

OWL HOOTS

Frederick O. Heney, Laconia, formerly of K.T.C., has been named as an instructor for the Monadnock Ski School. Heney, a former student in industrial arts, recently was employed by the Belknap Recreation area where he assisted in the ski school under Hans Schmid and Pierre Decuir. The Monadnock Ski School, for those of you who fail to associate the term with anything, is a ski course which prepares the learner from the conditioning stage to the actual skiing level. John Summers, another former K.T.C. student and graduate, was the originator of the school. The first session of the pre-school conditioning clinic will be held at the YMCA November 7th from 7 to 8:30.

The five-session clinic is designed to afford ski enthusiasts an opportunity to prepare themselves physically for the approaching ski season. In addition to physical conditioning, Summers has planned a general program to present instructional and entertaining films on skiing as well and general information and display of equipment.

To you students who wish to take up the sport, here is a golden opportunity to get off on the right foot. The most important part of any sport is preparing for the sport, as is true in skiing. These sessions will cost you something, one dollar per session plus your time and energy. But if you think you'll enjoy skiing, conditioning in the proper manner will help prevent serious injury during the skiing season, so hustle up there and start conditioning!

Deer season is under way with only Nel Cookman and Dick Mackey having any luck so far as the college hunters are concerned. It's rumored that these two weren't much larger than big "jack-rabbits." How about that boys? Well the deer aren't so big now as they used to be anyway, right Nel and Dick? I hope the rest of you hunters of four-legged deer have run into lady luck. Somebody was telling me that he saw a herd of about fifteen deer, but failed to bring home any bacon. Gun sight must have been off, huh?

One closing thought, if you're a hunter remember safety with a gun in and out of the woods, and just don't shoot at anything that moves. Someday that would-be-deer might be you.

JACK CONNOLLY

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sent and college approval, in which case the jurisdiction of the College ceases when the student reaches her destination. Regulations respecting travel to and from the campus should be noted.

For the past few years, this statement has not been included in the catalogue. Because this is a matter of college policy, Dr. Truxal and the committee working on the statement felt that it should be included in the forthcoming issue of the catalogue.

The administration has also listed the bases for determining grades and has clarified and interpreted these for faculty benefit. The following are the criteria outlined and released also as general information to the students:

"A" indicates general excellence, marked by initiative and independence and originality.

"B" indicates a general level of achievement superior to that required for a "C" grade.

A "B" grade student has unquestioned grasp of the fundamental facts and principles of the subject and understands their significance. (She is expected to apply and utilize facts and principles in an effective way. In general her work is logical in organization and correct in technique, and is sometimes individual in presentation. She often shows initiative and independent work.

"C" indicates the acceptable standard for graduation.

A "C" grade student has fairly accurate knowledge of the fundamental facts and principles of a subject. She is reasonably ac-

Girls' Sports

by Gail Spevack

With this issue we are beginning a new quarter in girls' sports. The sports offered are: Basketball—Sharon Lynch, Head and Judy Chase, Assistant Head; Bowling—Donna DeCato, Head and Nancy Davidson, Assistant Head; Ping Pong—Carol Gattcomb, Head and Hazel Vaughan, Assistant Head; Swimming—Donna Martin, Head. Mrs. Keddy is in charge of folks and square dancing, while Mr. King heads skiing, and a new sport being tried for the first time, figure skating.

Basketball practice for the girls' varsity squad will be coming up soon, so girls let's get going and help to make our team the best known yet at K.T.C.

The Women's Athletic Association is planning various activities to make this year successful. The officers are: President, Jackie Carey; Vice, Gail Spevack; Secretary, Donna Martin; Social Committee, Marjorie Shay; Alternate, Nancy Burpee. Some of the activities being discussed are: Father-Daughter Sports Day, Girls vs. Boy's Sports Day, Ice Skating Show, and a Sports Banquet at the conclusion of the year. Committees have recently been set up to study the possibilities of these activities.

Curate in the application of basic facts and principles. In general her work is fairly logical in organization and fairly correct in technique, but may lack completeness. In both oral and written work she should express her ideas in clear and correct English. She does creditable work with guidance and shows evidence of growth in handling the work.

"D" indicates work of inferior quality or quantity, yet deserving of credit.

A "D" grade student has some acquaintance with basic facts and principles, but her work shows lack of organization; it is not very accurate in technique, and is often incomplete.

