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OPTIMISTS RECORD THE '72 SHOW

A number of seasons ago, when Al Tierney was on the Executive Staff of the Jr. Corps, he made a suggestion that the corps consider going into a recording studio at the beginning of the season to record the repertoire for the upcoming year and then, if the record could be pressed in the two weeks following the recording session the corps could make thousands!...well, hundreds of dollars! It was a great and glorious idea BUT, as is usual in the drum corps scene didn't materialize, basically because the music was never 'down' enough to warrant a recording session.

Well, since his original suggestion Al moved from the corps executive upward to the first president position of the Optimist Club of York-Toronto, and onward to the Executive Staff of St. Johns Drum Corps of Brantford and the years went by with the music still not 'down' enough each May to warrant a record. Finally in 1972, it looked like this could be the year as the music fell into place more or less on schedule through February, March and April. The date of May 27th was penciled into the calendar and it actually came to pass that at 1:30 of that Saturday the buglers and drummers stood in the recording studios of RCA Victor on Mutual Street in Toronto as Mark Smith and his

assistant began setting up the mikes and testing sound balance. About one hour later after Mike ran the corps through their repertoire with stops and starts as Ron and Paul checked through the control room for sound balance and mike setups, the word was "Go!" and Paul conducted the corps through the first number the Off-the-line. The corps was then given a short break as they crowded into the control room for a playback!

I think its probably every corps-nut's dream to be able to play his corps records at full full volume and, here at last was the dream come true with \$50,000.00 worth of equipment in sound systems and speakers all set to go. The result was eletrifying!

The corps continued on for another hour running through the concert a few times and then completing the last part of the show, of which two takes were made.

By 3:45 the last corps member left the studio as Paul Thompson stayed on for another full hour as the tapes were played back once more for the final editing before the master record was cut.

One week later to the day, the corps took a break at their Saturday afternoon drill rehearsal and crowdea around Paul's portable record player and listened to a test pressing of the record. They all agreed that the results were pretty great and the record goes on sale June 17th. Judging from the response of early advertising the sales results should be spectacular!

(Report by Don Daber)

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G.C.C. JUNE 1972  

1st. Contest. Wow!!



What a difference a year makes! There were the Optimists, the evening of June 3rd. back at Birchmount Stadium, the scene of their greatest defeat (or one of the greatest defeats) of the history of the corps last summer.

"A Preview Of Champions" the first contest of the 1972 Season. The corps were ready. The crowd was ready...over 1,250 jammed the concert side of the stadium. The Judges were ready, some of the best in the business were on hand. And that air of "well, anything can happen" that always hangs over the first contest of the season was certainly in the air that night as the minute hand swept past 7:00PM and the Chief Judge and the corps Directors gathered in a clump at the edge of the field. The business of the first contest under the Chairmanship of Dick Brown, was underway, and eight of the finest Jr. Corps in Canada were all set to go...especially those of the Jr. "A" Class. [The Jr. "B"s had a contest the previous week in Kitchener where Opti-Knights took 1st over the Etobicoke Crusaders so, for these two corps and the Dutchmen this was contest #2 in Crusader's territory and under different judges]

DeLaSalle, the #1 Corps in Canada last year was out to prove that things hadn't really changed and they would win this one too; Optimists wanted badly to close the gap or even leap the barrier into #1 spot, while Cadets LaSalle, who had folded over the winter months, then reorganized, were out to show they were the 'dark horse' in red socks and could be better than ever for '72. The old Firefighters, under the new banner of The Princemen, were starting a whole new ballgame. (How often does a corps change its name)so

here was their first opportunity to hit near the top. For the St. John's Girls tonight was equally important especially in the light of their important midwest tour coming up in July. As mentioned previous for OptiKnights, Crusaders and Dutchmen this was the #2 event for them and a chance to re-enforce or change the standings of the previous weekend. It was also an opportunity to compare standings and captions to their Jr."A" brothers as this contest was open class.

Each corps knew previous where they placed in the draw as this was a predraw event with the field positions as follows: (1)Dutchmen, Kitchener-Waterloo; (2) Crusaders, Etobicoke; (3) St. Johns of Brantford; (4) Optimists, Toronto; (5) Opti-Knights, Guelph; (6) The LaSalle Cadets, Ottawa; (7) DeLaSalle, Toronto and (8) The Scarborough Princesmen.

