

Stewarttown's 'Murder in a Nunnery'

# Actors have some explaining to do

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When a detested old baroness dies, there's a lot of talking to do, especially when two Scotland Yard detectives drop by.



The truth came out of the lips of Mrs. Moss as she knelt in the convent chapel. The Murder in a Nunnery was solved as the mystery drama staged by Stewarttown Senior Public School students came to a close last weekend. The school production ran for three evenings at the John Elliott Theatre.

(Herald photo)

The students put on "Murder in a Nunnery" from the novel by Eric Shepherd. It's the drama-mystery that takes place at Harrington Convent School and involves nuns, students and other living in the cloistered environment.

All are suspect as Inspector Pearson (David Mounsey) and Sergeant Mulligan (Richard Carman)

invade the female territory and look for the killer of the Baroness Silema.

Even the Reverend Mother (Inger Jackson) isn't above suspicion, especially when she disappears with the

gardener's car early one morning.

The audience loved the streetwise little Inez Escapado (Irena Mackey) who always carried a dagger in her sock and took a pistol to

bed with her. The blonde convent student with the animal instincts was called "a relief from the Mary-had-a-little-lamb type" by the Rev. Mother.

Irena Mackey carried off the role of the

mischievous and curious student superbly, putting the impish character of Inez into her lengthy lines.

The Rev. Mother (Inger Jackson) also did a wonderful job of her role. Her convocations to the students were creatively delivered. The convent students, nuns and residents all filed off stage to stand amongst the audience and hear the Rev. Mother speak from her pulpit.

Nuns Ellen Froemmel, Lisa Walters, Tracy Gregory and Nancy McDonnell each carried off their individual idiosyncracies to the delight of the audience.

In her black garb, the mourning friend of the murdered Baroness Silema, Mrs. Moss (Lisa Thurston) is eventually brought to her knees in the recreation of the chapel murder scene and confesses she did it. Lisa played the role of the sacrificing mother very well.

Besides the acting, the costumes of the nuns

were convincing. Students fashioned them with the assistance of Mrs. L. Skoropad, Mrs. P. Burroughs and Mrs. M. Robinson.

The navy vests, skirts and scarves made for a school uniform for the convent girls. They also made it easy to identify the students.

With a few simple props, the Stewarttown students were able to create a chapel, a garden scene, an office and a bedroom scene. The stage sets were effective and creative as well.

Noteworthy was the simple switchboard operated by Mother Peck (Ellen Froemmel) it was a wooden board with some colorful wires poked into it. Mother Peck wore a set of stereo headphones to finish off the switchboard.

All are to be commended for the hard work and effort that produced performances to make Stewarttown Senior Public School proud.

## Norval euchre

By KAY WILSON  
Herald Correspondent

NORVAL - Norval euchre had seven tables last Thursday. Winners were Mary Workman.

Muriel Eyre, Del Wallace, George Burt. Lone hands Ila Switzer with Vivian Shaw the lucky draw.

## Favourite Recipes

Cooking and entertaining can be more fun when they're a shared effort, particularly in these days when two-job families are very common. This dinner can be prepared in about 30 minutes if both partners participate.



Tropical Blush Punch\*  
Conch, Dipping Vegetables  
Oriental Pork and Pea Pods\*  
Pecan Pie\*  
Focaccia Bread\*

**Tropical Blush Punch**  
4 cups (1 qt.) (170 ml.) each: "V-8" Juice  
1/2 cup (125 ml.) orange juice  
1/2 cup (125 ml.) unsweetened pineapple juice  
1 tablespoon (15 ml.) honey  
1/4 teaspoon (1 ml.) grated orange rind  
Dash ground ginger  
1/2 cup (125 ml.) chilled club-wala

Combine juices, honey, orange rind and ginger, chill 1 hr. before serving, add soda. Makes 4 servings.

**Oriental Pork and Pea Pods**  
1 cup (250 ml.) diagonally sliced carrots  
1/2 cup (125 ml.) green pepper, sauteed  
2 tablespoons (25 ml.) vegetable oil  
1-1/2 cups (375 ml.) cubed, cooked pork  
1 package (300 g.) frozen pea pods, thawed  
1 can (10 oz./284 ml.) French-American Mashed Green Beans  
1 cup (250 ml.) chunk pecanapple or pure pineapple juice, drained  
2 tablespoons (25 ml.) brown sugar  
1 - 2 tablespoons (15-25 ml.) soy sauce  
2 tablespoons (25 ml.) vinegar  
4 cups (1 l.) cooked rice

In fry pan, cook carrots and green pepper in oil until just tender. Add pork and pea pods, cook 1 minute. Add remaining ingredients except rice. Heat, serve, as usual. Serve with rice. Makes 4 servings.



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## Letter to the editor

# Each concern a 'different ball game'

Dear Dave:  
I thank you for the encouraging article about Bob Morrow in last week's paper. I had heard of him and his cancer and have been interested in knowing how he is. We wish him well.

If you are planning to write again during "cancer month", would you please tell people that each cancer is "a different ball game". I too have cancer and am taking chemotherapy. The treatments have not affected me too severely - no vomiting! - so far at least!

I have gained weight rather than lost it as Bob has. (Perhaps that is a result of enjoying all the treats that friends provided!) My hair has thinned but not gone - so that's a great for

social occasions but family and friends take me as I am.

I get tired more easily than I like, but I am thankful to have many more up days than down ones.

The cancer volunteers are super people. The drivers that take us to Princess Margaret and wait for us so patiently are the best. The staff at P.M.H. are friendly and helpful, and even fellow patients are more inclined to visit and encourage than in other public places.

Family, friends and even acquaintances are so important in helping us in so many ways that it is impossible to thank each one. (Often the ones that do a kindness don't know just how much a word or deed is appreciated as it may

have been done on a "down" day when we don't respond as well as we like).

Even cancers that don't have a good cure expectation are able to be beaten. New drugs are being developed and even the experimental treatments are a positive factor - after all, if the "experts" thought the experiment wouldn't work - they would change the experiment!

Of course, I hope that my experiment is successful, but while I wait the time passes quickly as there is always much to do and enjoy.

This is much longer than planned but please tell your readers that chemotherapy is not always debilitating, a positive attitude is good medicine, people want

to help, and most of all - Cancer Can Be Beaten. Thank you.

Jean Barton  
P.S. You might also remind people to think

of the patient's family, as cancer is often harder for the others to bear.

## Participants wanted for heritage parade

Dear Sir,  
This is an open letter to all service clubs, volunteer groups, church organizations within Halton Hills to participate in the bi-centennial parade which will be held May 21.

The theme of the parade is "Our Heritage" and all entries should be centred on that theme. The parade will assemble on Deirex Blvd. just south of Maple Ave. It will leave approximately 12:15 to 12:30; will arrive at the

Fairgrounds no earlier than 1:15.

At present we have five bands confirmed, one is from the Georgetown, Kentucky High School. A 79 piece marching band, the other are local bands. The RCMP Musical Ride horses will participate as well.

We are inviting your organization to participate in this parade which will celebrate 200 years as Ontarians. The parade will go down Maple, Main, Mill,

Market, Park and into the Fairgrounds where the parade will end. All people participating in the parade will have free admission to the grounds which is set this year at \$4 for adults and \$1.50 for seniors and children.

Please let me know before May 1 if you intend to participate.

Sincerely,  
John Kesteloot,  
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Secretary,  
Bang-O-Rama Committee

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