

# O'Hara's Wife

## reviewer slams this shoddy flick

**Movie review**

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In recent years there has been the odd case of a movie which was made for theatrical release going directly to television.

Even rarer is the case of a movie which was made for television going into the theatres instead.

But this seems to have been the case with a recent theatrically shown movie called **O'Hara's Wife**. At least, it had the look of a made-for-television movie. It's cast seemed to consist of almost all television people, including Ed Asner, Mariette Hartley and Tom Bosley. It had a short running time of less than 90 minutes, and it had pauses in the plot where you might imagine three or four commercials would be slipped in.

The O'Hara of the title was Los Angeles lawyer played by Ed Asner. Asner, of course, is best known as television's Lou Grant. And he plays O'Hara exactly the same way he plays his famous television alter ego. O'Hara's wife is played by Mariette Hartley, who is most famous for all those Polaroid commercials with James Garner. Hartley bids fair in **O'Hara's Wife** to becoming the new Doris Day.

The plot of **O'Hara's Wife** has the professional couple planning to take their long-awaited and much-needed vacation. The only thing is that Mrs. O'Hara suddenly takes some kind of a seizure in the midst of their packing.

O'Hara and his son and daughter are told that Mrs. O'Hara will always remain in an unconscious state, kept alive only through the use of an artificial machine.

So the O'Hara's reluctantly decide to suspend her life support system. The grieving Mr. O'Hara returns to his empty house but he constantly finds himself confronted by his wife's ghost. Apparently, though, he is the only one who can see her. At first O'Hara thinks he is losing his mind, but gradually he comes to realize that this is truly happening.

Mrs. O'Hara continues to advise him on major decisions, as she had in the past. She encourages him to quit his job and go on a long vacation and she persuades him to make up with their alienated teenage son. That's basically the plot of this unoriginal and uneven comedy drama. The film is never certain whether it is supposed to go for the audience's funnybones or its' tear ducts. And it ends up going nowhere.

This movie is also unimaginative and very sloppily made.

There are at least four scenes in this movie in which an overhanging microphone is clearly seen in the frame.

Why this movie would even be made for television is hard enough to fathom. But that is should be shown theatrically to a paying audience is almost beyond belief.



## Insurance covered public works fire expense

Replacement value insurance saved the town of Penetanguishene from what might have been a crippling loss of over

\$700,00 in the fire which destroyed the Public Works shed and its contents last spring.

Equipment and contents of

Penetanguishene's Public Works Department has now been completely replaced and as soon as the new building is erected the Department will be restored to its normal operation.

In a report to council from Public Works Committee Chairman Ray Baker, he noted that the municipality suffered little financial loss in last year's fire, because it held insurance that covered the new replacement value of the equipment lost.

A net cost of \$72,510 above the costs covered by insurance was

assumed by the town, because the building will be rebuilt beyond replacement value. The building was insured for \$152,506 and the upgraded building will cost \$226,106 on completion.

Total expenses arising from the Public Works shed fire were \$733,160.32.

In his report Baker noted that "full cooperation was received from the insurance adjuster and the companies at all times" and expressed appreciation to the insurance company of Frank Cowan Company Ltd

## County immunization program

With the passage of the "Immunization of School Pupils" Act it became compulsory for school children to be fully immunized against six common communicable diseases—diphtheria, tetanus, polio, measles, mumps and rubella (German Measles).

Phase 1 of the Simcoe County program, the immunization of all children entering kindergarten over the past 2 years, is now complete. The Health

Unit reports that 6,432 or virtually 100 percent of all children born in 1977 and 1978 are either fully immunized or have been exempted for medical or religious reasons.

Next step: Phase 2—The immunization of all children born in 1976, 1972, 1971 and 1970.

According to Health Unit records, approximately 91 percent of these children are already fully immunized. The Health Unit is contacting

parents of all children born in these years who still require immunization.

Under the Immunization Act, the Medical Officer of Health may order the suspension from school of any child who is not fully immunized or who has not been exempted for medical or religious reasons. Suspension from school for children born in 1976, 1972, 1971 and 1970 who are not fully immunized or exempted has been set for May 7th, 1984.

The Health Unit reports that the County immunization program is proceeding on schedule. All reports indicate that the majority of children in

the County are fully immunized. This is due to the support and cooperation amongst parents, physicians, school authorities, and Health Unit staff. Continued efforts will ensure that every child in the County is protected.

Any parents of children who have not been immunized or who require catch-up or booster shots should see their family doctor or consult their local Health Unit office regarding immunization clinics in schools in their area. Note that the Health Unit must have a record of all immunizations.

Immunization is important. It protects

## Police beat

Three local men were charged under the Narcotics Control Act by Penetanguishene police last week.

Edward Holmes of Perkinsfield was charged with possession of a narcotic on Feb. 22. He was released until a March 5 court appearance.

Dennis Gravel of Midland was charged on Feb. 23 with possession of a narcotic for the purpose of trafficking and also awaits a March 5 court date.

Richard Ernest Dorion of Penetanguishene was charged on Feb. 25 with possession of a narcotic and was taken to Barrie to await a bail hearing.

## St. Patrick's Day dance

Mount St. Louis Parish is sponsoring a St. Patrick's Day Dance on Friday, March 16 at Orr Lake Golf Club. Dancing will be from 9 p.m. to 1 a.m. with music by Tom Crowe's band and "The Bellaires".

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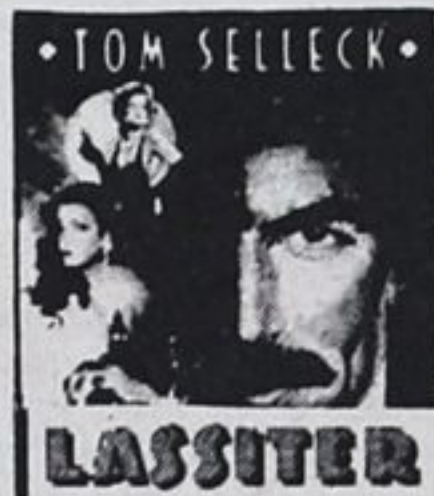
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