

# Lifestyles

Section B

Sunday, November 14, 1976

Pages 1-12

## Rogue Valley Chorale

In the spring of 1973, the Rogue Valley Chorale was just a dream, an idea in the minds of eight young women who liked to sing.

This month, the 80-voice group will present its fourth concert season, singing Sunday, Nov. 21 at 3 p.m. in Southern Oregon State College Music Recital Hall, and Monday, Nov. 22 at 8 p.m. in First Church of the Nazarene, 1974 E. McAndrews Road, Medford.

On the original committee for the formation of the Chorale were Mary Kay Harmon, Karen Foster, Leslie Hall, Nancy Purdy, Kathy Gordon, Judy Cushing, Mary Webb and Laurie Widman. They drew up plans, then asked Lynn Sjolund, choral director at Medford Senior High School, to be the director. He agreed.

An audition board was chosen, by-laws formulated and a board of directors selected. Involved in the planning stages were Gary Lovre, Carroll Graber and Jan Merryfield.

Musicians from all parts of the Rogue Valley responded, eager to have the opportunity to express and share their talents and to give the people of the area an opportunity to hear good choral music well performed.

They have lived up to their own and their audiences' expectations, giving both a winter and spring series of programs each year.

Larry Crummer, organist, associate professor of music at Southern Oregon State College, will appear as guest soloist on the Nov. 21-22 programs, playing four Bach numbers. He has a master's degree in organ from Indiana University, Bloomington, and is working on his doctorate at the same school.

The Chorale will sing four groups of numbers. (See page 3B for complete program).

Tickets for the concert are \$1.50 and may be obtained from Chorale members or at the door.



(MT photo by Larry Holman)

Members of the committee which formed the Rogue Valley Chorale are, from left, Mary Kay Harmon, Kathy Gordon, Nancy Purdy, Karen Foster, Leslie Hall, Judy Cushing, meeting in

the Cushing home to review concert music. Mary Webb of Rogue River and Laurie Widman, now living in Mississippi, also were members of the original committee.