

Policeman

Wicker Man hero is too good to be true

When you begin reading *The Wicker Man* by Robin Hardy and Anthony Shaffer, you may find the hero, Neil Howie, is just too good to be true. He's a Scottish policeman, a devout Episcopalian, and a great detail man who gets most of his jollies from birdwatching. He certainly doesn't get a smidge of smug from his sweet heart, to whom he's been engaged for years.

So far they've exchanged nothing more than a few chaste kisses. Hardly a hero for our times, but when Howie travels to Summerisle, a private island where sexual morals appear to be frightfully loose, the reason for the overdrawn virtue in the first few chapters becomes clear. Howie goes to Summerisle to investigate a

report on a missing child. The clash of his stern moralistic views, with the pagan life style on Summerisle is all a bit much for Howie. He particularly rages against the heathen worship of the gods of harvest and fecundity. Too late, Howie finds that he himself is doomed to be part of the pagan celebration. To tell more of the story

would destroy the suspense, and this book is full of suspense. The climax is truly terrifying and a shocker after the bucolic wine women and song-soaked flavour of the intervening pages. It's a good, chilling story, set in a paradise whose evil undertones are scarcely believable. *The Wicker Man* has been made into a film

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which has been called the best horror film to come out of England in 30 years. Anthony Shaffer, co-writer with Robin Hardy is no stranger to this genre. He's been responsible for *Frenzy* and *Sleuth*. The investigation by Dorothy Uhnak is an equally gripping book set in the more realistic world of New York City. The story begins when Kitty Keeler—a ravishingly beautiful and very unconventional mother, reports that her two children are missing. Her stolid (and estranged) husband is totally distraught by the disappearance, and when the bodies of the two little boys are found, the investigation takes on more serious overtones. Sergeant Joe Peters is in charge of the investigation, and he tells the story in fast-moving first person. Peters falls in love with Kitty Keeler and is determined to prove her innocence. The trail leads through political machinations, mafia involvements and inter departmental rivalries in the police department. The investigation is written with realistic dialogue and a good feeling of big city ceracity throughout. No wonder. The writer Dorothy Uhnak is a native New Yorker who was a police officer in that city for 14 years. She writes with a

woman's eye for details of feminine guile and style, but with an insider's skill in depicting the painstaking (and sometimes heart-breaking) grind of a police investigation. *The Investigation* by Dorothy Uhnak and *The Wicker Man* by Robin Hardy and Anthony Shaffer—two hefty books for a good summer read. *The Investigation*, by D. Uhnak. Musson Pub. \$11.95 hardcover. (Now available in paperback.) *The Wicker Man*, by Robin Hardy and Anthony Shaffer Crown Pub. \$11.50 (distributed by General Pub.)

Tykes trounce opposition

Midland Tykes embarrassed their opponents again Wednesday in a York-Simcoe Baseball Association

league game in Flesherton. Coach Ken Proulx said his team won by "a large amount of runs with all

players getting some much needed hitting and running energy. This is the second time Midland has totally

outclassed another team in league play. Last week they defeated Barrie 25-0 in their season opener.

Housecalls

Matthau, Jackson stroke of genius

by Terry Dupuis

House Calls: Although he has appeared in films for 25 years now, Walter Matthau did not become a box office star until 1966. That was the year he won an Academy Award for his performance as Jack Lemmon's crooked lawyer brother-in-law in a movie called *The Fortune Cookie*. Since that time Matthau has remained one of the screen's most dependable actors, particularly in comedies like *The Odd Couple*, *Pete and Tullie*, and *Bad News Bears*.

Once again Walter Matthau appears in top form in his latest comedy, a picture called *House Calls*. Matthau alone would make the picture hilarious, but the other good news about *House Calls* is that his co-star is Glenda Jackson. Glenda is no slouch herself in the comedy department, as she proved five years ago in her Academy Award-winning performance in *A Touch of Class*.

Casting Matthau and Jackson together was a stroke of genius. Their teaming in *House Calls* results in the best comedy I've seen so far this year.

