
CORPS WORLD FAX:
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IT'S A FACT... 4 CHAMPION DRUM CORPS (AMONG MANY) HAD THEIR BEGINNING THROUGH THE BOY SCOUT ASSOCIATION IN THE 1930's AND 40's THEY BEGAN AS SCOUT PARADE CORPS!
TWO OF THE MOST FAMOUS ARE D.C.I's MADISON SCOUTS & CAVALIERS (CHICAGO)
IN CANADA 2 SCOUT CORPS WERE THE 12 TIME CDN. NATIONAL CHAMPION TORONTO OPTIMISTS AND PRESTON SCOUT HOUSE! THE SCOUT HOUSE BUILDING IS STILL IN USE BY LOCAL SCOUT TROOPS!
SCOUT HOUSE 1963
IT'S A FACT... THE KILTIES OF RACINE, WI, AN ALL-MALE CORPS FORMED IN 1935, WENT CO-ED IN 1978... THEY WERE A TOP 12 UNIT!
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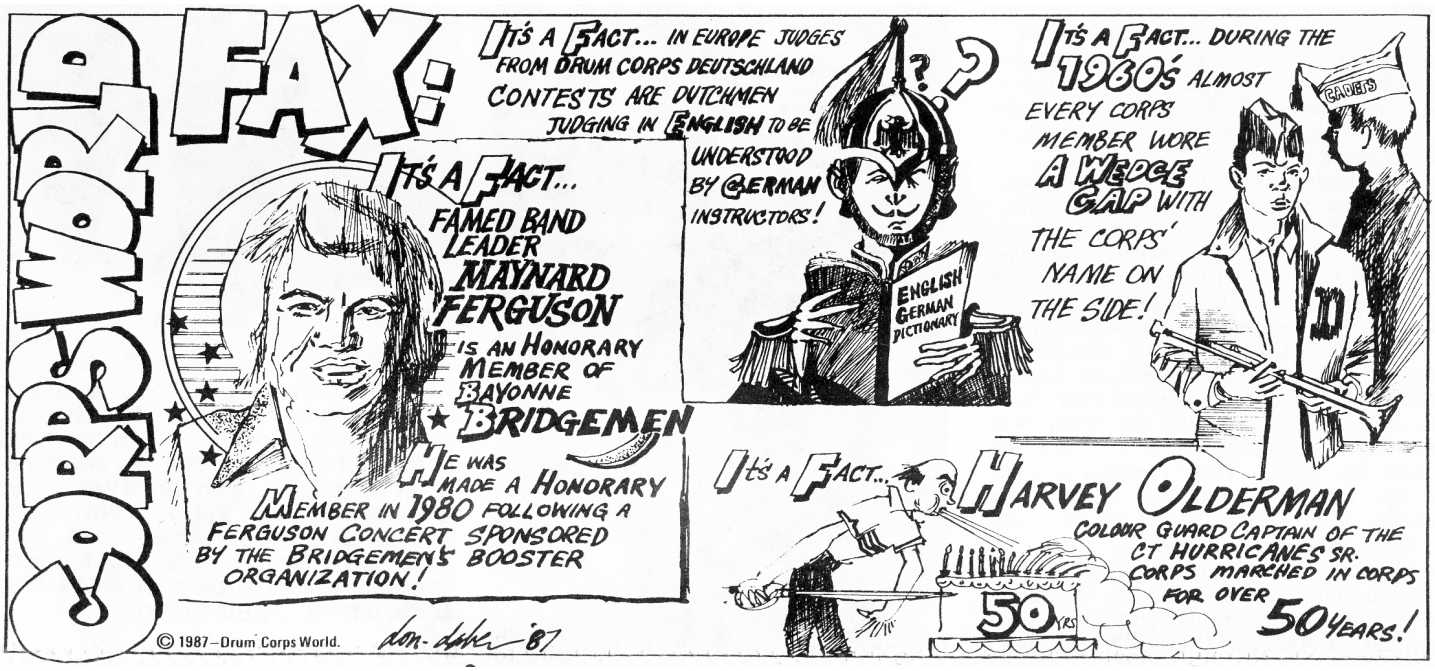
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IT'S A FACT... IN EUROPE JUDGES FROM DRUM CORPS DEUTSCHLAND CONTESTS ARE DUTCHMEN JUDGING IN ENGLISH TO BE UNDERSTOOD BY GERMAN INSTRUCTORS!
ENGLISH GERMAN DICTIONARY
IT'S A FACT... DURING THE 1930's ALMOST EVERY CORPS MEMBER WORE A WEDGE CAP WITH THE CORPS' NAME ON THE SIDE!
CAVALIERS
IT'S A FACT... FAMED BAND LEADER MAYNARD FERGUSON IS AN HONORARY MEMBER OF BAYONNE BRIDGEMEN
HE WAS MADE A HONORARY MEMBER IN 1980 FOLLOWING A FERGUSON CONCERT SPONSORED BY THE BRIDGEMEN'S BOOSTER ORGANIZATION!
IT'S A FACT... HARVEY OLDERMAN COLOUR GUARD CAPTAIN OF THE CT HURRICANES SR. CORPS MARCHED IN CORPS FOR OVER 50 YEARS!
50 YRS
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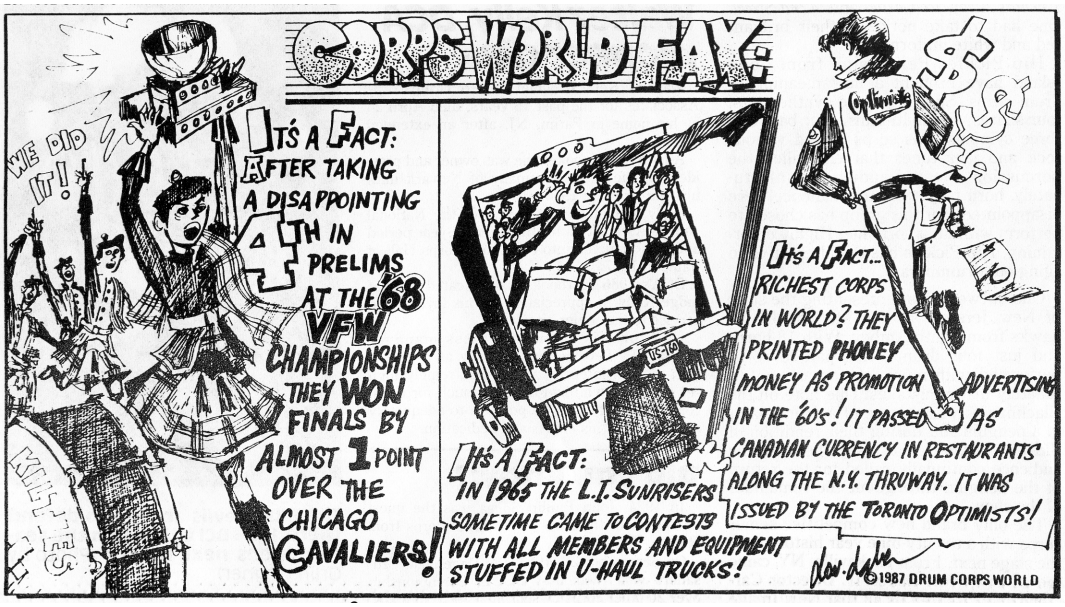
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WE DID IT!
IT'S A FACT: AFTER TAKING A DISAPPOINTING 4TH IN PRELIMS AT THE '68 VFW CHAMPIONSHIPS THEY WON FINALS BY ALMOST 1 POINT OVER THE CHICAGO CAVALIERS!
KILTIES
IT'S A FACT: IN 1965 THE L.I. SUNRISERS SOMETIME CAME TO CONTESTS WITH ALL MEMBERS AND EQUIPMENT STUFFED IN U-HAUL TRUCKS!
IT'S A FACT... RICHEST CORPS IN WORLD? THEY PRINTED PHONEY MONEY AS PROMOTION ADVERTISING IN THE '60's! IT PASSED AS CANADIAN CURRENCY IN RESTAURANTS ALONG THE N.Y. THRUWAY. IT WAS ISSUED BY THE TORONTO OPTIMISTS!
