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Falcons' Junior Drum & Bugle Corps 5th Birthday party. The oldest members of the corps, which was founded in 1959. Front row, wearing corps oldest uniforms are: John Tillman, Dennis Zerba, and Andy Tillman. Bach Row left to right,

wearing more recent uniforms are: Dennis Elder, George White, Scotty Mayberry, Barrett Tillman and Bob Gilliland. Inscription on cake says "Happy Anniversary Falcons Drum & Bugle Corps."

# BEAVER STATE BEAT



Something happy, something sad in the Beaver State this past month. On Oct. 22, the Falcons of Athena, Weston and Helix celebrated their fifth anniversary. On October 22, 1959, the corps was first formed. Mr. Lee Allen of Pendleton was the director at the time. Yours truly was the only one left five years later that can still tell of that night. The older members, these being in the corps from at least 1961, took part in a program that was directed, edited and produced by Mrs. J.H. Tillman of Athena. It told the story of the corps up to the present time. I think that it did a lot of good for the younger members of the Falcons, who did not realize that there is a lot more to drum corps than appears on the surface.

A cake was later served in the Home Economics Room of McEwen High School in Athena. The four charter members each got a candle from the cake by which to remember the night. They are: Scotty Mayberry, Dennis Elder, George White, and myself. A few of you might remember George White from the Seattle V.F.W. Nationals in Seattle in 1963. He placed

3rd in Baritone in the individuals. On the 11 of November at the Armistice Day parade held in Athena this year, I was shocked to learn from Roger Allen (the Lone Ranger) that the Lancers of Portland are folding. I found this hard to believe, until two days later when I got a letter from Bob Chenoweth who plays in the

Lancers, that it was true. It is a great pity that this should happen. The Lancers were going all-out to stay on top and had a great future ahead of them. I hope that they can reorganize and get back on their feet soon.

The Hawks of Portland are undergoing a change and look like they could possibly take the state title next year. I wish them lots and lots of luck. The Rangers of Pendleton are planning on re-equipping with new instruments after the first of the year. Their drum line is much improved over the past few months, and I think that in a couple of more years, they will be a threat to the state title. The Falcons received new uniforms a few months back and have just recently received new shakos. Everyone was extremely happy over the shakos, but a few of us were disappointed with the style of plume. Oh well, you can't look a gift horse in the mouth.

On the Senior Corps side, the Pendleton Senior Drum & Bugle Corps is reorganizing and plans to get new instruments and uniforms. Roger Allen is going to instruct the drum line.

That's it for this month. I'd like to hear from any corps member.

So with the Seasons Greetings, will see you next month .....

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