For the Optimists, this event was all the more interesting because this was the first contest for their new Girls' Guard. By the time they took the starting line the crowd was well warmed-up with the performances of the Dutchmen, Crusaders and St. Johns! The off-the-line received warm applause but the crowd really opened up for "More and More"(as expected)...concert continued the fascination of last year, with some new enovations..."Patton" still held well as colour-pre with the effective drill and "Super star" ended the show well, with the upbeat ending on the finish line bringing many to their feet in applause.

For many in the crowd, the Optimists and Cadets LaSalle held the limelight of the evening, with the Cadets from Ottawa probably proving to be the "dark horse" of the 8 corps there. They did a very spectacular show and for many they were in first place spot.

With a time limit clause in the contract with the Stadium, there was no complete retreat of all the corps, just the Drum Majors and National squads. Therefore the results were announced quickly and everyone out of the stadium by 11:00PM (even the Optimists). The final scores:

8...Dutchmen---45.25	4...Princesmen----61.75
7...St. Johns---56.95	3...CadetsLaSalle73.15
6...Crusaders--58.65	2...Optimists----76.5
5...Opti-Knights76.5	1...DeLaSalle----76.85

When's the next event for the "Big Three"? Unfortunately Cadets LaSalle are not in the Shrine Contest June 17th so the next time all three, Del, Optimists and LaSalle meet will be the July 1st contest in Ajax. Meanwhile, Optimists and Del tangle in Hamilton on the 17th of June and in Brantford June 24th.

As someone commented at Birchmount as they were leaving the Stadium..."It should be a most interesting season..."

Yes, indeed.

Report by Don Daber.

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corps	GE M&M	G.E. DRUM	GF BUGLES	TOTAL GE. Anal.	Fld. M&M	Aver M&M	Field Drums	Field Bugles	Total Score	Pen:	FINAL SCORE:		
Dutchmen:	3.9	5.0	2.2	11.1	7.5	20.2	15.9	18.05	9.7	5.4	45.75	c:.5	45.25
Crusaders:	5.3	6.3	4.5	16.1	4.0	21.0	18.1	19.55	11.8	7.5	58.05	c: .3	58.65
St. Johns:	6.3	6.1	5.4	17.8	2.8	22.6	20.0	21.45	5.4	9.7	57.15	c: .3	56.95
OPTIMISTS:	7.1	8.6	8.0	23.7	4.7	23.0	21.6	22.3	15.7	10.8	77.2	d: .1	76.50
Opti-Knights:	6.0	7.5	3.0	16.5	4.1	20.6	19.6	20.1	11.1	9.6	61.4	---	61.40
Cadet LaSalle:	8.3	8.3	8.8	25.4	4.8	21.8	17.2	19.25	13.7	10.9	74.05	.9	73.15
DeLaSalle:	8.5	8.1	8.6	25.2	5.0	22.5	20.8	21.65	14.1	11.4	77.35	.5	76.85
Princemen:	7.3	7.3	4.4	19.0	3.8	19.8	17.1	18.45	12.2	8.9	62.35	.6	61.75

GE, M&M: Reiffer.

GF, Drums: Reynolds.

GE, Bugles: Richards.

Content Anal: Ted Key.

Field M&M #1: Stan Biggs.

Field M&M #2: Larry Blondell

Field Drums: Kleinhans.

Field Bugles: Higgins

Timing: Hugh McKeon

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CAMP '72

by your petrified reporter *Pete McCusker*



School or work let out, whatever, and last minute preparations were made to stock private arsenals on the Friday evening, May 19th, preceding camp. While I was eating what I believed to be my last supper I received a phone call which set the mood... "Only the shadow knows"... and from then on you could only imagine the blood curdling screams arising from the trail. The fate of camp was about to be bestowed upon us unsuspecting Rookies.

About an hour later, after loading all our equipment into the Gastmeirmobile, we set out to our destination feeling confident of our arrival on time because of the famous Don Daber directions in our possession! However, after covering an extra 5 miles of dirt road unnecessarily we arrived safely at Camp BaLaSalla. (Yes, that's the REAL name.) Upon arrival and the



D. Daber photos.

unloading ceremonies, we entered into what turned out to be a night on the town in the thriving metropolis of Shelburne and Horning Mills. The happenings in Shelburne consisted of a confrontation with a neighbourhood police officer and a swingin' time at the Jr. Farmers Annual Dance. However, after a quick soda-pop at Elly-Mays Grocerteria (The highlight of the evening) we piled into the car and headed for Horning Mills. Here we met John Rood who was holding a garbled conversation with two of the neighbourhood tough guys on bicycles. Then a thrilling game of hide and seek led us onto a dirt road where we later saw a great caravan of lights. This was the corps approaching and we formed the welcoming committee who ended up showing them exactly where the camp was. This night now held minor activities such as the Annual hot Chocolate and Cookies Award after the placement of sleeping quarters and brief announcements, like next day's schedule.

