

Movie Review

101 Dalmatians

a cartoon classic

by TERRY DUPUIS
There seem to be only a couple of good family movies being made each year. For this reason, we can be grateful for the ever-dependable Walt Disney family classics of the past which are occasionally reissued. Last year there were new releases of PINOCCHIO and FANTASIA, and now we have 101 DALMATIANS.

101 DALMATIANS was one of the final feature-length cartoons which Disney personally supervised before his death in the mid-1960s. It was made in 1961, and it was followed four years later by THE JUNGLE

Stats tell story

There were 26 births at Huronia District Hospital last month, reports Gord Key, hospital administrator.

The hospital boasted on 86.1 occupancy rate while the emergency department recorded a total of 1,188 visits.

And a total of 98 operations were conducted at HDH during December.

Speaking about deer

White tail deer management will be the subject of a speaker in the Wye Marsh Wildlife Centre, Jan. 29 at 7:30 p.m. Adults \$1.50, seniors and students 75 cents, members free. For more information, telephone 526-7809.

Toanche Parks meeting

Toanche Parks and Recreation nomination meeting will be held Feb. 3 in Highland Point Church. The nomination meeting will begin at 7:30 p.m.

BOOK. THE JUNGLE BOOK was feeble compared to the classic Disney works of earlier years, but a recent re-viewing of 101 DALMATIANS confirmed my impression that the cartoon about the dogs holds up quite well after almost a quarter of a century.

101 DALMATIANS is narrated by a Dalmatian dog named Pongo. Pongo says that his pet human Roger used to take him out for a walk each day. It was on one of these walks that Pongo met the love of his life, a cute female Dalmatian named Perdita. Perdita was being walked by a human named Anita. Anita and Roger fall in love and marry, and so do the two dogs. The dogs start their own family and they have a litter of 15 little Dalmatian puppies.

Everyone would have lived happily ever after, but for the fact that as in most Disney cartoons, there is a villain. Or I should say a villainous. Cruella deVille is a cruel selfish woman who kidnaps the 15

puppies, as well as many other Dalmatian pups. She locks them in a warehouse, with the intention of using their furs to make a luxurious new coat for herself.

The cartoon then chronicles Pongo and Perdita's search for their abducted pups. They are aided in their venture by an animal underground led by a blustery old dog named The Colonel, along with a horse called The Captain and a cat named Tibbs.

One of the amusing things about this cartoon is the English accents, since the story is taking place in London, England. I recognized the voice of the dog narrator Pongo as belonging to actor Rod Taylor. Taylor was early in his career at that point and was probably not too well known at the time, but the voice is unmistakably his.

Technology in the 1980s has enabled film makers to do all kinds of amazing things which were not possible two decades ago. There

were no computer graphics at the time the Disney Studio made 101 DALMATIANS. But the Disney people came up with their own method of mechanical animation called Xerography.

In this process many virtually identical cartoon characters were literally Xerox copies filling a frame of film. Xerography certainly came in useful in filming 101 DALMATIANS with its abundance of spotted dogs. As it was, it took a staff of 300 cartoon artists three years to make this film.

But the results were worth it. 101 DALMATIANS in its current reissue is en-

thralling a completely new generation of children. It's a cartoon classic which can continue to be re-

released for years to come, just as the even earlier Disney cartoons have been: PINOCCHIO, PETER PAN,

FANTASIA, LADY AND THE TRAMP, CINDERELLA, and SNOW WHITE AND THE SEVEN DWARFS.

An invitation to sing

by BARBARA BOYER
The lady Barbershoppers of Midland would like to extend an invitation to any woman who might be interested in a weekly evening of singing.

We not only have a good time, but we're working hard to learn a number of new songs. Since the two choruses, the Barrie Mello Blends, and Midland's Georgian Bay Belles joined forces, we have to learn a whole new repertoire in order to put on a show again this coming spring.

Right now we are working on numbers like "Give My Regards to Broadway," "Lullaby of Broadway," "Song and Dance Man" and a number of others that fit in with our Broadway

theme. The chorus has declared February as membership month in order to boost our membership and we are looking for ladies who can carry a tune and who enjoy singing. It isn't necessary to be able to read music or have previous choral experience.

We have a very competent director, Bonnie Drever, and the members are all very willing to help newcomers. We sing in four part harmony so we cover any range you voice might fit into. Why not come out and see how much fun Barbershopping can be. We practise every Tuesday night at 7:30 p.m. at the Elmvale High School.

If you need a ride from Midland give Marg Randa a call at 526-4920.

FREE Retirement Planning Seminar

R.R.S.P. Maturity Options (Annuities, R.R.I.F.'S, Other Alternatives)
The Eagle: Stripped Bonds
1985 Budget Proposals and Amendments
GUEST SPEAKER: A.N. (Tony) Katarynych, B.Sc., C.L.U. of Annuity Analysts & Retirement Planners Inc. Suite 503, 295 The West Mall, Etobicoke, Ont. M9C 4Z4
LOCATION: The Highland Inn, Midland, Thursday, February 6, 1986. 7:00-9:00 Evening Session. Seating is limited, for reservations call 526-4296 or 526-2273.

COURTESY OF



the municipal savings & loan corporation

Member Canada Deposit Insurance Corporation

248 KING STREET, MIDLAND, ONTARIO. L4R 4L1
W.J. STERLING, BRANCH MANAGER.
MOUNTAINVIEW MALL, MIDLAND, ONTARIO.
MARIE BELL, BRANCH MANAGER

Bellini's

Mountainview Mall Midland 526-7788

Mark **Scott**
(Tom not present)

Our Barbers will make you look great!

Open 6 days a week

Sales & Service Directory

Midland 526-2283

Penetanguishene 549-2012

Roach & Sons

Plumbing & Heating

Repairs & Renovations

Free estimates

Mike Roach 526-3862

Midland Electronics

COMPLETE REPAIR AND INSTALLATION SERVICE

- Home Stereo
- Television
- Antenna Systems
- CB Radios
- Car stereos
- Small appliances

FULLY QUALIFIED TECHNICIANS WITH OVER 18 YEARS EXPERIENCE

525B Bay St., Midland 526-5951 77TF

WILLETT

WINDOWS & ENTRANCE SYSTEMS

- Siding
- Soffit & Fascia

555 BAY ST.
MIDLAND, ONTARIO
526-7514 TF

TINNEY'S SEPTIC SERVICE AND CONSTRUCTION

Septic Tanks Pumped and Systems Installed

Excavating.

Sand, Fill, Gravel (Crushed or Pit-Run) Topsoil

Bulldozing, Grading

MIKE TINNEY Res. 526-3069

BRUCE TINNEY Bus. 526-7269 TF

Buying or Selling- We Get Results

WEBCO INDUSTRIES

Victoria Harbour 1-800-461-9694

534-7121

Complete Line of Lock, Door & General Hardware

LAWRENCE HORTON JOHN ROWLAND TF

THERMAL WINDOW SEAL

Div. of Bert Russell Limited

Revolutionary new inside storm windows-easily installed on any existing windows.

10 year written warranty

Port McNicoll 534-3081

Evenings 526-6073 or 534-7810

MAGNETITE
The educated window. Better by degrees. TF

MAGIC CARPET CLEANING

\$49.00

Any size Livingroom, Dining Room, Hall

Free estimates on any area

SPECIAL: Chesterfield & Chair Cleaned for only \$49.00

526-9197

All work guaranteed & insured.