



LARAMIE—Principals of the east of Laramie, which appears on Channel 6 Tuesday nights, are shown above. From left to right are John Smith as Slim Sherman, Bobby Crawford Jr., his brother, Andy; Hoagy Carmichael, as Jonesy, and Robert Fuller, a native of Troy, the unpredictable cowhand. Bob didn't meet a cowboy until he was a teenager.

## Laramie's Cowboy Bob Fuller Spent His Boyhood In Troy

By JOSEPH R. SNYDER

Every Tuesday evening at 7:30 o'clock a lot of Troy Area residents symbolically join hands with millions of other Americans. They settle back in their chairs and await the unfolding of the newest chapter of "Laramie," a TV western based on frontier days in Wyoming.

While they all agree on the merits of the show, the viewers cannot see eye to eye in selecting the show's hero. Their loyalty is divided between Slim Sherman, played by John Smith, who is the young ranch owner, and Jess Harper, the traditional "fast gun" who goes about righting wrongs and who is portrayed by Bob Fuller.

Perhaps the differences in opinion can be brought to a happy conclusion, at least in this area, by stating that Jess

Harper, alias Bob Fuller, is in reality Leonard Lee Jr., a native of Troy, who was heading into his teens before he saw the West.

### Father Called "Bud"

Bob's father, Leonard Lee Sr., is more familiarly recalled in Troy as "Bud" Lee, a star basketball player in the old Troy YMCA League. He is currently an automobile service manager in Silver Spring, Md. Bob's mother is the former Marie Carboni who resides in Hollywood where she is choreographer for TV productions and thus satisfies a childhood yearning—to dance.

Bob first saw the light of Day in Samaritan Hospital on July 29, 1933. His home was at 100 1st St. There was the normal progress of infancy, then the first days of school in School 10.

Bob didn't do so well there. He was always involved in a fist fight because — well — a youngster has to make his own way at some time or other. Eventually he transferred to St. Mary's School where matters went along at a much more calm pace.

When his mother and father came to a parting of ways, Bob went with his mother to Florida. She supported herself and her son by dancing and there met

her second husband, Robert Cole, a Navy officer. There were normal intervals of school at Key West, Fla., and Hyde Park High School in Chicago.

### Goes West

His father was transferred to the West Coast and, like so many other teenagers, Bob was

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