



**Souvenir  
Program**

**MUSIC  
ON THE  
MARCH**

**SATURDAY - JUNE 15<sup>th</sup> - 1957**

**7:30 p.m.**

**C.N.E. GRANDSTAND - TORONTO, ONT.**

*Sponsored by* **THE PARKDALE LIONS CLUB**

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**THE CANADIAN BUGLE & TRUMPET BAND ASSOCIATION**



## TORONTO REGION TRUMPET BAND



The Toronto Region Trumpet Band was formed in April, 1953, as a Metropolitan group to attend the 2nd Canadian Jamboree as the official Scout Band of Canadian Headquarters. It was also the official headquarter band at the 8th World Jamboree at Niagara-on-the-Lake and while there appeared on the Dave Garroway show, televised from the Jamboree.

The Band membership is open to any scout in greater Toronto providing he is a registered member of the Boy Scout Association and maintains a high standard of scouting within his own troop. We are very proud of the fact that over 80% of the boys are Queen Scouts. The boys range in age from 12 to 21 years of age.

The Band entered into the competition field in 1956. They placed first in 1956 and second in 1957 in the Kiwanis Festival. They also placed second in the American Legion competition at Niagara Falls, N.Y., against 18 top Junior Bands in the fall of 1956.

This summer the band is planning a trip to Providence, R.I., as well as entering major band competitions, including the Canadian Championships.

We are proud of the uniform we wear, and as our boys are from all walks of life, it is wonderful to see the Scouting Spirit that prevails, one boy helping another. If our only claim to fame is that we have helped a boy to get started on the right road of life, then we have done our part.

## THE 48 FIELD SQUADRON, ROYAL CANADIAN ENGINEERS



Described by Canadian Army command bandmasters and brigadiers alike as one of the smartest and best-disciplined military bands they have seen is the band of the 48th Field Squadron, Royal Canadian Engineers, of Kitchener.

It comes from the heart of trumpet band land — Waterloo County.

Let by Trumpet Major F. W. Gillard, the 50-member organization is just two years old. But in that time its precision marching, strict discipline and obvious "esprit de corps" have raised many an eyebrow in music circles. Most notable competitions in which the Kitchener unit has entered are the Niagara Falls Rotary Club-sponsored parade last May and the Canadian Bugle and Trumpet Band Association competition at Merritton. There, in its first appearance, it placed second in the Senior Novice Class. It also featured half-time performances at K-W Dutchmen football games in Kitchener.

The young organization strives continually to be unique in the numbers it plays. Favourite in its hometown is a medley of Pennsylvania-German folk songs.

Although the bandsmen still march in kahki battledress, by mid-summer they will be show-stoppers in Royal Canadian Engineer dress uniforms and scarlet tunics.

Most of the equipment the Engineers own has been raised by the band members or contributed from their own pockets.

They range in age from 16 to 37. They come mainly from Kitchener, Waterloo — home of the Waterloo Band Festival — and Bridgeport.

All the band members are militiamen. And the idea to form the organization was hatched by Major William F. Ball, C.D., commanding officer of the unit the Engineers represent.

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## THE MERRITTON GRENADIERS



The Merritton Grenadiers are a senior trumpet band in the Canadian Bugle and Trumpet Band Association. The band is jointly sponsored by the Town of Merritton, the Lions Club, the Fire Department, and the Canadian Legion with all the instruments and uniforms the property of the band.

Since the band was formed in July of 1952, they have been strong contenders of first prize awards at the Canadian Championships. The Grenadiers were the first senior band to take part in fancy drill contesting, and each time out the routine is changed so that a new show is formed as time goes on. Last year the band made a complete change from B flat instruments to chrome-plated G-D trumpets, but the B flat horns are kept for specialty numbers. The blue hat and red plumes along with the sharply shaped navy blue and red trimmed uniform was designed by Hugh McKean. Mr. McKean, the very capable band director, has had over twenty years of band leadership.

