

THE TORONTO OPTIMISTS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS VEARBOOK*'65

DEDICATED TO THE MEMBERS OF THE CORPS, 1965

It was in 1962 when the drum major of the corps, Jim McConkey, suggested to the publicity department that they should publish a 'yearbook' reviewing the corps' activities of that year. Consideration was given to his idea but it was too late in the season, at that time, to publish a book.

Over the next two seasons the idea was still there but got no further than that idea stage until, finally, in June of this year it was decided to publish the corps' first Yearbook as part of the commemorative projects of the Tenth Anniversary of the corps sponsorship by the Optimist Club of Toronto, Inc., 1955-1965.

OUR SPONSOR, The Optimist Club of Toronto, Inc.

The Optimist Club of Toronto, founded in 1924, was the first club to go 'International'as the first Optimist Club founded outside the United States.

Luncheon meetings are held every Wednesday at 12:30 noon at the Royal York Hotel. As the motto of Optimist International is 'Friend of the Boy'; their boys' work projects include a boy scout troop, a yearly oratorical contest, a yearly scholarship fund award, the Metropolitan Boy's Club of downtown Toronto and the Drum and Bugle Corps

OPTIMISM INTERNATIONAL:

Objects of Optimist International are:

1. To develop Optimism as a philosophy of life.

 To promote an active interest in good government, civic affairs; to inspire respect for the law, to promote patriotism and work for international accord and friendship among all peoples.

3. To aid and encourage the development of youth.

Today, in Noth America there are over 2,200 Optimist Clubs with 80,000 members.

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ANDY HENDERSON, Drum Major of the corps 1964, 1965.	3.
Joined the Optimists May, 1959. First joined the guard on flag then moved up to rifle for the 1961	9. 9
season. Guard Captain 1963 season. MOST MEMORABLE MOMENT IN THE LINE: "Winning Nationals in 1961"	
WORST MOMENT IN THE LINE: "Losing to Del for the first time, at the CNE contest, September, 1961."	
Photo: Presentation by Ralph Shapiro, Director of the Troop 12	
'Indians' of the best drum major trophy at the first POW-WOW OF JR. CHAMPIONS, King	ston, N.Y., August 28th., 1965.
THE 1965 EXECUTIVE	
Director and Business ManagerDon Daber.	Field Executive:

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Corps ManagerClare Reid.
TreasurerAl Peczeniuk.
Publicity and Photography Dave Johns.
EquipmentR. Shearer.

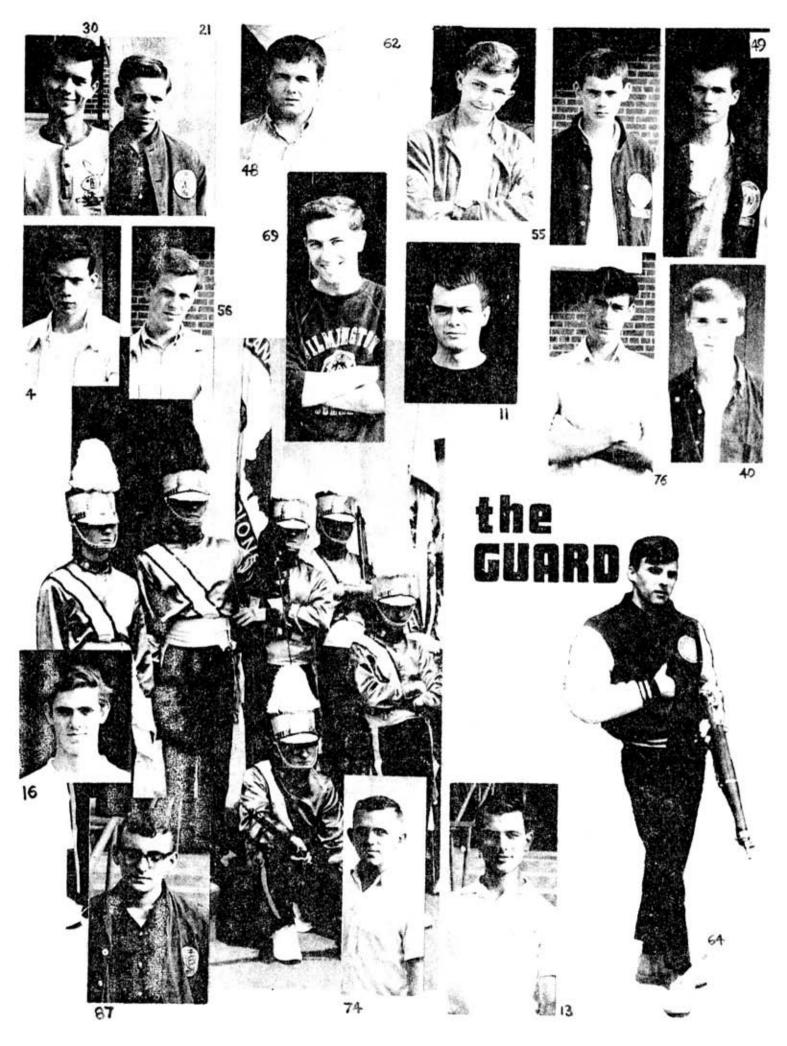
INSTRUCTORS:

Bugle Instructor	Barry Bell.
Drum Instructor	Lorne Ferrazzutti.
Assistant Drum Instructor	.Ron Kaiser.
Guard Instructor	.Ivor Bramley.
Drill Instructor	.Ivor Branley.
Assistant Drill Indtructor	.Richard Boehnke.

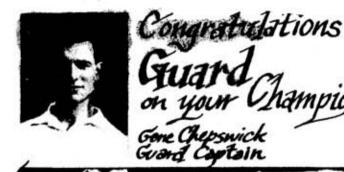
Field Executive: Drum Major.....Andy Henderson. Guard Captain...Gene Chepswick. Section Sergeants: Guard......Gene Chepswick. Drums.....Ron Kaiser. Sopranos....Doug MacKenzie. French Horns...Ross Cation. Bass Horns....Dave Watt.

1965 drill written by Ivor Bramley.

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1965 FIELD SHOW REPERTROIRE:	
Off the Line	WHO WILL BUY?" from the stage musical, 'Oliver.'
Second number	
Into Concert	
Concert	"El Cumbanchero"
Out of Concert	"Mandy"
Colour Presentation	"Battle Cry of Freedom"and"O Canada."
Off-the-field	"More" from the motion picture 'Mondo Cane.'







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GUARD CAPTAIN 1965, GENE CHEPSWICK (#13) School: Brock University, first year. Favourite subjest:"girls." Future plans:"law." Corps: St. Marys 1961, Scout House 1961. Optimists 1962-3-4-5. Favourite Corps Jr: Blessed Sacrament Reason: Drill. Favourite Corps Sr: Skyliners. Reason: Music. Nickname: "Chipper." Pet Peeve:"People" Memorable Corps moment: "Winning 4 Nations". #30...BILL HANNAH. Working: Al Guest Animation Film Prod. Favourite subject: "lunch." Corps: Skyriders 1959, 1960. Optimists 1962, 1963, 1964. Favourite Corps, Jr: Boston Crusaders, Sac, Favourite Corps, Sr: Sunrisers. Nickname: "Sal." Pet, Peeve: "Batman". Memorable Corps Moment: "Rome, 1962." Worst Corps Moment: "Racine & East York'64" Other Activities: "Golf, The Village & visiting Brantford." #21...BTINHING ROTION. School: Fairmount Park, Grade 8. Favourite subject: Math. Future Plans: "Pilot" Corps: Columbus 1963, Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps Jr: Optimists. Favourite Corps Sr: Commanders.

