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Above is shown a section of the Inland Children's chorus of 100 mixed voices which will broadcast a concert of Christmas carols over the Columbia network at 10:15 p. m. Christmas Eve. This nationally known children's group, sponsored by the Inland Manufacturing Co. of Dayton, presented a concert last week with the Dayton Philharmonic orchestra at the Masonic Temple. Richard Westbrock is director of the chorus.

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Text from article related to the Inland Children's Chorus.

Dayton Music to Be Heard Far, Wide During Holiday

Dayton music will be heard far and wide during the Christmas season, as well as in a considerable number of local spots, due to arrangements made through various agencies in furthering the cultural interests of the city.

The music committee of the chamber of commerce, Herbert H. Nonneman, chairman, has prepared a program extending through Wednesday night: the Inland Children's chorus will go on a nation-wide broadcast Christmas eve and the first public concerts on the Deeds carillon will be played Christmas eve and day.

Another unusual event this year will be the Christmas eve broadcast of the Inland Children's chorus, which will offer a 30-minute program, beginning at 10:15 p.m. Wednesday, from the Dayton Art Institute. This will go out to more than 100 stations of the Columbia Broadcasting system network and can be heard her through WHIO. There will be no studio audience.

Songs to be included in the program are: "Glory Be to God in the Highest," "Ave Maria," "O Holy Night," "Gesu Bambino," "O Little Town of Bethlehem," "O Come All Ye Faithful," "The First Noel," "Silent Night," "Hark! the Herald Angels Sing," "Evening Prayer," from Hansel and Gretel, and "The Shepherd's Story."

In Sixth Year

The chorus, composed of children of Inland employes, is directed by Richard Westbrock and now is in its sixth year. The members range in age from 8 to 15 years and constitute a chorus that is an outgrowth of an idea extending as far back as 20 years.

When Inland started its series of employe Christmas parties at that time, entertainment was provided by children of various ages from Inland division families. The programs disclosed the fact many of the children possessed unusual vocal ability and the plan was conceived to form a regular Inland Children's chorus. Membership has grown to a total of 170 boys and girls, of which 100 are selected, on a competitive basis, for public appearances.

Behind the formation of the chorus was a desire to give the talented children of employes an opportunity to obtain an appreciation of good music and the musical education such an activity would make possible. Practice sessions are held several times weekly, but do not conflict with the youngster's normal home and school life.

Special costumes, designed by Raymond Sovey, leading New York designer, are provided. Sovey also was technical director in supervising the settings and lighting at each concert given by the group.

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INLAND CHILDREN'S CHORUS TO BROADCAST

Inland children's chorus, consisting of 100 children of employes of Inland division, of the General Motors corporation, will broadcast Christmas eve from the Dayton Art institute, be ginning at 10:15 p.m. and continuing for half an hour. The half hour of Christmas music will be heard over more than 100 sta tions of the Columbia Broadcasting system network, being heard locally through WHIO.

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The Inland children's chorus, directed by Richard Westbrock, will present a concert over the Columbia Broadcasting system at 10:15-10:45 o'clock Christmas eve. The broadcast is to emanate from the Art institute auditorium.

The chorus is composed of children of employes at the Inland Manufacturing division of General Motors in Dayton and has 100 members-50 boys and 50 girls. The group has been sponsored since its start by W. S. Whittaker, general manager of the division.

The chorus could be said to have derived from a small children's chorus which about 20 years ago appeared on a program arranged by Inland employes for Christmas. It is now a year 'round project.

When the group gives its Christmas concerts in Dayton it appears with special lighting and costuming effects created by Raymond Sovey, New York technical stage director. The girls wear longskirted pale blue gowns. The boys wear Eton suits. They march to a silver-gray tiered platform, and as they do so the silver trees flanking the platform are pointed with many blue lights.

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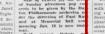
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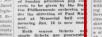
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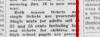
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The chorus, broadcasting from Dayton, is formed of children of employes of the sponsoring company, the youngsters ranging in age from 8 to 15.

The group was formed in 1936 by Richard Westbrook, its present conductor, as the result of annual Christmas parties given by the sponsor at which the children sang carols after receiving gifts.

The children rehearse several afternoons a week, and their repertoire now consists of 17th century masterpieces as well as more modern compositions.

The group's CBS program consists of Glory to God in the Highest, by Pergolesi; Vittoria's Ave Maria, O Holy Night, by Adam; Pietro Yon's Gesu Bambino; O Little Town of Bethlehem, by Redner; Adeste Fidelis, the First Noel, as harmonized by Stainer, Silent Night, by Gruber; Hark, the Herald Angels Sing, the prayer from Humperdinck's ' "Hansel and Gretel," and the Shepherds' Story, by Dickinson.



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