1959 WESTMINSTER FESTIVAL NEWS

At the time of writing this article we are all of us busily engaged in carrying out various and sundry plans for Christmas programs, carol services, Candlelight services, or what have you. It is almost impossible for any of us to be thinking, at this moment at least, of what may transpire as far away as May, 1959. However, being aware of the very sneaky way in which Father Time has of sliding by rather unobtrusively until we suddenly are brought face to face with an appointment or a date which we had always considered to be off in the distance, it seems apropos that we should stop a moment and give some thought to the 1959 Westminster Festivals.

Without going into any long discourse or dissertation on the virtues of long range planning, your coordinator simply wishes to bring to your attention the fact that festival time will be upon us very, very soon and to make it a bit more imperative, we hereby publish the list of those areas who, like the wise Virgins, have planned ahead and also to name those areas which so far, at least, are following in the footsteps of the unwise Virgins. If your area is in this latter list you better contact your area coordinator and get the ball rolling. "Nuff said.

Whit Hall
National Coordinator
2816 39th Street, N.W.
Washington 7, D. C.

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ALUMNI WEEK

This important event in the life of W.C.C. and its graduates has been scheduled for the week of March 30, 1959 (beginning with Easter Monday). Reserve this week and relax after the strenuous season of Lent and Easter with friends and classmates on the Westminster campus. There are many very important events in store for you. For example:

- Meeting President MacCalmont and Dean Hopkins.
- The unveiling of the oil paintings of the Doctors Williamson.
- The adoption of a revised Constitution and By-Laws.

James C. McKeever
President Alumni Association

THE ALUMNI FUND

Goal $10,000.00
December 10, 1958 - $1702.74
Gifts from 127

How about the other 1200 graduates?

We can reach our goal IF!

Which will be the first 100% class?

17.02%
PRINCETON CHILDREN IN CHOIR COLLEGE WORKSHOP

Match this tune! The tone-matching game starts the primary choir rehearsal on Thursday, December 18, beginning at 3:00 P.M. at the W.C.C. Playhouse when a group of sixty-five youngsters from the Nassau Elementary School, Princeton Borough, meet as a demonstration group for the College Junior class which is learning children's choir methods through this musical laboratory workshop.

Each Tuesday afternoon from 4:00 to 5:00 P.M. a class of seventy college juniors meet for lectures pertaining to choir methods, techniques best suited to each age group, child psychology and organization. On Thursday afternoon of each week the class observes methods being used by their own members who are trying their wings in practice teaching which is under the supervision of Mrs. Gertrude R. Clough '29, the instructor.

The spirit throughout the entire rehearsal is one bristling with eagerness to participate, because it is found that in tapping the imagination of the child in tone-matching, rhythmic pulsation, learning music symbols, singing, story telling or music appreciation it can be a joyous experience as well as instructive.

A demonstration rehearsal was held in the playhouse on December 11, 1958 for the parents of the participating children. A junior choir made up of boys and girls from the fourth, fifth and sixth grades will be recruited in January for a three month term.

TRADITIONAL CHRISTMAS AT WESTMINSTER CHOIR COLLEGE

"A Christmas Carol" is the theme for the annual Christmas party to be held on Thursday, December 18, beginning at 3:30 P.M. with a formal banquet in the commons for faculty, students and administration.

Following the banquet the festivities will continue in the playhouse at which time a carol contest will take place. Each of the classes will present a carol, written by a member of the class, which will be judged by a faculty board. English carols and madrigals, a portion of Dicken's "Christmas Carol", and the appearance of Santa himself will set the mood for the singing of familiar carols around the Christmas tree in the quadrangle.

Refreshments, the Yule Log Ceremony in the lobby of the administration building, the candlelighting ceremony in the chapel and the tableau of the nativity scene in the quadrangle will mark the beginning of the vacation at Westminster Choir College. Classes will resume on Monday, January 5, 1959.

