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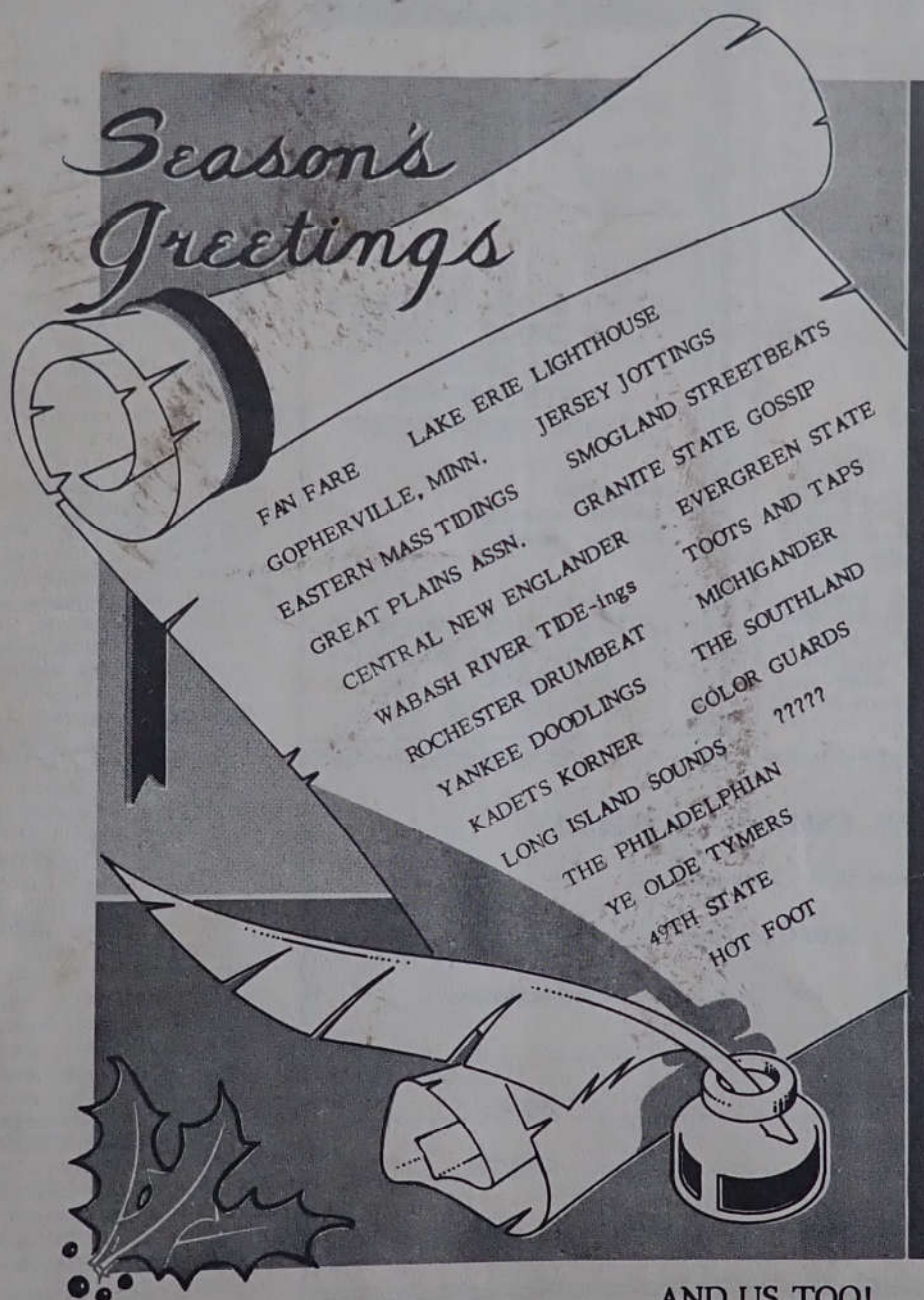
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THE NORTHWEST CORPS-NER

by Mike Stefanowicz

Hello to all! I found, much to my pleasure, that news is available in our corner and the corps and members are quite eager for publicity and attention. They also hope to find out what the enemy is conjuring.

The final 1960 meeting of the **Washington State Drum Corps Association** was held at Everett in November. Officers for the 1961 season were elected: John Broderick of the Legion champion Hurricanes, president; Ron Stockton, Legion champion drum major, vice-president; Earl Halverson, manager of junior champion Pasco Corps and Al Whitman of the Hurricanes, executive board; and Al Whitman was also appointed secretary-treasurer. This writer was appointed the Northwest representative to the Drum Corps World.

