

# Grade School Children Combine Music Talents

## 450 Students Join In School Festival

Here are some of the nearly 500 children who "huffed, puffed and warbled" at the Salem Elementary School Music Festival last night at North Salem High School.

The pictures were taken as the youngsters prepared for the shindig at rehearsals. First in several years, the festival highlighted band, orchestra and vocal groups under the general direction of Dr. William Swettman, director of music education in the Salem school system.

All chorus groups were trained by individual teachers at the schools and were directed Thursday night by Miss Gretchen Kreamer, elementary school music consultant.

Roy Shelton and Grace Erickson conducted instrumental music at the affair, which was held in North Salem High's gymnasium.



Leading some 200 grade school students in song occasionally requires drastic arm and head movements to keep everyone "on the beat." Gretchen Kreamer, elementary music consultant, is shown performing one of these maneuvers which records as a blur of motion in the photograph. All chorus eyes are on her, however.



David Bishop is shown above "oompa oompa oeing" on his baritone during final rehearsal for Thursday night's program. David is a Morningside School pupil. His music instructor there is Roy Shelton.



Brass section shown includes (front row reading clockwise) Lynn Erstsgaard, Keith Weathers, Tommy Hill, Steven Anderson, Jack Muller, Joe Rainwater, James Bauman, Ted Lawshie, Howard Knytych and Carol Benner.



Woodwind section shown above includes (from left to right) Doug Morgan, Barry Sullivan, Lyman Herb, Betsy McVay, Judy Guthrie, Sher Ann Hoirup, Mavourn Woolridge, Linda Stergois and Nancy Harper.



Drummer Jerry Ewing, Morningside School pupil is shown taking it easy amid instrument cases in rear of gymnasium following rehearsal.



Only a second grader, this little Liberty School pupil holds her own with older (mostly fifth and sixth grade) students in the all-school orchestra. She is Cellist Madeline Gates.



Standing still is something few grade school children can do for very long. These had remained (more or less) motionless for one-half of an hour of rehearsing which ended minutes before this picture was taken.