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Pictured above, the outstanding Cadets of 1969 with trophies as presented at the 1969 Awards Night, October 28th.

THE 1969 OPTIMIST CADETS AWARDS NIGHT

Report by Bud Pryor.

The time—Tuesday, October 28th, 1969; the place—The Scarborough Knights of Columbus Hall. The lights dimmed...a hush fell over the auditorium and the movie screen flickered to life...the thunder of drums filled the room and the Second Annual Cadets Awards Night had begun with the presentation of *THE FANFARE OF BUGLES, THUNDER OF DRUMS*, the 1965 film of the Optimists Jr. Corps. What better way to begin? This, after all, is the reason for the Cadets' existence---to help maintain that degree of excellence.

Following the film, the Cadets' Director, Mr. Greg Tierney introduced the head table with apropos comments. Our guests included Mr. Harold Coulson from the Optimist Club, Mr. Jim McCaffery of the Knights of Columbus; Messrs Daber, Tierney, Brown and Billington from the Junior Corps and the Management and Staff of the Cadets, Greg Tierney, Vic Decloux, Bill Stevenson and Joe Brunelle and Bugle Instructors Bob Haid, Ross Wilson and Keith Buckingham; Drum Instructor, Gord O'Halloran and Drill, Bob Davidson.

CADETS' AWARDS NIGHT (continued)

Mr. Tierney then briefly reviewed the past year and called upon the Instructors to present Membership Certificates to the performing members of the 1969 Corps. Ross Wilson did the honours for the Bugle Line; Big Bob Davidson for the Guard and Gord O'Halloran for the Drum Line... (Shades of St. Patrick, Gord got all choked up when he called on Richard Flaherty.)

The Director, then, by way of Tribute, singled out those members of the Cadets who have moved up to the Junior Corps... 16 in all---Robert Elbertsen, Randy Elbertsen, Peter Tierney, Chris Chin, Bob Pryor, Mark Decloux, Bill Renaud, Mike Clifford, Randy Haid, Allen Payne, Paul Aston, Paul Bazinet, Doug Bass, Jim Kane, Denis Burns and Warren Whyte.

Next, came the highlight of the evening. The Presentation of Individual Awards to the outstanding Cadets of 1969. They were:

- Bugler of the Year---Bob Elbertson.
- Drummer of the Year--Doug Bass.
- Guardsman of the Year--John Larsen.
- Special Awards---Victor Decloux and John Thiffault.
- The James McCaffery Trophy for Cadet Of The Year---Paul Sisk.

The evening continued with movies of the Cadets '69 Year featuring highlights of their shows in Batavia N.Y. and at the Ontario Championships in Kitchener as well as a film of the Junior Corps field show at Nationals '69 in Ottawa.

Mr. Al Tierney then provided the perfect conclusion, with coloured slides and detailed commentary on the Cadets, from their inception in 1967 to the present.

(Cadet Editor's comments... There are two boys, or rather, two young men, who deserve a special tribute. They have led the Cadets at many practices, over many miles on parade, always at the fore where any mistake can be a glaring error. They have been a great help to the Management and Instructors of the Cadets by teaching the fundamentals of the Corpsman to the newer Cadets. We refer, of course, to our past Drum Major, Peter Tierney and past Guard Captain, Paul Bazinet. Gentlemen, you will be sorely missed but we wish you the best in your future endeavours with the Junior Corps.)

NINETEEN HUNDRED AND SIXTY NINE

THE CADET YEAR IN REVIEW

1968:

- November 17th---The Santa Claus Parade at Cedarbrae.
- November 30th----Grey Cup Day in Toronto and an appearance with the Jr. Corps in the half-time show at the big game. A day of cold hands and wet feet, but a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to see Canada's fall football fever in action.
- December 1st-----The K.ofC. Parade in Scarborough.
- December 7th-----That famous Santa Clause Parade in Barrie. One of the few occasions when Dame Fortune refused to smile on the Cadets. (Are you sure there was only one foot of snow in Barrie that day?)
- December 15th----The Dominion Stores Employees Christmas Party at the CNE. A chance to perform indoors, on parade.

