

# TV CANDIDS

by Terrence O'Flaherty

There are several strong arguments in favor of the television Western: It is a kind of American morality play where right triumphs and the Good Guy wins out over the Bad Guy; and, in the best of them there is an epic frontier spirit that is part of The Western Dream, as most Americans like to dream it.

If you add to those ingredients, some humor and some heart, a good script and convincing actors you have a solid piece of entertainment. Unfortunately, there ain't many of these left around, pardner.

Today's versions are becoming over-complicated, and subverted. The morality is mixed up if it exists at all and the result is a sort of second rate Tennessee Williams larded over with psychiatry, psychology and paper-back Sigmund Freud. Such a western is the new oater titled "The Dakotas" which replaces "Cheyenne" on ABC Monday nights.

The basic plot of the opener wasn't complicated, but the characterizations left it as over-decorated as a piece of Louis XVI furniture—and just about as fragile. (and while I'm in the furniture department, it might be observed that the original and best Westerns were solid, uncomplicated and strong French Provincial.)

Writer-adaptor Cy Chermack dropped this line early in the opening episode: "It isn't always easy to fix the blame. . . ."

When you hear that kind of talk it's certain that you're in for a Western where the sadists are made to look strong and where the honest folks in the first act are revealed as weaklings before the final commercial.

The sullen, wall-eyed gunfighter who had become a Federal deputy was freed of killing three men—two in self defense after tricking them into an attack, and one in cold blood—all three killings accomplished behind the deputy's badge. While the dust raised by the final showdown was clouding the moral issues, the deputy's father—a prune-faced preacher—broke into a toothy smile of affection in a fade-out that left me groaning in my own living room.

I glanced at the ABC program notes and discovered that the three U. S. marshalls in the opening episodes are to be joined by a fourth as the permanent members of the cast. Then I saw the Warner Brothers seal of approval flashed on the screen and realized that a new mixed-up morality play had been launched in the guise of winning the West at the youngsters' hour of 7:30 p.m., coast-to-coast.

Everyone was credited at the end but the producer's psychiatrist.

And what happened to "Cheyenne"? The contract between Warners and Clint Walker, star of the series and television's largest piece of beefcake, finally dissolved and he is said to have headed for the hills. I'm surprised the series didn't continue anyway. After all, any program that could survive both Walker and his one-time replacement, Ty Hardin, should be durable enough to continue starring the first person over six feet who walks into the studio commissary tomorrow morning.

## Girl Scouts Entertain Fathers with Banquet

The second annual Father-Daughter banquet of central Torrance neighborhood Girl Scouts was held Jan. 17, 6:30 p.m. at South High School Cafeteria, 4801 Pacific Coast Hwy.

The entertainment for the evening was furnished by the Pan Ettes Novelty Band and the Torrance Twirlers in a square dance exhibition. Community singing by the dads and daughters was led by C. T. Wise, program emcee.

Door prizes were donated by May Co of South Bay, Rolling Hills Nursery, Sue's Candy Shop, Del Amo Quality Cleaners, Foreman & Clark Clothiers and Del Amo Stationers.

Senior scouts assisted in serving the roast beef dinner.

Members of the planning committee included Mmes. Harold A. Foley and Sheila Doolittle, co-chairmen; William Kazelskis and Eugene Lenk, program; William Roach, publicity.

Other members of the committee were Mmes. Paul Shinoda, Robert Runyon and Alex Egger.

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