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Variety Show

To Feature

The Temptations

The Bay City Rollers, Stephen Bishop, Redd Foxx, Linda Hopkins, The Mills Brothers, Jaye P. Morgan, Michelle Phillips and the Temptations head a roster of entertainers on "The Chuck Barris Variety Show" ("Rah Rah") hosted by Barris - the zany emcee of daytime TV's comedy hit, "The Gong Show" - to be colorcast on Channel Nine Tuesday, December 20 at 8 p.m.

The show will feature various acts that made "The Gong Show" famous such as The Stepping Stones, The Bandit Impressionist, Kathy Carlisle and Dad, The Unknown Comic, Flip Reade, The Kipper Kids, Matt Idol, The De-An Dancers and Scarlett and Rhett.

WBTV To Air

"Tell Me My

Name" Dec. 20

Arthur Hill and Barbara Barrie star in the 90-minute "GE Theatre" drama "Tell Me My Name," a poignant story of a mother who is forced to face the truth about her life after she is confronted by her illegitimate 19-year-old daughter, Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 9:30 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

The cast also includes Barnard Hughes, Valerie Mahaffey, Glenn Zachar and Douglas McKeon.

"Tell Me My Name" is a sensitive study of Emily McPhail, a middle-aged wife and mother with two young sons, who is confronted by her illegitimate daughter, Alexandra, at a time in her life when Emily questions who she is and what her marriage offers her. Her teen-age daughter, born out of wedlock and given up for adoption, returns to her natural mother, seeking the truth about her origins.

Emily must come to terms with her past and examine her relationship with her husband, Porter, whom she has never told about her daughter, born before she and Porter met.

Alexandra discovers her real lineage and forges new relationships with her adopted parents and her new-found family.



TEMPTING TEMPTATIONS

...Hot musical aggregation

Temptations Was First

Original Soul Shaking Group

By Dianne Simpson
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First there was the original soul shaking group called The Temptations composed of the dynamic groups called the Distant (Otis Williams and Melvin Franklin) and the Primes (Paul Williams and Eddie Kendricks) with its sister group, the Primettes (now the Supremes) in the early sixties. They became a unit containing five lead singers with an addition of Elbridge Bryant.

They started recording in 1962, and had their first major record in 1964, when David Ruffin joined the group. The song was a Smokey Robinson tune called "The Way You Do The Things You Do." That same year also marked their first album release, MEET THE TEMPTATIONS. Oh yes, the Tempts were indeed on their way!

"My Girl," the group's first gold single for a million selling album was then followed by a string of other golden hits of

"Ain't Too Proud To Beg," and "Beauty's Only Skin Deep," "Get Ready," "All I Need" and "Loneliness Made Me Realize (It's You That I Need)," that caused the Temptations to zoom to the peak of the charts in the mid-sixties.

It was after this time that changes began to take place. In 1968 Dennis Edwards, a former member of the group called The Contours, replaced David Ruffin who wanted to pursue a solo career. After Dennis' arrival into the group they changed their style of singing. They switched from the melodious tunes once heard in their "You're My Everything" and "I Wish It Would Rain," to that of tunes containing a very rhythmic, pulsating beat like that heard in "Message From A Black Man," "Don't Let The Jones' Get You Down," and "Runaway Child Running Wild." In early 1970, their release of "Psychedelic Shack" and an album cut entitled WAR stressed the problems confronting

so many of us young adults all over the world.

During the summer of 1971, Paul Williams retired from the road and was replaced by singer Richard Street, who formerly sang with the Monitors. Eddie Kendricks also left the group at this time and was replaced with Damon Harris.

Then in 1975 Damon Harris left the group and was replaced by Glenn Leonard. In 1976 Dennis Edwards split and was replaced by Louis Price as lead singer.

So what exists is a brand new group comprising Melvin Franklin, Richard Street, Glenn Leonard, Otis Williams and Louis Price who are bursting forth with a distinctive sound and sharp choreography that make them idols among many groups across the nation.

Their singing pattern extends from funky to gospel and from soul to pop.

The Temptations have become a part of major history for their music.

"Good News" To

Feature Area

Young People

Sixteen college and high school students from Charlotte and area schools will perform seven religious songs arranged by John Coates on a special musical program, "Good News," to be seen Sunday, December 18th at 6:30 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

A 35-piece orchestral backing will accompany the singers as they perform old time favorites like "Bringing in the Sheaves" and "Amazing Grace," and contemporary gospel songs like "Let's Just Praise the Lord" and Lounis McGlohon's "Teach Me, Lord." The performance will include a special arrangement of "Silent Night."

The group, which has been compared to some of America's outstanding musical choruses, is a hand-picked choral ensemble chosen from among seventy-five students who auditioned earlier in the fall. The unusual settings for this in studio performance are contemporary.

Writer and producer of "Good News" is Lounis McGlohon, director is John Burchett, and choral director is Steve Darsay.

WBTV Sets "What

Would You Give

For Yesterday"

What would you pay for yesterday? \$149,000 for a 1933 Duesenberg? \$25,000 for a bottle of Rothschild vintage wine? \$450 for Shirley Temple's teddy bear? Allen Ludden hosts a 60-minute television special, "What Would You Pay For Yesterday?", which focuses on what it costs, and what it's worth in nostalgic value, to own a bit of the past. The show will be seen Sunday, Dec. 18 at 5 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

Highlights include visits to the 1st Annual Celebrity Car Auction, the 20th Century Fox Prop-Memorabilia Auction, and the unique 18th and 19th Century furnishings in the private collection of renowned fashion designer Mr. Backwell.

Guest auctioneers are Jim Backus, Jack Carter, Lynda Day and Christopher George, Andy Griffith, Anson Williams and Jane Withers.