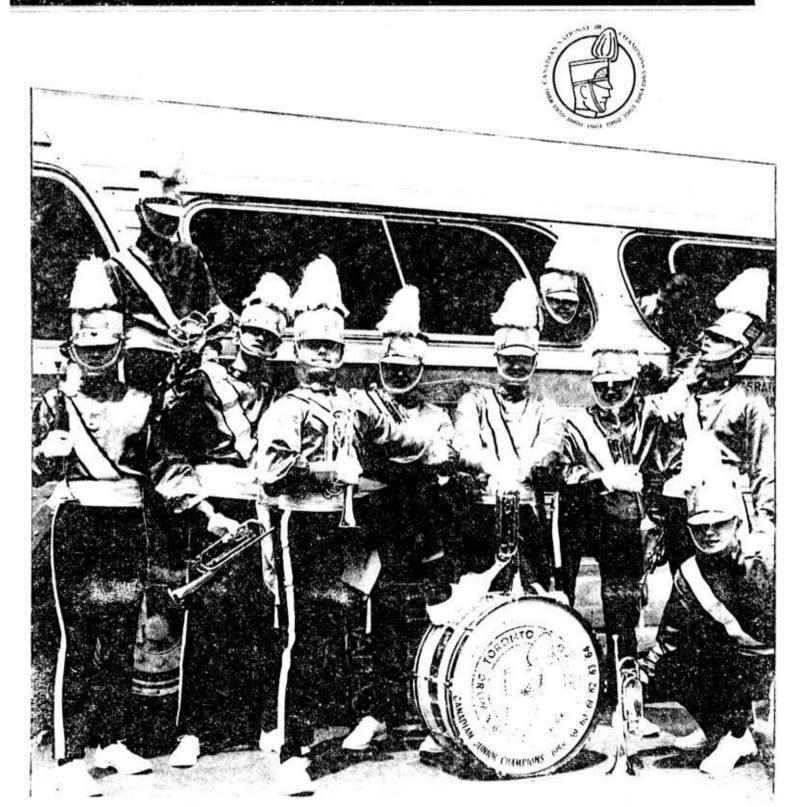
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THE TORONTO OPTIMISTS DRUM AND BUGLE CORPS

ARBOO

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.
- 2. 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.

'Yearbook '65' ... a publication of Green Capsule Comments, Vol. 5 #5 (C) December, 1965/ 250. Printed on Roneo 360.



ANDY HENDERSON.

Drum Major of the corps 1964, 1965.

Joined the Optimists May, 1959. First joined the guard on flag then moved up to rifle for the 1961 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, Kingston, N.Y., August 28th., 1965.





THE 1965 EXECUTIVE

INSTRUCTORS:

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.

