

# Happy Cooker

Food is an important part of holiday entertaining. The best kind is tasty, easy to prepare and not so rich that your guests waddle home feeling like stuffed turkeys.

It also helps if the things you make for Christmas entertaining look nice on the table and this Cranberry-Apple Mould comes out looking like a quivering jewel. It makes a perfect centerpiece for a holiday buffet table.

- Cranberry-Apple Mould**  
 2 packages (3 ounces each) or 1-6 ounce package of raspberry jelly powder  
 2 cups boiling water  
 1 cup cold water, or cranberry juice cocktail  
 1/4 teaspoon cinnamon  
 1/4 teaspoon ground cloves  
 halved, blanched almonds  
 3/4 cup diced peeled apple  
 1/2 cup sliced celery  
 1/2 cup chopped almonds  
 1/2 cup whole berry cranberry sauce
- Dissolve jelly powder in boiling water. Add cold water. Pour 3/4 cup into a 4 or 5 cup ring mould. Chill until partly set around the edges. Add spices to remaining jelly and chill until slightly thickened.
- Arrange halved almonds in a decorative pattern on partially set jelly in mould and press down gently into jelly.
- Chill until set but not firm.
- Fold apple, celery, chopped almonds and cranberry sauce into slightly thickened jelly and spoon into mould.
- Chill until firm - about 4 hours. Unmould. This makes 8 to 10 servings.
- If you're not up to all that moulding and unmoulding, the mixture can be chilled quite nicely in an 8 inch layer pan or an 8x4 loaf pan. Then when it's firm, you can cut it in cubes, and tumble it into a glass bowl. This looks very pretty indeed.

# Tolkien presents young readers with Christmas fun and magic

by Shirley Whittington  
 Santa Claus has been getting a bit of bad press lately, as the patron saint of greed, but The Father Christmas Letters, by J.R.R. Tolkien restores some of the fun and magic that used to be associated with the jolly old elf.

Tolkien is best known as the writer of The Lord of the Rings, The Hobbit and Sir Gawain and the Green Knight. Their precious blend of whimsy and gentle sensibility has

made them classics. Tolkien was a teacher, and a writer, and it appears he had an annual secret life. For twenty years, he wrote long and delightfully illustrated letters to his four children from Father Christmas. Sometimes the postman brought them, in unique, hand-decorated envelopes, and sometimes Father Christmas himself left them behind on Christmas Eve.

Father Christmas' handwriting is a little

shaky, and no wonder. The misadventures he describes in his letters are enough to make anyone tremble. Elves put holly in his bed and black ink in the fireplace. His Polar Bear helper falls down the stairs with an armful of parcels and smashes some of them.

In 1940, Polar Bear went upstairs for a relaxing bath after wrapping and tagging the parcels for England, and he fell asleep in the tub. Water poured through the

ceiling, and swamped the Goblins are temporarily vanquished.

There are messages in Elvish, and an appendix with the Arctic alphabet assists the children to decipher a letter from Polar Bear.

The letters span every Christmas Eve between 1925 and 1939. They are absolutely captivating and so are the coloured illustrations supplied by Father Christmas and by Ilbereth, his secretary.

Lucky children, the Tolkien youngsters! And lucky the children who find this charming book under the Christmas tree this year. Better still, make it pre-Christmas family book. I dearly wish I had a six year-old to read it aloud to.

In spite of television and air hockey, SCRABBLE survives. There are plenty of Scrabble players about.

They are the people who can't start the day until they've done a crossword puzzle with their morning coffee.

To all such, I recommend the Scrabble Players Handbook, edited by Drue K. Conklin.

There's no whimsy here. The subject is taken with the utmost seriousness and readers are warned against not capitalizing SCRABBLE or using the term in a generic sense. People don't play SCRABBLE, they play the SCRABBLE Crossword game. Offenders are threatened with legal action.

There's a full chapter on rules which are expanded considerably from those on the cover of the box. (Did you know that in the event of a tie score, the player with the highest single turn score is the winner?)

