



Second runs Tom Panzenhagen

"Duck Soup" (1933), 1 p.m. today on Ch. 50. Originally 70 minutes.

"Duck Soup" opens with Groucho Marx sliding down a fire pole to ascend the throne of Freedonia. The imposing Margaret Dumont and a ballroom full of celebrants welcome their president, whose first words are "Take a card." "This is a gala day for you," responds Dumont. "That's plenty," says Groucho. "I don't think I could handle more than a gal a day." If the scene were less implausible, you'd wonder what's going on. As is, the spirited pacing of director Leo McCarey and the inimitable style of the Marxes lift Bert Kalmar and Harry Ruby's script and the viewer from the bounds of plausibility to the limitless domain of Marx Brothers comedy.

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WHAT'S IT WORTH?

A ratings guide to the movies

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

question has been asked: Is "Duck Soup" a Marxist manifesto, so to speak, against the budding dictators of the day? All concerned have long debunked the film's social significance, but Nat Perlin, who contributed to the script, remarked, "It is possible that whatever satire is there kind of crept into it because that was the way the men involved thought." In other words, it's no coincidence that the film's Rufus T. Firefly exclaims, "If any form of pleasure is exhib-

ited, report to me and it will be prohibited," and later sings, "If you think this country's bad off now, just wait 'til I get through with it." But the bottom line, as always with the Marxes, is that their films are incredibly funny, and "Duck Soup" is no exception. Rating: \$3.40.

"State Fair" (1962), 2:30 p.m. Saturday on Ch. 9. Originally 118 minutes.

In 1933, Janet Gaynor, Will Rogers, Louise

second-rate

Dresser and Lew Ayres starred in "State Fair." In 1945, the remake included Jeanne Crain, Dana Andrews, Dick Haymes and Frank McHugh in the cast. But wait, there's more. If you enjoy culture shock, you'll appreciate the 1962 remake, which stars Pat Boone, Ann-Margret, Bobby Darin, Alice Faye and Tom Ewell. Is that how far we've come in 30

"Ma and Pa Kettle at Wallick" (1955), 11:30 a.m. Saturday on Ch. 20. Originally 79 minutes.

"Convinced that Pa is financial wizard, cousin sends for him to save his crumbling empire, and Hawaii will never be the same." Marjorie Main and Percy Kilbride star. Rating: Five-cents.

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