MASC AND WIG

On Tuesday night, December 9, 1958, the Dramatics Department presented the first of its student-produced laboratory productions for the current academic year. Two one-act Christmas plays were given: Fred Eastman's Uncle Jimmy Vs. Christmas and Kenneth Goodman's Dust of the Road. Those present found out why Uncle Jimmy was hailed before the Supervisor of the Heavenly Council for curting celestial choir practice, and why he hated the world's most popular holiday. They discovered, too, the identity of the strange intruder who talked like a poet but looked like a tramp or a thief. How had he come by his Roman coins - few in number, but worth a king's ransom? And why did he go about following the man with bloody, bandaged hands? These two plays were well done. Congratulations, Delight Williamson Holt and your cast.

LETTERS TO PRESIDENT McCALMONT

The entire College will be happy to share these letters from Richard Thomas of Saudek Associates, New York (the T-V recording concern that filmed the Beethoven Ninth for CBS):

"Thank you very much for your participation in the Premiere of our television series with the New York Philharmonic and Leonard Bernstein. In consideration of your wonderful help, enclosed you will find a donation to the Choir College in the amount of five hundred dollars which can only serve as a gesture of our appreciation for your excellent cooperation... I look forward to working with your group in the future. Please convey our special thanks to Mr. Martin..."

From Vienna on stationery of the Wiener Staatsopera:

"Many thanks for your kind letter... and your wishes. I send you again my thanks for the wonderful work we did together and express my admiration for the choir. Please, give my best greetings to Mr. Martin too. I send you my best wishes for Christmas and the New Year.

Sincerely yours,
(signed) Herbert von Karajan

CHOIR COLLEGE PRESIDENT'S HOME

This Christmas season is moving time for Dr. and Mrs. William F. MacCalmont and their daughters, Louise and Carol. Even though the moving van was waiting, the MacCalmonts took time from their busy schedule to greet students and faculty members as they assembled in front of the President's new home. The Chapel Choir, under the direction of Robert D. Simpson, sang a number of sparkling Christmas carols, and the president of the freshman class, presented the MacCalmonts with the first Christmas wreath to hang on the front door of the beautiful colonial home. Work is made lighter and hearts happier at this Yule Tide season.

TUITION EXCHANGE

The College has become a member of Tuition Exchange, a mutual agreement among a large group of American colleges and universities whereby tuition charges for faculty dependents are mutually cancelled on a better basis. We will not export any children, however, until we have imported. Any suggestions from faculty members as to students who might be interested to attend Westminster will be welcomed.
MEET THE PRESIDENT

A most enthusiastic group of twenty-eight graduates met the President and Dean on November 20, 1958 at the Russian Tea Room in New York City. Seventeen different classes were represented. The graduates were introduced by John T. Clough, Alumni secretary, after which James McKeever, Alumni President, introduced President and Mrs. MacCalmont and Dean and Mrs. Hopkins. Marguerite Saylor Bouton '32 was the charming hostess.

There were many happy reunions and the group expressed enthusiasm and were optimistic in their confidence in the new administration for the future of the College. All this is an indication what is in store for you when you "Meet the President".

Check the following list of meetings and make your reservation with the host or hostess at your earliest convenience.

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RECENT PUBLICATIONS

DAVID WEHR '56, '57 has composed three fine anthems which are reviewed for your consideration:

**O JESUS! HAVE PROMISED** — SATB with organ, R.D. Row (Boston) 6011. 22 cents.

*Text:* Well known hymn of dedication and service by the Rev. John E. Bode. Music is based on the hymn tune "Nyland". First stanza unison men; second unison women; last stanza effective four part setting building to ff ending. Easy for average choir.

**SUN OF MY SOUL** — SATB a cappella (some divisi in bass), R.D. Row (Boston) 6022.

*Text:* Beloved hymn by John Keble. Dissonance is effectively used, ends quietly in Gb major. Requires choir of skillful ability to interpret this to its fullest.

**GOD IS WORKING HIS PURPOSE OUT** — SATB with independent organ accompaniment, Choral Services, Inc. (Chicago, Ill.) 154. 25 cents.

*Text:* Stirring promise of God's glory coming to fill the earth, "... as the waters cover the sea". Persistent quarter note rhythm builds ever onward toward full climax at the end. Effective counter between women and men for stanza two. Demands above average choir and a good organist as well.

