# Looking at T-V

With GEORGE A. and EDITH ANN BURKE

LIBERACE'S fans should see him in person. We met him for the first time at a press conference in Boston. The reception was held in the club room of the Boston Garden. Liberace labeled but rather a less flashy steely gray. His complexion is dark and his eyes brown. Seeing him for the first time, a person might take Idetown him for a serious business man. He stands about five foot eight, and is heavy set with wide shoulders.

Liberace's manner was very sincere, friendly and completely free of any traces of conceit. He answered all questions very agreeably and in a deep pleasant voice. Those viewers who find some of his TV mannerisms irritating would like him better in person for he has no manner-

"I believe the people want showmanship as well as talent. I try to give them both," confided Liberace. The next evening, a sell-out crowd of over 14,000 overwhelmingly agreed that Liberace possessed a huge amount of both.

The immaculately tailored Liberace displayed an unusual ability for leading and handling an audience He has the same easy, casual manner; the same friendly way of speaking common to the old vaudeville headliners and the best of todays' MCs. The whole evening added up to a very personal kind of triumph. From his entrance to his final bow, Liberace was in complete control. The audience, about a fourth of whom were men, reacted to his

They sighed when he played his own composition, "Rhapsody by Candlelight;" cheered at the "Beer Barrel Polka." There was a reverent silence during "The Rosary," and the place went wild when Liberace, in the getup of a hayseed, did a turkey trot all over the stage and lampooned himself with "Hey Li-Where'd You Get That

By 11.10 p.m. Liberace had completed all the numbers on the program, but he promised the audience that, if they would wait while he changed his suit, he would come back and play more.

The handful that had to leave missed the best part of the show.

He returned and played requests | Cpl. Allen Fritz, son of Mr. and continuously for the next forty min- Mrs. Ernest Fritz, who has been

the audience. They settled back in night after being honorably distheir hard chairs as though they charged from the Army. were in their comfortable living rooms listening to a friend. The served their wedding anniversary audience burst into rhythmic clapping when he played "St. Louis" hummed softly.

After his final bow he offered to sign autographs for anyone who wanted to wait. About three thouswas wearing a medium gray suit and decided a real close-up look and and black topcoat. His hair is not autograph was worth waiting for, the silvery gray it has so often been and Liberace didn't sign the last autograph until after 2 a.m.

their sister, Sister Augustine at served in most Christian nations in Ridgely, Maryland, recently.

spent the weekend with Mr. and Christmas was observed for twelve Mrs. Albert Chesko of Binghamton. days.

stationed at Fort Hood, Texas, two A new feeling of informality swept | years, arrived home on Thursday

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meade ob-

Francis Smith and Mr. and Mrs. Woman," they crooned "Let Me Call You Sweetheart." When he played "Brahms Lullaby" thousands ville, Mr. and Mrs. George Smith of Wilkes-Barre were callers at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Davis

Mrs. Corey Meade and Mrs. John Dobson and son, Mr. and Mrs. Delbert Meade, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Meade and sons Billy and Bonnie attended the wedding of Kenneth Meade at East Orange, N. J.

The date of December 25 as the birthday of Jesus and, hence, Richard and Jack Kern visited Christmas, became generally obthe fourth and fifth centuries. In Mr. and Mrs. George Casterline Shakespeare's time (1564-1616),

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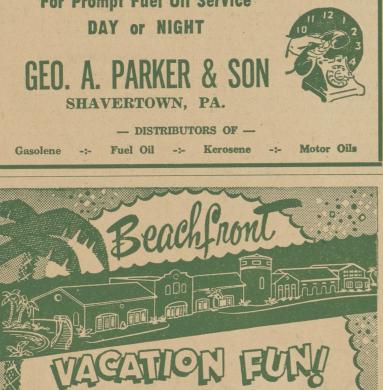
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