From then on, the diagrammed pages begin to resemble those of a chess manual. Players are shown how to make high scoring plays combining word extension, premium squares, and seven letter words, to achieve astronomical scores.

A dazzling tour-de-force is the Triple-Triple, where a player manages to stretch one word across two triple word squares.

There are sample games in the back pages, and heart stopping questions like "Your opponent has just played blank F 6-10 and is developing a Bingo rack. How do you block him?"

If you're planning on giving this gem to a SCRABBLE nut, count the tiles in his set first. If he doesn't have 100 of them, he'll need a new set as well.

**THE Father Christmas Letters:** J.R.R. Tolkien Methuen Pub. \$7.95.

**The Official SCRABBLE Players Handbook:** Harmony Books. General Pub. app. \$5.75.

## Movie review

# Bronson back in action in crime thriller 'St. Ives'

by Terry Deupis  
 Charles Bronson is back in action again in a new crime thriller called "St. Ives", which begins tomorrow at the Pen Theatre for three evenings. For those who are wondering about the movie's title, St. Ives is the last name of the character Bronson portrays in the film.

Bronson's role seems a little different than usual in this one. He portrays a writer - a former journalist who quit his job with a newspaper to write a novel. But St. Ives' book is coming along badly and he sees a chance to make some easy money when an eccentric millionaire asks him to deliver a \$100,000 ransom for some important ledgers which were stolen.

I won't reveal any more of the plot than that, except to add that from here on Bronson becomes involved in assorted fights, shoot-outs and murders. The script is interesting, containing a good combination of wry humour with lots of action.

Charles Bronson does his customary job of entertaining his audience in this latest picture. And although his wife, Jill Ireland surprisingly has no role in St. Ives, the supporting cast is a good one.

John Houseman, memorable in The Paper Chase, Rollerball and

Three Days of the Condor creates another good characterization in St. Ives as the eccentric millionaire. Lovely Jacqueline Bisset is his mistress and Maximilian Schell portrays a mysterious psychiatrist.

All in all, St. Ives is very good Bronson entertainment and a worthy and successful follow-up to such previous Bronson flicks as Death Wish, The Mechanic, and Mr. Majestyk.

On the same program at the Pen is the latest Clint Eastwood movie, "The Outlaw Josey Wales". In it Eastwood makes a welcome return to westerns, after going modern in Magnum Force, Thunderbolt and Lightfoot, and the Eiger Sanction.

The Outlaw Josey Wales also marks Clint Eastwood's fourth movie as a director. He previously directed himself in High Plains Drifter and The Eiger Sanction, and directed William Holden in Breezy. Eastwood directs himself well in The Outlaw Josey Wales and the rest of the cast too, a cast which includes Chief Dan George, John Vernon, Sondra Lickie and Sam Bottoms.

A new movie called "Car Wash" begins this evening at the Odeon Theatre in Midland. This often humorous story is


set against the background of a typical day at a busy car wash. The film deals with the various characters whose lives touch briefly at the car wash, ranging from the owner of the business and his employees to the owners of the cars.

All kids are invited to the Odeon Theatre's

Annual Tin Can Party this coming Saturday morning at 10 a.m. For free admission to the event, each child is to bring one can of food. All food tins contributed are to go to the Salvation Army. The party will include an all-cartoon show and free prizes, and Santa Claus will be there too.

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**Flora MacDonald.** Armstrong. Alvin Armstrong traces the experiences and influences that produced politician Flora MacDonald, from her childhood in Nova Scotia to her candidacy for the leadership of the Progressive Conservative Party of Canada.

The display at the Library for the current two weeks is by Jane Moore. She is showing paintings, floral scenes, in multi-media - pastel, felt-pen, water color, inks etc.

The Library Radio Programme "News, Reviews and Interviews" on CKMP each Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. brings you news of books and interviews with Canadian authors, by Mrs. Helen Delaney.

You are invited to the feature length movie: "Scrooge" with Alastair Sim, on Thursday, December 16th at 8 p.m. On the 2nd floor of the Library. Everyone is welcome and there is no charge for admission.

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