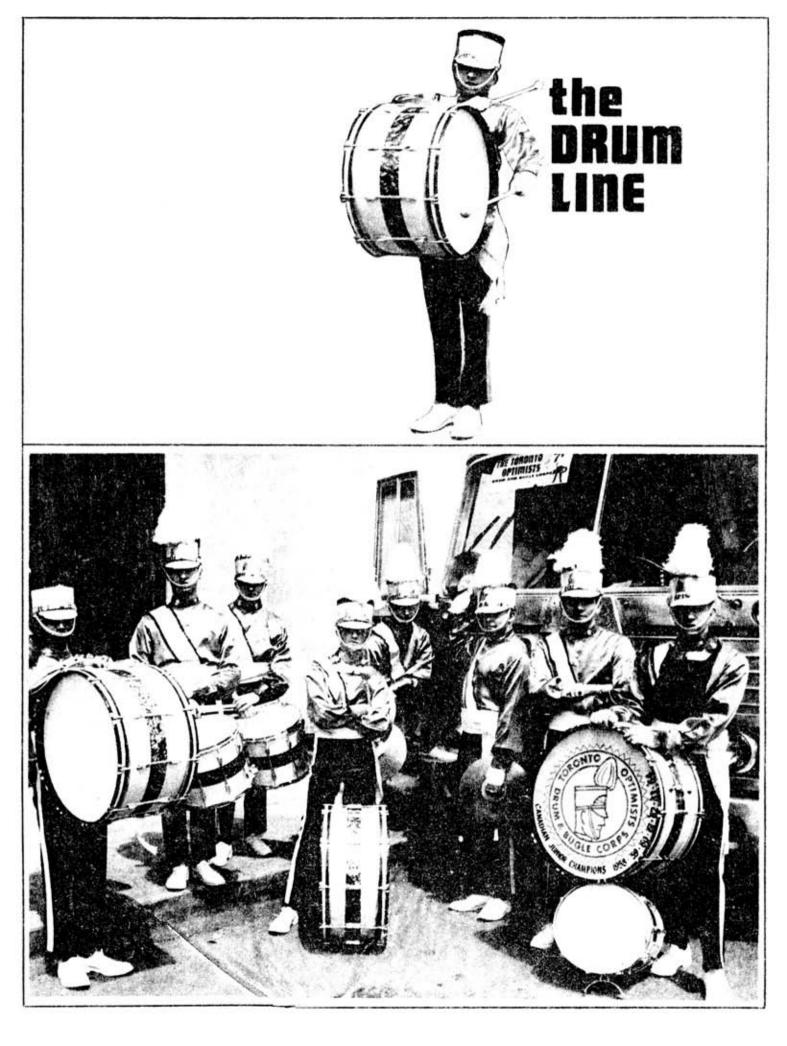
#43...JIM DENSMORE School: Castlefrank, grade 9. Favourite subject: Art. Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists. Favourite Corps, Sr: Caballeros. Memorable moment: "the first competition" Other activities: The Woodgreen swim team. #62...KEITH ADAMS School: Grade (, Earl Grey. Favourite subject: music. Corps: Optimist Bantams, 3 yrs., Optimists64. Favourite Corps, Jr.: Optimists. Favourite Corps, Sr: Commanders. Rookie to: Gord Lefevre. #55...RICHARD COOPER School: Fairmount Park, grade 8. Favourite subject: Shop. Future Plans: Industrial Engineer. Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists. Favourite Corps, Sr: Amhassadors. Nickname: "Littlest Coop." Rookie To: Paul Thompson. Memorable Corps moment: Joining Optimists. Other Activities: Swim team. #49....S'.... COUPER School: Eastern Commerce, grade 10. Favourite subject: "geometry." Future Plans:"A filthy rich chartered accountant." Corps: Bantams 1961-1964, Optimists 1965, Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Rookie to: Rick Shearer.

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#4...BILL KANE. School: Danforth Teck, grade 10. Favourite subject: Math. Future plans: Teacher. Corps: Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. #56...MARTIN PALMER. School: Monarch Park, grade 11. Favourite subject: music. Future plans: "drums." Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists, Blessed Sac. Favourite Corps, Sr: Wawthorne Caballeros. Pet Peeve: "Kaiser's drumming on the bus." Most memorable moment: "The first contest & winning it." Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists. #69...JOHN VANDER FLAES School: Kipling C.I. grade 12. Favourite subject: English Lit. Corps: Optimists, 1965. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. Rookie to: Emilio Russo. Favourite saying: "Don't panic" Pet Peeve: "Guys who do stupid things." Most Memorable Moment: "Hearing Ivor give his first command." Other Activities: Rover Scouts.Nomorable moment:"Initiation." #11...GUY VEZINA, GUARD SERGEANT. Working: Eatons. Corps: Viscounts (Quebec) 1959, 1960. Columbus 1960, 1961, 1962. Optimists 1964, 1965. Pet Peeve: "Only frenchman in the corps," Most memorable moment: "Nationals, 1963." Other activities: "motorcycles, travel." Memorable moment: "When St. Joes beat us #76...TED BERGH. School: Midland Collegiate, grade 11. Favourite subject: Electricity. Corps: Optimist Bantams, Optimists. Favourite Corps:"Sac." Favourite Corps, Sr: Caballeros. Memorable moment: That first competition. #40...RON COOPER. School: Danforth Teck. grade 11. Future plans: "tatooing myself green." Corps:Optimist Bantams, Optimists'63,'64. Corps ambition:"to be the best rifler." Pet Peeve: "too many brothers in the corps." Most memorable moment: Announcer in Jersey, "And 5th place, with a score of 74.4, the Optimists " Other activities: "the girl friend."

#16...MARCEL SMOLINSKI. School: Don Mills C.I. Grade 11. Favourite subject:"drum corps." Favourite Corps, Jr: Chicago Royal Airs. Reason: "Their fantastic horn line." Favourite Corps, Sr: Commanders. Reason: "They are fun to watch." Nickname: "Moans." Favourite saying:"Beat the Weirdo" Memorable moment: "My first show & Ivor screaming at me." Other activities: "girls." #87 ... ALAN ACCORN. School: Central tech. grade 9. Favourite subject: art. Corps: Optimists, 1965. Favourite Corps, Sr: Royalaires. Rookie to: Doug MacKenzie. Memorable moments: Trip to Chicago in Feb. #74...DENNIS MOFFAT. School: Riverdale Collegiate, grade 13. Favourite subject: Geometry. Future plans: "Commerce & Finance at U of T. Favourite Corps, Jr: Chicago Cavaliers. Favourite Corps, Sr: Caballeros. Rookie to: George Wright. Other activities: "tennis and golf." #64...JOHN DIAMOND. School: Western Tech. grade 11. Favourite subject: "skipping." Corps: Cptimists, 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: St. Kevins. Pet Peeve: "Busses with no toilets." in Toronto in 1964 at East York." Other Activities: "Women, cards and wine."





RUDIMENTAL BASS:

#14...DAVID HARRIS

School: Eastern Commerce, grade 9. Favourite subject: Math. Corps: Bantam Optimists 1962, 1963. Optimists 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Sac (drum line) Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Pet Peeve: "Not ehough free time on trips." Memorable moment: Highland Park Illinois Contest 1964 when I saw Sac.

