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Frank Penn

Better days after Barris

You can chalk up to Monday's Show of The Week the fact it offered something to soothe the suspicions of those CBC viewers who have begun to believe that Canadian variety is dead, with Alex Barris appointed to permanent position of Keeper of the Ashes.

But despite the presence of Joni Mitchell, in Out Kind of Crowd, along with those arithmetical misnomers, the 3's a Crowd, and American comedian Roger Pryor, the hour was a here-today gone-today affair, leaving none of that tingle that turns last night's television into today's coffee-break conversation.

It was pleasant enough, and if it had all been just another TV show from the video factories, we could have said fine, fine, and waited to see what the next hour would bring.

But while earlier performances of the 3's a Crowd have led us to expect a special effervescence, Monday's performance was lacking in anything but professional spirit.

Miss Mitchell's melancholy guitar and sad songs of love gone wrong came out with what I can only describe as comfortable anguish.

And Mr. Pryor, normally an inventive, quicksilver wit, seemingly under the impression that Canadians don't see U.S. shows, treated us to a rehash of his mossier material.

Still, with Canadian TV variety clinging by its fingernails for survival this season, it bears repeating that Our Kind Of Crowd failed to live up to high expectations rather than as a piece of TV entertainment.

And there's always the chance that after Monday's senseless film insert (a collection of chicken production gimmicks featuring the 3's a Crowd), Canadian producers will decide it's time to chuck out this overworked device.

And that'll be a major bonus for that shining future when Canadian variety doesn't mean Alex Barris.

Tip for the old hat

Down in CBMT, Montreal, they're still operating on the old-fashioned notion that a good story, well told, is good material for a half-hour TV format — and not a bad place to give Canadian authors a chance to show their stuff.

Monday night it was a play by a young Ottawa writer, Doug Bowie, on the Montreal TV stage. The drama, entitled Amnesty, starred Gillie Fenwick, with Walter Wakefield, in a quiet little human tragedy inspired by a back-page in a newspaper.

The real story came from the Chicago public library, announcing a one-day amnesty on all overdue books. What the library hadn't reckoned on in Bowie's imaginative treatment, was Gillie Fenwick as an oddball mixture of literary genius and permanent child with a collection of some thousands of unreturned books.

How the library eventually got its books back — and Fenwick and Wakefield paid more heavily than any fine could have been — made for a compassionate and compelling 30 minutes of television drama.

Unfortunately, how CBOT Ottawa eventually got around to setting up a similar TV series will have to remain a continuing exercise in wistful thinking.

No shows

Educational Television, which the Ontario department of education has already invested a very tidy chunk of our money in, and sees as a great thing to sink a few score more millions of dollars in, came in for a beady-eyed scrutiny recently from a survey conducted in Metro Toronto.

The survey showed that, from all the miles of educational - TV program footage available, the average elementary school child views only one program per month. Secondary school students see even less.

With ETV looming large on the provincial and federal governmental agendas, the survey indicates it's a good time to take some further long, hard looks at the value of television as a fantastically expensive classroom aid.

Or, watch any of those Saturday morning ETV programs on Channel 4 lately?

You ought to.

You paid for them.

End thoughts

Listening to Leonard Nimoy feebly bleating out two numbers from his long-play album for Monday night's Hollywood Palace audience, made it easier to understand why the U.S.S. Enterprise is always running into hostile natives on its space explorations. They've probably heard the rest of the album.

And watching Gordon Sinclair clumsily and gracelessly pitting his juvenile theology against Rev. A. J. Dorland on Front Page Challenge, the thought occurred whether Sinclair can really be that dumb.

Or is he really a double agent — sent down to make Christianity look good?

Win Mills

Throwback to the Monkey

Prodigal returns:

As we were about to say when we were so rudely interrupted three months ago by an errant heart and parsimonious pancreas, **Kendall McNeil**, 163 Russell, receives some odd communiques from friends in his native England.

Recently one of them wrote that he had visited a London zoo and was struck on the head by an object tossed by one of the inmates of a monkey cage. He promptly threw it back at the offending ape.

"Now then, now then!" interposed a Bobby standing nearby, "What's this lot? You know it's against the law to throw things at the animals, sir!"

"Well, he threw it first," Ken's friend said he answered, pointing an accusing finger at the monk.

"Do you wish to lay a charge, sir" asked the irrepressible Bobby.