The Association is considering, and rightfully so, whether it should become an "Open" Assn. At present the group represents Legion and Legion sponsored junior corps. But there are **V.F.W., Eagles, Shriner's**, and just plain independent units. A push is on for open competition in 1961. Of the planned six shows next year, five may be open. We would surely like to see several non-Legion corps make the shows bigger and better. It is hoped that the non-Legion groups will join the Assn., voice their opinions, and use the manager's vote to promote more corps activity in the State.

The **Hurricanes** were finally awarded medals for each member of a State champion corps. These particular medals are the same ones that have kicked around the Assn. for the past two years. Only problem now is, how to stretch forty medals onto 53 hats. (Note to Eastern or Midwestern readers - the 53 people are not ALL playing members.)

CORPS NEWS:

The **Auburn Legion Corps** has adopted a new name; henceforth, they will be the

"Black Hawks". New music is being arranged by Dick Turley and the drill is being rewritten by Rogers and crew. January 9th is the first rehearsal date and they hope for a big turnout. The loss of Ronnie from the drum line means that they are out looking for another left-handed drummer. Gene Otis will be contacted with full force. And Hershey Randall can play either way. A newspaper and radio ad campaign for new members will start soon. Good luck to you, manager Bob Powers, for a bigger than 12-man horn line! Make it 30!

The **Seattle Hurricanes**, under a new manager, Dean Grant, have been working all Fall and are not letting up too much. They visited the Everett Legion Corps recently and put on a show, playing the music of their competition routine. A good time with plenty of spirit was had by all. This is a worthwhile winter activity to perk up the winter sag in attendance. The Hurricanes are working on new music and on more intricate drum parts, more rudiments, single beat fillers, jazzier snare-tenor combinations. Drum line attendance is usually 80% or better; bugles not quite so good. The bugle news is that French horns will make a showing next year and the hope is for 32 horns; they now have about 22. As the saying goes "that would be more like it". A budget for new uniforms has been approved. Here's hoping that fans see them more than the once a season, at the convention.

As mentioned, the **Everett Corps** hosted the **Hurricanes**. Strong assurance was given that the 4th of July competition will be held in 1961 after missing this past year. This is most encouraging because it is the one time that an audience of 10,000 or so cheers the competitors. It is hoped that the **Blue Knights** will convert about 25 of those cheerers into players to build up that 10-man horn line and 4-man drum line.

We learned that 7 of the 20 men in the corps are mail carriers - hike all day, drill at night. Everett thinks this is a record. Is that true? Ridge Bird is working

on new music including "Sheik Of Araby". Forrest Maxan, manager, is working on the cheerers.

Wenatchee Legion Corps has been quiet. Hope this is a lull before a storm of new music and a bigger corps. The horn line is small but powerful. Make it big and powerful! Gordy Isaacson, manager, should speak out soon.

Bellingham Legion Corps also has been quiet. Haven't heard from George Marus recently and noticed that his heavy voice was missing at the last Assn. meeting. He planned a 60-man corps for 1959. Maybe 1961 will prove more fruitful.

The junior corps activity is always popping. The Pasco Jr. State Champs are rehearsing three nites per month. The drummers are busy on more rudiments, now that their instructor, Pete Wells, has finally taken time to pass his NARD exam. He wants his boys in. This is good. They must practice to get in, and anything that causes practice is good. The wonderful horn line, that often beats the juniors AND seniors, is not working on any new music yet. Manager Earl Halverson gave me a picture of the corps but no history. Next month, for sure.

The Thunderbird Juniors of Seattle are working every week, with their ultimate goal - to outplay Pasco. Plenty of drummers on hand but they need more horn players. Drummers are progressing nicely. Six have passed the NARD exam. Tenors are working on rudiments. It is hoped that this corps will be playing some of the more intricate eastern and midwestern style soon. Out here, Halftime, Wrecker's Daughter, and Dan Tucker are not yet old hat. **Jack Avery**, music director, has introduced much of the new bugle music and is shooting for seven part harmony. This writer hopes to push some of the new drumming. The group will play before a nice crowd at the University of Washington Pavilion during halftime when the Buchan Bakers play the Cleveland Pipers in an NIBL basketball game. A fine individual contest was held last month for snare and tenor drummers. Eight medals were awarded and the boys really worked for them. Hershey Randall and Dean Grant were the judges.

