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THE 1972 NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP FINALS:

## THE WINNING WEEEEND

BY PETE MCCUSKER.

On Saturday, September 2nd, The Drum Corps Canada circuit held its first annual "Big Ten Championships" at the Ivor Wynne Stadium in Hamilton. Because of the first television broadcast of the Canada/USSR hockey series that night there was a small but enthusiastic crowd on hand to witness Canada's top drum corps compete for the circuit title.

This Saturday was much like any Saturday in a drum corps summer except for one thing. Today the stage was set for one of those big drum corps upsets as nineteen corps converged on Hamilton early that morning to obtain this DCC crown.

DE LA SALLE was seemingly the most likely to succeed mainly because they had not yet been defeated by any of their Canadian competitors so far this year. For the Toronto Optimists it was their last chance to beat Del before the Canadian Nationals in Toronto the next day....and Ivor Wynn stadium also happened to be the site for the Green Machine's biggest defeat by Del earlier in the Year at the famed Shriners' International...a six point spread. Then too, Cadets LaSalle had not
beaten Del or the Optimists yet this season but would have edged over the Optimists at the "Pow Wow" in Kingston, N.Y. if it were not for the four point penalty. This was then the "big 3 " of the "big $10^{\circ}$ " and anyone could have won.

The rest of the competitors were in a nonexistant different class. St. John's were to be defeated by Les Chatelaines whom they hadn't seen all year. Crusaders were there to beat the Opti-Knights who were beating them at the start of the season but whom they surpassed by midseason. The 4th Brigade were out to beat both of these corps and the Seneca Princemen were out to break up the traditional top three. The remaining corps of the 19 were just struggling to make a night finals position.

After the smoke had cleared late in the afternoon and the prelim battle was over the K.W. Dutchmen had edged into the finals scoring a 59.8 just topped by the 4 th Brigade who ran in 9 th spot. Les Chatelaines, St. Johns and the OptiKnights ran respectively in that order for the 8th,7th and 6th positions. With a score of 68.7 the Princemen fell to 5th position with the Crusaders nabbing 4th place honours. Cadets LaSalle sat in 3 rd spot while the next two placings stumed the Canadian drum corps world as for the first time in 4 years the green machine, the Optimists, rolled over the DeLaSalle Oaklands. The last time the Optimists defeated Del was at the 1968 Canadian Nationals in Kingston, Ontario and many bets were placed for the night finals here tonight.

The Big 10 Finals began at 7:30PM with a threat of rain hanging in the night sky. As it turned out small amounts of drizzle came down for part of the evening but not enough to call the contest.

For the top three corps Del was out to prove that the prelim scores were a fluke and that they were still number 1 in Canada. Cadets LaSalle had to jump ahead and remove one of the two top...they were not ready to settle for 3 rd spot again. The Optimists, with spirit at an all time high, held a confident rehearsal in the afternoon and would certainly strive to stay in that top position over Del.

As it turned out all the corps put on excellent showings in the night finals and the top four were truly magnificent. On the
retreat everytining was very cense as the awards were handed out. Best horn line went to..."The Optimists." Best percussion..."The Optimists!" Best Drum Major..."DeLaSalle!" Best G.E. ..."DeLaSalle!"

Ten scores were then read and a great tenseness began to build until only two remained. The announcer, Rick Scan1on then read the scores..."The second place score is 78.0 and the first place is $79.2 \ldots .$. In second place, from Toronto...DeLaSalle!"

Many in the crowd went wild as the Optimists defeated all competition and sat a comfortable 1.2 over De1 who were still the reigning Canadian National Champions with the next big battle the next day at the CNE Stadium in Toronto.

## THE NATIONALS:

Early Sunday morning drum corps took over the CNE Stadium in the centre of the famed Canadian National Exhibition with prelims, and finals, in some classes beginning shortly after 9:00AM on the CNE Astroturf. All corps competed in prelims with their full show and the spectacle built up to the Jr."A" prelims in the middle of the afternoon. From the previous evening the " $A$ 's" put on spectacular performances with the scores raised into the 80 's The positions were changed around however, when the results were tabulated with Del finishing in first position, the LaSalle Cadets taking 2nd and the Optimists bringing up 3rd!

