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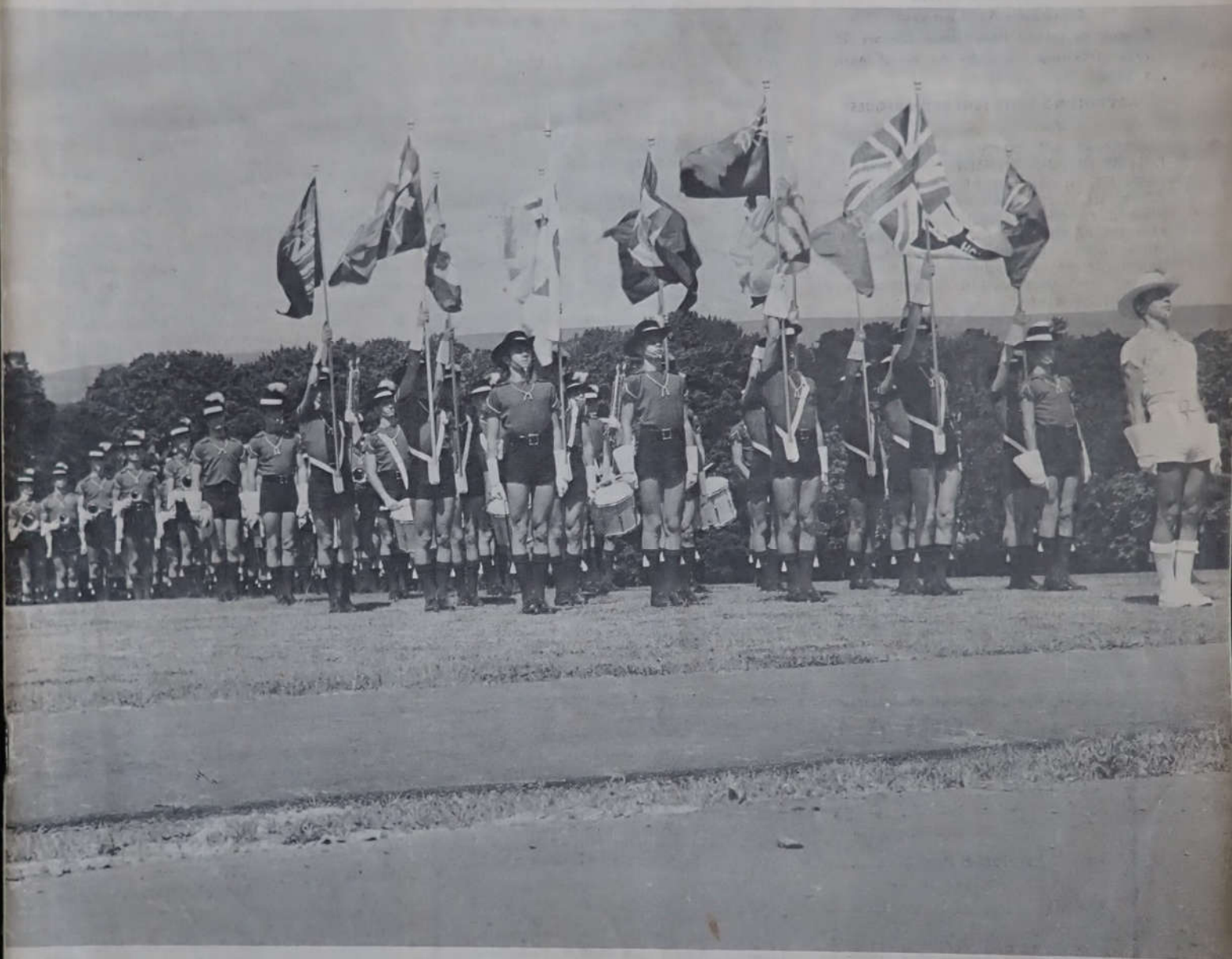
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This column will be a little shorter than some due to an unexpected but very welcome visitor from Chicago on my writing days. Also, news has been very short... FRANK ARSENAULT conducted a clinic in Canada, then stopped in Seattle for a day and a half. Frank was put through some paces on "what's new in drumming" in my basement studio. We exchanged ideas and he sure shook me when he said Joe Morello can play single stick triplets faster with one hand than Frankie can with two. This is almost discouraging. We reminisced of old days when corps and contests were a little less formal. Once in Rhode Island we had about ten men from our corps, borrowed several members who were free, and won a trophy. We drew straws to see who kept the prize. A cymbal player, Frank Andreoni, who acted as drum major with a fife for a baton, won. On the way home we asked him what happened to the trophy; he said, "Oh, I gave that to some girl." I believe attitudes were a little different then, but then the corps couldn't have placed in the semi-semi-finals against the modern corps.