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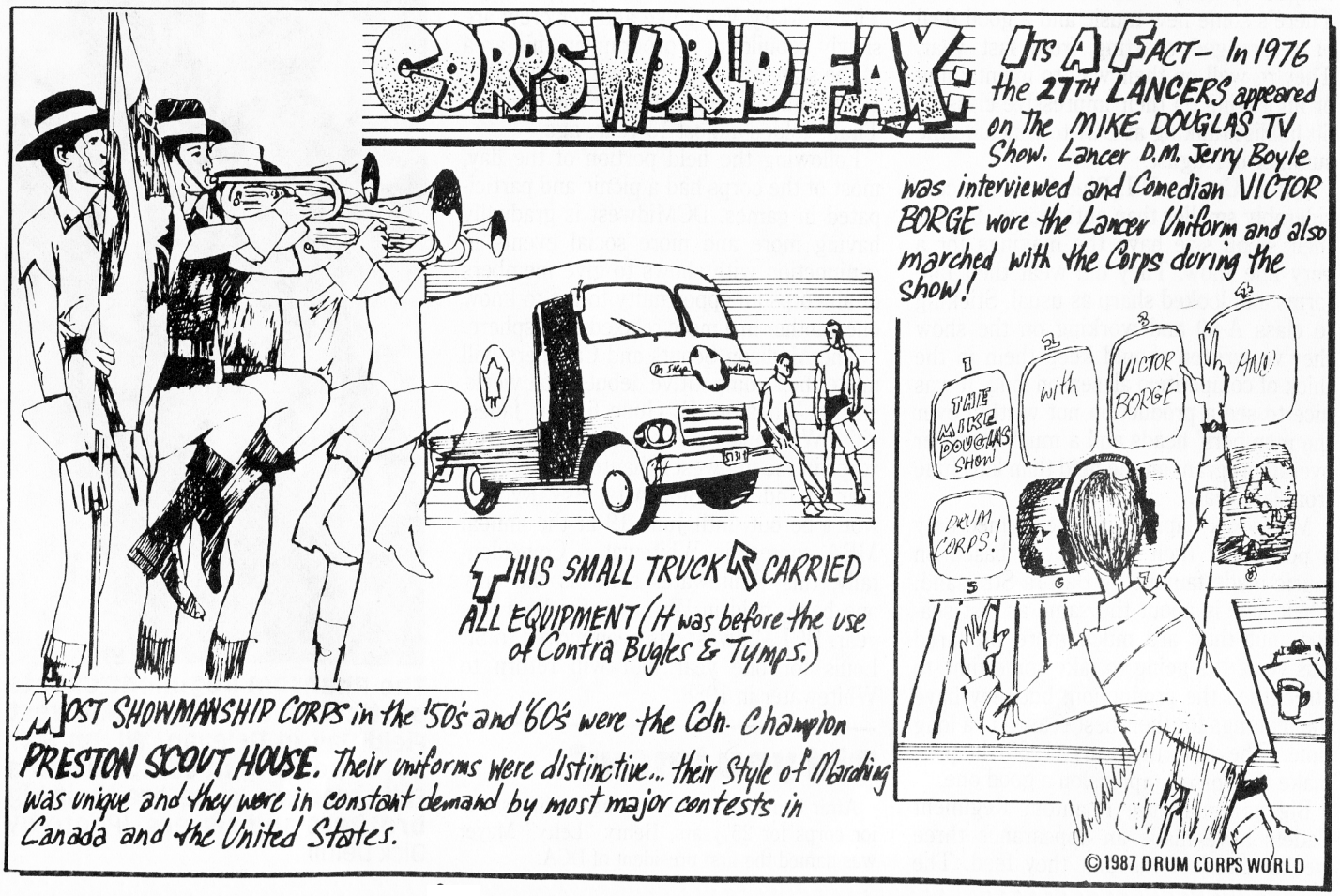
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IT'S A FACT- In 1976 the 27TH LANCERS appeared on The MIKE DOUGLAS TV Show. Lancer D.M. Jerry Boyle was interviewed and Comedian VICTOR BORGE wore the Lancer Uniform and also marched with the Corps during the Show!
THIS SMALL TRUCK CARRIED ALL EQUIPMENT (It was before the use of Contra Bugles & Tymps.)
MOST SHOWMANSHIP CORPS in the '50's and '60's were the Colo. Champion PRESTON SCOUT HOUSE. Their uniforms were distinctive... their Style of Marching was unique and they were in constant demand by most major contests in Canada and the United States.
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THE MIKE DOUGLAS SHOW
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with
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VICTOR BORGE
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AND!
DRUM CORPS!
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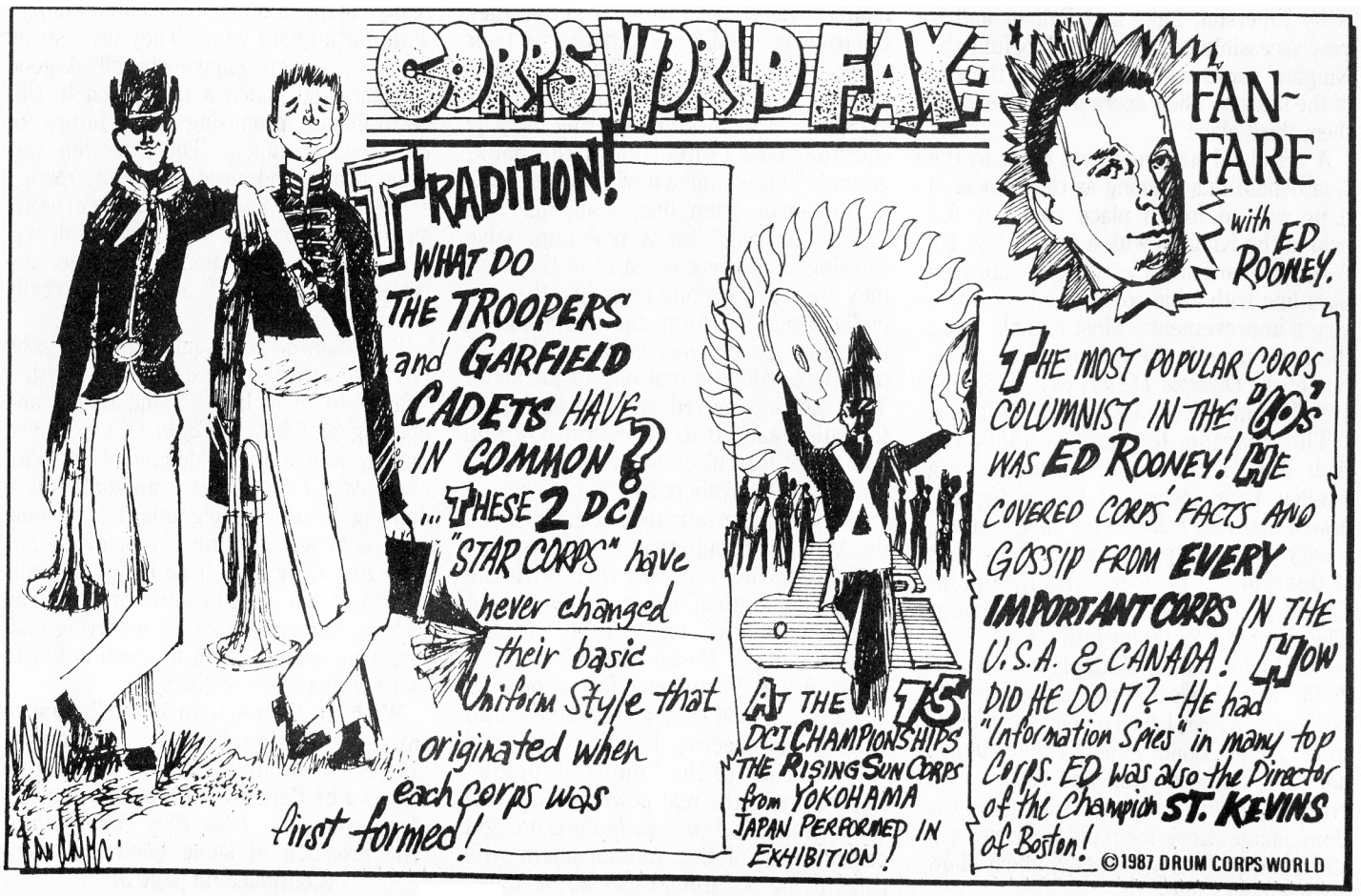
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FAN-FARE with ED ROONEY.
TRADITION! WHAT DO THE TROOPERS and GARFIELD CADETS HAVE IN COMMON? ...THESE 2 DCI "STAR CORPS" have never changed their basic Uniform Style that originated when each Corps was first formed!
AT THE 75 DCI CHAMPIONSHIPS THE RISING SUN CORPS from YOKOHAMA JAPAN PERFORMED IN EXHIBITION!
THE MOST POPULAR CORPS COLUMNIST IN THE '60's WAS ED ROONEY! HE COVERED CORPS' FACTS AND GOSSIP FROM EVERY IMPORTANT CORPS IN THE U.S.A. & CANADA! HOW DID HE DO IT?-He had "Information Spies" in many top Corps. ED was also the Director of the Champion ST. KEVINS of Boston!
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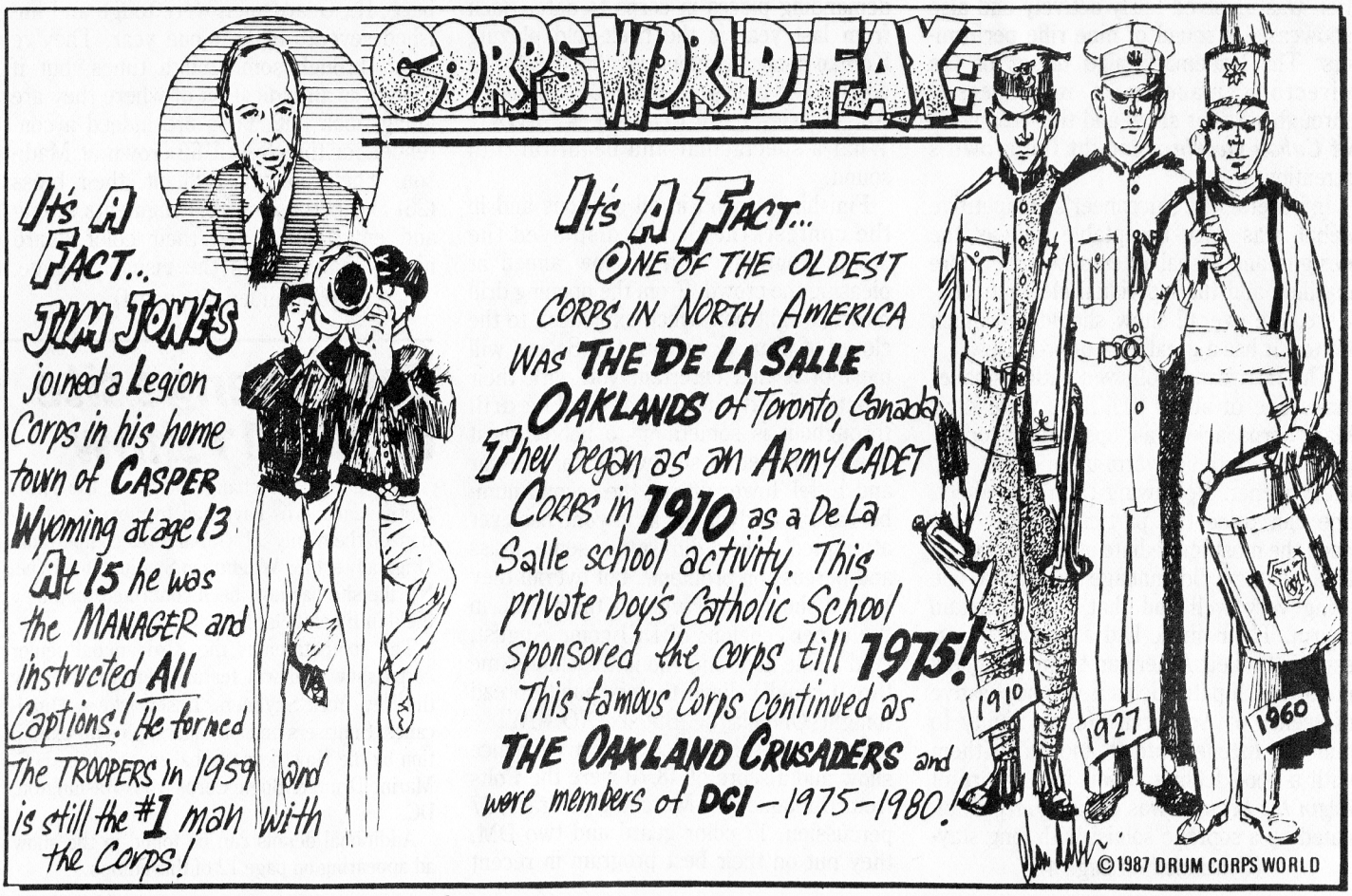
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It's A FACT.. JIM JONES joined a Legion Corps in his home town of CASPER Wyoming at age 13. At 15 he was the MANAGER and instructed All Captions! He formed The TROOPERS in 1959 and is still the #1 man with the Corps!