After the prelims, while many of the other corps busses toured the streets of Tee-0 to find a respectable place in which to dine, the Optimists immediately put on the feedbag at the King Edward Sheradon and then proceeded to the beautiful aromatic Keeting Field where many an Optimist had both rehearsed and thrown up at. The practive ran smooth$1 y$ with only the regular stops, starts sectional breakdowns atc and then one final time through till the night finals.

The Optimists changed at Keeting in record time and proceeded to load the busses once again. The final hour was beginning as the busses sped along Lakeshore Blvd and back to the CNE. On arrival at the CNE it was an immaculate evening as the corps got off the busses some distance from the stadium and broke into sectional warmups. Then the members began to walk slowly to the back gate of the stands re-evaluating the afternoon performance and recalling the placing. The great victory of the night before had no great meaning at this moment and only showed one could win if one really wanted to. This weekend was the first time in 4 years that Del had gone down to the Optimists and they were certainly out tonight to make sure it didn't happen again. And the DCC's proved the Optimists now had the fuel needed to surpass any performance here on the night of September 3rd.

The drum line had run through their show and the corps moved in for the last huddle of the ' 72 season under the south stands. The corps song had never sounded better and the corps motto, "Crede Quod Habes, Et Habes"
was being excercised strongly. The corps then commenced onto the ready line.

DeLaSalle was the first competitor of the first 3 corps of the " $A$ " finals. From where I stood, on the ready line, "Ontario" resounded great throughout the stadium and the crowd cheered wildly as "Light My Fire" exploded toward them! It was played excellently.

No corps trooped the stands so as soon as the last note of Dels' closing fanfare on the finish line ended and the standing ovation of the crowd of 7,000 died down the spotlight swung to the starting line as the announement stated: "On the starting line, Green on Green, the Toronto Optimists!"

Many in the crowd broke into immediate applause because this could the September the 12 th.

The OTL was very smooth and the bugle seemed to ring out clear... the drum solo tempo change went over with perfection and "More \& More" ripped

through the stands.
Concert was a symphonic sound, projecting notes never really accomplished previously. The percussion's superiority was evident as they crumbled all competition. The corps was really up for this year's match.

Finally, Cadets LaSalle and their OTL of "One Fine Morning" from "Lighthouse" was played like never before and the corps seemed to suddenly surge upward, as the Optimists had done this weekend, only their transformation took place almost overnight.

The giants were extremely close in their performances tonight as the scores related about 15 minutes after Cadets La Salle completed their show with the retreat starting immediately, almost before the Cadets crossed the finish line.

As the announcer said, just as he announced the " $A$ " results..." I've never seen all three corps and scores this close before..."

Cadets LaSalle--81.25, DelnSalle--81.3 and Optimists 81.4.
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THE ' 72 NATIONAL CHAMPS
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Hip, Hip, Hooray, three cheers for you
The corps who wears the green Everyone is very proud of Our famous Green Machine.

You persevered since sixty-nine Let nothing get you down Determined to reclaim again The Title and your Crown.

Your name upon the trophy now Will be engraved, so far Now twelve times, for the Optimists Great Champions you are.

## Optimists 'Corps mother

 =Mrs.R. Trimble.
## (Mathews)

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-From "The Eagle Shrieks:
ST, JOHNS WIN A CLOSE ONE
Toronto, Sept. 3: St. John's Girls won
their class in the Canadian Championshipi again, for the 8 th time in the past 11 years. A very enviable record. It was a close hard fought weekend, overall. The

Chatelaines, who had lost to Mello-Dears at the World Open Championships, lost to St. John's in the Prelims at the "Big 10" Championships in Hamilton on the Saturday, then turned around and won the evening contest,...moving to Toronto on the Sunday, Chatelaines continued their winning ways, and won the Nationals prelims by an even wider margin than the night before.

With the expertise of the instructors who made several last minute changes and the power of prayer, the tables were turned on the evening show, and St. Johns retained their Canadian Championship for another year.