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Matthau portrays a widower surgeon at a Los Angeles hospital. After the grief of his wife's death subsides, he decides to become a swinger. His romantic target is a divorced career woman who bakes super-gourmet cheese-cake. This role is played by Glenda Jackson in her best brittle style.

Contributing to the overall hilarity of *House Calls* is a performance by Art Carney as the senile chief-of-staff at the hospital. Carney, of course, was Jackie Gleason's sidekick for years. He also holds an Academy Award for his memorable acting in *Harry and Tonto*.

Director Howard Zieff keeps things moving briskly in *House Calls*. But with the combined talents of three Oscar winners like Matthau, Jackson and Carney, there was little chance that he could go wrong.

Julia Several months ago I

did a detailed review of a movie called *Julia*, which I had seen in Toronto. I would like to bring it to reader attention that this fine drama has finally arrived to our area. *Julia* tells a true-life story about the friendship between playwright Lillian Hellman (superbly played by Jane Fonda) and her best

childhood friend Julia. This latter role won Vanessa Redgrave an Oscar last month for Best Supporting Actress. *Julia* covers a number of years, but most of it is set back in the 30's around the time of the Nazi takeover in Germany. There is another Oscar-winning performance in it by Jason Robards. This haunting and memorable drama was nominated for 11 Academy Awards and it rated highly in my 10 Best of the Year list back in December.

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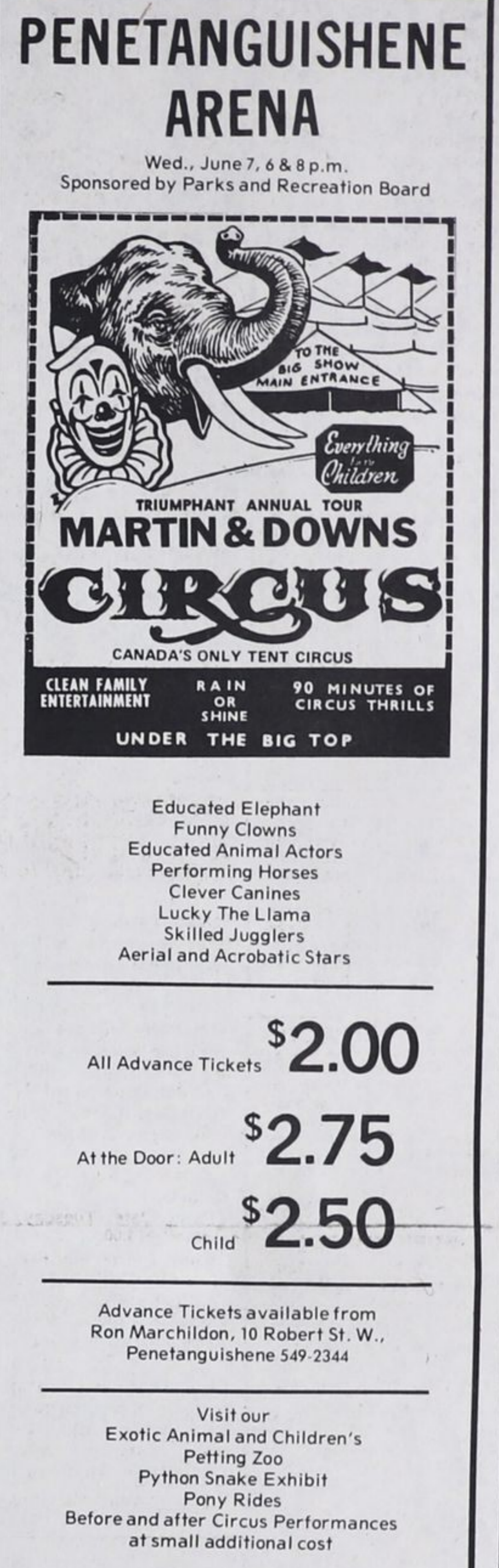
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Dated at Collingwood, this 17th day of May, 1978.