It's A FACT... ONE OF THE OLDEST CORPS IN NORTH AMERICA WAS THE DE LA SALLE OAKLANDS of Toronto, Canada. They began as an ARMY CADET CORPS in 1910 as a De La Salle school activity. This private boy's Catholic School sponsored the corps till 1975! This famous Corps continued as THE OAKLAND CRUSADERS and were members of DCI - 1975-1980!
1910
1927
1960
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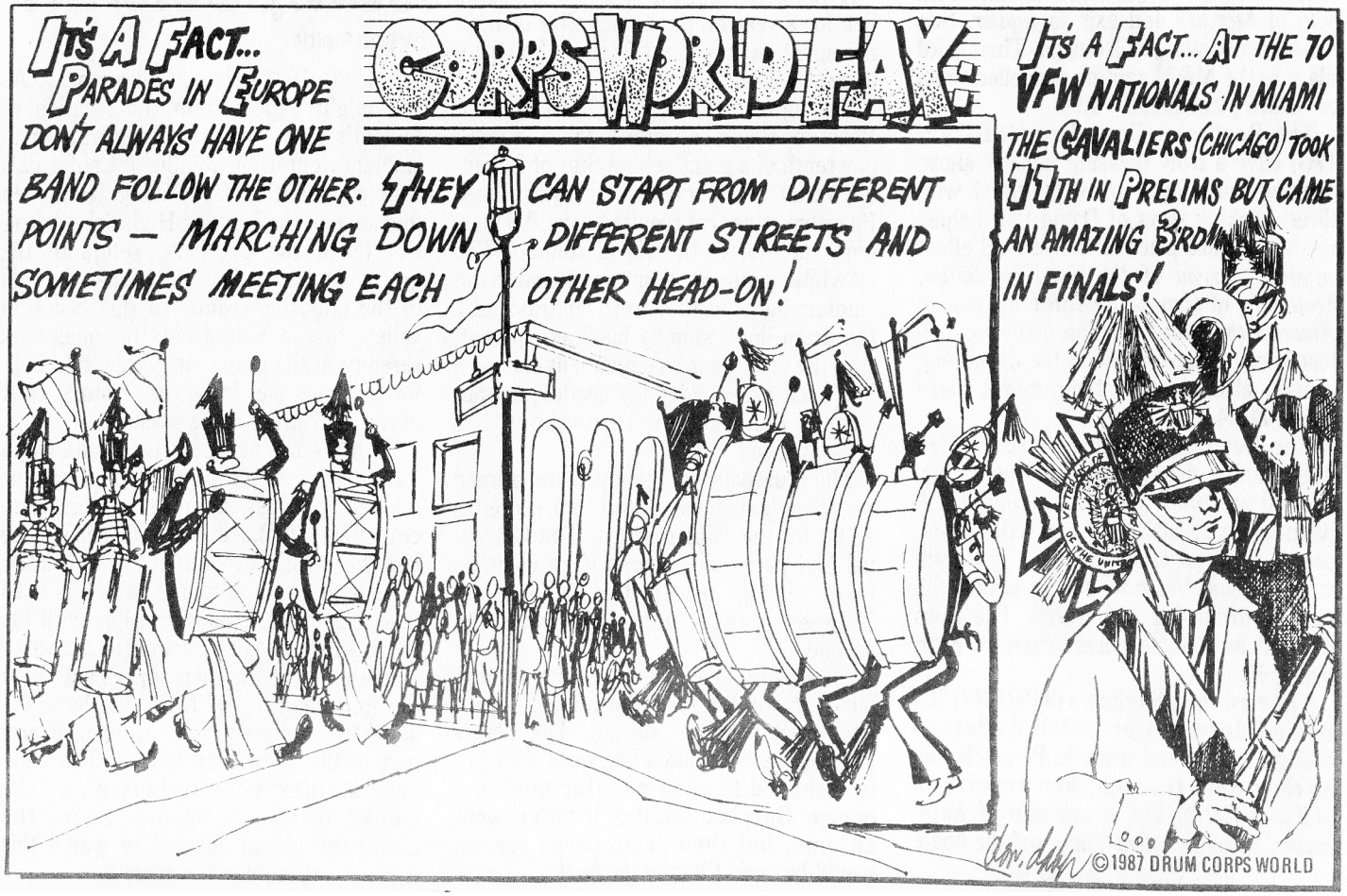
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It's A FACT... PARADES IN EUROPE DON'T ALWAYS HAVE ONE BAND FOLLOW THE OTHER. THEY CAN START FROM DIFFERENT POINTS - MARCHING DOWN DIFFERENT STREETS AND SOMETIMES MEETING EACH OTHER HEAD-ON!
It's A FACT... AT THE '70 VFW NATIONALS IN MIAMI THE CAVALIERS (CHICAGO) TOOK 11TH IN PRELIMS BUT CAME AN AMAZING 3RD IN FINALS!
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CORPS WORLD FAX
IT'S A FACT- BLESSED SACRAMENT GOLDEN KNIGHTS OF NEW JERSEY were a "tough corps"! They grew tough when neighbourhood kids threw bricks and bottles from rooftops during local rehearsals...
Shriners International
IT'S A FACT: The MOST FAMOUS "INTERNATIONAL" CONTEST in CANADA was the SHRINE CONTEST! Begun in 1965 in Toronto, this June event went for 8 years to become the most important "opener" of each season. Many Champion Corps competed in Canada for the first time!
All Corps were hosted in Motels after the Contest with a Party for the JR. Members... and a separate Reception at The Shriner's Headquarters for the Adult Executive.
This very successful Contest raised thousands of $ for The Shriner's Hospitals!
BLUE STARS 1977
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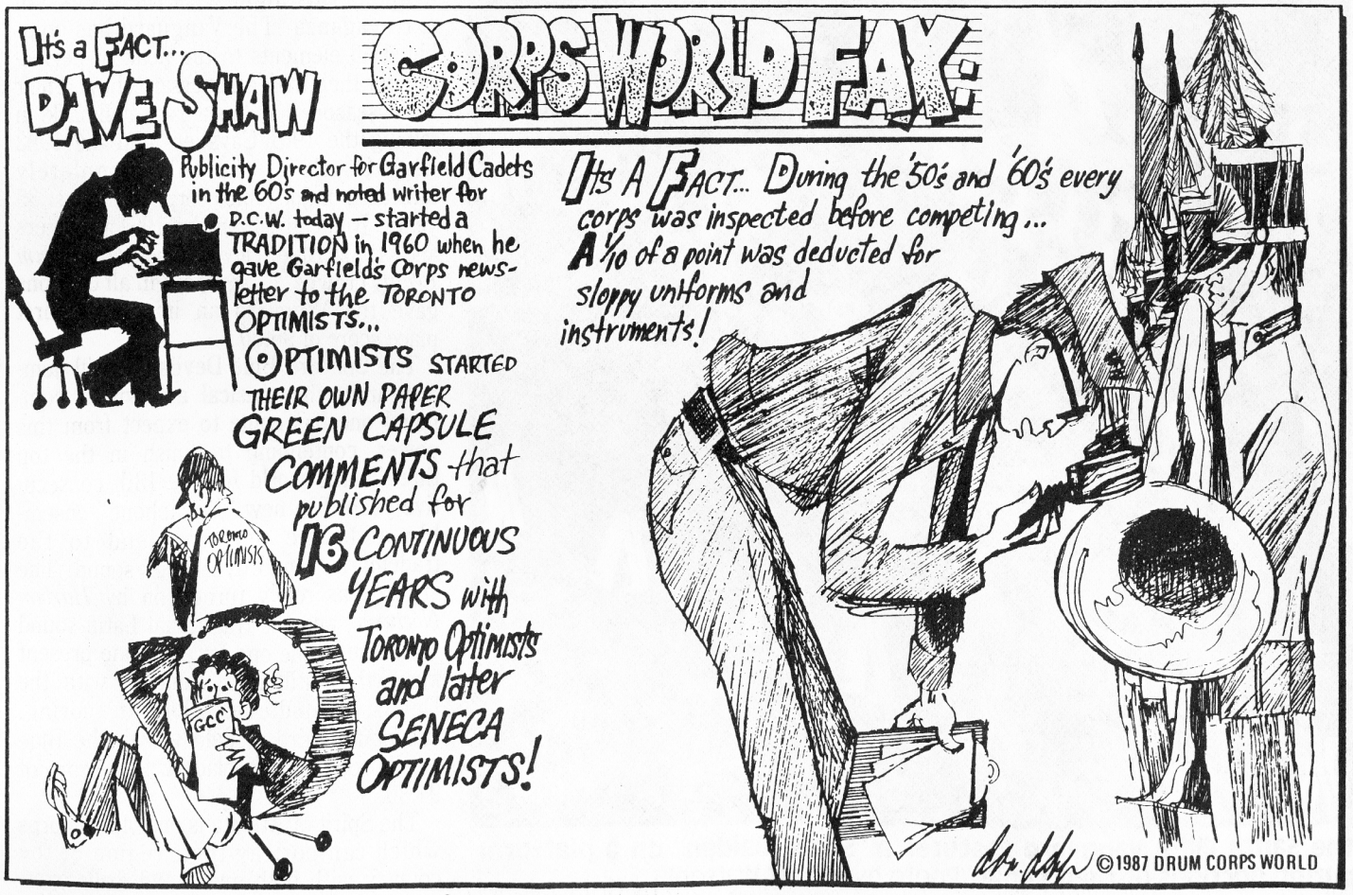
It's a FACT... DAVE SHAW
CORPS WORLD FAX
Publicity Director for Garfield Cadets in the 60's and noted writer for D.C.W. today – started a TRADITION in 1960 when he gave Garfield's Corps newsletter to the TORONTO OPTIMISTS...
