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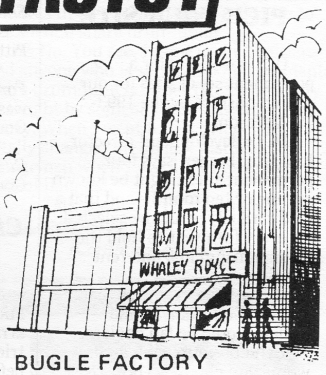

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BUGLE FACTORY IN CENTRE OF CITY...

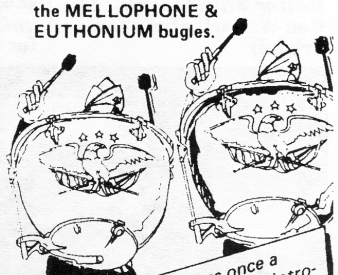
On a main intersection in downtown TORONTO, Ont. Canada a 5 story building was the location of WHALEY, ROYCE Co. Ltd. that housed a factory on the top 3 floors and a retail music store on the main floor. Their craftsmen were the first to develop the ROTOR for bugles at the request of the Queen's Own Rifles (army) Trumpet Band. The year was 1930.

Ten years later WHALEY, ROYCE introduced the Imperial SOPRANO and in 1944 the FRENCH HORN... 1956 the BASS BARITONE and in 1959 the first



"Double G" CONTRA BASS. (It was on the market before corps were ready for it) This Contra was re-introduced 5 yrs. later and was then entusiastically accepted.

In the 1963 they developed the MELLOPHONE & EUTHONIUM bugles.



Being a tymp player was once a back-breaking job. When first introduced they had to be carried on the field drill as illustrated by this Madison Scout drummer in 1973.

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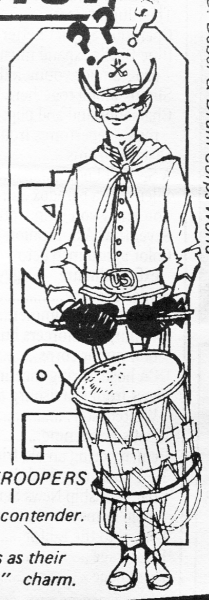
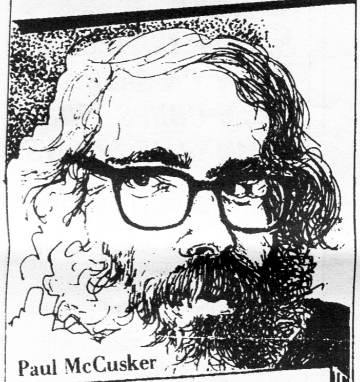
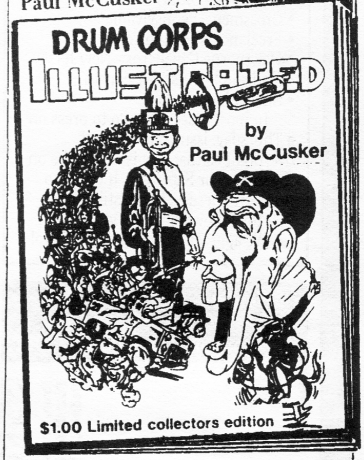


In 1964 the TROOPERS were a heavyweight contender. They used boxing gloves as their "Good Luck" charm.



Paul McCusker



The year was 1975 when DRUM CORPS WORLD published a 25 page COMIC BOOK on the drum corps activity. Talented Canadian artist writer Paul McCusker produced the book which sold for $1.00 a copy.

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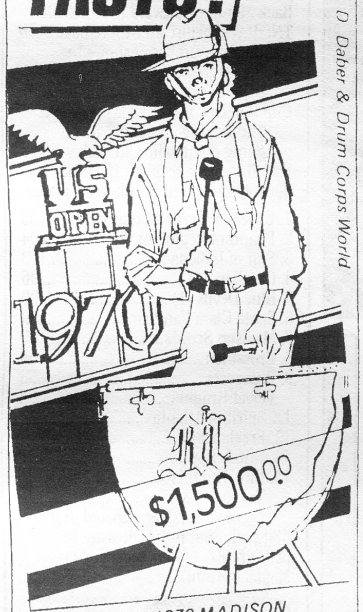

In August of 1970 MADISON SCOUTS won their 1ST. MAJOR CHAMPIONSHIP at the U.S. Open in Marion, Ohio. First place money was $1,500.00. It was the largest sum they had won up to that time.

Stars Kidnapped!