Bus to Kingston, N.Y.Contest.
The Year In Review:

The Year In Review:
'72 scores
"Preview of Champions" SCARBOROUGH, June 3rd: 1.DeLaSalle Oak1 ands......... 76.85
2. Optimists ..... 76.50
3. Cadets LaSalle ..... 73.15
4.Princemen ..... 61.75
5.0pti-Knights ..... 76.50
6. Etobicoke Crusaders ..... 58.65
7.St. Johns Girls ..... 56.95
8. Dut chmen ..... 45.25
8th Shriners' International
HAMILTON, June 17th:
1.27th Lancers ..... 81.50
2, Blue Stars ..... 78.50
3. Blue Rock ..... 77.30
4. Racine Kilties ..... 76.10
5.Garfield Cadets ..... 75.50
6.DeLaSalle Oaklands ..... 74.65
7.NewYork Warriors ..... 73.70
8.Optimists ..... 68.75
Kinsmen "Dominion Day" Invitational AJAX, July 1st:

1. DeLaSalle Oaklands ..... 76.80
2. Optimists ..... 73.75
3. Cadets LaSalle ..... 72.90
4.Opti-Knights ..... 64.20
S.Etobicoke Crusaders ..... 61.80
6.0.Y.B.Lampliters ..... 47.80
11th. Annual "Music In Motion" BRANTFORD, July 23 rd:
4. DeLaSalle Oaklands ..... 80.15
2.Optimists ..... 77.55
3.Etobicoke Crusaders ..... 66.10
4.Princemen ..... 66.10
5.St. Johns Girls ..... 62.20
6.Lionettes ..... 42.85
"Seaway Festival"
OGDENSBURG,N.Y, July 29th:
1.Magnificent Yankees ..... 78.00
2.Optimists ..... 77.10
5. Syracuse Marauders ..... 69.70
6. Les Companions ..... 59.55
5.Les Chatelaines ..... 57.25

8th, Annual "Pow Wow of Jr. Champions KINGSTON, N. Y, July 30th:
7. Anaheim Kingsmen. ..... 83.50
8. Blue Rock ..... 81.85
9. Blessed Sacrament ..... 79.90
10. New York Warriors ..... 74.35
11. Optimists ..... 71.20
12. OLPH Ridgemen ..... 70.90
13. Magnificent Yankees .....  30
14. Cadets LaSadle ..... 69.95
1972 U.S. OPEN NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIP PRELIMS, Aug, 12th:
15. Anaheim Kingsmen. ..... 85.65
16. 27th Lancers ..... 83. 80
17. Racine Kilties ..... 83. 35
18. Blue Rock ..... 82.20
19. St. Andrew Bayonne ..... 81.50
20. Van Guard. ..... 80.15
21. Garfield Cadets. ..... 80.10
22. Bleu Raeders ..... 79,50
23. Blessed Sacrament ..... 77.70
24. DeLaSalle Oaklands ..... 77.10
25. Racine Scouts ..... 74.90
26. Purple Lancers ..... 74.25
13.0ptimists ..... 74.00
27. Marion Cadets ..... 73.70
15.St.Paul Scouts ..... 73.65
16.St.Pat Imperials ..... 72.85
28. Beverley Cardinals ..... 72.70
29. Emerald Cadets ..... 70.00
30. Polish Falcons67.40
31. 1972 SCORES (continued)
32. Appleknockers ..... 66.55
33. Marauders Syracuse ..... 66.05
34. I.C. Reveries ..... 64. 25
35. Dukes of Marlborough ..... 63.55
36. Blue Angels ..... 62.35
37. Knickerbockers ..... 62.10
38. Queen City Cadets ..... 61. 45
39. Golden Rays ..... 58.90
40. Capitol Aires ..... 58.60
41. 32nd Hussars ..... 52.30
"Drums Across The Border"
WINDSOR, Aug, 13th:
42. Optimists ..... 80.80
43. Princemen ..... 74.75
44. Knickerbockers ..... 70.70
45. Companions ..... 67.20
46. Guardsmen ..... 65.45
47. 32nd Hussars ..... 61.11
BIRCIMOUNT, Aug, 19th:
48. DeLaSalle Oaklands ..... 74.70
49. Optimists ..... 72.95
50. Cadets LaSalle ..... 71.80
51. St. Johns Girls. ..... 61.55
52. Princemen ..... 61.15
TITUSVILLE, Penn, Aug. 26th:
53. DeLaSalle Oaklands ..... 75.75
54. Optimists ..... 73.05
55. Royal Crusaders ..... 64.95
56. Princemen ..... 62.05
57. St. Johns ..... 61.25
"BIG 10" Championships
HAMILTON, Sept. 2nd:
PRELIMS:
58. Optimists ..... 79.50
59. DeLaSalle Oaklands ..... 78. 80
60. Cadets LaSalle ..... 77.65
61. Etobicoke Crusaders ..... 68.90
62. Princemen. ..... 68.70
63. Opti-Knights ..... 65.95
64. St. Johns Girls ..... 64. 15
65. Chatelaines ..... 63.55
66. 4th Brigade ..... 62.80
67. Dut chmen ..... 59.80
11.Kres cendos ..... 53.80
68. Cavaliers ..... 50.95
69. Lampliters. ..... 50.50
14.Lionettes ..... 43.95
15.Cardinals ..... 41.50
"Big 10" Championships Finals:
70. Optimists........... ..... 79.10
71. Cadets LaSalle ..... 75.55
72. Princemen ..... 65.90
73. Etobicoke Crusaders ..... 65.00
74. Chatelaines ..... 61.05
75. St. Johns ..... 59.00
76. 4th Brigade ..... 57. 80
77. Opti-Knights ..... 56.78
78. Dutchmen ..... 50.80
NATIONALS PRELIMS:
CNE, Toronto, Sept. 3rd:
79. DeLaSalle Oaklands ..... 81.35
80. Cadets LaSalle ..... 81.10
81. Optimists ..... 80.25
82. Princemen ..... 71.15
83. Midlanders ..... 56.50
NATIONALS FINALS:
84. Optimists ..... 81.40
85. DeLaSalle Oaklands ..... 81.30
86. Cadets LaSalle ..... 81.25
OPTIMIST'S CONTEST SUMMERY:
87. Birchmount, Scarborough, June 3: 76.85
88. Shriners, Hamilton, June 17: ..... 68.75
89. Dominion Day, Ajax, July 1: ..... 73.75
90. Brantford, July 23: ..... 77.55
91. Ogdensburgh, July 29t ..... 77.10
92. "Pow Wow", Kingston, y.Y. July 30:71.20
93. U.S. Open, Marion Ohio, Aug.12: ..... 74.00
94. Windsor, Aug. 13: ..... 80.80
95. Birchmount, Scarborough,Aug. 19: ..... 72.95
96. Titusville, Aug. 26: ..... 73.05
97. Prelims, "Big 10"Hami lton.Sept2:79.50
98. Finals, Sept. 2: ..... 79.10
99. Prelims, Nationals, Sept. 3: ..... 80.25
100. Finals, Nationals, Sept.3: ..... 81.40