#29...EMILIO RUSSO

School: Riverdale C.I. grade 10. Future plans: IEM. Corps: Columbus 1960, 1961. Bantams 1962. Optimists 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sac (drums) Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne Pet Peeve: "The sargeant of this section."

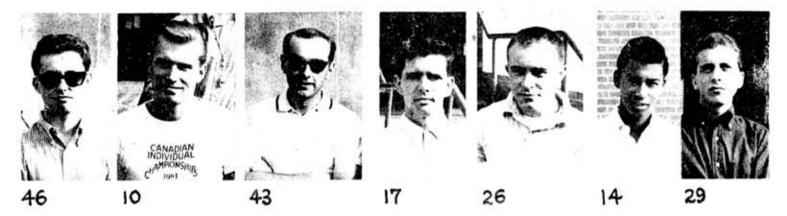
#92...DAVID SIMMS (Bass drum) School: David & Mary Inompson, grade 9. Favourite subject: "science." Future plans: "U of T" Corps: Canadianaires Fife & Drum 1957-162. Bantam Optimists 1964. Optimists 1965. Corps ambition: Snare drummer. Favourite Corps, Jr: Sacrament and St. Kevins. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. Rookie to: Ron Kaiser. Pet Peeve: "Transporting the bass drum." Memorable moment:"Trip to Chicago in February and the first show of 1965." TENORS: #17...GORD LEFEVRE School: Riverdale C.I. Grade 13. Future plans: "Prudential Life Insurance, IBM. Corps: Optimists Bantams 1959. Optimists 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: St. Kevins. (Horn line) Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. Pet Peeve: "The slobs in the corps." Memorable moment:"Coming 9th at Racine in '64." Other activities: Hockey, soccer, baseball. #26 RUSS JARVIS School: Riverdale C.I. grade 13. favourite subject: Triganometry. Future Plans: Chartered accounting. Corps: Vanguard Sea Cadets 1961, 1962. Optimists 1963, 1964. Corps ambition:"drill instructor." Favourite Corps, Jr: Racine Kilties (drums) Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners (repertoire) Pet Peeve:"Continual changes in the drum music. Memorable moment:"Trip to Jersey in '63 where there were 6 guys in a 5 passenger car." Other activities: Track club, football team.

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Section Sergeant: Ron Kaiser. Snare Drums: Ron Kaier, Vic Kruklis, Orest Burack. Tenor Drums: Gord Lefevre, Russ Jarvis. -----Rudimental Bass: David Harris, Emilio Russo. Bass: David Simms.



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Cymbals: David Collins, Vince Ferraro, Rick Shearer.

#59...DAVID COLLINS School: R.H.King Collegiate, grade 10. Corps: Scarboro Fire Fighters, Bantams, Optimists 1965. Rookie to: Gene Chepswick. Pet Peeve: "Ron Kaiser yelling "Lets go eh." Memorable moment: Initiation. Other activities: drummer in rock and roll group. #28...VINCENT FERRARO School: Central Tech, Grade 11. Corps: Columbus 1959-1963. Optimists'64,65. Future plans: Chemistry lab. Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament.

Favourite Corps, Sr: Crusaders.

Pet Peeve: Ron Kaiser.

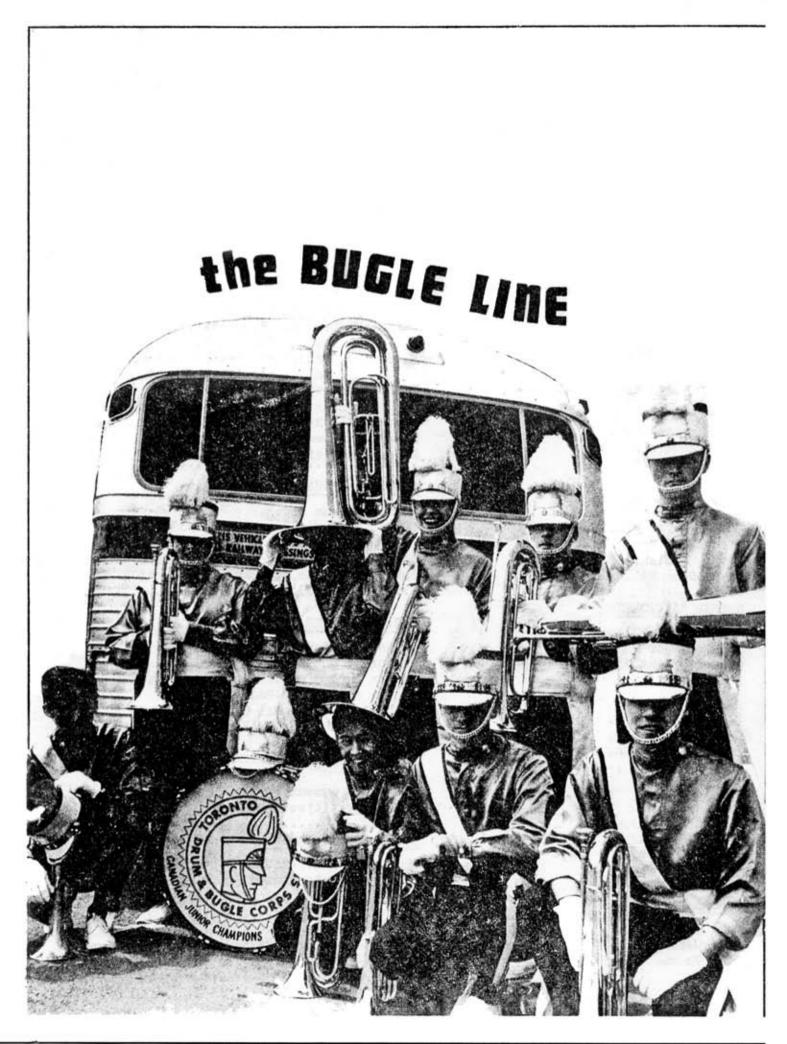
Memorable Moment: "That first practice with the drum line."

Other activities: Girls, school concert band, girls, dance band, girls.

#71...RICK SHEARER

School: Danforth Tech. Favourite subject: Music. Corps: Optimist Bantams 1960- '62, Optimists. Favourite Corps, Jr: St. Kevins. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne.

#46...RON KAISER, Section Sergeant. Working: Library, Osgoode Hall. Future Plans: Finish U of T. Corps: Bantams 1960, Optimists 1961-65. Favourite Corps, Jr: "Blessed Sacrament" Reason:"Bob Thompson & crew." Favourite Corps, Sr: "Skyliners" Reason "My kind of G.E. Corps." Pet Peeve:"Drum judges who can't drum." Memorable Moment: "Beating B.S. in Rome & watching them parade off in front of us #10...VIC KRUKLIS. Working: The Toronto Star. Future Plans: to become a ski bum. Corps: Columbus, Commanders, Optimists. Favourite Corps, Sr: "Skyliners" Memorable Moments: "Beating Sac in Rome, 62 and the Pittsburgh Contest rained out in 1962." #43... OREST BURACK. School: University of Toronto. Future plans: "Have 6 children & learn how to drum." Corps: Bantams, 1959. Optimists 1961-'65. Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists. Pet Peeve: "Losing, questionaires."Kaiser."



SOLO SCPRANOS:

Gary Corbett #6. Bill Holloway #3. Ed Collins #7. Doug MacKenzie #15. Ron Chong #53. Joe Palanica #60.. Barry Radford #61. Dennis Roberts #81. Hide Mori #82. Brian Houghton #68.

