



YOUNG SINGERS PREPARE FOR INLAND CHORUS CONCERT  
Left to Right, John Stevens, Diane Thomas and Don Stevens

## Inland Children's Chorus Marks Silver Anniversary

Silver anniversary of the Inland Children's chorus will be celebrated Tuesday when the 100-voice ensemble presents its traditional Christmas concert at Memorial hall.

The 8:30 p.m. program under the direction of Joseph P. Geiger will be given for Inland Manufacturing division employees, their families and guests.

Fifty boys and as many girls will participate in the concert. The boys will wear the Eton suits and the girls, Alice Blue gowns. The same silver and blue setting which has been traditional will be employed.

The chorus, organized in 1936

by the late Richard Westbrook, made its first appearance Dec. 20 of that year. Geiger has been director since 1955.

The concert group is drawn from a chorus of 250 children ranging from 8 to 16. In addition, a junior chorus has been organized to give all the children a chance to appear

in concert during the year.

The program, for which Paul Ray Jones is accompanist, will include 16th and 17th century Christmas carols, Brahm's Cradle Song, Adams' O Holy Night and the 15th century Echo Song by Orlando di Lasso. French and Welsh carols will also be presented.

## Children Sing Tuesday Night

# *Inland Chorus Marks 25th Anniversary*

Not everything changes with time. Some, happily familiar—like the tradition of Christmas—seem the same year after year.

So it will be when the Inland Children's Chorus celebrates their 25th anniversary with their annual Christmas concert Tuesday night at Memorial hall.

There'll be the traditional Eton suits and Alice Blue gowns. The setting will be much the same as it has been for years: whitened cedars sparkling with tiny blue lights pyramided at the sides of the stage.

Only the faces will be different. In the years since the chorus was organized in 1936, a few thousand sons and daughters and close relatives of the Inland division of General Motors have sung with the group.

The chorus is an outgrowth of Christmas parties for the Inland children and an earlier singing group organized by the late Richard Westbrock. He was director of the chorus until his death in 1955.

Through the chorus the children have a chance to get acquainted with good music through a co-operative effort, according to John D. O'Brien, general manager of Inland.

Their music has been spread through the community through annual concerts, performances with the Dayton Philharmonic orchestra and on radio.

This year's program will be directed by Joseph P. Geiger who took over the organization five years ago. The chorus will be accompanied by Paul Ray Jones.

Over 250 boys and girls, ages 8 through 16, are members of the 1960 chorus. Of these, 100 will perform at the 8 p.m. concert.

The two-part program includes traditional carols, hymns and popular holiday tunes.

Among the selections are "O Come All Ye Faithful," "Angels We Have Heard on High," "Ave Maria," "While By My Sheep," "Cradle Song," "O Holy Night," "It's Beginning to Look Like Christmas," "Echo Song," "The First Noel," "Up and Wake Thee, Peter Lad," "Deck the Hall" and "Gloria In Excelsis Deo."