



I've got it

Members of the MSS alumni team planned this dramatic play for the last minutes of the MSS Seniors vs. Alumni game. Being carried down the floor is

Lloyd Farquar, 1956 graduate of MSS. He did manage to sink the basket, but the two points weren't enough to make a difference.

Staff photo

# An interesting assessment of Canada in guide

Fodor—the travellers' Bible, has zeroed in on Canada.

It's interesting to read an assessment of one's own country written by an inspection team that has produced guidebooks for almost every country in the world.

Perhaps you may not have thought of Canada as a country to which tourists come. They do. Thirty two million Americans annually comprise our biggest proportion of visitors, and most of these head for Ontario. A large number of Britons visited Canada last year, and the next largest group is from Germany. After them come the Japanese.

Most of Canada's tourism, however comes from Canadians travelling in their own country.

How do we look through the Fodor lens? "If an American were parachuted into almost any Canadian city today, it might take him some time to realize that he was in a foreign country," says Peter Hopkirk and Patrick O'Leary in their introductory chapter. They add: "it is this fear of being mistaken for Americans rather than any wish to assert themselves as Canadians that induces many of them to wear a maple leaf insignia on lapel,

rucksack or car whenever they travel abroad."

According to Messrs. Hopkirk and O'Leary, we have made our mark in the world as international peacekeepers.

"There are few developing countries where Canadian doctors, teachers, or technicians have not set foot representing Government university or church."

In general, Canada is characterized as a country of incredible (to Europeans) size where tipping is mandatory, public telephone service is good and drinking is regarded as sinful.

"Liquor stores are vast and forbidding with rows of quart bottles..." guarded by morose men who look like reformed alcoholics. In the province of Quebec, this illusion is heightened by the name of the dispensing body over the door: "Societe des Alcools."

Historical notes (up to 1975) are included in the opening pages and there's

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a whole chapter on the arts in Canada.

"A real cultural explosion is taking place in Canada, traceable to the artistic ferment from dozens of different nationalities and traditions working at their arts in a new and vast land with apparently limitless horizons."

According to Fodor, two people can travel in Canada on a basic budget of about \$50 a day.

"Tipping will be a big extra."

You'll be glad to hear that "Canadians are by and large friendly people who enjoy meeting foreigners and treat them well...polite and gracious in service positions, and theirs is one of the cleanest countries in the world."

The best way to meet Canadians, says Fodor, is to take part in their

favorite activities. "They are a very socially minded nation."

Fodor-equipped visitors to our area (not specifically referred to as Huronia) will find Midland characterised as "another pretty port town, the site of St. Marie Among the Hurons...at Midland's Little Lake Park, a full scale replica of a Huron Village adjoins the Historic Huronia

Museum, The Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre on the outskirts is a 2,500 acre wildlife haven."

Further: "At Penetanguishene three miles northeast of Midland you can tour the antique filled Officers Quarters, garrison reserve and work areas."

The Bavarian House is the only eatery suggested locally.

The nearest hotel accommodation listed is in Barrie, The Bayshore Motor Inn and the Centennial Inn.

Appended to the back of the book is a short tourist

oriented French-English vocabulary. Says Fodor, "To make the acquaintance of the Quebecois or old Acadians, a working knowledge of French is an absolute necessity, everywhere except the large cities."

As Fodor notes, us.

Canadians spend a lot of time visiting each other, and his guide to Canada would be useful for an Easterner visiting the West or vice versa. But even if you're travelling in your own country, it's still fun to read about ourselves as others see us.

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## Futuristic thriller

by Terry Dupuis

Now playing at the Odeon Theatre in Midland is a new futuristic thriller called Damnation Alley. It is a doomsday tale in the tradition of such movies as No Blade of Grass and Panic In The Year Zero.

Set in the near-future, Damnation Alley stars Jan-Michael Vincent and George Peppard as Air Force officers assigned to a strategic spot in the United States' defense system. Without warning, but take part in, the destruction of civilization.

Fade out. Then fade in two years later. We learn that the Third World War ripped the earth from its axis. As radiation levels subside, a tiny band of survivors ventures from the underground defense base to discover what has become of the world.

Their trek across the radically altered landscape of the earth forms the basis of the story. These survivors travel in two vehicles called Land Masters, machines which are capable of moving in almost any terrain.

The technical aspects of Damnation Alley are the movie's most impressive feature. They include weirdly-coloured sky and landscape backgrounds, a violent sandstorm, a tidal wave, giant sand crabs and an army of flesh-eating cockroaches.

Damnation Alley marks George Peppard's first movie role in several years. He is quite good as the tough officer who is Streak. It stars Gene Wilder in his best role to

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date as an exhausted book the leader of the survival expedition. And Jan-Michael Vincent, the star of the popular White Line Fever and Baby Blue Marine, chalks up another major credit in Damnation Alley.

Also cast in important roles in Damnation Alley are French actress Dominique Sanda, actor Paul Winfield, best known as the father in the movie Souther, and Jackie Earle Haley, one of the kids from The Bad News Bears.

Damnation Alley starts tonight at the Odeon Theatre in Midland, and it begins next Wednesday at the Pen Theatre in Penetang.

Opening tonight at the Pen for a four-evening run is one of my 10 personal favourite movies of last year, The Silver

publisher who travels across country on an express train hoping for some quiet and relaxation. But he soon finds himself up to his neck in romance, murder and intrigue.

Costarring with Wilder in the movie is Jill Clayburgh, the skilled new comedienne who appeared as Carole Lombard in the film Gable and Lombard, and who is currently starring with Burt Reynolds and Kris Kristofferson in Semi-Tough.

Also on the same program with The Silver Streak is an action comedy called Thunder And Lightning, with David ("Kung Fu") Carradine and Kate Jackson, one of television's "Charlie's Angels".

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