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The girls of Garfield



Sac's Imperial French Horns



Lucy's new percussion idea

North West Corps-ner

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THIS MONTH I would like to give a short report on the Thunderbirds and Imperials. I imagine many of you are wondering what happened to them as I haven't mentioned either one in the last few issues of the Digest. Well first of all, the T-Birds are still hanging in there, but they are next to nothing. They have only a few horns and a couple of drums. The people in charge of the corps are doing everything possible to rebuild the corps but without more experienced help they are having a very difficult time. At the present, they have a very vigorous recruiting drive in process. I only hope they will be able to bring the corps back. For those who don't know the T-Birds, at one time they were the top corps on the West Coast, having beaten all of the larger "A" corps in Washington, Oregon and California. That was in 1966 the year they also won the All American Drum and Bugle Corps and Band Assoc. championship held in Anaheim, California. It's just too bad that those in charge of the corps the last couple of years didn't have the foresight to do a little recruiting to

replace the older members, who numbered many. It will take a tremendous rebuilding job to field a corps next year. This year they plan on only a parade corps and many hours of hard practice. We in the Northwest sincerely hope that they will be on the M&M scene next year.

The Imperials, as I had mentioned earlier in the year, are on suspension for two years in the Northwest Drum Corps Assoc. We hear they are working very hard on their music and drill and will be out to knock off the Shamrocks in the upcoming V.F.W. and American Legion State Contests, which they are entitled to enter. I understand their drill and music are very good and there is a very good possibility of them upending the Shamrocks this season. From what I have seen and heard of the Shamrocks this year, I would have to say it will take a superlative Imperial Corps to beat them! Well, it won't be long before we will find out with V.F.W. State coming up in a couple of weeks. May the best corps win, the one in "Green".

The Sentinels of Bellevue have been

sounding great and I had a chance to see them in a couple of parades so far and they certainly do not sound like the old group. I believe the corps has greatly improved since Tim Chambers was named as Music Director. He has been working long hours with them, and with some new music written by Mike Duffy and I believe a song by Keith Markey they are coming on strong. Many of the people in the East will have the pleasure of seeing this very fine corps this year, I believe they will appreciate them for they are a very colorful corps.

Well I guess I will hang it up for this month. As you can see by the size of this month's column, I have received very little news from the corps in the Northwest. I will have to agree with Clarice, Drum Corps Digest Editor, that there isn't much use having the Northwest Corps-ner if none of the corps are interested in publicity. Think about it you corps people, do I write about your corps or do I drop Northwest Corps-ner? Drop me a note and let me know.

"Til Next Month"