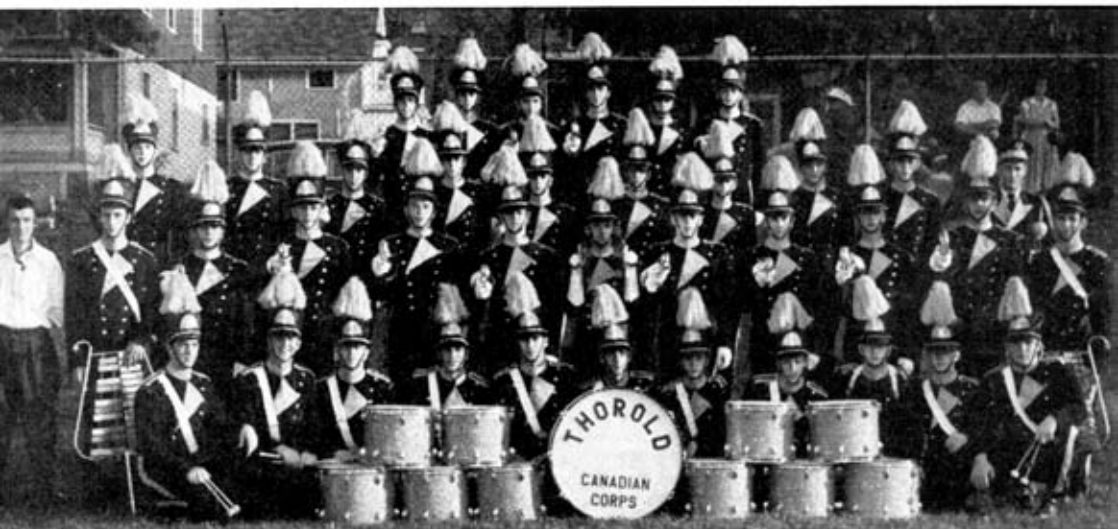
The band has been featured at Tattoos, County Fairs, Football Games, Grape and Cherry Festivals. In 1953 the Grenadiers represented Canada at the Lions International Convention in Chicago and in 1954 did a similar turn at the convention in New York City.

The motto "Ab Populo" (for the people) sums us their feeling to put on a delightful performance to entertain you.

### ST. MARY'S TRUMPET BAND

St. Mary's Band began as a Fife and Drum Band in 1914. It became a bugle band about 1920. In 1952 the band changed to one valve trumpets. The band has won many honours through the years, notably at Waterloo Music Festival, where it took the Canadian Championship in 1951 and 1953.

## THOROLD TRUMPET BAND — THE BLACK KNIGHTS



The Thorold Trumpet Band has progressed during the last few years so that now they have increased their membership from the original twenty-five to fifty members and at the same time, under the guidance of their musical director and arranger Mr. Lou Lorenzi, have increased their musical ability so that now they stand as one of the top trumpet bands in Canada. In 1955 this band captured the American Legion, New York State marching championship at Lasalle, New York, and last year, 1956, they won the Canadian Senior Novice Championship at Merritton, Ontario, in their first try. Also at the same time they tied the 2nd Signals Band of Toronto for the trophy awarded for the highest achievement of trumpet and bugle bands for the year 1956. They have also captured many other top prizes in both the United States and Canada, one of which was first prize at the mammoth Santa Claus parade in Erie, Pennsylvania, last fall. In thirty-five parades and competitions last year the band won thirty first prizes and never finished less than third in the others. The music played by the band ranges from *The Blue Danube Waltz* to more popular songs such as "*The Wayward Wind*" and "*Cherry Pink*" in their open class and their marches include most of the standard Sousa marches as well as a few brass band marches that were arranged especially for the band by Mr. Lorenzi. This year the band is appearing under their new banner and name of "The Black Knights" from Thorold, Ontario, Canada, which features an all-new colour party as well as a bigger and better horn section than ever before.

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## OPTIMIST CLUB OF TORONTO TRUMPET BAND



### "Opti-Corps"

This band is a newly sponsored project of the Optimist Club of Toronto (Downtown Club). At Merritton they won the Canadian Junior Novice Championship, 1956 — they placed first in the Welland Chamber of Commerce parade, third in the Maid of the Mist Festival, and more recently were third in the Parade of Champions held in Stouffville, April, 1957. At that contest the judges awarded the Opti-Corps the special trophy offered to the band that, in their opinion, had made the most progress to date.

The Corps is led on the field by Drum Major Phil Taucher; drum instruction is under Don McVicar; trumpets, Rolly Formica, and the musical arrangements are taken care of by Drum Sergeant Harry Clark. The business manager is Optimist Alan Baggs.

