

Reliving January 29, 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 Seven

Episode Seven begins fourteen years later (in 1861), with Chicken George returning home in fancy clothes and on a white horse; it runs for 50 minutes.

About 42% of American households watched this episode.

The cast includes

Lloyd Bridges (Evan Brent)
Lane Binkley (Martha Johnson)
Georg Stanford Brown (Tom)
Olivia Cole (Mathilda)
Brad Davis (George Johnson)
Hilly Hicks (Lewis)
Lynne Moody (Irene)
Ben Vereen (Chicken George)

Awards

Roots won numerous awards, including a Golden Globe as “Best Television Series, Drama.” Acting awards included Emmys for Louis Gossett, Jr., Ed Asner, and Olivia Cole, and a Golden Globe for Leslie Uggams.

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); *International Television & Video Almanac* (New York: Quigley Publishing, 1987); *Internet Movie Database*, <http://www.imdb.com>.; *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/>).

Fire causes \$35,000 damage to hilltop home

Courier area temperatures plunge below zero

By GREG HOARD

Sub-zero weather and bone-chilling winds hit the Courier area again last night.

By midnight temperatures had reached five degrees below zero in Madison with a wind-chill factor of 40 degrees. Outlying areas, however, recorded as much as 12 below.

As the temperature registered a minus four degrees and winds had reached 20 miles per hour, Madison firemen battled a residence fire at 317 Green Road.

Fire Chief John Hoffman reported that the fight against the blaze lasted for three and one half hours at the Sam Maddox home. When firemen arrived on the scene, the blaze which is believed to have started in the garage, had burned through the roof of the garage and entered the attic of the Maddox home.

"Of course we were hampered by the freezing weather," said Hoffman. Hoffman and assistant fire chief Tom Wolfschlag both said that two hydrants were inoperable and believed to be frozen.

Snow and ice restricted the use of certain tactics against the fire and caused two firemen to fall from the roof. "The weather kept us from doing many of the things we normally do," said Hoffman. "Two men fell from the roof but they were not injured."

Wolfschlag reported that two firemen reported receiving minor cases of frostbite during the bout with the blaze.

Though Maddox, nor his family was injured, Chief Hoffman made an initial estimate of damage at \$35,000.

Hoffman again cautioned residents against overextending supplemental forms of heating and urged that furnaces, fireplaces and stoves be checked periodically.

The entire area was prepared last night for the critical cold wave. Jerry Thaden, assistant superintendent for administration for Madison State Hospital, said this morning that after checking with the Red Cross and Civil Defense, MSH was prepared to support as many as 150 people who might be forced out of their homes for lack of heat or food.

Chief Hoffman said that firemen would be on watch 24 hours a day in firehouses in case of fires.

Though interstates in Kentucky and Indiana are termed "clear but slick in spots" city, county and some state highways are still hazardous.

Jefferson County Sheriff Beck Alexander reported this morning that 95 per cent of the county roads are still impassable due to winds and continued drifting.

"My men are dead...but the city streets are as slick as glass," said Utilities Superintendent Charles Keller last night. Keller

went on to say that with little salt on hand, and that being used sparingly, the city had moved to spreading sand. "But with wind like this," said Keller, "it's not doing us much good."

Still, Superintendent Keller is worried about service water lines. "The ground is frozen now down to about 20 inches. Our service lines are at 32 inches. If it reaches those were in for some real trouble."

State Highway workers are doing their best to keep roads clear, according to Russell Risk. In the past two weeks workers for the department have already logged 715 overtime hours in the conflict with snow.

Risk reports that no state equipment has been damaged seriously by the weather but added, "It's taking a mint to keep us going."

With a forecast of "extremely cold with a chance of snow flurries...lows tonight of eight to 14 below," cancellations continue to be reported. Hanover College, which for the first time in 15 years cancelled classes due to the weather, has called its game with Findlay College. At press time today no decision had been made on Southwestern's game with Dillsboro, Carroll County's game with Oldham County or Moores Hill and Switzerland County. Trimble County has already cancelled its game with Henry County.

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What you do may help save jobs



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Saturday Night January 29

EVENING

6:00
 NEWS
 WW SPORTS (Cont.)
 STUDIO SEE
 A visit to Alaska in search of the Kodiak bear is among the features in the opener of this series, aimed at youngsters 10 through 15.
 PORTER WAGONER
 STAR TREK
 SPACE: 1999

6:30
 NEWS
 ANDY GRIFFITH
 HEE HAW
 ZOOM
 STAR TREK (Cont.)
 LAWRENCE WELK
 SPACE: 1999 (Cont.)

