

Movie review

by Terry Dupuis

One of the biggest movie hits of 1976 was a supernatural thriller called "The Omen". Gregory Peck and Lee Remick starred in it as the foster parents of a child who turns out to be the Anti-christ, the son of Satan, which was predicted in a biblical prophecy. At the end of that movie, the parents and any others who had discovered the true identity of the child Damien were dead. But six-year-old Damien was still very much alive, leaving the way open for a sequel.

Two years later, the sequel has now been released. The new movie is called "Damien", and it has been subtitled "Omen II" to make certain that moviegoers will realize it is a sequel.

The sequel has a completely new cast, since Peck, Remick and the other leads in "The Omen" were all killed off. "Omen II" also has a different child actor playing the part of Damien, since the new story is taking place some seven years after the events of the first picture.

In the new Omen movie, Damien is now a boy of 13. He has been adopted by his late father's brother, a rich industrialist played by William Holden. Holden also has a son from a previous marriage who is about Damien's age. Lee Grant plays Holden's second wife.

The main plot of the movie is launched when Damien and his step-brother are sent to a military academy as cadets. As in the earlier movie, any one who opposes Damien or who gets too close to the truth meets with a violent death. And "Damien-Omen II" contains violent deaths aplenty. I counted a full dozen of them throughout the course of the movie.

"Omen II" is lively undemanding entertainment for viewers who enjoy supernatural thrillers. And it benefits from the presence of a good cast. This film marks William Holden's first horror movie, and he does quite well. Like Peck in the earlier film, Holden imparts authority to his role and provides a focal point of realistic identification for the audience amidst all the spooky goings-on.

Also giving good accounts of themselves in the cast are Lee Grant; veteran actress Sylvia Sydney as Holden's elderly aunt; and Lew Ayres, the screen's original Dr. Kildare, as a family friend.

Institute meets in October

by Mrs. John Brown
The Presbyterian Church at Elmvalle will be the location for the Simcoe Area Women's Institute Convention on October 16 and 17. The executive met to make the plans to carry out the theme "Strengthening the Family Unit", and deal with the necessary business.

The provincial president, Mrs. C. Diamond, will be attending for the first time since assuming her office. She will be the speaker on the first afternoon.

The Home Economists Miss Jane Sills and Mrs. Barbara McArthur outlined the courses that are available for the Seniors and the 4-H this year. They reminded the ladies of the first one "The Microwave". It is June the 20th at Consumers Gas Barrie, June 21 at the Midland Legion and June 22 at Bond Head Community Hall. These are open to everyone at no charge.

The blocks for the signature quilts have been collected and one completed top was on display. The finished products will be displayed at Area Functions and also at the Museum at Midhurst.