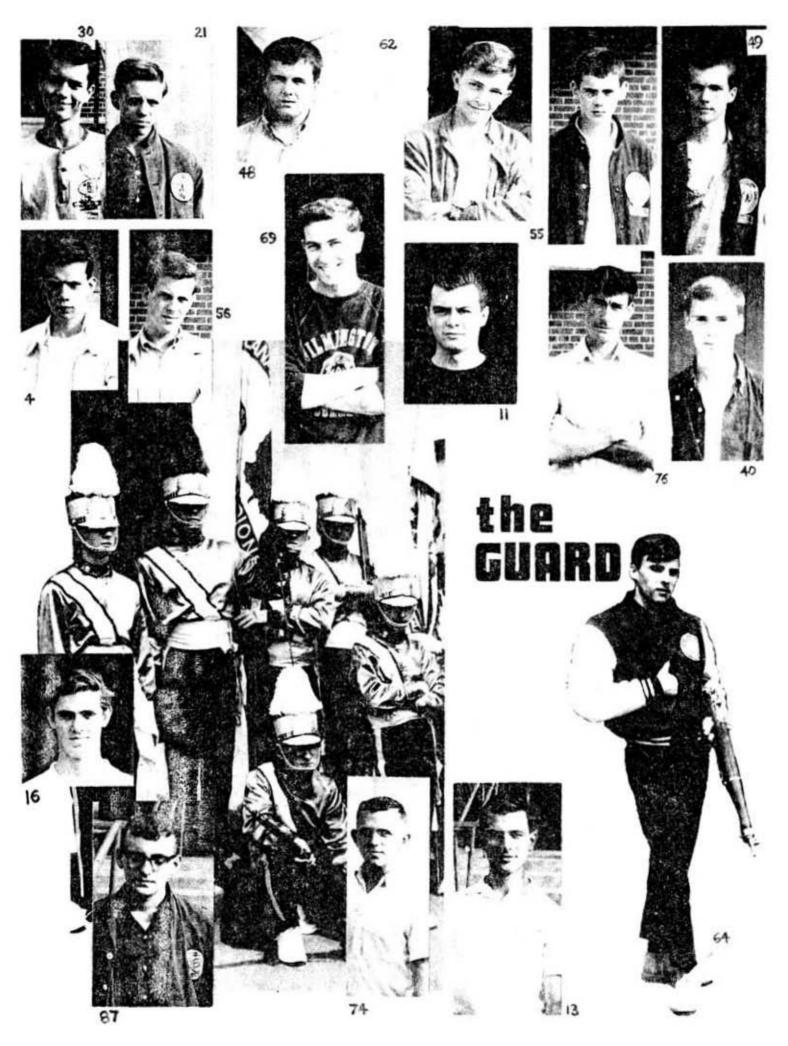
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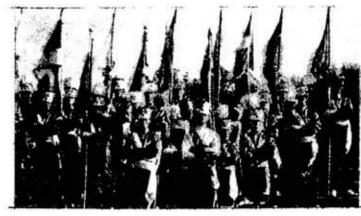
Into Concert....."BIG BAD BILL"

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.







Congratulations Guard on your Championsrup one Chepswick Guard Captain

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...BTHREET ROW, C.T.

School: Fairmount Park, Grade 8.

Favourite subject: Math.

Future Plans: "Pilot"

Corps: Columbus 1963, Optimists 1965.

Favourite Corps Jr: Optimists. Favourite Corps Sr: Commanders. #40...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 . . . STATE COUPER

School: Eastern Commerce, grade 10.

Favourite subject: "geometry."

Puture 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.

#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."

#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.

#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."

#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, Jr: Optimists.

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."

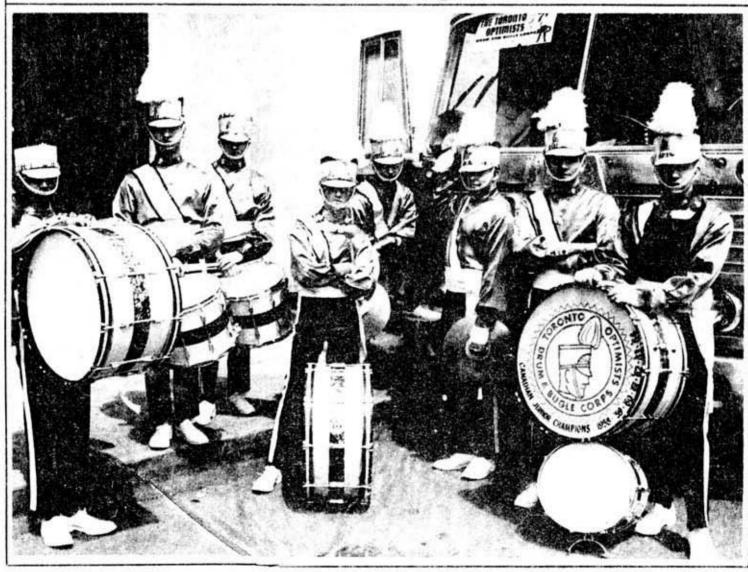
...... Memorable moment: "When St. Joes beat us

in Toronto in 1964 at East York."

Other Activities: "Women, cards and wine." ************************************



the DRUM LINE





#92...DAVID SIMMS (Bass drum)

School: David & Mary Thompson, 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: Hawtherne.

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.

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.

#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."

there were 6 guys in a 5 passenger car."
Other activities: Track club, football team.

#29...EMILIO RUSSO

School: Riverdale C.I. grade 10.

Future plans: IHM.

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."

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YEARBOOK '65 / THE DRUM LINE

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.







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 at retreat."

#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...CREST BURACK.

