

## Movie Review

# Nine to Five the ultimate fantasy

by Terry Dupuis

The plight of some overworked unappreciated office secretaries in the big cities is given a comical but thorough going-over in a new comedy called *Nine To Five*.

It is not surprising that this movie is shaping up as one of the biggest hits of the new year. It is bound to be of interest and appreciated by anyone who has ever toiled in a big office environment.

A lot of the action in *Nine To Five* is set at the offices of Consolidated Companies. The script focuses on three of the secretaries and their boss, who is a corporate tyrant played by Dabney Coleman.

The secretaries are portrayed by Jane Fonda, Lily Tomlin and Dolly Parton, all of whom have to suffer some form of abuse from the boss.

These three skilled performers make a most engaging trio of heroines. Fonda plays the prim and shy new girl with the company who discovers that working conditions are not very rosy in her new office environment.

This role makes a marvellous change of pace for this distinguished American actress who has lately specialized in heavy dramas like *Julia*, *Coming Home* and *The China Syndrome*. Actually *Nine To Five* is also a message movie too, in its own way. The difference is that the message is delivered humourously in the form of a comedy farce.

Lily Tomlin plays the section supervisor named Violet who befriends newcomer Fonda. Tomlin is always forced to do odd jobs by the boss, as well as to constantly bring him his coffee.

He constantly hangs a faint hope of promotion over her head. One day Tomlin accidentally puts rat poison in the boss's coffee, and she later mistakenly believes that she has killed him.

This sets the plot into motion. Tomlin works well with Fonda, and her shrillness makes a

good contrast to Fonda's more subdued secretary. Tomlin's work in *Nine To Five* is even better than her performances were in *The Late Show* and *Moment By Moment*.

But for me the surprise performance in *Nine To Five* is country and western singer Dolly Parton, who makes her acting debut here. She is a constant delight throughout the movie.

As Dabney Coleman's secretary Doralee Rhodes, she is constantly the object of her boss's lewd intentions. Parton never overplays her role. She manages to turn the part

of Doralee into a real individual, rather than a stereotypical dumb blonde. Parton had never acted before this movie, but she proves herself to have a natural acting talent, just as young Ricky Schroder did last year in *The Champ*.

*Nine To Five* is slickly directed by Colin Higgins, who made his debut as a director two years ago with *Foul Play*.

His handling of that hilarious Hitchcock spoof marked him as a director to watch, and in *Nine To Five* he confirms that promise. Higgins must be a dedicated fan of the late Master of Suspense, because he even works a Hitchcock-type sequence in *Nine To Five*.

Higgins co-authored the screenplay of *Nine To Five*, and there isn't a dull moment in it. The fact that the events which occur in *Nine To Five* aren't likely to occur in a real-life situation is almost incidental.

The movie's story of how three secretaries get revenge on their boss may be exaggerated for comic effect, but along the way it manages to score some valid points about everyday working conditions in modern-day offices.

*Nine To Five* is really a secretary's ultimate fantasy. In it, the secretaries not only take over the office, they run it much better than the boss ever did.

## Hurononia Mall

focus of

local Scout -

Guide Week

All next week is Scout-Guide Week in Canada. Crafts and displays, the efforts of local Scouts and Guides, will be on view in the Huronia Mall between Feb. 17 and Feb. 22.

Scouts and Guides will also be holding their regular meetings during evenings in the mall.

Penetanguishene Guides and Brownies and the Elmvale Beaver Colony will meet in the mall on Feb. 17.

First Honey Harbour Brownies, 1st Port McNicoll Girl Guides, and 1st Port McNicoll Cubs meet Feb. 18 in the mall.

On Feb. 19 1st Balm Beach Brownies and 2nd Penetanguishene Brownies meet in the mall.

And on Feb. 20 puppets shows for children will be performed by the 5th Midland Brownies, 4th Midland Guides, and the 1st Elmvale Beavers.

Crafts will be on display in the mall until 2 p.m. on Feb. 21.



## Frosty Frolics Queen

Barb Howatson, above won the title of Frosty Frolics Queen at Midland Secondary School, Tuesday, and the first runner up was Nancy Barnett. Paul DeCola won the beard growing contest for the students while Bill Northcott took that title for the teachers. Frosty Frolics continued Wednesday with staff and students taking part in curling, ice skating or volleyball in the afternoon.

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Westchester, N.Y. later this year when the young people will be performing at the 1981 International Drama Competition.

Six members of the group presented a very well documented report

on Upstage One's history, past successes and goals for the future.

As well they provided council with a breakdown of costs connected with their April trip.

They would like the town to donate \$1,000 to their cause of the more than \$8,000 that will be

needed to fund the operation.

Much of the money has already been raised by the students, the Parent Group at the school and through fund-raising drives.

As a result of being well received by council Monday night it is likely

the town's finance committee meeting today will approve to council the money be donated. The group is still short about \$2,000. Mayor Moreland suggested both the town and the school board (SCBE) share the remaining costs.

Feb. 14

—Penetanguishene Figure Skating Club Carnival on Sat., Feb. 14 at 2 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. Tickets at the door: \$2 for adults, \$1 12 years and under.

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