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RESIDENT CHOIR sang at The Hun School in Princeton on Wednesday, December 6th. The choir sang several selections of early church music, two Christmas carols, three spirituals, and "The Old Woman." Solos were sung by John Kelsall, John Hanriot, and David Huggins. Mrs. Elva Kelsall, instructor in theory and composition, arranged the presentation of the program. Mrs. Kelsall's husband, Dr. Joseph Kelsall, is musical director at the Hun School. Dr. & Mrs. Kelsall's youngest son, John, sang the solo in the spiritual "Set Down Servant."

CONCERT CHOIR, having reached their farthest point south, is now moving northward and will arrive in Princeton Friday, December 15th. The Resident and Concert choirs will have rehearsals Friday evening and Saturday morning on December 15 & 16. Boys may leave for the weekend after the Saturday morning rehearsal.

OPEN HOUSE for parents, relatives and friends of boys, will be a gala and festive occasion on Sunday, December 17th. The hour is 6:15PM. All boys must return to school that evening by 5:00PM.

THE TOWN CRIER, published from New Brunswick, N.J., carries an excellent article on "America's Singing Boys" in the December issue. The article was written by Mrs. Marel Harayda of North Brunswick. Mrs. Harayda visited the school in October to take pictures and gather information for her article. The cover of the magazine shows a group of the boys viewing the sanctuary of St. Peter's Episcopal Cathedral after a concert appearance in Garden City, Long Island.

MRS. RHINE'S birthday was celebrated with a surprise candlelight dinner last Friday evening.

REVIEWS from the Concert Choir's appearance continue to come into the school. -Greenwood, Miss. - special to Commercial Appeal, Memphis, Tenn. "... The youngsters are an enthusiastic well-mannered group who love music. Upon arrival at the Warren home (parents of James DeLoach) they immediately headed for the piano to play and sing. Before enjoying their meal they lined up, bowed their heads and sang grace... Mr. Warren, Mayor Charles Sampson, and Jim showed the boys how to peel sugar cane and taste the sweet juice ... they sang at Jim's Church, the First Presbyterian... The boys in the famous choir all agree it's a wonderful organization, and one member, Dave Hollander of Clark, N.J., summed it up by remarking "It's just a darn nice school." - Parkersburg, West Va. - Parkersburg Sentinel - "It was standing room only" ... "There is no question about the appeal of little boys who sing, and the Columbus Boychoir ranks among the very best in the field. Musical Director, Donald Bryant has molded a well balanced and musical sounding ensemble ..." "Apart from his conducting duties, Donald Bryant is a gifted pianist, as he demonstrated in a group of three short Chopin pieces ..."

All reviews are entered a large scrap book in the school office.