## "What about the kids?"

here they are... the 1972 national champions...






As a member of the Optimist Club and Equipment Manager for the Junior Corps I am compelled to say a few words of praise to these young men and ladies who, by shere determination of time and effort to achieve nothing less than the best, have emerged as Canadian Jr. Champions once again. I feel sure that all those connected with the Jr. Corps are as proud of you as I am.

In closing I wish to thahk all who have helped me on the Equipment Department this memorable year. May we always have the spirit and determination that the corps has shown over the past few weeks.

Dave Gault.

Sept. 12, 1972
Dear Mr. Daber:
I saw the Canadian Drum Corps Championships at the CNE on the weekend and I'd like to pass along my congratulations to "Opti" on winning the Canadian Championship. It was a beautiful show!

Congratulations on a tremendous year and personal best wishes.

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Joe Diskson,
    The Kinsmen Club of Ajax.
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JD:mjm,

September 15, 1972
Dear Mr. Daber:
I would like to congratulate you on winning the 12 th Canadian Jr. " $A$ " Championship!

I would greatly appreciate if you would send me a price list of all your souvenir articles.

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Yours truly,
Ian Bickerton
                                    Lampliters Drum Corps.
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THE }1972\mathrm{ CORPS (continued from page 13)
PHOTOS, Page 12:
Tympani: 31-Doug Harrison, 65-Randy Cochrane, 71-Ray Skyvington, 95-Jim Kane.
GUARD: 79-John Carrick (mobed by the girls)
Rifles: 16-Mike Williams, 3-Chris White, 73-Brian Hogan, 52-Ric Brown,
63-Mike Tierney, (missing:55-Rick Carrick,)
Secondaty Colours: 5-Corrie Branton, 7-Bev King, 14-Lorie Green, 20-Sus an Walker,
24-Janet Lynch, 32-Cheryl Devall, 47-Rhonda Ellsworth, 48-Joan 0'Brian,
Page 13: Secondary:
50-Susan Barrett, 60-Cheryl Darby, 61-Debbie Miller, 59-Loretta Moore,
80-Mary Ferriman, 84-Sandy Farr, 98-Cheryl Miller, 109-Cathy Moore,
11l-Janice Arsenault. Missing: Patricia Bentley.
Nationals: 40-Robert Trimble, 58-Pat Rutledge.
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CORPS PERFORMS AT 1972 ONTARIO DISTRICT CONVENTION...International President Norm Shipley and Governor Gord Jorgenson congratulate the drum majors of the corps at their performance for the Ontario Optimist Club delegates at the Skyline Hotel, Toronto, Saturday morning, September 16 th.