OPTIMISTS STARTED THEIR OWN PAPER GREEN CAPSULE COMMENTS that published for 16 CONTINUOUS YEARS with Toronto Optimists and later SENECA OPTIMISTS!
IT'S A FACT... During the '50's and '60's every corps was inspected before competing... A 1/10 of a point was deducted for sloppy uniforms and instruments!
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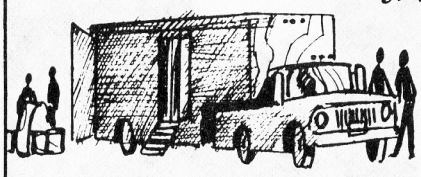
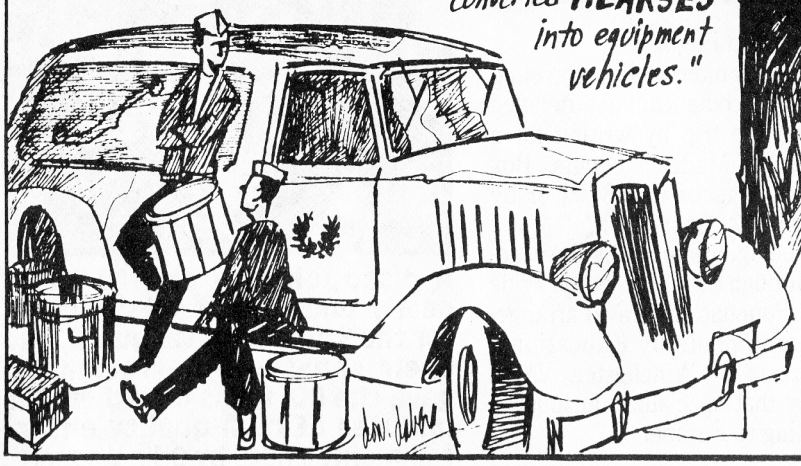
CORPS WORLD FAX:

D.C.W's Trivial Columnist ED TRAUTNER tells us– "Equipment vehicles illustrated best the sizes of corps in the '50's and today... In the '50's there were no Tymps or Contra bugles, so corps used smaller trucks. NORWOOD PARK, The DETROIT LAMPLIGHTERS, and NORTHERNAIRES converted **HEARSES** into equipment vehicles."





AL TIERNEY (D.C.W. Scribe) tells us THIS IS A FACT– In August of '75, ST. JOHNS ALL GIRL CORPS left Brantford, Ontario, Canada for D.C.I. Championships in PHILADELPHIA. The directions given the bus drivers were somewhat vague. One bus went to Philadelphia – the other to PITTSBURG.! The error was quickly corrected in time for the Corps to enter Prelims O.K. GEORGE MELLOR, Director for 20 yrs. retired.



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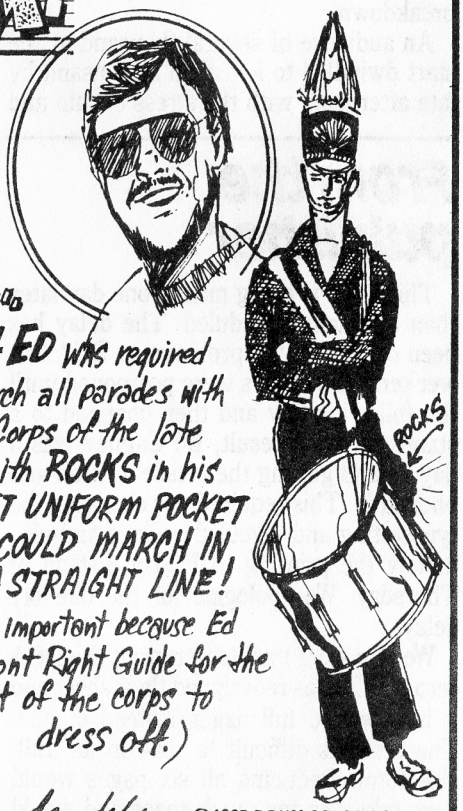
CORPS WORLD FAX:

It's A Fact... At contests in the early 60's the rifles used by The CAVALIERS TORONTO OPTIMISTS, REBELS and The BELLEVILLE BLACK KNIGHTS weren't the "toys" they are today... They were genuine **LEE ENFIELDS** weighing **9** LBS!



Optimists spun them with **BAYONETS** attached!



IT'S A FACT... D.C.W's **TRIVIAL ED** was required to march all parades with his Corps of the late '30's with **ROCKS** in his **LEFT UNIFORM POCKET** SO HE COULD MARCH IN A STRAIGHT LINE! (This was important because Ed was Front Right Guide for the rest of the corps to dress off.)

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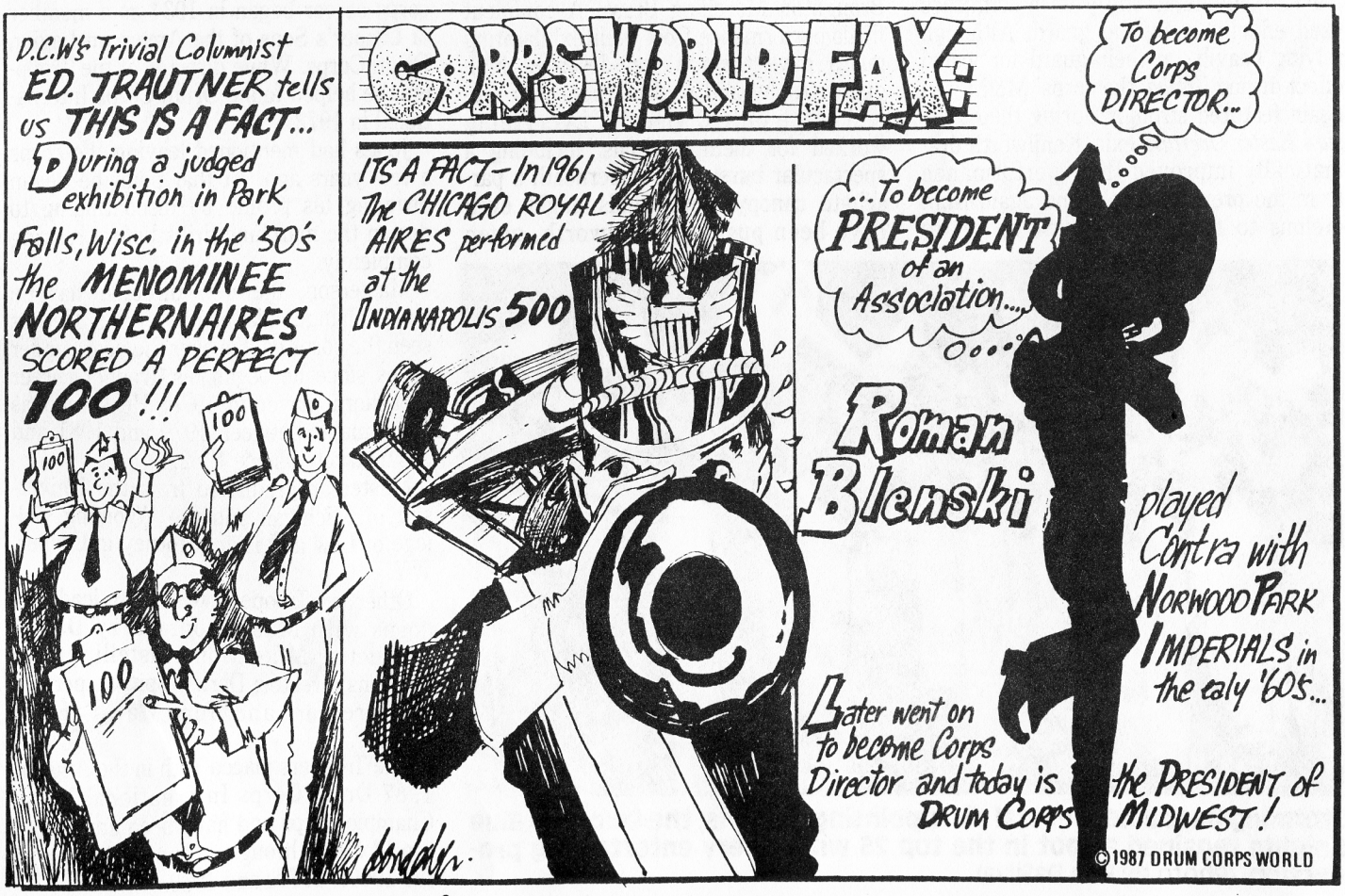
D.C.W's Trivial Columnist ED. TRAUTNER tells us THIS IS A FACT... During a judged exhibition in Park Falls, Wisc. in the '50's the MENOMINEE NORTHERNAIRES SCORED A PERFECT 100 !!!
