

# Assignment TV

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"Johnny Belinda," an emotional drama of the cruelty of Nova Scotia villagers toward a sensitive deaf-mute at the turn of the century, was brought to television recently in a gripping two-hour adaptation which will be one of the vivid memories of the 1967-68 season.

Not only was it beautifully performed, but it was an excellent example of dramatic violence motivated by understandable human passions rather than television's traditional use of violence for violence's sake. It was also a substantiation of producer David Suskind's claim that it isn't enough merely to adapt a play for television: "I want my productions to offer something more, to be better than the original play or the movie version," he has said.

Suskind and his co-producer, Daniel Melnick, were successful, and it is a promising start for ABC's new series of adaptations of Broadway plays which includes "Laura," "Of Mice and Men," "Dial M for Murder," "The Diary of Anne Frank," "The Desperate Hours," and "The Voice of the Turtle." The pair was responsible for last year's hit, "Death of a Salesman."

THE PERFORMANCE of Mia Farrow has been the object of much speculation because of the overnight stardom bestowed upon her as the wistful teen-ager on "Peyton Place"—which was less a test of acting talent than the ability to look

convincing in closeups. The role was ideal for her first starring vehicle because it matched her freckled character. Nothing can be underplayed quite as easily as a deaf-mute — except maybe a nun — and yet Miss Farrow managed to give variety to her altogether successful characterization.

The plot of the 1940 Broadway play by Elmer Harris is familiar to audiences in three media. Helen Craig created the role in the theater. Eight years later the Warner Brothers movie won an Oscar for Jane Wyman, and Hallmark made a television version with Julie Harris.

Belinda, who is called "the dummy" by villagers, suddenly bloomed into an eager and innocently attractive young woman because of the interest of a young doctor who teaches her how to read lips and to talk with her hands. This idyllic scene is shattered abruptly when Belinda is raped by a young oaf and bears his child.

The drama was as much a success for Ian Bannan, the young Scottish-born actor who played the role of the doctor, as it was for Miss Farrow. His role was of equal importance and often made more demands on his talent than hers did. There is a fine, healthy masculinity about this Dublin-trained actor that has considerable appeal. He made his film debut in England in 1955 and was nominated for an Oscar in 1965 for his performance in "Plight of the Phoenix."

David Carradine, now fully recovered from his title role in last season's TV series "Shane," was impressive as the young menace. Both Ruth White and Barry Sullivan were excellent in more sympathetic interpretations of Belinda's aunt and father than their counterparts in the movie, Agnes Moorehead and Charles Bickford.

THE PRODUCTION was taped in six days this summer in Los Angeles under the direction of Paul Bogart, who was responsible for similar sensitivity of last season's "The Private War of Olly Winter." The lighting skills of Ed Hill and Art Roberts were important in creating a suitable mood for this memorable drama.

It required the combined talents of all these people to overcome ABC's treachery in placing the final half hour's commercials in such a manner as to sabotage the audience's enjoyment and create a most unfavorable environment for the sales pitches of its innumerable sponsors. Belinda's affliction should have been transplanted to them.

## Help Stop Theft

To protect your home from burglary, follow these ten suggestions prepared by the Torrance Police Department:

- Leave light connected to an automatic timer.
- Use pin-tumbler cylinder locks on doors and use auxiliary latches.
- Notify neighbors and police of extended trips.
- Don't leave notes on doors.
- Don't release advanced information about your trip to newspapers.
- Check the credentials of salesmen or strange callers before admitting to your home. Check door latch after they leave.
- Cancel milk and newspaper deliveries when going on vacations or trips. Have neighbors take in mail.
- Leave shades and blinds partially open when away from home.
- When leaving home for the evening, make sure all windows and doors to the outside are locked and properly secured.
- Rent a safety deposit box for all valuables. Those items kept at home should be recorded by serial number and description and record kept in the safety deposit box.



ATTEND CONFERENCE . . . Miss Barbara O'Callaghan, a counselor at Carson High School, chats with George F. Montgomery, a member of the Loyola University Board of Regents, during a conference for counselors and principals from high schools. The conference was held on the Loyola University campus last week for counselors from the Los Angeles City School System.

