

Back Roads, Raging Bull

two worthwhile films to see

Two very worthwhile first-run movies are due to be played in our area.

One is a comedy drama featuring one of the screen's most talented actresses. The other is a drama about a real-life boxer featuring a blockbuster Academy Award performance by Robert DeNiro.

The comedy drama is Back Roads, and it reunites actress Sally Field with director Martin Ritt. They were the team who scored a triumph two years ago with Norma Rae, a drama about a textile factory in the Deep South. Back Roads is more lightweight than their previous collaboration, but is equally entertaining, and it provides Ms. Field with another memorable role.

Back Roads should also help to further propel the career of Fields' co-star, Tommy Lee Jones.

After such flops as The Betsy and The Eyes of Laura Mars, Jones had a huge hit last year playing opposite Sissy Spacek in The Coal Miners' Daughter. Back Roads gives the actor his second substantial role, and he and Sally Field make a good co starring team.

Back Roads is a bittersweet comedy about two of life's losers who meet up one night in the red light district of Mobile, Alabama. Amy (Sally Field) is a prostitute who has often dreamed of escaping her environment.

Elmer Pratt (Tommy Lee Jones) is a character without roots who is a sometimes boxer.

But he always ends up taking money to throw the fight. He too has a notion that leaving the South and going to California may be the answer.

So Amy and Elmer decided to thumbtrip their way to California together. Most of the movie is about their trip and the series of adventures and various characters they meet up with along the way.

Much of it is funny, and occasionally touching.

Besides the engaging team work of Sally Field and Tommy Lee Jones, there is a nice cameo role by David Keith as a young sailor who gives them a lift. And Back Roads is well-directed by Martin Ritt, who ranks as one of Hollywood's best.

Raging Bull is directed by another Martin - Martin Scorsese. Of all the professional sports, none has received more extensive screen treatment over the years than the sport of boxing.

a fictitious character.

Raging Bull is the story of Jake LaMotta, a professional prize fighter who spent 13 years in the ring. From June 16, 1949 to February 14, 1951 he was the middleweight champion of the world. During his career he won more than a million dollars in purses.

Raging Bull is a triumph for actor Robert DeNiro, who manages to wholly subvert his own personality to totally become Jake LaMotta.

DeNiro got so involved in the realism of his role that he even put on 50 pounds to portray the prizefighter in his later years. DeNiro's is a totally honest and devastating performance. There are no false bids to the audience for sympathy.

It is not surprising that DeNiro won this year's Oscar for Best Performance by an Actor.

OPP District happenings

Elmvale OPP investigated four separate accidents this past week, three of which resulted in charges.

The first accident happened April 15 at the corner of Yonge and Stone Streets in Elmvale. Involved were Peerke Van-Stam and Sylvia Day, both of Elmvale.

Police say the collision came about after Ms. Day reportedly failed to yield the right of way at the corner to Van Stam. Ms. Day was charged by police with failing to yield.

Damage to the Van Stam car was set at \$800 and to the Day car, \$300. Two accidents took place Easter Sunday the first in Balm Beach and the other at Fergusonvale.

John Jussila of Perkinsfield was driving his motorcycle on First Street in Balm Beach when it hit a wet spot on the road, went out of control and upset.

There was no damage to the bike, police report, but Jussila received a badly broken leg.

Police also charged him with having no plates on the motorcycle and driving while under suspension.

The Fergusonvale collision occurred last Saturday between vehicles driven by Greg Adair of Barrie and Herbert Jones of Scarboro.

Police say the accident happened while Jones was attempting to pass Adair on Highway 27.

Damage to the Adair car was \$1,500. The Jones car received \$700 damage. Police charged Adair with making an improper left turn.

The last accident of the week happened Easter Sunday.

Police say a car driven by Geraldine Poravko of Carleton Place went into a ditch on County Road 19 near Concession 3-4 of Medonte.



Hillsdale's past

Many of our Senior Citizens from the Hillsdale area will recognize this glimpse into bygone days. Shown here is Rumble's General Store, Bakery

and Flour and Feed store as it was in 1919. Thanks go out to Mr. Jim Davenport of Hillsdale for this pleasant trip down memory lane.

Choral Society Spring Concert

Elmvale and District Choral Society have set the date for this year's spring concert, so residents can look forward to hearing the group May 14 and 15 in Huronia Centennial School in the village.

No theme has been decided on by the group as yet but the type of music to be heard both nights will be a good number of folk songs from different countries around the world as well as the usual gospel and fun numbers.

The program is expected to get underway at 8 p.m. both Thursday and Friday evening and will last approximately one-and-a-half hours.

Scheduled to direct the show is Mr. Ray Currie and Mary Ritchie, with the assistance of Mr. Lou Fancy, will be the accompanist.

According to Carrie Nesbitt, President of the group, the 59 or so singers have been practising their music since January, in an effort to equal last year's.

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