The Saturday morning sun arose and with it the scum and scrag displayed the latest styles from Eurasia, Poland, (see photos, each worth 100 words) Presented in the Exhibition of High Fashion were the scrag sporting curlers, aces and various other get-ups such as dice or die. What a bunch of cards! The Scum featured The Shiek and Ron Madzia as The Weasel, Gino Swartz, an old lady sporting 46's who someone exclaimed was Bob Cook; a pregnate mouse and a pair of greasers who slipped in from Shelburne.

The sight of all this really added to the atmosphere of the "Old Guys" breakfasts. Immediately after breakfast we marched to the drill field and, in the first hour of practice we couldn't say we practiced much drill, but man, would we through stones!!! Everyone also learnt that man-eating-mosquitoes and flies hung around the field area like they had never seen a human before. By lunch time everyone had adorned 23 gallons of repellent and suntan lotion.

After this beginning, did we get any drill done? You bet we did, in fact, we completed the show roughly and by the end of the evening we really started to look like something.

The Initiations this year were different than any other, we understand, mainly because of the restrictions by the campsite. The Highlight was the twelvth Night Dance and the hall was suitable decorated for the "High Class Ball" with a live (?) orchestra by the Old Guys, who placed concert like never before.

The next day consisted of many more hours of grueling practice, with the accent on music. Half way through the day the "Buck-Buck Championships of the World had to help break the work-load. After supper more practicethen when we least expected it the word was out. The time had come as the sun disappeared and Mr. Kaisers forces through several raids at the main cabin defences which all built up to the now-famous duel between George Wright and Ron Kaiser with peanut butter at 3 inches. (It wasn't intended that way, but thats the way it ended up.)

Monday brought more practice and polish to the '72 drill show till about 3:30PM, when we marched back to the main camp area for the final packing and cleanup, then we were on the way, not home but our first uniformed drill show of '72. By this time cigarettes had become scarce and so a stop at the highway store was in order. After Rudy (our MODEL horn player) had collected the funds for

Everyones supply we were astonished to find out that she didn't sell cigarettes and a bus load of people collapsed of nicotine deficiency. But a nearby gas station, right across the highway, saved the day and we were on our way once again to do our first drill show of the year.

A SPECTACLE OF YOUTH!

by Pete McCusker



Paul McCusker

OR THE BATTLE OF
GRENADIER POND!

On Saturday, the 13th day of May, the corps held their ten mile Walkathon for 1972. However, this thrilling story is not about blistered feet, nor the corps track stars (at left) but about the brave enduring men of the S.S. Whatever, who fought bravely in the tremendous "Sea Battle Of Grenadier Pond".

The Commander of the "Good Guys" was Rear Admiral G. Oxenham with his stallward crew of Mike Arsenault as Chief Petty Officer and George Nasello as Chief Rower and Scully scraper.

The second group of "Good Guys" was Martin McVeigh; Kerry Burrage, Commander (who was all wet before the battle had begun because of the McCusker's bad rowing) and Pete McCusker's Chief Orange Thrower and Rookie Rower. One more craft sailed that day, manned "Good Guy" Carrick who was hijacked by



WALKATHON CHAMPS

Leading the way in the 10 mile walkathon on May 13th were three members of the Junior Corps, left to right, Mike Arsenault, Ken Bain and John Rood.

(D. Daber, Photos)



Concert in the Park, following the 10 mile walkathon. The Jr. Corps plays for the Cadets and Lancers. Grenadier Pond in the background.

"bad Guy" Pat Irvine.

Now, for the bad guys (boo!!!) The Great Commander Randy Cochrane and the notorious Irvine were in treaty with Captain Cook's crew who consisted of Mike Hennebury, who added colour, Paul McCusker, who weighed down the lofty craft, Doug Harrison who masterminded the raging battle plans and once again Captain Dave Cook.

Back at Oceans Centre, numerous ships with Lancers, Jr, Corps members and sprinklings of Cadets were engaging in minor squables. At once the bad guys set sail for the now renown battleground. Noticing this foul act, the Good Guys at once held a conference deciding to attack these offenders of liberty, freedom and the right of Being Normal.