School: University of Toronto.

Futtre plans:"Have 6 children & learn how to drum."

Corps: Bantams, 1959. Optimists 1961-'65.

Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimists.

Pet Peeve: "Losing, questionaires. "Kaiser."

the BUGLE LINE



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 #39. 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."

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#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 1967, 1958. Bantam Corps 1959, 1960.

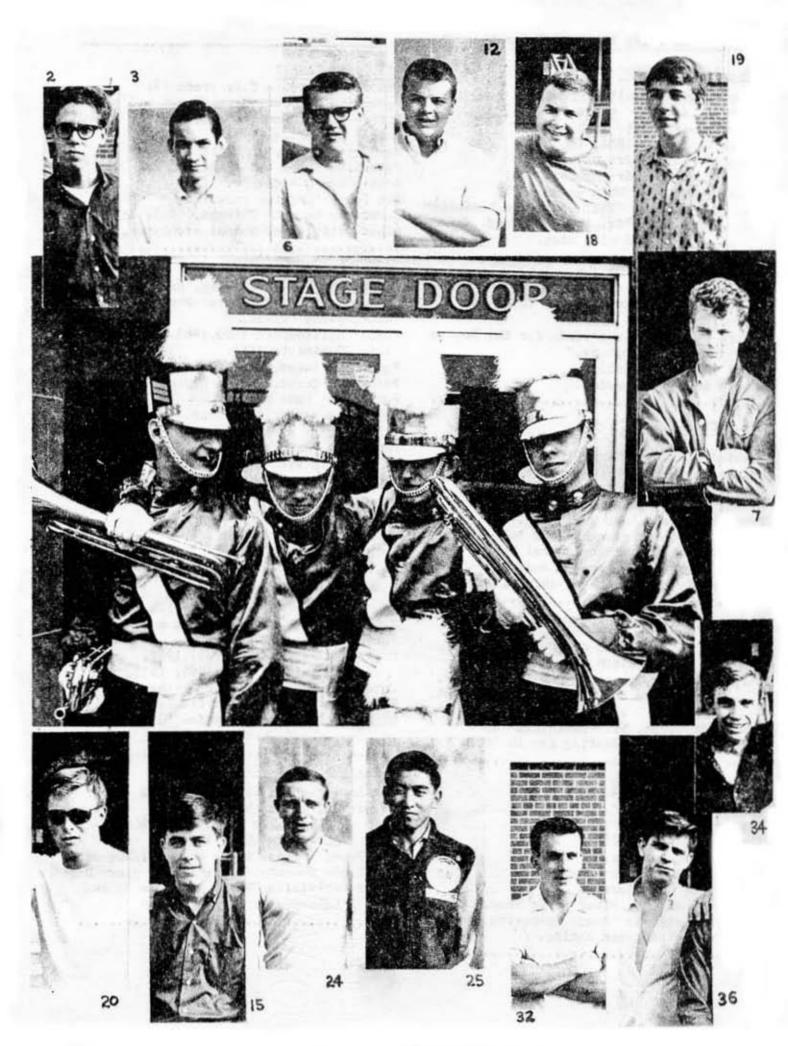
Optimists 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965.

Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament.

Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners.

Memorable Moment: "Beating Sac in Rome, 1962."

Other Activities: Rover Scout Crew.



#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 saving: "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. 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.

Working: A.C. Neilsen Co.(Canada)

Future plans: "\$\$\$\$\$\$"

Corps: Leaside Lions 1956, 1957, 1958, 1959. Optimists 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964 1965.

Favourite Corps, Sr: "Hawthorne '65" Memorable moment: "Beating Sac in 1962."

#24...BARRY STINSON

School: Riverdale C.I. grade 12. Favourite subject:"lunch." Corps: Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr:St. Kevins. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. Rookie to: Russ Jarvis. Memorable moment: "That first show." Other activities: "Band, orchestra, football, sleeping and eating."

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#25...ART TAMAKI

School: Riverdale C.I. grade 13. Favourite subject: Math. Future plans: "Commerce and finance UofT." Corps: Optimises 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Optimizes. 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.

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#35...TOM McGREGOR.

