



"THE CHOIR OF THE WEST"

PACIFIC LUTHERAN COLLEGE - PARKLAND, WASHINGTON

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Bottom row: Malmin, A. Jensen, Hovland, Hendricksen, Lentz, R. Bengtson, V. Pearson, Lee, Ford, Pruitt, Ludwig, Sater, Schillios, Hallager, Fynboe. **Second row:** Mrs. Fynboe, Hopp, M. Peterson, Stenerson, Gaines, S. Johnson, Iverson, Harstad, Lund, H. Blomlie, Wentworth, L. Blomlie, Preus, K. Dahle, Mrs. Young. **Third row:** Severson, B. Dahle, Palmer, Svare, Nordeng, L. Whitehead, R. Reitz, R. Pfluger, Tollfeldt, Liter, B. Anderson, Kuhn, E. Anderson. **Top row:** Bengtson, Gullhaugen, Carlson, Falkenberg, R. Johnson, Wright, Mattern, Soloos, L. Nelson, Stephenson, A. Reitz, Odden, Larsgaard.

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With fifty-eight members, the "Choir of the West," under the directorship of Professor Gunnar J. Malmin, embarked on their fifteenth annual tour in conjunction with the Pacific Lutheran College Golden Jubilee Campaign.

Beginning March 21, the annual nine day spring tour included the larger cities in Southern Washington and Oregon. Concerts were presented to capacity audiences in South Bend, Puget Island, Astoria, Portland, Eugene, Salem, Oregon City, Winlock, Aberdeen, and Olympia. As ambassadors of the college the choir went through the Oregon State capitol, sang under the huge dome, and met Oregon's first citizen, Governor Sprague.

Highlight of the musical season was the fulfillment of an invitation extended by the city of Tacoma to appear on the stage with Crown Prince Olav and Princess Martha of Norway who were on tour for the cause of their father country.

An event which is fast becoming a tradition is the annual Seattle concert. Gethsemane Lutheran and the Ballard First Lutheran provided full houses as the choir presented the word of God in music. Central Lutheran Church was the scene for the Tacoma concert given on Mother's day this year.

Many radio engagements were filled by the choir over stations KMO, KVI, KTBI, and KIRO. The choir was the feature attraction at many entertainments given by Tacoma church and civic organizations. Each year the choir takes part in the Choral Union Concert presented in conjunction with the South Puget Sound Circuit of the Luther Leagues. Parkland Junior High was the scene of the 300 voiced Acapella concert.

Well fitted for the office of President of this organization was Juleen Mattern, talented musical student. Assisting him in carrying out the business of the choir were Priscilla Preus, secretary, and Lloyd Nelson, vice president.

Of great value to Professor Malmin and the choir was Carl S. Fynboe, business manager of the choir, who with Deans, Mrs. Walter Young and Mrs. Carl Fynboe, successfully concluded their first year in that capacity.