

## INLAND CHILDREN'S CHORUS

SIDE I

O COME ALL YE FAITHFUL O HOLY NIGHT AVE VERUM GREEN CATHEDRAL WHEN CHILDREN PRAY SANCTUS LITTLE DAVID PLAY
HAPPY WANDERER
ECHO SONG
GOOD DAY FOR SINGING

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Paul Jones, one of Dayton's leading teachers of the piano and organ, is accompanist for the Inland Children's Chorus. Here, he entertains some of the small singers before a rehearsal.



Joseph P. Geiger, Chorus Director, is widely known for his ability to train and develope young voices. He has been the director since July, 1955. He is a graduate of the University of Cincinnati College of Music.

The Inland Children's Chorus has for its twenty-six years enjoyed the unique distinction of being the only organization of its kind sponsored by a large corporation.

The idea for a children's singing group grew from the appearances of Inland youngsters on annual Christmas party programs. From the beginning the purpose has been to give the children of employes a good musical education, to develop in them an appreciation for good music, and to make a worthwhile contribution to the cultural life of Inland employes and the community. Judging from the multitude of congratulatory letters received and the reams of favorable newspaper copy published, it is clear that the group serves well its purpose.

Membership in the Chorus is limited to boys and girls between the ages of 8 and 16 years, whose parents or near relatives work at Inland. Each Spring many children reach the graduation age and leave the Chorus. Each Fall auditions are held to replace those who graduate. Although only 100 children make up the concert chorus, more than 200 children are always training and competing for concert status.

The Inland Children's Chorus is conceded to be one of Ohio's outstanding musical organizations. Annual Christmas, Spring Festival and Civic concerts are traditional. The Chorus has performed many times as guest of the Dayton Philharmonic Orchestra. In 1953, with the Orchestra, the Chorus took a prominent part in the staging of Benjamin Britten's cantata "Miracle of St. Nicholas."

The Chorus has enjoyed national recognition. Its "Story of Bethlehem" has been heard on a national radio hookup. In January, 1952, the children performed with Steve Allen in "Stars for Polio," a Dayton originated TV network show.

Over the years more than 1900 boys and girls have benefited through chorus training. Many graduates have gone on to greater musical accomplishments.

Traditionally, in Concert the boys wear Eton suits and the girls, Alice Blue gowns.



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