"F" indicates failure. At all grade levels the quality of the English is taken into consideration.

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Sumner Joyce's Owls Secure Fourth Position in the NETCCA



Left to right—1st row: Warren Hill, Charlie Jepson, Bob Curtis, Stan Shay, Skip Collins, and John Wood; 2nd row: Ed Detour, Ron Bailey, Dick Cotter, Jim Nye, Dave Goggins and Don Patterson; 3rd row: Coach Joyce, Ken Menard, Gordon Bean, Fran Davis, Ron Keloch, and Jim LeFrancois. (Photo by Gray.)

by Carmen Cavaliere
The 1957 soccer season is over with the K.T.C. Sumpters experiencing and celebrating their best year since 1953 when the Owls triumphed to a championship.

Coach Joyce feels quite rejuvenated after a successful season of four wins and three losses while ending up fourth in the N.E.T.C.A.A.'s standings.

Over a number of nine games, the soccer boys scored three times as many goals as during the 1956 season of the same amount of games. The number of goals can be attributed to four rookies who, led by Stan Shea, scored eighteen goals between them.

I believe it only proper to mention some of the rookies that had so much to do with the successful outcome. The freshmen included Stan Shea, Charlie Jepson, Bob Curtis, and Ed Detour, while the upperclassmen contributed "Woody" Woods and Ken Menard with of course that faithful companion of Sumpy Joyce, Jim LeFrancois who served the manager's job so well.

The regular season's schedule included eleven games. Nine were played and two were cancelled. During the regular season K.T.C.'s

record was four wins and five losses, but two of the losses were not recognized by the N.E.T.C.A.A. and this gave Keene a finished recognized standing of four wins and three losses. This record seems to me to be a great victory considering the injuries of three of the starting team and the ineffectuality of three more of the players.

The "Hoots" lost their first two games to New England 5 to 1 and to Fitchburg 2 to 1, while coming back to trounce Johnson 4 to 1. New England again trimmed the Owls on a 3 to 2 score. R.I.C.E. came into town next only to lose by a 2 to 1 margin. Lyndon was an easy win for the local boys, losing 5 to 2. Then the roof fell in with Fitchburg and Bridgewater both skimming Keene by scores of 2 to 1. But Keene came back in the last game to beat Gorham 1 to 0.

Stan Shea lead the scoring for the Owls with eleven goals. He was followed by Jepson making four goals, Wood's making two goals and Curtis making one goal.

The following is the outcome in N.E.T.C.A.A. for the 1957 season.
NEW ENGLAND TEACHER'S COLLEGE
ATHLETIC CONFERENCE
Final Score Standing Nov. 5 1957

Team	Won	Lost	Tied
Fitchburg	7	1	0
Lyndon	4	1	0
Bridgewater	4	2	1
Keene	4	3	0
R.I.C.E.	3	3	1
Plymouth	2	2	0
Salem	1	5	1
Gorham	0	5	1
Johnson	0	3	0

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"It is not enough to be busy; so are the ants. The question is, what are we busy about?"
by H. D. Thoreau

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"CORAL REEF" SUCCEEDS AS A MARINE FANTASY

by Frank Taylor

On the evening of November 23 over 100 KTC couples found themselves transported to a make-believe world under the sea. The original decorations which highlighted "Coral Reef" were largely the brain-child of creative Ray Descoteaux. From papier-mache, a row boat, parachutes, driftwood, and real Gloucester fish nets, Kappa Delta Phi captured its desired effect.

Couples first encountered "Minnie the Mermaid" and then were greeted by the receiving line: Mr. and Mrs. Lloyd Hayn, Dr. and Mrs. Lloyd P. Young, Mr. and Mrs. George Bergeron, Mrs. Charles Hapgood and Miss Etta Merrill, and Mr. Robert Holloran and Miss Shirley Lambert.

Music for the evening was supplied by the Sophisticats, a fine dance band from Tufts College. Not only did they provide good dancing music all evening, but also for the 30 minutes before intermission they let down their hair and put on a well-received dixieland jazz session.

The refreshments for the evening were made by Nu Beta Upsilon and were served by a committee of members and their girlfriends.

Announcing...

Commencing with the next issue, *The Monadnock* will include as one of its features, a column of a literary nature. Creative writings such as themes, essays, poems, dissertations, short stories, et cetera may be submitted to any member of the Editorial staff at least one week prior to publication. *The Monadnock* reserves all rights of choice, censorship, and obligation to print.