The pursuit of the villains under the command of Rear Admiral Oxenham proceeded immediately as the guns roared; completely demolishing 8 ships and killing 18 rats, 4 mad dogs and a bran muffin while the bad guys headed back to port to prepare a counter attack with the Good Guys following fast and furious. The battle continued on land until it was noticed an intruder was suddenly in the midst of it all taking the numbers of the ships in conflict. Realizing this was a spy from a high foreign Imperial power the battle immediately ceased as Oxenham shouted "Hide Your Numbers!!!" Both sides immediately retreated as a minor victory was scored by the protagonist who doused Irvine with a jar of water.

Suddenly all ships at sea were greeted with thunderous applause and then yelling and screaming to the tune of, "He's got a baseball bat!!!" and "He's going to kill you all!!!"

The antagonist had won the war (the bad guys) as they returned with three ships and the good guys with only two.

Now all the ships formed an alliance and proceeded to attempt docking at the foreign port while the raging temper of the Pizanno with the war club suddenly toned down as we all approached him at once. "All for one, and one for all" was now the battle hymn as we prepared to disarm the assailant and cast him to his doom. He, the dog who rented the boats, immediately fled making off with thousands of gold doubloons paid in deposit.

Victory at sea?

Grease Foundation Report:

Up until now, the GREASE FOUNDATION has been concerned with only one thing: Grease! Grease, that terrible substance, otherwise known as 'crap', that rots the lining of the stomach and slowly dissolves the intestines. But did you know that 45 out of 50 doctors survived, 78 out of 80 dentists survived, and both Italians who survived and when surveyed claimed that there is another substance found in foodstuffs that reaks even more havoc with the digestive tract!

What is this substance? It is commonly derived for human consumption from corn, olive plants, and drilling rigs in the Carribean. If you have not guessed what this is it is OIL. Or if you prefer: Olio.

As mentioned above, this garbage in the guise of food is found

in three different natural places. It is used in very many more unnatural places, one of which is pizza. We all know where pizza came from. Anyway, through the scientific genius of Mr. Gattuso Mazola, our chief grease and oil expert, THE GREASE FOUNDATION HAS PROVEN, BEYOND A SHADOW OF A DOUBT, THAT EXCESSIVE INGESTION OF OILY PIZZA IS A HAZARD TO PUBLIC HEALTH!

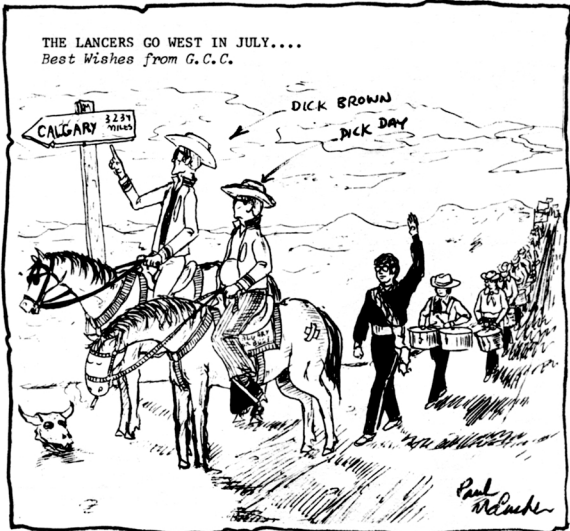
It is for this reason that the Grease Foundation has been given a red alert, or a green alert if you prefer, from Her Majesties Government in Tangenika, to continue with the testing of pizza for its oiliness. Obviously, the Grease Foundation cannot test EVERY pizza you eat, so we are asking your help in testing the pizza. The Official Grease Foundation Inclusive Oil Kit For Pizza will be outlined in the next G.C.C.

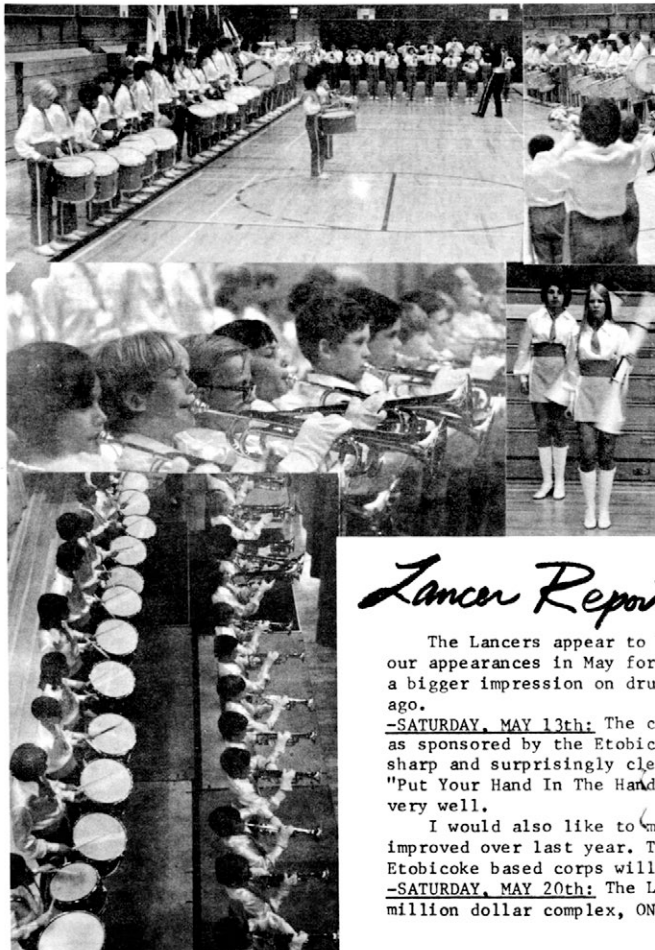
One final reminder: "Don't forget our call letters, G.C.C." (Grease Causes Cancer)

