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WEEKEND TV PREVIEW

WITH MOVIES & SPORTS FOR THE COMING WEEK

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Masterpiece Theater New Series to Focus on 'Country Matters'

MASTERPIECE THEATRE will dip into rural England in the early 20's in a four-part series entitled COUNTRY MATTERS which will begin Sun. 22 at 8:30 on Channel 23.

The COUNTRY MATTERS programs are adaptations of short stories by A. E. Coppard entitled "The Higgler," "The Black Dog," and "The Watercress Girl;" and a story of H. E. Bates entitled "The Mill."

"The Higgler" tells the story of a peddler in farm produce who is offered, and rejects, a tidy farm, a secure life, and a beautiful woman only to lose everything because he can't trust his own luck.

In "The Black Dog", an aristocratic young man falls in love with a village girl and discovers he has stepped into a ruthless environment that he cannot endure.

"The Watercress Girl" is a

story of twisted love and hate and a brutal attack by one woman upon another.

"The Mill" probes the responsibility a father and son have for an innocent girl who has been seduced by the father.

Both Coppard and Bates began writing in the 1920's and shared strong feelings for the ways of country people and country life. They followed a strong tradition in English narrative writing which finds its inspiration in the countryside and in the lives of country people. The stories are unsentimental observations of nature and human character in a rural England that was fast disappearing.

COUNTRY MATTERS is produced by Granada Television, England, and presented for transmission nationally on the Public Broadcasting Service by WGBH, Boston.



Keith Drinkel plays Harvey Witlow, the higgler, in the MASTERPIECE THEATRE presentation of a COUNTRY MATTERS play "The Higgler" by A. E. Coppard Sunday at 8:30 on Channel 23.

SPORTS

Saturday February 1, 1975

- 11:00 AM
(50) Big Time Wrestling
- 1:00 PM
(4-8-10-25) College Basketball: Maryland vs. N.C.State
(9) American Ski Scene
- 2:00
(41) World Of Skiing
- 2:30
(41) Celebrity Bowling
- 3:00
(4-8-10-25) College Basketball: Michigan vs. Illinois
- 3:30
(7-12-13-41) Pro Bowlers Tour
- 5:00
(7-12-13-41) Wide World Of Sports
- 6:00
(7-12-13-41) The Hawaiian Open
- 7:00
(41) Big Time Wrestling

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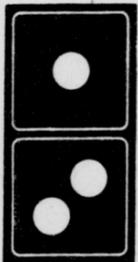
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- 5:50 AM (2) Message For Today
- 5:55 (2) News
- 6:00 (2) Across The Fence
- 6:30 (9) Cartoon Playhouse
- 6:40 (2-3) Sunrise Semester
- (9) Uncle Bobby Show
- (12-13) Lassie's Rescue Rangers
- (7) News
- 6:55 (4) News
- 7:00 (2) Bailey's Comets
- (3) U. Of M. Presents
- (4) Country Living
- (5) Cartoon Carnival
- (6) Vibrations
- (7) Old Time Comedies
- (8-25) Agriculture U.S.A.
- (9) Ontario Schools
- (10) New Zoo Review
- (12-13) Goober & The Ghost Chasers
- 7:30 (2) U.S. Of Archie
- (3) Duel With Fire
- 7:30 (4) Oopsy
- (5) Go!
- (6) Sunrise Semester
- (7) Lassie's Rescue Rangers
- (8) Cartoon Carnival
- (10) Jabberwocky
- (12-13) Make A Wish
- (25) Yogi & Friends
- 8:00 (2-3-6-25) My Favorite Martians
- (5-8-10) Addams Family
- (7-12-13-41) Yogi's Gang
- 8:25 (7) Schoolhouse Rock
- 8:26 (3) In The News
- 8:30 (2-3-6-25) Speed Buggy
- (4-5-8-10) Chopper Bunch
- (7-12-13-41) Bugs Bunny
- 8:56 (3) In The News
- 8:57 (50) Religious Message
- 9:00 (2-3-6-25) Jeannie
- (4-5-8-10) Emergency Plus-4
- (7-12-13-41) Hong Kong Phooey
- (9) Mr. Zonk And The Zunkins
- (50) Insight
- 9:25 (7) Schoolhouse Rock
- 9:30 (2-3-6-25) Partridge Family
- (4-5-8-10) Run, Joe, Run
- (7-12-13-41) New Adventures Of Gilligan
- (9) Fit Stop
- (50) Movie
- 9:56 (3) In The News
- 10:00 (2-3-6-25) Scooby Doo, Where Are You?
- (4-5-8-10) Land Of The Lost
- (7-12-13-41) Devlin
- (9) Dr. Zonk And The Zunkins
- 10:26 (3) In The News
- 10:30 (2-3-25) Shazam!
- (4-5-8-10) Sigmund And The Sea Monster
- (6) The Flintstones
- (7-12-13-41) Korg: 70,000 B.C.
- (9) Hi Diddle Day
- 10:55 (7) Schoolhouse Rock
- 11:00 (2-3-6-25) Valley Of The Dinosaurs
- (4-5-8-10) Pink Panther
- (7-12-13-41) Super Friends
- (9) Dr. Zonk And The Zunkins
- (50) Big Time Wrestling
- 11:26 (3) In The News