Kappa Delta Pi Initiates New Members

by Harold Nugent

The Epsilon Pi Chapter of Kappa Delta Pi, the National Education Honor Society here at KTC, welcomed sixteen new members at a formal initiation in the faculty rooms of Hale Building on Monday, December 2, at 7 p. m. Preceding the initiation, Dr. and Mrs. Young, faculty members, old members and initiates dined together in Fiske dining room.

The aim of Kappa Delta Pi is to encourage high professional, intellectual and personal standards, and to recognize outstanding contributions to education. The local chapter, in accordance with these national standards, semi-annually invites individuals exhibiting commendable personal qualities, worthy educational ideals and sound scholarship.

Initiated into the honor fraternity at an impressive candlelight ceremony were the following:

David Wilson of Keene, William Webb of Wilton, John Tucker of Claremont, Erma Kaye Todd of Manchester, Annette Proulx of Franklin, Shirley Lambert of Monmouth Jct., N. J., Marion Knightly of Norway, Me., H. Paul Jackson of Wilton, Judith Goss of Canaan, Malcolm Goodell of Keene, Carol Gattcomb of Nashua, Barbara Carette of Penacook, Donna DeCato of West Canaan, Gordon Bean of Hooksett, Carolyn Gilbo of Keene, and Kenneth Gile of North Swansey.

Christmas Pilgrimage

by Dorothy McCarthy

On Friday, December 13, around 3:30 over 60 Newman Club members will be boarding cars headed for Enfield, N. H. This year, the Newman Club members are having a Christmas Pilgrimage to the shrine of Our Lady of La Salette.

Once at La Salette the students will be given a special guided tour to plan and carry out and the members of Kappa wish to thank all those who helped to make the dance the success that it was; especially all those members, friends and girls who spent their weekend helping to decorate the gym.

Student Education Assoc. Holds Convention At Plymouth

by Jackie Abbott

On Wednesday, November 13, 1957 delegates from KTC's Student Education Association traveled to PTC for a NHSEA State Convention. A warm welcome was extended to us when we arrived on the campus.

Delegates were Margaret Kulikowski, Antoinette Johnson, Emily LeClere, Sandra Oles, and Jackie Abbott. Bob Mallat, State President, presided. Bob also chaffered.

The meeting ran in a slightly different vein than most. Pres. Mallat related his experiences at Washington, D. C. this summer where he attended the national convention of the SEA.

We discussed briefly some problems that face our organization on the state and local level. Mr. Robert Lewis, Executive Secretary of the New Hampshire Education Association, told us of some of the ways the state association can help the student organization.

We had lunch in PTC's dining hall, and took a tour of the campus. (Their massive new gym impressed us.)

During the bulk of the afternoon session we divided into buzz groups. Armed with a considerable list of needs of the organization, we went to work. It was indeed difficult to try and come up with absolute solutions because each college represented has different situations on their campuses. It was necessary to make our suggestions broad enough to fit every need. The exchange of ideas that occurs between the individuals involved strikes me as being the most valuable part of any conference.

Our main concerns were: publicizing the SEA to teachers and other students through the *N. H. Educator* and by showing our interest in other professional groups; interesting high school students in FTA clubs; and strengthening our campus chapter.

Those of us that attended felt that we gained a lot from the meeting. We hope that our chapter members will also gain from the accomplishments of the meeting, and also anyone else who cares to take advantage of them.

Remember!

16 Shopping Days

'til Christmas

THE LEAGUE AND THE IVY

by David Hall

Parker Hall

by Wallace Clark

In 1914, a man from Manchester, New Hampshire by the name of Francis W. Parker, had Parker Hall built. This was the first classroom building to be built on the college campus. He was one of the early leaders in secondary education, and his ideas influenced secondary education all over the world. Parker served as a professor at the University of Chicago for a few years, and published several books on education, one of them being the first ever published on secondary education.

In the early history of Keene, a printing shop was built on the site where Parker Hall now stands. The people who owned the printing shop built and lived in the house that Theta Chi Delta now resides in. These printers published a very famous United States History book, written by a Dr. Adams.

This Dr. Adams lived in a large white house down on Main Street, where the fort for the protection of Keene was built. His books were very famous all over the country. These history books were as famous as the first primers written and published by the great Noah Webster.