Thanks to Bill Carroll and Burt Heward for keeping this column going during our enforced absence. Also to the dozens who sent flowers, cards letters and other messages, many of whom we have answered.

The city side:

We don't know whether or not Campbell Reproductions of Ottawa has been able to bring their logo trade mark — a green parrot screaming "Campbell Copies Everything, Everything, Everything" — to life, as yet. But recently they have been advertising for a live green parrot to act as mascot for their new offices in Montreal, scheduled to open yesterday.

"Parrots are very hard to come by in Ottawa," Keith Campbell told us a few days ago. "Pet shops don't seem to stock them, mainly because the birds have to be quarantined for three months before entering Canada."

He reports that one gentle old lady, curious about their ad for a parrot which appeared in The Citizen, called to inform him that she had no less than three parrots at home. "But," she added" I wouldn't sell or even rent any of them."

"She just wanted to know why we wanted a parrot," said Mr. Campbell, "and she told us there were only about 15 such pets in Ottawa. Its especially hard to get them this time of year because of the cold weather which endangers their health in transportation."

If Campbells do manage to bring their trademark to life — they'll want a bird that's careful of its language in the office, and possibly bilingual, since its to be perched in Montreal.

Stuff n' nonsense:

Lions Club bulletin announces in one issue that director **Jim Brown** is ogling the nurses in Civic hospital and in the next that he's recuperating at home. We know from experience that that's about all you have to do to get sent home from hospital but fast — start ogling the nurses! . . . Somebody has said a racetrack is where the windows clean the people and the honeymoon is over when the dog brings your slippers and your wife barks at you!

Ted Wilberby is a firm believer in the theory that drinking doesn't actually drown your sorrows — merely irrigates them! . . . **Marcel Tremblay** tells about two drunks walking on a railroad track: "I've never walked up such a long stairway," said one. "Yeah," agreed his companion, "but what gets me are the low railings!"

Newest popular medical prescription is a combination of LSD and The Pill. Enables you to take a trip without having to drag a bunch of kids along . . . **Harry Boyle** says when the Saturday Evening Post entrusted a computer to devise a revised circulation list, aimed at only the swinging, sophisticated and affluent, the machine not only dropped Governor **Winthrop Rockefeller** from the list of subscribers but also post editor emeritus **Bea Hibbs**.

Faces in the crowd:

Judy Cairncross and **Linda Murdock** made the 3,000-mile journey to Victoria in four days driving a Mustang at average of 750 miles per day . . . **Betty** and **Des Gibson** back in Ottawa after residing in Jolly Olde England for three years . . . **Bob Zimmerman** was guest speaker at the Ottawa Lions Club at noon today and club director **Raj Bhargava** is guest speaker as the Winchester club tomorrow.

Douglas R. Peart, executive director, Civic hospital, recently made a fellow of the Royal Society and **Sydney G. Anderson**, assistant director, received a fellowship in the American College of Hospital Administration. Mr. Anderson has a new administrative assistant in the person of **F. Mitchell Smith**, who succeeds **Frank Wade** now at University of Ottawa.

Stu and **Anne Jackson**, field directors of The Golden Triangles, (Ottawa Chapter of the National Campers and Hikers Association) have moved to Pembroke as a result of Stu's promotion by his company . . . **Dr. Bill Deacon**, one of only three childrens' dentists in Ottawa, is a contributor to a Grade 10 health text book soon to be released . . . Happy Guy Fawkes Day to George Wallace!

Art Buchwald

Why Harry won't vote

WASHINGTON — "Hello, Mrs. Jones. Can Harry come out and vote?"

"Harry doesn't want to come out and vote. He's in his room sulking. He said he isn't going to come out of the house until the election's over, and he said he might not even come out then."

"Gee, that's a shame. I know Harry wasn't happy with the choices this year, but I didn't think he'd stay in his room all day."

"Harry's funny that way. He said nobody cares what he thinks, and since he can't have his way, he's not going to give them the satisfaction of seeing him vote this year."

"Who's 'them'?"

"I asked Harry and he said that 'them' are those who are perpetuating the system."

"But if Harry doesn't vote, he not only is hurting them, he's also making it possible for the others to get in."

"Harry says it doesn't make any difference who gets in, because if they're not going to listen to him, then there's no difference between them."

"But what about the worst ones? Doesn't he want to stop them?"