- 11:30 (2-3-6-25) Hudson Brothers
- (4-5-8-10) Star Trek
- (9) Family Finders
- 11:55 (7) Schoolhouse Rock
- 11:56 (3) In The News
- 12:00 NOON (2-3-6-25) Harlem Globetrotters
- (4-5-8-10) The Jetsons
- (7-12-13-41) These Are The Days
- (9) Frank De Angelis
- (50) Chiller Theatre
- 12:30 PM (2-3-6-25) Fat Albert
- (4-8-10) Go!
- (5) Shock Theatre
- (7-12-13-41) American Bandstand
- (9) Music To See
- 1:00 (2-3-6) Children's Film Festival
- (4-8-10-25) College Basketball
- (9) American Ski Scene
- 1:30 (7) Haney's People
- (9) Country Canada
- (12-13) The Flintstones
- (41) Feature
- (50) Saturday Action Movie
- 2:00 (2) Soul Train
- (3) Animal World
- (5) Saturday Afternoon Movie
- (6) Shazam!
- (9) Feature
- (12-13) Daniel Boone
- (41) World Of Skiing
- 2:30 (3) Showtime
- (6) Adventure Trails
- (7) Secrets Of The Deep
- (41) Celebrity Bowling
- 3:00 (2) Movie
- (4-8-10-25) College Basketball
- (6) Mulligan's Stew
- (7) Animal World
- (12-13) Dragnet
- (41) Feature
- 3:30 (5) Movie
- (6) Panorama
- (7-12-13-41) Pro Bowlers Tour
- (23) Lili's, Yoga & You
- 4:00 (6) America's Problems
- (9) Reach For The Top
- (23) Carrascalendas
- (50) The Avengers
- 4:30 (3) Death Valley Days
- (6) Color Camera
- (8) Friends Of Man
- (23) Tele-Revista
- (25) The Munsters & Friends
- 5:00 (3) Green Valley Jamboree
- (4) Bonanza
- (6) Department S
- (7-12-13-41) Wide World Of Sports
- (8) Mission: Impossible
- (9) Tarzan Theatre
- (10) Star Trek
- (23) Exploring Man's Past
- (25) Hogan's Heroes
- (50) Outer Limits
- 5:30 (5) Buck Owens Show
- (23) Wall Street Week
- (25) Gomer Pyle
- 6:00 (2-3-4-5-6) News
- (6) That Girl
- (7-12-13-41) The Hawaiian Open
- (8) Movie
- (9) My Partner The Ghost
- (10) Lucy Show
- (23) Young Musical Artists
- (25-50) Star Trek
- 6:30 (3-6-4-10) News
- (5) Hee Haw
- (23) Consumer Survival Kit

