This picture shows the progress being made on construction of the new dormitory. Completion is scheduled for late March 1957, but occupation will not take place until next September's school term. Total alumni contributions to date for this fiscal year's drive: $1,637.33.

In last year's fund raising report, the names of contributors were limited to those who contributed through the Alumni Fund. However, there were additional graduates who sent contributions directly to the school or to the Processional. Certainly these graduates deserve recognition and thanks. We publish the following names of those who so contributed:

1932: Lucille Christman; Eugene Knotts
1933: Jack Howells
1934: Mrs. James Gwyn
1935: Edward Foord; Mabel E. (Mrs. F. L. Crocker) Hook; Louise (Mrs. H. W. Crocker, Sr.) Wallace
1936: Carlotta Davison; Albert W. Ream
1938: Hubert Taylor; Thomas Ward; Isabel Wilson
1941: Florence Bergendahl; Virginia (Mrs. Theodore Cook) Hagemeyer; Donald McDonald; Mrs. Calvin March; Niles Saxton; Helen (Mrs. Howard Fohrhalte) Searles
1942: Orrin P. Juel; Dorothy (Mrs. E. W. Skelton) Wharton; Benjamin W. Lehn
1943: Dorothy Ballinger; Esther (Mrs. Rodgers Sillars) Manus; Edgar Perkins
1945: Marion (Mrs. Robert Lewis) Doney; Lota E. (Mrs. W. MacMath, Jr.) North
1946: Irene (Mrs. Philip Lorenz) McNeil; Patricia (Mrs. Raymond Forsyth) Porter; Dorothy H. (Mrs. Paul Gray) Landis
1947: Harold Groves; Audrey Nossaman; Patricia (Mrs. Robert Matchette) Withershell
1948: Richard R. Alford; Barbara E. Amos; Agnes A. (Mrs. Roland Crisci) Anderson; Ralph R. Evans; Lawrence Fink; Newton S. Fink; Emerson F. Harding; Marjorie J. (Mrs. Orville Nilson) Orphan; Alice F. Smith; Mary H. (Mrs. Robert
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Current Westminster News

Mailing address for Westminster Choir for the period 8-13 January, 1957 will be: c/o The American Embassy, attention of the Cultural Affairs Attache, Djarkata, Indonesia. Airmail costs 25¢ each half-ounce, and remember, Indonesia is a day ahead of us in time.

A newspaper review of the Choir's Tokyo concert is headlined "Westminster Choir WinsDebut Plaudits," and the entire review is generally most favorable. We quote: "The audience waxed more and more enthusiastic as the evening progressed and simply refused to rise from its seats when the program had ended... not until four encores had been added to the long and interesting program did the audience agree to go home."

However, we quote another portion of the same review: "... but musically not all renditions were found equally satisfying. This seemed partly due to the fact that, although there are many fine individual singers in the chorus, their voices did not always mix into a well-balanced blend of voices. There also was room for finer dynamic shading..."

An event of major musical importance was offered recently by Charles S. Brown, Jr., ('59) who presented in three consecutive Chapel recitals the entire "Orgelbuechlein" of J. S. Bach, from memory. The Columbus Boychoir made a two-week trip through six South-eastern states.

Part II of Bach's "Christmas Oratorio" was presented by the Princeton Theological Seminary Choir, under Dr. David H. Jones' direction, in Miller Chapel on Tues-

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EDITOR’S COLUMN

John Milton Kelly, President
Westminster Choir College Alumni Association 1956

The following message from the President of the Westminster Choir College Alumni Association is printed in lieu of the usual editorial. It is more warm, personal, and moving than any words the editor might write:

"Greetings to the Alumni and friends of Westminster Choir College!

"On October 26th and 27th we wished God's speed to Dr. and Mrs. Williamson and Westminster Choir as they sang their final concert in the U.S.A. in San Anselmo and had their final banquet dinner at the Nut Tree in Vacaville, California. This brought back memories of a similar occasion in 1929 when Mrs. Kelly and I were among the privileged to be members of the first Westminster Choir to go to Europe. It was with feelings of joy and excitement mixed with a little anxiety as we shoved off from New York harbor on the great Leviathan, for we, like this choir, were leaving family and friends thousands of miles away. But oh the joy of seeing the wonderful sights, new...

