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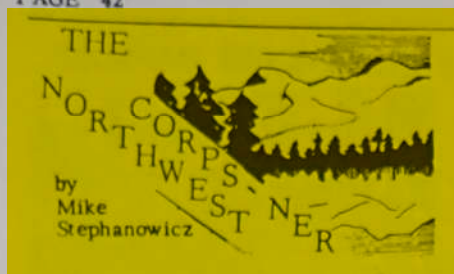
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More good news arrived in the mail recently. CORKY WHITLOCK informed us that the ST. PAUL SCOUTS, winners of the '62 Winter Carnival, are planning to come to the Seattle Fair. The local juniors are eager to see, hear, and meet these people. Hope you too, Corky, will come to Seattle . . . Mr. BEEBE of the MADISON SCOUTS wrote again and said they are still planning to attend the Fair, either in July or August. These corps would provide the shot in the arm that we need.

Once again this area's biggest issue concerns the junior corps and the Washington State Legion Commission. Earl Halverson of the Pasco Royal Columbians, Legion junior state champs, has received word from the office of the state commander that the Columbians cannot be sponsored by a V.F.W. Post and compete in V.F.W. contests, or other organizational contests like the Eagles, CYO, etc. That is, if they want to compete in the state Legion show. We know that the country's finest junior corps, Cavies, Blessed Sac, Garfield, Royal Airs, etc., compete in the National V.F.W. AND Legion contests; thus, it is obvious that the Wash. Legion does not follow national rules. Further, the Natl. Legion Commander wrote a wonderful article in the Feb. issue of the Legion magazine describing programs for young people in the nation. However, Washington state seems to exclude itself from the national commander's thinking and desires.

The above topic was discussed quite thoroughly during the Feb. meeting of the Wash. Drum Corps Assoc. One interesting fact came to light. The Thunderbirds, Columbians, Blue Angels, and Shamrocks receive NO FINANCIAL AID from their Legion sponsors . . . Lea Langabeer told of his work on the Drum Corps Commission; he despises the discrimination against juniors . . .

Mr. Jack Miller of the Wash. AA Judges Assoc. and Jack Avery are preparing reports and letters to the Legion executives recommending that the ban on juniors be lifted. We thank you, Jack and Jack.

Mr. Jack Bradshaw, V.F.W. Drum Corps Chairman, is finding a good deal of difficulty in planning the state contest because the juniors are reluctant to quit the Legion; many dads are Legionnaires. I suggest that the '62 state V.F.W. contest be made an OPEN contest for juniors; SPONSORSHIP NOT NEEDED. This would be a noble gesture for junior activity. The Legion does this for baseball teams so the V.F.W. could be this liberal for drum corps. It is for the benefit of kids, adherence to technical rules can be for the men.

Mr. Terasco, Jolly Jesters, needs HELP. He is looking for TED REILLEY formerly of the Toronto Jolly Jesters. He needs music that Ted has. Terasco's address is 4909 222nd S.W., Mountlake Terrace, Wash.

The AUBURN BLACK HAWKS have begun rehearsals and are going to field 15 horns. New drummer is Don Moulds, a pro . . . Feb. 13th was the day for the music committee's decision. No news from them . . . Turley may be music director again . . . They still need a bass drummer . . . The SEATTLE JOLLY JESTERS have organized, but progress is slow. They would appreciate loans of old instruments . . . Instructors have been selected . . . The EVERETT BLUE KNIGHTS, Ed Adrian tells me, are full of spirit and rehearsals are well attended. Drill practice will start in the big armory in March. Music is set. The corps claims poverty and will not attend the Northwest Midwinter. (The corps are asked to help pay for trophies.) New equipment is being purchased, and Bob Boblet has received his new bass baritone horn. But poor Bob fell and cracked a vertebrae, so no activity for couple of months . . . Guy Smith passed away recently and left a saddened corps . . . The Blue Knights are very active on money raising drives; they will wear corps-type uniforms . . . Fran and Lee Wells feel that the SEATTLE SHAMROCKS have chosen Linda Hossack as Majorette. MARGARET HALL, formerly of the PHANTOM KNIGHTS of ROCKFORD, ILL., is instructing the Color Guard which

is being readied for the Northwest contest. The corps appeared during the half-time of the Wheelchair Basketball game, sponsored by the Seattle Handicapped Club . . . Uniforms are a problem with the boys outgrowing everything. Only equipped people are small beginners . . . Fine spirit was shown by the Shamrocks when they attended the teen-dance given by the Blue Angels.

The SEATTLE BLUE ANGELS are boasting 25 horns, at practice, shooting for 32 by April. Nice going Angels, this I like to hear. Carol Bice further informs us that music will include "Never On Sunday", Colonel Bogey", "Over There", and "Angels Sing" . . . Ten girls in the Guard now . . . The Angels teen dance was successful with 150 showing . . . The corps will attend the Northwest Midwinter. The Angels have elected to attend the V.F.W. state contest and the '63 V.F.W. Natl. in Seattle. Co-sponsor is the V.F.W. Post 1263 of Renton, Wash . . . The corps is looking for a male drum major . . . The SEATTLE HURRICANES will begin two-nights per week rehearsals March 1st, Mike Bice informs us. The corps may compete in the Midwinter. New music will include "My Buddy" and "Swanee" . . . The annual Hurricane banquet will be held on March 31. All old members invited. The Corps will perform at the Seattle World's Fair in August . . . The SEATTLE BUDDHIST BOY SCOUTS are working hard and making winter time turnouts. They are playing some of the eastern arrangements, with some eastern drum parts. Not difficult but a nice sound. The SEATTLE THUNDERBIRDS are busy preparing for their Northwest Contest, parents are working, judges committee, etc, all active. Wish you much success. The corps' music is progressing nicely and the drummers are having fun with eastern rhythms, Pratt especially. Recent turnout was to the Seattle airport to welcome home disc jockey Buddy Weber, their admiral.

Two of Seattle's best disc jockeys, HARDWICKE the Great of the Hardwicke Air Force and Fabulous WEBER of the Weber Navy are about to race around the world, in opposite directions -- literally. These fine gentlemen are co-sponsors of the Shamrocks and the Thunderbirds. Weber is a real pusher for music for young people. He blows a mean trumpet or bugle. The two feuders are donating MC time for the Northwest Midwinter contest and we hope they will be impressed and publicize corps more and more.

Curiosity Note: I was a little shocked to see some individual drum scores of the Eastern Review contest, Brookly Red Hook Section. I can't understand how RAY LUEDEE Conn. Yankees, DOUG KLEINHAUS of the Caballeros, and DON QUINN of the Skyliners could receive 69, 65 and 63 for scores. That's awfully low for top drummers. I know that scores are relative and only apply to one contest but those scores are depressingly low. I hope I don't have to eat these words.

In re-reading I see I missed Bob Powers name for the Black Hawks news. Thanks Bob. So long for this month and the best to everybody.

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