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News

Kostka, Back From Europe, Presents Desolate Picture Of Czech Country

Chappaqua Resident, Guest of Czechoslovakian Government Reports Problems of Supplies and Transportation; People Hopeful and Plans Go Forward for Lidice Memorial

A lone Russian cross and some harrowed soil are the only extant signs of Lidice, Czechoslovakian town destroyed by the Nazis in 1942, reported William Kostka, Chappaqua resident recently returned from Europe where he spent two weeks as guest of the Czechoslovakian government on behalf of the Lidice Memorial Committee.

Mr. Kostka presented a graphic and desolate picture of life in Czechoslovakia, one of the first countries to succumb to pre-war German aggression.

"There was no spontaneous outburst of relief and joy upon the Czech liberation," he said. "There couldn't be. The people were too hungry and six years of Naziism has almost broken their spirit."

"UNRRA trucks rumble through the streets to bring some relief. But there still isn't enough food. Black market operations have exceeded all bounds and are now almost considered legal. Nevertheless, for most Czechs there are no green foods, milk, butter, or cereals. A nation can't recover from a six year siege of horror on a diet of potatoes and dumplings."

A son of Czech parents, Kostka enjoyed meeting Jan Masaryk,

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Donald Knight Escapes Severe Hurt In Crash

Donald Knight, 18, of Spruce Lane, Chappaqua, who has recently returned to Horace Greeley High School after serving in the Merchant Marine, was admitted to the New Rochelle Hospital early Sunday morning for injuries received when he apparently lost control of the car he was driving and crashed into a pole.

Knight, a police report said, was driving south on upper North Avenue at 1:20 A.M. Sunday morning when the car, out of control, ran wild on the wrong side of the street, traveled the curbing for 50 feet, and struck a pole on the northeast corner of Lovell Road.

The machine, a '37 sedan owned by his father, Alwyn Woolson Knight, was badly damaged. Donald suffered three fractured ribs and a scalp cut, but has now returned home and is on the way to recovery.

BORIS KOUTZEN



Local Composer Featured In Music Festival

Boris and Inez Koutzen Will Present Compositions On WNYC, Friday, Feb. 22

Each year, during the period between Lincoln's birthday and Washington's birthday, New York City's own broadcasting station, WNYC, sponsors a festival of American music. The programs represent a symposium of creative achievement by American composers throughout the country.

Boris Koutzen, eminent violinist and composer, whose works have been featured by leading symphonic organizations, and

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United China Relief Reports \$40,000,000 In Contributions

Fifth Anniversary of Collections for China Marks Increase in Receipts and Reduction of Expense Ratio; Need Continues Great for Medical Aid, Child Care and Rehabilitation.

Fifth anniversary of United China Relief in February, 1946, will have seen a grand total of \$40,655,711 contributed by the American people to support a wide variety of essential humanitarian services in China since 1941, it is announced by Mrs. Fred Guinzburg, local chairman of the relief organization.

Expenses of collection and administration have been strikingly reduced from a high of 17.02 percent in 1941, the organization year, to a low of 3.41 percent in 1945, Mrs. Guinzburg pointed out. Each of the five years has seen an increase in receipts and a reduction of expense ratio.

"The usefulness of this work in which all Americans can take pride is demonstrated not alone in terms of lives saved and suffering alleviated on a vast scale, but in the almost universal pop-

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Legion, PTA Sponsor West Symphony Concert Appearance

Concert Will be Given at Horace Greeley High School, Saturday Evening, March 9th, Admission Free; Legion Will Present Collection of American History Books to Chappaqua Library

The Westchester Symphony Orchestra (formally known as the White Plains Orchestra), will make a visit to Chappaqua on Saturday evening, March 9th, under the joint sponsorship of the American Legion and the P. T. A. The concert will be given in the Gym of the Horace Greeley School, without admission charge. Against a background of basket-ball, badminton and other athletic paraphernalia, the orchestra will play an ambitious program of works by Gluck, Schubert, Mendelsohn and Moussorgski.

This concert will be the second conducted by the orchestra's new leader, Milton Forstat, cellist of the New York Philharmonic Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Forstat, who succeeds the late Louis Green, has recently returned from conducting the Utah and Detroit Orchestras, and is regarded by many as one of the most promising young conductors.

The orchestra's personnel is 100 per cent amateur and 50 per cent female. Among its numbers are a dentist, an eminent lawyer, teachers, salesmen, housewives, several high school

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Mt. Kisco Site Discussed At Local Meeting

Advisory Group Hears Reasons For Chappaqua to Join With Mt. Kisco in Recreation Plans.

The New Castle Recreation Commission Advisory Committee met last Tuesday night in the Horace Greeley School to hear and discuss the plans for a Recreation Center in the Mount Kisco area of New Castle where, among other facilities, a swimming pool to cost \$90,000 is in the plans.

Members of twelve organizations were present to hear Messrs. Walter Huber and William O'Brien urge the participation of Chappaqua residents to attain an objective that would be mutually beneficial.

It was the opinion of the Advisory Committee that each

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Square Dancing Scores Success

Millwood Barn Dance Thronged With Enthusiastic Dancers; Firemen Promise Repeat Soon

Truthfully, all Westchester was represented at the Barn Dance at the Millwood Fire House Saturday night. A few more than 400 people stomped and promenaded to Harvey Braught's square dance music. The dance started off slowly and gained

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Kids Okay Open-House

"Dads" Hope to Secure Roller Skates for Future Events; Will Meet Tues., March 5th

Close to 115 youngsters visited Open House at the Greeley High School, Saturday evening, February 16, and enjoyed the numerous games in the gym, lower corridor and cafeteria. In the gym 3 ping pong tables, 2 badminton courts and 1 volley ball court were in operation. Two shuffle board courts proved very popular in the lower corridor and for relaxation the cafeteria was a welcome spot with its table bowling alley, card and checker games, and, of course, the refreshments. Hosts and hostesses were Mr. and Mrs. Stephen Wessells, Mr. and Mrs. Phillip Forsythe, and Mr. George Coles.

With the attendance well over the one hundred mark at each Open House, there is need for more table games in the cafe-

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