

Tele-Visions

BY THORTON KANE

A week ago Thursday a man was bowled to death. The "Untouchables" show reached a new low in telecasting by going far out to find a novel method to murder a man. The man in question was sent spinning down a bowling alley to meet his death in a glorious head-on strike.

Since then we have been reflecting on TV's penchant for "cute" murders. Peter Gunn solved the crime when a man was locked in a clothes dryer and dried to death, and a few days ago, "The Naked City" recorded the history of a criminal who was fond of throwing bystanders down stairwells.

Many of these ideas are so extreme that we should soon be running out of ideas. Along that line, we have a few suggestions for flagging TV writers. How about a victim who is badmintoned to death... certainly a shuttlecock in the solar plexus is no less likely than a human bowling ball. For a companion piece to the man who was spin-dried, perhaps some evil-doer is always the possibility of hit-and-run kiddie cars and winds of deadly velocity.

On the other hand, why don't we all turn off the set and read a good mystery story. A mystery story, by the way, where the victims are killed with lethal but old fashioned pistols, knives and poison.

WELL WHADDYA KNOW—Richard (Paladin, Dr. Conrad Styner) Boone has decided to do an additional season of "Have Gun—Will Travel." It will cost the sponsors \$100,000. . . . Steve McQueen says he won't die in the last segment of "Wanted Dead or Alive"—he'll just ride off into the sunset. . . . Tab Hunter has signed with Dot Records and will start cutting discs again after two years lay-off. . . . KTLA's "Pat Buttram Show" is good late night viewing—a relief from old movies. . . . CBS-TV decided to put Jackie Gleason in a Friday night spot—you'll see him there every week, but his ill-famed panel show is permanently on the shelf. . . . Lee Patterson of "Surfside 6" is the latest actor-turned-writer. He'll do scripts for his show. . . . The "Lafayette Escadrille" will be characterized on "The Impatient Years." The pilot film stars Ben Cooper and Lang Jeffries. . . . "Gunslinger" debuted last week on CBS. Preston Foster starred as "top gun." . . . Robert Stack will receive the National Association of Women Lawyers Law Day award for his Elliot Ness portrayals. We voted for the real E. Ness, but Stack is so much better looking. . . . Ernie Kovacs and wife Edie Adams are en route to NYC to do U. S. Steel's "Private Eye." . . . I can't picture it myself but Buddy Hackett will play a meek janitor turned nasty gunman on "Rifleman." . . . Bob Denver of "Dobie Gillis" just returned from Denver, where he did a Boy Scout benefit. Read "beat" poetry to a bongo beat, no doubt. . . . "Dante" will be canned in April, with "Concentration" the proposed replacement. Hugh Downs and Hal March are both being considered, although Downs is the present emcee in the show's current daytime slot. . . . Frederick March and Florence Eldridge are to star with Marilyn Monroe in the special telecast of "Rain" in March on NBC.

Disneyland to be Open Tomorrow

In celebration of Lincoln's the three-day holiday week-end. Disneyland is normally closed on Monday and Tuesday during the winter. Guests may take advantage of the special season ticket books and passports to Disneyland being offered now through March 19. Both plans permit substantial savings over individually purchased admissions.



BEAUTIFUL June Blair plays the role of Julie, hotel proprietress, in "Two Faces West," starring Charles Bateman in a duel role every Friday at 8 p.m. on KTTV, Chanel Eleven.

'Great Music' to Feature Count Basie in Jazz Concert



COUNT BASIE



BARBARA MCNAIR

Count Basie, "America's Incomparable Rhythmic Stylist," with his orchestra will headline a jazz concert on KTTV's "Great Music from Chicago," Monday, Feb. 20, 9 p.m., Channel Eleven.

Instrumental selections by the Kai Winding Septet, vocals by Barbara McNair, and Count Basie's singing sensation, Joe Williams, are highlights of this swinging program for jazz enthusiasts.

The hour of jazz features: Rat Race, Midnight Sun Never Sets, You Stepped Out of a Dream, Smack Dab in the Middle, I Needs to Beed With, For Len and Lennie, Fantail, In the Mood, Trombone Panorama: a potpourri of trombone styles from Tailgate to Kenton played by Kai Winding Septet; Barbara McNair, vocalists.

"Great Music from Chicago," seen weekly on KTTV, features celebrated guest conductors, vocalists, and instrumental artists. Channel Eleven series will include grand and light opera productions, contemporary and pop shows, and symphonic concerts, in addition to jazz concerts.

African Students Discussed

African students and their education in the United States will be the subject of "Chef Huntley Reporting" on the NBC-TV Network Sunday, Feb. 12 (5:30 p.m. P.S.T.; 4:30 p.m. CST). This program was originally scheduled for Jan. 22, but was replaced by an appraisal of President Kennedy's Inaugural speech.

The program will focus on a number of African students at universities and colleges in the United States and, through film, events in their lives and the problems they have encountered. Interviews will present their views on this education program.

A young man from Uganda who is studying on a scholarship at New York University and living at International House, will tell his views of New York. A Nigerian will discuss the problems he has encountered as a student at Fordham University.



GARRY MOORE SHOW—Lucille Ball is celebrity guest with a secret for Garry Moore, Wednesday at 9:30 p.m. on Channel 2.

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