In the '50's & '60's ST. KEVIN EMERALD KNIGHTS of Boston had a tradition of 'kidnapping' major stars and making them honorary members of their corps. Members included Louis 'Satchmo' Armstrong, Jimmy Durante, Arthur Fiedler, Eddie Hodges, Sal Mineo Arthur Godfrey and Nat King Cole.



Witchita Kansas was once the home of the "PIZZA HUT" Invitational Contest. (Did everyone get free pizzas...

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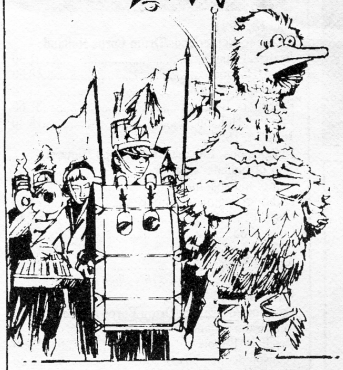
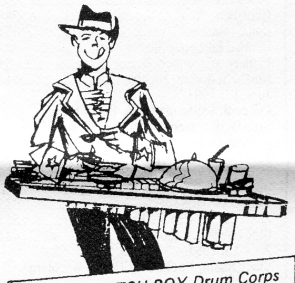
Corps in the MOVIES



Drum Corps met "BIG BIRD" on a hot summer weekend of August 1984 when ST. JOHN'S of Brantford spent 2 days on a feature film for Seseme Street. The corps took 2 days to film a parade sequence along the main street in the town of Georgetown, Ont.



Canada's DUTCH BOY Drum Corps under the direction of John Robins captured the World Class "A" Championship (1982 DCI), held in Canada for the first time in Montreal. On tour all that summer they were one of the best fed corps. One of their sponsors the Dutch Boy Supermarkets of Kitchener.

DCI was on National TV for the first time in 1975.



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Corps featured in THE TERRY FOX STORY...



The CARDINALS drum corps of Scarborough (Toronto) Ont. performed in the Canadian feature film, "THE TERRY FOX STORY" in the sequence where young Terry Fox is running across Canada to raise funds to fight cancer. Coloured photos of the Cardinals in the film was featured in a number of magazine stories on the making of the movie but unfortunately there was no credit of who the Cardinals were in either the articles or the movie credits and the corps appeared in the film for no payment but they did get a large plaque "In Appreciation" for their services and the experience was an interesting one for their members.

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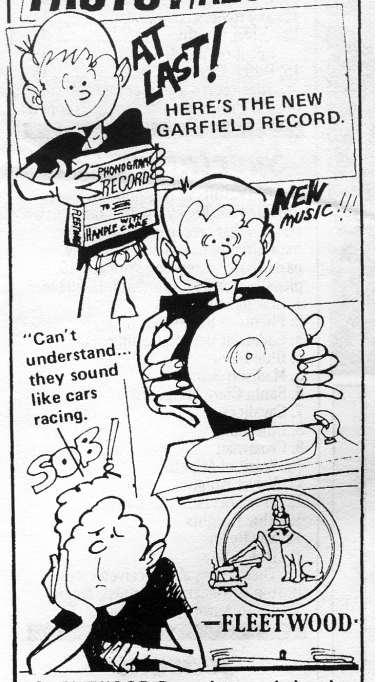

FLEETWOOD Records recorded and sold both recording of drum corps contests and, would you believe, CAR RACES. Fans could buy their records by mail. What would happen if the wrong record was packaged in the incorrect jacket...

To introduce the 1970 season Fleetwood saluted the Troopers with a deluxe 2 record set, leatherette bound that featured the corps music of 1965 to 1970, a full colour photo of the corps and complete history, photos and all member's autographs. Western movie star Walter Brennan introduced the corps on the record. The complete package sold for $9.95 and quickly became a collectors item.



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DCI WORLD CHAMPIONSHIP 81



At the 1981 DCI Championship Saturday night there was a near riot at the subway station near the Olympic Stadium when it was announced before the final results at Retreat that the last subway train left in 10 minutes...