"No. Harry says the only way to destroy the system is to make it worse than it is, and if the 'worst' ones win, it will prove once and for all that the system's no good."

"You mean Harry's rooting for the worst choice of the three because that will prove he was right in the first place?"

"Something like that. Harry has given it a lot of thought. As a matter of fact, he's been sulking in his room since Chicago. Harry says the only true Americans are those who don't vote this year."

"But if Harry doesn't come out and vote, how does anyone know he's not voting?"

"I didn't ask him. But Harry has been looking forward to Election Day. He has it worked out in his mind that if he doesn't show up and vote, everyone will think, 'Where's Harry?' Then he can say: 'You should have thought about that before you nominated Hubert Humphrey.' Harry's a great one for fantasies."

"I should think so. Couldn't I talk to Harry and try to persuade him to come out and vote?"

"Harry doesn't want to talk to anybody. He said it's too late to talk. Now it's time for action."

"But if Harry won't come out of the house, what kind of action is he thinking of?"

"For one thing, he plans to boo the results as they come in on television."

"You mean even though he isn't going to vote and he won't care who gets it, Harry still is going to watch the results on television?"

"Of course. How else will Harry know he was right in the first place when he decided not to vote?"

"That makes sense. Do you think Harry will come out of his room after Election Day?"

"It's hard to say. The last time I spoke to him he said he might not come out of his room for four years."

"Gosh, Mrs. Jones, it must be tough on you."

"You can say that again, especially at mealtimes. Harry keeps saying the reason he's staying in his room is because I once told him that if he couldn't stand the heat, he should get out of the kitchen."

Food chain employees 'received kickbacks'

TORONTO (CP) — A public inquiry into sales and distribution practices in the fresh fruit and vegetable industry was told Monday two employees of Steinberg's Ltd., a food store chain, received cash kickbacks from produce companies.

The inquiry was told that Hyman Perzow, chief buyer for the chain's 45 stores in Ontario, and Mac Gifford, his assistant, also received cases of liquor as Christmas gifts. The two men have been dismissed by the Montreal based company.

The inquiry, which started last June, was told by Miss King that Mr. Perzow was "looked after" by Levy Produce Ltd. for buying from the company.

The inquiry continues.

Andy Capp

Peril of sacrifice illustrated

By Oswald and James Jacoby

When you have a part score of either 60 or 90, all suits become equal. With 90 one of anything makes game, with 60 two of either a major or minor suit makes game. With this in mind the winning player will avoid opening three card club and diamond suits and even if he is a devout follower of the five card major suit prophets, he will open four card majors in preference to preparing for a rebid with a weaker minor suit opening.

NORTH	
♠ J 9 3 2	
♥ 8 7 6	
♦ K 9 5 4	
♣ 7 2	
WEST	**EAST (D)**
♠ T 6	♠ A K Q 4
♥ A 10 9 2	♥ K Q 3
♦ A Q J 10 9	♦ 7 3
♣ Q 8	♣ J 10 6 5
SOUTH	
♠ 10 8 5	
♥ Q 7 4	
♦ T 8 6	
♣ A K 9 4 3	

Both vulnerable
North-West 60 on score

West	North	East	South
2 ♠	Pass	2 ♠	Pass
Pass	Pass	3 ♦	Pass
3 ♠	Pass	4 ♦	Pass
Pass	Pass		

Opening lead—♠ 7

He also will not rebid over his partner's two over one response unless he holds either a very good suit or is interested in a slam. With this in mind, responder won't go to the two-level in a suit unless he is prepared to play it right there.

One of these four card major openings paid unexpected dividends when South decided to fly the flag after his opponents had stopped at two diamonds.

West would have had no trouble making three or four diamonds. With 100 honors he would have collected almost 700 points. After South stuck in his three club bid, East and West collected nine tricks and 1,400 points. In addition they still had their part score.

West opened a spade and East proceeded to cash three spade tricks and lead his low one. South discarded a diamond and West trumped. Then West cashed his ace of diamonds and shifted to the queen of trumps. South took his ace and king and when West showed out South had to lose two hearts and two more trumps.

We don't think much of South's three club bid. It is mighty dangerous to get into the bidding at the three level with a broken five card suit. He paid well for his bid but if East had opened one club there is no chance that South would have gone into action and the best East and West could do would be to take the easy game and rubber.

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