The ST. PAUL SCOUTS are definitely coming to Seattle for the Fair and for a competition against Washington, Oregon, and a Canadian Corps... MADISON SCOUTS will come to Seattle in '63 for the V.F.W. Nationals... The Wash. State V.F.W. promises to be a big show this year with 6 junior corps and about 60 individuals competitors... The SEATTLE HURRICANES have started outside rehearsals and the music is becoming well organized now... The SEATTLE THUNDERBIRDS are finally building up, looks like they will field at least 30 horns. I goofed in not mentioning the corps in the Northwest contest. They did a very fine job and could catch the Columbians with a little more hustle... The SEATTLE SHAMROCKS now have 3 N.A.R.D. drummers - Brad Wittman, Ronnie Caffiere, and Joe Henderson. Congrats, boys! The corps will compete in the V.F.W. State... The SEATTLE BUDDHIST BOY SCOUTS are working on more new music and drill. Tenor drums are slow but progress is being made... The TRI CITIES COLUMBIANS are working very hard for the state contests and for the Legion Nationals. We wish them all the luck there is... The SEATTLE BLUE ANGELS are growing bigger and are eager for their first field contest... The AUBURN BLACK HAWKS are fielding 15 strong horns. Congrats to you on your national showing on the DAVE BRINKLEY show... The BLUE KNIGHTS OF EVERETT should have a real goodyear. I humbly apologize if the girls, the BLUE KNIGHTS, became unhappy with my statement. I meant it in fun. Mrs. Bill Day sends the following, "The Blue Knights of Everett is something new to drum corps. It is a newly-formed auxil-

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KNIGHT LINE

As I am writing this the Scarlet Knights, sponsored by the Gurnee, Illinois American Legion, are attending a "camp out". The director tells me that each day will be filled with work, work, and more work! Art Peters, of course, will be on hand passing out the new music and arrangements that he and the corps have been working on so hard all winter.

In the second week of May the corps will appear during the half time show of the U. S. Army volley ball game; May 20th, parades at Highland Park, Gurnee and Wildwood, Ill., and June 16th, the Cavalier show.

We wish to thank the "Royal Airs" and Sie Lurye for the use of their hall a few months ago - through some mix-up, we landed in Chicago for a rehearsal, and no place to rehearse. So, again, we say thank you!!

Keep your eyes on the "New Knights"!

ary to the Blue Knights. We intend to be a very active auxiliary. We are having a Hope Chest built, and everyone is bringing household items to fill it, to each meeting. We are going to raffle it off at the annual 4th of July Drum and Bugle Corps Competition in Everett. (Admission free) The money we make from this will go towards new uniforms for the Blue Knights. We are also going to buy white jackets and have emblems saying Blue Knightes on the backs of them. The men in our drum corps are proud and happy that the wives have formed an auxiliary and intend to help us, co-operate with us and give us their support, just as we are doing with them. We are very proud to be affiliated with the Everett Blue Knights and are proud to be called the Blue Knightes of Everett..."

Wish to thank GARY MUNKHOLM of the St. Paul Scouts for a nice letter. Munk wants to meet the junior corpsmen and exchange ideas, and we want to meet you, too. To CORKY WHITLOCK, we hope to see you out here also. Bring Jack Rosner with you. To GENE MONTERASTELLI, yes you have a grand idea in your Operation Pen. I hope that readers of this column from our area do sign up, and readers of the D.C.W. everywhere. Thanks to Garfield's DAVE SHAW, your corps has a wicked schedule and I wish your corps the best. With Les Parks on drums you should do very well. S/Sgt. CHARLIE FISHER of the Air Force Academy Drum and Bugle Corps promises to send some music. We sure would appreciate anything we can get, Charlie. Thank you. To BETTY WATERS, honestly, I will drop you a line with some corps pins.

Before closing I must commend the Washington Legion Drum Corps Commission. They reversed their stand on junior corps. Now, the juniors may have an unlimited number of sponsors. Also, the juniors will get travel money and lodging at the convention; they must sign a contract as do the seniors. Thank you, Commission. In several years these juniors will be your senior corpsmen.

So long for now, and I wish you all a good season of competition.

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