



Inland's Famed Children's Chorus Will Give Concert First Week In May At Art Institute

The coming of Spring has for many years brought a pleasant event to Inlanders in the guise of the annual Spring Festival of the Inland Children's Chorus. This year is no exception.

On the night of May 3 and 4, and the afternoon of May 6, the chorus will present the festival at the Art Institute. The two night concerts begin at 8 p.m. while the Sunday afternoon performance will begin at 3 p.m.

As usual the chorus will be under the direction of Richard Westbrook, who has been leading the group since its inception, nine years ago. He has chosen an interesting program, featuring some of the outstanding song hits of former musical comedies. Included in the list are "Alice Blue Gown," "Song of Love," "Over the Rainbow" and several other popular numbers.

One feature of the performance will be a repetition of a Medley of Victory Songs. This includes songs that have stirred the people of this country from the Revolutionary days to the present era.

Again, as in previous years Mary Werner Mac Cash will be at

the organ, and Isabel Herbst at the piano. General Manager John D. O'Brien will make the introductory address, and following the intermission Raymond Sovey, who stages the festival, will make a short address.

Free tickets will again be presented to Inlanders and their families to enable them to hear the performances. These free tickets can be obtained at the War Transportation section or the Personnel office, which has been the custom in the past. All persons wishing to attend have only to stop at this location to obtain their tickets, insuring them the opportunity of attending the festival.

The chorus, the first of its type to be established by an industrial concern, has been of great assistance to a number of children who have been endowed with musical talent. Many graduates of the chorus have, after leaving it, gone on and achieved prominence in the musical world. One of the outstanding examples is Barbara Cameron, a member of the chorus for a number of years, who is now heard singing on the air over radio station WLW.



Members of the Inland Children's Chorus are typical youngsters—like those to be found in millions of American homes. Top we see three choristers with their family. Seated on the divan are James and Norma, while on the floor is Tommy. All are busily reading, including their parents, Mr. and Mrs. James Tunney. The father works in general accounting. Below are the two misses, Lois Coon, left, and Patty Weaver, who are primping just before their appearance on stage. Both are veteran members of the chorus. At the left, minus their gowns and buster-brown collars the chorus is going through a rehearsal under the direction of Richard Westbrook, who has been with the group since its formation, nine years ago.