

Burden of Bad TV Programs For Children Said To Rest With Lack of Objections

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Chicago — (UP) — Why isn't something done about the quality of children's television shows?

That's a question that is asked time and again. Blame is placed on the sponsors, on the producers, on the networks. Part of it belongs there, that's for sure, but a great burden of the blame rests with you, the viewer.

'Good' vs. 'Bad'
Action in a recent episode of "Captain Midnight," a children's show, included:

—Locking the "good" men in a secret passage and turning on poison gas.

—Dragging them out later, tying them up, and then telling them, when they came to, they would be left to die in an explosion.

—Telling Capt. Midnight they (the "bad" men) were taking him with them as their slave and that he would suffer a mental breakdown.

The cast included a seven-foot giant who ended up in a prison hospital for mental patients, and a scientist who also became a mental patient.

In a recent "Tales of the Texas Rangers" episode, a harmless sad-faced hobo was murdered. He was shot down because he had accidentally witnessed a crime. As he pleaded with the murderers for his life, the camera did a closeup of his terrified face.

An hour after he died, the bad men returned and pumped more bullets into his body, just to make sure he was dead.

Jovial Attitude
In still another episode a "good" man is murdered, and one of the Rangers, arriving on the scene rather jovially: "I hear you have a slight case of murder."

To my mind, a murder on a

children's program is unthinkable. But the casual attitude toward murder is even more disturbing.

Whether children's programming improves is up to you. Personal letters you write to the sponsor and to the station will control the programming as nothing else can do. Take time to watch the show. If it deserves praise, tell the station and the sponsor so. If you find it objectionable, tell them so. Be specific in your objections.

By UNITED PRESS

Tornadoes dipped from a large storm center late Tuesday, swooping down through Minnesota, Iowa, Colorado and Oklahoma, destroying property and killing fowl.

The worst twister swept through an area near Tennock, Minn., killing more than 3,000 turkeys on two poultry farms. Observers reported seeing the storm uproot a barn, shattering it completely. Edwin Roison, a Tennock farmer, said that although he leaped into a ditch when he saw the storm coming, the winds lifted him right out of his shelter. The Weather Bureau said four funnels were sighted during this storm.

Truck Dumped Over
A twister at New Hampton, Iowa, in the northeast corner of the state, dumped a postal truck over, injuring the truck driver with a head gash. The funnel rocked the New Hampton Country club from its foundation and ripped off part of its roof.

The tornado near Enid, Okla., dipped from a belt of thunderstorms that extended across Oklahoma and Kansas.

Another twister was reported to have touched ground 30 miles south of Thurman, Colo., Monday, but caused no damage.

Hail measuring a half inch in diameter fell at Dickinson, N.D., which also was buffeted by gusts up to 58 miles per hour.

The Central Plains basked in relatively cool weather Tuesday and early today, some early morning temperatures reading 15 degrees below Tuesday's low. As the cool front glided eastward, its effects were noticeable in Pennsylvania, where drops of 10 to 15 degrees were reported.

Warm in Southwest
In contrast to this cool air, the Southwestern states baked with mercury readings in the 90s. Red Bluff, Calif., claimed the day's high with 111 degrees Tuesday.

Thundershowers were expected to dampen the nation's mid-section today, with the Great Lakes and Ohio Valley states surrounded by cool air.

Both the Northwest and Atlantic Coastal states were expected to experience pleasant temperatures. Hot and humid air lodged over the southeastern section of the country.

Magazine Salesmen Not Sponsored by DAV

Patrick Graham of the local chapter of the Disabled American Veterans said today the organization has no magazine salesmen in this area.

He said several people have inquired about magazine salesmen soliciting subscriptions who indicate or leave the impression they are associated with the DAV.



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Pelton Ruling Seen Boon To Water Law

Portland—(UP)—A member of the Oregon state water resources board said today that the U.S. Supreme court's ruling on the controversial Pelton dam issue may in the long run prove a benefit to state water rights laws.

L. C. Binford, vice chairman of the state board, told a meeting of the Columbia Basin inter-agency committee that the ruling which upset long-standing interpretations of state water rights laws has brought about a reexamination of the laws and exposed several weaknesses.

Binford said the state board would like to see corrective legislation passed to restore to the state control over water allocations which the Pelton dam seems to have upset.

Weaknesses pointed out by Binford included no plans for water development and that no account of such non-individual uses as maintenance of wildlife or scenery were considered in determining the resources and use of the streams.

Green Peter Dam Relocation Rapped

Lebanon, Ore.—(UP)—A proposal to change the location of the re-regulating dam at the Green Peter development today drew criticism from residents of Foster, the site of the proposed relocation.