A Widow Sprague, very prominent and an important figure in early Keene, built a home on the same land where Hale Building is located. When Governor Dinsmoor built Hale, her home was moved down to Madison Street where it now stands.

The murals in the auditorium of Parker Hall are the result of a W.P.A. project. They were painted by artists from Portsmouth, New Hampshire, and portray two significant historical incidents from Keene's early history.

The mural on the left side of the hall depicts Captain Hale and his Minute Men from Keene, leaving for the Battle of Lexington. On the right side, Nathan Hale, is shown being captured by Indians and taken to Canada where he was held captive.

The gate in front of Parker Hall was a gift of the Alumni from the classes that graduated from Keene in 1909 through 1926. This gate has proved very irksome to incoming Frosh, as they are usually forbidden to pass through this gate as part of the many stipulations put on them during their initiation.

Parker Hall has always been used as a classroom building on campus. In the early days such subjects as Math, Sciences, Manual Training, and Home Economics were taught in this building. In modern times, Math, Music, Social Studies, English, Speech, and Science, are taught in various rooms in the building.

The auditorium is the scene of many activities on campus. Plays, meetings, clubs, and other functions find the Hall very accommodating. In the basement of the Hall, there are two commuters' rooms. These rooms give the commuters a place to study, rest, or get together between their classes.

In closing, I would like to make an apology to Dean Carle. In the last article on Hale Building, Dean Carle's office was not included in the description of the offices in the building. His office is located on the second floor and is very important, as many students find their way to his office for advice and changes in their curriculum and subjects.

19—Open House at Fiske and Huntress Halls

American Education Week has come and gone, and another year bears witness to the rekindling of spirits in its behalf—perhaps, this time, with a little more gusto than usual. . . . Open school-doors throughout the country received hordes of tax-paying viewers, and Keene no less than the rest tenderly toted its literate banners before the anxious public.

The week gave particular focus to KTC's part in the educational scheme of things on Tuesday, November 12th, when the New Hampshire League of Women Voters met with Dr. Young on campus. Forty delegates including Mrs. Ralph C. Williams of Marlboro, president of the Keene League of Women Voters, Mrs. James B. Stamps, state president of the league, Mrs. Ralph Hunter, president of the state committee on education and Mrs. Lloyd P. Young, chairman of the educational committee, conferred here as part of their winter program in the field of education.

Current teacher shortages sparked a good deal of discussion and prompted inquiries as to the general effectiveness of teacher training schools. "If facilities in the training schools were greater," stated Dr. Young, "New Hampshire institutions would supply more teachers." He pointed out that the seven schools in New Hampshire which carry a teacher education program are supplying about half of the 400 new teachers needed in the state every year. In order to boost this figure to 80% of the need—the goal emphasized by the state Department of Education—Dr. Young added, "Keene should have an enrollment of 1200, instead of 700 students, and Plymouth an enrollment of 800 instead of 400."

Regarding the teacher training program, President Young specified that the role of a single-purpose teachers' college is to provide sufficient training for a teacher to commence his career in teaching. From that point forth, it behooves the progressive teacher to add to his effectiveness by continued acquisition of learning.

Dr. Young further noted that the role of the teacher in small high schools, which constitute the great majority of New Hampshire's secondary institutions, is such that intensive training in subjects like science is not possible, since specialization in a single course can be undertaken only in schools of more than 300 pupils.

Mexicans to Visit K.T.C.

by Sharon Lynch

In the early part of next year, KTC is going to participate in a program as an experiment in International Living. Seven young Mexican women are going to observe our campus and live in the dormitories. Dr. Young plans to appoint a committee of faculty members and students to work out details of housing these young women in our college dormitories very soon. Before coming to KTC their homes will be made in Milford, N. H. where they will be observing community living.

Five of these women are elementary school teachers in Mexico. The two weeks that they are here, starting January 8 to 18, they plan to attend classes and participate in college activities.

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Hi there fans! Won't be long now before the snow flies along with a few other things. Have you read the article by Mr. Wilson? It leaves a few things to think about, but mere words won't help the cause. I hope the B.B. team and its associates can show more fight, spark, and team play than they did last year. The team has been going through the motions in their practices, in the usual manner—oh well. The Owls have a rough and tough, as well as long schedule this year, playing 19 games. The first home game will be Saturday, Dec. 7, with Worcester which had a top squad last year, providing the opposition. The Owls have ten home games in all, closing the season here against Westfield. Without a doubt they will be well followed by the students and town people; let's hope they can give us something to cheer and talk about, win or lose.

