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FAN MAIL was received from far off Ramallah, Jordan last week. Mrs. Bassett heard the choir on a special Christmas program presented by the Voice of America. Mrs. Bassett was ill at the time and the rest of the family had gone to Bethlehem for the Christmas Eve service. She addressed her envelope as "Fan Mail" to her favorite Boychoir! Dr. Bassett wrote and told us he was able to hear the choir at the Tree Lighting ceremony at Christmas time in spite of the Russian attempts to "jam" the airways. All members of the family are well.

THIRTY BOYS sang at the pre-inaugural service on Tuesday, January 16th. The service was in the First Presbyterian Church in Trenton. The boys sang "Pueri hebraeorum" by Randall Thompson and "Duo Seraphim" by Vittoria under the direction of Mr. Bryant.

MICHAEL O'FLAHERTY celebrated his thirteenth birthday with the usual cake and paddle on the 16th. Other birthdays this week were Mrs. Louise Stanford (cook) and Mr. Rhine.

ICE SKATING was good this past weekend. Saturday afternoon a group of boys saw a hockey game. Burrillville High School (Rhode Island) played Lawrenceville Academy. The coach of Burrillville is a friend of Mr. Rhine. The Rhode Island school defeated Lawrenceville 7-2. Many boys enjoyed skating on the pond at Lawrenceville after the game. On Sunday afternoon most of the boys were skating or sliding on Carnegie Lake in Princeton. Ice Skating was new to many boys from the southland and it was a thrilling experience.

ACTIVITY CLUBS offered this week were: Chess Club, Stamp Club, Handcraft Club and Music Composition Club. The Wednesday evening club program has been a big success and enjoyed by every boy. We still need several adult supervisors for activities.

ASSEMBLY this week was a film produced by the Atomic Energy Commission, "Atom Comes to Town". The concert choir visited Oak Ridge Atom Energy Plant on the Fall tour while in Tennessee.

FIRST APPEARANCE of the Concert Choir for the preceeding Spring Tour will be Sunday, January 28th at the Southampton Jr. High School Auditorium, Southampton, Long Island. The concert will be at 3:00 P.M.

FEATURE ARTICLE--The seventh and eighth grades were asked to write essays telling about their wishes for 1962. The thoughts ranged from world peace to good marks in school, but here are some of the best: I hope that the United States stand strong in all its decisions regarding world affairs...I hope that a European tour will be possible in the coming year... I want the Cuban government to be overthrown...I should like to do my best in all my subjects and to be outstanding in my music...I want to lead a clean, healthy life and not do any of the foolish things I may have done in the past.