

## Scaling Musical Ladder

Hughes senior choir and ensemble came under new leadership this year. Mr. Bige Hammons was replaced by Mr. Peter Ayer, formerly with Heindol Junior High. Mr. Ayer has introduced new methods of teaching while providing a varied musical experience for students with talent and inclination for music.

This past year's fad of folk music inspired Mr. Ayer's ingenuity and the Halloween-Hootenanny was the result. Mr. Ayer plays many instruments, one of which is the guitar. A guitar club was formed and its members have performed in many assemblies.

Senior choir has been busy participating in the Halloween-Hootenanny and the Thanksgiving, Christmas and Spring Concerts. Many members joined the MGR cast. In January, the choir served as a demonstration group at the Ohio Music Educators Conference. The Adjudicators Clinic was held at the Sheraton Gibson Hotel, where Hughes received an excellent rating.

Ensemble was honored by being asked to premiere a work depicting the life and work of William Holmes McGuffey. Other engagements on its calendar included the P.T.A. and Night School Christmas concerts and appearances at Wilson Auditorium, Hope Lutheran Church, and Hughes feeder schools.

Combined efforts produced a successful candy sale, providing funds to dress the Ensemble in blazers.

The ANNUAL salutes Mr. Ayer for his dedicated efforts to make Hughes Senior Choir an outstanding organization.



Officers pause before meeting Mr. Ayer to discuss senior choir problems: (Front) F. Solomon; C. Johnson, Vice-president. (Left) B. Williams, J. Dillard, J. Gump, B. Strausbaugh, Secretary; M. Maloney, B. Schehr, M. Hoff, Treasurer. (Back) T. Youngblood, Sergeant-at-arms; R. Sullivan, President; T. Moore, Sergeant-at-arms.

**Bottom Row:** P. Hazley, J. Bolts, J. Wallace, J. Courtier, C. Brooks, D. Buckshorn, C. Frazier, D. Faulkner, L. Jones, J. Thomas, G. Howard, P. Kinley, K. Halliday, C. Halloman, D. Bolan, A. Vandergriff, B. Williams. **Second Row:** B. Strausbaugh,

F. Wilson, S. Shanks, G. Strawder, J. Dillard, P. Drewery, J. Doolittle, B. Frye, B. Gilliard, T. Jones, Y. Moore, M. Jefferies, K. Moore, F. Solomon, C. Johnson. **Third Row:** M. Hoff, B.

