second runs

By Louise Okrutsky

Give a child a paint box, and you'll end up washing paint off the wails. Give Ted Turner the computer colorization process, and you can only wish you could wash the color off.

Turner, the man who brought us superstation WTBS and the Cable News Network, is determined to indiscriminately spray paint on the more than 100 black and white films his concern owns.

is concern owns. It makes as much sense to decide Whistler's mother ought to be wear-ing a magenta dress or that Greta Garbo's hair should be colored blonde in Edward Steichen's famous blonde in Edward Steichen's famous 1928 black and white photograph. Many of the movies scheduled to be colored were filmed in black and

white for artistic reasons.
But why let that stand in the way of making a few bucks? Locally, the movies will be shown on WKBD-TV. Channel 50. On Hallowene, the station alred the color version of "Night of the Living Dead". Here's a list of other Illms, some with an almost cult following, that are on the colorization hit list:

"IT'S A WONDERFUL Life."
Frank Capra's 1946 Christmas card
to the world didn't do wonderfully at
the box office but, like "The Wizard
of Oz," it's managed to claim a smit
part of our hearts during the holiday
season. James Stowart plays
small-town banker on the edge of ifnancial and personal ruin. Who else
but Stowart could make us even consider believing that a bumbling

guardian angel could make him see how miscrable others would be if he had never been born?

That gloomy December night Stewart plows through the small town considering suitcle worl took any gloomier or more foresaken in color. Channel 59 airs the movie in color on Wednesday, Nov. 28.

The cast also includes Donna Reed, Llonel Barrymore, Beulah Bondi and Ward Bond. They can still be seen in glorious black and white on videocassectie.

"Casablanca" A tew years back, television tried to tamper with this one by presenting David Soul as Rich as series set in warfune Casablanca. You'd think people would learn to leave well emough alone. It died a swift, mereful death.

The color version ought to vanish just as quickly, if there's justice in the world. Somehow the thought seeing the newsreel-like maps in the beginning of the movie in added-on color doesn't sound as if it will provide new insight or pleasure, ingrained in the film makes it just about everyone's favorite movie. Here again, videocassettes will come to the rescue of a few injured sensibilities.

DISNEY, WIIICH watches over distribution and ownership of its films like the proverbial bank, added color to its 1961 comedy "Absent Minded Professor." For those who missed wearing a set of Mousketeer ears, the movie features the 1980s

favorite television dad, Fred Mac-Murray, as a slightly nutty professor who invents flubber, a substance that ultimately makes the college basketball team jump higher than the competition.

Unlike Turner, Disney was mind-





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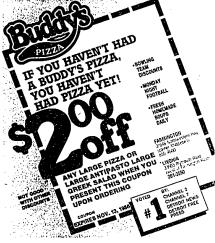
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