To close, our current Grease Ratings:

- THE A & W on Lawrence Ave., Scarborough.....10/10 (French Fr)
- The Sword Tavern, King and Yonge Streets.....13/10 (Fr.Fries)
- Dufferin Gate Restaurant, King & Dufferin.....4/10 (Fr.Fries)
- A&W, Lawrence Ave., Scarborough.....3/10 (hamburger)
- Harry's Lawrence Ave., Scarborough.....5/10 (hamburger)
- Harveys Yonge & Bloor.....6/10 (hamburger)
- Harveys, Guelph.....6/10 (hamburger)

THE LANCERS GO WEST IN JULY....
Best Wishes from G.C.C.





Lancer Report

The Lancers appear to have improved our appearances in May for a bigger impression on drum corps.

-SATURDAY, MAY 13th: The concert as sponsored by the Etobicoke was sharp and surprisingly clear. "Put Your Hand In The Hand" was very well.

I would also like to mention that our performance has improved over last year. The Etobicoke based corps will be a challenge.

-SATURDAY, MAY 20th: The Lancers performed at the \$1 million dollar complex, ONTARIO PLACE.



Photos by
Don Daber taken
Saturday, May 13.



X by David Burgess

to be headed for an absolutely fabulous season this year. If
reshadow the years to come, the Optimist Lancers may leave
um corps fans than we ever dreamed possible a mere two years

corps had the privilege of performing at this indoor concert
coke Crusaders. Our music at this evening event was especially
ean. The audience seemed to greatly appreciate our new number,
ad" and on this one the French Horns handled their lead part

mention that the host corps, the Crusaders, sounded very much
To say the least, their music was terrific! I think both the
l pick up many honours this summer.

Lancer's first parade appearance this year was at the multi-
NTARIO PLACE. (Is there any place you'd rather be?) I will

not dwell long on our morning performance. To put it mildly, we were terrible! The music sounded very poor and our marching, which has always been a corps strong point, was far below our high standard. Added to this the wind near the lake was so strong that our guard kept losing their tams.

At lunch, we nursed our wounds (commonly known as "damaged pride") Then the bugle line went into a strict 30 minute practice session. Even the drums decided to do a little extra work WITHOUT being told! Amazing! Apparently this was enough to put us back on track and our afternoon performance was much better.

Assistant D.M. Marty King made his debut at directing the corps in concert. He did a fine job and is learning quickly. Also at this event our new Guard Sergeant, Rose Nulankoo made her somewhat shaky debut, She was a little scared of making some mistakes but with experience comes confidence. Good luck, Rose.

-Sunday, May 21: What luck! Our second appearance at Ontario Place, as this day dawned fine on the Lancers and as it turned out we were utterly magnificent, and thats putting it as modestly as possible. The bugles and drums operated together with sheer excellence. The Guard looked really sharp, and even dressed their lines properly.

-Monday, May 22nd: Our third and last appearance at the lovely but extremely HOT Ontario Place setting. Just as the day previous, our music and marching were superb and many people felt we compared favourably with the noteworthy Burlington Teen Tour Band, also there that day. The return of Guard Captain Deb Brown aided the guard tremendously. (the guard's discipline always increases ten fold when she hits the scene.)

---Concert in Smyth Park: As part of the Victoria Day celebration the Lancers appeared in concert as Guests of the Borough of York with a concert in the park the evening of the 22nd. It appeared that the corps was extremely tired and we lacked our usual "get up and go" of previous performances. The audience was rather large and noisy but quieted down as we performed. We drew a generous round of applause and many nice compliments.