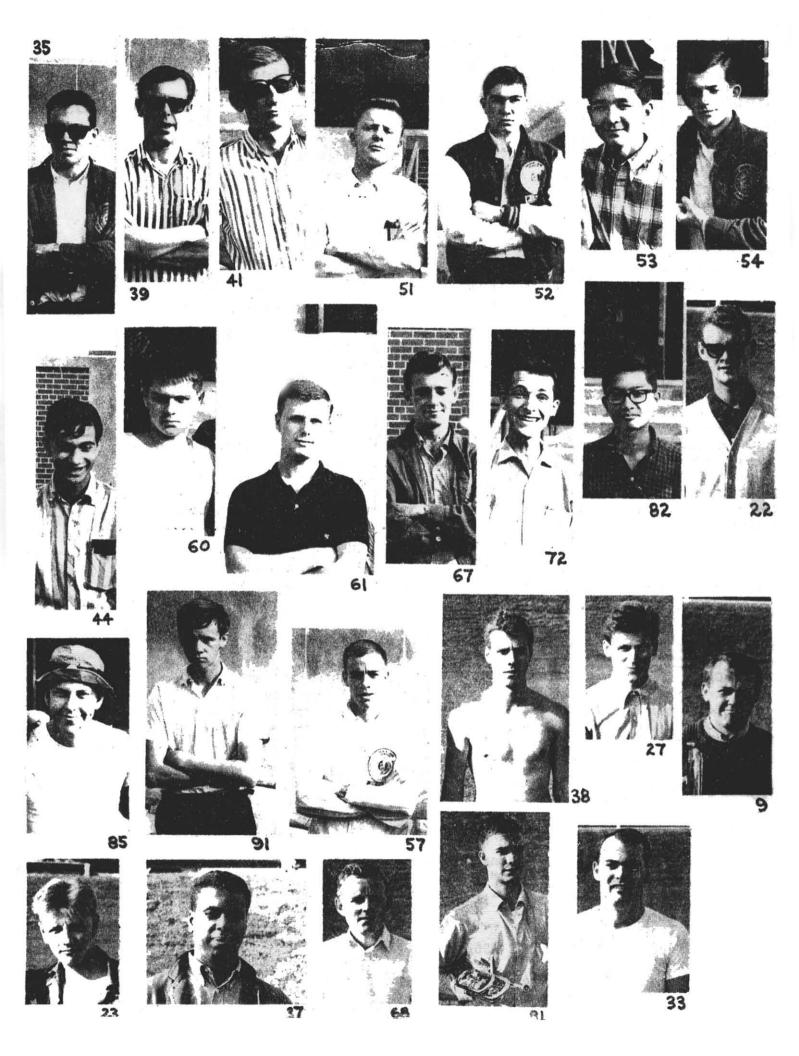
Working: Facelle Tissue Co. Ltd.

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."



Optimists1964, 1965.

Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners.

Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament.

