

CHORUS NEWS

The Community Chorus held its regular weekly practice on Tuesday evening in the Music Room. All the members are practicing hard to get ready for their Spring concert which is only a few weeks away, on May 18.

The Chorus is planning an extra special program with choral selections by many great composers. It has just been revealed that Mr. Gordon Wilcox is the composer of one of the songs being practiced by the group. Another special feature being worked on diligently by several members of the chorus is an orchestra composed of the kind of instruments in use at the time some of the music being sung was written.

Mark May 18 on your calendar now, so you'll be sure to attend the Spring concert of the Community Chorus.

WHERE TO STUDY

Students are always asking what the best way to study is, and experts are always coming up with answers. Now I'm not attempting to be any expert, but after trying some of their rules for studying I have decided to pass some of these rules along to you together with some additions from my own experience which might prove helpful. Since the experts usually start off with rules for where to study, I will also.

**RULE 1--ALWAYS STUDY IN A QUIET PLACE.** This is the study suggestion I have always wanted to meet the originator of. Certainly such a place is not to be found around school. Did I hear someone say a quiet place to study is your bedroom or some unused corner of your house? Whoever made that suggestion, underestimates the noise making ability of my family, and have you priced soundproofing lately? The library is another supposedly quiet place to study, but which library, one in New York. Whenever I go to the Hazleton library, I find a dozen friends also trying to find a quiet place to work. The result----conversation. So far, the only completely quiet place I've found is a cemetery vault, but then there is a problem about the next rule, so I have been forced to study with the door shut, ignoring the noise my family considerably keeps hushed to a low roar.

**RULE 2\*--STUDY IN A PLACE WITH PROPER LIGHTING.** This is a very important rule. Many experts say that if you don't have proper lighting, it is better not to study at all. HEY THERE, put down that lamp! That's no attitude to take. One word of warning. If your study lamp does not contain a bright enough bulb, buy one. Don't take one from some place else in the house. My father still bears the scar from shaving by the hall light after I removed the bulb from the light in the bathroom.

**RULE 3--STUDY IN A PLACE FREE FROM VISUAL DISTRACTIONS.** This rule means that all objects that would take your mind off studying should be removed from the study area, and it was the cause of the mass moving of miscellaneous objects from my room. However, my attempt to get rid of the bed (it made me sleepy) brought objections from the other members of the family, since the hall was already overflowing. Now all the things are back in my room, since I have solved the problem by wearing blinders which allow me only to look at the book I am studying.

**RULE 4--ALWAYS STUDY IN THE SAME PLACE.** This rule presents little difficulty because after going to all the trouble of finding a place to study that meets all the other requirements, who would want to change to another place.

I hope this article has settled some of your problems about the proper environment in which to study. If the faculty doesn't catch up with me, I'll be back next week with some rules on when and how to study.