

Happy Cooker

Joan Hanna is Midland's first lady of theatre, and she is also very handy in the kitchen. Her Butter Dominoes are a Christmas special and have achieved a certain amount of mouth watering renown locally.

The recipe looks long and complicated. Actually it takes longer to read than to make. These goodies do not have to be baked. Just chill them, and hide them in the refrigerator until company drops in.

Joan Hanna's Butter Dominoes

- 1/2 cup butter
- 1/4 cup white sugar
- 1/3 cup cocoa
- 1 teaspoon vanilla
- 1 egg
- 2 cups graham wafer crumbs
- 1 cup desiccated coconut
- 1/2 cup chopped walnuts.
- 1/4 cup butter
- 2 tablespoons instant vanilla pudding powder
- 3 tablespoons milk
- 2 cups icing sugar
- 3 1-ounce squares sweet chocolate
- 1 tablespoon butter

First - melt the butter and blend in the sugar, cocoa, vanilla, egg, graham wafer crumbs, coconut and walnuts.

Now, cream the butter, blend in the pudding powder, milk and icing sugar. Spread this over the mixture in the pan and chill.

Melt chocolate and butter together and spread over the top.

Chill, store in refrigerator and make a grand entrance with these, plus coffee or sherry. Then sit back and wait for the applause.

St. Michael's choir presents remarkable performance

For about 650 music lovers, Christmas 1976 had a particularly joyous dimension. The benefit concert performed by the members of the St. Michael's Choir School

December 22 was an evening of unusual beauty.

The group of 128 young men ranged in age from eight to nineteen years and comprised two

choirs. The juniors grade five and six, mounted the stage in maroon blazers and grey flannels, and sang Ding Dong Merrily on High, Harkens to Me, two Chantons Noel and

Sleigh Ride. A string ensemble from the choir school accompanied the boys as they sang Laudate Pueri. The Huron Carol delighted the audience.

These junior voices were pure and silvery, and their musical discipline remarkable. Working without music, the boys were totally attentive to their conductor. The result was perfect diction, and chillingly impressive dynamics.

The tenor and bass choir provided a more robust sound-mellow, rich and entirely pleasing. The Chorus of The Shepherds and Kings from Ahmal and the Night Visitors was especially impressive-precisely sung, and again remarkable for its clear diction. They completed their portion of the program with a collection of modern Christmas songs, and the familiar Do You Hear What I Hear.

The young singers began the second half of the program by grouping themselves antiphonally for Lift Up Your Heads, O Ye Gates. It was a

thrilling, soaring beginning for the section which included What Cheer, The Rocking Carol I Saw Three Ships, For Unto Us A Child Is Born, A Little Child So Lovely, Noel We Sing, O Holy Night, and a Christmas Medley.

The audience joined with the choir too in two carols, O Come All Ye Faithful and Silent Night.

Proceeds from this concert will enrich the St. Margaret's Organ Restoration Fund which has already received Wintario funding.

The St. Michael's Choir



Christmas concert

Of the many Christmas concerts presented during this festive season, one of the finest, according to our reviewer was this one. The members of the St. Michael's Choir School perform before a near capacity audience at St. Theresa's Auditorium. Staff photo

Rovers due at MSS

There'll be plenty of foot stomping, hand clapping and sing-alongs from the audience. And from the stage will emanate such boisterous tunes as "Unicorn", "Puff the Magic Dragon", and Lily the Pink."

It's the Irish Rovers, alive and in concert at Midland Secondary on January 18. It's a rare opportunity for Midlanders to partake of the unique jovial, audience-involving spectacle that is a Rovers' concert. Once the six man group gets going, there's no telling what they will transform the MSS auditorium into. Past performances though would indicate there'll be

one big party on at MSS on January 18!

Audience involvement is the key to the Irish Rovers' successes in live concerts. They draw on the music of their own rich Irish heritage, with drinking songs, love songs and funny songs until the audience is compelled to sing and laugh right along.

The special Rovers' concert is being sponsored by the Midland Rotary Club and proceeds will go the Club's many ongoing projects. Tickets are now on sale at a number of outlets in Midland. It's a concert no one will want to have missed!

Midland Library news

New books and more at library

Library Hours: Monday through Friday, 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Saturday 10 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.

From the new book list: Meet Me At The Station. Willmot, 385.31409713 WIL. Author and photographer, Elizabeth Willmot, recaptures an important part of the Canadian past in this book. The elegance of many Ontario railway stations comes alive for us in her photographs, enhanced by a text containing countless railways yarns.

archive of a world that has since disappeared.