FIRST SOPRANOS:

John Shearer #18. Mike McCullough #23. Larry Greenwood #34. Keith Buckingham #67.

SECOND SOPRANOS:

Barry Stinson #24. Bob Harkness #36. Frank Mendicino #44 Bob Carell #72.

FIRST BARITONES:

Doug Shearer #12. Archie Van Dyke #38. Terry McKolskey #41. Wayne Dean #91.

SECOND BARITONES:

Jim Stewart #27. Tom McGregor #35. George Wright #51.

EUPHONIUMS:

Clayton Keat #20. Doug Sparkes #32. Bill Andrews #85.

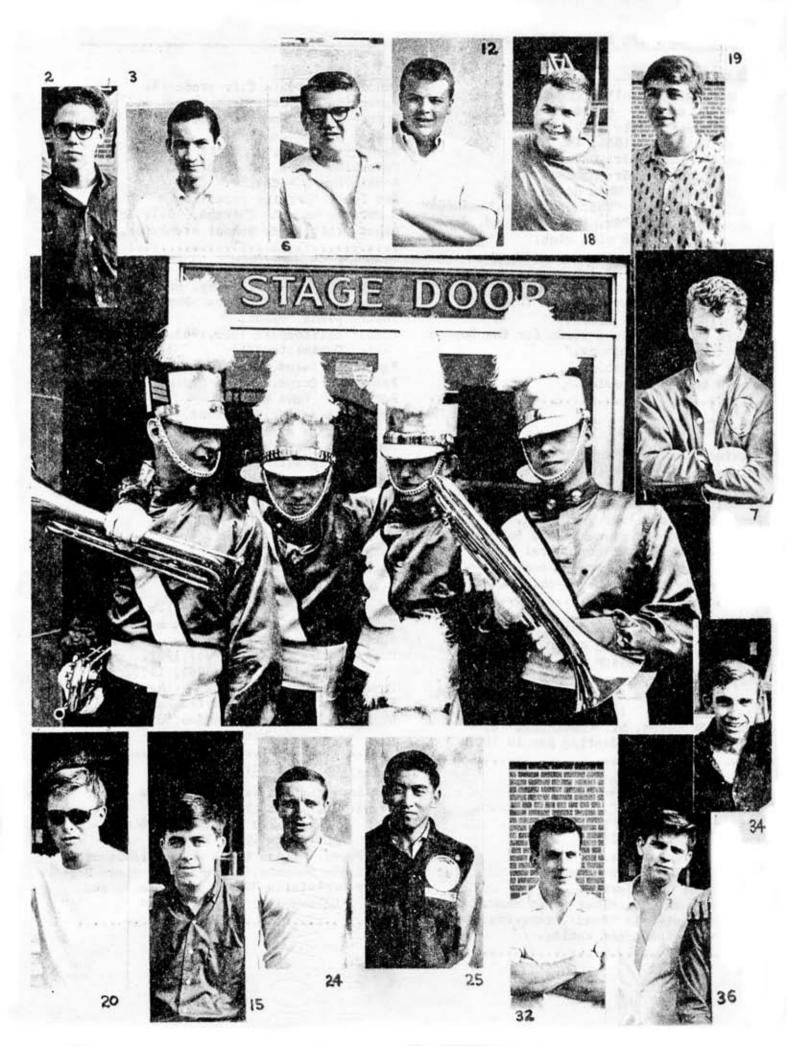
FRENCH HORNS:

Mike Thys #2. Alex Glover #9. Ross Cation #22. Art Tamaki #25. Gord Roberts #54.

CONTRA BASS:

Paul Thompson #19. Dave Watt #29. Bill Thorne #2...MICHAEL THYS. Work: Lilly Pharmaceuticals. Future Plans: Ryerson, Business Administration. Corps: Columbus 1958, 1959, 1960. Optimists 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Reason: "Bass-Barri mellowness." Pet Peeve: "Guys who 'Mouth Off". Most Memorable moment: "Rome 1962 the split second when McConkey 'fouled up' but the corps recovered and we won the show." #3...BILL HOLLOWAY. Work: The Dept. of Mines, Ontario Government. Future plans: "Getting married." Corps: Midtowners 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963. Optimists 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Reason: "Bugle line execution." Favourite Corps, Sr: Caballeros. Reason: "Music played and size of corps." Pet Peeve: "Reaching 21 and leaving Corps." Memorable moment: "Bast York '64 against St.Joes" Other Activities: Pool and Patti. #6...GARY CORBETT. Work: Ryerson Press. Corps: Bantams 1957, 1958, 1959, 1960. Optimists 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Kilties. Reason: "Repertoire" Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Reason: music. #12...DOUG SHEARER. School: Danforth Tech. grade 10. Favourite subject: Music. Corps: Bantam Optimists 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962. Optimists 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. Reason: Music. Nickname: "Barn." Favourite saying: "Watch it, or I'll 'flab' you to death." Memorable moments: "Shawinigan Quebec," Other activities: Rover scouts, school band. #18...JOHN SHEARER.

Work: Ralph Clarke Stone Ltd., printers. Corps: Toronto Region Scout Band 1957, 1958. Bantam Corps 1959, 1960. Optimists 1961,1962,1963,1964,1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Memorable Moment: "Beating Sac in Rome, 1962." Other Activities: Rover Scout Crew.



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#19...PAUL THOMPSON School: St. Michael's, grade 12 Favourite subject: music. Future plans: Music at U of T. Corps: Optimists 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Cavaliers. Favourite Corps, Sr: Ambassadors. Favourite saying: "When do we eat?" Memorable Moment: "That 9th place, Racine64" Other activities:"St.Michael's band, dance band and glee club. #7...ED COLLINS School: George Harvey, grade 10. Favourite subject: music. Future plans: "Replace reeds for the Boston Symphony." Corps: Optimists 1965. Rookie to: Joe Palamino. #20...CLAYTON KEAT Working: Canadian General Insurance Co. Future plans: "To keep working." Corps: Optimists 1964, 1965.