**ERNEST BEDELL** '50 sends us his enthusiastic recommendation of:

**PRAISE TO THE LORD THE ALMIGHTY** — a 7 minute choral concertato by Harald Rohlig for choir and congregation with organ, flute and trumpet accompaniment. This festival anthem with instrumental accompaniment is one of 14 listed by CONCORDIA (St. Louis, Mo.). The work is easy for all concerned and should come off very effectively for an average choir (and a congregation which enjoys singing something a little unusual).

*Price:* full score $1.50; flute and trumpet parts 40 cents each.

Send a copy of your recently published compositions and notations about music and text to David S. York, Westminster Choir College, Princeton, New Jersey. Please indicate if you wish music returned.

WESTMINSTER SINGERS TO TOUR AFRICA UNDER ANTA AUSPICIES

The Westminster Singers, conducted by Dr. John Finley Williamson, will leave on January 17 for an extensive tour throughout Africa singing in some fifty cities in twenty countries. This announcement was made today by Robert W. Dowling, Chairman of the Board of the American National Theatre and Academy, which is the appointed agency of the State Department for administering the President's Special International Program for Cultural Presentations.

This choir is made up of soloists drawn from the various Westminster Choirs which Dr. Williamson has conducted since the organization in 1921. During the intervening years, Dr. Williamson has concentrated with his singers all over the United States, Canada and Europe, and in 1956 made a tour of the Far and Near East, also for the President's Program.

The programs prepared for this particular tour will consist of selections from the great Classics, Negro spirituals, play songs, work songs, blues, American Indian songs, minstrel songs, cowboy songs, American Folk songs and some beautiful melodies from the Broadway musicals.

NEWS FROM EVERYWHERE

Adele Addison (Berger) '46 gave a benefit concert in Princeton High School on Friday, November 28, 1958. Her program was excellent. Many students and graduates were in attendance.

Charles Dana Beaschler '32, Minister of Music at Grace Methodist Church, Atlanta, Georgia, wrote of his connection with the Norton Chimes Equipment Co. and of the extensive library of recordings which are available. For information and brochures write to Charles.

Mary Ellen Bruce '59 and Luis Toro '59 have been on tour as soloists with the Columbus Boychoir during its extensive Fall tour.

Alice Hulbert Berman '32 invited Herbert Parce '32, '58 and Ora and Harold Hedghedt '30, '31 to assist her in preparing the Charlotte, North Carolina Community Chorus for its annual Christmas Tree Concert.

The Northern Ohio Guild of W.C.C. held a "Festival of the Seasons" at the First Methodist Church, Kent, Ohio on Sunday evening, November 16, 1958. Eleven choirs and three Handbell choirs were listed on the program. The Northern Ohio Guild of W.C.C. representative was Marion Stewart (Assoc.), Clarence Fair '30, Robert Morrison '51, Irene Rainsberger (Assoc.), Eva Hasken '40, Laurendle Foulkes '41, George Arben (Assoc.), Merle Anderson (Assoc.).
New Arrivals
Erie Mark Delavan - Mr. and Mrs. Macon Delavan '57, '58.
George Owen Dexter, III, - Mr. and Mrs. G. Owen Dexter '53.
Georgianne Hope Gensemer - Mr. and Mrs. George Gensemer '49
Elizabeth Walden Litzenberg - Mr. and Mrs. E. William Litzenberg '51.
James Robert Patterson - Mr. and Mrs. Alan Patterson '52
Anne Elizabeth Simpson - Mr. and Mrs. Robert Simpson '51, '52.
Joel Hunter Smith - Mr. and Mrs. Herman I. Smith '54.
James Ronald Standing - Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Standing '56, '56.
Patricia Lynn Wolfkisteg - Mr. and Mrs. Bob Wolfkisteg '52, '53.
Kevin Keith Wright - Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Wright '58.

Address these notices to Alumni Office.

News from Everywhere
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Dale Peiffer '53 and Elwin Haskin '40, '42.

Mrs. Elizabeth Wills '39 sent in a copy of her "Story of Palm Sunday" - good text and music (standard anthems). "It demonstrates, I believe, my way of combining Christian Education and music" and if you are interested write her at 315 S. Ivy, Monrovia, California.

A card from Reuel Lahner '34 in Rome, Italy tells of his recent symphonic composition and several choral pieces. He informed the office of his change of address. Thank you, Reuel.

