

Markham Movie Scene

Selleck lacking as Lassiter

By TOM NEWELL

Lassiter is a pleasant, innocuous heist film starring television's reigning sex symbol Tom Selleck. As the hero, Selleck takes us to pre-war England where a fortune in uncut diamonds is being funnelled through the German Embassy in London in order to finance Hitler's European and South American espionage network.

The FBI and Scotland Yard would like Lassiter to "intercept" them. As an established jewel thief, a refusal means he'll be framed for an armed robbery he didn't commit. If he's captured both American and British authorities will deny his existence and execution is certain. A dilemma indeed and an interesting plot for a good spy caper!

Jane Seymour and Lauren Hutton co-star as attractive opposites in Lassiter's love life, one a nightclub hooper, Sara, who keeps trying to reform him and the other a kinky countess, Kari, who'll go to great lengths to keep him as is.

The film boasts attractive production values — period costumes which are stylish and colorful, Astaire and Rogers dance music to enliven the party settings, automobiles in the peak of condition, lively action camera work and authentic location shots aboard the Orient Express, near Covent Garden and the Albert and Victoria monument in London as well as along the Thames River.

Miss Hutton is effective as the malicious scheming countess and Miss Seymour is suitably lovely as befits the limited role of the heroine.

Which brings us to Mr. Selleck! As Magnum he's established every week in living rooms across North America and it's appa-

rent he's hoping to become a screen star as well.

His first major release last year, High Road To China, died at the box office and Warner's has been careful that Lassiter will not suffer the same fate.

Certainly the script is more than adequate, the supports are there but I'm not at all certain that high comedy adventure thrillers are Mr. Selleck's strong suit. This is a Cary Grant role if ever there was one.

In fact I kept imagining To Catch A Thief or Charade as the movie tripped along and Lassiter makes you realize how deft and utterly charming Grant was in all those roles. Selleck is handsome, his size alone dominates the screen and he is eager to please, but I think he's an actor still looking for a comfortable character which will bring him the movie stardom he's trying to find.

His delivery seems slightly rehearsed, his size works against him in light comedy and what seems engaging on the television screen is lost on the large one.

In fact the sound system magnifies the high pitched voice, the excessive violence is unsettling and the romance appears as anything but passionate.

Ladies, you'll see more of Selleck than you've ever seen before but I'm not certain that all the extra flesh will compensate for acting skills which seem, for him, a lot of hard work.

Relax, Tom, enjoy yourself and your audience will too! In the meantime we'll enjoy Lassiter as a cheerful adventure and look to see what you choose next time around.

Lassiter is now playing at Markville Cinema Three.

MARKVILLE
1) Pete's Dragon (F), a Disney re-release featuring mixed animation and live action with Mickey Rooney and Helen Reddy. 2) Footloose (AA), a rock musical starring Kevin Bacon and John Lithgow. 3) Ice Pirates (PG), opening Friday with Robert Urich and Kathryn Crosby. 4) Never Cry Wolf (F), a Disney adaptation of the Farley Mowat book of the same name.

THORNHILL SQUARE
1) Unfaithfully Yours (AA). 2) Against All Odds (R). 3) The Buddy System (PG), a new comedy starring Richard Dreyfus and Susan Sarandon.

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Consumer Service Superintendent

Robert Dyer said Markham Hydro is holding the contest to promote an awareness among children and give them a chance to participate in the program.

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Varied entertainment set for Summerfest

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While the committee members had successfully recruited many performers, one act still eludes them. Does anyone know the art of Maypole dancing? We would like a performance of Maypole dancing at Summerfest. So if you have the know-how, give one of the members of the Entertainment Committee a call.

The committee members are Everard Hoo, 475-1658, Franka Baptiste, 475-7165 and Alex Chiu, 475-2531.

But you don't have to know Maypole dancing to entertain at Summerfest. If you would like to entertain us, just give one of the committee members a call.

Purim party
Congregation B'nai Araham (Markham-Unionville Hebrew Congregation) is holding its annual Purim party and brunch. The party will be held in the Cros-

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475-9180

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Non-members are invited. The cost is \$10 per family. Reserve your tickets by calling 294-9404, 477-7040, or 475-7687.

Baseball reminder
The Goldiggers are looking for committed female ballplayers for the coming season. The Goldiggers play in the Ladies Competitive Slowpitch League. Anyone wishing to try out for the team should call Paul Bisbee, 475-0936, Bill LaMantia, 475-6179, or Kathy LaPorte, 475-7720. Batter up!

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