



PURPLE HEART . . . Engineman 2/C James E. Thome (right), son of Mr. and Mrs. Rene L. Thome of 23213 Meyler St., receives the Purple Heart Medal from Capt. Robert S. Salzer, commander of River Assault Flotilla One. Thome, 20, received the Purple Heart for wounds received while battling Viet Cong guerrillas in the Mekong Delta in South Vietnam. A graduate of Narbonne High School, Thome entered the Navy in 1966.

The Mail Ego

By Terrence O'Flaherty

"Will the new fall television shows be just as violent as ever?"

There's a lot of talk by executives and producers about curtailing violence. There always is just after our assassinations. But most of the Fall shows went into production several weeks before the murder of Robert Kennedy and, if anything, they will be more violent.

"If 'Julia,' the new so-called 'integrated' TV series about a Negro widow, fails to attract viewers and is cancelled won't people say it's due to discrimination?"

Maybe. But the show is primarily a comedy about an intelligent and attractive woman who is raising a small boy in a confused world. She could be Polish or a white Protestant from Ohio. Besides, the show can't fail says its creator Hal Kantor. If it gets a better rating in some areas than others he plans to bus viewers from one neighborhood to another!

"What! Another Phyllis Diller series? Who would have the courage to take such a chance?"

Only a producer who had survived the Jerry Lewis Show — Bob Finkel.

"Are the stars on the game show 'Hollywood Squares' given the answers in advance?"

No, but they're briefed in the general area where questions will be asked. Largely this is done to insure against dead spots in the program. The audience likes to have winners instead of dead air.

"I have heard that one of the TV nets is going to do a remake of 'Guys and Dolls.' If so, who will be in it?"

TV rights have been bought by Dean Martin who will co-

star with Jackie Gleason in the roles ruined by Marlon Brando and Frank Sinatra in the movie.

"After this year's disastrous Emmy Awards Show why doesn't the television industry just forget the whole thing and devote their energies to improving their programs?"

So little energy was involved that it wouldn't matter much. However, Emmy is definitely in danger if CBS refuses to telecast next year's show. The news department of all three nets are in favor of giving news documentaries an awards show of their own instead of having such accomplishments swept under the rug as they were this Spring. The Emmies serve only to bolster the egos of TV performers and crews. I suspect the public couldn't care less.

"I thought Joey Heatherton and Frank Sinatra, Jr., were fine in 'Dean Martin Presents The Goldiggers' but how come Paul Lynde did all the work and didn't get top billing?"

It wasn't the first time a guest star has stolen the spotlight. Even though Heatherton and Sinatra are the show's stars they don't have the substance to carry a whole show either singly or together. To camouflage this Lynde will be a "guest" on most of the shows.

"Now that Bill Burrud has a network show (NBC's 'Animal Kingdom') will he give up his adventure series on single stations?"

Not likely. He owns 650 of those travel adventure films and they're worth millions. "Animal Kingdom" may be his first network series but the other shows are his bread-and-butter. Public fascination for far-away places has waned.

Summer Program Has International Flavor

"Up, Up and Away" is the theme the Torrance Recreation Department has chosen for its summer program this year.

Travels started June 17 when parks and playgrounds throughout Torrance began their summer programs with an imaginary trip, south of the border, to Brazil.

Hose Theft Told

A 300-foot length of plaster hose worth \$1,000 was stolen Thursday night from a construction site at 4014 Emerald Ave. Keck Plastering Co. of Los Angeles reported the loss to police Friday.

The make-believe balloon that transports the children to many far away places will leave Torrance parks and playgrounds throughout the summer.

England, Italy, Australia, and many other countries are scheduled for a visit. Special international games, stories and crafts will be conducted corresponding to the country visited.

Boys and girls are invited to dress in the style of the country they are visiting.

For more information concerning summer schedules contact the Torrance park or playground nearest you.

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