Danny Thomas Invitational



In 1971 noted comedian DANNY THOMAS became part of the drum corps scene with the "Danny Thomas" Invitational Championship at the Memorial Stadium in Lawrence, Massachusetts for the benefit of his favourite charity, St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

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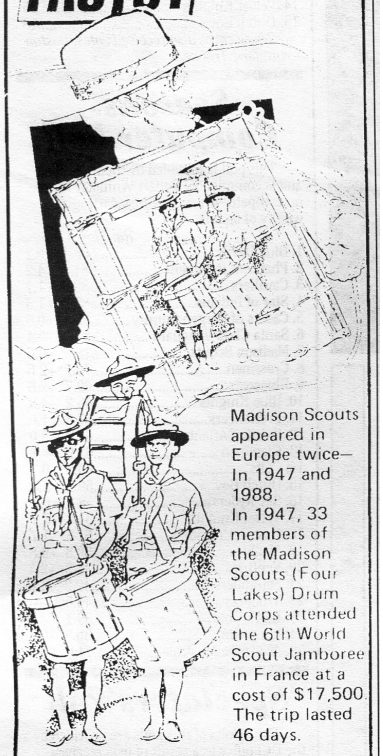

Madison Scouts appeared in Europe twice— In 1947 and 1988.
In 1947, 33 members of the Madison Scouts (Four Lakes) Drum Corps attended the 6th World Scout Jamboree in France at a cost of $17,500. The trip lasted 46 days.

In 1988, 128 corps members and 32 staff flew to Europe at the cost of $180,000 and performed in Germany, Holland, and England. They left the USA June 19th, and flew home July 5th.

New Corps Publication as a Newspaper/Record promotion...

In April of 1961 FLEETWOOD RECORDS announced a new kind of drum corps publication, a newspaper they published twice monthly. This newspaper from Lynn, Massachusetts was in direct competition to the monthly "Drum Corps World" magagine out of Chicago. To build up their subscription list the paper gave away $1.00 Fleetwood Record discount coupons.



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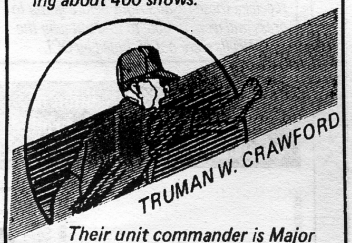
The Commandant's Own



To the average American citizen (and other citizens in many countries) their only introduction to the world of drum & bugle corps was seeing the "Commandant's Own", the famed U.S. Marine Drum & Bugle Corps of Washington D.C. From here the corps travels over 50,000 miles a year performing about 400 shows.



TRUMAN W. CRAWFORD

Their unit commander is Major TRUMAN W. CRAWFORD, a name familiar to many Directors of Drum Corps since the 1960's. He has been an arranger and instructor for many corps and marching bands and takes his Marine Corps to many "Bands Of America" summer camps where they perform and hold clinics. But, when performing they rely on outstanding talen and good "old-fashioned" hard work to thrill and entertain audiences worldwide.

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"Skip" Prokop started in drum corps and graduated from dusty field shows to become a major "Rock Star" drummer/arranger/ vocalist who was compared to Buddy Rich in the late '60's and once, when Rich was ill, he was asked to take his place with his big band.

As a teenager Prokop played his first drums in Preston Scout House, then moved to Toronto to join the Canadian Champion Toronto Optimists. At age 20 he started playing jazz and rock then formed his own band'The Paupers'. He was soon in great demand, playing with "Peter, Paul & Mary", then Mama Cass and Stephen Stills. Janis Joplin asked him to form her new band but he returned to Toronto to form "Lighthouse" in 1968. This was a great rock band and made him famous both as drummer and songwriter with hits "One Fine Morning", "Sunny Days", "Pretty Lady" and "1849".

Skip Prokop admitted that his early solid basic training and the challenges in drum corps as a youth formed the solid foundation that carried him to the heights in jazz and rock music.

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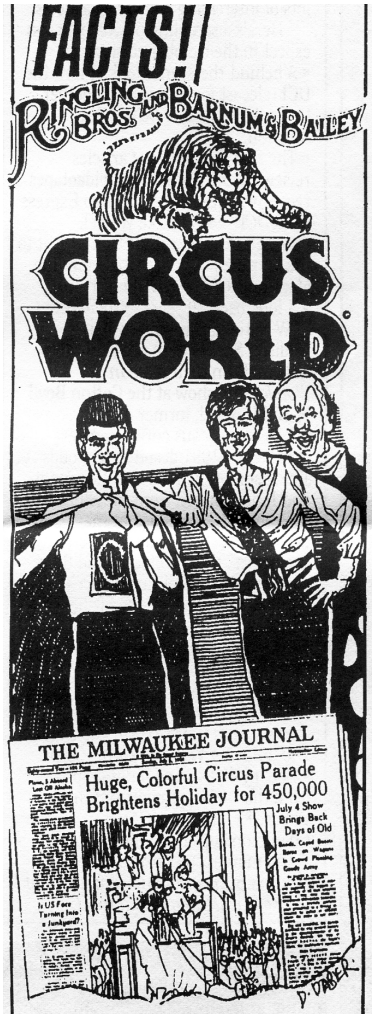

DRUM CORPS A 3 RING CIRCUS...