Results: - Class A - 1st, Ron Falkenburg, 94.7; 2nd, Lorin Grinolds, 93.7; 3rd, Terry Gregg, 91.7.

Class B - 1st, Steve Nelson, 92.5; 2nd, Randy Espeseth, 85; 3rd, Ron Gorman, 83; Jim Woods, 82; Garth Stubbs, 81.5; Bill Brammer, 73.5.

Tenor-Bass - 1st, Kenny Emerson, 92; 2nd, Jim Gregg, 89.5; Dewey Skaggs, 85; and Wayne Gregg, 81.

The Seattle Buddhist Boy Scouts are working each week. The horn line of 28 men is continually working on new music. Harry Mammond, instructor, is even arranging oriental short selections. He also wants more modern numbers. The weak drum line is slowly sharpening up. After a low score of 7.0 in their first competition, they are really working to improve. The corps appeared in the Santa Claus parade recently and will show at the annual Scout Latch. Manager Bob Oki tells me that light bulb sales are helping to buy new horns and he is working toward of 40 horn line. The buglers are conducting a novel competition. The front lines are the "honor" lines and buglers challenge the

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both music and costume.

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The corps is under the direction of Mr. Maurice Legault. Its drill writer is Robert Myre and the Business Manager is Raymond J. Bordeleau.

A. Bergeron, Publicity Director

NORTHWEST CORPS-NER (Continued)

honor players for their positions. (Anything that causes practice) To pep up the drummers an individual contest was held in November. Dean Grant was the judge. Three medals were awarded. Results:

1st, Bob Oki, 73; 2nd, Scott Oki, 72; 3rd, Calvin Harada, 57; and Ken Furuta had 53.

The C.Y.O. Squires Jrs. are also "at it" every week. The juniors really work. Bugle instructor Al Whitman is arranging new music and is trying Latin rhythms. Drum instructors Broderick and Warren Seely are directing the training toward more rudiments and trickier street beats. At least two drummers should be passing the NARD this winter and that colorful "Chicago Cavaliers" uniform and new music should provide a good show. The annual party for the members will start off with some anxious moments. An individual contest for buglers and drummers will precede it.

No news from the Longview-Kelso Juniors but next month we'll hear from this largest-corps-in-the-State.

The Renton Eagles Corps is not only working but is very excited this year. After winning 5 State championships since 1956, they are being rewarded with a trip to the Eagles Nationals in Minneapolis. The spirited group is still playing older marches and Scotch music but they hope to play well and be in the running. The corps is small but a national trip should attract more members. Chuck Johnson tells me that the group will play at the annual Eagles Christmas party for young ones and manager Mario Spillato will be recruiting among the parents. Hope to see these Eagles, and others, at some of the Open contests. The practice will help toward the big one.

The V.F.W. news is heartening only to a small degree. The 2nd District, Seattle, is recalling all equipment for inventory and plans to start from scratch. The 4th District, Bremerton, needs and wants competition at the State convention. So do the fans. In 1960, one lonely corps was quite sad for a Drum Corps Pageant. But, we hope Bremerton will not lose hope - they can get competition in several Open contests. Also, maybe some V.F.W. Post or District will sponsor a "switch" corps from the Legion ranks.

Spokane has no corps at present, and none appears to be in sight. However, there are some fine drummers there. V.F.W. State junior champ, Del Blake, and several others are invited to the big Northwest Winter Championships in March. Quartets and individuals are wanted. Don't disappoint us by staying home. We know Del will be here.

The Northwest contest should be a good one this year. Last year's show, with some 300 in the audience, overflowed the hall. A bigger one is coming up. We want quartets and individuals from all corps. Note to OREGONIANS and CALIFORNIANS: We'd love to have some from your States and we'll help toward transportation and provide housing.

The Seattle Shriners are a large independent corps but do not compete - merely give exhibitions. At the 1960 Shrine football game in San Francisco, the group performed during the halftime and may repeat the performance in 1961. This 46-man corps could be invited for exhibition purposes and would put on a fine show during any contest.

The Northwest area has a long way to go. This was clearly evident after seeing the last two V.F.W. Nationals. But, there is fine spirit. Corps records and movies provide some inspiration. If the men and boys keep working, who knows?

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the Optimists

The end of the 1960 season marked the end of thirteen careers in the Optimists Drum and Bugle Corps. After many years of faithful service, these young men are moving to either senior corps or retirement. This is the largest group ever to leave the Green Machine, "en masse". However, it doesn't hurt the corps in any way. An even larger number of new recruits have filled in the empty spots in the line, and may even necessitate enlarging it for the coming season. All that's left to say to these "old grads" is, "thanks for everything, we'll miss you, and best of luck in the future".