#39...DAVE WATT, Section Sergeant. #44...FRANK MENDICINO. Working: Canadian Mational Railways. School: St.Michael's College.Grade 11. Corps: Skyraiders 1959-1960. Favourite subject: English. Optimists 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965. Corps: Col mbus 1963. Optimists 1964,1965. Favour' corps, Jr: Kevins. Favorite Corp., Jr: Cavaliers. Favourit. Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Memorable moments: "1964, the long mid-Favourite saying: "Lets go to Brantford, Fr! day, Gord ..." west trip." Memorable moment: "Rome...'62." #60...JOE PALANICA. School: Ryerson, 1st yr. #41...TERRY McKOLSKEY. Corps: St.Marys 1961, 1962. Working: Romac Building Systems. Optimists 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965. Corps: Skyraiders 1958, 1959. Favoutite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Optimists 1961, 1962, 1963, 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne. Favourite Corps, Jr: Chicago Royalairs. Memorable moment: "Rome, 62." Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Memorable moments: Rome '62, Pittsburgh '62 #61...BARRY RADFORD. (rained out) and Nationals '61. School: Bathurst Heights C.I. Grade 13. Corps: Midtowners 1960, 1961, 1962. #51...CEORGE WRIGHT. Optimists 1963, 1964, 1965. School: Northern Secondary, grade 13. Favourite Corps, Jr: Sac, Kevins, Working: Part-time...Rose-Mary Brassier. Favourite Corps, Sr: Hawthorne, Skyliners. Future plans: "To go into the field of business." Pet Peeve: "People who boo us when we Corps: Bantam Optimists 1959, 1960, 1961, 1962 win in Canada." 1963. Optimists 1964, 1965. Memorable moments: Nationals & Pittsburgh 63 Favourite Corps, Jr: Chicago Royal Airs. Other activities: "School, badminton, swim Favourite Corps, Sr: Yankee Rebels. team, track and Quebec." Nickname: "Saul" Favourite saying: "What'd you say, Abe." #67...KEITH BUCKINGHAM Pet Peeve: "People who say they can't see me School: Thornhill Secondary, grade 11. on the field." Memorable moment: "Competing against Sac in '64. Future plans: Architectural draftsman. Corps: Second Signals, Hilltoppers, Optimists 1965. Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. #52...ED HALL School: Dahforth Tech. grade 10. Favourite Corps, Sr: Commanders. Rookie to: John Shearer. Corps: Optimists Bantams. Optimists 1965. Pet peeve: "Everyone telling me I'm no good Favourite Corps, Jr: St. Kevins. on a bugle..." Favourite Corps, Sr: Ambassadors. Memorable moment: First time in show with Rookie to: Ron Cooper. the Optimists. Memorable moment: "Waiting to be initiated." #72...BOB CARELL. School: U of T. #53...RON CHONG. School: Jarvis C.I. grade 12. Favourite subject: Math. Future plans: U of T. Corps: Optimists 1963, 1964, 1965. Corps: Midtowners, Golden Monarchs, Favourite corps, Jr: St. Kevins. Optimists 1964, 1965. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners. Memorable moment: "National Championships'64." Memorable moment: "Racine 1963." Other activities: "Basketball, golf." #82...HIDE MORI. ...**..** School: Jarvis C.I. grade 13. 54...GORD ROBERTS Future plans: U of T. Working: Lawrence Film Productions. Corps: Monarchs 1962, 1963.Optimists 1965. Corps: Conqueror 1960, 1961, 1962, 1963.

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.

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#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. Optimists 1964, 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: "Initiations."

#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.

Rookie 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."

#S1...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

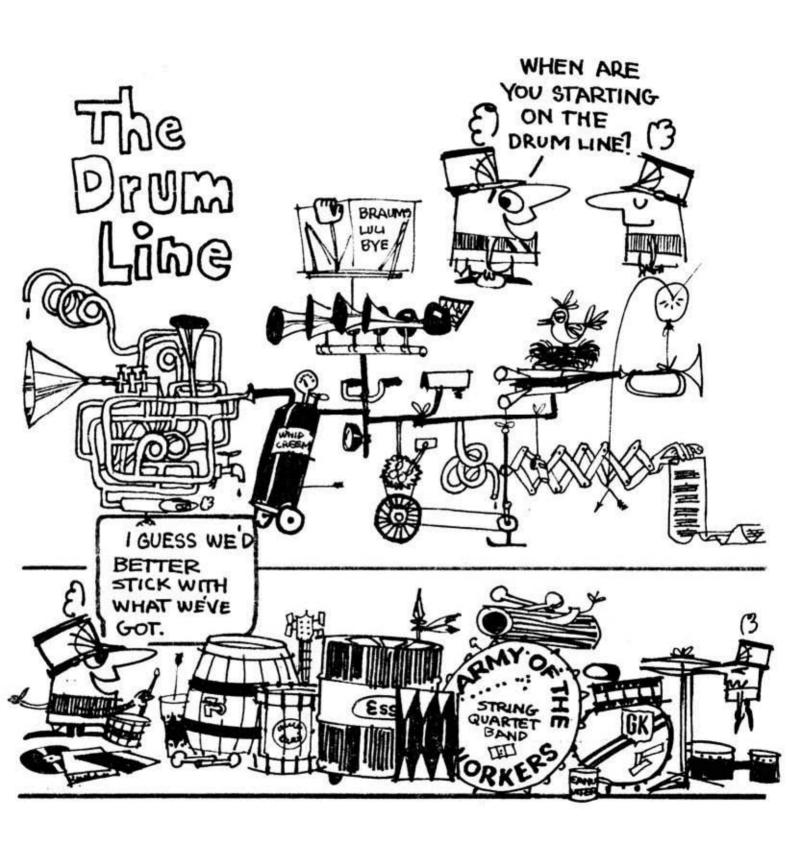
School: U of T.