1969:

- March 8th-----The Optimist Guard Show at St. Michaels College. The first 1969 appearance with our "Big Brothers."
- March 21st-----The Little N.H.L. Parade in Mimico. Unsolicited praise from music critics among our hockey players.
- April 27th-----This one was for our landlord... Communion Breakfast for the Knights of Columbus. Rumour has it that some of the neighbours on Kennedy Road, who are used to sleeping in on a Sunday morning, were thrilled by our efforts.
- May 4th-----The Parade for the Catholic Committee of Scouting, Toronto.
- May 10th-----A Double-Header Day with the "Beautify Toronto" parade to the City Hall followed by a dash to Scarborough for a Boy Scout Parade. This



PRESENTATION AT OPTIMISTS JR. CORPS DINNER, Sept. 20th. Calvin Johansson, left, presents the 1969 Rookie-Of-The-Year Trophy to Dereck Branton, right, who also won the 1968 Cadet Bugler-of-the-Year Award.

- occasioned what must have been the fastest form-up in history as the parade for the scouts had already begun when the cadets bus arrived.
- MAY 24th----Another Scout Parade, this time in Hamilton. This was a mammoth event for thousands of scouts from the Hamilton area. There were transportation problems on this one. We lost 2 busses. We thought for a while that they had been hi-jacked to Cuba.
- MAY 25th----The Catholic Response Parade at the CNE Grandstand.
- MAY 31st----The Alhambra Day Parade in Etobicoke. This one seemed like a marathon, but where other participants suffered a high fallout rate, the Cadets set the good example and lost but one member to the heat and distance.
- JUNE 7th----Minor Sports Parade in West Hill.
- JUNE 8th----Our first American Contest in Batavia, N.Y. The big day. After weeks of practice, here it was. Were the Little Brothers as mighty as St. Joes? Well, we would soon know. St. Josephs completed their performance and the tension mounted as the Cadets took to the field. Would all that time invested pay a dividend? On the first manoeuver a hat was knocked off by a flag. Would some unwitting Cadet stop to retrieve it? Not a chance. The Cadets completed the show and turned in a peerless performance. And they won their first American contest.
- JUNE 13th----The Special Olympics for Retarded Children, Toronto. Of all the 1969 appearances, this was perhaps the most gratifying. It was the largest turnout of Cadets for the entire year. It was an honour and privilege to aid in the march-past before Mrs. Rose Kennedy, to join the Retarded Childrens Drum Corps from Smiths Falls and Orillia in leading these athletes on their big day. The Optimist Cadets salute all those people who give of themselves to help these kids.
- JULY 1st----Canada Day Parade in North York.
- AUGUST 13th--A Parade for the North York Parks & Recreation Dept.
- AUGUST 19th---The presentation to the Cadets of the Scarborough flag. (Yes, there is another Drum Corps in Scarborough, Harry.)
- AUGUST 23rd--The 1969 Ontario Championships in Kitchener. It was a disappointing day for the corps as they lost their chance to become 1969 Ontario Champs.
- AUGUST 29th--A Friday night grandstand show at the famed CNE, under the lights. So, that was 1969. Now we can look forward to 1970. Some ideas have been presented

for 1970 appearances. A return to Batavia? The St. Patrick's Day Parade in New York? White bucks instead of black shoes? All things are possible. Perhaps the following, which appeared in a church bulletin recently, should serve as The Cadets' motto:

If you think you are beaten, you are.

If you think you dare not, you won't.

If you like to win but think you can't,

It's almost a cinch you won't

Life's battles don't always go to the stronger or wiser man;

But sooner or later the man who wins is the man who thinks he can!

John Rood asks from the back of the bus...

ARE DRUMMERS NUTS?

The common phrase of all drum corps is the most asked question, "Are Drummers nuts?" Why is this term usually referred to drummers only? Well, lets move to the front of the bus and cut into (ouch) the common type (well behaved, nicely mannered, and very well liked) DRUM INSTRUCTOR.

