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THE FIRST DAY OF TOUR this year was quite frantic. Everyone was running around looking for this or that and trying to make sure that he had everything. Extra baggabe was put on the bus anywhere room could be found. After this was done we waited near the bus and mingled with the homechoir boys and our parents for a last talk. Mr. Bryant then said, "Board the bus" and we had to get on board. We opened the windows and our arms were out waving farewell to all our parents and friends.

Mr. Jones started the bus and we rolled off for Zanesville, Ohio. Near Trent on the P.A. system went on and Mr. Bryant and Mrs. Wolfe went over the tour rules. Then Mrs. Wolfe told us our classes for the day. After classes we had free time on the bus and we took pictures and played games. That night we stayed in private homes. - John Kelsall

NATURE IS THE MOST BEAUTIFUL thing in the world. On our tours we have an advantage over most everyone because we get to see so much of nature.

This tour we have seen Pennsylvania and Ohio so far. This time of year these two states are preparing themselves for a long winter full of snow. But now is when the beauty is seen. The nearly bare trees, the brown grass, and the fallen leaves, all of this is a backdrop for the show of nature for all the historically and geographically famous places.

On the turnpike in Pennsylvania we passed Valley Forge. George Washington and his army were there during this same season. They too were preparing for winter, only a much harder one and the preparations were much more primitive. Later, we went through the Pennsylvania Dutch country near Lancaster and Reading. These still old fashioned people are preparing for the great feast of Thanksgiving after a long summer of hard work and the harvesting in September. Farther on we crossed the Susquehanna River. This river flows down past Harrisburg, the capital of Pennsylvania to finally end up in the Chesapeake Bay. A little later we passed over the Appalachian Mountains. These are a very scenic range still dotted with a few red and dark orange trees.

In Ohio, as well as Pennsylvania, are many beautiful mountains. But now we are leaving the mountains to go westward. Soon will be the plains of Texas, Oklahoma, and Kansas. Then the forests and again the mountains of Washington, Montana, and the western-most provinces of Canada.

Nature is truly a most beautiful and wonderful thing. + Michael O'Flaherty

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WE ARRIVED IN ZANESVILLE, OHIO about 5:30PM. We unloaded everything except the shepherds costumes since we do not do "Amahl" in a church concert. After traveling so far we were glad to get to our destination.

We ate dinner in the church and then we got ready for the concert. For the first part of the concert we used vestments and sang five early church songs and several spirituals. David Hollander did his first solo in Ezekiel Saw De Wheel. We left the stage to change into our concert suits while Mr. Bryant played several piano solos. When we went back on stage for the second part of the program we all introduced ourselves. We sang folk songs for the second half. David Hollander sang the solo in Cindy. The concert was the best opening concert we have had and Mr. Bryant was very pleased. - Paul Sutterlin

OUR FIRST BIG FREE NIGHT was in Tulsa, Oklahoma. We found out that we had enough time to eat out and go to the movies or go shopping.

First, we divided into groups and got money for our dinner. After dinner almost everyone went to the movies. The movies were "Lady and the Tramp" and "Almost Angels."