Because of Mr. King's illness, I haven't been able to cover the sports which the new assistant coach has and will offer to you. This coverage and a complete rundown of the Varsity and J. V. basketball players will be found in the next issue. We'll cover the past experience of the players and what and how they play. So, this will introduce some of you to all of the players, both old and new to the squad this year.

In the hunting world, Ed B. has bagged the "biggest" four-legged deer of any KTC'er thus far. Big Ed brought the deer down over there in the state of Vermont. Dick Tripp also got a sizable one, seven points. Then there was Larry Metcalf who rolled out of bed, walked to the window and ended up with a seven-point buck. Just got to know how to do it boys.

A note just received from the soccer team members reads that Andy Phelps, hurt during a soccer game in the early plays of the season, failed to receive a letter for his efforts. Capt. Jim Marrior, playing one less game than Andy, did receive a letter. Granting that Jim is a senior and should receive a letter, the question reaches my mind—why didn't Andy? If Andy hadn't been hurt while playing the game or a member of the first team, maybe Coach Joyce would have a leg to stand on for not awarding him, but as it is I believe he is behind the eight-ball and in the wrong. I believe the soccer team and students will fully agree with me. How about it Coach?

That's it for this time, but keep an eye on the basketball team, maybe they'll surprise us, fighting and playing as a unit, under a spirited coach.

JACK CONNOLLY

Girls' Sports

by Gail Spevack

There will not be a girl's All-Star field hockey team selection this year due to not being able to put in the required amount of hours.

Mr. King has started competition in girls' bowling this quarter. The scores are being kept and filed. Each week three girls' names will be posted—those who have the highest score in one game, high score in three consecutive games, and the high average. At the end of the quarter the names of those who have been posted weekly will be taken and three girls will be selected as the top ones in these divisions.

Girls, don't forget the pep-rally and dance to be held Friday night in the gym. This will give you a chance to get acquainted with some of the team members. Above all, don't forget the first home game against Worcester Saturday night. Let's cheer the boys to victory!

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course is three-fold:

1. To provide a common intellectual experience for all students in their final college year.

2. To make the transition from classroom instruction and practice teaching to some of the problems of the teaching profession.

3. To encourage in seniors a sense of public responsibility and an awareness of some of the basic issues in American public education.

All seniors will meet twice each week for this required course without credit. A lecture-discussion given by the Salem faculty will be the first meeting of the weekly sequence. The following meeting will be a further amplification of the topic by an outside lecturer. Questions and discussions will be integral parts of the course.

Current educational journals, newspaper articles, and popular periodicals of educational importance will constitute the chief daily assignments in the course, and an

Intramural Basketball League

by Charles Regan

With a swish of the twine in Spaulding Gym the 1957-58 intramural league has got underway with six teams making up the roster. These teams are Theta, Mohawks, Old Bucks, Kappa, Alpha, and Macis.

At the end of two weeks action the Mohawks and Old Bucks are tied for the lead with 2 and 0 records. The pace setters for the Mohawks are "Wild" Bill Sweeney and Bob Shaw; Fred Blodgett and O'Neill are the big guns for the Old Bucks.

In games two weeks ago the Old Bucks squeezed by Theta 26-25 in a thriller Monday night. In the closing seconds of the game a basket by Leo Estes turned the tide for the Old Bucks.

Tuesday night the Mohawks scalped the Macis 64-38. High man for the Macis was Ken "Hearts" Menard with 28 points while Bill Sweeney and Scott Darling lead the Mohawks to victory.

Kappa came out on top Wednesday night, beating Alpha 43-32. Twenty-four of Kappa's points were scored by Coswell. Alpha's top man of the night was John Fessenden.

examination, either essay or short answer type, will be administered.

Important educational issues—those which have a moral as well as an historical effect and the free schools of the republic—will be highlights of this addition to the salem curriculum.

