

RIDEAU REVIEW

A Maggot by John Fowles.

"In the late and last afternoon of an April long ago" is the beautiful opening line of John Fowles' latest novel. I pray thee dear reader let not this beguile thee, nor the scent of sweet violets and flowers of the may. A Maggot is a mesmerising tale of the eighteenth century, part fact and part fiction, erotic, occult and arcane, that as you read on will challenge orthodox thinking and give birth to a new faith. "More love".

JR

Ernest Hemingway. Dateline: Toronto edited by William White.

All of the 172 featured articles that Ernest Hemingway wrote for the Toronto Star from 1920 to 1924 his name unknown. Some from Toronto, others from Europe. Some very dated now e.g. rum-running, Lloyd George, Constantinople. Others much more familiar concerning sport, violence, travel, gastronomic adventures, all to be topics of his later books. He liked Canada, learned how to live comfortably in the bush, found the world's best rainbow trout fishing at the Soo and I quote the worst food I have ever eaten, over a period of three days, at Kingston, Ont. Well, we can't ask him back.

JR

Caribou by George Calef.

George Calef, a wildlife biologist, has spent over ten years observing and photographing the caribou and their yearly migrations to and from the calving grounds on the barren-lands of the Arctic tundra. One of nature's most majestic sights, stemming from time immemorial.

The photographs are superb, the text informative, but wordy and often repetitive, a book for the coffee-table rather than a reference book. Extracts appeared in the first issue of Equinox. Mr. Calef's work was sponsored by the Canadian Arctic Resources committee, an organization of citizens concerned lest the future of the caribou be jeopardized by technological development in the North.

JR

Donor by John Pekkanen.

The true story of Lisa Kelly, lovely seventeen year old killed by a hit and run driver, promises to be depressing but proves to be anything but that. In the months following Lisa's death Jo Leslie, director of the Maryland Organ Procurement Centre, works very gently to obtain permission from the grieving family to use Lisa's organs for transplant to recipients who wait desperately for a chance to live. Jo's efforts to find matching recipients for Lisa's kidneys and corneas, the hopes and fears of everyone involved make a spellbinding tale. The final chapter reveals the comfort and peace of mind that the family find after meeting Matthew, a small boy who received one of Lisa's kidneys. The author tells his story in simple unadorned language and leaves this reader with misted eyes and the consoling knowledge that we all may bestow life after death.

BS

With the Contras: A Reporter in the Wilds of Nicaragua by Christopher Dickey.

For anyone wishing to understand the news reports of events in Nicaragua this is compulsory reading. Uncomfortably filled with unfamiliar names and place names it is worth the effort to follow Mr. Dickey, a North American newspaperman on his journey into the mountains with Suicida and his men. Included are reports of the CIA's involvement in funding and efforts to control the contras.

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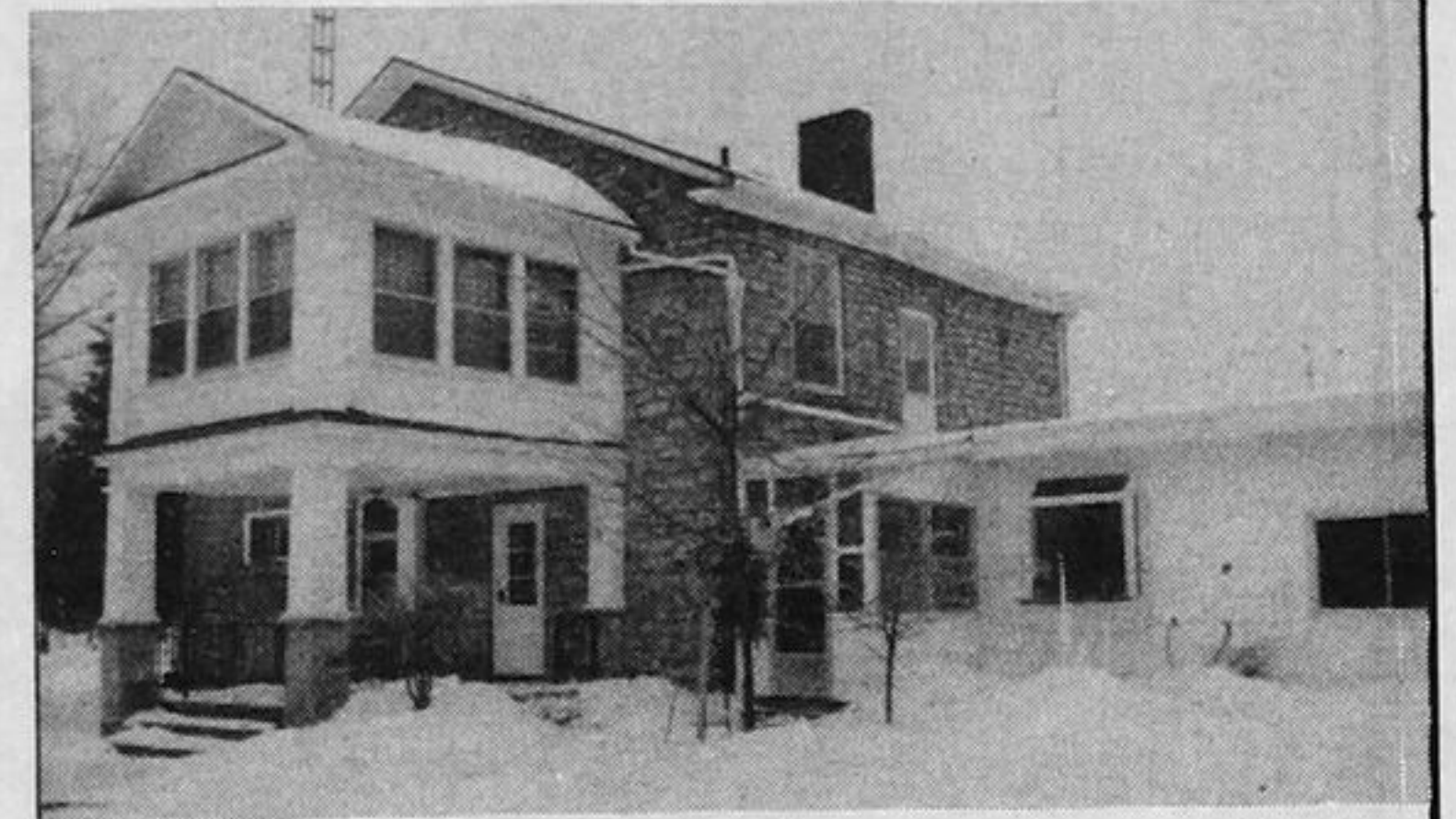
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Under Margaret Hendrick's encouragement the North Leeds Birdwatchers Club was organized in March.

The elected president is Winona Barker of Big Rideau Lake and the Secretary/Treasurer is Patrick McManus of Portland.

We anticipate interesting and enjoyable field trips this spring and summer.

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