Constance Marie Ough, wife of the late Richard Thomas Ough, by her solicitors, Shaw, McLellan & Melitzer, 104A Hurontario Street, P.O. Box 280, Collingwood, Ontario, L9Y 3Z5 W39-W43

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DEATHS

Archer-Ashton—At the Penetang General Hospital on Sunday May 21, 1978. Ashton Archer of Elmvale in his 69th year. Beloved Husband of Effie Hall. Dear Father of Janet (Mrs. H. French) and Rosemarie of Elmvale, Jean of Collingwood, Doris (Mrs. R. Nurcombe) of Phepston, Alice (Mrs. D. Grant) of Stayner, Diane (Mrs. P. Farnham) of Grande Centre, Alberta and Doug of Wyeval. Also survived by 13 Grandchildren. Brother of Colonel, Albert John, Wilber, Sadie Jones, Ruth Johnson, Lush and the late Merle Erick Harold, George, Doug and Webster Archer. The Funeral Service was held at the James H. Lynn Funeral Home Elmvale on Tuesday May 23 at 3:30 p.m. Interment Elmvale Cemetery. 43

Robillard—The family of the late Russell Robillard would like to express sincere thanks to friends, neighbours, relatives and pallbearers for kindness shown to us during the recent loss of a loving husband, father, and grandfather. Your thoughtfulness will always be remembered. Helen Robillard and family. 43

I would like to thank my friends and relatives for the many cards, flowers, and fruits and gifts while I was in hospital. A special thanks to the nursing staff at Penetang General and to Doctor J. McKenzie, and Doctor Dolezel. Gladly Agar. 43

We would like to express our sincere thanks to everyone who assisted in the accident involving our son, Ray, on Saturday, May 30. Your concern was greatly appreciated. Stew and Lorraine Millar. 43

Charles Kenney and I would like to thank the community and our friends from St. John's United Church for the lovely gifts we received at the recent shower held in our honour. They are very much appreciated. Kathleen Lake 43

To the people of St. Patrick's Parish and the surrounding neighbours, Charlie and I would like to thank you for the lovely shower of gifts you gave us in our honour of our forthcoming marriage. They are very much appreciated. Charles Kenney and Kathleen Lake 43

Truax-Margaret Ann—At the Penetang General Hospital on Sunday May 21, 1978. Margaret M. Dwinell of Waverley in her 85th year. Beloved Wife of the late James D. Truax. Dear Mother of Reg of Elmvale, Langford of Midland, Henry, Ken Roy, Dorothy (Mrs. M. Haines), Orville, Bruce, Lawrence all of Waverley, and Kathleen (Mrs. P. Eplett) of Barrie. Also survived by 66 Grandchildren and 66 Great Grandchildren. Sister of Dalton, Wes, Tom, Roy, Willy and the late Mabel, George and Gordon. The Funeral Service was held at the Waverley United Church on Tuesday May 23 at 1:30 p.m. Interment Waverley United Cemetery. Arrangements by the James H. Lynn Funeral Home Elmvale. 43

Lonsdale-Daisy—At the General and Marine Hospital, Collingwood on Wednesday May 24, 1978. Daisy McClelland of Allenwood Beach (formerly of Toronto) in her 72nd year. Beloved Wife of John Lonsdale. Dear Mother of Joyce (Mrs. E. Booker) of Winnipeg and John A. of Bramalea. Also survived by 7 Grandchildren and 1 Great Grandchild. Sister of George of Kingston, Charlie of Crossland and June Gladding of Niagara Falls. The Funeral Service was held at the James H. Lynn Funeral Home Elmvale on Saturday May 27 at 3 p.m. Interment Allenwood United Cemetery. 43

Hobson-Thomas B. — retired from Department of Highways, at the Penetanguishene General Hospital, Sunday, May 28, 1978. Thomas Hobson of Elmvale, in his 71st year. Beloved husband of Dorothy Archer. Dear father of Ronald Thomas of Mississauga and Brenda (Mrs. R. Wright) of Perkinfield. Also survived by nine grandchildren. The funeral service was held at the James H. Lynn Funeral Home, Elmvale, on Tuesday, May 30, at 2 p.m. Interment Elmvale cemetery. Rev. A. Kirk officiating clergy. 43

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