-Saturday, May 27th: The Hamilton Scout Parade! I'm told that this is the largest annual Youth Parade in Canada and its a good parade because the route is only about a mile distance and there is TV coverage.

I was glad to see the Optimist Cadets at this event but they looked awfully young and inexperienced. Now they know how we felt two years ago when we watched the Cadets with much envy.

The Premier of Ontario was on the reviewing stand. Although he didn't salute he did alot of winking and smiling. He seemed very pleased with our corps, especially with the solo.

CALGARY '72: For those who don't already know, the Lancers are going to the Calgary Stampede this summer for a two week stav. As this article is being written, the plans for the trip are being finalized.

The corps plans to do at least three parades and two field shows in Calgary. In addition the corps will be taking tours of the city, view the Rodeo and travel to Banff and the Rockies.

out such delightful plates as mentioned, after all we're on YOUR side, so the original cook, Tom, decided to make like the Galloping Gourmet and took off down the road. Fortunately, all was not lost, because waiting in the wings was Mr. Cook, father of drummer Bob and horn player, Dave. He took over a difficult situation and gave the corps an excellent breakfast and dinner on Monday.

And so our story ends on a happy note. The kitchen staff returned to work, the corps are well again and hopefully Mr. Cook will be able to be with us again all weekend at next year's camp.

Thanks for an excellent job, Mr. Cook.

And that's what some of the Optimist Club members were up to on the long weekend.

Now, on to Club News...

At the Dinner Meeting of May 3rd. the Optimist Club of York-Toronto again scored several "firsts" for the club.

We were pleased to welcome, for the first time, special guest speaker Optimists Governor Gordon E. Jorgenson. Also present were Optimist Lt.-Governor Maurice Harris and Lt. Governor Murray Bowden and Al Baggs from the Downtown Club.

Also present were special guests from the Jr. Corps, Ray Skyvington (Rookie of the Year), Robert Trimble (Guardsmen of the Year) and Greg Oxenham (Corpsman of the Year) also the Service Ring recipients from the Jr. Corps...Peter Barclay, Larry Blandford, Bob Burman, Dennis May, John Rood, Rick Roussel, John Tierney, George Wright and Jack Lalonde.

President Bill Stevenson presented the rings to the members of the corps on behalf of the Optimist Club of York-Toronto. Don Daber then made a special presentation of a 5 Year Corps pin to Cliff Billington in recognition of his years of service to the corps. For the first time the Club also announced their Optimist-Of-The-Year Award which was presented by the President to one of our best workers, Optimist Vic Decloux. Congratulations, Vic.

Governor Jorgenson inducted three new members into the Club this evening, Mike Andrews, Arnold Boston and Jerry Demers. A welcome to these new Optimists who have already proven to be willing workers. The membership roster now stands at 52, a total gain of 12 from this time last year. We are certainly a growing Club thanks to the efforts of all our members and especially Gord O'Halloran, the membership Chairman.

Governor Jorgenson noted in passing that the slogan of Optimist International is now "Friend of Youth". Seems like girls have been recognized at last.

President Bill announced to the members this evening of the change in the Jr. Corps Executive with Cliff Billington as the new Executive Director and George Wright as the Director.

This dinner meeting afforded our biggest turnout in a long while---30 members and 26 guests.

Another first. We officially adjourned before 10:00PM.

NEWS AND VIEWS:

CONGRATULATIONS to Rex and Ina Martin whose son Trevor recently was ordained a minister in the Anglican Church in Oshawa.

CONGRATULATIONS to Pete and Janet McGillen, proud parents of a new baby.

Members will be saddened to hear of the passing of Mr. Paul Renaud

father of Joe Renaud of the Jr. Corps. Paul had been a guest at our Club and was always on hand to cheer the corps on at uniformed events. He will be missed by all of us.

CONGRATULATIONS to Vic Decloux on his walkathon efforts, May 13th. Did you realize that every Director of the corps walked the 10 miles that day? Of the three Directors I believe Vic pledged the most per mile.

RUMOUR... Director George Wright and Drum Instructor Ron Kaisers favourite snack before retiring is Peanut butter and jam on crackers.

FACT: Drummer Doug Harrison can detect an unlit cigarette at 50 paces!!!!

Letters to the Editor

BAD NEWS...

June 6, 1972.

Sirs:

We are sorry to have to advise you that the Alhambra Invitational has been cancelled for this year.

In January of this year the D.C.I. agreed to have six top U.S. Corps for our competition but as of May 1st, would not confirm their commitment in letter or contract. We then tried the Drum Corps America Association. They could confirm 2 US Corps and 2 Canadian Sr. Corps...none top corps.

