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SNOW Friday and Saturday (about 18 inches) on top of previous snow, still deep from early December, kept everyone from going to town on the usual weekend trips, including church Sunday morning. Instead, there was popcorn-popping and record-listening around the fireplace in the dining room and other indoor pastimes. Milk was brought in from Rosedale Road via the Swords' driveway Saturday evening by boys using sleds. The school driveways were cleared once again by Mr. Raphael, assisted by Mr. Gerhartz, Sunday afternoon. Most boys who intended to go home for the weekend were able to do so, leaving about a dozen at school, and all but a few were back as usual in time for supper Sunday evening.

ASSEMBLY Friday afternoon was given over to a Dunking Ceremony, held in the dining room, in which five boys were honored for having sung their first solos in public as members of the Columbus Boychoir. They were Larry Baldwin, Douglas Kelner, Douglas McFalls, Michael O'Flaherty and James Walker. Each received a handsome certificate (besides the head-dunking) attesting to his having experienced "the Rite of the Submerged Soloist" and admitting him to the "Dunked Society by the Association for the Prevention of Swelled Heads"--the cold water being supposed to reduce any swelling which may have resulted from admiration of the solo performance. The Deliverer of Dampness was Mr. Haley and hot chocolate and cookies were served, after which each dunkee told the story of his first-solo experience. Tomorrow's assembly program will be given by a group of 7th-grade students in recognition of Lincoln's Birthday.

PRACTICE recital was given last night in the loggia by Mr. Haley's piano pupils. Those participating were Larry Baldwin, David Carter, Ray Colcord, Curt Jeschke, Bill Johnson, Doug Kelner, Robert Kroshefsky, Jimmy Martin, Craig Maus, Gary Raphael, Keith Raphael, Bobby Reitz, John Sokoloff, Arthur Ster, Chip Turtzo, Jim Walker and Barry Yaches.

TOURING choir stopped at Greenwood, Miss., home of Jim de Loach, and gave a concert in the First Presbyterian Church last weekend. The group was bountifully entertained through the kindness of Jimmy's parents and grandparents, who among other things arranged police escorts for the bus into and out of town. At Memphis on Monday the staff members were guests of the Haleys for dinner.

EASTER vacation will extend from March 25 to April 9. Commencement will be held on Saturday, June 3, last day of the 1960-61 school year.

ITINERARY details of the New England tour beginning February 23rd will be given in next week's Newsletter.