

Scouts appreciate Apple Day support

by Robin Nutbrown
South Georgian Bay District had another successful Apple Day this past weekend. Boys from all over the district were out in full force for this fund-raising event.

Although the cold and wet weather was with us the whole weekend, it didn't dampen the boys' spirits.

We would like to thank the public for contributing to this event.

The money which was received will be very useful in buying equipment and other essentials needed to maintain a group.

Did you know that each cub at Lakeland IV sent off into the air, a helium balloon? Yes, hundreds of colourful balloons were wafted

away by the air currents.

Enclosed in each balloon was a cub's name, address, and a small note explaining that if a person was to pick up this balloon, he / or she was to write back to whoever sent it off into the air

Well, Aaron Dingwell, a cub from Elmvale, his dream really came true. He recently received a very nice letter from a Mr. Philip C. Parsons in Hamilton, Massachusetts, saying he found Aaron's balloon.

Hamilton is situated 30 miles north of Boston,

Massachusetts.

So you can just imagine how far his balloon travelled. All the way from Awenda Provincial Park in Tiny Township to Hamilton. The unique thing about this whole episode is that Mr. Parsons has been involved in Scouting for 23 years.

One thing we can all say is, "That's incredible!"

The 4th Midland Scout Troop will be holding its annual Halloween Haunted House the evening of Oct. 29 at St. Paul's United Church. Admission fee is 25 cents per person. Everyone is welcome.

Hopscotch

hilarious spy caper

by Terry Dupuis

Walter Matthau, who I think has never given a bad performance, excels in his latest film. It's a hilarious spy caper romp called Hopscotch and it strikes me as being one of the most entertaining new movies around.

Matthau was a supporting player for over a decade before he finally came to prominence in 1966. That was in a film called The Fortune Cookie, in which he played Jack Lemmon's crooked lawyer brother-in-law. He walked off with the picture and with an Academy Award. Since then Matthau has been very steadily employed in mainly comedies, but he has also managed quite well in the occasional dramatic picture.

Matthau's latest role in Hopscotch is that of an aging secret service man named Miles Kendig, who works for the CIA. His superior named Myerson who has never liked him, and whom he can't stand either, takes him out of the field and gives him a routine desk job.

For revenge Kendig decides that he will write his memoirs. He writes about some of the past exploits of the CIA, many of which were nasty and often less than brilliant. Kendig's superior is particularly embarrassed by some of the revelations.

But Kendig has taken off. He is hiding, and every few days he sends the various agencies around the world a chapter of his book. Kendig ends up with not only U.S. Intelligence on his back, but the Russian agents are gunning for him as well.

Glenda Jackson is Walter Matthau's costar in Hopscotch. It marks a reteaming for this actor and actress who worked together equally memorably 2 years ago in another comedy called House Calls.

The usually jovial character actor Ned Beatty makes a superb villain as Myerson, Kendig's despicable superior. He plays the pompous bureaucratic chief so superbly that some people in the preview audience I attended actually hissed him at several points. A young actor named Sam Waterson also has an excellent supporting role as Matthau's ex-partner, a likeable guy who is fond of Kendig, but finds himself caught in the middle between his friend and the agency.

Hopscotch is directed at a fast pace by Ronald Neame, a veteran British director with a list of credits as long as your arm. Among his previous output was The Odessa File, The Poseidon Adventure, The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie and Tunes of Glory. Before he became a director, Neame was the producer in the late 40's who was responsible for such classics as Great Expectations and Oliver Twist. And before that, Neame was one of Britain's top cinematographers. His latest film, Hopscotch, is a worthy addition to a distinguished career.

There is excellent location photography in Hopscotch which makes very good use of authentic locations which include London, Vienna, Munich, Washington and Bermuda.

Hopscotch has all the ingredients and all the markings of a real winner.

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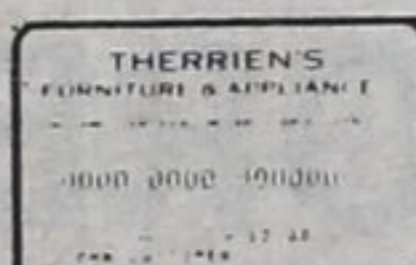
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