After a meeting with our Caravan officers it was then decided to cancel the competition for this year.

Yours truly,

W.J. Hutchinson, Chairman.
Alhambra Invitational '72.

LETTER TO REX MARTIN, Shrine Ticket Sales Chairman:

Dear Rex:

Please find enclosed a cheque for 4 tickets re: the 1972 Shrine International. We all enjoyed the show last Saturday night, June 3. We overheard our youngest girl (6 1/2) tell our oldest (9 1/2) not to clap too loud till the Octopuses come on!

See you in Hamilton!

Best Wishes,

John Bright.

TWO FROM CAVALIERS:

April 13, 1972.

Dear Don:

Don't know what it is you tell the guys in your corps about the Cavaliers, but after last night I can imagine that it must be super-fantastic! Imagine, someone running away from home to another country, to join a drum and bugle corps...and the Cavaliers on top of it!

He seemed to enjoy watching rehearsal and Roger (the DM) told him he could sit in on the horn rehearsal...he really loved that!

Best regards, Steve Suslik, Publicity Director, Cavaliers.

Letters (cont.)

June 6, 1972

Dear Don:

Congratulations on your fine magazine...it is looking better than ever. I have been very busy and probably would not have been able to send anything, but the fine quality of the paper, writers and content, encourage me to sit down at the typewriter to put a few words down,

Gotta go now. Hope to see you sometime this summer. It is my last marching season.

Best regards,
Steve Suslik, Cavaliers Publicity.

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THE DRESSING ROOM SLOGAN MAN...

As every true corps fan knows, a procorps member (anyone over 2 years service) cannot function, cannot even get into his uniform unless he is surrounded by inspirational sayings in the locker rooms or on the bus or uttered by an instructional sage during the corps huddle.

To get a better insight into this interesting line of work, I recently interviewed the man who is considered the Shakespeare of dressing room walls.

"Is it difficult work?" I began.

"Yes," he admitted, "but when the going gets rough, the tough get going..."

"I suppose coming up with a catchy slogan involves talent but there must be some luck too?"

"Luck is when preparation meets opportunity," he corrected.

"I find the harder I work the luckier I get..."

"Do you write the slogans, put them up on signboards and send them to the corps?"

"We supply everything but guts!" he revealed.

"Are there days when you can't come up with anything and get an urge to get out of the slogan game?"

"Winners never quit and quitters never win," was his reply.

"Defeat does not rest lightly on these shoulders."

"Do you mean to say you stay at your desk until you come up with something, no matter how long it takes?"

"The price of success is hard work," he sighed. "Winning isn't the most important thing---it's the only thing!"

"That's beautiful," I sobbed. "Don't you ever get shaky when you think of the number of people who are trying to come up with slogans and put you out of business?"

"They pull on their pants one leg at a time too..."

"Do you find Business Managers haggle over the price of your slogans?"

"Occasionally," he confessed. "But when the bargaining gets hot, I toss a replica of the Nationals trophy on the conference table and remind them that THAT'S the difference between winning and losing."

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'72 program to boost the GE scores, but the corps will not use costumes, dance, prance, skip etc. as the '71 circus show proved to be GE that could not be credited on the judge's sheets.

For 1972 the repertoire is most exciting and challenging:

Opener....."Carman." Selections from Bizet's opera.

Flag Pre....."Hymn To Victory." A medley of "One Hand, One Heart" and "Les Preludes."

Concert....."Eleanor Rigby" a la the Boston Pops arrangement.

Concert Exit... "Casey Jones" makes the Green Machine steam in and a rollin!

Exit....."Rainbow" A medley of rainbow tunes.

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International News:

BLUE STARS REPERTOIRE FOR 1972:

In the May edition of Blue Stars publication, "Midwest Blue" the Corps announces its 1972 repertoire as follows:

Off-the-Line: the corps will feature an original composition, "FIRST FEDERAL MARCH" made up of airs of the great Gustav Holst. Other corps have used Holst tunes in the past, but not those as played by the Blue Stars this year.

Colour Presentation: Entitled, "END OF WAY" made up of passages from 4 different tunes... "A Cruel War Is Raging", "Bridge Over Troubled Waters", The "Battle Hymn Of The Republic" and "Battle Cry Of Freedom." To back up the bugle and drum line in the presentation of this number will be a rifle squad of 12 girls and 30 field flags.

Concert: Will again be Norwegian Wood as featured in 1971.

