

CAROLING TOUR GIVES UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY

By JOYCE STEPHENS

Does it seem odd for Meredith girls to be roaming around State College Campus between 11 p.m. and 1 a.m. dressed informally in turned up socks, blue-jeans, and perhaps flannel pajamas as a hidden protection from the cold? It might seem even more unusual to see these same girls visiting the homes of the members of the faculty and administration and other places — orphanages, hospitals, and prisons — at hours usually devoted to the owl. If you find yourself planning one of these midnight rendezvous for the night before Christmas holidays and wondering if you can really be a part of it and still uphold the Meredith "Angel" status, then just ask any A.A. Board member. She will tell you that you are very important in this rendezvous because every year the Athletic Association sponsors Christmas caroling for all those interested. This year it will be December 17.

STUDENT TEACHERS

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caused her trouble. Through a misspelled word Adele had one of her students eating a desert. As for her name, it's everything from Beauty to Cluney to Hawkins, but scarcely ever Buening. One little boy asked Adele why she always wore a kite to school. "A kite?" "Yes, ma'am, you know, that kite you wear on your blouse." And that was the first time Adele had ever thought that an SAE pin looked like a kite! An example of the widespread interest in cowboys and cowgirls was shown when

one day a little boy said, "Miss Buening sounds like Dale Evans." That was the day Adele had a cold and could hardly talk. Adele's students have been studying leaves and have made curtains for their classroom, painting autumn leaves on them.

With the high school teachers the story is quite different. Elizabeth Hamrick was too busy planning her all day teaching in chemistry to see anything humorous about this teaching business. Gwen Horne, Jean Dula, and Phyllis Nottingham were all in Jean's room bewailing their state. "It takes so long to grade themes." "I'll be so glad to get it over with." But then the girls confessed that they had really enjoyed their contacts with the high school students. Gwen has even enjoyed reading her students themes. One boy wrote her one on changing a baby's diapers. One of Jean's student's, when she asked him what his trouble was in the correct usage of *shall* and *will*, summed it all up by saying that his main trouble was English. Phyllis admitted that she was one day the cause of a giggling class. She went to school with her skirt unzipped.

Trevah Garrett and Jennette Overby are doing their student teaching at the Methodist Orphanage. Their students are now making Christmas presents — and talking about their boy-friends.

Connie Moore has an unusual teaching situation. Most of her students are older than she is. Many of them are married, and one has already done ninety hours of student teaching. It must seem rather odd to have one of your students tell you after class, "You're doing very well, Miss Moore."

Student teachers get tired of teaching about this time of the year and begin counting the hours until they'll be through, but they all agree that this semester is one well worth while.

Athletic Union Head Says Sports Do Not Produce Mannish Women

Girl's schools and co-ed colleges today were urged to cooperate in the development of more girl athletes in track and field events so that Uncle Sam's chances in the 1956 Olympic Games will be strengthened.

The plea came from Daniel J. Ferris, secretary-treasurer of the Amateur Athletic Union. Ferris has been at his post for forty years and has seen the sons and daughters of the Uncle take a lot of hurdles in his time.

"As far back as thirty years ago, schools like Vassar, Bryn Mawr, University of California, Florida State College for Women, and other had good women's track teams, and this effort

paid off as late as 1932 when the U.S. women dominated the distaff events at the Olympics," Ferris says.

"We have to build up our strength in the women's events and encourage women's track and field athletics like the Russians, the French, and the English do. Everywhere in Europe and elsewhere over the map, women may race up to half a mile and even beyond. We limit ours to 220 yards," Ferris states.

The prowess of the Russian women athletes gave the Soviets a big lead in the recent Olympic Games at Helsinki, a lead that the American men barely managed to overcome in the eleventh hour.

"There is no secret about the way other countries develop more good women athletes in track and field events," Ferris recently said in an article for *Parade Magazine*. "The Olympics are not intended to pit nation against nation. The purpose of the Olympics is to find great athletes and it is a shame America doesn't give her girls more of a chance to be great!"

Ferris said that the 1952 Olympics convinced him that women's sports, properly selected, do not produce mannish women. "Participation in track and field events will enhance rather than dilute femininity," Ferris contends.

Commenting upon the splendid fighting, never-say-die spirit of the U. S. women's relay team at Helsinki, the veteran official of AAU says, "Sports have made American boys strong, strong and even great in their sense of fairness and courage. Sports can do the same for girls — and even prepare them better for raising happy, normal-minded families later on."

Anyhow, it looks like the track and field events will have ceased to be a "men's club" by the time the chips are down at Melbourne, Australia's Olympic Games in 1956. They will if Dan Ferris has any luck in spurring on the American universities and girl's schools in their

SPORTS BRIEFS

By LORETTE OGLESBY

The badminton tournament is nearing the final match. No winners have been announced yet, but many contestants entered the match, and competition has been stiff.

The badminton tournament is sponsored each year by the Athletic Association. This year's manager is Shirley Cliatt.

Meredith lost both the volley ball game and the tennis match at the Greensboro College play day on November 15. On our volley ball team were Jean Pace, captain, and Joyce Bailey, Alstine Salter, Barbara Bowman, Kay Johnson, Nancy Hall, Caroline Byrum, Mary Lane, Ruth Champion, and Becky Kenzie. Ruth Dial was time-keeper. The score for the game was 28-13.

In the tennis match Ann Lovell played Mary Schremp of Greensboro College and lost 4-6.

The final winners of the day were Woman's College for volley ball and Salem for tennis.

Christmas lists are being prepared by the Athletic Association again this year. They will contain the name and address of every student, faculty member, and member of the administration. These will be on sale by December 15.

The Meredith folk dancers are working hard to perfect their dances for the concert which will be held on February 21 this year. Such dances as the Arabian, Egyptian, Swiss Mountaineer, Scottish Sword Dance, square dance, and Mexican Hat Dance will be included in the program.

The concert, usually held later in the spring, has been moved to avoid conflicts which arise near the end of the year.

athletic departments.

"It is not that our girl athletes are failing US," Ferris opines; "it is we who are failing THEM by not giving the same opportunities and training for track and field that we give in swimming and golf and tennis, where our women athletes bow to nobody."

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