On July 6th, at East York Memorial Stadium in Toronto, the Optimist Club and their band is sponsoring the Ontario Junior Championships. This promises to be the outstanding junior show of the year. Six top bands of Ontario will be competing for the Provincial title. As well as cash awards and trophies, the Optimist Club is inaugurating a Provincial flag to be awarded to the winner. The Colour Party of the Opti-Corps is presently carrying the new flag on their left so that the folks and corps fans at this show may get a glimpse of it. There will also be an exhibition by one of the most exciting corps in New York State, St. Joseph's Drum and Bugle Corps of Batavia. Tickets are available from any member of the band or the Optimist Club. This will be too good a show to miss!

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## 1888 CADET CORPS, ROYAL CANADIAN ENGINEERS



The band was formed in October, 1955.

They have been to one competition and placed first in the Junior Novice Class, Canadian Championships.

They have 30 boys with an average age of 15 years and will be attending many contests this year.

They are sponsored by the Royal Canadian Engineers 2nd Field Regiment and practise Friday evenings at Fort York Armouries.



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# PROGRAMME OF "MUSIC ON THE MARCH", 1957

7.45 p.m. —

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## — PROGRAMME —

8.15 p.m. —

*Drill* ..... Merritton Grenadiers

*Selection* ..... The Saints Drum and Trumpet Corps, Port Credit

*Drill* ..... 48th Field Regiment R.C.E.

*Selection* ..... Toronto Region Scout Band

*Drill* ..... Danforth Crusaders

*Selection* ..... 2nd Field Regiment R.C.E. Cadets

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— PROGRAMME — (Continued)

<i>Drill</i> .....	Thorold Black Knights
<i>Selection</i> .....	Optimists Club of Toronto
<i>Drill</i> .....	Guelph Royalaire
<i>Selection</i> .....	8th Signal Regiment
<i>Drill</i> .....	Western Technical Commercial School
<i>Selection</i> .....	St. Marys
<i>Drill</i> .....	The Jolly Jesters
<i>Finale</i> .....	Junior Massed Bands
	Senior Massed Bands

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**THE BAND OF THE 8 SIGNAL REGIMENT  
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This band, organized in 1937, has an enviable reputation, having won numerous competitions. During the past several years it has been relatively inactive but was re-organized in January of 1956.

During the past several months the band has played at a number of out-of-town affairs. Recent engagements have taken the band to Buffalo and London. They placed second in the Senior "B" Trumpet Band competition at Merritton last June.

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## WESTERN TECHNICAL COMMERCIAL SCHOOL CADET CORPS TRUMPET BAND



This band is composed of Western students 14 to 18 years old. They tackle everything with spirit and enthusiasm and have always managed to stay up among the firsts and seconds in the Canadian Championships.

The yearly turn-over of our older players is always our big problem, but also our challenge. It is a pleasure to see the senior bands march by and note the large numbers of ex-Western bandsmen swelling the ranks.

Last year this band chose a Scottish theme which was composed of all Scottish music, and even included two Scottish dancers dancing the Highland Fling and the Sword Dance as the band carried out its drill.

This year the band switched back to the "Western" theme which has always been popular with the boys, and they feature such tunes as *The Dying Cowboy*, *Don't Fence Me In*, and *South of the Border*. They hope this will find the same favour with the audience as last year's theme.

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## THE PARKDALE LIONS GIRLS' BAND



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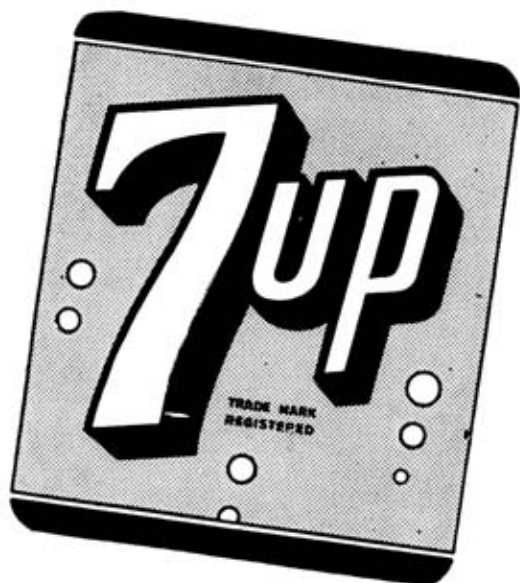


The band was sponsored by the Parkdale Lions Club in 1948 and reorganized in 1956.

It is under the direction of Bandmaster Capt. Jean Wanamaker, one of the original members of the band, and is instructed by Mr. Douglas Saunders.

The unit has many trophies, medals and diplomas including three Canadian championships.

The Lions Club supplies uniforms, instruments and instruction at no cost to the members of the band.



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