Student's Yearly Plea

September 16, 1953

Dear Mom and Dad,

How are you? I had my first class in Algebra today. The teacher is a very nice man, but all he did was talk for an hour. I bought all my pencils, paper, books and everything today. I now have thirteen books. They cost me \$35.00 and I am sending you the change of the \$50.00 that you gave me. I don't think you need to send me any more than \$5.00 a week to live on. I can't imagine what I'd do with \$10.00. I met some wonderful guys here

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est, and on earth peace among
men of good will."

PRACTICE VS. THEORY

by David Hall

The theory behind this article rested in your writer's ability to contact a certain faculty member regarding the Student Teaching Seminar held here on that blackest of black days—Friday, December the thirteenth. Practically speaking, the day wasn't black at all, but white with snow. . . . I found no contact at all; he failed to show. . . .

Yes, in practice (though the old bird wasn't really practicing at all), the stork had intervened. CONGRATULATIONS, Mr. and Mrs. Congdon! With what they've gained from the Seminar, our teachers should be pretty well prepared to give little Miss Congdon 1957 the very best in teaching when time for schooling comes. . . .

Just in the way of sampling some of the very definite gains to be had at a Student Teaching Seminar, let's review what did take place when some fifty prospective teachers gathered in Hale Building for the coffee and crumpets that spark this year's Seminar. Close to fifty KTC-bred educators . . . pretty evenly matched as to curriculum (half elementary, half secondary) . . . pretty evenly representative of feelings, desires, struggles and sat-

isfactions of the teaching profession. . . . In such a climate, one might expect a good deal of experience-sharing to be carried on, a good deal of growth through the (Continued on Page 2)

Mistletoe Mansion

by Diane Dearborn
and Mary Jane Firth

"Twas the night before Christmas

In Huntress Hall,

On the girl's invitation

The boys had a ball."

This will come true at "Mistle-

toe Mansion" on Thurs. Dec. 19.

At 4 p. m. the "decorated door"

contest will be judged by three dis-

tinguished judges, and a prize will

be given by the most to the door that

shows the most originality. Christ-

mas Spirit, and most artistic ability.

The dorm will be open from 7-9

p. m. for you to check the cleanli-

ness of the rooms and the condi-

tions under the mistletoe. After

your brief journey of the dorm,

all are welcome to the "Mistletoe

Hop" in our Social Room. The

music will be supplied by a small

combo.

Before you enter the dorm, notice

our main feature, and do give.

Hope to see you under the Mis-

tletoe.

program which includes aquatic ac-

tivities.

To meet the needs of this pro-

gram, many KTC students like my-

self who have the necessary skill

and training to teach, are asked to

help. Behind these student instruc-

tors and directors lie many years of

study, coordination and develop-

ment by great aquatic workers.

Such men as Commodore Longfel-

low, who probably has contributed

more than any other to the swim-

ming world. One of the Commo-

dore's coined phrases reads: "Every

American a swimmer, every swim-

mer a life saver." This phrase best

sums up the work being done by

the aquatic division of the Ameri-

can Red Cross.

This year some of the better and

more enthusiastic swimmers have

encountered the Red Cross Life

Saving course. Of the sixteen men

starting the course, ten were suc-

cessful in completing the skills and

requirements. Those who were suc-

cessful are as follows: Leonard Al-

Thus, it is necessary for the Physi-

cal Education Director to set up a

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Recent Kappa Delta Pi initiates left to right: Gordon Bean, Donna DeCato, Barbara Fredette, Carol Catcomb, Carolyn Gilbo, Judith Coon, Shirley Lambert and Marion Knightly. Second row: Erna Raye Todd, Annette Proulx, William Webb, Malcolm Goodell, John Tucker, David Wilson, Kenneth Gile and Paul Jackson.

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CHRISTMAS CONCERT MAJESTIC FINALE OF 1957

by Phyllis LaCroix

One of the main events of the Christmas season was the annual concert presented Sunday afternoon under the direction of Dr. Dennis Kieley.

The organ music before the actual program by Mr. Myron Fuller was a perfect prelude to the Christmas concert. A hush of silence fell as the members of the chorus came in humming "O Come All Ye Faithful."

The music throughout ranged from old German melodies to songs by modern composers; the first half of the selected program being on the serious side then to the lighter side in the second half with such songs as "The Christmas Song" by Mell Torme and Robert Wells, and "Sleigh Ride" by Mitchell Parish and Leroy Anderson. Sound effects during the "Sleigh Ride" number made one feel as though he really was out in the wintry atmosphere.