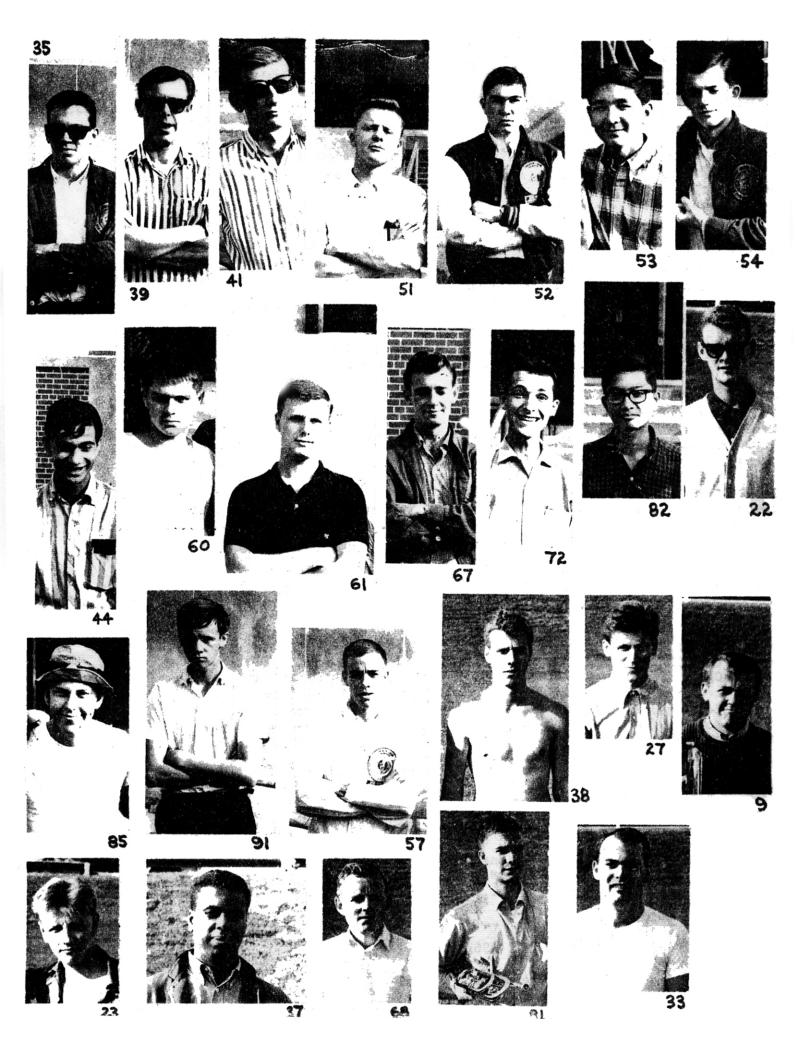
Corps: Optimists 1964, 1965.
Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament.
Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne.
Pet Peeve:"Can't sleep in the bus racks."
Memorable moment:"That funeral home
 ambulance ride after the contest in Attica"
Other activities:"Hockey, skin diving."

#15...DOUG MacKENZIE, Section Sergeant.

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#24...BARRY STINSONWorking: Facelle Tissue Co. Ltd.School: Riverdale C.I. grade 12.Corps: St. Marys 1961.
De La Salle 1962,1963,1964.
Optimists 1965.Favourite Corps, Jr:St. Kevins.De La Salle 1962,1963,1964.
Optimists 1964, 1965.Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne.
Rookie to: Russ Jarvis.Pet Peeve: "Those trees on the lakeshore
Memorable moments:"3 yrs in 2nd place De
Other activities: "Wine, women, song and
Lakeshore tree smashing."Memorable moment: "That first show."
Other activities: "Band, orchestra, football,
sleeping and eating."Lakeshore tree smashing."

#25...ART TAMAKI School: Riverdale C.I. grade 13. Favourite subject: Math. Future plans: "Commerce and finance UofT." Corps: Optimiscs 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists. Favourite Corps, Sr: Ambussadors. Rookie to: Bob Carell. Pet Peeve: "Morning practices." Memorable moment."Chicago, 1965, on stage" Other activities: "School orchestra." #32...DOUG SPARKES School: Bayview Secondary, grade 11. Favourite subject: "Music, Phys Ed." Future plans: Pilot. Corps: Hilltoppers 1962, 1963. Leaside 1964. Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Cavaliers (Chicago) Favourite Corps, Sr: Les Diplomates. Rookie to: Dave Watt. Favourite saying: "Hey, Ross... can you give is a ride?" Memorable moment: Initiation and the first trip with the corps to Shawinigan'64 #36...BOB HARKNESS School: Yes. Favourite subject: Pool. Corps: Optimists 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965 #34...LARRY GREENWOOD School:Monarch Park, grade 11. Favourite subject: Phys Educ & math. Future plans: "Sports." Corps: Vanguards 1960, 1961, 1962. Optimists 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: St. Kevins. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Other activities: track, football, golf, basketball. #35...TOM McGREGOR. Working: Facelle Tissue Co. Ltd. Corps: St. Marys 1961. De La Salle 1962, 1963, 1964. Optimists 1964, 1965. Pet Peeve: "Those trees on the lakeshore." Memorable moments:"3 yrs in 2nd place Del." Other activities: "Wine, women, song and Lakeshore tree smashing."



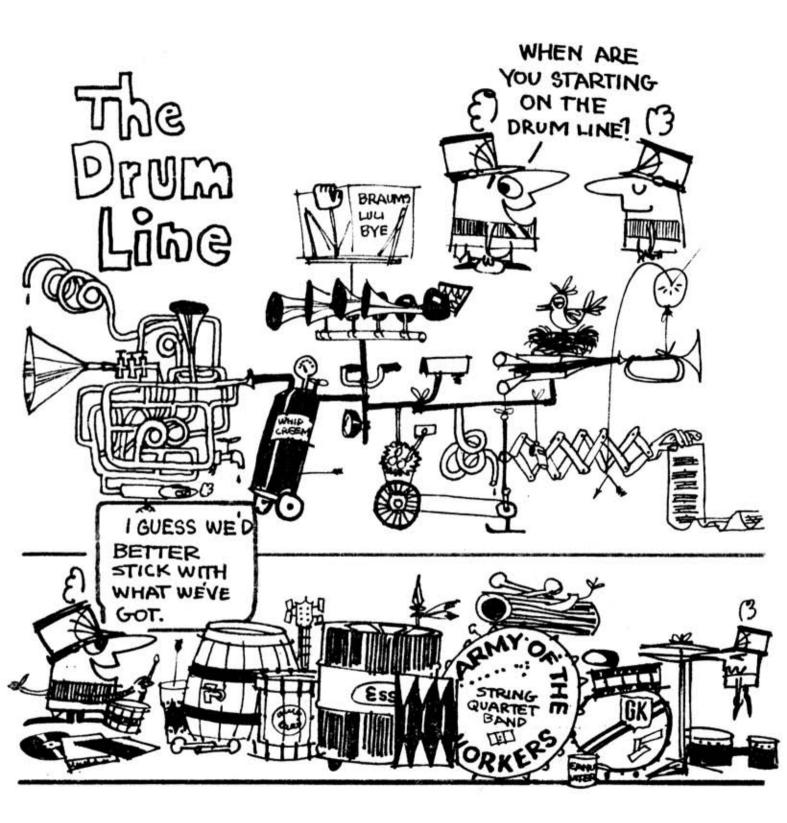
#39...DAVE WATT, Section Sergeant. #44...FRANK MENDICINO. Working: Canadian Mational Railways. Corps: Skyraiders 1959-1960. Optimists 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourit. Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Favourite saying: "Lets go to Brantford, Friday, Gord " west trip." Memorable moment: "Rome...'62." #60...JOE PALANICA. School: Ryerson, 1st yr. #41...TERRY McKOLSKEY. Working: Romac Building Systems. Corps: Skyraiders 1958, 1959. Optimists 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Chicago Royalairs. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Memorable moments: Rome '62, Pittsburgh '62 #61...BARRY RADFORD. (rained out) and Nationals '61. #51...CEORGE WRIGHT. School: Northern Secondary, grade 13. Working: Part-time...Rose-Mary Brassier. Future plans: "To go into the field of business." Corps: Bantam Optimists 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962 1963. Optimists 1964, 1965. Fevourite Corps, Jr: Chicago Royal Airs. Favourite Corps, Sr: Yankee Rebels. Nickname: "Saul" Favourite saying: "What'd you say, Abe." #67...KEITH BUCKINGHAM Pet Peeve: "People who say they can't see me Memorable moment: "Competing against Sac in '64. Future plans: Architectural draftsman. Optimists 1965. #52...ED HALL School: Dahforth Tech. grade 10. Corps: Optimists Bantams. Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: St. Kevins. Favourite Corps, Sr: Ambassadors. Rookie to: Ron Cooper. Memorable moment: "Waiting to be initiated." #72...BOB CARELL. School: U of T. #53...RON CHONG. School: Jarvis C.I. grade 12. Future plans: U of T. Corps: Midtowners, Golden Monarchs, Optimists 1964,1965. Memorable moment: "National Championships'64." Memorable moment: "Racine 1963." Other activities: "Basketball, golf." #82...HIDE MORI. 54...GORD ROBERTS Future plans: U of T. Working: Lawrence Film Productions. Corps: Conqueror 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963. Optimists1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners.