100
100
100
CORPS WORLD FACT:
ITS A FACT - In 1961 The CHICAGO ROYAL AIRES performed at the INDIANAPOLIS 500
To become Corps DIRECTOR...
...To become PRESIDENT of an Association....
Roman Blenski
played Contra with NORWOOD PARK IMPERIALS in the ealy '60's...
Later went on to become Corps Director and today is DRUM CORPS the PRESIDENT of MIDWEST!
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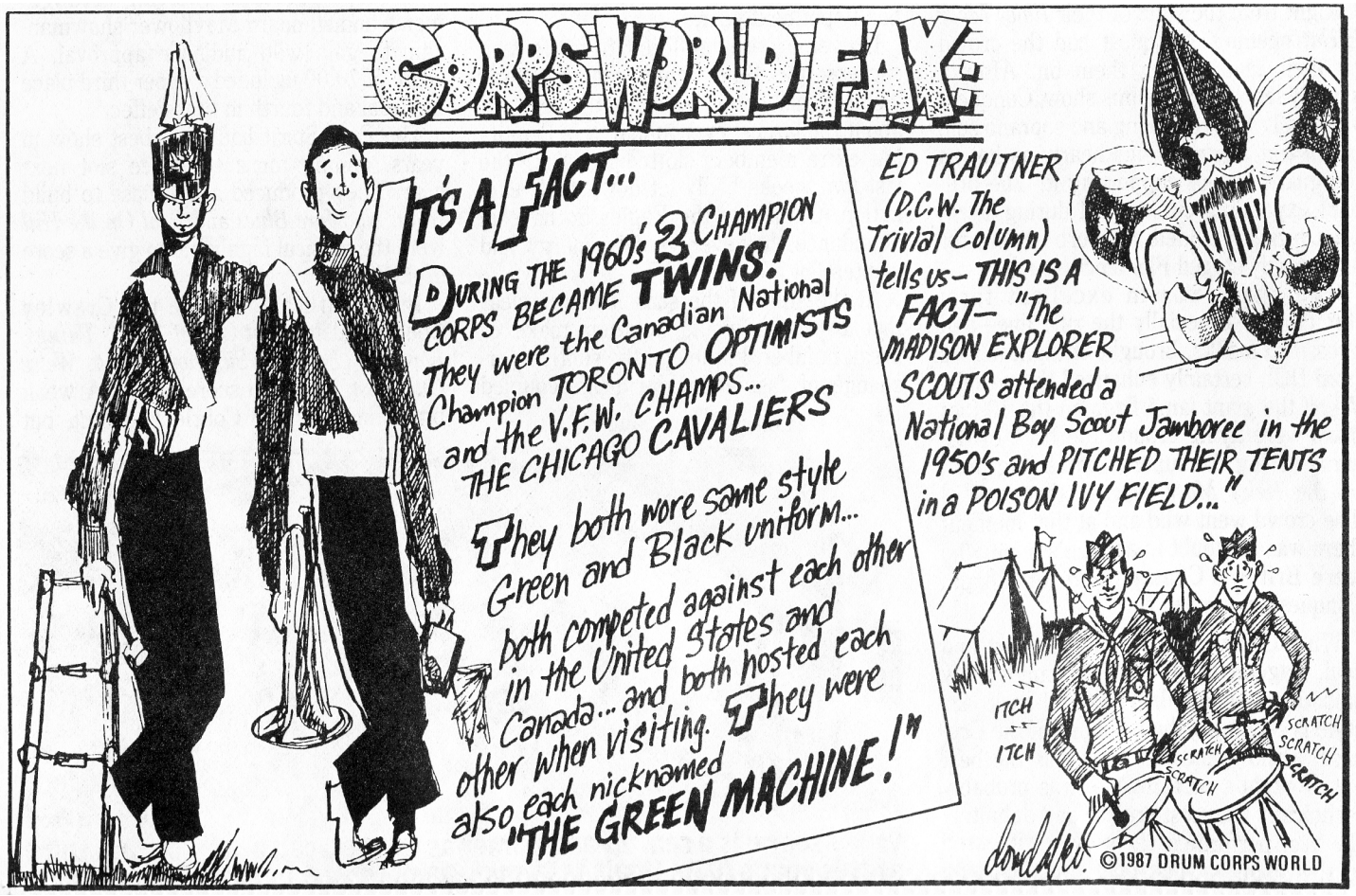
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IT'S A FACT...
DURING THE 1960's 2 CHAMPION CORPS BECAME TWINS! They were the Canadian National Champion TORONTO OPTIMISTS and the V.F.W. CHAMPS... THE CHICAGO CAVALIERS
They both wore some style Green and Black uniform... both competed against each other in the United States and Canada... and both hosted each other when visiting. They were also each nicknamed "THE GREEN MACHINE!"
ED TRAUTNER (D.C.W. The Trivial Column) tells us - THIS IS A FACT - "The MADISON EXPLORER SCOUTS attended a National Boy Scout Jamboree in the 1950's and PITCHED THEIR TENTS in a POISON IVY FIELD..."
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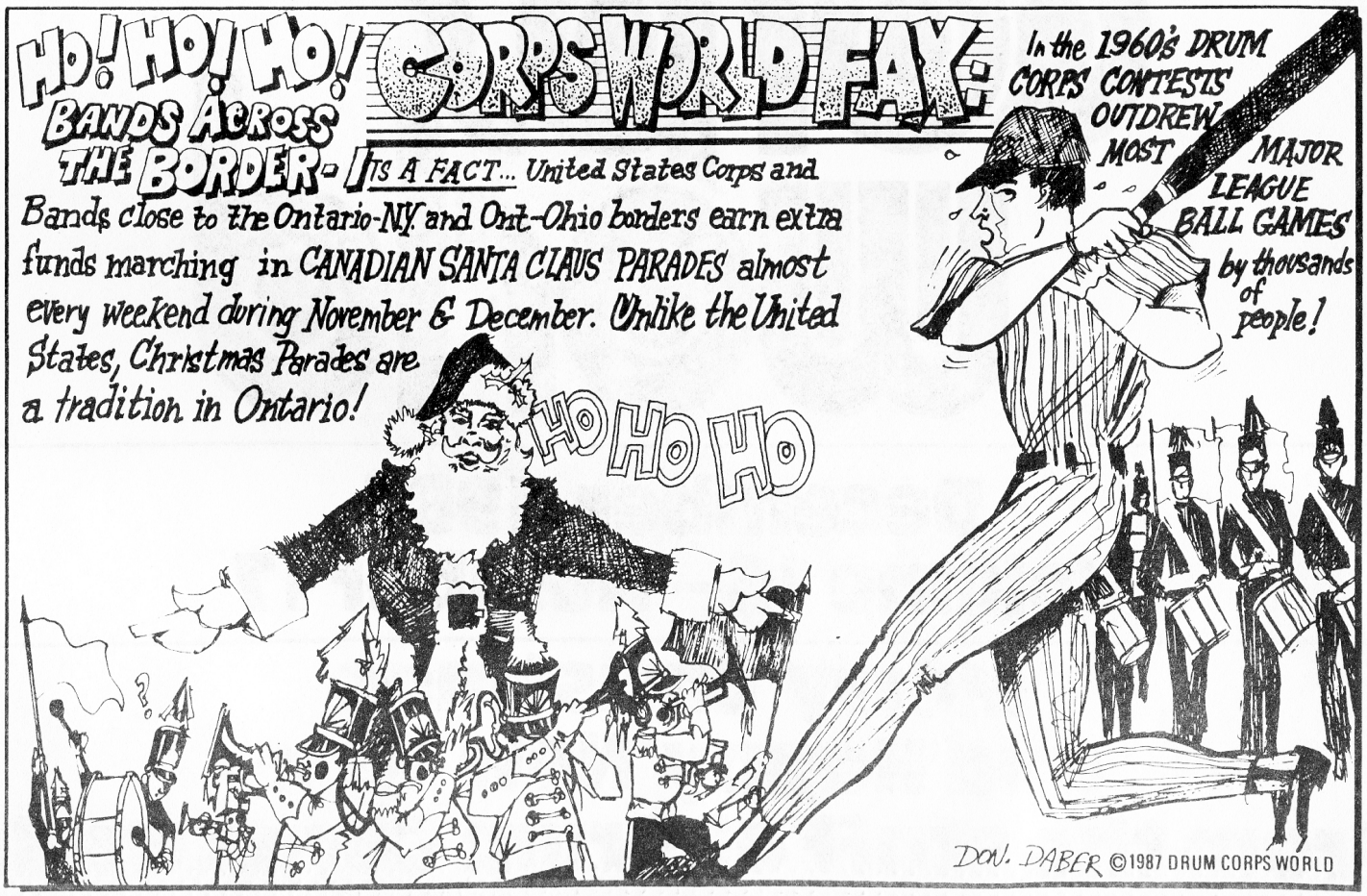
HO! HO! HO!
BANDS ACROSS THE BORDER-
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IT'S A FACT... United States Corps and Bands close to the Ontario-NY and Ont-Ohio borders earn extra funds marching in CANADIAN SANTA CLAUS PARADES almost every weekend during November & December. Unlike the United States, Christmas Parades are a tradition in Ontario!
HO HO HO
In the 1960's DRUM CORPS CONTESTS OUTDREW MOST MAJOR LEAGUE BALL GAMES by thousands of people!