There are sometimes excuses for being second but being first is the name of the game. Congratulations Lancers and Jr.Corps on your Nationals victories!

For the Junior Corps there were times ini 1972 that it was beginning to look like the year of "jinx" instead of the year of the " 12 "..., what with judges who couldn't count ...judges who didn't know a sustained note or a trill when they heard one...bad draws ..., inclement weather and storms that pass in the afternoon and just plain bad luck that even the "Chief Cheerleader" was beginning to wonder.

The trip to Marion Ohio, even though the corps didn't make the night finals seemed
to be the turning piont for the corps. You can't watch corps like the 27 th Lancers or the Aneheim Kingsmen and not be moved to greater heights. The next day at the Windsor contest was the first win of the year and from there the scores improved steadily,

The Contest at Birchmount August 19th, whith was originally rained out, was a second again for the Optimists, The corps went on first as they had to leave right after their performance for a pre-arranged exhibition at the Guelph Royalaires senior contest. The people of the Guelph-Kitchener area really loved the corps and the corps
really shoved the stands back during this performance! On one part of the show the crowd was stamping their feet so loud on the new metal stands that some of the horn line thought it was thunder and were ready to remove their plumes.

St. Thomas was an interesting show just to see the spirit of the corps after the performance...they didn't want to stop playing!

The next contest, Titusville was another second even though the corps drww last for a change and really put on a red hot performance. Not too many winning corps are booed as they leave the field so I guess the fitusville people really like green.

But the next weekend was completely different with the corps at Ivor Wynn Stadium in Hamilton. Prelims gave the Optimists a decisive win over Del...for the first time in years, it seems. To say the least the corps went wild after hearing of the win. .. poor Mrs. Score... she innocently brought back the score result on her program as the corps was changing after the show, assuming they al ready knew the results. What a riot!... and then on to Stoney Creek for practize at a local high school in preparation for the night show.

One bus (the Directors) got lost. They had a Daber-map). Par for the course. Half the corps can now say they climbed Hamilton mountain.

That night the performance had to be their best effort yet. The win was so decisive that even the people cheering for the Optimists could relax a bit. The corps took best horns, best drums, guard. They somehow remained stone-faced on the field then the march off the field to "Guana" (the new powerhouse drum beat) and then "BEDLAM!" Tears! Cheers! Handshakes all 'round, equipment being tossed in the air in all directions!!!

After the show in Hamilton the Girl's Guard gave Mrs. McCusker a green blazer in appreciation for all her hard work in making the girl's unifoems. Our thanks also to Mrs. McCusker. Its people like her who work so hard in the background that kelpd to make this corps a winner!

It was a tired corps on the buses back to the $K$ of $C$ for a well earned rest in preparation for the Nationals the next day.

On this return trip to Toronto Dave Gault tried to customize the front of the equipment truck on a 401 guard rail and bent the grill, the bumper and the guard rail. Your friendly insurance man arrives on the scene. Surveys the damage and says "XCll-c@" (It really wasn't Dave!s fault....a guy in a car cut him off.)

Breakfast Sunday AM at the White Sheild plaza and then to Resevoir Park for practice. The corps sounds good but is holding back a little, Then the buses leave for the CNE in plenty of time for a leisurly drive to arrive in a massive traffic jam on the Gatdner...fortunately the prelims were running late! The corps placed third in prelims and this brought everyone down to ground level again. I sometimes wonder what Paul Thompson says to the corps in his sessions but whatever it was it worked for the night finals! They did an excellant show and the execution was really something to see! No dropped equipment or penalties of any kind.

In all fairness I must say that both Del and LaSalle Cadets put on a fantastic performance and it was really hard to tell who may have won. Everyone in the stands knew that the scores would be close. The Retreat was especially colourful with all the lighting available at the CNE grandstand shows... and then the Drum Majors front and centre..."First" in the Standstill Class---The Optimist Lancers of Etobifoke. Good work, guys and girls?