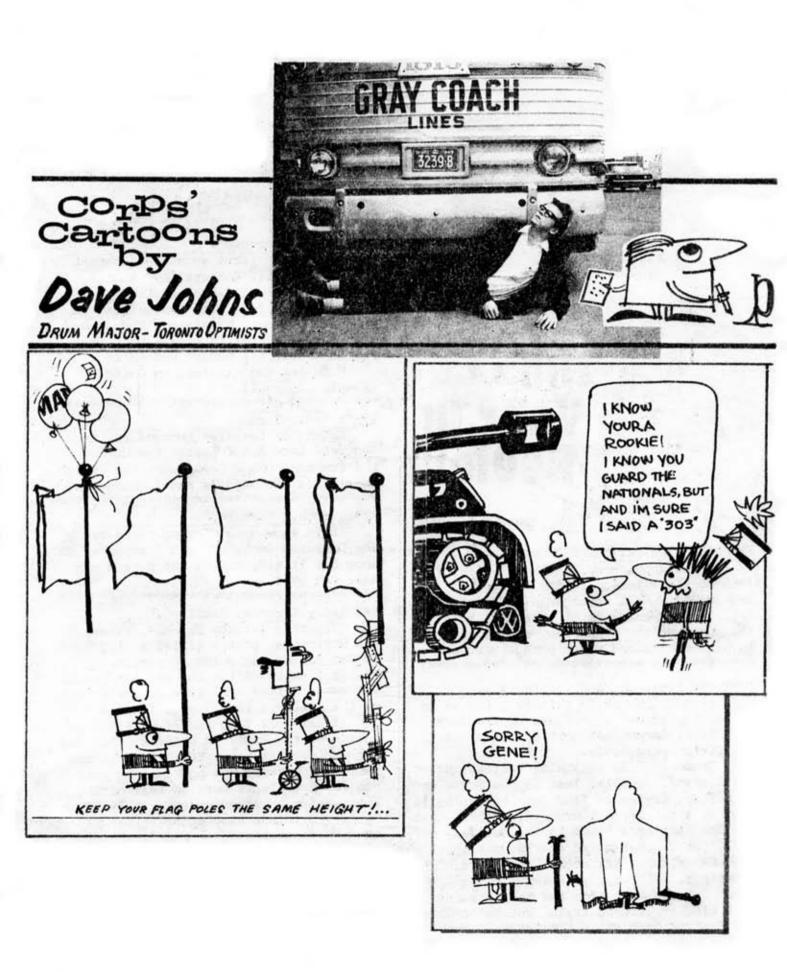
School: St.Michael's College.Grade 11. Favourite subject: English. Corps: Col mbus 1963. Optimists 1964,1965. Favourite Corp., Jr: Cavaliers. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Memorable moments: "1964, the long mid-Corps: St.Marys 1961, 1962. Optimists 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965. Favoutite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. Memorable moment:"Rome, 62." School: Bathurst Heights C.I. Grade 13. Corps: Midtowners 1960, 1961, 1962. Optimists 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Sac, Kevins, Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne, Skyliners. Pet Peeve:"People who boo us when we win in Canada." Memorable moments: Nationals & Pittsburgh'63 Other activities: "School, badminton, swim team, track and Quebec." School: Thornhill Secondary, grade 11. Corps: Second Signals, Hilltoppers, Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Favourite Corps, Sr: Commanders. Rookie to: John Shearer. Pet peeve:"Everyone telling me I'm no good on a bugle ... " Memorable moment: First time in show with the Optimists. Favourite subject: Math. Corps: Optimists 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourite corps, Jr: St.Kevins. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. School: Jarvis C.I. grade 13. Corps: Monarchs 1962, 1963.Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. Other activities:"Billiards."

#22...ROSS CATION Working: Yes. Corps: Nothern Trumpet Band 1957, 1958. Don Mills Skyraiders 1959, 1960. Optimists 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists. Memorable moment: Rome 1962. #85...BILL ANDREWS School: Riverdale C.I. grade 11. Favourite subject:"lunch." Future plans: "Hog and dairy farmer." Corps: Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Sacrament. Favoutite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Nickname."Lumpy." #91...WAYNE DEAN. School: Danforth Tech. grade 11. Future plans: "Forestry." Corps:Leaside Lions 1963, 1964. Optimists65. Favourite Corps, Jr: St. Kevins. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. Nickname: "Dino" Pet Peeve "Girls who talk too much." Memorable moment: The night I joined Optimists. Memorable moment: "With Skyliners in St. Other activities: Skiing, Swimming, archery. #57...JOHN FRASER School: Northern Secondary, grade 11. Favourite subject: science. Corps: Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists. Favourite Corps, Sr: Ambassadors. Memorable moments:"Initiation and Chicago." #38...ARCHIE VAN DYKE Working: Steel, Hamilton. Corps: Conqueror 1963,1968. Optimists1964,65 Corps: Optimists 1960,1961,1962,1963,1965. #27...JIM STEWART. Corps: Conqueror 1962, 1963, 1964. Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: St. Lucys. Favourite Corps, Sr: Conn Hurricanes. Rookie to: Gary Corbett. Pet Peeve:"Initiationa." #9...Ken Thompson. School: Yes. Don Mills C.I. Grade 12. Corps: Don Mills Skyraiders 1969, 1960. Optimists 1961, 1962, 1965. Nickname: "Charlie Brown."

#23...MIKE McCULLOUGH.

School: Midland Ave. Collegiate. grade 10. Favourite subject: History. Corps: Second Signals 1962, 1963, 1964. Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Racine Kilties. Favourite Corps, Sr: Wawthorne. Rookie To: Doug Shearer. #37...TONY BRYANT. School: St, Catharines Collegiate, grade 11 Favourite subject: "Sports." Future plans: Music. Corps: Dennis Morris Majestics. Buccaneers, St. Catharines. Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Sacrament. Kevins. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. Tookie to: Terry McKolskie. Memorable moment: "That first show with the Corps." #68...BRYAN HOUGHTON Working: Lab, CIL. Future plans: Hamilton Institute of Tech. Corps: Trafalgar 1961,1962. Optimists 1963, 1964, 1965. Catharines indoor show." Worst moment:"East York Contest, 1964." #81...DENNIS ROBERTS School:Merritton High, grade 11. Corps: Grantham 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963 1964. Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: St.Kevins. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Rookie to: Bill Holloway. #33...BILL THORNE School: U of T. Royal Knights 1958, Air Cadet 618,1950 Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Memorable Moment: "Rome Contest 1962." FRONT COVER: Members of the bugle line, Left to right ... Bryan Houghton, Frank Mendicino, Bill Holloway, Barry Radford, Doug Shearer, Dennis Roberts, Gary Corbett Doug MacKenzie, Mike McCullough.









FEBRUARY 13th., KITCHENER, Ont ...

First appearance of The Optimists for 1965 at the Waterloo Flying Dutchmen's Indoor Show. Well remembered---the afternoor drill to the entrance of "Who Will Buy"... the guard at the night show as The Bantams in paaked hats and white parade blouses.