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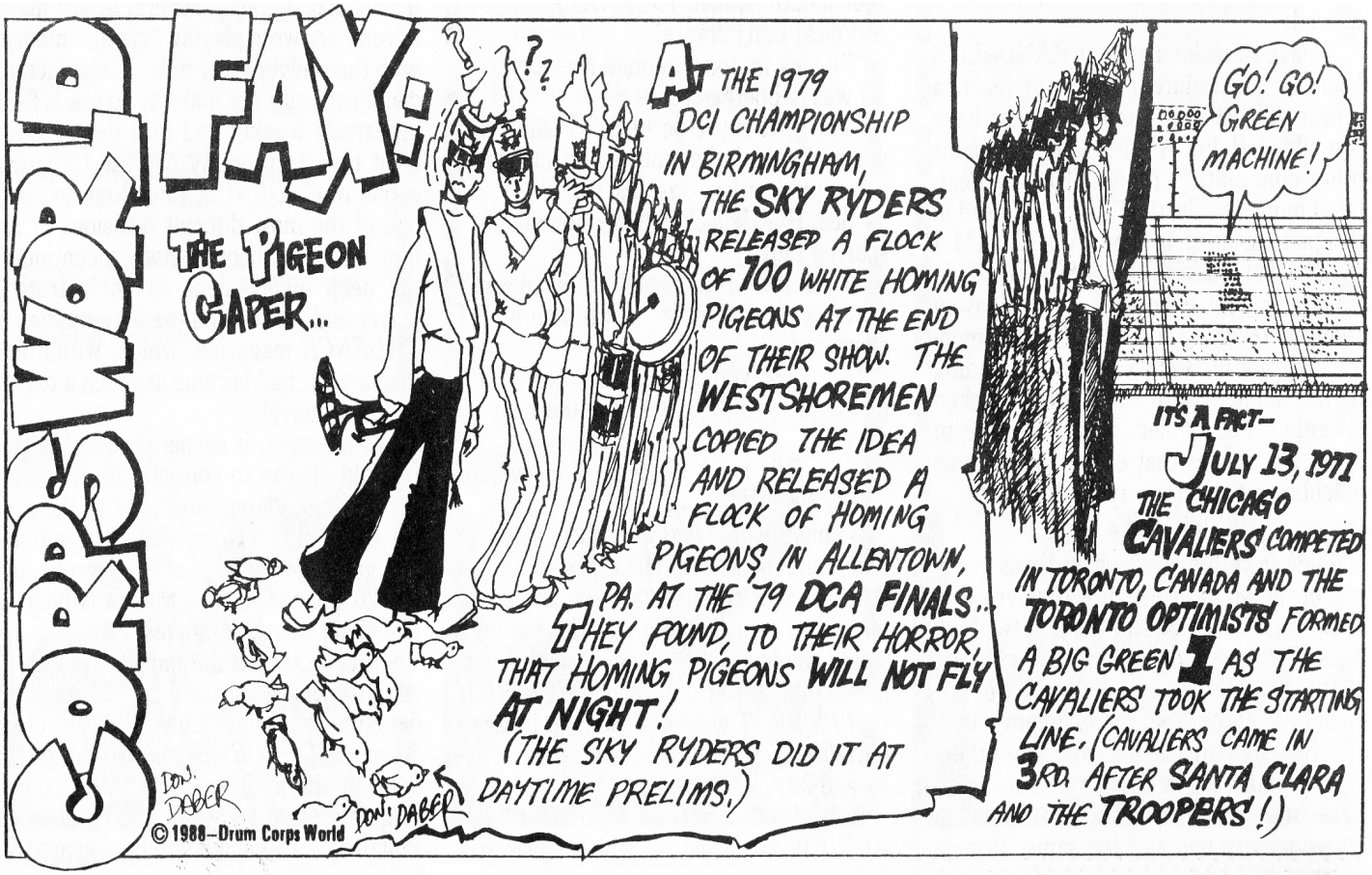
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THE PIGEON CAPER...
AT THE 1979 DCI CHAMPIONSHIP IN BIRMINGHAM, THE SKY RYDERS RELEASED A FLOCK OF 700 WHITE HOMING PIGEONS AT THE END OF THEIR SHOW. THE WESTSHOREMEN COPIED THE IDEA AND RELEASED A FLOCK OF HOMING PIGEONS IN ALLENTOWN, PA. AT THE '79 DCA FINALS.. THEY FOUND, TO THEIR HORROR, THAT HOMING PIGEONS WILL NOT FLY AT NIGHT! (THE SKY RYDERS DID IT AT DAYTIME PRELIMS.)
GO! GO! GREEN MACHINE!
IT'S A FACT- JULY 13, 1971 THE CHICAGO CAVALIERS COMPETED IN TORONTO, CANADA AND THE TORONTO OPTIMISTS FORMED A BIG GREEN 1 AS THE CAVALIERS TOOK THE STARTING LINE. (CAVALIERS CAME IN 3RD. AFTER SANTA CLARA AND THE TROOPERS!)
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UP UNTIL THE '79 SEASON THE 27TH LANCERS (OF BOSTON) PERCUSSION SECTION WORE KILTS! THEY THEN SWITCHED TO TROUSERS - THE SAME UNIFORM AS THE HORN LINE.
In the 60's DRUM CORPS DIGEST MAGAZINE ISSUED A SET OF COLLECTORS PLAYING CARDS that pictured various corps.
The Hearts featured ALL-GIRL Corps.
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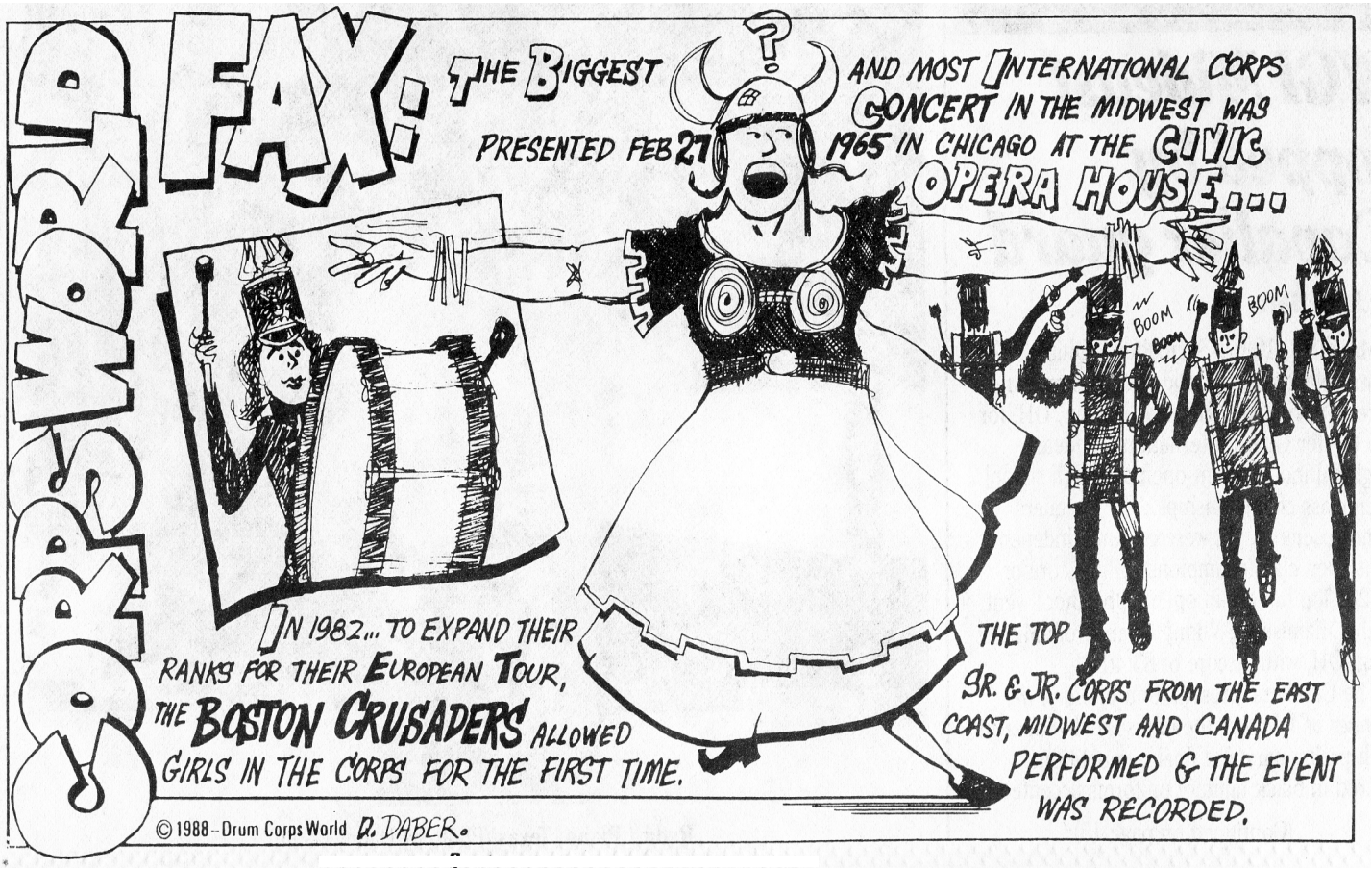
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THE BIGGEST AND MOST INTERNATIONAL CORPS CONCERT IN THE MIDWEST WAS PRESENTED FEB 27 1965 IN CHICAGO AT THE CIVIC OPERA HOUSE...
BOOM
BOOM
BOOM
IN 1982... TO EXPAND THEIR RANKS FOR THEIR EUROPEAN TOUR, THE BOSTON CRUSADERS ALLOWED GIRLS IN THE CORPS FOR THE FIRST TIME.
THE TOP SR. & JR. CORPS FROM THE EAST COAST, MIDWEST AND CANADA PERFORMED & THE EVENT WAS RECORDED.
