PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN SINGERS' ASSOCIATION



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BRIEF HISTORICAL SKETCH OF THE PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN SINGERS' ASSOCIATION

Vocal utterance in song has always been among the most significant factors in the progress and development of human relationships. History proves that music, through the songs of a people, has had its highest cultivation and development among freedom-loving and progressive nations. It is only natural that Norway should have a musical culture that is among the oldest and richest in the world. From the days of the Vikings, to our present time, singing has been considered a national heritage of the Norwegian people. Virtually every community in Norway has its singing societies, and A Cappella male chorus singing has gained an important place in the musical life of the nation. Great Sangeriests are held as a result of choruses joining into associations throughout the country in which as many as five to six thousand men participate.

Immortal composers like Greig, Sinding, Svendsen, Ole Olsen, Kjerulf and numerous others have given us male charus compositions of lasting beauty, compositions that rightfully belong among the finest the world has produced in this form of music.

Due to such traditions and musical environment, the Norwegian people have cultivated a fine sense of appreciation of good music. This heritage they have carried with them to America and here in the land of their choice they have contributed vitally and gloriously to America's great musical progress. Wherever Norwegians have colonized in the United States, Norwegian male charuses are to be found, and on the Pacific Coast many have been in existence since pioneer times.

Sponsored by enthusiastic supporters, the idea of forming an association of all the choruses on the Pacific Coast, for the purpose of joining in annual song festivals, took form in 1902, with Mr. F. A. Tomte of Portland, Oregon, being instrumental in arranging a meeting of representatives of various choruses in Seattle, Washington. At this meeting the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association was founded. The first Sangerfest was held in Everett, Washington, in 1903. Since then, Sangerfests have been held and celebrated in the principal cities of the Pacific Coast.

The Norwegian Male Chorus extends a hearty welcome to all Singers and friends attending this, the Thirty-Ninth Convention of the Association, and the first Sangerfest to be held in Los Angeles.

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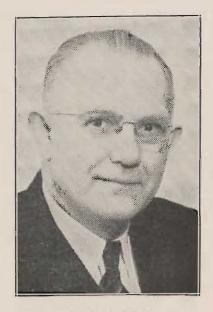
On behalf of the people of Los Angeles, it is a pleasure to extend greetings to the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers on the occasion of the first "Sangerfest" in Los Angeles.

Los Angeles has gained an international reputation as a city that encourages music. Through our City Bureau of Music, thousands of citizens are enjoying music in choruses, community sings, and band concerts in city parks. I am certain the members of your organization will find the musical atmosphere of Los Angeles particularly inviting, and I know the songs you bring with you will be warmly received by the people of this city.

"Beste Onsker" to all your members, and to the 39th annual Sangerfest, "god sang."

Sincerely yours,

FLETCHER BOWRON
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E. B. HAUKE

TO THE OFFICERS AND MEMBERS OF THE PACIFIC COAST NORWEGIAN SINGERS ASSOCIATION:

It is indeed a privilege for me to send you a greeting on the occasion of the 39th Annual Sangerfest. Fond memories are awakened when I again turn my thoughts westward to the group of men and women who have carried on this great movement for such a long time, and who have sung themselves into the hearts of so many hundreds of thousands of people. Many of my dear friends and fellow singers have passed on to their rewards. Others have filled the ranks and like good soldiers carry on. It is my

fondest hope that the Pacific Coast Norwegian Singers Association will continue its invaluable activity and keep alive that most sacred heritage from mother Norway, her incomparable music.

It has been my fortune to lead another great movement among men and women of Norwegian extraction. Sons of Norway has a purpose and a program that invites all men and women of Norwegian birth or descent, and their affiliates through marriage, to do their share in the preservation of everything that is good and noble in the character of the old homeland and its heroic people. As good American and Canadian citizens we want to do our share in the upbuilding of our countries through the means of the cultural values brought here by our people.

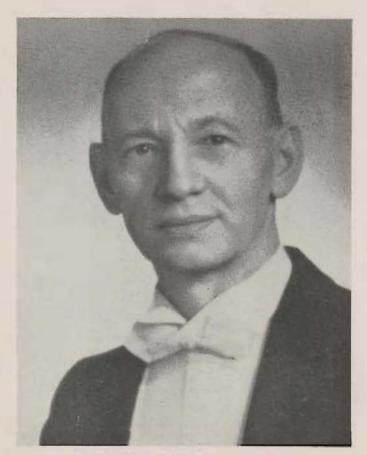
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While you are having your great Sangerfest I shall be in Norway. But although thousands of miles away, my heart and soul will be in Los Angeles with you. May you have the finest Sangerfest ever held and may the fruits of your efforts be thousandfold!

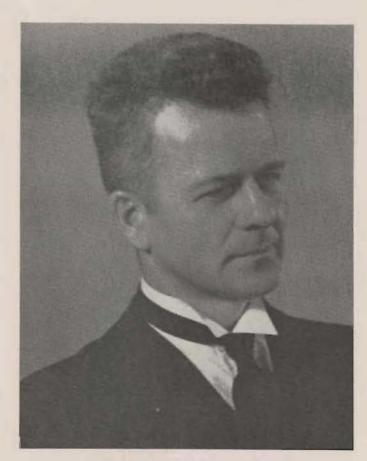
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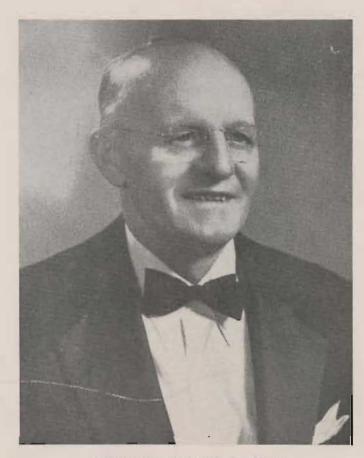
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FRIDAY, JUNE 25

9:30 a.m.—Rehearsal at Headquarters.