His Qualities: (1) Drill or hammer his way through a one inch plywood board in 30 seconds flat while playing ratanacues, triplets, mama-papas and the common single roll while all his students hammer him on the back.

(2) On the bus, during a trip being able to wait patiently second after second, minute after minute and even hour after hour till his good friends and fellow insulters go to sleep! THEN, with slow cunningness he pulls a bar-B-Q chicken out of hiding...

(3) Last but not least, be able to drive a little brown car through an underground parking lot and throughout the city without getting a scratch on it, with at least 4 drums, 5 good percussion students and his girlfriend, mother, sister or wife depending on what type of nice guy he is.

This still doesn't answer my question, "Are drummers nuts?"

Meanwhile, from my little green book...DID YOU KNOW THAT...That C.N.E. Playboy, KERRY BURRAGE plans to try and make a stand for the girls at the Royal Agricultural Fair. Good luck, Kerry...LARRY BLANDFORD has a girlfriend in MARKHAM COLLEGETTES?...BRIAN DAVIDSON is taller than his big, older brother...JOHN TIERNEY has a diploma from school as the 'fastest talker'...STEVE COOPER hasn't been water skiing for 8 years now....

Back to the BACK OF THE BUS.

WANT ADS.....from Michael Arsenault,
Bugle Dept.

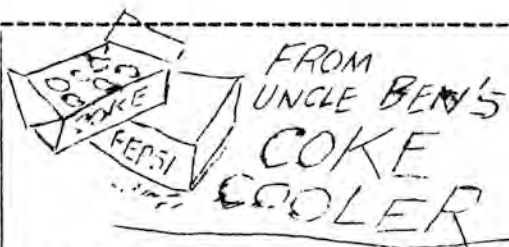
WANTED---Set of lighter rifles. Contact
Jack Roberts.

WANTED---Signatures on petition to hold
present rifle set. Contact Bernie
Steve or Rick.

WANTED---Any member who thinks he has
writing or artistic talent;The
GCC NEEDS YOU! No pay. No medals. Nothing
but a warm feeling in your heart.

NOT WANTED---a number of walking zombies
who come in at 7:30 and leave at
10:00.

FOR SALE---One slightly used SUPER BEE.
Only driven to corps practice and
back home. See Rick Shearer or
Dave Prince.



IF Jack Roberts could prescribe medication
for bad marching it would be an ILL
DRILL PILL.

IF your Music Director phoned that your
house was on fire, you'd be saved by
the bell, twice.

IF our Drum Instructor hoarded all his
money he'd be a KAISER MISER.

IF you lived next door to Uncle Don,
he'd be your DABER NEIGHBOUR.

here & now!

THE JUNIOR CORPS EVENTS FOR NOVEMBER:

SUNDAY, NOV. 2nd-----Rehearsal, Rameses Shrine Temple----10:00AM--2:00PM.

THURSDAY, NOV.6th-----Rehearsal, Lord Dufferin School-----7:30PM--10:00PM.

SUNDAY, NOV. 9th-----Rehearsal, Rameses Shrine Temple----10:00AM--1:00PM

Lunch break 1:00PM--1:45PM

Drill, York Armories---2:00PM--5:00PM.

THURSDAY, NOV.13th-----Rehearsal, Lord Dufferin School -----7:30PM--10:00PM.

SUNDAY, NOV. 16th-----Rehearsal, Rameses Shrine 10:00AM--1:00PM. Lunch break 1--1:45

Drill, Armories 2:00--5:00PM.

THURSDAY, NOV.20th-----Rehearsal, Lord Dufferin School-----7:30PM--10:00PM.

SUNDAY, NOV.23rd-----Rehearsal, Rameses Shrine Temple, 10:00AM--1:00PM.

Lunch break 1:00--1:45. Drill, York Armories 2:00--5:00PM.

THURSDAY, NOV. 27th-----Rehearsal, Lord Dufferin School--- 7:30PM--10:00PM.

