

**To Be Rebroadcast**

**"The Homecoming:**

**A Christmas Story"**

"THE HOMECOMING: A Christmas Story," Earl Hamner's award-winning drama starring Patricia Neal as the mother of a rural American mountain family during the Depression of the early 1930's will be rebroadcast Saturday, December 23, at 8 p.m. on WBTV, Channel 3.

Edgar Bergen, Ellen Corby, Andrew Duggan, Josephine Hutchinson, Cleavon Little, Dorothy Stickney, Richard Thomas and William Windom also star in the acclaimed special, which won a Christopher Award following its initial presentation on the Network December 19, 1971.

The drama, based on Hamner's novel of the same title and described by the author as a story about "the simple love and pride and wonder and reverence that give the true meaning to Christmas," inspired the popular Peabody and Emmy Award-winning dramatic series "The Waltons," broadcast Thursdays on the Network. And like "The Waltons," which evolved from it, the special is woven from Hamner's memories of his boyhood some 40 years ago in Virginia's Blue Ridge Mountains when he was the eldest in a large family which had few communication gaps among the hurdles it had to cross during those lean Depression years.

Focusing upon the events of one day-Christmas Eve, in 1933, the drama gives a simple, in-depth insight into the strengths, fears, and spirit of the author's family and others who affected his life during that period.

Miss Neal, who won a Golden Globe Award for her per-

formance in the special, has compiled a record of distinguished artistic triumphs since her theatrical debut on Broadway in "The Voice of the Turtle," followed by her role as Regina in Lillian Hellman's "Another Part of the Forest," for which she won a Tony Award and a New York Drama Critics Circle Award. Among the films in which she has appeared are "A Face in the Crowd," "The Subject Was Roses" and "Hud," for which she won an Oscar and a New York film Critics Award.

Thomas, who portrays the young Hamner character, John-Boy Walton, in the special, repeated the role regularly on "The Waltons" series as do Miss Corby as Grandma and Jon Walmsley, Judy Norton (now Judy Norton-Taylor), Mary Elizabeth McDonough, Eric Scott, David S. Harper and Kami Cotler as the younger Walton children.

**"Brooklyn Story"**

**Is On Sale**

The "Brooklyn Story" brochure is on sale at the Afro-American Cultural Center at Spirit Square for \$5 a copy.

The brochure, compiled by Rev. D.G. Burke, is a reservoir of Black History in Charlotte before the onset of urban renewal began. The brochure is complete with numerous colorful pictures and explicit content. Copies can be reserved but they must be purchased by Christmas Day.

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