

Movie review

"Swashbuckler" - a return to action, suspense and adventure on film

by Terry Dupuis
Remember the old pirate movies, or "swashbucklers", as they used to be called? They became almost extinct in the last decades, but they previously had a long and distinguished record in movie history, going all the way back to the silent days, with Douglas Fairbanks Sr. providing action and displaying his athletic abilities in such classics as The Black Pirate and The Mark of Zorro. Then there was John Barrymore... films such as Don Juan. The champion of the swashbucklers throughout the Thirties and for much of the Forties was un-

doubtedly Errol Flynn, who thrilled action fans in movies like Captain Blood, Adventures of Robin Hood and The Sea Hawk. His successors in the Forties and Fifties included Tyrone Power, Cornel Wilde, John Derek, Richard Greene and Douglas Fairbanks, Jr.
The days of adventure and romance on the high seas live once again in a new high-budget color and cinemascoped production from Universal Pictures called, appropriately enough, Swashbuckler. Robert Shaw is well-cast in a role which would have been tailor-made for

Errol Flynn back in the old days. Olivia deHavilland is no longer young enough for the heroine in this type of movie, so taking her place is the lovely and talented Genevieve Bujold. Peter Boyle is the villain of the picture, a role which in the old days would have gone to Basil Rathbone or Henry Daniell. Since Alan Hale, Errol Flynn's sidekick in most of the Warner Brothers' pirate pictures, is long dead, that role is filled in "Swashbuckler" by James Earl Jones.
However I think that the most entertaining performance in the whole

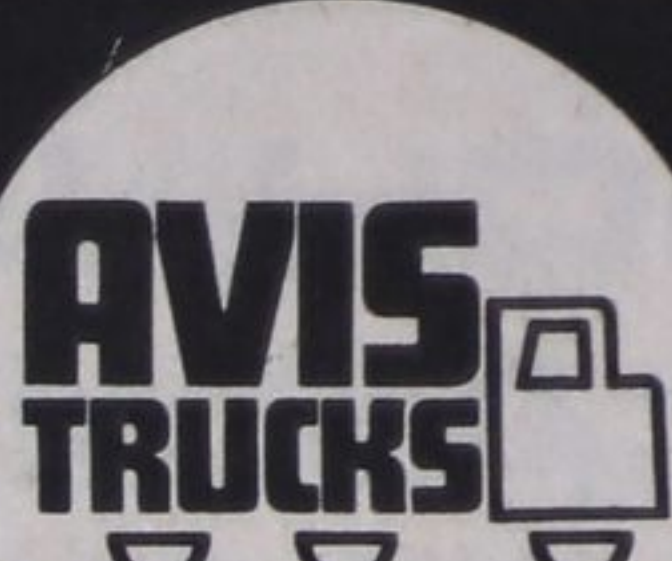
movie is the one by Beau Bridges as Major Folly, a zealous but bungling young officer. Bridges steals every scene that he appears in, and I was sorry the script did not use his talent more often. He has what really amounts to a supporting role.
Nevertheless, "Swashbuckler" is a highly enjoyable movie, and a healthy indication that the cinema is once again returning to the older days of movie making when movies had action, adventure, romance, suspense and humour - in other words, a plot. Some people may call happy endings

"escapism" but I personally feel that they were psychologically healthy. We need more of them today, and "Swashbuckler" is a good start.
"Swashbuckler" is now playing at the Odeon Theatre in Midland.
"Bug"
Beginning tonight at the Pen Theatre is a scary little horror flick called

"Bug". The insects referred to in the title are a sort of cockroach-like creature. They emerge from deep within the earth, they live on the exhaust fume from automobiles, and they spit fire. This suspense shocker was made by William Castle, a producer-director who is by no means new to the

horror field. In the past he has made such hits as Macabre, House On Haunted Hill, The Tingler, 13 Ghosts and Mr. Sardonicus. So he knows how to scare an audience, and in "Bug" he delivers

The second feature playing with "Bug" at the Pen tonight is "Survive". This double bill continues for the next four evenings, Saturday is the last night.



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Gift fair slated for Thanksgiving

The Quilt and Rug Fair people are hard at work again in Simcoe County. This year, the Simcoe County Arts and Crafts Association (SCACA) is producing its first "Gift Fair" to be held on Thanksgiving weekend at the Simcoe County Museum, Midhurst.
The Gift Fair idea stemmed from the immense success of last year's Quilt and Rug Fair, which was attended by an estimated 7,000 visitors. Many of these visitors commented on the diversity of crafts presented, saying they could hardly see some of the smaller items because of crowding.

The focus has been on encouraging the development of good design and workmanship, the development of the artisan's ability. The Gift Fair, as a complement to the Quilt and Rug Fairs, offers another showcase for the fellowship and talents shared by members of SCACA.
The Gift Fair will take place in the Cultural Wing of the Simcoe County

Museum at Midhurst, on Hwy 26 just north of Barrie. Hours will be from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., on Oct. 9, 10 and 11. Regular Museum admission will apply.
Free parking is available at the Museum and at the Simcoe County Administration Centre across the highway. The Cafeteria in the Centre will be open and serving Thanksgiving dinner;

snacks will be available at a stand in the Museum grounds. Picnic tables will be provided.
Inquiries about the gift Fair may be made to Mrs. Joan Ashton, 48 Blake St., Barrie, 726-4712; or to Mrs. Eleanor Anderson, 341-4th St., W., Collingwood, 445-0163.

This year those smaller items, and some of the larger, will be presented on their own. The Gift Fair will include arts and crafts priced from 25c to \$50.00. The categories include art, candles, ceramics, hooking and needlecraft, jewellery and metalwork, leathercraft, pottery, rope arts, spinning and weaving, toys and dolls, and a Boutique section for all those delightful crafts that don't fit into other categories. There will also be a selection of crafts books for sale.

The work offered for sale will be hand-made by members of SCACA. The workers and demonstrators at the Fair will be, as usual, volunteer members of SCACA. It is projects like the Gift Fair that illustrate the vitality that has kept SCACA going for close to thirty years.

A primary goal of SCACA has been to promote arts and crafts in Simcoe County; to preserve the pioneer crafts that were so important to life in days gone by; and to encourage the development of new forms of arts and crafts. Always the em-



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