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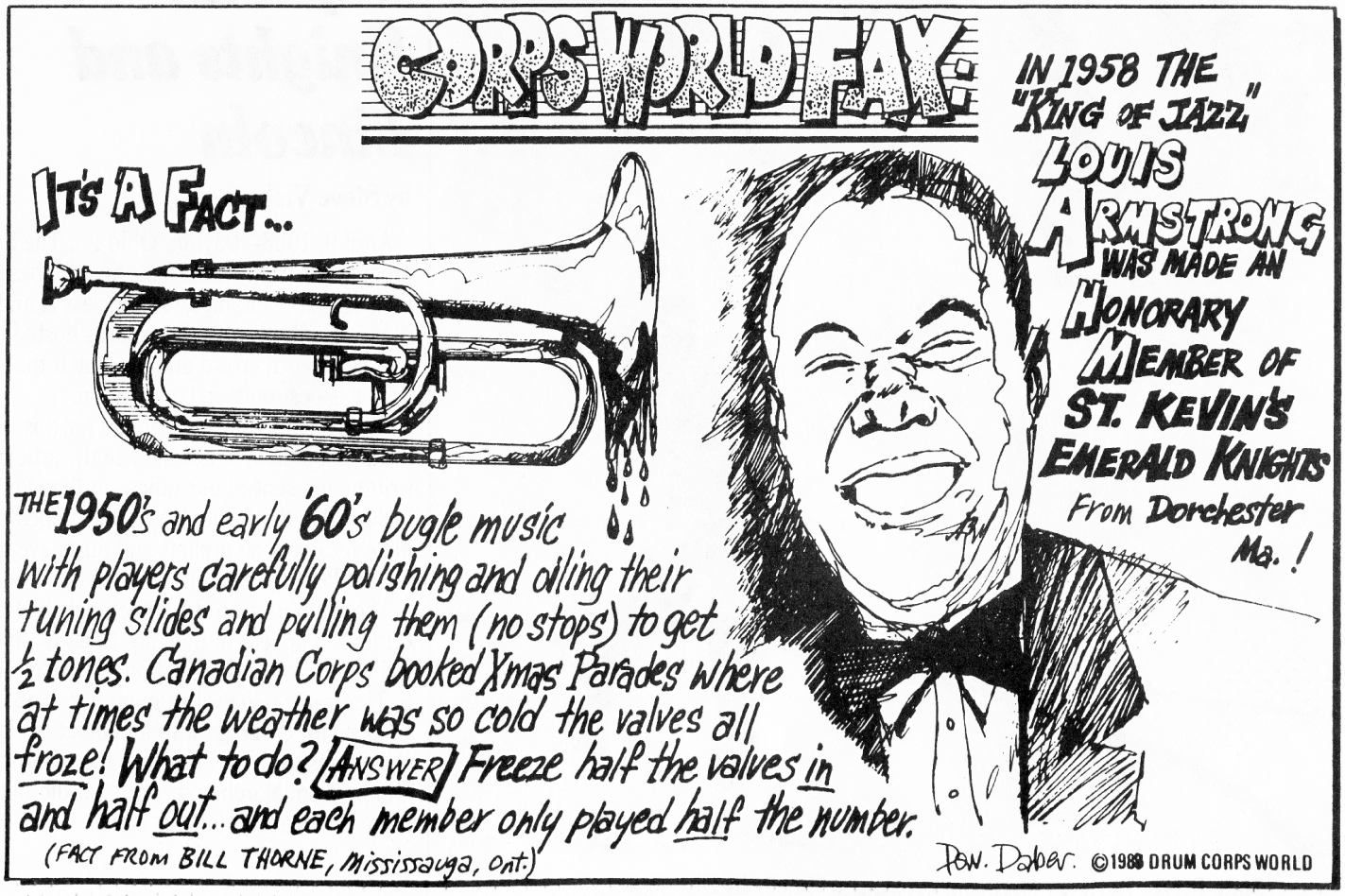
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IT'S A FACT...
IN 1958 THE "KING OF JAZZ," LOUIS ARMSTRONG WAS MADE AN HONORARY MEMBER OF ST. KEVIN'S EMERALD KNIGHTS From Dorchester Ma.!
THE 1950's and early '60's bugle music with players carefully polishing and oiling their tuning slides and pulling them (no stops) to get ½ tones. Canadian Corps booked Xmas Parades where at times the weather was so cold the valves all froze! What to do? ANSWER Freeze half the valves in and half out... and each member only played half the number.
(FACT FROM BILL THORNE, Mississauga, Ont.)
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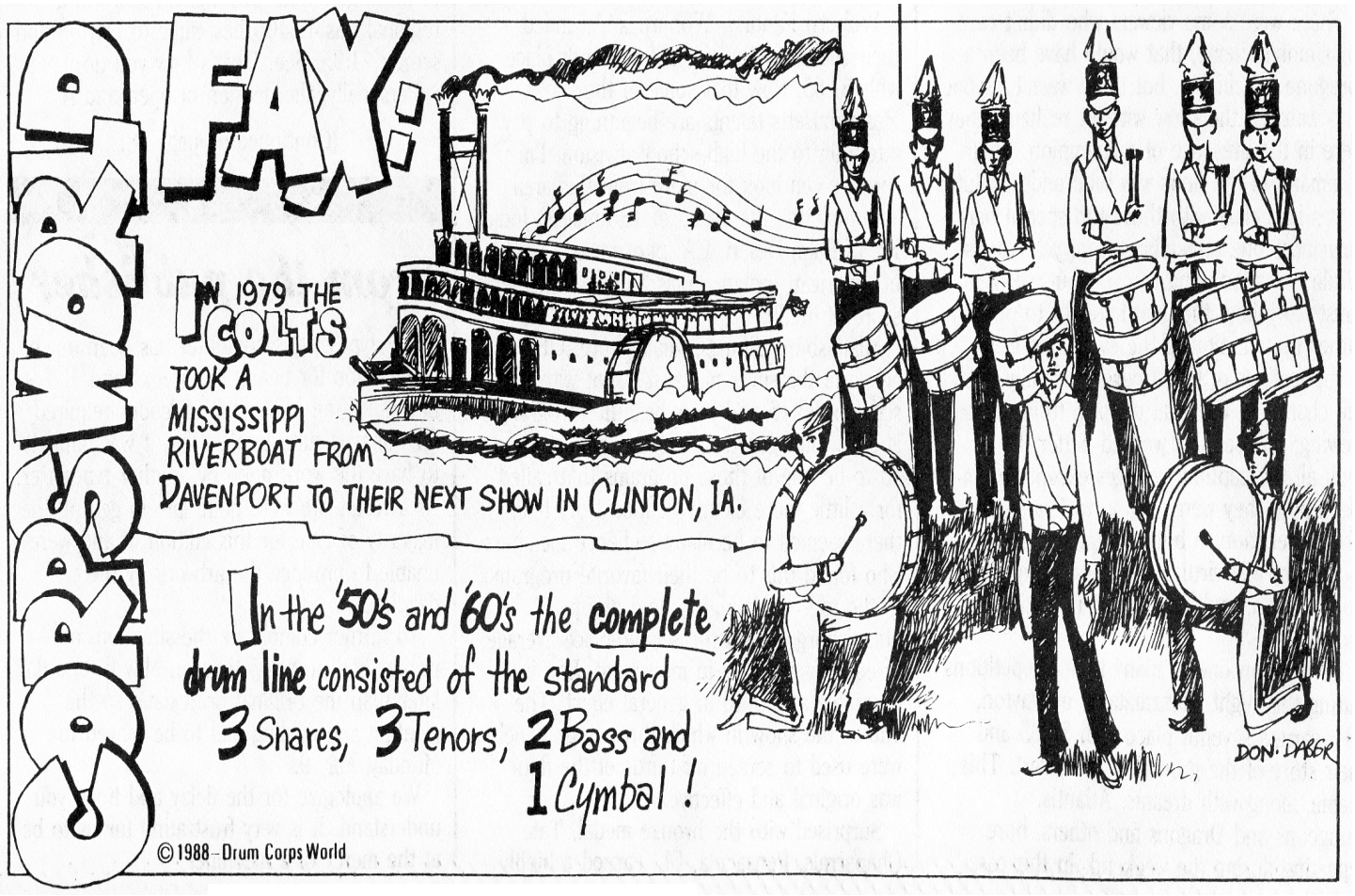
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IN 1979 THE COLTS TOOK A MISSISSIPPI RIVERBOAT FROM DAVENPORT TO THEIR NEXT SHOW IN CLINTON, IA.
In the '50's and '60's the complete drum line consisted of the standard 3 Snares, 3 Tenors, 2 Bass and 1 Cymbal!
