

Assignment TV

By **TERRENCE O'FLAHERTY**

The rough days of the American West that television loves so well lasted a brief 25 years, yet they are the most written about, most familiar, most photographed—and most distorted—period in our history.

Honest historians today are having a difficult time trying to find out what really did happen. They may never find out. The newspapers of the time, as well as the personal reminiscences of old-timers, are no more reliable than the dime novels of the period or the movies of recent years. Now TV's unscrupulous producers are enlarging the lie with eulogies to killers like Jesse James, the Earps and Billy the Kid.

This summer, a group of articulate and lively young filmmakers from the East decided to study the records and tell an honest story of the West based on reliable sources and filmed in the correct locale, without high-salaried, glass-jawed TV actors. They drove out in two station wagons.

Led by producer-director Denys McCoy and Rea Redifer—both of Chadds Ford, Penn.—they selected what is known as New Mexico's Lincoln County War as a suitable incident to represent an important period in Western history. McCoy is no amateur filmmaker. His first short films, "Island Funeral" and "1864," were honored for their artistry in the Cannes Film festival.

ON A WEEKEND recently I sought out the film company and found it in a quiet and remote town in New Mexico called Chiz, population 1. With its small cluster of deserted buildings it is typical of hundreds of forgotten towns of the old West, weathered and desolate, haunted by nameless ghosts. They had just completed a full day's shooting, and it was dark.

McCoy, Redifer and I sat on the porch of an empty house in the still warm night and talked. The old West was all around us—not a television set on the back lot at Desilu. Not far away someone was playing a guitar and singing a Mexican song—for this is border country, and the Spanish Americans are an

important part of the Western story that is seldom told. "We were driving through Lincoln last year," said McCoy. "The little town is almost exactly as it was in the 1870s, and we decided then and there to do this film with real people in the right setting. We planned all winter, and we've been shooting all summer. The money we raised is used for equipment, processing and living expenses. There are few salaries. We're sharing in the profits. We call it 'The War at Lincoln County.' It will be a quasidocumentary, I guess you'd say, and feature length."

The central character is Alex McSween, but it also deals with a few years in the life of Henry McCarty, alias William Bonney, known as "Billy the Kid," whose career has been the subject of more wild speculation than anything short of the whereabouts of Princess Anastasia.

"IT'S REALLY the story of the great change in the West when lawyers and politicians from the East arrived and the old-timers who had held their land with a gun suddenly found they had to keep it with a legal contract," said Redifer. "Billy is a part of the complex and violent story—probably caught up in it because he was too dumb to know any better."

McCoy and Co. are working—historically—from William A. Keleher's "Violence in Lincoln County," an account admired by all Western researchers. The cameraman is an accomplished young painter named Allen Blagdon, of Lakewood, Conn. "We're trying to keep away from the cute Hollywood psychological approach to Billy as some sort of glamorous juvenile delinquent," said Redifer. "If anything, we're trying to get back to what created the legend—without shooting the legend in the head."

"The Lincoln County War" is still being fought around here, but unfortunately the people who really know the story haven't the capacity to interpret it. They often tell us what is expected to be colorful to outsiders. Everybody's grandmother was the girl friend of Billy the Kid."

Tartar Teen Talk

By **Julia Takayama**

As the climax to the 1965 football season, this Friday the Torrance High Tartars will be hosting their alumni at the annual Homecoming game and dance. Following the game against the Morningside High Monarchs, a dance will be held at the Torrance Recreation Center. See you there.

Government in action... This is a concept we are aware of, but Tuesday members of the Student Council, Student Congress, and certain other THS students will be able to get a first hand view of our city government in action. They will be participating in the annual Junior Citizens' Day. In the course of the day THS students and students from the other area schools will replace city officials and perform their duties.

IT'S ABOUT that time... Orders for senior pictures and announcements are now being taken. Don't forget seniors, today is the day that announcement orders will be taken on campus.

This year, under the auspices of the American Field Service, Ana Maria Bezerra is with us for a nine month stay in Torrance. Since she has joined the Tartar student body as a member of the senior class, the senior class council has appropriated money to purchase a class ring for Ana. We of the senior class hope that this ring will serve as a reminder of her year at THS. On the Veterans Day holiday, members of the Torrance High American Foreign Service club took Ana to visit the Los Angeles Art Museum and Farmers' Market.

FRIDAY the Tartar Ladies held a very successful sports night in the boys' gym. Everyone had a great time. Many thanks to the TAs for sponsoring this fun event.

The player of the week for

the Beverly Hills game was junior Dave Kline. Dave's fine performance came during his first week on the starting lineup. Congratulations, Dave.

Last Friday the Tartar Varsity lost a close game to the Rolling Hills Titans. The final score was 14-7. Let's all get out to support the Tartar team in their last game of the season. It will be played Friday at our field at 8 p.m.

See you next week...

Film on Rug Care Released

"What Now!" a 13-minute color film on rug and carpet care, has just been released by the National Institute of Rug Cleaning.

The film outlines procedures for cleaning spots caused by spills which frequently occur in the home. Correct steps, materials, and precautions are described.

Viewers also will see how the professional cleans wall-to-wall carpeting in the home and how a loose rug is cleaned in a plant.

"What Now!" is available to women's clubs and organizations, home economists, teachers, and other groups on a free loan basis from the National Institute of Rug Cleaning, Inc., 1815 N. Ft. Myer Drive, Arlington, Va 22209.

TO SACRAMENTO James K. Hanny, health and driver education teacher at South High School, will represent the Los Angeles County Driver Education Association at the Governor's Safety Conference in Sacramento Nov. 18 and 19. He is vice-president of the county association.

FOOD GIANT SAVE MORE ON THE

YOUNG TOM TURKEY
 U.S.D.A. Grade 'A' New Crop California Grown Lancaster Farms 18-22-pound avg. Flash Frozen
33 lb.



Poppy Brand—Armour Star
Jr. Turkeys 6-8 lb. avg. Flash Frozen Grade "A" **49** lb.

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Roasters **49** lb.

U.S.D.A. "Choice" Beef Rolled & Tied Shoulder Pot Roast
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Fresh Young Hen Turkeys **49** lb.

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Farmer John, Marrell Pride, Hormel Red Shield, Hoffman, Luer
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CUT-UP FRYERS Fresh Chicken **35** lb.

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SHORT RIBS BEEF Meaty, Flavorful **39** lb.

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INSTANT POTATOES One-lb. Mashed 13-oz. pkg. **59** c

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Golden Creme—Raspberry Sherbert, Orange Sherbert or Chocolate with Vanilla **CHECKERS ICE CREAM** half gal. **69** c

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THICK BANANA SQUASH **3** lb.

ALL GREEN NORTHERN **BROCCOLI** 2 lbs. **29** c

SWEET, MILD **BROWN ONIONS** 3 lbs. **19** c

SUGARIFE **FIGLETTES** 4 12-oz. pkgs. **19** c

GARDEN FRESH **CRISP CARROTS** 2 1-lb. bags **19** c

DETERGENT **VIM TABLETS** giant **69** c

DETERGENT **DRIFT** large size **35** c

DETERGENT **VEL LIQUID** 22-oz. plastic **64** c

REGULAR SIZE **BOLD DETERGENT** **33** c

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