FEBRUARY 27th., CHICAGO, Illinois...

From Kitchener to Chicago a few weeks later. The second appearance of the Corps. This time, in concert on the vast stage of the Civic Opera House.

Remember--the beginning initiations of The Rookies...getting lost in the north end of Chicago trying to find Cavalier Hall; it was the right street, wrong direction. Meeting The Cavaliers later in the morning, off to billets...that night sharing the spotlight with Caballeros, St.Kevins, RoyalAirs, Cavaliers, Kilties...playing "The Partys Over" for the last time (we thought) for Patt Lindberg...Cabs trying out Mellophones and Contras back stage & on stage...the police escort out of the city (coutesy of Frank Mendicino)...the long trip home.....

MARCH 20th. Toronto

Optimists' first sponsored concert in many years..."Concert '65" at the Central Technical School Auditorium. Guests: York Lions, The Commanders, The Bards of Harmony. We played "The Partys Over" for the last(?) time...when asked re. an encore the number was "More".

M.C. for the evening, an Optimist Alumni, Ed Nanni.

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APRIL 3rd., Toronto

Guests of Canadian Commanders, in Concert. Lord Athol Layton was MC for the evening. Other Corps were The Guelph Royalaires, Commanders and Ambassadors.

ABRIL 17th., Toronto

"Boys Club Week" Parade sponsored by The Optimist Club. It wasn't supposed to snow but it did, before the parade was half way over.

MAY 1st., Toronto, Hamilton.

"Beautify Toronto Parade" featuring The Optimists, pretty girls, a pipe band police horses and a lot of garbage disposal units. After the morning parade the corps killed some time by taking some of the pictures that appear in this book.

At 6PM left Toronto for Hamilton as guests of the Hamilton Optimist Club and the Junior Viscounts. To the few in the audience who were not hockey fans (the Stanley Cup Finals were on that night) this was an outstanding concert by The Optimists. First playing of Battle Cty brought an ovation from the audience.

MAY 15th., St. Catharines.

An indoor show and first full drill. But, for the audience, Ambassadors stole the show...they didn't drill but played in concert formation. Other Corps there, The Commanders, Del, St. Johns, Dennis Morros...massed guards at the end under

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the direction of Commanders Bill Coy.

Following the contest there was a short party at Dennis Morris High.

MAY 22nd., BARRIE

An all-indoor-exhibition show to

introduce drum corps to Varrie. A parade in the late afternoon to wake up the town. The parade went direct to the stadium; not many people on the streets so thought they must all be at the Stadium-arena... when we got there we found there were not that many people there, either.

For this event Barry Bell avted as announver. To make the trip interesting, the other guest corps was York Lions. Remember Optimists Off-the-line ... "Yea-Hooo-o-o-ooo." ******

MAY 24th., Victoria Day, Toronto.

Same weekend as Barrie. Fireworks exhibition in Forest Hill. Supposed to be 18 thousand people there this year: Show went over better this year here, than last. *****************

JUNE 12th., New Toronto, Hamilton.

A noon hour parade for local cubs and scouts. Immediately after the parade, out of uniform and on to Civic Stadium, Hamilton for drill rehearsal.

In the evening exhibition Corps to the Commander's International.Sr Contest there that evening. The crowd at this show this year was disappointing, attendance not up to that of past years.

**** JUNE 18th., Toronto.

A Friday evening parade to promote The Shriners' International Contest the next night. Nost of the Toronto Jr. Corps were in this parade along with the Shribe units.

A salute by the Mayor in front of the new City Hall where the corps played in concert in competition with the water fountains.

JUNE 19th., TORONTC

The Shriners' first great International Contest at the CNE Stadium at Exhibition Park American Guest Seniors: Caballeros and The Sunrisers. Junior Exhibitions to open the show---Sertomanaires, to close it--Optimists.

This was the Shriners first big drum corps contest in Canada and it was evident from the size of the crowd that it was a succe\$\$ and that future Internationals should JULY 10th., BRANTFORD build into one of the most important contests in Canada. The Cptimists were proud to be part of this first one: ******

JUNE 26th., WATERLOO

The Ontario 1965 Championships. The first contest of the year. For order of competition the drum major drew at the Business Managers Meeting and drew first. Del drew second in the Jr. division, then Sertomanaires. This was an interesting contest as it would give an idea how the Junior Corps lined up for the 1965 Season. At the finish of Del's show it was evident they had problems on the finish line. The results: Optimists.....75.30. Optimists first in the parade competition. *******

JULY 1st., PORT HOPE

The Kinsmen Club Dominion Day Contest five days after the Ontario Championships. By way of initiation into the Executive, Clare Reid drew. He drew first. Order of competition: Optimists, Grantham, Ottawa LaSalle, Del. For Optimists a down show. No drive. Results: Optimists......76.55. Best Drum Major LaSalleOttawa. Best Colour Guard Optimists. Remember, the meeting afterwards, in the barn.... *******

JULY 3rd., WELLAND.

The day that the rains came down! The trip to Welland from Toronto was early in the morning and rehearsals were between the rain showers. A guard parade in the early afternoon.

Remember --- the one good meal at the Supermarket, Dave Hanks losing part of the Corps in the station wagon; the draw announcement: "Emerald Cadets, St.Johns, Sertoma, Optimists, DelV....the inspection by the executive ... the corps songs marching over to the stadium, and finally, in contrast to the previous week the driving show on the wet field... the 9 passouts and the unfortunate retreat. Results: Sertomanaires.....74.65 ******

A member of Sertomanaires, a guest of the corps going up on the bus...back to that crazy angled field. The Welland Contest proved we were up over the Bort

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Hope eventthis contest would see if we
could hold it. First surprise. Del drew
first. Lineup: Del, Optimists, Grantham,
Sertoma, Alphine Girls. Results:
Optimists
Del
Sertomanaires
Grantham
Alphine

JULY 17th., SARNIA

The first trip of any length, since Chicago, back in February. A rush for the 1:00PM parade. At the parade the draw for the night competition. Rudimental Bass Drummer Dave Harris drew. First, after Angels. Lineup: Angels, Optimists, Sertoma, York, Del and St. Johns.

JULY 24th., HAMILTON.

"Sound of Bugles, Thunder of Drums" ...the making of a movie. Left Toronto under overcast skys but over Civic Stadium it was bright, hot and sunny. The first step in the movie...recording the soundtrack---from 10AM till noon. Then, the only break of the day, changing into uniform to put the show on film. Made the 13 minute film in 3½ hrs from 1PM till 4:30.

JULY 31st., HAMILTON

Back to Civic Stadium after the after-
noon practice at the Ford parking lot in
Oakville. The contest was sponsored by the
Optimists Viscounts. A good Junior contest
but hot the croud there to see it, that was
expected. Order of competition: Appleknocker
Jrs., Sertoma, St. Johns, Scots Sabres, Optim
ists, and Del. Results: Optimists81.50
Del
Sertomanaires75.6
St.Johns

Appleknockers
Scots Sabres
Best Drum LineDel.
Best GuardDel.
Best BuglesOptimists & Sertomanaires.
Remember the reaction of the crowd
during retreat.

AUGUST 6th., SARNIA

The Lionettes 20th Anniversary Contest, and a double-header weekend for the corps, with a contest Saturday night and another Sunday afternoon. Rain all the way up to Sarnia on the 2 deluxe busses...initiations for the Eookies were again in vogue.