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NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

David D. Williams ('47) is editor of "The South-West-Minster" - a most helpful publication, especially to those Ministers of Music in the South-West area. Eliza Cook ('52) is President of the Southwest Alumni, and John Kemp ('46) is Secretary-Treasurer. There are now about 110 Alumni in the South-West Area. Their Post-Christmas meeting was held in Amarillo, Texas, on December 27 and 28. Marshall Gordon ('53) of San Jacinto Methodist Church, and Mr. & Mrs. Campbell Bunting were hosts.

Mary C. Anderson ('33) started this fall as the Minister of Music at Monroe Street Methodist Church, Toledo, Ohio. She has six choirs. On January 7 she is entertaining members of the Michigan Chapter of the Alumni at her church.

Another Alumnus recently installed in a new position is William G. Holby ('47), who is now at the Central Reformed Church, Grand Rapids, Michigan. They will begin using a new church building in April, which will be "second to none in Grand Rapids, and that includes a New-Schantz organ." Choirs will have a rehearsal hall for their exclusive use, and robing rooms for men and women.

Marjorie Thomas Fuller and Bill Fuller ('50), are working on Masters and Doctors degrees respectively at the University of Indiana. They sound awfully busy. Marj sang Dare Quickly in Verdi’s "Falstaff" a few weeks ago. Bill has an adult-college choir and Marj has a Junior Choir and a Girls Choir at First Baptist Church in Bloomington. They expect to have a new church building completed next summer.

We are most saddened to report that funeral services were held in Knoxville, Tennessee, for Mayne Ingram Wall, on December 2. Her husband, Woodrow Wall ('47), is Minister of Music at the First Baptist Church of Knoxville, a position he assumed in February 1956. He has 8 choirs with a present enrollment of 218.

Vincent W. Watson ('39) is now in his seventh year at St. Mark’s Methodist Church, Rockville Center, N.Y. In addition to work involved in handling 4 choirs, he preaches at the 9:30 and 11:00 Sunday morning service on the average of once a month. Last spring he received a George Washington Gold Medal award and a second place check for $50 from the Freedoms Foundation at Valley Forge for a Memorial Day Sermon. Last June he became a fully ordained member of the New York East Annual Conference, meaning that probably next June he will be given a church to serve as pastor. He expects to continue with some choir work, however. His daughter Marilyn is thirteen years old now, and son William is eleven.

"The Messiah" was performed in Richmond, Virginia, on December 2d, under auspices of the Ginter Park Community Churches. Choirs from four different churches participated. The conductor was James R. Copeland ('47), and the organist was Mrs. Copeland ('46). Mrs. Betty Duna Ziegler ('53) was soprano soloist, and Mr. Lee Belknap ('52) was the bass soloist. Lee also directed the combined Children's Choirs.

Robert Clawson ('53) is now Minister of Music at St. Mark's Methodist Church in Brooklyn, N. Y. His adult choir did the Christmas portion of the Messiah, then on December 18, gave a Christmas concert at Grand Central Station. The latter program included old English carols, and anthems by Tye, Praetorius, and Handel. Immediately afterwards, they sang the same program at the Hotel Commodore.

Ernest E. Bedell ('50) is Minister of Music at the Church of the Covenant, Erie, Pennsylvania. This year he was Dean of the Erie Chapter of the A.G.O. On November 17th, his church entered a float in the city’s annual Thanksgiving-Christmas parade. The float had a choir of 17, and a group of 10 handbell ringers on it. On December 16th he was organist for the Erie Philharmonic Orchestra and Chorus for "The Messiah". Since September 1st he has been organist at the Jewish Reformed Temple in Erie, and his choir there (39 Junior High Girls) is working on the music to sing for a Friday night service in February. They will have all the music memorized - in Hebrew.

New Arrivals Department

John Rowland Hoyt, Jr., November 8, to Mr. ('49) and Mrs. Jack Hoyt, Ocean Grove, New Jersey. (Jack is in his 3d year at St. Paul's Methodist Church at Ocean Grove. He was re-appointed leader of the Summer Beach Meeting on the Boardwalk each Sunday prior to the service held in the huge auditorium).

Roger VanDoren, 17 November, to Mr. ('49) and Mrs. ('46) Campbell Bunting.

William Stowell, 20 November, to Mr. and Mrs. (Catherine Troutman) Irvin Moore. Catherine was formerly secretary to Mrs. Williamson.

Diane Karen, November 4, to Mr. ('52) and Mrs. Jack Whitehead.

Pamela Ann, September 30, to Bob ('54) and Margie Moore.

Cathleen, October 26, to Bob ('49) and Colleen ('50) Beacham.

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day, 4 December. Janice Harsanyi, Westminster faculty member, was the soprano soloist. James McKeever ('48) conducted the Oratorio Choir in several Christmas anthems at the same program.

