



1st row: Director Malmin, Lien, Hoff, R. Knutzen, Wrigley, E. Thoren, Cook, Ludwig, R. Lee, Norman, Davidson, Church, Atkinson, Manager Fynboe. **2nd row:** N. Lider, Rogen, Hopp, Jurgerson, Nelson, Harstad, Iverson, W. Hornshuh, Wentworth, Burzloff, Hovland, Schoch. **3rd row:** M. Petersen, Thomle, D. Knudtsen, G. Lider, Nordeng, Kuhn, P. Anderson, C. Johnson, Whitehead, Arlton, E. Anderson, Flodstrom, Pearson. **4th row:** A. Larson, H. Carlson, Gulhaugen, A. Reitz, R. Johnson, Soloos, Kylo, Wright, Braaten, J. Petersen, Larsgaard, Fynboe, Holm, Nyhus.

CHOIR OF THE WEST

Despite unavoidable obstacles, such as boys' lost to the armed forces, gas rationing, and defense work, the "Choir of the West" under the direction of Professor Gunnar J. Malmin came through the year with flying colors.

For the last fifteen years the Choir has gone on an annual tour, and this year, even though some boys had been drafted and the usual bus couldn't be chartered because of gas rationing, our leader was determined not to give up the Sixteenth Annual Tour. Inquiries were made, and the itinerary having been planned by Carl S. Fynboe, business manager of the Choir, on the morning of March 12, forty singers left by train to "points north."

For five days, concerts were given in Seattle, Everett, Stanwood, Mt. Vernon, and Bellingham; in each city the choir captivated audiences, won loud applause, and brought great inspiration to all as they ministered in song.

For the big Everett concert in the Civic Auditorium, Uncle Sam granted the Choir a special favor. Just two weeks before the tour all Army Reserves had been called out and stationed at Fort Lewis, but on this night four — Eldon Kylo, Rudy Johnson, Marty Gulhaugen and Harry Soloos — were given leave to sing for this one night. What an inspiration the choir got as they had the moral support of these four choristers garbed in khaki.

Other concerts were given throughout the school year at Tacoma's First Lutheran Church, McChord Field, Fort Lewis, and over KMO. When singing for the soldiers, the choir was often transported in convoys of U. S. Army trucks.

The climax of the year came when the choir sang Mozart's "Requiem" with the Tacoma Philharmonic Symphony May 30th under the direction of Eugene Linden.

Officers for the choir were President Gerry Lider, Vice-president Rudolph Johnson, Secretary Florence Hopp.