Remember---At rehearsals, the problwith the Contras. and Paul Thompson and the Director rushing to get them fixed... the choice of hamburgers or sandwiches after the rehearsal at the school and Dave Watts 21st birthday cake in the dressing room...after the contest, the curfew extended till 1:00AM...Corps bedding down in the gym...up at 5AM..... breakfast on the bus---salmon sandwiches and'sprite' or 'coke', your choice...... Racing towards the border through Cntarios tobacco country....Bill Thorne's hat box cat.....on to

AUGUST 7th., ATTICA, N.Y.

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1PM ... rushed rehearsal then to the dressing rooms, when it started to rain. Lucky it turned out to be showers. Our position was announced. The lineup: St. Joes, Marion Cadets, Optimists, McHenry, Statesmen, Happy surprise, Lorne was at the contest and spoke to the corps during the huddle while Marion was on the field. He mentioned his disappointment in part of St.Joes show and could see a first for us. The Corps did a terrific show but the tension of retreat was broken somewhat by the rumours circulating before Retreat that St. Joes had won. The results:

Statesmen.	•	•	•		•			•	•	•	•			•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	.(58	.8	35	
McHenry	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		57	.3	35	

After the contest a chance to relax over a good meal at the restaurant on the hill, in our private dining room...entertaimment by the Rookies of the corps song with solos by "Lump" and Collins. On the way home Bill Thorne's cat took sick, right by Ron Kaisers seat and he threatened to put the cat out of its misery with his drum sticks! Krupaad to death!!!

AUGUST 14th., AUGUST 21st...Corps holidays

AUGUST 28th., KINGSTON, N.Y.

For us, one of the big contests of the year...the Pow-Wow! Left Toronto at 11:00PM for Kingston, NY. A 10 hour trip.

Surprise. A planned rebellion of the Rookies bus with some of the old guys as guests between Toronto and the border.

About 10AM, arrival at the stadium in Kingston where some of the corps was billeted with families 'of the scouts sponsoring the show while later, the main body of the corps was billeted on the Wells' estate outside of Kingston. On the unloading of the busses here, back into town for rehearsal. Contest lineup after the draw: Garfield, Optimists, Troopers, Yankees. The reults: Troopers......81.47 Beat Drum Major.....Optimists In exhibition: Continental Cadets and The Cabelleros. *******

SEPTEMBER 4th., SHAWINIGAN, Quebec.

Here for the second year to defend the championship. Left Toronto on Friday at 11:00PM arriving in Shawinigan after bus #2 had a breakdown outside of the town. A Saturday afternoon parade with an indoor contest that night. Contest results: Optimists first with 80.1 to Diplomates by 1.4.

Guests of Shawinigan Grenadiers, on Saturday night. A parade in Shawinigan in the afternoon. Surprise...Bill Thorne arrived after a bus and hitchikeing half. the night! Optimists opened the exhibition show that night, then attempted to leave immediately for Toronto before discovering #2 bus had an electrical breadown that took an hour to repair. On the way home stopped in Montreal for 1:00AM breakfast and in at 10:00 AM, Monday.

A late afternoon rehearsal at the western end of the CNE before putting on the uniform again for the last event of the weekend.

SEPTEMBER 11th. TORONTO

The Canadian Championships, for the second year sponsored by the Metro Police at the CNE Stadium, Toronto.

Results: the prelims:

Optimi	sts	•	•	•	•	•	•				•	•	•	•	•	•	•		•	•	•	•	•	•	.84	.3	35	
Del		•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•	•		.79	.7	5	

Results, the night finals:
Optimists
Del
Sertomanaires
York Lions
Best Drum Major York Lions.
Best GuardOptimists.
High Score TrophyOptimists.

SEPTEMBER 25th., ST. CATHARINES.

The Grape Festival parade and Jr.
Contest, the last event of the season.
Results:
Best Corps in paradeDel.
Contest: Optimists
Del

THE SCOREBOARD SUMMERY FOR 1965

Total contests14
Firsts11
Seconds2
Thirds0
Fourths
Most points won by8.3
Least points won by1.4
Average point spread over Del in
11 contests
Average point spread over Sertoma
in 7 contests
Highest score
Lowest score
Average score
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THE SCOREBOARD, SUMMERY:

G.E. DRUMS, 14 contests: Thirds.....2 Most points won by: .6 Least points won by: .2 Most points lost by: ,8 Least points lost by: .1 Highest score 8.6 Lowest score 6.45 ********* G.E. BRASS, 14 contests: Thirds.....l Fourths.....1 Most points won by: 1.0 .1 Least points won by: Most points lost by: 2.1 Least points lost by: .2 Highest score 8.8 ***** G.E. MEM 14 contests: Firsts...... Thirds..... Most points won by: 1.0 Least points won by: 1 Highest score 13.5 Average score 12.42 TOTAL G.E. in 14 contests: Thirds.....2 Most points won by: 1.7 Least points won by: .1 FIELD M&M, in 14 contests: Seconds.....1

Thirds.....0 Most points won by: 2.6 Least points won by: .3 Average score.....15.64 ************************* FIELD BRASS, 14 contests: Most points won by: 1.5 .15 Least points won by: Highest score 18.5 Average score 16.47 ********************* TOTAL FIELD CAPTIONS in 14 contests. Fourths......1 Low score 48.65 Most points won by 5.1 Least points won by 1.35

FIELD DRUMS, 14 contests:

guard: DENNIS LOUGHEAD ERICH REOLCKE

drum line: JOHN MacDONALD RICK TRACEY BILL FALLOWS NEIL HAWTHORNE

1566 bugles: WES KATAJAMAKI TERRY WARBURTON BILL PAPADIMITRIOU LEN HANNA DAVID MATTS BRIAN BYRNE BILL MacMILLAN DAVID HIBBITS STEWART YOUNG BOB SCOTT BOB CHRISTIE DON ST AMOND

> guard: (application) GARRITH GREEN HOWARD CLARK



Rookies



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Membership now open to boys aged 13, 14, 15 and 16.

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Report on

THE OPTIMISTS FOURTH ANNUAL DINNER in honour of The Eight Year Canadian Junior Champions Saturday evening, October second, 1965 The North West Territories Room The Royal York Hotel, Toronto.

Menu: Fruit cocktail Niagara, Consomme, Braised Western Beef Royal York, Fondante Potatoes, Macedoine of Vegetables, Frozen Niagara Roll, Chocolate Sauce, Coffee.

Programme:

Chairman: Mr. Jim Karswick, Chairman, Optimist Club Corps Committee.

Grace

A Toast to the Queen Introduction of the Head Table......Mr. Jim Karswick. Introduction of the Guest Speaker......Mr. Syd Brown, Guest Speaker......Mr. Syd Brown, President, Metro Toronto Police Association. Expression of thanks to the Speaker......Mr. Jim Karswick.

Introduction of Mr. Jim Butler, President, Optimist Club of Toronto, Inc. The President's Remarks.

The Presentation of Corp's Rings......Mr. Butler. Presentation of rings to: Gary Corbett, John Shearer, Ross Cation, David Watt, Terry McKolskey, Orest Burack, Ron Kaier, Don Daber, Bob Harkness, Brian Houghton, Vic Kruklis.

The Director's Remarks.

Special Presentations by The Director to:

First'Rookie of the Year'Award......David Simms. Perfect Attendance, for second straight year.....Bill Holloway. Presentation of pins and certificates of Year's Membership

The "21 Club" Presentations Andy Henderson.



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The members of our Booster Club, 1965.