A group of Foster residents charged that the Sweet Home chamber of commerce had been "inconsiderate" of the Foster residents when it supported the proposed re-location.

The Corps of Engineers, while not taking a stand on either location, had suggested it might be practical to change the location of the re-regulating dam from its tentative location at White Bridge to the Foster location. Should the change be made the engineers said the dam would provide nearly double the power output.

Grange

Butte Falls Grange
Butte Falls Grange met July 2 with Master Leslie Casey in the chair.

Past Master Ted Fredenburg conferred third and fourth degrees on Mr. and Mrs. Dean Stockton.

HEC was to meet in the city park with a potluck picnic July 18 at noon.

The Grange social night will be Saturday, July 21. There will be a picnic at the Fish Hatchery at 5:30 p.m. Everyone is to bring wieners and buns for their own group and one other dish. Everyone is invited whether a Grange member or not.

Next regular Grange meeting will be Aug. 6 at the high school.



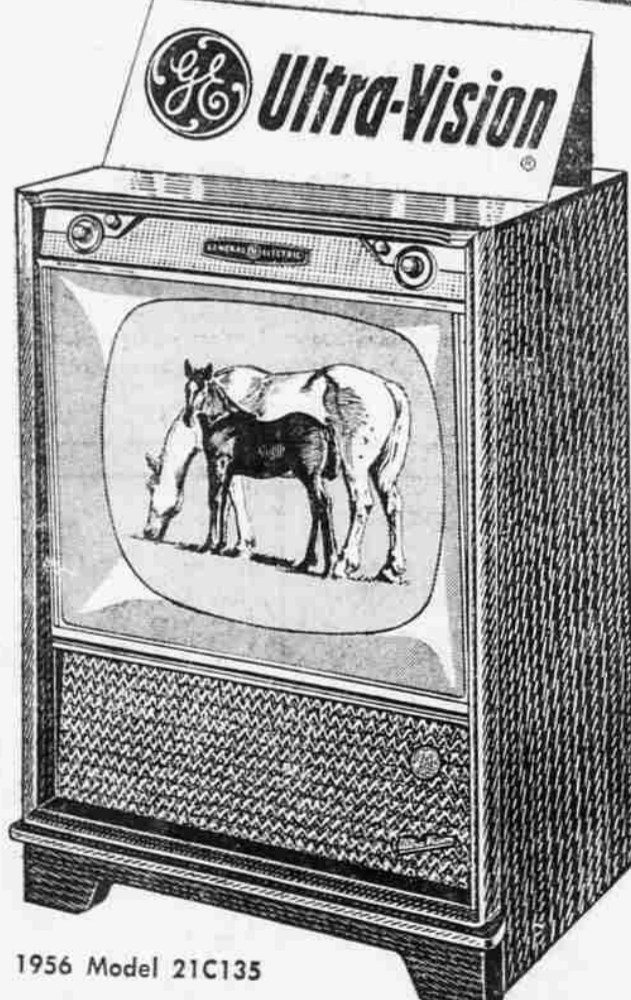
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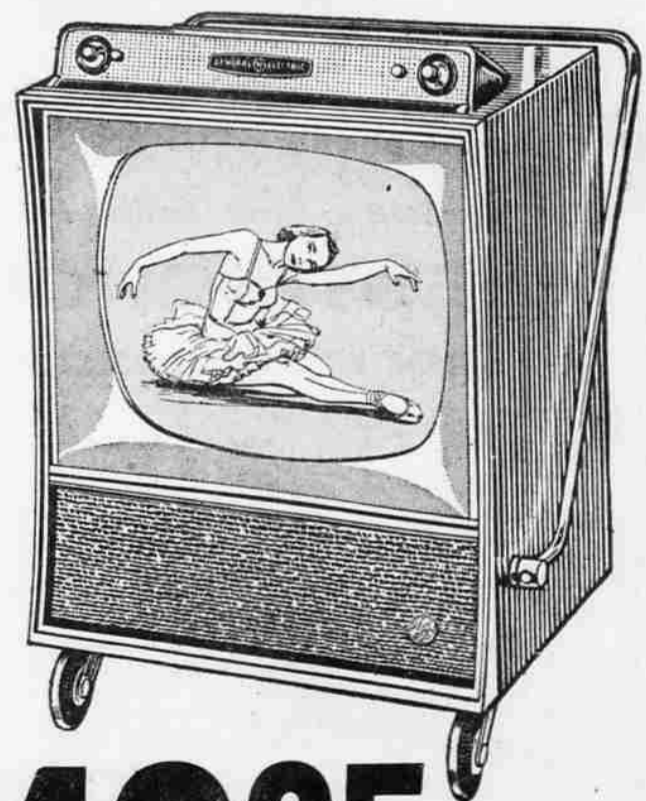
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