7:00
 TO TELL THE TRUTH
 EMERGENCY
 Paramedic Johnny Gage is attacked by a rattlesnake during a mountain rescue.
 LAWRENCE WELK
 HEE HAW
 ANDY WILLIAMS
 Carol Lawrence is guest.
 HEE HAW (Cont.)
 REBOP
 SPACE: 1999
 LAWRENCE WELK (Cont.)
 MOVIE
 "The Wild One." Marlon Brando made film history as a flamboyant hoodlum leader in this hard-hitting tale of a small town besieged by rival motorcycle gangs. (till 8:30 p.m.)

7:30
 EMPHASIS
 EMERGENCY (Cont.)
 LAWRENCE WELK (Cont.)
 HEE HAW
 LET'S MAKE A DEAL
 TV TOWN MEETING
 ONCE UPON A CLASSIC
 "David Copperfield." Part 4. David is sent back to school and takes lodging with Aunt Betsey's solicitor Mr. Wickfield, in whose home he first meets the unctuous Uriah Heep.
 SPACE: 1999 (Cont.)
 MOVIE (Cont.)

8:00
 WONDERS OF THE WATER WORLDS
 An all-Disney evening begins with this 1961 documentary examining the wildlife that abounds in and around waterways, from mountain streams to oceans. (till 8:50 p.m.)
 DOLLY
 MARY TYLER MOORE
 Sue Ann loses her "Happy Homemaker" show because of poor ratings, and the next thing to go is her pride.
 WONDER WOMAN
 Roy Rogers portrays a Texas rancher who calls on the military for help in rounding up cattle rustlers who are sabotaging the war effort home on the range.
 LOWELL THOMAS REMEMBERS
 Oresudebt Lyndon Johnson announces the escalation of the war in Vietnam in clips from 1966. Also: the marriage of the President's daughter Luci to Pat Nugent.
 BATMAN
 MOVIE (Cont.)

8:30
 WONDER WATER WORLD (Cont.)
 PORTER WAGONER
 BOB NEUWART
 Fed up with big-city hassles, Bob applies for a position as head of the psychology department at an Iowa farmtown college.
 WONDER WOMAN (Cont.)
 THE WAY IT WAS
 Pro football Hall of Famers Otto Graham and Bobby Layne are among the guests on this week's show recalling the 1953 NFL championship.
 BATMAN
 PETER MARSHALL
 Guests are actors Vincent Price, Bernadette Peters and Fred Willard; comedians Rip Taylor and Alice Ghostley; and singer Tom Sullivan.

SATURDAY MOVIE
 "A Horse Called Comanche" is a wild steed tamed by a Sioux brave but eventually captured by soldiers of the Army's Seventh Cavalry, the regiment destined to fight in the calamitous Battle of the Little Bighorn. Sal Mineo, Philip Carey. (till 11 p.m.)

9:00
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 HOCKEY
 Indianapolis Stingrs vs. Minnesota Fighting Saints
 ALL IN THE FAMILY
 Archie is asked to speak a few words of eulogy at the funeral of a co-worker, a man he had nothing good to say about when he was alive.
 STARSKY & HUTCH
 Starsky and Hutch discover that the leader of a criminal ring takes unsuspecting victims and brainwashes them into committing murder. Conclusion of a two-part story.
 PICCADILLY CIRCUS
 "The General's Day," a serio-comic story focusing on a rakish old man and an impressionable spinster he sets out to make his live-in housekeeper.
 MUSIC HALL AMERICA
 Jim Nabors is the host.
 PETER MARSHALL (Cont.)

9:30
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 HOCKEY (Cont.)
 ALICE
 An incompetent robber runs true to form when he tries to hold up the dinner while the cash register is sticking and a customer is going into labor.
 STARSKY & HUTCH (Cont.)
 PICCADILLY CIRCUS (Cont.)
 HOCKEY (Cont.)
 PETER MARSHALL (Cont.)

10:00
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 HOCKEY (Cont.)
 CAROL BURNETT
 Guests are Rock Hudson and Steve Lawrence.
 ROOTS
 Part 7. Now a free man, Chicken George is briefly reunited with his family and his son Tom, and then becomes involved in a violent confrontation with a Rebel deserter.
 LATE MOVIE
 "Storm over Asia" Silent masterpiece, concerning a Mongolian fur trapper who joins the resistance movement against British interventionist troops in 1918. Russian 1928. (till 11:45 p.m.)
 ONEDIN LINE
 WRESTLING

10:30
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 HOCKEY (Cont.)
 CAROL BURNETT (Cont.)
 ROOTS (Cont.)
 ONEDIN LINE (Cont.)
 WRESTLING (Cont.)