## Obituaries

### Mary Biederman

Requiem mass for Mary Biederman, 89, of 25410 Oak St., Lomita, will be celebrated tomorrow at 10 a. m. at St. Margaret Mary Church in Lomita. Rosary will be recited this evening at 7 o'clock at the church.

Mrs. Biederman, a resident of Lomita for the past 21 years, died Saturday. She was born in Hungary.

Surviving are two sons, Frank of Lomita and John of Michigan; three daughters, Helene Kasmark of San Pedro, Catherine Payne of Whitford, and Mary Trembley of Michigan; 10 grandchildren, and 14 great-grandchildren.

Burial will be in Green Hills Memorial Park. Green Hills Mortuary is in charge of arrangements.

### William Davies

Funeral services for William Lewis Davies, of 1110 Kornblum Ave., will be conducted Friday at 11 a. m. at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel. Burial will be in Inglewood Park Cemetery.

Mr. Davies, who was born in Iowa March 25, 1893, died Tuesday. He had lived in Torrance for 64 years.

Surviving are his widow, Mildred; a son, William L. Jr. of Torrance; a daughter, Sylvia Bucy of Newport Beach; a brother, Tom L. of Palm Springs; and three grandchildren.

The Huntington Beach Masonic Lodge will conduct the services.

### Robert Ellis

Funeral services for Robert Franklin Ellis, who died Monday, will be conducted tomorrow at 2 p. m. at the Halverson-Leavell Mortuary Chapel with the Rev. Herbert Richardson officiating. Burial will follow in the Wilmington Cemetery.

Mr. Ellis, who was 78, lived

### Norman Blackhall

Funeral services were conducted Monday at the Stone and Myers Mortuary Chapel for Norman Blackhall, of 1634 Beech Ave., who died Oct. 27.

Mr. Blackhall, who had retired after 24 years at the U. S. Steel Works here, had lived in Torrance for 38 years. He was 75.

Surviving are his widow, Ruth; two daughters, Ruth Kanaster and Joan Kyne of Palos Verdes; five grandchildren; and one great-grandchild.

The Rev. Walter M. Stanton, pastor of the Central Evangelical United Brethren Church, officiated at the rites.

### Anna Wiesner

Funeral services for Anna Lou Wiesner, of 725 W. 159th St., Gardena, will be conducted Friday in St. Louis, Mo., with Stone and Myers Mortuary in charge of local arrangements.

Mrs. Wiesner, who died at a Torrance hospital Monday, was born in Missouri Jan. 25, 1913. She had lived in this area for 11 years.

Surviving are six sons, Andy of Lawndale, David of Redondo Beach, Gary of West Los Angeles, and Douglas, Randy, and Bill, all of Gar-

### Florence Moore

Funeral services for Florence Evelyn Moore, 84, of 22335 S. Vermont Ave., will be conducted at the Green Hills Mortuary Chapel tomorrow at 1:30 p. m. with burial following in Green Hills Memorial Park.

Mrs. Moore, who was born in Midway, Mo., April 21, 1883, had lived in the area for 16 years. She was a member of the Eastern Star in Booneville, Ark., and the First Baptist Church. Mrs. Moore died Monday.

She is survived by a daughter, Mrs. Mary E. Holmes of Torrance; three sons, Wesley L. Rees of Torrance, John D. Rees of Tennessee, and William B. Rees of Inglewood; nine grandchildren; and ten great-grandchildren.

### Public Notice

#### NOTICE FOR BIDS ON SCHOOL SUPPLIES, EQUIPMENT AND REPAIRS

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Education of the Torrance Unified School District of Los Angeles County will receive bids for furnishing certain school supplies, equipment and repairs as per specifications on file in the Business Office, 2335 Plaza del Sur Torrance, California.

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provided, advanced if any, under the terms of said deed of trust, fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee and of the trusts created by said deed of trust.

