



'THE ROOMS ARE READY' says sinister handyman Herman (played by Bruce Swihart) to Reverend Mother Superior (Beth Maifeld).

Troop to perform murder-comedy

Crunch time is here for the cast and crew of "Murder Can Be Habit-Forming," directed by Neil Carmichael and Colleen Gardner.

The production, sponsored by On Stage, Inc., is set for Saturday only in the St. Francis Community High School auditorium. A matinee will be held at 4 p.m. and an evening performance at 7 p.m.

Tickets are on sale at Bankwest, Western Sate Bank, First national Bank and may be purchased at the door. (See related article.)

The entire plot takes place within an old mansion, now St. Mary's Convent in upstate New York, which is occupied by the Reverend Mother Superior (Beth Maifeld), and Sisters, Mary Martin (Dara Carmichael), Mary Agatha (Carol Redding), Mary Margaret (Deonn Wiese), and

Mary Thomas (Leisha Hilt). The Reverend Mother and sisters attempt to stay one step ahead of a serial killer known as "the Mary Murderer." A sinister handyman, Herman (Bruce Swihart), also works at the convent.

When the bus, driven by bachelor Willard Patterson (Tim Burr), is stranded by a blizzard, the passengers find their way to the convent where they have lodging for the night. Among the passengers are a lovelorn college student named Mary Bishop (Amber Fromholtz), a smart woman with a secret, Mary Adams (Connie Jenkins), and actress, Erika Kincaid, whose television character is names Mary (Talley Morrow), and Laura, a retired school teacher who was formerly... you guessed it... a nun named

Mary (Elaine Kite).

Other local star-studded cast members include: the college professor David Lewis (Helene Landenberger, a newspaper columnist, Miss Stacey (Leigh Ann Faulkender), the police detective Lt. Patrick McDougal (Kip Wiese), the strange heavy metal band member, Torch (Hoagie Carmichael); and an upset college student, Ryan (David Morrow).

Also showcased in the play are Andrew Melia, KLOE, Goodland, as the radio announcer, and Art Krueger in the role of Charles Beckett and Mad Dog Morgan.

As somber music plays, John and Natalie Knodel welcome guests to their seats. The program serves as a fan during distressing or hilarious moments.

Behind the Scenes *By Janet Carmen*

If you look behind the scenes at the museum, you'll notice that the museum "Open" sign is out, that fund raising for Ye Olde Country Church is underway, and volunteers are hard at work.

Margaret Bucholtz, Museum of Cheyenne County director, reports that the museum is now open from 1 to 4 p.m. Tuesdays through Fridays. Several volunteers worked at the museum on Feb. 28 and 29 updating and organizing obituaries. As Lea Keller read an obituary from the early 20th century about a young girl whose life became "extinct" in a tragic farm accident, she exclaimed, "Obituaries just aren't written like this any more." Another volunteer added, "A side benefit of working on obituaries is being able to read about the achievements, endeavors and hardships people have faced in Cheyenne County over the last century."

If you are interested in getting involved in this project, you can come in any day the museum is open. The next official work days are scheduled for April 1 and 2 from 9 to 4 p.m. Volunteer opportunities are not limited just to the obituary project.

Update on Ye Olde Country Church

The Historical Society is relying

on donations and grants to provide the money needed to get the old church in shape so it can serve as a meeting place for cultural and social events and even as a tourist attraction. Here are a couple of ways you can help.

1. Cheyenne County Historical Society's grant writer, Lucille Rossbach, has submitted a grant proposal for up to \$15,000 to "myhometownhelper.com." Support from friends of St. Francis and from members of the community itself are needed in order for the grant proposal to be considered by the sponsors. Your posted comments are very important to this project. Please go online to myhometownhelper.com. Under projects, choose Kansas and type in St. Francis. Read the entire proposal, then post your comments. The site also allows you to send a link to friends so they can post comments as well.

Lucille Rossbach writes, "I'd like to see 100 comments posted."

2. St. Francis Community High School classes are being challenged before the Alumni Reunion this year to see which class is able to raise the most money to support the "Ye Olde Country Church" refurbishing project. You will be hearing more about this soon. Donations are tax deductible because the Historical Society is a 501(c)(3) organization.

Coming up: As a fund raising project, the Historical Society will provide lunches on May 31 for the Kansas Barn Alliance Workshop, "Old Barns-New Ideas" which will be held in Cheyenne County this year.

Mark your calendars for this workshop, which will be an informative day for owners and lovers of old barns. Side note: The 4-H photography group is involved in documenting old barns.

Club Clip

Kanred Club

There were four members present, Jerry Cress, Treva Henry, Dorthy Mast and Wanda Dowdy at the Kanred meeting

Treva began the meeting by reading the Kansas Association of Family Community Education creed. Then Treva answered roll call by telling why Easter is early this year. Easter falls on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the spring Equinox. The last time that Easter came this early was in 1913.

Dorthy Mast told about seeing a jewelry box that was made out of a goose egg. This made a great impression on Dorthy.

For this meeting, Treva gave the lesson on 'mentors makes a difference.'

This lesson was actually talking more about mentoring programs such as Big Brothers and Big Sisters Organizations that are more prevalent in large cities. But, we all have an opportunity to be a mentor with young people in many ways. We can help children in the neighborhood as well as grandchildren, and many times this is done without thinking about mentoring.

As there was no more business

to take care of, we were adjourned and had our craft for today. Jerry Cress brought delicious refreshments as well as taught the craft of making crosses out of plastic canvas and ribbon. We were able to use sparkling, gold ribbon and these made the crosses really elegant.

Next month meeting will be April 7, and Dorthy Mast will give the lesson on Talking Books and Wanda Dowdy will give a lesson on Embossing Paper Craft and bring the refreshments.

Honor Roll

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Mrs. Black

Birthday is upcoming

Card shower for 90th

The children of Frieda Black, Greg and Noell Hubbard and Greg and Jillene Black, are requesting a card shower for their mother as she celebrates her 90th birthday on March 23.

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