Royal Knights 1958, Air Cadet 618, 1950 Favourite Corps, Jr: Blessed Sacrament. Favourite Corps, Sr: Skyliners.

Memorable Moment: "Rome Contest 1962."

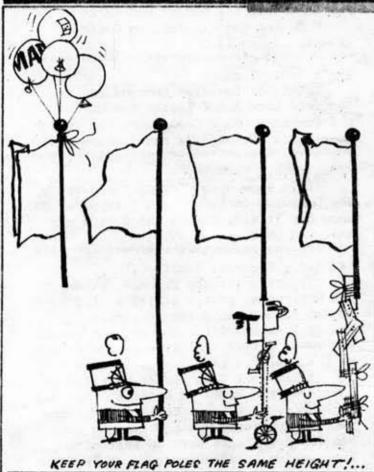
FRONT COVER: Members of the bugle line, Left to right ... Bryan Houghton, Frank Mendicino, Bill Holloway, Barry Radford, Doug Shearer, Dennis Roberts, Gary Corbett Doug MacKenzie, Mike McCullough.

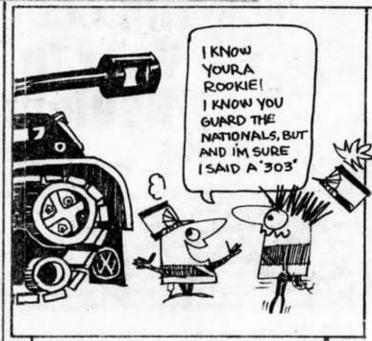
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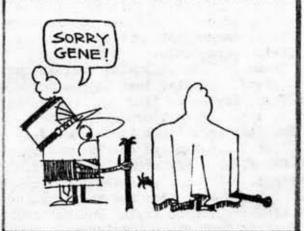


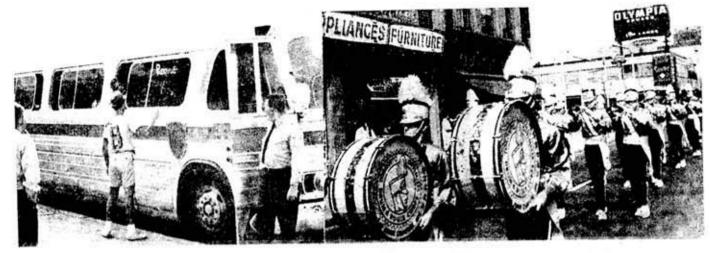
Corps' Cartoons by Dave Johns Drum Major-Toronto Optimists













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 peaked 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.

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.

APRIL 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

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 Warrie. 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 acted as announwer. 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., TORONTO

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 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. Del......74.22. Grantham.....55.55. 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 somgs 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: Optimists.....81.45. Del......77.2

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

Hope eventthis contest would see if we
could hold it. First surprise. Del drew
first. Lineup: Del, Optimists, Grantham,
Sertoma, Alphine Girls. Results:
Optimists79.5
Del76.05
Sertomanaires73.3
Grantham52.5
Alphine47.95
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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

Appleknockers64.5
Scots Sabres41.45
Best Drum LineDel.
Best GuardDel.
Best BuglesOptimists & Sertomanaires.
Remember the reaction of the crowd
during retreat.
ku ku ka

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 Ontarios
tobacco country....Bill Thorne's hat box
cat.....on to

AUGUST 7th., ATTICA, N.Y.