The Seventh Earl. Irwin. Canadian author Grace Irwin has woven together in novel form, this account of the life of the Seventh Earl of Shaftesbury, widely remembered as a philanthropist and factory reformer, in nineteenth century Britain.

The Himalayan Concerta. Masters. A novel of

romance, suspense and international intrigue set in the not too distant future, when the politics of three nations collide in the Himalayas, by John Masters.

The Pre-School Story Hour conducted by Mrs. Betty Aylesworth on Tuesdays at 10:15 a.m. has been well attended this Fall, and will be resumed on Tuesday, January 4th, 1977. All mothers and pre-school children are welcome.

The display at the Library for the next three weeks will be the nature paintings of Paul Bell of Midland.

The Radio Program: "News, Reviews and Interviews" on CKMP each Thursday, at 6:30 p.m. will continue over the Christmas season.

On behalf of the Library Board and Staff, we extend Christmas Greetings to all Library patrons - and good reading in 1977!

Parks open for winter activity

The Minister responsible for Parks Canada, Warren Allmand, announced Christmas week that facilities had been made ready for an expected two million visitors to Canada's 28 National Parks.

Winter facilities in Georgian Bay Islands National Park allow for snowmobiling, snowshoeing, cross-country skiing and camping.

Georgian Bay Islands also offers marked trails for snowshoeing, snowmobiling and cross-country skiing.

Snowmobilers are instructed to register with park offices before setting out on the designated trails. Participants who fail to

register or who wander from the trails are subject to fine.

Winter visitors might also participate in other sports as tobogganing, skating and ice fishing, to name a few.

Campers are reminded that food, clothing and equipment for winter camping are very different from those in summer. It is a good idea to check with the park superintendent before setting out to make sure you have all the necessary supplies.

Further information about the National Parks of Canada can be obtained by writing to Don Wilson, Parks Canada, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0H4.

Discover Toronto. Richmond. 741-9715341 RIC. A lively personal look by noted artist and writer, John Richmond, at Toronto's history and architectural heritage. Seventy-one original drawings are complemented by a casually informative text.

The Far Side Of The Street. Hutchison. 070.924 HUT. "Memories and rambling reflections of a working newspaperman", is Bruce Hutchison's account of Canadian life during the past fifty years of change, as this distinguished journalist takes a last, fond look at his "Unknown Country".

300 Years of Canada's Quilts. Conroy. 746.460971 CON. The author, Mary Conroy, says she felt a need to compile and preserve information about quilting in Canada. An informative book with many illustrations.

People of The Willow. Marsh. 759.06971 MAR. The life, customs and art of the Padliumit tribe of the Caribou Eskimo, portrayed in water-colours by Winifred Petchey Marsh, who arrived from England as a bride in 1933, one of the first white women to live in the Arctic, north of Churchill. Her husband, Donald Marsh, was subsequently to become Anglican bishop of the Arctic. The paintings reproduced in her book are a unique and beautiful

The best and the worst films of 1976

by Terry Dupuis

Another year is coming to an end, and film critics everywhere are compiling their lists of what they consider to be the best and worst movies they have seen over 1976. So here are my selections for the past year. On the whole, it has been a very good year for quality movies.

The Ten Best:

- 1) All The President's Men
- 2) Barry Lyndon
- 3) The Man Who Would Be King
- 4) Marathon Man
- 5) The Omen

- 6) One Flew Over The Cuckoo's Nest
- 7) Obsession
- 8) The Shootist
- 9) Silent Movie
- 10) Taxi Driver

Other Movies I Enjoyed:

- 1) The Outlaw Josey Wales
- 2) Logan's Run
- 3) The Duchess And The Dirtwater Fox
- 4) Embryo
- 5) Breakheart Pass
- 6) From Noon Till Three
- 7) Treasurer of Matecumbe
- 8) Vigilante Force
- 9) Baby Blue Marine
- 10) Gable and Lombard

- 11) W.C. Fields And Me
- 12) Robin And Marion
- 13) Peeper
- 14) The Hindenberg
- 15) Murder By Death
- 16) The Ritz
- 17) Swashbuckler
- 18) Harry And Tonto
- 19) Hard Times
- 20) White Line Fever
- 21) Hearts of the West
- 22) The McCullochs
- 23) Gator
- 24) Drive-In
- 25) Grizzly
- 26) Lipstick
- 27) Lifeguard
- 28) St. Ives
- 29) Chino
- 30) The Return of a Man Called Horse
- 31) Let's Do It Again
- 32) Shadow Of The Hawk

The Ten Worst:

- 1) Stay Hungry
- 2) Street People

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