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#### PH-5015 NOTICE OF TRUSTEE'S SALE

On Tuesday, November 25, 1967, at eleven o'clock a. m., at South End of Poyer in front of East Entrance of Hall of Justice, in the City of Los Angeles, California, UNITED CALIFORNIA B.A.F.K., Trustee or successor Trustee under the Deed of Trust made by Pamela L. Velling, an unmarried woman, and recorded August 9, 1966 in Book 75062, Page 25 of Official Records of Los Angeles County, California, given to secure an indebtedness in favor of Berendo Realty & Management Corporation, by reason of the breach of certain obligations secured thereby, notice of which breach was recorded July 24, 1967, in Book M2610 Page 102 of said Official Records, will sell at public auction to the highest bidder for cash, payable in lawful money of the United States at the time of sale, without warranty as to title, possession or encumbrances, the interest conveyed to and now held by said trustee under said Deed of Trust in the property situate in Los Angeles County, California, described as: Lot 78 of Tract No. 639, in the City of Torrance, including fees, charges and expenses of the Trustee, advances per map recorded in Book 15, Page 152 of Maps, in the office of the County Recorder of said County.

#### PH-5004 CERTIFICATE OF DISCONTINUANCE OF USE AND/OR ABANDONMENT OF FICTITIOUS NAME

THE UNDERSIGNED does hereby certify that, effective September 23, 1967 he ceased to do business under the fictitious firm name of T. J. LAUNDRY at 22022 Main Street, Torrance, California, which business was formerly composed of the following persons, whose names in full and place of residence are as follows: to-wit: REVA MAURE, 23025 S. Main Street, Torrance, California.

#### PH-5003 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Superior Court of the State of California, for the County of Los Angeles, in the Matter of the Estate of Louis Montefino, aka Louis Montefino, Jr., Deceased.

#### PH-4993 NOTICE TO CREDITORS

In the Superior Court of the State of California, in and for the County of Los Angeles, in the Matter of the Estate of LOUIS SHIPMAN, Deceased.

## Edison Co. Names New Supervisor

John T. Salvinger has been appointed district superintendent of Southern California Edison Co.'s Redondo Beach Service Center, C. R. Simpson, Southern Division manager, has announced.

Salvinger, formerly district superintendent at Inglewood, assumed his new duties last Sept. 18.

The new district superintendent has been with the Edison Co. since 1947. He launched his career as a groundman, following three years' service as a radioman aboard a Navy cruiser in the South Pacific during World War II.

SALVINGER is a native Californian, born in Los Angeles. He attended local schools, including Pasadena Junior College and UCLA.

He became a job analyst with Edison's Industrial Relations Department in Los Angeles in 1953. Four years later, he was promoted to estimator and was assigned, successively, to the company's Ontario, Covina, and Compton districts.

SALVINGER was promoted to assistant district superintendent at Ventura in 1961, district superintendent at Montebello in 1965, and was transferred to Inglewood in this capacity in June of last year.

He and his wife, Virginia, have two children. He is a past administrative vice president of the Upland-Poothill Toastmasters Club and a member of the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the American Legion.

## Teachers to Visit in Local School Systems

Thirty teachers from four neighboring school districts will be visiting Torrance classrooms between now and the Christmas recess. In return, 14 Torrance teachers will observe classrooms in Inglewood, Palos Verdes, South Bay, and Manhattan Beach School Districts.

The exchange is part of a two-year study for the improvement of teaching for gifted students.

Purpose of the study, which began a year ago under the auspices of California State College at Dominguez Hills and financed by a U. S. Office of Education grant, is to develop materials and techniques best suited for challenging and developing the potential of gifted students.

th Gatsinaris, English teacher at West High School. Others who are participating are Mrs. Sunga Griesman, sixth grade teacher at Meadow Park School; Mrs. Mildred Paersey, seventh and eighth grade teacher at Jefferson School; Charles Pillet, biology teacher at Torrance High School; Mrs. Bernardine Schrank, third grade teacher at Anza School; Robert Schultz, chemistry teacher at West High School; and Mrs. Jean Sikas, first grade teacher at Jefferson School.

Also participating are Mrs. Nancy Thomas, fourth grade teacher at Jefferson School; Mrs. Sandra Walker, second grade teacher at Anza School; and Hunter Watson, social science teacher at North High School.

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