

Saint and sinners: Remembering the Andy Hardy movies

The new edition of the “Video Movie Guide” (Ballantine, 2002) is out. One change I have noted is that the Andy Hardy movies, which received a two-star rating in the old book, now get three stars.

I wonder if this tells us something about ourselves — that in these days of mounting stress in our lives we are getting to appreciate once again the things that used to give us a good feeling, such as the Andy Hardy movies.

Are we coming to realize that “the things that belong unto our peace” may lie more in the past than in the present, and that our future happiness may depend on our rediscovery of some of the secrets we have lost in our mad rush toward the present?

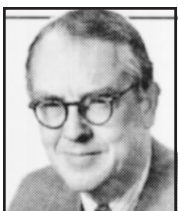
Nostalgia, as novelist John Cheever has reminded us, can be more than a long, loving backward look. Finding ourselves not in the

world we love but knowing how deeply we love it, there is kindled within us the conviction that we will find a way to return to it in the future.

The Hardys — like the Arnold family on television’s “Wonder Years” (coming back in reruns) and the Berger family on “Brooklyn Bridge” — showed us the happiness and satisfaction that can come from a simple lifestyle, domestic stability and a virtuous life. When we watch them we feel better.

Today, the Hardy family is all but forgotten. Or was. At the library where I went a few years ago to borrow a videotape from the Hardy series, all 16 were on the shelf. “Nobody ever asks for them,” said the librarian. Maybe that will change now the series has earned a three-star rating.

The endearing (and enduring) Hardy series ran from 1937 to 1946. Based on a play about a small-town judge and his family, the first Hardy



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movie, featuring the young Mickey Rooney, cast Lionel Barrymore as the tolerant Judge Hardy, and Spring Byington as Mrs. Hardy.

The film was such a box-office hit that MGM decided to make it into a series. It became MGM’s all-time biggest moneymaker. The series was a stepping-stone to stardom for Judy Garland, Esther Williams, Lana Turner, Donna Reed and Kathryn Grayson.

When Barrymore, after the first movie, turned down a chance to continue playing Judge

Hardy because of the arthritis that eventually put him in a wheelchair, the role went to the courtly Lewis Stone.

The Hardy series were made in the days before sexual harassment was on everyone’s minds, so some things that would have ended up on the cutting-room floor today slipped by innocently.

In a scene from the 1938 movie, “Love Finds Andy Hardy,” Andy is trying to get his girlfriend Polly Benedict (Anne Rutherford) to let him kiss her. She plays coy and says no.

“You let me kiss you last night,” Andy reminds her.

“You kissed me last night by force, Andy Hardy!” she replies.

“It’s good that way, too,” says Andy, with that ever-present gleam in his eye. Andy lived for cars and girls.

Given today’s sensitivity to anything suggesting sexual harassment, we don’t even kid nowadays about forcing our affections on someone else. But back in the 1930s and ’40s, Andy’s antics came under the heading of good, clean fun. Which they were — especially by today’s gross standards.

Something else I miss today from the Hardy series is Judge Hardy’s man-to-man talks with Andy, which were a staple of the series.

When Andy comes to his father after breaking up with his girl of the moment, the judge consoles him with this thought: “There is no sorrow in the world, Andrew, that a lot of other people couldn’t match.”

Trite? Maybe. But when Judge Hardy said it, it sounded wise and comforting. We could use some of the old-fashioned moralizing of our parents.

Shadow of Sept. 11 worries organizers of World Youth Day on July 28

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TORONTO — The shadow of the Sept. 11 terrorist attacks has Roman Catholic organizers of next year’s World Youth Day promoting the event as more necessary than ever in a troubled world.

The gathering of a half million or more young pilgrims, culminated by an outdoor Mass with Pope John Paul II next July 28, figures to be Canada’s best-attended event in 2002.

Young Catholics will take part in six days of social service work and teaching sessions with bishops, all leading to a procession of the cross through the city on July 26, an all-night vigil on July 27 and the final Mass the next day.

Such huge youth assemblies, held biennially since 1985, rank among the major initiatives of John Paul II’s pa-

pacy and have been highly successful in the past.

Organizers of the 2002 event, who have been working for more than a year on the Toronto gathering, felt a special sense of dread after planes flew into the World Trade Center and the Pentagon.

Church officials already expected the number of participants in North America to be lower than the 2 million who came to Rome last year or the 4 million in the Philippines in 1995.

Now there’s concern a perceived terrorist threat might inhibit people from traveling to Canada from the United States, Europe and elsewhere.

The Vatican organizer for World Youth Day said recently that, for young people who decide to attend, John Paul will bring visions of peace at a time of “calamities and catastrophes that border on the apocalyptic.”

“This old man, this old pope, will come and say, ‘I want to help you have dreams again,’” Cardinal James F. Stafford said of the pontiff, now 81 and visibly frail in the 24th year of his papacy.

The Rev. Thomas Rosica, chief executive officer of World Youth Day, summed up the theme of organizers: “The world needs the World Youth Day ... now more than ever.”

Rosica said early registration was encouraging, with more than 58,000 people from 85 countries signed up. Organizers are preparing for 500,000 registered participants, and expect twice that many people at the final Mass at an air field in suburban Toronto.

Original projections of 750,000 or more registrants have been scaled back since Sept. 11, but the planning — logistical and security — has been mostly unchanged.

Doug Nickson, a retired Royal Canadian Mounted Police officer overseeing the 12-member security task force for World Youth Day, said up to 5,000 police officers would be available for the Toronto events.

He was meeting Sept. 11 with local police officials when the terrorist attacks occurred in the United States.

“We went upstairs where they had (televisions), and then we could view the extent of the thing. This was mind-boggling,” Nickson said.

His job immediately got tougher, he admitted. But there was no specific fear concerning security for such a huge event, even though the pope was the victim of an assassination attempt in 1981.

“You don’t want to give the impression that there’s not a lot of concerns, but what you do is you sort of address every issue and you put everything in place

that’s possible and feasible,” he said.

One change involves increased screening of foreigners applying for visas to attend the gathering. The government has waived fees for World Youth Day participants, but the screening process originally planned for the new year kicked in on Sept. 12, Nickson said.

“My bet is the numbers (of participants) are going to be greater. I think it’s just going to be the sort of feeling of ‘let’s not let that particular group or this deter the event,’” he said. “My own family are going to be there, in full force.”

Rosica called preparing for the pilgrims a “monstrous project” and a “logistical nightmare.”

The teen-agers and others paying up to \$160 to take part will stay in school gymnasiums, church facilities and people’s homes within a 100-mile radius of Toronto.

Then there is getting people to the events. Every school bus in Ontario has been pledged, and police are working on traffic plans to keep things moving, said Paul Kilbertus, the World Youth Day director of communications.

Most of the revenue for the event will come from the registration fees, Kilbertus said, with government contributions and sponsors also helping out. The Ontario government presented a check for \$910,000 to organizers at a news conference last month.

Kilbertus noted it was the first time since Denver in 1993 the event was being held in a country with a Catholic minority. But he still expects a lot of people to show up.

“One of the things we always get asked is, ‘Hey, is this for Catholics only? It sounds like a good party. Can I come too?’”

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