



FIRST ROW: Lorna Vosborg, Charlotte Goplerud, Eva Gjesdal, Dorothy Peterson, Lenore Rasmussen, Carol Haavik, Phyllis Erickson, Marion Johnson, Astrid Anderson, Mabel Scott, Lorena Poland. SECOND ROW: Marcella Frederick, Gertrude Tingelstad, Elizabeth Reitz, Evelyn Nicholas, Babbette Brottem, Caroline Hoff, Marguerite Hanson, Virginia McFadden, Maurine Wade, Virginia Schreuders, Gudrun Hanson. THIRD ROW: Melvin McCutchan, Leola Lockwood, Zilla Miller, Gerhardt Reitz, Wilfred Jewell, Kenneth Johnson, William Foss, Mr. Malmin, Goodwin Olson, Alfred Karlstad, George Galbraith, Elizabeth Stuen, Vera Taylor, Luther Boe. FOURTH ROW: Alvin Lehmann, Lloyd Thompson, Torger Lee, Arne Maki, Edwin Valentine, Robert Svare, Phillip Norby, Edward Pedersen, Victor Jensen, Lyle Jacobson, Thor Larson, Richard Wiesner.

Choir of the West

1938-39 has been, in many respects, a banner year for the Choir of the West. The California tour in June is the largest undertaking of recent years, second only to the 1931 tour of the Middle West. It is difficult to say just when the idea of a California tour first originated, but it must be at least ten years ago. The fact that the Young People's Luther League is holding its big convention in Los Angeles this summer makes this the logical time to make years of hoping and planning a reality. The Choir will be the "solo choir" of the convention, singing at a number of the sessions preliminary to its participation in the Choral Union Concert in the Hollywood Bowl June 25th, when two thousand singers from all parts of the country will unite their voices under the inspiring leadership of Dr. F. Melius Christiansen. A foretaste of this thrill was experienced Sunday evening, April 30th, when the Choir of the West as well as the College Chorus took part in the North Pacific District Choral Union Concert in the Central Lutheran Church of Tacoma, with over 300 singers participating.

Another high light of the year has been the weekly broadcast by the Choir alternating with smaller ensembles from the Choir, over radio station KMO and the Mutual State Network. Friendly appreciative comment has come to the college and to the radio stations from listeners as far distant as Ketchikan, Alaska, and Irma, Alberta.

Appearances of the Choir during the year have included the following: Reformation Day Services; First Lutheran Church of Tacoma, March 17; Shelton and Olympia, March 19; Kent, April 16; Library Dedication, May 1; Sumner, May 2; Everett and Seattle, May 7; for Crown Prince Olav of Norway, May 23 and 24; and Baccalaureate Services, June 4.

The summer tour includes concerts in Portland, Silverton, Salem, Eugene and Marshfield, Oregon; Eureka, San Francisco (including appearance at the World's Fair), San Jose, Paso Robles, Solvang, Santa Barbara, Los Angeles, Fresno (now the home of Prof. Edwards, former director of the Choir), Sacramento, California; Klamath Falls and Bend, Oregon.

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