

the HERALD
Entertainment



Not wet yet

This little girl grabs the balloon carefully in the balloon passing contest at the Halton Agricultural Festival Sunday. The object is to pass the water-filled balloon up and down the rows without dropping it. If you drop it, you're out - and wet. (Herald photo)



Music man

James Gordon entertained school children at last Thursday's romp of Song Concert at the Halton Hills Library and Cultural Centre. Mr. Gordon used to belong to a folk group called Tamarac. He now has his own cassette of children's songs on the market. He was accompanied by his five-year-old son Evan on a tiny drum set. (Herald photo)

Engines will chug, flywheels to spin at Tractor Days

Steam will be billowing, engines chugging and flywheels spinning as the Ontario Agricultural Museum presents the 3rd annual "Great Canadian Antique Tractor Field Days" Saturday, July 25th and Sunday, July 26th, 1987.

This event, the only one of its kind in Ontario, will feature over 30 antique tractors, 50 antique gasoline engines and several steam engines, all of Canadian manufacture prior to 1927. Special features include a saw mill and shingle mill, all powered by vintage Canadian engines. Each day will feature a parade of these unique Canadian machines, as well as public log sawing, nail driving and bag-tying competitions. To highlight this year's event, we will re-create an old time "Threshing Bee" using a circa 1940 Robert Bell Threshing machine.

While viewing the activities of this event enjoy live musical entertainment. As well, this year we are featuring "Multiculturalism - A Rural Perspective". This exhibit introduces you to the contributions of various cultural groups to rural Ontario.

Visit the Museum and discover over 30 buildings and displays on the 32 hectare site. More than a Museum and more than a farm, the Ontario Agricultural Museum is an excellent outing for the entire family.

The Museum, located 8 km west of Milton (from Highway 401 take exit 320B or 312) is open until September 20th, 1987 10:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. daily. Admission is \$3 for adults, students \$1.50 (6 to 17 years), seniors \$1.50 and a family rate of \$7.50.

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Adventures in Babysitting full of action



By DIAHANN NADEAU
Herald Special

Don't judge a book by its cover and don't judge a movie by its title. Despite its unimpressive name, *Adventures in Babysitting* is not half bad. I was pleasantly surprised to find a movie full of action, suspense, humour and likeable characters.

The setting is Chicago and its affluent suburbs. Seventeen year old Chris Parker ends up babysitting on an evening she planned to go out with her boyfriend. She is left in charge of seven year old Sara, a Thor freak complete with silver winged helmet and plastic hammer, brother Brad, who is about 13, and Darryl, Brad's friend.

The evening is quickly disrupted by a distress call from Chris friend Brenda, who has run away from home. She is stuck at the bus station amid a host of demented characters and wants Chris to come and get her. Chris is forced to take her charges and head into bid, bad, Chicago, where poor Brenda awaits. The film follows the misadventures of this quartet as they try to get to Brenda and return home before the children's parents do.

The group runs into trouble when a tire goes flat on the expressway and they discover that Chris has left her purse and money at home. They are quickly rescued by a kindly tow-truck driver with a hook for a hand, but as he drives them into the city he gets

word of his wife's infidelity. He rushes them all to his house where he proceeds to shoot up the neighbourhood. The kids get into the unfortunate lover's car to avoid the bullets, only to find that they have walked into the middle of a car robbery. Soon they are being whisked by the friendly thief to the gang's hide-out. Naturally the leader is not too happy to have his headquarters known and locks the kids up. They manage to escape and spend the rest of the evening trying to elude the car thieves, recover their own car and pick-up Brenda.

The movie moves quite quickly and the situations the kids run into are funny and suspenseful. We expect all to end well, and so it does, but not without a lot of fun along the way. Elizabeth Shue plays Chris Parker, the determined babysitter. Miss Shue is a delight, a pretty girl with a lovely smile and a good sense of comedy. Maia Brewton is the precocious Sara, a typical suburban child, innocently enchanted by the drama of the city. Keith Coogan plays her lovestruck brother Brad and Anthony Rapp is the bratty friend Darryl. All are convincing and entertaining.

There is some great music in the soundtrack. One of my favourite scenes was when the children walk into an all-black club and are not allowed to leave "without singing the blues". Chris begins to tell the hostile audience the story of their

adventures and ends up singing a rousing number that is absolutely marvellous.

There is even a love interest brought in for Chris, but I found this the only unconvincing part of the movie. Obviously the producers wanted a bit of romance, but it seems added as an afterthought and does nothing to enhance the plot line. It also makes for a sugary and slightly annoying ending. Other than this, I found the movie very entertaining. It is definitely a family movie, and one of the few we've seen in Georgetown this summer to appeal to adults as well as adolescents.

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While the Credit Valley Artisans continue using Park Public School for their activities the future of their cottage at Cedervale Park is still in doubt.

A study in 1985 showed the cottage needed \$25,000 in repairs to the roof and interior of the building.

The Artisans continued using the building until the end of 1986 when they moved into Park School.

Halton Hills Recreation Director Tom Shepard said efforts are in the works to see if some funding is available from the Halton Hills Arts Council.

Al Hay, the superintendent of facilities for Halton Hills, said the

municipal council would have to come across with some money if the cottage is to be repaired adequately.

"Everything's sort of up in the air," Mr. Hay said.

He said there are some internal efforts to look for funding for the restoration project but nothing has been finalized yet.

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Alexander M. Sekulovich, son of George and Juanita Sekulovich, graduated from the University of Waterloo with a Bachelor of Science degree. (Honours Applied Physics) Alex will be attending the University of Manitoba to receive a Master of Science degree.

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