



The Prodigal *here's a message film you'll not want to miss*

by TERRY DUPUIS
The Prodigal is an outstanding dramatic new movie from World Wide Pictures, the same film company which made *Joni* and *The Hiding Place*. One of the most familiar parables in the Bible is the story of the prodigal son. Writer-director James Collier has used the theme of this story as a springboard for a contemporary story about a modern-day prodigal son. More than this, his movie examines the members of an entire family, as each one searches for his or her identity in a world of conflicting values and changing

lifestyles. The Prodigal examines the spiritual and emotional breakdown of the Stuart family, a well-to-do middle class American family who seem on the surface to have everything which life has to offer. But this is only on the surface. The channels of communication have been steadily eroding over the years to the point where this family's relationships with each other has absolutely deteriorated. There is Elton Stuart, the head of the family. He is a hard-working insurance executive who has been so

preoccupied over his business throughout the years that he has spent little time with his wife and two sons. Elton Stuart has not neglected his family in any material sense, but he has been negligent in the area of developing close relationships with them. Anne Stuart, the wife and mother, was formerly complacent when she had their two sons to raise. But now that the boys are grown up and not living at home, and her relationship with her husband has been somewhat neglected, she finds the time long and her life frustrating. She feels she has creative and intellectual potentials which have been untapped all her life.

Greg Stuart is the youngest son. At 21 he is still withdrawn from his family, unpredictable and rebellious. At the start of the movie we find that he has left the family and disappeared, and in effect has dropped out of society, in an attempt to find himself. When he does return to the family at the urging of his older brother he goes to the other extreme and pursues the fast life with its promises of money, sex and power. His brother Scott is quite a contrast. He is a first-year seminary student who lives in a small apartment in a ghetto area. He is deeply concerned about social ills. Although Scott is more stable than Greg, he still causes his parents much worry and annoyance because of his lifestyle. Scott in turn is deeply troubled by the lack of communication in his family and particularly by the wayward path which his younger brother is following. These are the people whose lives are so intimately probed in *The Prodigal*. And they are brought to life most vividly by a talented cast. The father is played by Broadway Tony-award winner John Callum. The mother is portrayed by Hope Lange, winner of two television Emmys.

John Hammond is outstanding as Greg, their prodigal son. Hammond is an up-and-coming young actor who made his movie debut last year in *Cross Creek*. The other brother Scott is well-played by Arliss Howard, who makes his movie debut in *The Prodigal*.

Members of the notable supporting cast include Morgan Brittany as the high fashion daughter of a tennis executive who introduces Greg to the fast life; Joey Travolta as a bad-news friend of Greg's who gets him involved in a dope smuggling enterprise; and Ian Bannen as an author who senses Hope Lange's emotional vulnerability.

The Prodigal is both an entertainment movie and a message movie, and it succeeds admirably on both levels.

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ANNOUNCEMENTS ANNOUNCEMENTS



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AN INVITATION
is extended by Midland Municipal Council to those citizens, except employees of the Municipality, who are interested in serving on one of the following:
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Persons wishing to be considered for appointment should contact the undersigned in writing by November 30th, 1984.

Those persons who have previously applied but were not appointed, please reaffirm your interest in writing.

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Community Shower for Tim and Peggy (nee Archer) LaLonde. Catholic Church, Elmvale Oct. 18 8:00 p.m. Money to be left at Campbell's. 83,85

The Village Door (Elmvale) would like you to help celebrate their 1st Anniversary Saturday, Oct. 20th. Free sandwiches, cake & beverages. 83

The children of Clifford and Evelyn Irish would like to invite relatives and friends to an Open House on Sunday, Oct. 21, 2-4 p.m. at Vasey United Church, in honour of their 45th Wedding Anniversary. Best wishes only. 83

COMING EVENTS

The Willing Workers of Elmvale Presbyterian Church will hold their annual Luncheon Bazaar on Saturday, November 17th, 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. at the church. 83

Reverend Stan Dyer of Wyevalle will be guest speaker at Wyevalle United Church at the 11:30 a.m. service on October 21st. A social hour will follow. Reverend Dyer will give a slide presentation and documentary of Japan. Friends invited to attend. 83

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IN MEMORIAM

Archer, Clifford
We watched him suffer day by day,
It caused us bitter grief

To see him slowly pine away
And could not give relief.

His weary hours and days of pain,
His troubled nights are past,
And in our aching hearts we know

He has found sweet rest at last.
The Family 83

BIRTHS

JOEY'S LITTLE BROTHER
The Playne production company proudly presents the new 1984 model Matthew Ryan featuring an 8 pd. 3 oz. body, free running water and a changeable padded seat. This beauty was released at 9 a.m., Sept. 22, 1984. Design engineer - Michael Playne and production engineer Veronica Playne give special thanks to the quality control staff at Penetang General Hospital (Maternity Division) and Technical Director Dr. C. Charron for monitoring production and prompting release. Management guarantees no further models this year. 83

Casey; Steve and Pat are proud to announce the birth of their son Adam born Wed., Oct. 10, 1984. Proud Grandparents Tom and Vera Casey and Lou and Kay Pipshugz. 83

DEATHS

James Archibald McGibbon died suddenly October 5, 1984 in Cherry Hill, New Jersey, at the age of 66. He was born June 14, 1918, the son of the late Archie and Mary E. McGibbon.

Sister of Mary Cargie of New Jersey and Helen Baines of Toronto. Half-brother of Charles of Oshawa.

Sadly missed by adoring nephews Peter and Paul. 81

Neuen, David Paul - suddenly at Midland, on Saturday, October 13, 1984, in his 24th year. David Paul Neuen, beloved son of Carl and Maxine Neuen of Midland. Dear brother of Dan and Lori, both at home. Funeral service was held at the James H. Lynn Funeral Home, 290 First Street, Midland, on Monday, October 15 at 11 a.m. Interment Lakeview Cemetery, Midland. In Memoriam donations to the Home and Foreign Missions of the Christian and Missionary Alliance Church would be appreciated by the family. 83

GRAVETT -Mary Elizabeth. At the Villa Community Care Centre on Wednesday, October 10, 1984. Mary Elizabeth Gravett of Orr Lake, in her 107th year. Beloved Wife of the late Michael McTague and George Gravett. Dear Mother of Helen (Mrs. J. Layden) and Douglas McTague, Dorothy (Mrs. G. Matchett) and Doris (Mrs. H. Laughlin) both of Orr Lake, Delores (Mrs. A. Hallyburton) of Hillsdale and the late Nora Howell, Delbert and Fred McTague. Lovingly remembered by her many Grandchildren, Great Grandchildren and Great Great Grandchildren.

The Funeral Mass was held at Our Lady of Lourdes Church, Elmvale on Friday, October 12 at 2 p.m. Interment St. Margaret's Cemetery, Midland.

Arrangements by the James H. Lynn Funeral Home, Elmvale. 83

Extension group winners

Three persons won goodies from the Catholic Church Extension group Oct. 9. Cecile Parent of Gignac Drive, Penetanguishene won the afghan, Charlie

Playne of Sunnyside won an oil painting and Melina Robitaille of Main Street, Penetanguishene won a hamper of groceries.



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