SUNDAY, NOV. 30th-----Rehearsal, Rameses Shrine Temple, 10:00AM--1:00PM.

Lunch 1:00--1:45. Drill York Armories --2:00PM--5:00PM.

ROLL CALL TIME: THURSDAYS at 7:25PM., Gym. Lord Dufferin School, Berkley St. Berkeley

is the first street west of Parliament. The school is just north of Dundas.

ROLL CALL TIME: SUNDAYS at 9:55AM. Rameses Shrine Temple, Lakeshore Blvd. West at Dowling.

SUNDAY LUNCH TIME: Suggest you bring a lunch for Sundays at 1:00. Mr. Burrage will have pop available for sale.

IF FOR ANY REASON YOU WILL BE ABSENT FROM REHEARSAL PHONE 282-0983, and state your reason. If late report direct to Mr. Kane and state your reason.

SUNDAY GUARD REHEARSAL TIME: Shrine 10:00AM--12:00noon. Lunch break: 12:00--12:45

Armories: 1:00PM--2:00, guard drill; then join rest of corps for regular drill.

GUARD CLINIC AND A.Jr.C MEETING IN BATAVIA, SAT. NOV. 8th.

Review of the 1969-70 sheets & rules for Guard: Our reps:

Mr. Jack Roberts, Rick Cooper, Steve Jarvis.

A.Jr.C. Association first 1970 Season Meeting. Our reps: Mr. Don Daber and Mr. Al Tierney, Mr. Cliff Billington.

EXECUTIVE APPOINTMENT: Mr. Bill Kane, as Personnel Manager.

The Executive Committee of the Toronto Optimists are pleased to announce the appointment of Bill Kane as Personnel Manager for the Junior Corps. Bill brings 5 years of on-the-line experience to the corps. His first year was 1965 when he joined the Guard. During the 1966 and 1967 seasons he went on rifle...back to a flag for 1968 and then on to euphonium bugle for his last uniformed year with the corps, 1969. Bill joins our host of Jr. Instructors who bring new enthusiasm and ideas to the Optimists as we enter the 1970's.

SOCIAL NOTE: "Welcome back" Froggy!!! Good to see Real Larneau back and he kidnapped another Montrealer, Dennys Plouffe, to add to the bugle line!

here&now!

JACKETS FOR JR. CORPS: As a member of the corps you should have a corps' jacket. This jacket represents the Optimist Corps and is considered part of the uniform. As a uniform the jacket should be kept clean and in good repair. The jacket comes complete with regulation crests; no other crests or buttons are to be added. If a new member should leave the corps before the corps season is complete the corps has the right to purchase the jacket back. In ordering: the jacket must be paid for in advance. Cost \$17.00, complete with all crests. When ordering give height, weight and own jacket size. See Mr. Daber to order.

BINGO: It costs money to run a corps. To help offset our rising costs the Jr. Corps The Cadets have been running a bingo every second Wednesday over the past year. This is held every second Wednesday at the White Sheild Plaza Auditorium at Lawrence Ave and Kennedy Rds in Scarborough. It has been proven that a good bingo can make money if it is well run with enough men to give the service. This is where we need the help of the fathers of the members of both corps. Can you donate a Wednesday night just once a month. Members of the corps, ask your fathers or older brothers. Have them phone Mr. Greg Tierney at 266-2804 for further information.

CHRISTMAS TREES: Your sponsors, the Optimist Club of Toronto, Inc. will again be selling Christmas Trees from their tree lot north Woodbine Ave. just past the Aurora sideroad. Tree tickets will be available to the Corps in December.

PERSONAL NOTES:

MR. KEITH MORGAN again comes to the aid of G.C.C. with a sizeable donation. Mr. Morgan a long time follower of the corps and our "good will Ambassador" in his numerous trips to the United States over the past years. Thanks, Keith, from the Staff of G.C.C. Your interest is appreciated.