Out-Of-Concert: "South Rampart Street Parade" featuring all the dixieland flavour that this number requires.

Exit: "Green Sleeves Of Summer."

LASALLE CADETS ANNOUNCE AFFILIATION:

Press Release in Drum Corps On The March, May edition: At a press conference held May 10th in the Officers' Mess at CFRB Dows Lake in Ottawa the Executive of LaSalle Cadets and the 30th Field Regiment, Army Cadet Corps, officially announced the affiliation of LaSalle Cadets to the 30th Field Regiment. Already 75 members of LaSalle have filed application to join the Cadet Corps and when girls are permitted in Army Cadet ranks this will mean an additional 30 members. Also, 4 members of the corps' instructional staff have been commissioned as officers in the army in charge of the corps.

Negotiations started last January when Major R.E. Crawley, Commanding Officer of the 30th Cadet Corps invited LaSalle to join as their official marching band. The Cadet Corps needed a prestige band and in turn the corps required practice facilities for drill and added financial backing.

The Cadets made its official first appearance with the army at the Annual Inspection May 13th. The Army's central command in Trenton has accepted the three day spring camp schedule of the corps and will cover the entire bill. Several other projects are also planned to the benefit of both groups.

INTERNATIONAL NEWS (continued)BOSTON CRUSADERS EYE NEW HOME:

The Boston Crusaders Drum Corps are investigating the purchase of a multi-story building in downtown Boston. The Corps has been seeking a home for some six months after being burned out of their Lower Mills home in Dorchester.

The possibilities of the building under consideration are actually staggering to the drum corps mind. For the Crusaders it would mean more than a home, hopefully it would become a drum corps centre. There would be numerous rehearsal halls and recreation areas, in addition, one could easily imagine training centres in all captions of drum corps activity, from playing to judging. Another possibility would be the housing of out of state corps. That in itself will add to the Boston area as a centre for additional major contests.---*Drum Corps World.*

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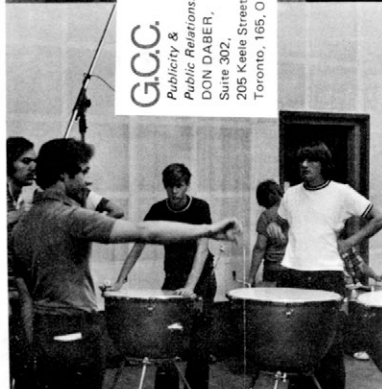
The 1972 field show, under the direction of Drum Major Mike Arsenault, features "Music for all ages" ... The BROADWAY MUSICAL: Themes from "Paint Your Wagon" by Fredrick Loewe ... THE RHYTHMIC IMPULSE OF MODERN DAY ROCK with "More And More" as made famous by the group, 'Blood, Sweat And Tears'. Next, some of the unforgettable songs of THE DANCE BAND ERA with Glen Miller's "Moonlight Serenade" and "Tuxedo Junction", the Gene Krupa theme and Duke Ellington's "Caravan." ... From the MOTION PICTURE SCREEN, the theme music of "Patton" and to close the show, a modern day FOLK SONG in The Carpenter's "Superstar."

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Sat. June 3	Contest	"Preview of Champions" Birchmount Stadium Scarborough
Sat. June 17	Contest	"Shriners' International" Ivor Wynne Stadium, Hamilton
Sat. June 24	Parade	"Flower Festival" Brampton. (1:00PM)
Sat. June 24	Contest	Brantford
Sat. July 1	Parade	North Toronto (10:00AM)
Sat. July 1	Contest	Ajax (6:00PM) Parade: 2:00PM.
Sat. July 2	Exhibit	Optimist International Convention, Montreal.
Sat. July 8	Exhibit	Etobicoke Crusaders Contest, Etobicoke.
Sun. July 23	Contest	"Alhambra" Massey Stadium, Toronto.
Sat. July 29	Contest	Ogdensburg, N.Y.
Sun. July 30	Contest	Kingston, N.Y.
Sat. August 5	Contest	Canadian Open, London.
Mon. August 7	Contest	Scarborough, Birchmount Stadium.
Sat. August 12	Contest	U.S. Open, Marion Ohio
Sun. August 13	Contest	Windsor
Sat. August 19	Exhibit	Royales Contest, Guelph
Sun. August 20	Exhibit	St. Thomas, Ont.
Sat. August 26	Contest	Titusville Pennsylvania
Sat. September 2	Contest	"Big 10" Championships, Hamilton
Sun. September 3	Contest	Canadian National Championships, CNE Stadium
Sat. September 16	Parade	Optimist International Convention, Toronto.

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