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# ..and it Came to Pass that the Air was Filled with the Song of Children

ON DECEMBER 24TH BOTH DAYTON RADIO STATIONS WILL CARRY A ONE-HALF HOUR PROGRAM OF "THE STORY OF BETHLEHEM" TRANSCRIBED IN SONG BY THE INLAND CHILDREN'S CHORUS

Born in the turbulent middle ages were many of the famed Christmas carols which the Inland Children's Chorus will weave into a song-story of a Christmas day more than 19 centuries ago.

This is the story of Bethlehem which the Inland Children's Chorus will broadcast by transcription over both Dayton Stations on December 24th. This one-half

hour program will originate over WHIO at 4 o'clock in the afternoon, and the same program will be broadcast at 9:30 P. M. over WING.

It is fitting indeed, on this Christmas Eve when the thoughts of all Inlanders at home will turn to their comrades and their loved ones in the Armed Forces, that the Inland Children's Chorus should

share with the people of Dayton the message of faith and good will which this holy season represents.

So this year again, the Inland Children's Chorus climaxes a busy holiday season with a message of courage and strength to the people of Inland and to the people of Dayton.

Conceived in 1936 by Colonel Wallace S. Whittaker, formerly Inland's General Manager, the Chorus which began with a total of 78 children now includes a group of 160 children of Inland employees. Their ages vary from 8 to 15 years. This famed Chorus under the direction of Mr.

Richard Westbrook, and staged by Mr. Raymond Sovey, has become part of Dayton's holiday tradition in its annual appearances with the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra.

So popular and so universal has become the appeal of the Chorus that this year, in addition to the regular performance on Thursday the 16th with the Philharmonic, a repeat performance was staged on December 17th. Listeners to both concerts were thrilled and exalted by the musical beauty and appeal of this unique and beloved musical organization of which every Inlander is so proud.

WINTER AND HOLIDAY PROGRAM  
OF THE  
INLAND CHILDREN'S CHORUS  
Directed By  
MR. RICHARD WESTBROCK

December 16th and 17th

Acclaimed by patrons of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra who crowded two performances on December 16th and 17th, was the Children's Chorus as they scored another outstanding success in their series of traditional holiday programs with the Philharmonic.

December 24th

Both Dayton radio stations, WHIO and WING, will carry a one-half hour program—"The Story of Bethlehem"—as transcribed by the Chorus in a message of hope and courage to the people of Inland and the people of Dayton.

February 20th

For the second year the Chorus appears at the Dayton Art Institute in one of the series of Sunday Afternoon Musical Programs sponsored by the Dayton Chamber of Commerce.

