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GREETINGS from the WK25 Hilltop!

The Christmas Holidays should not go by without an issue of the NEWSICIAN to wish you alumni and former students Seasons Greetings and to try to bring you up to date on the latest happenings in the Western Music Department, and the Hilltop (as of the latest issue of the "Big Snow") was notable for some very outstanding performances.

Perhaps the most exciting event of the late Winter season was the all-time record snow when more than thirty inches fell stranding a large number of Western students who had gone to Lexington for the quarter-finals of the NCAA basketball tournament. Most of the students were from 36 to 48 hours late returning to the Hilltop. School was dismissed for several days because of the storm. Bowling Green was declared an isolated city on several national TV chains.

One of the nicest things that happened in the Music department was the installation of Iota Mu chapter of the men's honorary-professional music fraternity, Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia. One May 20 a team came from Peabody and installed the local chapter and initiated 21 students and 2 faculty members as charter members of Western's chapter. Already the effect of Sinfonia is being felt among the students in the music department. Local faculty members, who were former active members, assisted the Peabody group in the ceremonies which were followed by a banquet at Fogrell's Restaurant. Mr. Bennie Beach is the faculty advisor of the group, and Bill Warren from Ottawa, Illinois, is President.

Those graduating in music in June and August included: Pan Hart, David Sunburg, Ronnie and Evalyn Champion, Larry Long, Larry Moore, Ray Laneford, Vernon Spurling, Joe Allen, Margaret Mundy, Margaret Newman, Karlene English, Bob Boney, Bob Cates; Charlie Black received his B.S. degree.

The annual May Luncheon of the Music Ed. Club was held at the Helm Hotel with Dean Dowdy of Madisonville as the featured speaker. Vernon Spurling (Pres. of the club) received the annual senior music honor award.

ACTIVITIES OF 1959-60

Since this is the first issue of the WESTERN NEWSICIAN since last Xmas, a number of things took place last school year that should be mentioned before "diving" into the current school year's activities. The usual Winter activities of concerts, recitals, and what-nots took place as per usual. The Spring high school music festival was held as per usual with the festival this year being a terminal one, i.e. no State final contest as before. This was the first year that KMEA had complete charge of all festival activities. The local Festival (postponed because of the "Big Snow") was notable for some very outstanding performances.

September found a 22% increase in Western's enrollment with a grand total of 3600 full time college students and a very sizable increase in music students. Music majors totalled about 84 including over 50 Freshmen and transfers. The Marching Band of eighty-five members was as busy as per usual for the football season and put on some very fine shows and went to Louisville for the Cardinal-Hilltoppers football game. Fine band show—bad football score!

HOMECOMING was a gala affair this year with our arch rival, Eastern, furnishing both football and band competition. Both bands performed in their usual fine fashion but the football team lost a heartbreaker by one touchdown. The annual Music dept. Homecoming breakfast was well attended with many alumni putting in their appearance including: Jack and Lorene Valz, Wendell Couts, the Bill Rutherford, Steve Combs, Key Mason Hamrick, Floyd Farmer, Vernon Spurling, "Skip" and Annabelle Jensen, Mac...
Arthur, Larry and Caroline Moore, Marion Adams, Jane Stewart and husband from Kalamazoo, Michigan, the Don Trivettes, and the usual Bowling Green group of Ida Weidemann, Dorothy Dodson, Mrs. C. W. Duncan and others including many students, faculty, parents and loyal friends.

BAND DAY was another gala celebration with twenty bands appearing in the parade at noon and during the half-time show. Central City (Bob Walker, director) band was adjudged the best marching and playing band in the parade and the Russellville majorettes also received a trophy (Hazel Carver, director.) The massed bands played several numbers directed by Cecil Marrick, Charlie Black and Bill Tate.

OKLAHOMA was the featured music-drama departments joint presentation this year with three nights of outstanding performances given by a cast of over 100 and a first pit orchestra of 26. The second and third nights played to packed houses and gave the performers more than seven curtain calls. Russell Miller was production director and your editor was musical and orchestra director. The choreography was under the direction of Mrs. Valerie Moody of Nashville adding a professional touch to this very colorful bit of Americana. Dr. Stone, Dr. Carpenter and Mrs. Rose helped the orchestra really "scream" in this delightful music.

CHRISTMAS music this year took the form of a first presentation on the local campus of Handel Schutz's "Christmas Oratorio" presented in a first rate performance by the College Chorus with the Pauli directing. The A Cappella Choir assisted in the program with a group of modern Christmas numbers.

KMEA CONVENTION time is next month at Lexington, January 13 and 14. The annual College Alumni get-together is being scheduled again, and all WESTERN Music Educators are urged to attend this gathering of the musical clan at noon, Saturday 11, at the Donovan Hall Cafeteria. Reservations are not necessary, but YOU ALL COME! The program for the convention looks very worthwhile and should be supported.

TWO SYMPHONIES are appearing on the Western campus this year giving local music patrons and students an unusual treat. The Louisville Orchestra of 50 players gave to very beautiful concerts in October (courtesy Gov. Combs), and in March the Atlanta Symphony will give the final concert of the Community Concert series--free to Western students--courtesy Pres. Thompson.

