

The lads are blowing

up a storm



IF YOU think a drum and bugle corps is strictly a spare-time deal, think again.

The fellows you see on this page — photographed by Telyman Leo Harrison — last year traveled 7,000 miles through the U.S. in contests, parades and exhibitions.

They're the 70-member Toronto Optimists Drum and Bugle Corps, the current National Junior Champs.

The corps—made up of high schoolers with some university types thrown in—rehearse twice a week to perfect 13-minute music and drill shows, and travels every week end from May to September to put on parades and compete in contests.

The fellows are here rehearsing in their light green corps jackets with black pants and plumed shakos. Their dress uniform features sharp green satin blouses.

Corps director Don Daber says there are four boys' corps and one girls' in the junior division in Toronto, with about 70 junior and senior corps in Canada.



The color guard of the Toronto Optimists Drum and Bugle Corps displays its flags.



Optimist trumpeters are (from left) Joseph Palanca, 20; Roman Perohanycz, 19; Bill Holloway, 19.

Patti Pettigrew looks over the New York-Canadian Brass Sextet Trophy with Bill Holloway (centre) and Joe Palanca of the trumpet section. The Corps won the trophy at Geneva, N.Y., two weeks ago.



Here's the Optimists' rifle drill team. Bill McNab, 18, spins his rifle in the air as John Diamond (right) and Nelson Duff practise behind him.

A semi-circle of brass section members make an impressive sight—and sound—as they blow their trumpets together.