11:00
 NEWS
 HOCKEY (Cont.)
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 KING OF KENSINGTON
 700 CLUB

11:30
 SATURDAY NIGHT
 Fran Taranton is the guest host with performer Leo Sayer.
 TARZAN THEATRE
 "Tarzan and the Lost Safari." A millionaire playboy and his wedding guests crash-land in the jungle. Gordon Scott, Yolande Donlan. 1957. (till 1:15 a.m.)
 LATE MOVIE
 "The Sheriff." A black girl who is the fiancée of the sheriff's son is raped and the indication is that a white man is responsible. Ossie Davis, Rucy Dee. (till 1:19 a.m.)
 LATE MOVIE
 "In Love and War." Edward Anhalt's adaptation of Anton Myrer's "The Big War" — it's impact on three Marines. Robert Wagner, Jeffrey Hunter, Bradford Dillman, Dana Wynter, Hope Lange. 1958. (till 2 a.m.)

GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS
 Harry Belafonte is the host for the Hollywood Foreign Press Assn. 34th annual awards, honoring TV and motion pictures.
 DOLLY
 Freddy Fender is guest.
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 LATE MOVIE
 "The Crimson Cult." Boris Karloff played his last role in this tale of witchcraft. English; 1968. (till 1:30 a.m.)
 LATE MOVIE
 "Three into Two Won't Go." An adult study of a troubled marriage and the teenager determined to shatter it. Rod Steiger, Claire Bloom, Judy Geeson, Peggy Ashcroft. English; 1969. (till 1:30 a.m.)
 700 CLUB (Cont.)

11:45
 FILMS
 12:00
 SAT NITE (Cont.)
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS (Cont.)
 POP GOES THE COUNTRY
 700 CLUB (Cont.)

12:30
 SAT. NITE (Cont.)
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 GOLDEN GLOBE AWARDS (Cont.)
 PORTER WAGONER
 WARREN ROBERTS

1:00
 DON KRISHNER'S ROCK CONCERT
 Natalie Cole; Be-Bop Deluxe; and comedy acts Natural Gas, Jim Samuels and Marty Cohen, and David Letterman.
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 LATE MOVIE
 "Games." Intriguing suspense about a young couple and a mysterious visitor. James Caan, Katharine Ross, Simone Signoret. 1967. (till 2:45 a.m.)
 NASHVILLE ON THE ROAD
 LATE MOVIE
 "Nine Hours to Rama." A fanatically reactionary youth intends to assassinate Mahatma Gandhi. Horst Buchholz. 1963.
 LATE MOVIE
 "Operation Secret." Cloak-and-dagger operations of the French underground form the background of a postwar murder investigation. Cornel Wilde, Steve Cochran, Phyllis Thaxter. 1952.

1:15
 SCIENCE FICTION THEATRE
 "Viking Women and the Sea Serpent." Abby Dalton, Susan Cabot. 1957. (till 2:45 a.m.)

1:19
 SOUL TRAIN
 1:30
 ROCK CONCERT (Cont.)
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 SOUL TRAIN (Cont.)
 LATE MOVIE
 "Anzio." World War II story about a small group of soldiers trapped behind German lines. Robert Mitchum, Peter Falk, Robert Ryan. Italian; 1968. (till 3 a.m.)
 NEWS

2:00
 ROCK CONCERT (Cont.)
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 SOUL TRAIN (Cont.)
 HERE & NOW

2:30
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 NEWS

2:45
 CHAMPIONSHIP WRESTLING
 LATE MOVIE
 "A Man Could Get Killed." Involved spy spoof, stolen by Melina Mercouri as a tongue-in-cheek adventuress. James Garner, Sandra Dee, Tony Franciosa, Robert Coote, Roland Culber. 1966. (till 4:30 a.m.)

3:00
 WRESTLING (Cont.)
 MOVIE (Cont.)
 MOVIE
 To be announced.



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All organizational GPA's

Below is a reprint of the living unit GPA's, this time however,
the independent living unit GPA's have been added.

Alpha Delta Pi	3.27
Phi Mu	3.15
All Sorority	3.14
Fiji	3.11
Kappa Alpha Theta	3.07
Alpha Amicron Pi	3.01
Blythe	3.01
Phi Delta Theta	3.01
Katherine Parket	2.98
All Women	2.97
All College	2.86
Independent Women	2.84
All Fraternity	2.84
All Men	2.78
Crowe	2.76
Independent Men	2.73
Donner	2.65
Sigma Chi	2.61
Wiley	2.59
Ide	2.58
Beta Theat Pi	2.56
Lambda Chi Alpha	2.55