T. E. Cronk '36, Executive producer of Stephen Foster Drama Association, Bardstown, Kentucky, writes that rehearsals for this production will begin on June 8 and opening night will be June 26 and will run until September 7. Wanted: singers, actors and banjo players.

Julia Penny '43, '44 contributed to a program at Town Hall recently when her "Stabat Mater" was included.

Jay Smith '52, '56 is having a double octet assist at a PTA program, doing Hanukkah and Christmas music at the Slackwood School in Lawrenceville, New Jersey.

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Florida Coordinator - Frank Pugh
Information incomplete
No information on the following areas:

Recent Visitors
Richard Cummins '58
Charles Ellington '54, '55
Frank Heberlein '51
John Horner '54
Cynthia May '57
Harold Oyan '49, '50
Edgar Pepka (assoc.)
Tordis M. Petersen '53
Samuel L. Scott '58
Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wattez '57
Francis Williamson '56
William C. Wood '39
Albert Zemke '56

Change of Position
Phyllis F. Anschicks '49, First Presbyterian Church, Littleton, Colorado; Richard Averet '58, St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Yardley, Pennsylvania; Nona Hoek Born '56, Zion Lutheran Church, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; Philip J. Crawford '58, Faculty, Westminster Choir College; Gala Enger '58, First Presbyterian Church, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma; Louis Hooker '58, Plainfield High School, Plainfield, New Jersey; Mary Joe Howard '58, First Baptist Church, Lincolnton, North Carolina; Jesse, Jr. '38, Westminster Choir College; Rita C. Pirovano '52, Chico State College, Chico, California; Frank S. Shuster '58, Highstown Public Schools, Hightstown, New Jersey; Pat Jofilia Weisel '58, St John's Lutheran Church, Boyertown, Pennsylvania; Nancy Kahler Wright '58, First Presbyterian Church, Matawan, New Jersey; Harley B. Bullis '49, 1st Methodist Church, Levelland, Texas.

Unknown Addresses
Your cooperation is solicited in securing the correct addresses of the following graduates. In the June issue of the NEWSLETTER we published a list and the addresses of thirty graduates were located. Since then others have been added to this list. Often the graduates move and mail is returned to the Alumni Office with no known address. Your patience and cooperation is greatly appreciated in this most important matter.

Adams, Frank '50
Anderson, Mrs. T. N. (Colena Leach) '40
Bailey, Mrs. Fred (Joan Patton) '51, '52
Barbe, Charles '35
Barney, Mrs. and Mrs. George '48 (Martha Godfrey) '48
Bensing, Anita '43
Bensinger, Mrs. George (Jane Trumme) '43
Birchfield, Mrs. John (Josalee Morell) '55
Booker, Frances '34
Chance, Virginia '43
Chase, Mrs. Paran Earl (Grace Hunt) '49
Coates, Mrs. C. L. (Jane Higginbottom) '41
Cook, Mrs. John L. (Frances E. Morse) '49
Daft, E. Bernice '53, '54
Darlington, Mrs. Herbert (Alice Kline) '47
Davis, Mrs. F. Lawrence (Margaret Hook) '35
Dunkelberger, Mrs. Joseph (Mariani Graybill) '35
Kapoff, Mrs. George (Betty Burns) '46
Keller, Florence '43
King, Mrs. Dana (Melve A. Wood) '42
Klefe, Mrs. John Andrews (Betty Ann Douglass) '50
Knight, Jesse Jr. '38
Krepsch, Mrs. Arthur '42
Lane, Elinor '36
Lloyd, Ruth N. '29
Lockhart, Florence, '41
Ludwick, Mrs. F. E. (Mary Wurster) '55
Lyon, Mrs. Made '38
McDowell, Harry '35
McGowan, Mrs. Gorden (Sibyl Shover) '34
McKasson, Marilyn '50
Manus, Rev. Albert '43
Marshall,ERRY D. '31
Martin, Vivian '50, '51
Mayorga, Pablo '49, '50
Mazzella, Michael '53
Miller, Mrs. John (Elizabeth Salmon) '50
Monves, Mrs. Robert (Annette Havens) '53
Moyer, J. Edward '42
Nielsen, Bruce '54 (more next month)

Alumni Newsletter
Box 264
Princeton, New Jersey

Your Address
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