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### CHESAPEAKE TROUBADORS

Greetings from the "Land of Pleasant Living." It's been a lively month in the Bay area, and I have plenty of news and views. So, onward. YANKEE REBELS:... Hamilton post has been producing the sounds lately. Last week I had the priviledge of watching their rehearsal, BOY, what power, what cleanness, what sound I It's prodigious When I was present they were learning "This is A Great Country" from, Mr. President. Never have I heard such beauty from horns. The Precision with which this unit plays is stunning. May I recommend that if any of you readers have a Wednesday night free, take a ride over to Hamilton Post. You won't regret it. Right, Woody?

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LITTLE FLOWER: There's not much going on at this corp's rehearsals. It's the same bull, over and over again. In my opinion, the stubborn moderator and corp's staff is holding this corps back. I hear talk of doing this, and doing that, but no action. The idea of a girl color guard was all but snuffed out. The corps members are 100% behind it but the staff is against it. So what's to do. Also, the suggestion of changing the corps old name to a more modern one was never acted on, not to mention the new corps symbol. The corps music has been added too, with the new song, "An Affair To Remember." Little Flower has a few duets and a few quartettes which play "The Stripper," "Cherry Pink", "Return To Me," and "Magnificent Seven," But these numbers can only be played by a few, and are not used at any functions

we attend.

Dundalk Cadets: This evening I had the pleasure of attending the Cadet's practice. Mr reaction: cool, fabulous, wild, terrific, swinging, the ultimate end I This corps has proceeded up the drum corps ladder in leaps and bounds. They come off-the-line with "You The Night And The Music," then they go into "Sweet And Gentle", then onto "Lawrence of Arabia," then "Venus in Blue Jeans," and they end up with "What

Kind Of Fool Am I."The overall impression is terrific. The horn line is fabulous, but the drum line lacks. Their color guard is good, but needs more practice and drill. In an overall appearance, no one will touch them in next years A.L. States.

Well, that's it for this month. So, if there are any complaints, criticisms, or constructive views please send them to: Charles Becker

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A Most Merry Christmas and a Winning New Year to each and all of you.

To get back in the swing after two months idleness would like to start with a most humble apology to the Racine Scouts. A couple months back my article on the VFW Nationals said, in regard to Racine, The crowd sensed that they were not watching a more polished unit and hearing better musicians. The not was a typo error and should have been NOW.

The West has started working like mad for the Cleveland VFW Natl. High spirits prevail here. Parents working for money like they have never worked before. Two Northwest corps are definitely planning to go, the Seattle Shamrocks and the Seattle Thunderbirds. Tom Leonard, ex Thunderbird manager, now in Calif. says the Richmond Hawks may also go; they are working. No word from the Pasco Columbians.

The Shamrocks will fly, and also side trip to the N.Y. Fair. Will field at least 40 horns, drums will play much Mc Cormick work. The Thunderbirds will field at least 36 horns, may fly. Will play some new music. Drums working hard and hope to retain the quartet title.

The Bhuddist Boy Scouts are working on many new Carrol arrangements. Corps is shooting for the Al Natl. in Portland, Oregon in 1966. May be a competition corps in 1964 locally.

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A class B circuit begins here next year.

Sumner and Euphrata, Wash. to enter new corps. Shamrocks and Thunderbirds have feeder groups for the new circuit, also West Seattle will probably be Class B.

Del Blake, the West's finest drummer, plans to compete in N.Y. as a senior, seeking another Natl. title (he holds the Archer Open). Del's future plans are to become top jazz drummer in the business. He would like to show the world that a champion rudimental drummer can be a great jazz drummer. To my knowledge this has not happened, yet. Very best of luck, Del. A million thanks to Tony Schlechta for

A million thanks to Tony Schlechta for fine selection of judges used at Seattle. Am sure Tony will select the best for Cleveland. Have heard that about 60 junior corps expected for biggest show yet.

Rumors from Jack Bradswaw are that Tony Schlechta may run a big show in Seattle in 1964, will include Canadian units for an International. But can't get definite stories

Many, many thanks to Terry Lorden of the N.H. Milford Spartans for beautiful writeup about Western Corps. One thing certain, the groups are working and trying. It was nice to read Terry's encouraging words.

Jack Miller, Chief A.A. Judge for Wash. is attempting to improve judging here. He has started a series of clinics.

Till next month wishing you all the best of Holidays. Work hard, now, the New Year will be Mid year awfully quick.

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