

Reliving January 24, 1977

Roots was one of the most popular and influential programs in American television history. Millions of Americans (60% of the population or more) watched at least part of the miniseries in 1977, and seven of the eight episodes were among the ten highest rated programs ever broadcast to that date. (The last episode was so popular that it is unlikely ever to be bumped from the top-ten list.) The show was significant by other measures, too. Pollsters found that half of the people watching *Roots* thought it was “one of the best” shows they’d ever seen, and it was a topic of conversation wherever people gathered.

Episode Two

Episode Two begins as Wrestler and Kunta Kinte vow that “we will be one village” and “we will kill the white man”; it runs for 96 minutes.

Over 44% of American households watched this episode.

The cast includes

- Ed Asner (Capt. Thomas Davies)
- LeVar Burton (Kunta Kinte)
- Louis Gossett Jr. (Fiddler)
- Lorne Greene (John Reynolds)
- Robert Reed (Dr. William Reynolds)
- Ralph Waite (Slater)
- Vic Morrow (Ames)

Sources: Lance Morrow, “Why ‘Roots’ Hit Home,” *Time*, 14 Feb. 1977, pp. 69-77; Kenneth K. Hur and John P. Robinson, “The Social Impact of ‘Roots,’” *Journalism Quarterly* 55 (Spring 1978), 19-24, 83; *The World Almanac & Book of Facts* (New York: Press Pub. Co., 2017); Jerry Buck, “People Everywhere Talking about TV’s ‘Roots,’” (Associated Press, 29 Jan. 1977); *The World Almanac & Book of Facts* (New York: Newspaper Enterprise Assoc., 1978); *Roots*, 40th anniv. ed., (1977; Warner Home Video, 2016).

The following pages give you a taste of life at Hanover in 1977. Included are articles, television listings, and cartoons from the local paper and the student newspaper. Clippings from the Madison Courier are reproduced by permission (<http://madisoncourier.com/>).

For 15th day in 1977

Heavy snow closes schools again

The situation is getting serious! The extreme cold has caused a shortage of natural gas, the ice-covered river is causing problems in delivering fuel oil, and Courierarea schools are still closed.

A very dejected Dr. Harlan Stuckwisch, superintendent of Madison Consolidated Schools, sat in his office this morning after making the decision once again to cancel classes.

Do you agree with the pardon?

In his first executive order, President Jimmy Carter granted a full, complete and unconditional pardon to Vietnam draft evaders.

The decision has evoked criticism: veteran's groups say it will make future military mobilization more difficult, while groups backing draft evaders want total amnesty.

What is your opinion? Write a Letter to the Editor and let us know where you stand on this controversial issue.

Please sign your name, but if you wish to remain anonymous, say so. We will not print your name if you desire.

He had taken calls until midnight last night and had been up since 3:30 a.m. today checking with agencies on road conditions as well as out driving miles and miles of bus routes to see what they were like.

When asked what's going to happen if the schools don't open soon, Dr. Stuckwisch said, "I don't have an answer to it. This is our 15th day closed and I still haven't gotten any answer at all from the state."

He said he has been calling other area superintendents in order to try and set up a meeting for Wednesday to see what they can do.

"I've just never seen anything like it. We went out this morning and drove it, pondered it and cursed it, and then I did the only thing I could do."

Asked what will happen if weather predictions are true and the snow and cold weather lasts until March, Dr. Stuckwisch said, "Oh, don't even say that."

Besides all the problems the "snow days" are causing for the school, there are a few students in a real quandry. There are several seniors who were supposed to graduate from high school at the end of

the first semester and go on to bigger and better things — like jobs and more school. But the weather hasn't allowed school to be in session long enough to even end the first semester.

"And the weather isn't our only problem," Dr. Stuckwisch said. "My office right now is 47 degrees and the thermostat has been set back to 60 degrees. The reason we're doing this is that it's possible our fuel oil supply will be shaky."

He told about the Greensburg Schools that are closed until in February — not because of the snow and ice, but because of an absence of natural gas to heat the schools.

"And we may find this winter may produce worse than just the weather. It may just be the beginning of a huge regional crisis."

After discussing the conditions a short while, Dr. Stuckwisch said, "I just don't even know how to talk about it anymore. I've talked with Dr. (John) Hutchinson (superintendent of Southwestern Schools) and we don't have an answer."

"The state is sitting on the key as to what we do with the semester. The state legislature

could make some emergency provisions, but I've heard we aren't going to be required by the state to make up the lost days.

"At this point it's out of our local hands. It's a terribly helpless feeling," he said.

