



JOHN CHAPPELL has been wandering about the country delighting audiences for over a dozen years now. His appearances as Mark Twain "out on a raid" have kept folks in stitches in town halls and on college campuses from the Atlantic to the Pacific. He has performed on a riverboat deck, in the eye of a hurricane, and even in Samuel Langhorne Clemens' home town of Hannibal, Missouri.

John Chappell came to the stage on a merry, circuitous route involving such career and near-careers, both long-term and some rather snappy, as a cattle rancher, surveyor, dish-washer, paper-boy, groceryman, soda jerk, printer, hospital chaplain, puppeteer, and itinerant magician. Twain would have been proud. John has three degrees, ranging from mathematics and physics to theology and drama. He claims he was

excessively educated and suffering from lack of ignorance is only relieved by capricious memory. He is the author of one published play and often pretends to be writing another.

When not disguised as Mark Twain he is apt to be found on the set of a Hollywood movie wearing yet another face...his own. He co-starred with Gabe Kaplan in "Fast Break" and in the Peter Bogdanovich film "Nickelodeon". His other appearances include "Brubaker", "The Other Side of Midnight", "Buster and Billie", "The Hard Country", and the hit comedy "10". His latest film "I Was A Teenage Vampire" will be released in the summer of 1987.

Television roles have had Chappell on both sides of the law and in between. He has been a lawmaker ("Tailgunner Joe"), a succession of lawbreakers from burglar ("Hawaii Five-O") to counterfeiter ("The Rockford Files"), several lawmen and judges ("The Trial of Lee Harvey Oswald"), and, of course, a Baptist preacher ("WKRP in Cincinnati"). The current season features John on such episodes of ("Matlock"), ("Sidekicks"), ("Scarecrow and Mrs. King") and ("Nine To Five"). Perhaps his best known character however, was that of Mike DeAngelo in the series ("After Mash") — a co-starring role.

John Chappell has gathered his share of rewards from his work. He is a Kentucky Colonel. His alma mater, Wake Forest University, proclaimed him a Distinguished Graduate. A good many of his appearances are return engagements, some for the sixth and seventh time. When not marauding the public he can be found either in Pinebluff, N. Carolina, in the foothills of Hollywood, California, or cruising the Royal Viking Lines making occasional appearances as Mr. Twain. He no longer keeps a cat.