11:30 a.m.—Ladies leave Headquarters for Luncheon at Tuluca Tick Tock via Hollywood.

12:30 p.m.—Luncheon for Singers at Headquarters. El Venado Room.

1:30 p.m.—Rehearsal at Wilshire Ebell Theatre. 8:30 p.m.—Grand Concert, Wilshire Ebell Theatre.

11:00 p.m.—Social Evening and Stunts by Visiting Singers at Headquarters. For Singers and registered guests. El Venado Room.

SATURDAY, JUNE 26

10:00 a.m.—Business Meeting at Headquarters. El Venado Room. 7:00 p.m.—Banquet and Grand Ball, Headquarters. Ballroom.

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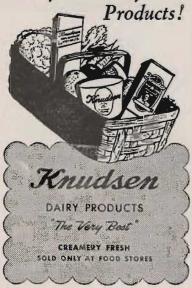


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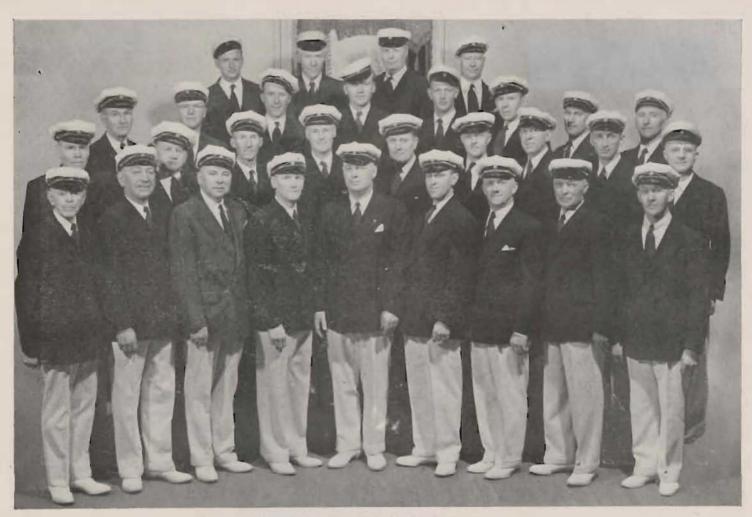
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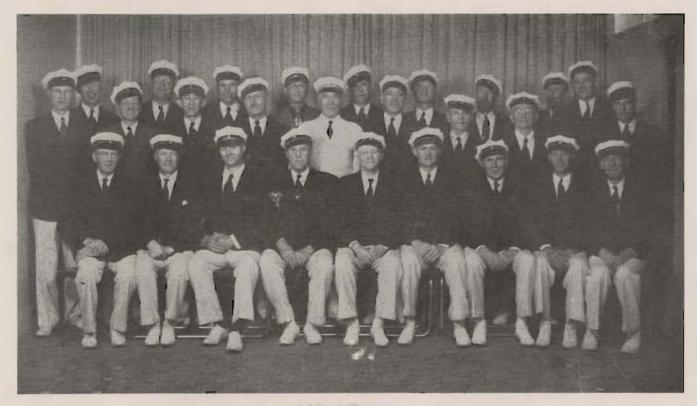
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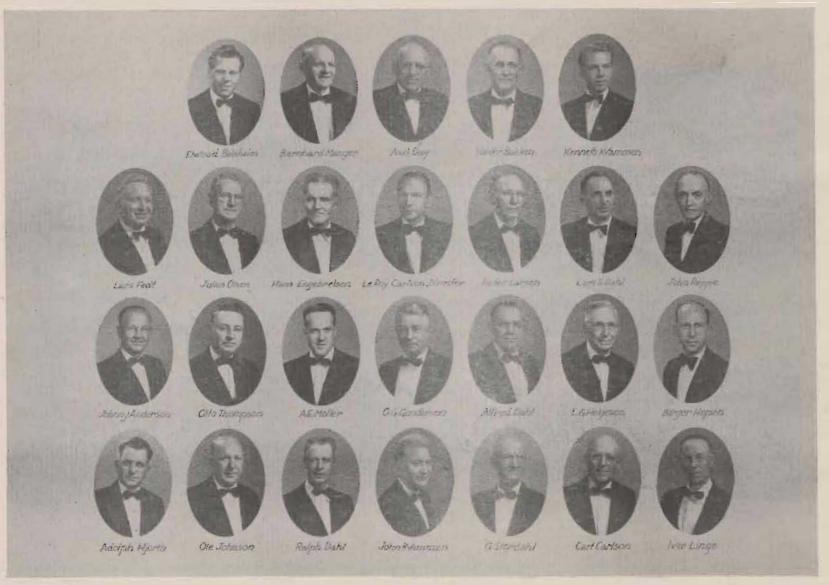
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