- 7:00 (2) News
- (3-25-50) Lawrence Welk Show
- (4) Profiles In Black
- (6-12-13) Hee Haw
- (7) Detroit
- (9) Police Surgeon
- (10) Candid Camera
- (23) World Press
- (41) Big Time Wrestling
- 7:30 (2) \$25,000 Pyramid
- (4-5) Candid Camera
- (7) Treasure Hunt
- (9) Circus
- (10-12) Hollywood Squares
- 8:00 (2-3-6-25) All In The Family
- (4-5-8-10) Emergency
- (7-12-13-41) Kung Fu
- (23) The Ascent Of Man
- (50) Good Ole Nashville Music
- 8:30 (2-3-6-25) The Jeffersons
- (9) Rostropovich & Borodin
- (50) Merv Griffin Show
- 9:00 (2-3-6-25) Mary Tyler Moore Show
- (4-5-8-10) Saturday Night At The Movies
- (7-12-13-41) The Saturday Night Movie
- (23) Bill Moyers' Journal
- 9:30 (2-3-6-25) Bob Newhart Show
- 10:00 (2-3-6-25) Carol Burnett Show
- (23) Theatre In America
- (50) Lou Gordon Program
- 10:30 (9) Document

SATURDAY'S HIGHLIGHTS

Saturday, February 1, 1975

- 3:30 (ABC) The Professional Bowlers Tour
Today's show will feature the King Louie Open from Kansas City, Missouri.
- 5:00 (ABC) Wide World of Sports
- 6:00 (ABC) Hawaiian Open
A coverage of the third round of play in this golf tournament from Honolulu, Hawaii.
- 8:00 (CBS) All In The Family
Starring Carrol O'Connor, Jean Stapleton. Mike unveils his future plans, which throw Gloria into complete shock.
- (NBC) Emergency!
"It's How You Play the Game" during filming of a TV commercial, the paramedics are summoned to a used car lot to help an unconscious man from a car that also contains a tiger.
- (ABC) Kung Fu
"The Thief of Chendo" Caine joins forces with a clever thief.
- 8:27 (CBS) Bicentennial Minutes
- 8:30 (CBS) The Jeffersons
Starring Mike Evans, Isabel

- Sanford. Living the life of the idle rich is driving Louise right up the walls.
- 9:00 (CBS) The Mary Tyler Moore Show
Starring Mary Tyler Moore, Edward Asner. Murray's 20th wedding anniversary affects the whole place and Ted proposes to Georgette.
- (NBC) Saturday Night At The Movies
"There Was a Crooked Man" starring Henry Fonda, Kirk Douglas. A moral and dedicated lawman takes over as the warden of a rundown, poorly-run prison.
- (ABC) The Saturday Night Movie
"Electra Glide in Blue" starring Robert Blake.
- 9:30 (CBS) The Bob Newhart Show
Starring Bob Newhart, Suzanne Pleshette. With his confidence fading as fast as his list of patients, psychiatrist Bob decides to follow Emily's advice and see a psychologist about his problems.
- 10:00 (CBS) The Carol Burnett Show
Starring Carol Burnett. Guest stars; Jack Weston and Michele Lee.

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'Lotsa Luck' For Lynn Irwin

By RUTH E. THOMPSON

"Ooh! This is the first time I've seen you without your bathrobe!" gasped a pretty brunette named Sophia as Wynn Irwin drove into sight neatly clad in a sports' jacket and slacks. It was indeed the first time that this Sophia (she is an NBC receptionist) ever had seen Wynn in person. He grinned. Strangers on the street holler the same phrase at him, or a variant, "Where's your bathrobe?" The bathrobe is the entire wardrobe assigned him as Dom DeLuise's parasite brother-in-law on NBC's "Lotsa Luck."

The series, which bowed last September, wasn't renewed for fall ... but Wynn speaks warmly of it as, "My biggest break so far." Technically, the 41-year-old New Yorker has been an actor for only six years. But he has been in and out of show business since he and a partner developed a comedy act for Catskill resorts when they were still in high school. Right after high school, Wynn bought himself a small store, "Greeting cards, gifts and religious items" but sold it off to return to performing. All in all the act endured for eight years. With a few intermissions such as Army service for him, two years at New York University trying to buckle down to a business major. No go, he became a talent agent instead of a storekeeper again.

And what turned him to acting? "My marriage broke up suddenly. My wife went back to her home in California and took our son. In my depression — and I was depressed — I went one day to Roosevelt Raceway and bumped into a friend who produced plays on Long Island. "Why don't you give me an audition?" I asked. Well, three weeks later he did. Had me read both the Felix and Oscar roles in 'The Odd Couple' and ... hired me. Which role? Oscar, of course." (He has reprised the role since in Texas).