St. Johns Girls, "First" and the Ifing on the eake to end just a fantastic year for their corps... the Etobikoke Crusaders..."First" in Jr. "B". Congratulations to all our friends in the Crusaders !
...And then, the Moment of Truth. (Actually lately I find it very hard to sit still and watch the competition play. Nerves o- something, I guess.) We even reportedly have one avid corps mother who hides in the washroom, ear glued to the door while the scores are announced.

When the announcer stated LaSalle

Cadets were third all tie fans were on their feet or standing on the seats! He then made the statement, "This is the closest I have seen final scores for three corps in all my years of drum corps'... and announced the second and first place scores and then announced Del as second...again all bedlam broke loose in the stands (the crowd is starting to like us again) Its been a long time coming back.

Understand Don Daber, who took 216 pictures that day only had too left for retreat and he was able to hold his camera steady to the presentation (as published in this issue of GCC)

While the happy Green Machine waited on the field as the other corps left, fans, family and friends started forming up nar the front of the corps and I could hear one of the "old boys" start to sing the corps song---
"On, March On...
Our Battles not yet won..."
And then more of the Alma Mater foined in...
"We'1l march and sing,
Deféat shall never come,
March On..."
Soon it seemed a hundred voices were singing the Corps' Song. A fitting tribute to our guys and gals in the corps who worked so hard in 1972.

Finally, the Optimists were the only corps left on the vast CNE turf and they moved into concert position, centre field for the play-' ing of the ' 72 blockbuster, "More \& More."
"YHE OPTIMISTS BY NAME,
the green machine by fame."

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AROUND THE CLUB...
Our thanks to VIC DECLOUX and ARLENE for again hosting our annual barbecue way back in June. Everyone had a great time with lots of excellent food and refreshment. A welcome to our new member JOHN BRIGHT and his wife JOAN. John was inducted at our barbecue. Another 1s for York-Toronto.

The Variety Show run by E \& M Garden for your Club in July was a great success. A grea profit was realized for a small amount of wor on the part of the club. We are looking into the possibility of a larger project in $\{73$ !

TIME IS RUNNING OUT...get busy and sell those tickets for the Barbadoes draw. If you need more tickets or information contact REX

MARTIN at his office number:2742356. This draw could be a real moneymaker for the club as the fall "Kickoff!"

Circle this date...
FRIDAY, OCTOBER 13th!!! Thats Optimist
"Booster Night"at the K of C Hall
(Kennedy Rd. at Lawrence) $\$ 10.00$ per
ticket includes food, prizes and all
refreshments!!! For tickets aall:
Gord O'Halloran: 483-6131.
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Jde Gianna: 742-3647
Salute the Corps with $\$ \$ \$$ by coming out on the 13th and youll have a good time doing it!

MR. BOB BENTLY was appointed the corps' transportation manager in charge of the Club's buses. If he calls on you for help in driving at some time please do what you can to help---Volunteers please contact Bob at 757-7900.

Understand the Lancers had a good trip to Calgary in July and won the top honours in the Jr. division in the big parade. Their Erecutive and Directors are to be congratulated on accomplishing what I am sure at times must have seemed like an impossible task to raise the funds to go. Their experiences out west will be long remembered by the corps and I'm sure DICK BROWN brought back a souvenir he would sooner have left out west---a cast on his broken arm which was the result of a fall,

Our thanks to MR. FRED FISHER of Fisher Equipment Ltd. who donated bus \#11 completely fixed up and painted green and white. The Cadets also have a new equipment truck and the Jr. truck really looks good after all the work the Equipment dept. put into it this summer. By the way, there is a department who is looking for help so if you would like to travel with the corps this is a good way to do it. For more information call the Director of the Jr. Corps, George Wright at 961-1054 or Don Daber at 766-9143. And that's IT for this month. *************************************


It was a cool, brisk and windy Sunday morning at the famed CNE Stadium the day of "Nationals ' 72 " Sunday, September 3rd. as the first corps in the day long competition took the starting line shortly after 9:00AM. They were the Kiwanis Kavaliers from Kitchener competing in the Jr. Novice Class. The next class was the Jr. Standstill division with 2 corps competing the Optimist Lancers and the Townsmen from Leamington, Ont. The Lancers took the field first and came on strong. Shortly after they got into concert position the wind added to the excitement by blowing off a few hats and you can see one judge gathering them up in the photo above.

