

second runs

Tom Panzenhagen

"Doctor Zhivago" (1965), 8 p.m. Friday and Saturday and 7 p.m. Sunday at the Redford Theatre, 17360 Lahar at Grand River, 537-2560. **Running time 197 minutes.**

"Zhivago," Russian Boris Pasternak's only novel, was embraced by the West as a work that revealed the truth about the 1917 Russian revolution. Written in the '20s but not published until 1957 (in Italy), Pasternak's book was turned into an American film by screenwriter Robert Bolt and director David Lean, reunited three years after

WHAT'S IT WORTH?
A ratings guide to the movies

Bad.....	\$1
Fair.....	\$2
Good.....	\$3
Excellent.....	\$4

their enormously successful "Lawrence of Arabia."

Despite such promise, "Zhivago" is an overly burdensome and complex film that's difficult to understand. The

plot is too big and the characters too enigmatic, although Julie Christie, Omar Sharif, Rod Steiger, Alec Guinness, Geraldine Chaplin and others do fine jobs with difficult roles. Of course, you really can't go wrong with "Zhivago," not if you're content to just sit back and absorb the beauty of Frederick Young's wonderful cinematography while tuning in the dulcet tones of Maurice Jarre's music. **Rating: \$3.30.**

"A Holiday Affair" (1949), 1 p.m. Thursday on Ch. 50. Originally 87 minutes.

One of the better, smaller Christmas films, "Holiday Affair" stars Robert Mitchum as a sort of broken-down

plot with the toys your kids got from Santa. **Rating: \$1.19.**

"Man Behind the Gun" (1953), 11:45 p.m. Tuesday on Ch. 9. Originally 82 minutes.

Randolph Scott once said, "They told me I couldn't act, and I made 50 films to prove it." Randy couldn't act, but he did epitomize the frontier lawman in more than a dozen films during the '40s and '50s. Some of those titles — "Bad-

man's Territory," "Abeline Town," "Fighting Man of the Plains," "The Stranger Wore a Gun," "Ride Lonesome," "Tall Man Riding" — by themselves evoke images of Randy Scott galloping to the rescue of Gail Russell or Karen Steele, usually with Gaby Hayes not far behind. Often as not, Lee Marvin played the villain. No, these aren't great films, but it wasn't so bad growing up on a steady supply of them, either. **Rating: \$2.50.**

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