With his first break-through into acting, Wynn closed out the family-sized spread in the pleasant residential section of Kew Gardens and moved into a studio apartment in the heart of Manhattan. "And I applied myself to acting ... and I made the rounds every day." He got lucky with commercials, having appeared in over a dozen major ones. He has a long-range goal. "I would like to play Jimmy in 'Look Back in Anger.' But, of course, I will always like doing comedies, too." Good thing, too, because his short-range goal is to keep himself busy, earning ... and



Wynn Irwin

cheered up.

It is strange that the big talk shows haven't discovered him yet. His dour humor wears well. He doesn't strain to say funny things ... but the things he says just come out funny.

A week after "Lotsa Luck" finished filming, Wynn came East; a refresher to his Runyonesque spirit. "I'm a city type. California is a terrible place for me when I'm not working. I was starting to learn to play tennis. My lady friend said I should get involved and she bought me a racket." He doesn't name the

"lady friend." Yes, she is still there at the moment but she prefers New York, toom But she is an actress and apparently practical enough to realize that's where the work is.

Art is resigned to going West, again, if work beckons. In fact he went out a year ago without an assignment just to look around. "I was sitting in Schwab's Drug Store — I really was — like Lana Turner without the sweater, when a good friend came up and said he was reading a pilot script

that he thought would suit me. He wanted to get the script to me right away ... but I was going to the hockey game that night. Well so was he." So they met at intermission, Wynn saw the script, showed up unshaven the next day for an audition ... and landed in "Lotsa Luck."

The working relationships were good, he says. But there was no after-hours fraternizing. "Dom and I have different interest. I have one vice. I go and watch horses run."

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T.V. MOVIES FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, February 1, 1975

9:30

(50) "The Big Steal" Robert Mitchum, Jane Greer (1949) Army officer recovers missing payroll.

12:00 NOON

(50) "House On Haunted Hill" Vincent Price, Carol Ohmart. (1959) Wealthy man invites his friends to spend night in haunted house.

12:30 PM

(5) "Frankenstein Meets The Wolf Man" Lon Chaney, Bela Lugosi. (1943) When a coffin is broken into, the Wolf Man lives again.

1:30

(50) "Boy On A Dolphin" Sophia Loren, Alan Ladd. (1957) Story about the discovery of a sunken work of art.

2:00

(5) "Fireball 500" Frankie Avalon, Annette Funicello. (1966) A stock car racing driver arrives in a town hoping to win money at its track.

2:30

(3) Will Be Announced

3:00

(2) "Son Of Frankenstein" Boris Karloff, Basil Rathbone. (1939) Baron Von Frankenstein learns that his father's monster is running around loose.

3:30

(5) "Man Who Shot Liberty Valance" John Wayne, James Stewart. (1962) When somebody shoots Liberty Valance who is terrorizing a small western town, a legend is born and a Senator elected.

6:00

(8) "The Plainsman" Don Murray, Guy Stockwell. (1966) Buffalo Bill, Wild Bill Hickok and Calamity Jane go after gun runners.

9:00

(4-5-8-10) "There Was A Crooked Man" Henry Fonda, Kirk Douglas. (1970) A law takes over as warden of a rundown prison.

(7-12-13-41) "Electra Glide In Blue" Robert Blake.

11:00

(10) "Something For A Lonely Man" Dan Blocker, Susan Clark. (1968) Man convinces settlers to move where a railroad is being built.

(25) Will Be Announced

(41) Will Be Announced

11:30

(2) "Up The Down Staircase" Sandy Dennis. (1967) Young teacher is harassed by her students from lower-income homes.

(3) Will Be Announced

(6) Will Be Announced

(9) "Journey To The Far Side Of The Sun" Roy Thinnes, Lynn Loring. (1969) Story of the discovery of an unknown planet behind the sun.

11:45

(7) "Countdown" Robert

Duvall, James Caan. (1968) Drama about space shots to the moon. "When Worlds Collide" Barbara Rush, Richard Derr. (1951) Two astral bodies head in Earth's direction.

(12) "The Young Philadelphians" Paul Newman, Barbara Rush. (1959) Story about people from different levels of Philadelphia society.

(13) "Yellow Cabman" Red Skelton, Gloria De Haven. (1950) Cab driver goes out of his way to pick up pretty girls.

12:00 MIDNIGHT

(5) "Casino Royale" Peter Sellers, Charles Boyer. (1967) A James Bond adventure.