The Townsmen, a new corps from Leamington Ontario took the field next. The Lancers had not seen this corps previously but some of the Optimist Jr. Executive had seen them in competition in Windsor in August where they put on an exhibition at the "Drums Across the Border" contest. Many of their members looked a lot older than the Lancer corps which worried a few of the spectators but when the scores were announced later in the morning the Lancers proved to be almost 10 points better with a score of 75.0 to the Townsmen's 66.67 .

Congratulations, Lancers on your win! Later in the day the Lancers won again in their division of the parade class when 11 corps paraded from the Prince's Gates to the Stadium just previous to the night show. It proved to be a great day for the corps in Orange!

## Calgary

A RIFLE SITE VIEW OF OUR TRIP TO CALGARY. . . by Lila-Jean McGregor (\#24) *********************************** WED. JULY 5th: The brightest day in the short history of The Lancers as we checked our luggage and boarded the DC8 for the trip we all worked so hard for.
For many of us this was our first trip aboard an aircraft and although none of the kids would admit it at the time a lot of us were shaking in our boots. What an experience to sail over the clouds and through them... after a short time we were all old hands at this flying game and we were making ourselves at home. By the time we had eaten our supper it was almost time to put on our seatbelts for the downward trend.

As expected, when we left Toronto there were a lot of parents and friends to see us off but what a welcome site when we lanced at Calgary and spotted the familiar orange jackets of Mr. and Mrs Jemmett and Rick who had motored out ahead of us. During the flight we lost 2 hours and so it was still dayifght when we arrived and boarded the bus for St. Mary's High School, which would be our home for the next two
weeks. Talk about cosy. The first night all the girls were in one classroom almost stacked on top of each other but the next day we were given two other smaller rooms for the kids 12 and under and us oldies were left in the big room. Thurs, July 6th: Bright and early on Thursday morning we set of $f$ on busses for the Youth Parade in which we won first prize in our category. Back to the school cafeteria for lunch then into uniform again for a trip to Heritage Park (which is like Black Creek Pioneer Village only much larger) Here we did a concert performance high on a windy hill and then had the rest of the afternoon to look around the buildings and ride around the park on a steam locomotive. After supper we had free time and all took off in groups to the stampede grounds.
Fri, July 7th: Early this morning we again boarded the busses for a parade down 8th. Ave which is a closed Ma11. Here we had the chance to play "Wagon Wheels" in front of the television cameras, It was also here that it was announced that we won the Youth Parade of the day before.

The afternoon was free time but that night we went to the Stampede grounds for a parade at the midway ending up with a concert at the stadium,
Sat, July 8th: We had a rehearsal that lasted most of the morning then in the afternoon we went to the Calgary Brewery... don't get excited there were no samples... Here we did a short parade and concert then were given the chance to tour the Aquarium and "Horseman's Hall of Fame." Saturday night we went hack to the Stampede Stadium, this time to see the famed Chuckwagon Races and complete Grandstand Show. Sun, July 9th: A day of rest and relaxation. We started our baseball league in the afternoon and the girls won over the 1st and 2nd sppranos 6 to 5 , We later went swimming and free time till 8:00PM, then to bed early. Mon, July 10th: This was the day of the big "Di amond Jubilee Parade" and we had to be up at $5: 30 \mathrm{AM}$ for this one! The padade route was 4 miles long and the crowds of people were everywhere and just fantastic. The event was televised right across Canada and we understand the Executive rented a colour TV so they could see the complete parade rebroadcast in the evening. The parade was over by noon abd we were then given the rest of the day off, as free time.