The Choir of Princeton’s Methodist Church under the direction of Thomas Hilbish ('48), gave the second American performance of Vaughan William’s 1955 Cantata "This Day" on Sunday, 9 December. (Tom said he understood it was also being given in Los Angeles on that day, at the same time - but the three-hour time difference would make the West Coast performance America’s third).

A choir from Westminster will sing in Stravinsky’s "Persephone" on January 10, 11, and 13 in New York. The composer is conducting. The performance on the 13th will be broadcast.

The Chapel Choir, under Mr. Hedgpeath’s direction, sang at Camp Kilmer, N. J., December 17th, for the Hungarian refugees.
and exciting and inspiring. And most of all the great thrill of bringing our message of good will and Christ to the thousands of new-found friends to whom we were "foreigners". Just so, Westminster Choir of 1956 was breathlessly waiting the zero hour of flight on a DC-7 from the International Airport in San Francisco. We know God is prospering them and will bring them joyously home to us all.

"The President of the Alumni Association has a desire to see that each and every one of you, the alumni, realize increasingly your great heritage in having graduated from Westminster Choir College. When you can count yourselves among the "old grads" as I can, you will look back with pride and joy on your student days; but more you will be most proud to point to the successes of the Choir College and her students. May this new year of 1956-57 not only see new buildings completed on the campus, a successful tour of Westminster Choir and triumphs of the Symphonic and Chapel Choirs; but may we be able to boast of re-newed interest both financially and prayerfully on the part of every alumnus.

"It is further my desire to be of personal service to all of you. Many of you I know well because of having had you in my classes or from personal contact while you were students at the Choir College; but I want all of you to know if there is anything I can do to help you in your work or personally, you have only to call on me. Let us make this year an outstanding year of enthusiasm for our Alma Mater."

The Class of '57 is accepting orders for the 1957 Quadrangle. A number of special features have been added — a full color print of the Administration Building, and faculty members in their academic robes and scenes of the campus in second color. They are very enthusiastic over their product, and really, it sounds like a first-class job. Deadline date for ordering is 18 January. Price is $5.50. Send checks and orders to Nancy Montgomery, West Hall.

If you are addressing mail intended to reach the Newsletter or any other organization of the Alumni Association, be sure to indicate P. O. Box 264 in the address.

Wedding Bells Rang For

Dorothy Shell ('52) and Norman Doyle Satterthwaite, North Wilkesboro, N. C.
Eleanor String ('55) and Ellis Dunn ('54).
Audrie Abraham and Donald McCay Blue, Salt Lake City, Utah.
Margaret Ludwig ('56) and Mark Wallace, Reading, Pennsylvania.
Marilyn L. Wood to E. Virgil Cooper, Jr., ('51).
Adrienne Arow and Charles Robert Davis ('54), Princeton, N. J.

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1949: Jeanne R. Burwell (Mrs.); Andrew L. Flanagan; William R. Gable; Margorie E. Green; John A. Halvorsen; Eloise M. Holzbaur; Leslie E. Hopkins; John R. Hoyt; Helen M. Kanady; Barbara L. (Mrs. Allan Guy) Marshall; Amy E. (Mrs. Richard Jones) Park; Rodney M. Petersen; Grace M. (Mrs. Dana Smith) Rinck; Patricia A. (Mrs. Geo. Gensemer) Webster; Gerald Louis Woughter

1950: Ernest Bedell; Frances Brown; Richard Cook; George DeHart; Donald Elliott; John Gabbert; Edward Ghazal; Robert Johnson; Dale Parker; Harold Reichard; Elizabeth (Mrs. John N. Miller) Salmon

1951: William Giles; Peter Halenda; Theodore Herzel; John Mizell; G. Stanley Powell; Mary B. (Mrs. David Lowry) Sheppard; Mary L. Sionmon; Bernice Wissinger; Hildegarde Odhner; Michael Toole

1952: Gordon Fleming; Elizabeth (Mrs. Royal Odell) MacEwen; Edward F. Hotchkiss

1953: Barbara (Mrs. Charles Tucker, Jr.) Gilg; James Grauel; Ruth G. (Mrs. Geo. O. Denter) Hayman; Joline (Mrs. Robert Mills) Humphrey; Edna (Mrs. James W. Bailey, Jr.) Price; John O. Propert; Carl R. Stover; Milton A. Swenson


1955: Carmen S. Graziano; Arthur F. Stokes; Marian H. Stokes; Eleanor M. String

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