

# Palmer Hosts New Show

## Counsels Folks With Trouble

Counseling people on personal problems is no new role for Maria Palmer, hostess on the program "Sincerely, Maria Palmer," which will premiere on KTTV Monday, Sept. 18, 11 a.m.

The show will be seen Monday through Friday, 11 a.m., Channel Eleven.

For years persons with problems have gravitated to lovely blonde star of stage, screen and television because of her warmth and sincerity.

This "sympathetic ear," coupled with her ability to come up with the appropriate counsel, led to creation of "Sincerely, Maria Palmer," five-minute program of advice.

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## Keaton Two-Reeler To Be Seen on Ch. 4's 'Laughter USA'

When "Du Pont Show of the Week" premieres with a history of American comedy titled, "Laughter, USA," on NBC-TV Sunday, Sept. 17, 10-11 p.m., it's a safe prediction that Buster Keaton will be watching.

One of the few silent screen veterans still active in showbusiness, Buster's contribution to "Laughter, USA," is a hilarious film clip from the two-reel comedy, "The Boat." In it, the indefatigable Buster built and launched his own ship, then stood frozen on the deck as it sank beneath the waves.

"Darned near drowned," he recalled, "But, in those days, any man who used a double back and at least three or four ribs in pictures."

Keaton is less than enthusiastic about the state of comedy in the United States today. "It's too sterile," he said.

"When I broke into the business, you could do or say anything — just so long as people laughed. Today, comedians would rather be dull than risk offending. Where would W. C. Fields have been as a nice guy?"

He is hopeful that such projects as "Laughter, USA" will result in a revival of old-fashioned knockabout comedy.

"The kind of comedy," he explained, "that makes you laugh 'til you cry."

Keaton also misses the spontaneity of the old days.

"Carefully rehearsed comedy is often mechanical," he said. "We used to rehearse as little as possible, making up new gags and stunts as we went along."

"If an accident happened, great! The cameras kept rolling and nobody yelled 'cut' until we were too tired to move."

The result of such slapdash planning was a series of comic Keaton movies, from 1917 on, of which he regards "The Navigator" and "The General" as the best.

"Funny thing is that those pictures were more expensive to produce than dramas," he recalled. "When you had 100 extras squirting each other with seltzer, you ran into a pretty big budget. You should have seen our cleaning bills."

Although Keaton may miss the old days, he's busy and happy in the present. Currently, he's on a tour of summer theatres. In a few weeks, he heads back to Hollywood for TV commitments.

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LAWMAN—John Russell as Marshal Dan Troop helps a young rancher (Jason Evers) in "Blind Hate," to be seen Sunday at 8:30 p.m. on ABC-TV, Channel 7.

## 'EXTRA POINT' TO FOLLOW PRO GAMES

"Extra Point," a 13-week sports series hosted by Bill Keene and featuring last-minute grid scores and top guests from the sporting world, will mark its return premiere on Sunday, September 17, (1:45 to 2 p.m. on KNXT, Channel 2).

The initial show will follow telecast of the season's opener between the Los Angeles Rams and the Baltimore Colts at Baltimore on "National League Football." "Extra Point" will provide sports fans with the latest professional football scores from around the nation in addition to Keene's analysis of the key plays in the Rams-Colts game.



THE DEFENDERS—Polley Rowles, Robert Reed and E. G. Marshall star in new series debuting Saturday on CBS-TV, Channel 2, at 8:30 p.m.

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