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CHILDREN HAVE FUN WHILE PREPARING FOR CHORAL CONCERT





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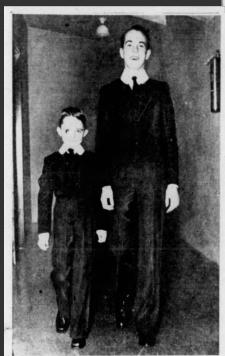
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And here is the long and the short of it, masculine version. The tall boy is Leonard Winchell and his miniature companion is Bobbie Walters.



The Inland chorus concert group of 100 children is shown above at dress rehearsal in the Masonic Temple. In the foreground a part of the Philharmonic orchestra may be seen.



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Although the age range for eligibility in the chorus is only from 9 to 16, the beight range shows more leeway. Here is Helen Aluc's walking beside diminutive Patty Weaver. They are wearing the regulation pale blue faille gowns with organdic collars and cuff trim.

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BY EVELYN HART

Come winter, come snow (maybe), come Christmas, and the series of traditional mental images that are eternally associated with the holiday begins to travel slowly through the mind. One of these images presents a group of boys, mufflers tied close about their chins, knitted caps gayly slanted across their foreheads, noses growing redder, eyes shining excitedly and glowing in candlelight from the window-a group of boys standing ankle deep in snow outside a widow, heads close together, arms about each others' shoulders, singing clearly, sincerely, brightly the songs which are as much Christmas as is Santa

Always, it seems, there have been carollers, keeping alive a romantic, wistful, enchanting tradition, translating into the reality of music the intangible friendliness. benevolence, impulsive generosity and sudden understanding that spring alive on Christmas morning. Carols, we believe, were written for the spontaneous voices of children, the high uninhibited voices of young boys and the unselfconscious, sweet voices of young girls.

These are the things that make the annual Christmas concert of the Inland Children's chorus, with the Dayton Philharmonic orchestra, one of the outstanding events of the Christmas season. The concert this year will be presented Wednesday night at the Masonic temple.

Richard Westbrock will be directing the chorus again this year. Westbrock organized the group four years ago with 78 children, working with the young singers constantly throughout the year, except for the month of August, shaping the varied voices into a delightful unit. Although 175 children sing in the regular chorus sponsored by the Inland Manufacturing Co., only 100 of them are included in the concert group, with 20 understudies. During the 11 months the youngsters meet for two rehearsals each week. For the last two weeks they have been attending a rehearsal every afternoon m preparation for their concert,

They sing because they like to sing. They aren't earning a living with their voices-they aren't maintaining a reputation-they aren't doing chorus work because it's the thing to do. They enjoy singing. And it's obvious. Listening in on a rehearsal last week we were amazed at their skill, their precision, their alertness in follow-

ing Westbrock's directions. Their accompanist during their four-year

career has been Mary Werner MacCash.

The pictures shown here indicate that the children are having fun along with receiving fine training in choral work, along with the experience of participating in concert presentations.

The complete program to be presented Wednesday night follows:

Dance of the AmazonsLiadow a. Giory to God in the Highest .. Pergolesi A Cappella, directed by Richard

Folk songs: French-"Sur le Pont

d'Avignon"arr. Mayer English-"The Staines Morris" 16th century air)arr. Fletcher Ukranian-"A Violin Is Singing in

Intermission

Perpetual MotionStrauss Overture-Fantasy, "Romeo and Juliet"Tschaikowsky Christmas Carols;

a, Holy NightAdam b. O Little Town of Bethlehem ... Redner





Matthew Phelan, above, is a good trouper. He is shown giving his shoes a final shine before the call to "places." He wears the regulation costume with striped trousers and Eton jacket,