Drum corps were part of a three-ring-circus in 1964 when they were part of one of the greatest 4th of July parades ever presented in the midwest. Titled "A Day In Old Milwaukee" and sponsored by the Schlitz Brewing Co. in co-operation with the Circus World Museum, the parade featured 50 antique circus wagons drawn by horses. 22 Corps/ Bands were hired with all these units playing a march or circus-type music. Corps that took part were Madison Scouts, Kilties, Boston Crusaders, Toronto Optimists, The Cavaliers, Spirit Of St. Louis, The Mariners, Men Of Brass, Blue Notes, Boys of '76, The Northernaires, The Racine Scouts and St. Matthais

Seven years later the Cavaliers presented on of the first "theme" shows with "The Greatest Show On Earth....built around the Circus theme.

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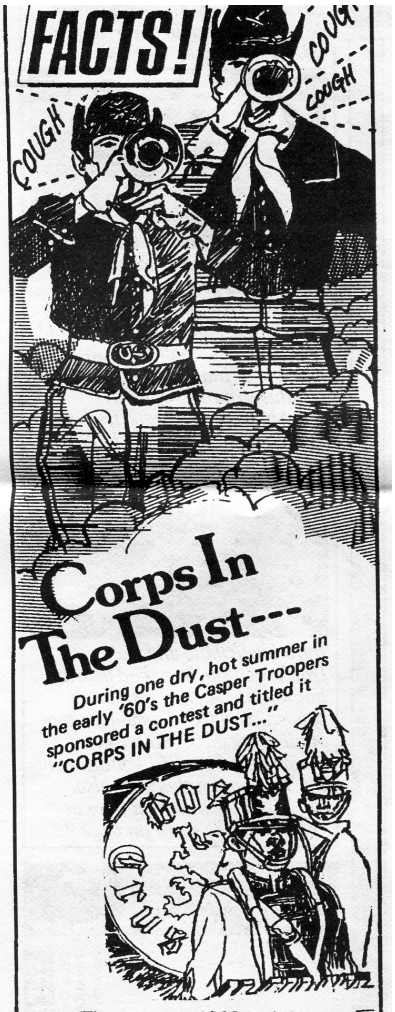

The year was 1968 and the Optimists, along with the Boston Crusaders attempted to produce an additional "new sound" on percussion with 2 bass drums. As a sideline gag 2 members added their legs to the drums. A few years later tymps were introduced to replace this "experiment-on-drums".



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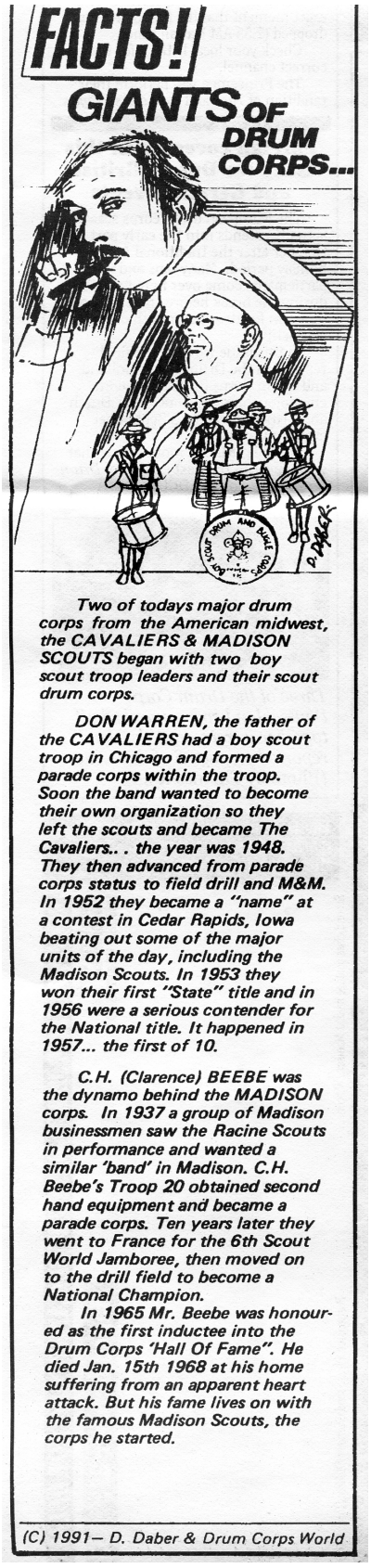

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