturally the chief consumer of this kind of drama. I became hooked during a story (which can last a half a year or more) which featured a psychotic housewife turned killer. Sometimes a storyline will be dull and drag on and on and you can tune out for three or four months and come back without missing too much. Or you can watch daily and be entertained — sometimes brilliantly, depending on the sub plots which run concurrently.

Main characters are the Karrs. He is a prominent lawyer and she is Mrs. Goodlady. Adam Drake who recently "lost" his wife on a honeymoon cruise provides romantic interest and Police Chief and Mrs. Marceau offer a combination of the law and shoulder to cry on depending on which is needed to further the story line. The list of other "main" characters is too long to mention.

To herald the switch to ABC that network ran a 90-minute introductory show which should be sufficient to help the faithful renew the love affair and to brief new viewers on old twists.

In the 90-minute premiere Nicole Tavis Drake has been discovered alive and well in Paris, the victim of amnesia. That ought to take care of the lovely District Attorney Brandy Henderson, who has been angling after the "widower". Also revealed was the would-be killer of Mrs. Whitney — one Tracy Dallas on the brink of nuptials yet to the unsuspecting Danny Maselli. And, yes, Noel Douglas is still rotten to the core. Delicious!



JASON STEITLER

Poster Child Selected

Jason Steitler, an 8-year-old from Newark, has been named the 1976 March of Dimes, Monroe-Wayne Chapter Poster Child.

Jason, like thousands of children born each year in the United States, has a birth defect called spina bifida (open spine). Although he wears leg braces, the blond, gray-eyed boy is a bundle of energy who enjoys many physical activities. He lifts weights. Does 30 pullups and 25 pushups. He also likes horseback riding.

A second grader at Perkins Elementary School, Jason especially likes to build model cities. He also takes guitar lessons.

He lives with his parents and 5-year-old twin sisters, Heather and Lisa. His father, Edward, teaches special education to mentally handicapped children at Mid Lakes High School. Jason's mother, Karen, is a program director at the City Day Training Center in Lyons.

"MEALS"

Ithaca — Rita Pawlowski and Vita Talandis, co-chairpersons of Meals on Wheels, recently thanked parishioners of St. Catherine's: Sue Shanahan, Stella Mekos, Mary Gilligan, Evelyn Curran, Kay Oldberg, Margaret

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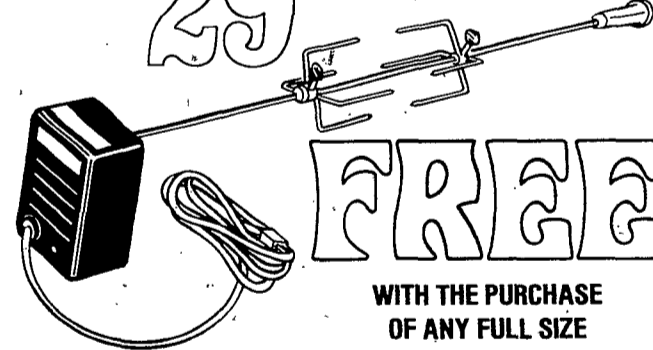
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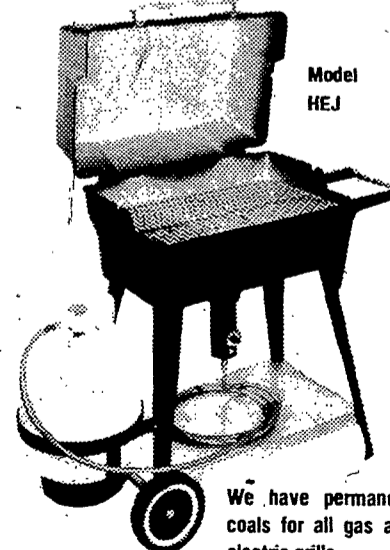
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