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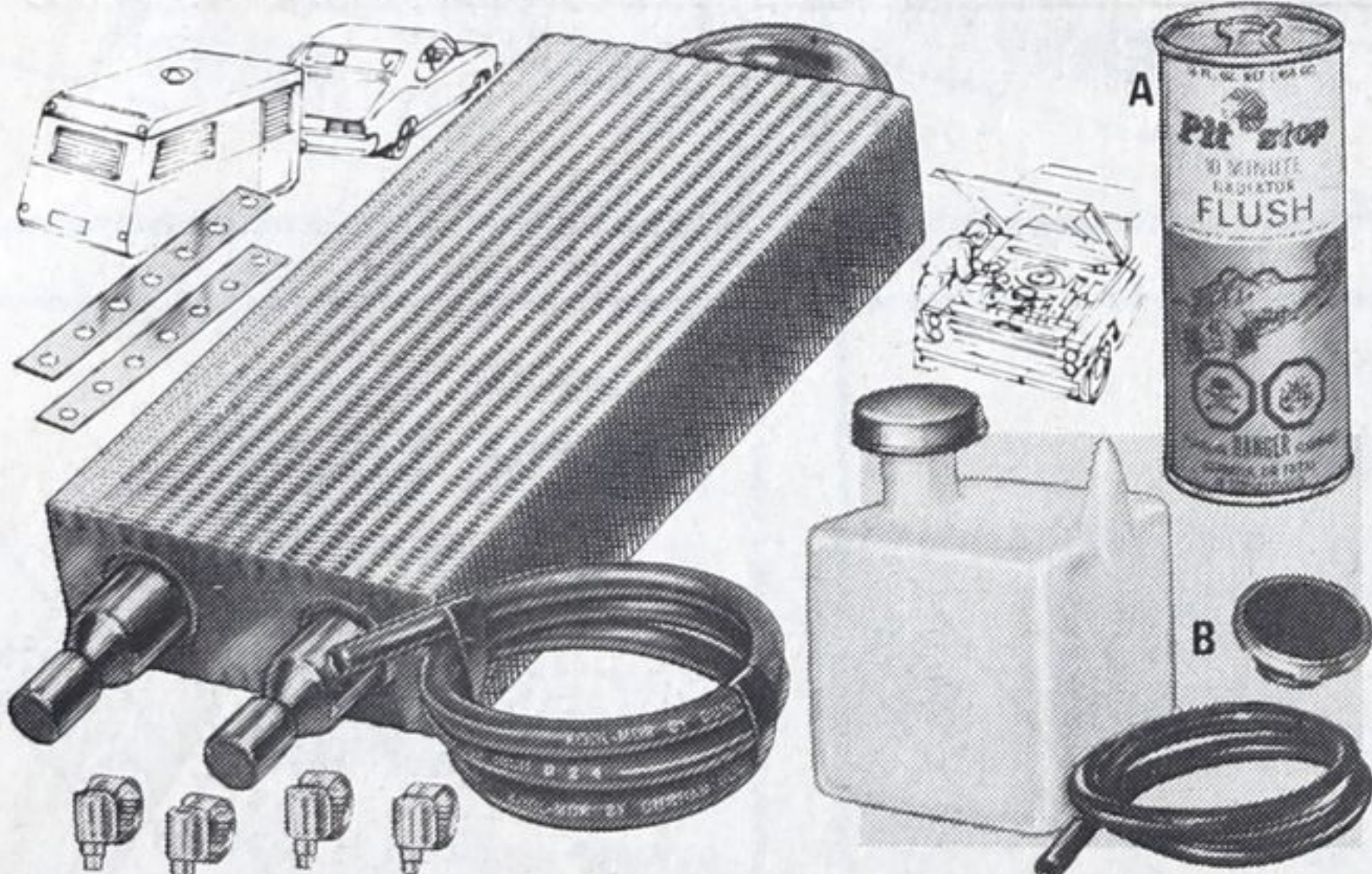


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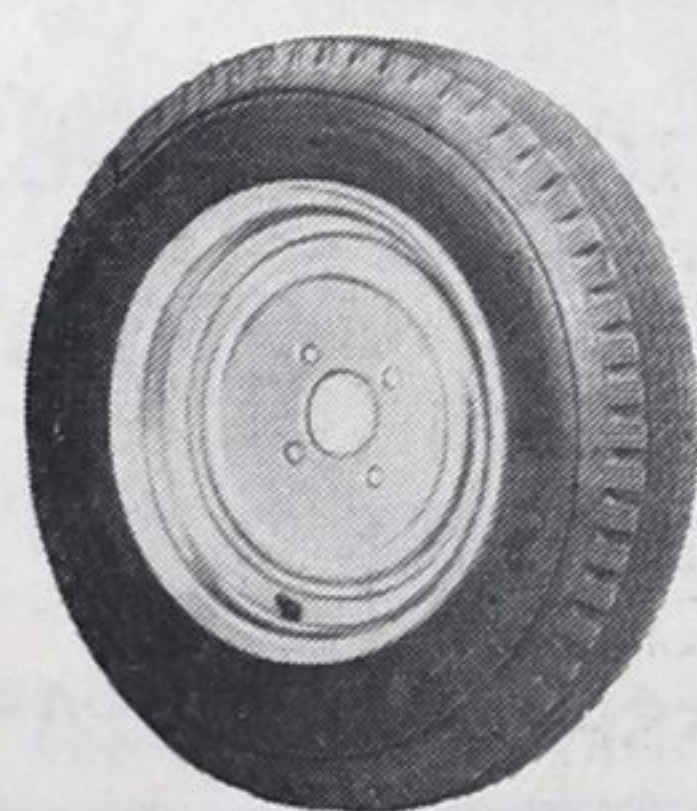
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