(8) "Breakout" James Drury, Red Buttons. (1971) Bank robber becomes thwarted in various escape plans.

1:00 AM

(3) Will Be Announced

1:30

(2) "The Invisible Man's Revenge" John Carradine. (1944) The secret of invisibility turns man into a fiend.

MAIL BAG

Q. — I heard there will be a TV special starring Elvis Presley and Liberace. How come these two together? I can't figure it out. — Mrs. F.D.L., Atlantic Beach, Fla.

A. — Unless this special is being taped in complete secrecy, I would have to say it is not likely to become a reality. Elvis confines his TV appearances to specials starring himself, and Liberace is not slated to headline a TV special of his

Q. — Here's one for the trivia nuts. I am going crazy trying to think of the TV series which starred a French actress and an American actor who played husband and wife. The series was on during the late '50s or early '60s. Please come up with it. — P.R., Wichita, Kans.

A. — You're thinking of "Angel," which starred Annie Farge and Marshall Thompson.

Q. — Is Elizabeth Taylor going to do any TV this coming season? I heard she may play a series of queens in a special group of plays. —L.S., Meriden, Conn.

A. — The glamorous and talented actress is not slated to do a series of TV plays depicting the life and reign of various monarchs. She has no definite TV plans.

THE QUESTION BOX

Question: Is Grady taking over as the head man on "Sanford and Son" as I've been reading? What is his real name? Sandy

Answer: Whitman Mayo, who plays Grady, was thrust into the series' lead when Redd Foxx bowed out for a time. He never craved the star role (Mayo, that is) in fact landing the role as Sanford's friend was happy surprise enough. Acting had become a moonlighting career for him until this role; his real job was as an agent. Incidentally, Redd Foxx is back (with a new contract.)

Question: Sometime around Valentine's Day last winter, Donna Mills starred in a new late-night mystery. I'm a loyal fan of Donna's so I'm clear about when the show was on. My question is, who played Jill?

A couple of us have gotten mental blocks trying to remember where we've seen the other actress. She looked so familiar. Roberta

Answer: Your being so clear on the approximate air date helped us track this for you. Donna Mills starred in a made-for-TV ABC Wide World Mystery on February 12 ... much ado about two girls visiting a ghostly, ghoulish mansion. Judy Carne played Jill. And what you likely remember her from was "Laugh-In" or "Love On a Rooftop."

Question: I was surprised to learn that Kaye Stevens was in the soap opera "Days of Our Lives." Has something happened to her singing career and is she doing it for the bread? Don

Answer: Most actors do soap opera a) for the money and b) to keep busy. Miss Stevens is doing it because she loves this whirl at acting. She certainly would not seem to need the money for she lives on the palatial scale of old-time movie stars.

PROFILE OF THE WEEK:

Gracious, bright and bubbly, actress Ruta Lee has long been in demand as a celebrity panelist on game shows. Now she has moved up to daily headliner rank as the co-host (along with Alex Trebek) of NBC's new mid-morning "High Rollers."

As is now the custom with game shows, all five of a week's segments are now taped in a single day ... and a lucky break that is proving for Ruta. Her summer theater bookings run through September. (In July she starred in "Bells Are Ringing" in Worth and right now she is off to St. Louis with a production of "Goodbye Charlie.")

She is an unusual young woman. Slender, blonde, pretty and always fastidiously groomed but never seeming to fuss about her looks. She is well organized and energetic without being abrasive about it. She is now serving her fourth term as president of The Thaliens — a group of performers who aid disturbed children — and she is heart-and-soul dedicated to the cause. When she has the time, she travels around for the American Cancer Society crusading against smoking.

Back in her starlet days, Ruta suddenly made newspaper headlines of a happy sort when she crusaded to get her 90-year old grandmother sprung from behind the Iron Curtain to live out the rest of her years with her descendants in the U.S. Ruta wasted no time on red tape. She personally contacted The Kremlin and to everybody's surprise (except maybe Ruta's) it got the ball rolling. (The elderly woman did get to the U.S. where she survived until the age of 94).

Both Ruta's mother and father are of Lithuanian descent. She herself was born in Montreal, Canada and lived there until she was 12. Then her parents heeded her pleas to relocate in California so she could train to be an actress and go into movies.

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