"The only positive thing I saw this morning was that the stuff on the ground had honeycombed a little and when the snow tires on the back of the bus crunched through the snow we

could see the pavement.

At the school board meeting two weeks ago, the board approved a recommendation by Dr. Stuckwisch that the first five days back would be the end of the first semester and the sixth would be the beginning of the second semester. But none of them had any idea that two weeks later there still wouldn't be any school, so these plans will probably be discussed again at the board's meeting Tuesday.

Fuel conservation posters available

The Madison Business and Professional Association is having posters printed that state the following:

"We Are Helping, Store Temperature Reduced. Emergency Fuel Crisis."

John Galvin, owner-manager of the Ohio Theatre and president of the MBPA, announced today that these placards will be available to non-members as well as members.

Any merchant can obtain a placard by calling The Madison Courier (263-9641), and one of The Courier's advertising representatives will be happy to deliver a poster to the merchant's place of business.

Television Programs

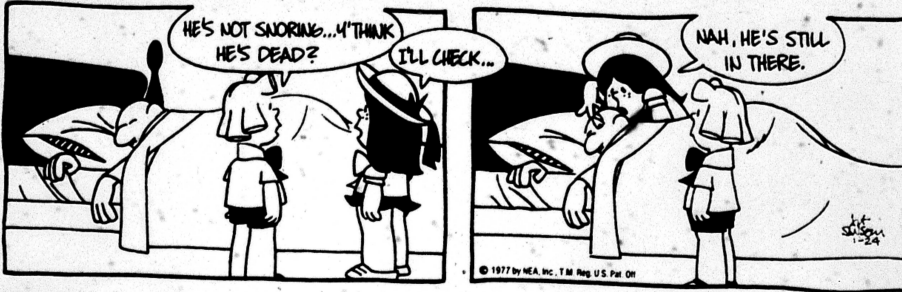
Monday Night January 24

EVENING
4:00
NEWS
DICK VAN DYKE
ZOOM
METRO REPORT
ANDY GRIFFITH
I LOVE LUCY
6:30
NEWS
ANDY GRIFFITH
PARTRIDGE FAMILY
LILIAS, YOGA & YOU
ODD COUPLE
ROOM 222
GILLIGAN'S ISLAND
7:00
TO TELL THE TRUTH
PURDUE WARM-UP
NEWS
TRUTH OR CONSEQUENCES
LIAR'S CLUB
MIKE DOUGLAS
 David Brenner is co-host with guests Judy Collins, Ellen Burstyn and Lee Strasberg.
CROCKETT'S VICTORY GARDEN
PAT BOONE & THE LITTLE ONES
MY THREE SONS
CONCENTRATION
BEWITCHED
7:30
\$25,000 PYRAMID
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Purdue vs. Wisconsin
MATCH GAME
BREAK THE BANK
\$128,000 QUESTION
LAST OF THE WILD
MIKE DOUGLAS (cont.)
MacNEIL-LEHRER REPORT
HOLLYWOOD SQUARES
BRADY BUNCH
8:00
LITTLE HOUSE ON THE PRARIE
 Nellie has most of the lines in a school play, but the player who gets the most from the show is the daughter of a reclusive widow who uses the production to bring her mother back into society.

BASKETBALL (cont.)
JEFFERSONS
 Upon his return from an old chum's funeral, sentimental George feels guilty about losing contact with his boyhood gang and decides to stage a reunion.
CAPTAIN & TENNILLE
 Muhammad Ali, Joe Namath, England Dan and John Ford Doley, Billy Davis Jr. and Marilyn McCoo, John Byner are guests.
MEETING OF THE MINDS
 Jayne Meadows portrays Marie Antoinette, telling stories of Versailles court life and recalling nightmarish memories of the French Revolution.
STAR TREK
8:30
HOUSE ON PRARIE (cont.)
BASKETBALL (cont.)
BUSTING LOOSE
 Lenny develops a crush on a girl who is paranoid about the attentions of all men.
CAPTAIN & TENNILLE (cont.)
MEETING OF MINDS (cont.)
STAR TREK (cont.)
9:00
MONDAY MOVIE
 "Westworld" may look like a frontier town of the 1880s, but its inhabitants are robots and its visitors are well-heeled tourists of the future who indulge their fantasies by interacting with the lifelike locals. Yul Brynner, Richard Benjamin, James Brolin, 1973. (fill 11 p.m.)
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MONDAY MOVIE
 "Helter Skelter," a 1976 TV movie based on the best seller by Los Angeles prosecutor Vincent Bugliosi and Curt Gentry. Shown in two parts, the film begins with the August 1969 discovery of five persons brutally murdered. Concludes Wednesday at this time. (fill 11 p.m.) **PARENTAL DISCRETION URGED.**
ROOTS
 In Part 2, 17-year-old Kunta Kinte endures the torturous sea passage to America, where he's sold to a Virginia tobacco farmer and haltingly adjusts to plantation life with the help of Fiddler, and American-

