

(by Audrey Hepburn)
CHRISTMAS CONCERT

If you missed the Purple Valley Christmas concert held on Friday evening, December 17, 1976 you missed a good evening's entertainment.

We are very fortunate to have so much talent in our community and especially to have Mrs. Bere who plays the piano and organ so well for us on these occasions.

Rev. Walter King acted as chairman and reminisced about concerts in days gone by when we travelled by horse and cutter. Mrs. Bere favoured us with some recorded organ selections "Jingle Bells", "A Small

World", "Silver Bells", "Frosty the Snowman" and "Here Comes Santa Claus". This put us in a Christmasy mood for the rest of the programme.

Accompanied by Connie Cook on the guitar Kim, Tracy, Carrie, Jennifer and Monica sang "Jingle Bells" and "Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star". Tracy Gilbert then gave a recitation called "A Kiss" followed by Tara Glassford reciting "Christmas Shopping."

Robert Gilbert and Carol Cook played "Silent Night" on their electric organs. Cathy Cook gave a reading about "Cathy's Portion". I hope Cathy gets a wing or leg this year instead of the neck.

Throughout the evening, Mrs. Bere gave several readings "The Man In The Glass" (which is one of my favourite philosophies), A humorous Polish reading and "A Complaint."

The King family would not be out done. Michael King played two selections on his trumpet "I Saw Three Ships" and "Hark the Herald Angels Sing". Michael, Angela and Kelvin presented a Christmas skit and Mrs. Dorothy King read three hymns "See Amid The Winter Snow", "Stars of Ice" and "Love Came Down at Christmas."

No self respecting boy would act like the "George" in Rev. King's monologue especially with Christmas coming so soon.

Carol Cook recited "Who's Christmas" which only goes to prove Dads are still just little boys at heart.

Cindy and Connie Cook, with Connie on the guitar, sang "Beautiful, Beautiful Brown Eyes." Connie also sang "Crystal Chandelier" and Lord, Help Me Jesus. Don't fiddle with your radio dial or you might get the same results as the Purple Valley young people did in the play they presented.

Did you think hats were going out of style? Not according to our commentator, Edna Cook. Hats are coming back in 1977 and WHAT hats. Mrs. Bere provided background music as we viewed the creations. A hat you would be proud to wear on New Year's Eve or any time in January was modeled by Margaret Urbshott, she made it for pennies out of streamers and horns. Mrs. Dorothy King had designed her hat out of cherry red and white valentines. Who said February was a dull month.

Next, March Winds blew Mrs. Bere on stage all ready for St. Patrick's Day and the wearin' o' the green. Carol Urbshott paraded in her Easter bonnet of lilies and more lilies. April showers bring May flowers and Judy Glassford certainly had flowers on her hat. That's where the country girls have it over the city girls. What could be more appropriate for June than the big straw hat modeled by Cathy Cook. Helen McCartney's creation for July with all those roses was not only beautiful but offered shade too. Besides, we all found out what a French bathing suit was and everyone needs a bathing suit in July.

Even the men liked the hat modeled by Wilda Gilbert for August. Decorated with tools, a lunch and other usefuls you would be sure to get invited out to drive the tractor if you wore this little number.

To the tune of "School Days" Connie Cook wore a dunce hat trimmed with pencils and crayons as September inevitably brings just that. When October arrives and you're raking up the leaves, don't burn them all. Make a hat like Rachel Hepburn did and you'll be a vision of loveliness. Next Sally Gilbert marched in wearing a hat made of poppies and crosses and which she insists cost next to nothing. To put us in a Christmas mood again Debbie Gilbert modeled a hat with all the decorations off the tree on it and even a candle to conserve energy, now hydro is at a shortage. I liked them all, which one did you like?

Soon there was a jingling of bells and Santa Claus rushed in throwing snowballs just like old times and hugging the girls and passed out candies to all the children. Purple Valley was his third stop Friday evening. All these concerts certainly keeps him busy.

The evening ended with everyone singing "Silent Night."

-Berford Lake Snowmobile Club

met on Friday evening December 17th at Berford Lake with fourteen people attending. If you are interested in skidooring and where the trails are, plan to attend the next meeting which will be Tuesday, January 4, 1977 at 8 p.m.

-Jennifer Harrison, Owen Sound spent the weekend with her Grandma McCartney.

-Recent visitors at Helen McCartney's were Mrs. Dorothy Crandon and children Dawn and Pam and Rueben Wettler, also Mr. and Mrs. Roger Minard. And to top Helen's day they brought their new baby Michael who is Helen's first great grandchild.

-Wendy Gatis spent the weekend with the Cook girls.

-Lottie Urbshott is feeling much

better and has returned to her home in Wiarton.

-Lois and Garth Keays and Barbara Hepburn, Toronto, are home for the Christmas holidays.

-Miss Cindy Cook, who's tenth birthday falls on December 24, celebrated at a party on Monday evening. She invited a number of her friends for the occasion. Everyone reported lots of fun and good food.

-Mrs. Elda Hepburn, Wiarton has been spending a few days in Kitchener and Waterloo. While there, she visited with Mr. and Mrs. Norm and Robichaud and got acquainted with their new baby, who is her first great granddaughter and third great grandchild.