CANADIAN JUDGES ASSOC. ELECTION RESULTS: The C.J.A. have held their 1970 elections. Mr. Vince Macciocchi is the new Chief Judge. Mr. Bill Parker is his Assistant. Department heads are: Bert Wormington, Bugles; Fred Johnson, drums; and Stan Biggs M&M.

Hey-Rookies!!! **ROOKIES...KNOW YOUR CORPS FOR INITIATION--**
For the 1970 Initiation Know Your Corps by having the answers to questions that will appear in each issue of G.C.C. Just to be fair, we will even supply the answers...

- (1) NAME THE CORPS DIRECTORS SINCE 1958? Mr. A.W. Baggs. Mr. Don Daber.
- (2) Who was Glen Durish? A bugler, then Assistant Drum Major. He wrote the corps song.
- (3) When was GCC first published? December, 1960.
- (4) What was the longest trip ever taken by the Corps? The Midwest tour of 1964.
- (5) How many major changes has the corps had in uniform since its organization?
---Four. The Boy Scout Uniform, Optimist Blue, the dark green blouse and finally the Kelly Green blouse of today.

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Canadian Scene



by Al Tierney

A Canadian Guard Circuit is in the formation stages. At a recent meeting in Toronto, eleven corps signified their intention of having a competing guard this year. The circuit will be organized by Mr. Gary Scheels, 163 Bruce St., Kitchener, Ontario. Anyone interested in this circuit is asked to contact Mr. Scheels. Looks like we should finally see some action in this area in Canada.

Rick Scanlan, former Drum Major for De La Salle, is now that Corps Business Manager. By the way, I mentioned that Del had a new director, and his name is Brother Bertrand. Brother Xavier is continuing his studies, and was presented with an attache case at the recent De La Salle banquet.

The HiRisers Drum Corps from Arnprior, Ontario and the Ottawa Optimists Drum Corps have merged with the hope of fielding a top Junior "A" Corps next year. Certainly hope they are successful. The Junior "A" class need a shot in the arm, with only three corps left in this category in Canada.

The Ontario Individuals and Small Group Championships will be held Feb. 7, 1970, at Cedarbrae Collegiate, in Scarborough, Ontario. A big entry is expected for this one.

The Western Ontario Junior "B" Circuit had its elections recently and Mr. John Robins of the Flying Dutchmen Drum Corps was elected Chairman. Mr. Doug Boehmer is recording Secretary and anyone wishing to get in touch with this circuit can contact Doug at 479 Karn Ave., Kitchener, Ontario.

A new drum corps has started in Etobicoke. A group headed by Leo Doyle who was associated with the St. Mary's Drum Corp some years back, has arranged to purchase the equipment of the St. Catharines Chessmen and have plans of fielding a Junior "B" Corps next year. This has presented some problems to the re-organizing Michael Powers Drum Corps who lost many of last years members. They have been on a recruiting drive but at the moment it appears they will be competing in the parade class in in 1970.

London Midlanders Drum Corps, of London and Woodstock, Ontario has reorganized its executive for the coming year and the new director is Mr. Murray McFadden. They expect to again compete in the Junior "B" class, despite rumors they might go Junior "A" this year.

Speaking of the Western Ontario Junior "B" circuit, as I was back there a way, they have expanded from the original six corps and hope to increase there membership to nine. This should include the Marching Diplomats from Sarnia, the Golden Lions from Simcoe, and possibly the Marching Royals from St. Thomas. Rumour has it that the Royals are in a little trouble with the C.D.C.A. about not attending the Ontario Championships when they had signified they would. Should be able to resolve this shortly.

St. John's Girls of Brantford are busy practicing. They do a lot of indoor arena shows all winter. Reported having extremely good attendance at practices and looking forward to a good year. They hope to take a few trips into the United States this year, so any of you American sponsors looking for a colorful All Girl Drum Corps, six times Canadian Champions, drop a line to Mr. George Mellor, 71 Lyons Ave. Brantford, Ontario.

Thats all for now, see you next issue.

Corps'
Cartoons
by
Dave Johns