The chorus opened the program with an old German melody, "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones", accompanied by both piano and organ. "Toyland" and "Winter Wonderland" were brought to life by a trio made up of Anne Stewart, Patricia Piper, and Adrienne Burbank accompanied on the piano by Ann Weeks.

Two impressive numbers, "Little Lamb Who Made Thee" and "Bethlehem City" were presented by the Women's Glee Club, composed of the women from the Chorus and the Women's Glee Club and Chorus were accompanied on the piano by Adrienne Burbank. The audience enjoyed solos by Patricia Piper, Betty Lou Canney, and Don Sutherland. Don also was organist for the main part of the concert.

For only being its second year in existence, the Concert Choir, a smaller group composed of about 25 selected voices, gave four of our traditional Christmas songs a new and very enjoyable treatment. Betty Bainton accompanied the group and is also responsible for the background of pageants corresponding to various musical numbers.

In closing, the Chorus, again accompanied by both piano and organ, gave a majestic touch to a song by G. B. Pergolesi, "Glory to God in the Highest."

Fiske Open House

by Diane Dearborn

Christmas week here, the week before vacation is brimming with holiday activities. One of these is Open House at Fiske Hall Thursday night, December 19th from 7-9:00 P. M.

True to the Christmas spirit, as you have all noticed by now, Christmas candles shine from all of Fiske's windows. Keeping up the spirit inside, the girls have been busily decorating their rooms, each one based on a different idea. I know you'll want to see them.

Punch and other refreshments will be served and a Record Hop will conclude the visiting of the rooms.

The Committees and the Chairmen are: Decorations—Faye Sanborn, Betty Graean; Publicity—Terry Duggan; Reception—Liz Dummer; Refreshments—Jan Ross; and Entertainment—Patty Piper.

Don't forget—Thursday, December 19th at seven o'clock, Fiske Hall will be the meeting place. Merry Christmas Everyone!

Blake House

by Wallace Clark

Nathan Blake, one of the first settlers of Upper Ashuelot, (the old name for Keene) in 1736, built the first log cabin on the north corner of Main and Winchester Streets, which consisted of about thirty acres.

Blake was a courageous and public spirited gentleman who originally came from Wrentham, Mass. He built the first grist mill on the river at the Faulkner Mills. He managed this mill for a few years, then took up farming as a living.

In 1746, a tribe of about one hundred Indians attacked the settlement of Keene and took many of the settlers as prisoners. Blake tried to conceal himself, but was discovered by the Indians and taken to Canada via Charlestown and the Connecticut River.

The Indians put Blake through the "gauntlet," but being of the strong athletic type, he survived the ordeal. While he was among the Indians their chief died, and since he was so well liked by his captors, he took over as their chief. He married the deceased chief's widow and remained with the Indians for a few years.

Soon the desire to return home arose, but his escape was another thing. The Indians told Blake that if he built a house of English style for them, his freedom would be granted. After fulfilling his part of the agreement, he went to Quebec and gave himself up to the French. Blake's wife met a gentleman passing through Keene, on his way to Canada, who offered to take her money and pay Blake's ransom. The gentleman secured his freedom, and Blake finally returned home to his family.

Nathan Blake built the first wooden frame house on the site of the log cabin. This was moved a few rods down Winchester Street to enable his son to build the present brick house in 1833.

The Daughters of the American Revolution presented a bronze tablet which was on the boulder in the front yard of Blake House. This tablet given in tribute to Nathan Hale and his associates for their courage and character in the building of a great nation.

The State of New Hampshire bought the house in 1922 for the purpose of a Home-Economics building. Later this building was enlarged at a cost of \$30,000. The building contains a sewing room, a cooking laboratory, class rooms, and five student rooms. Senior Home-Ec. girls who are fortunate enough to room in Blake find it very comfortable and a real "homey" atmosphere.

Inside the House is a very colorful and descriptive tablet given by the D.A.R. which any student would find interesting. We here at Keene Teachers should be more aware of our rich and colorful history that is visible all over the campus, and take an interest in it.

student body from the front of office—classes will end on Friday, December 20th at 2:30 for the Christmas holidays, and will resume on Monday, January 6, at 8 A. M.

Thus far, Dr. Young has had several meetings with the various groups, and more scheduled for the near future. However, details of the developments of these meetings were not available.

Another note of interest to the

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