WHO'S WHERE AND WHY

Last year's graduates:

Bob Cates is music director at Caverna H.S., Horse Cave.
Bob Tency returned to his job as band director at Richland, Virginia.
Karlene Engleman is teaching music at East Canton, Ohio.
Margaret Newman is teaching grade music in Larue County. She married at Thanksgiving.
Margaret Manny is teaching in Ohio.
Joe Allen is the new band and choral director at Providence, Ky.
Vernon Spurling went to Carrollton as band director in the city high school.
Ray Lunsford is teaching at Alachua, Florida, 20 miles from Gainesville.
Larry Moore is music director at Centertown, Ky. Carolyn is also teaching.
Larry Long is teaching at Wheelwright, Virginia, both band and choral work.
Pam Hurt, now Mrs. Dick Foast, is teaching in county schools at Clarksville, Tenn.
David Sunburg is teaching at Manilla, Iowa, and directed the Messiah recently.
Ronnie and Evelyn Champion are teaching in the Miami, Florida, area.

Other Grads and their doings:

Wayne Wilson, '50, is on the faculty of Arkansas A. & M. College, Monticello. He send a recent program of the Messiah he directed plus a recent concert by his band.
Macaulay Arthur, '58, is the new band director at Danville H.S., Danville, Ky.
Steve Combs, '51, has moved to Oak Ridge taking Gil Scarbrough's, '40, place as band director. Gil has moved up to a principalship in the Oak Ridge system.
Bill Brogan, '57, is the new band director at Greenville, Ky. How's the piano, Bill?

Francine Walker, '59, is now Mrs. Ronald Markwell and is teaching in two schools in the Western half of Daviess County and Ronnie is teaching English at Sacramento.

Daphne McCord, '58, is teaching piano in Richland, Va., giving recitals, playing organ.

Shirley Price, '59, is teaching in Daviess County--instruments in the grades.

Betty Seaver Porter, '48, and family stopped and toured the campus, Nov. 11, and stayed over and attended OKLAHOMA. She wrote later that she was most surprised at the changes on the campus. She has two cute youngsters full of music like their mother.

Clarence Miller, '52, is back in Bowling Green helping her father in the furniture store. She is to accompany her brother Bill, '54, in a recital sponsored by B.G. Kiwanis Club.

Dick Borchardt, '52, is the new President of Central Ky. district of KMEA. He is band director at Henry Clay H.S., Lexington.

Jerry Wetzel, '56, moved from Leitchfield to Sturgis, Ky., this fall.

Mary Ruth Grise, '60, Music Minor, is director of vocal music at E-town, Ky., H.S.

Jim "Skip" Jensen and Annabelle, both '53, returned recently from Hawaii and is at Fort Knox still in the services of Uncle Sam.

Jack Valz, '51, is selling insurance in the Cincinnati area.

Franklin Craig, '61, is the new band director at Warren Co. H.S.

Rogers Magee, '49, is on sabbatical from Dade Co., Fla., and studying at Fla.S.U.

Joanne Wilson, '57, has been teaching near Joliet, but was married last summer and moved to New York state. Address, unknown.

Rev. James Colman, '47, received the Masters degree recently from American U. at Washington, D.C. He is still connected with the Chaplain division of U.S. Army.

Gene Hoggard, '51, band director at LaRue Co. H.S. is the new President of SKMEA.

FACULTY NEWS:

For the second consecutive year there are no new faces in the music department faculty group. Miss Bale had a serious operation last summer and in October her mother passed away. Dr. Stone has been busy attending various professional meetings. He represented WKSC at the annual meeting of NASM and was elected Pres. of the SouthEastern Region. He and Mr. Paulli appeared on the program of the recent state convention of KMEA held at Murray. Dr. Stone is Vice Pres. and Mr. Paulli is chairman of the private vocal teachers. Several of his students appeared on the convention.

Mr. Thaden and Miss Chisholm also attended the convention. Mr. Thaden have one of his required piano seminars at P.S.U. last summer leaving his wife for several weeks to care for their new twin girls. Messrs. Bench, Carpenter and Knob are again playing in the Nashville Symphony plus three faculty wives--Mesdames Knob, Rose and Thad. Mr. Rose directed the Central City Community Chorus in the MESSIAH Dec. 18, for the fourth consecutive year. The Rose family ensemble also assisted.

Former Faculty Members: Earle Boardman is teaching orchestra at Kearney, Nebraska; Joe Running is married again and head of music at Centenary College, La.; Chester Channon was seen at MENC convention at Atlantic City last spring looking as young and energetic as ever. Mrs. Travelstead enjoyed a three month's cruise on a tramp ship last spring and has many tales to tell. She is still living on Barren River Road.

CODA: We would like to hear from all of you much often. Write us your activities, changes of addresses and all about yourselves. Send us programs for our bulletin boards. Also, we are always anxious to hear about prospective music students for our growing department. We depend greatly upon you alumni to send us your best products. Our goal is 100 outstanding music majors!

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