1PM...rbshed 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: Optimists......75.91

THE YEAR IN REVIEW (continued)	
Statesmen68.85	at 10:00 AM, Monday.
McHenry57.35	SEPTEMBER 6th., TORON
After the contest a chance to relax	A late afternoo
over a good meal at the restaurant on the	western end of the Cl
hill, in our private dining roomenter-	the uniform again for
taimment by the Rookies of the corps song	the weekend.
with solos by "Lump" and Collins. On the	7:30 PM Contest
way home Bill Thorne's cat took sick,	the field threw the
right by Ron Kaisers seat and he threatened	up their positions.
to put the cat out of its misery with his	Optimists
drum sticks! Krupaad to death!!!	Del
HARRICH HARRICH BARRICH BARRIC	St.Johns
AUGUST 14th., AUGUST 21stCorps holidays	York Lions
ie de deche de de deche de de deche de	Monarchs
AUGUST 28th., KINGSTON, N.Y.	SEPTEMBER 11th. TORON
For us, one of the big contests of	The Canadian Ch
the yearthe Pow-Wow! Left Toronto at	second year sponsored
11:00PM for Kingston, NY. A 10 hour trip.	at the CNE Stadium,
Surprise. A planned rebellion of the	Results: the pr
Rookies bus with some of the old guys as	Optimists
guests between Toronto and the border. About 10AM, arrival at the stadium in	Del
Kingston where some of the corps was	Results, the n
billeted with families of the scouts	Optimists
sponsoring the show while later, the main	Del
body of the corps was billeted on the	Sertomanaires
Wells' estate outside of Kingston. On the	York Lions
unloading of the busses here, back into	Best Drum Major
town for reharsal. Contest lineup after	Best Guard
the draw: Garfield, Optimists, Troopers,	High Score Trophy
Yankees. The reults: Troopers81.47	*****
Garfield81.216	
Yankees77.316	SEPTEMBER 25th., ST.
Optimists77.20	The Grape Fest
Beat Drum MajorOptimists	
In exhibition: Continental Cadets and The	Results:
Cabelleros.	Best Corps in parade
ne de la	Contest: Optimists
SEPTEMBER 4th., SHAWINIGAN, Quebec.	Del
Here for the second year to defend	*****
the championship. Left Toronto on Friday	
at 11:00PM arriving in Shawinigan after	. THE SCOREBOARD ST
bus #2 had a breakdown outside of the	
town. A Saturday afternoon parade with an	Total contests
indoor contest that night. Contest results:	Firsts

BER 6th., TORONTO A late afternoon rehearsal at the n end of the CNE before putting on iform again for the last event of ekend. 7:30 PM Contest. Diagonal lines on eld threw the corps off on lining ir positions. The results: ns......68.55. hs.....51.00 ****************** BER 11th. TORONTO The Canadian Championships, for the year sponsored by the Metro Police CNE Stadium, Toronto. Results: the prelims: ists.....84.35 Results, the night finals: ions.....74.95 rum Major......York Lions. uard.....Optimists. core Trophy.....Optimists. ******************** BER 25th., ST. CATHARINES. The Grape Festival parade and Jr. t, the last event of the season. Results: Corps in parade............Del. ****************** E SCOREBOARD SUMMERY FOR 1965 tal contests.....14 Firsts......11 Seconds.....2 Thirds.....0 Fourths Most points won by.....8.3

Average point spread over Del in

Average point spread over Sertoma

Average score.................80.07

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

Optimists first with 80.1 to Diplomates by

1.4.

THE SCOREBOARD, SUMMERY:

G.E. DRUMS, 14 contests: Firsts3 Seconds9 Thirds2 Most points won by: .6 Least points won by: .2 Most points lost by: ,8 Least points lost by: .1 Highest score8.6 Lowest score6.45 Average score	FIELD DRUMS, 14 contests: Firsts
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G.E. BRASS, 14 contests: Firsts	FIELD BRASS, 14 contests: Firsts
Fourths	Most points won by: 1.5 Least points won by: .15 Highest score
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G.E. MAM 14 contests: Firsts	TOTAL FIELD CAPTIONS in 14
Thirds	Firsts
TOTAL G.E. in 14 contests: Firsts	
FIELD M&M, in 14 contests: Firsts	



guard: DENNIS LOUGHEAD ERICH REOLCKE

drum line: JOHN MacDONALD RICK TRACEY BILL FALLOWS NEIL HAWTHORNE

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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

Guest Speaker.....Mr. Syd Brown,

President,

Metro Toronto Police Association.

The Director's Remarks.

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Our bus drivers, who got us there on time, and tried not to get lost...and

The members of our Booster Club, 1965.