Tues, July 11th: This morning we spent rehearsing then in the afternoon went swimming in a pool on the outskirts of the city...tlien back in time for a $5: 00 \mathrm{~m}$ bus to "Happy Valley" which is a camping area with an amusement section with rides, etc. Home for supper at 7 PM and then we had a short baseball game.
Wed, July 12th: Another parade in the norning on the 8th Ave. Mall and then in the afternoon we went to the Calgary Zoo and Dinosaur Park to do a show and spend the afternoon. That evening we did a tour of the museum.
Thurs, July 13th: We again played at Heritage Park and spent the afternoon there. That night we went to the Planetarium...either the seats were too soft or the stars were too bright but I slept through the whole show. (Could it be lack of sleep at night?)
Fri. July 14th: At 10:00AM we were on the buses again for a show at the Oqen Mall, At $1: 00$ we did a show at the Stempede grandstand and then watched the very exciting Rodeo Show! Great excitement was created during the races by the cheers and groans from the gamhlers---being dear sweet mothers---Oehm, Mason,McLeod,Polaniec and McGregor.
Sat. and Sunday: Saturday was pretty quiet and on Sunday afternoon we went to Happy Valley for horseback riding. Poor Mrs. Polaniec, She is a loser if she rides the horses or bets on them. They either don't go or go the wrong way.
Mon, July 17th: This day was the highlight of my trip when we boarded the buses at 9:00AM and at 12 noon arrived at Banff to see the glorious mountains up close. Here we took the gondola to the top of Cascade Mountain where the mountain goats would come up and eat right out of your hand.
Tue, July 18th: We boarded our Air Canada plane at 8:45AM Calgary time and arrived in Toronto, tired but happy at $2: 45$ in the afternoon.

At the Guard Rep on the lancer Council I would like to thank everyone responsible for all the planning and hard work that made our trip run so smoothly; especially to our Directors, Mr. Brown, Mr. Day and Mr. Oehm and their wives....to the "Keeper of the Cash", Brian Richardson who got attacked at least once a day by a mob of kids with their hands outstretched...to Mr. Fox and Mr. Polaniec who lifted equipment on and off the truck several times each day...to Mrs. McCgegor, Mrs. Fox and Mrs. Polaniec and the other ladies who made sure our clothes were clean...slaving in a hot laundromat. To the fathers, Noble, Gibson and Lister who helped in so many ways... and to all the Chaperones for their sleepless nights.

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Judges "Big 10" Prelims:
GE/MM: Iannessa. GE/Dr: Bennett. GE/Bu: Key. C.A: Higgins.. Fld/mml:Simpson. Fld/MM2:Blundell.


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| Cavaliers | 10.9 | 8.85 | 11.3 | 11.0 | 11.15 | 51.05 |  | 50.95 |
| 4 th Brig | 5.911 .9 | 8.9 | 12.7 |  | 12.45 | 62.9 |  | 62,80 |
| Princemen | $\begin{array}{lll}6.3 & 13.9\end{array}$ | 10,1 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 12.7 | 68.7 | -- | 68.70 |
| Dutchmen | 4.111 .2 | 7.65 | 12.2 |  | 12.0 | 59.80 | -- | 59.80 |
| Optimists | 10.715. | 13.0 | 13,5 | 12.9 | 13.2 | 79.7 |  | 79.50 |
| DeLaSalle | 10.914. | 12.8 | 13.0 |  | 13.3 | 79.0 |  | 78.80 |
| Cadets LaS | 11.714. | 13.2 | 12.9 | 13. | 13,15 | 77.65 |  | 77.65 |
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UP, UP, AND AWAY:..

Our congratulations to the Junior Corps and The Lancers on their victorious weekends of September 3rd! For the Lancers it was a second hilight for their ' 72 season, the first being the very successful trip and Calgary tour in July.

For the Junior Corps, after several years of placing 2nd or lower, contest after contest (some of the older members almost forgot how it was to win) that first prelim victory on the Saturday afternoon of September 2nd was all that was needed in the booster department. Then add to this the very careful planning that had gone into this most important weekend by Paul Thompson and staff and the pieces just seemed to fall into place, almost like the days of old. (Not including the unexpected loss of Prelims at Nationals on the Sunday)

Now, UP, UP, AND AWAY! This can only be the motto for both the corps and their sponsor, the Optimist Club of York-Toronto. As of the month of October, 1972, both organizations are at the crossroads for the future of the Junior Corps. The corps cannot afford to take any backward steps either in elaborate plans, membership, equipment or tours for 1973.... and the Club, if they want to continue to sponsor a "Jr.A" top calibre corps for 1973, 1974, etc. have to make available now the necessary funds and fund-raising plans to enable the corps to reach even higher goals.

It is already very evident that the Club is on the right road with their preliminary meetings and plans outlined by their Ways \& Means Committees at the August and September meetings. One of these new concepts is very evident in this issue of Green Capsule Comments, where for the first time in the 12 yr . history of this publication, advertising revenue is now being raised with the money going directly into the 1973 Equipment fund.

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