It was a terrible way to wind up the season, but what can you do? At our last contest, in Buffalo, New York, we ended up in fourth spot. A one point penalty for over-time shook us to the very foundations, and was the main reason why we placed so low.

To add to the irony, even more, a few weeks later the corps held a Victory Dance. Our wonderful sponsor, The Optimist Club of Downtown Toronto, picked up the tab for an evening that was a tremendous success. There was food, dancing, and, in general, an awful lot of good fun. Occupying a place of prominence that night were our many championship trophies. The sight of all this silverware made us forget that night of infamy in Buffalo.

They seem to come for near and far, and Sudbury is really far. Just recently we received a letter from a young gentleman in that mining town. He wanted to join the corps. Our answer was "yes", if he could attend at least one rehearsal a week. We haven't had a reply from him yet.

The DeLaSalle Drum & Bugle Corps is celebrating its fiftieth anniversary this year. This makes them (at least to my knowledge) the oldest corps in Canada. To commemorate this half-century of organization, they'll publish a "Golden Jubilee Booklet" containing the fifty year history of the corps. From what I hear, it's going to be quite the thing - with fifty-two pages of stories, sixty pictures, and a gold cover.

Besides putting out a booklet, I have been informed that Del is starting another corps. Since they are a high school group with a great number of boys to draw from, they have decided to inaugurate a "peanut" corps. It will, of course, act as a feeder unit to the present corps. Playing members of the existing corps will act as instructors.

The sound of a new drum and bugle corps will soon be heard in the City of Hamilton, Ontario. After many months of patient expectation, a group of enthusiastic young men, headed by Don Truman, have gotten what they wanted . . . a sponsor. Yes, the Hamilton Optimist Club has agreed to back the sixty-six boys and give them the essential things needed to field a top outfit.

On talking to Mr. Truman (who is an ex-Scout House man) I learned a few points of interest. To begin with, a goodly number of Scout House Alumni are behind this

corps. The executive staff is well organized, and they know what they want. Earlier in the year a questionnaire was sent to prominent men in the drum corps field. They were asked to fill it out and return it. From these sheets of paper, the boys from Hamilton hope to glean information that will guide them in their building of a corps. Fifty percent of their members are experienced, so they should have an easy time getting started. The corps will begin the season in the Junior B class. If they feel confident enough, the big jump to Junior A will probably come mid-season. Uniforms and a name have not yet been decided on. Some were calling them "the Hamilton Cadets"; they themselves liked "The Conquerors". Nothing, however, is definite.

Don Truman wants "something new and different in drum corps". Keep an eye on them, come summer.

Certain incidents have, of late, disturbed this writer. At a televised football game, the Audubon All Girls were announced as being the 1960 International Champions. The DeLaSalle outfit reported in their school paper, "Oak Leaves", they they came in second at the contest. If this be true . . . the Optimists must have placed third. There was a mistake in the score sheets of the International, true . . . but that mistake was rectified. You see, after everything was made proper, the Optimists stayed in first place, Audubon moved from third to second, and DeLa Salle moved from second down to third. Let's keep the record straight, Gentlemen!

That's it for this issue. Next month, more news about the Green Machine . . . the new corps in Hamilton . . . and all the happenings from Toronto Town.

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EVERGREEN STATE

Lea I. Lanzabeer

It was my pleasure to meet Lloyd Harman and his lovely wife in Atlantic City. We know that Lloyd gave much of his time and effort to making the D.C.W. the fine news magazine it is today. We extend our sincere sympathy to the family.

Our hats are off to the **University Hurricanes** for the most excellent performance at the Olympic Hotel during the big dinner party for our own Mrs. Henry (Petie) Annemiller, National President of the American Legion Auxiliary. Petie was thrilled for she has always been a drum corps enthusiast.

The corps also turned out for the Post visitation to Earl Faulkner Post in Everett, home of the **Blue Knights**.

I enjoyed the performance of the Pittsburgh Rockets at the football game. Would like to see more corps in these half-time shows.

Nice to see Russ Bell's "Hawks" on the cover last month. Russ gives much of his time and talents to this fine group of youths. No delinquency here. Keep up the good work, Russ. We will see you in Denver. Also hope to see Everett Jones there.

By the way, Russ, are you picking Minnesota this year?? We'll stay with Washington. Washington by 13 points!!

How about some news from the rest of the corps?????

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