born slave. (fill 11 p.m.)
MONDAY MOVIE
 "Antonia: A Portrait of the Woman," an acclaimed 1974 study of orchestra conductor Antonia Brico. (fill 10 p.m.)
MERV GRIFFIN
 Tony Martin, Cyd Charisse, tennis's Jimmy Connors, comic Rip Taylor, singer Jane Olivor, the Christian Brothers singing group and the Moore's Mongrel Review dog act are guests.
9:30
MOVIE (cont.)
MERV GRIFFIN
 See 9 p.m., channel 19 for details.
ROOTS (cont.)
MERV GRIFFIN (cont.)
 - 10:00
MOVIE (cont.)
MERV GRIFFIN (cont.)
ROOTS (cont.)
SOUNDSTAGE
 Veterans of the music scene, the Bee Gees show their versatility.
10:30
MOVIE (cont.)
NEWS
ROOTS (cont.)
SOUNDSTAGE (cont.)
CROSSWITS
MERV GRIFFIN (cont.)
11:00
NEWS
GROUCHO
CONSUMER SURVIVAL KIT
MARY HARTMAN
HONEYMOONERS
11:30
COLLEGE BASKETBALL
 Kentucky vs. Mississippi
FILM FESTIVAL
 "Gentleman Jim." Drama, San Francisco in 1880s, when boxing is banned. Errol Flynn, Alexis Smith, Jack Carson, Ward Bond, Alan Hale. 1942. (fill 1:30 a.m.)
JOHNNY CARSON
KOJAK
GROUCHO
STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO
CAPTIONED NEWS

MARY HARTMAN
12:00
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MOVIE (cont.)
JOHNNY CARSON (cont.)
KOJAK (cont.)
WILD WEST
ST. SAN FRAN (cont.)
IRONSIDE
STREETS OF SAN FRANCISCO
12:30
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MOVIE (cont.)
JOHNNY CARSON (cont.)
KOJAK (cont.)
WILD WEST (cont.)
ST. SAN FRAN (cont.)
IRONSIDE (cont.)
12:40
LATE MOVIE
 "Target Risk," a 1975 TV movie about a gem courier forced to participate in a jewel robbery to ransom his kidnaped girl friend. (fill 2:10 a.m.)
DAN AUGUST
1:00
BASKETBALL (cont.)
MOVIE (cont.)
TOMORROW
NEWS
DAN AUGUST (cont.)
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE
ST. SAN FRAN (cont.)
DAN AUGUST
1:30
TOMORROW (cont.)
WALLY'S WORKSHOP
MOVIE (cont.)
MISSION IMPOSSIBLE (cont.)
2:00
NEWS
MOVIE (cont.)
DAN AUGUST (cont.)
2:10
CHRISTOPHER CLOSEUP
2:40
NEWS



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Friday, January 21, 1977

Outlook Good for Summer Employment

Summer job analyses indicate that the prospects for college student employment for the summer of 1977 look promising. National parks throughout the nation will once again staff their facilities with college student summertime help. Opportunities appear to be expanding into many support accommodations and facilities surrounding the park areas. State parks also indicate a high demand for temporary

summer employment by college students. Some national parks will hire as many as 3,000 college students for the summer period.

Several hundred private camps throughout the nation will once again be seeking college student summer employees in varied capacities as counselors, swimming instructors, music directors, and general activities such as maintenance, cooking, etc. Students with

special talents in the area of entertainment or horse handling abilities should investigate these opportunities.

Once again it is emphasized that students desiring summer employment in the various recreational areas throughout the nation should apply early. Students interested in obtaining additional detailed information may request a free brochure by sending a self-addressed stamped envelope to Opportunity Research, Dept. SJO, Lock Box 4000, Kalispell, MT 59901.

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Laura and Dan Hodges, 1975 graduates of Hanover College, have donated \$50 toward the renovation of the basement and first floor of the Faculty Office Building, the future "after hours place to go." Laura Smith Hodges, an English major, and Dan Hodges, a Business major, were active in campus journalism: Laura was Editor-in-chief of the *Triangle* during her sophomore and junior years and Dan was the *Triangle's* Business Manager. Laura and Dan are presently living in Madison.

Anonymous

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