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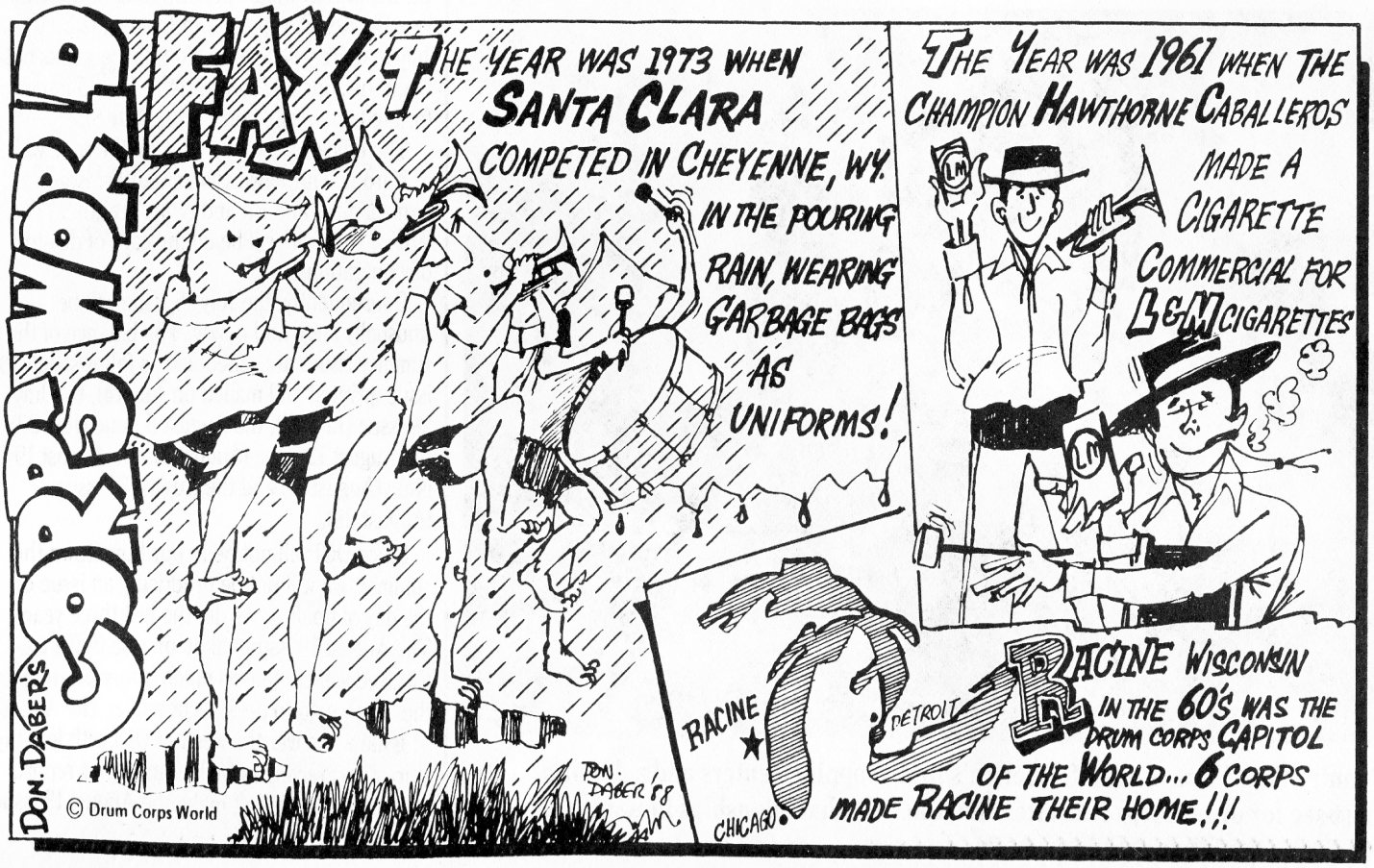
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THE YEAR WAS 1973 WHEN SANTA CLARA COMPETED IN CHEYENNE, WY. IN THE POURING RAIN, WEARING GARBAGE BAGS AS UNIFORMS!
THE YEAR WAS 1961 WHEN THE CHAMPION HAWTHORNE CABALLEROS MADE A CIGARETTE COMMERCIAL FOR L&M CIGARETTES
RACINE
DETROIT
CHICAGO
RACINE WISCONSIN IN THE 60'S WAS THE DRUM CORPS CAPITOL OF THE WORLD... 6 CORPS MADE RACINE THEIR HOME!!!
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BLUE DEVILS WON THEIR FIRST DCI TITLE IN 1976 THEY TOOK FIRST IN EVERY CAPTION!
ITS A FACT... IN 1950 THE GARFIELD CADETS (Then The Holy Name Cadets) SPENT 3 WEEKS, + 6,000 MILES ACROSS THE U.S.A. TO LOS ANGELES TO COMPETE IN JUST 1 CONTEST... THE AMERICAN LEGION CHAMPIONSHIP!
1953 WAS THE YEAR GARFIELD LEFT THEIR CHURCH SPONSORS. THE CHURCH KEPT THEIR UNIFORMS AND INSTRUMENTS.
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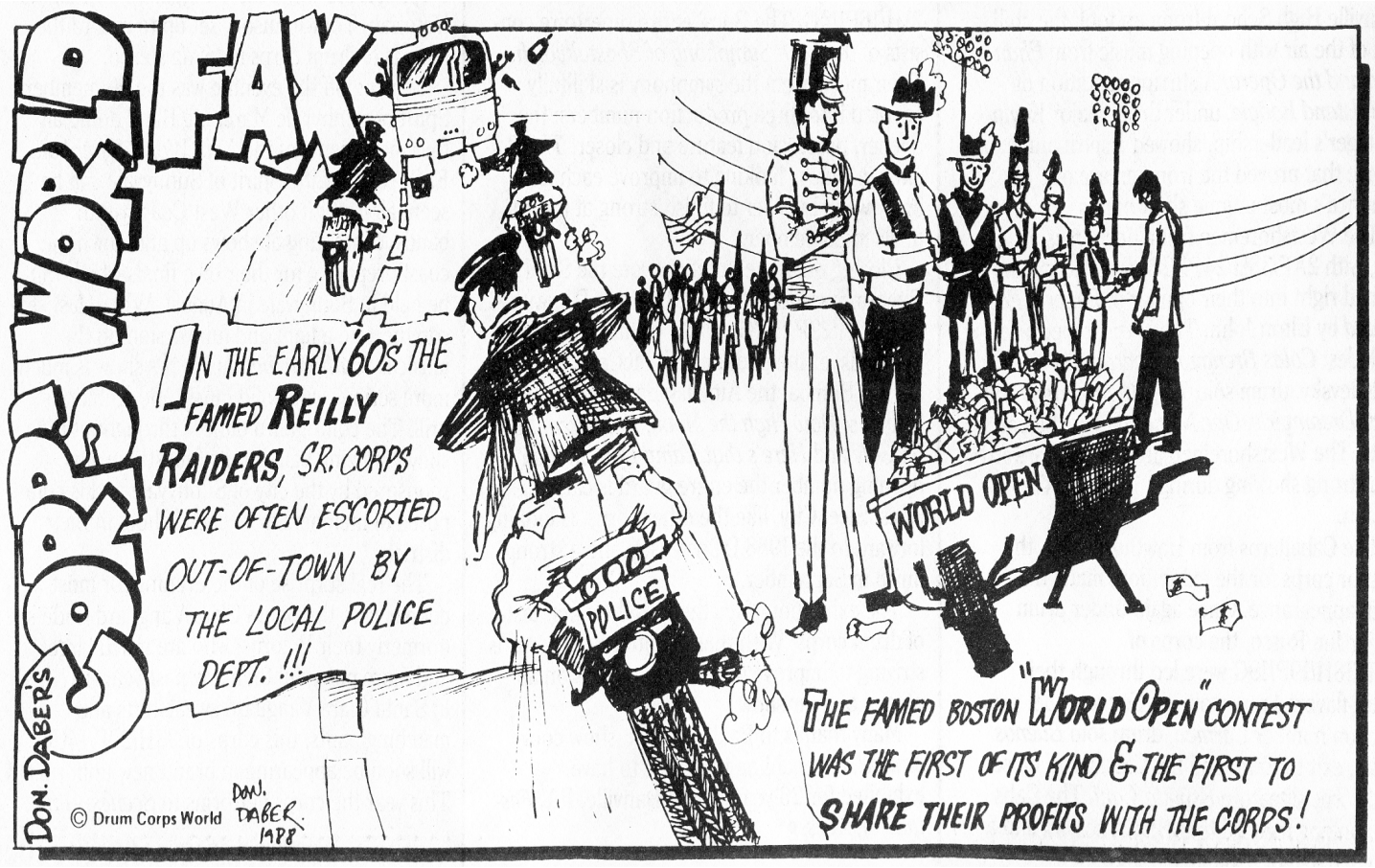
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IN THE EARLY '60's THE FAMED REILLY RAIDERS, SR. CORPS WERE OFTEN ESCORTED OUT-OF-TOWN BY THE LOCAL POLICE DEPT. !!!
POLICE
WORLD OPEN
THE FAMED BOSTON "WORLD OPEN" CONTEST WAS THE FIRST OF ITS KIND & THE FIRST TO SHARE THEIR PROFITS WITH THE CORPS!
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IT'S A FACT...
IN 1919 THE LUDWIG DRUM CO. BEGAN OPERATION IN A BARN IN THE OUTSKIRTS OF CHICAGO
HOT... HOT... HOT!
1975 WAS MADISON SCOUTS MOST SUCCESSFUL YEAR!
They had an UNDEFEATED SEASON AND WON DCI BY 7.5 POINT SPREAD!
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GARFIELD THE FIRST JR. CORPS TO CARRY CONTRA BUGLES. They Carried 2! The Year- 1962.
A "Delicious" Contest
The PIZZA HUT INVITATIONAL
HELD IN WICHITA KANSAS each year!
TORONTO ONT. CANADA- WAS THE FIRST CITY TO HAVE 2 DCI FINALISTS IN THE SAME YEAR - 1976... with OAKLAND CRUSADERS and The Seneca OPTIMISTS!
OAKLAND
SENECA
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DON. DABER'S CORPS WORLD FAX
STEDSON D. RICHMOND RECORDED 1000 CORPS' PERFORMANCES OVER 19 YEARS - FROM 1952 TO 1971!
OK! THIS IS 1000!
DURING THE LATE 50's MANY CORPS MEMBERS TOOK ALL THEIR EQUIPMENT HOME TO HAVE IT CLEANED FOR THE NEXT CONTEST.
PLUME
SHAKO
DRUM
UNIFORM
STEDSON
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THE **GARFIELD CADETS** STARTED THE 1984 SEASON ON A NEGATIVE NOTE... THEIR TRACTOR TRAILER WAS DEMOLISHED IN A ROAD ACCIDENT!!



INSTANT REPLAY – at a small High School School Stadium in **WHEELING, Illinois, July 3, 1971,** The **CAVALIERS** were recorded by the new CORPS DISC Records on the "COMBINE WEST '71" Album and after the contest listened to their performance play-back on stereo speakers, right at the stadium! (CAVALIERS WON THE CONTEST OVER SANTA CLARA, TROOPERS, MADISON SCOUTS and BLUE STARS!)

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The 50's bugles were UNLAQUERED BRASS. Corps were inspected before contests. Inspection to's could be lost.

This meant an hour of hand polishing before each contest.



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THE 1965 V.F.W. NATIONAL CHAMPIONSHIPS was held INDOORS at McCORMACK PLACE, CHICAGO. **15,000** Fans crowded indoors when a heavy all-day rain flooded the outdoor field. The Chicago ROYAL AIRES took first place...



In the early 1950's the VIET-NAMESE Army had a 24 member drum & Bugle Corps.