



Mayflower Circuit

Mayflower State Junior Drum & Bugle Corps Association

“A Circuit Is Born”

Almost three years have passed since a group of managers met in Randolph Massachusetts. This meeting was called to discuss the feasibility of starting a new Drum & Bugle Corps circuit. These men were leaders of independent groups who had nowhere to compete their youngsters. It must be realized that there were two well established circuits within the area at the time. The C.Y.O. and Eastern Mass. Circuits had been operating for a number of years and because of non-affiliation with the Church and a long waiting list at Eastern Mass., these units were unable to gain entrance into either circuit.

These men were told that their idea and purpose were fine, but the many obstacles that faced them might prove insurmountable.

It goes without saying, these men were in Drum Corps for one reason, and that was to serve our youth in whatever small measure they could. With this purpose in mind, plus the conviction that they were right in doing everything they could to promote this program, even though it might end in failure, they all agreed to give it try.

Under the leadership of Charles Callahan, Larry Milliken, Gerald Rivet, Bill McGlaughlin, Harvey Whitney, and the countless people behind the scenes, they started to lay the foundation.

After many meetings and numerous hours of planning and hard work by a lot of wonderful people, everything started to take shape. Full co-operation was received from both C.Y.O and Eastern Mass. Msgr. John P. Carroll and Thomas Long of C.Y.O. along with Bernard Beaulieu and John Kelly, are a few of the people who offered their time and services, although not connected with the circuit.

The problem of Judges was easily solved by obtaining the services of the Bay State Judges Association. When Chief Judge Edward Connors was approached, he along with his committee were most helpful. Here again a tip of the hat is due to people like Edward Connors, Lawrence Skodis and Louis Green. Thank You Gentlemen!

The year of 1963 started with the election of officers.

President:	Charles Callahan
Vise-President:	George Roy
Treasurer:	Gerald Rivet
Secretary:	Harvey Whitney

There were four contests that year and a finals that were held at Kelley Field in Hyde Park, Mass. The first champions were

Class A:	Norwood Debonaires
Class B:	Amvet Brigadiers
Class C:	St. Kevin;s Chips

The 1963-1964 season saw the following elected to office.

President:	Charles Callahan
Vise-President:	Robert Robideau
Treasurer:	John McManus
Secretary:	Harvey Whitney

Later a welcome addition, in the person of Majorie Collins, came along and was named Corresponding Secretary.

1963-1964 produced seven contests and a finals that was held in Newburyport, Mass. Second year champions were

Class A:	Norwood Debonaires
Class B:	Shoemakers of Haverhill
Class C:	Kingsmen of Fitchburg
Drill Team:	Bellettes of Hull

With the start of the 1964-1965 season season came the election of

President:	Harvey Whitney
Vise-President:	John McManus
Treasurer:	Lucien Theriault
Recording & Corresponding Secretary:	Majorie Collins

This year the Circuit will present sixteen contests plus the finals.

From that first Sunday almost three years ago, this circuit has grown in size and stature. There are now forty units representing a total of over twenty three hundred youngsters, who now have the chance to do what they desire most; that is, to compete in healthy competition with one another.

Our emblem was designed by William F. Tinsley, 15 years old, of St. Christopher's Brigadiers Drum & Bugles Corps, Dorchester Mass. He won first prize, which was a cash award of \$25.00, over many entries in a contest run by the circuit among her corps.

The combination of hard work by the leaders, and those people behind them, has paid off. The original aims and purposes of this organization are now a reality. Our youth is being served.

So, although the skeptics were many and the dedicated people were few, may we now introduce you to the well established evergrowing...

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Roster

Officers

President: Harvey Whitney
 Vice President: John McManus
 Treasurer: Lucien Theriault
 Recording Secretary: Majorie Colins

Advisory Board

Robert O'Neil
 John Fannah
 Larry Milliken
 Karl Powers
 James Flynn

Co-Ordinators

Chief: Charles Callahan
 Assistants: Hal Carey
 Hank Thormahlen

Corps

<u>Class A</u>		<u>Class C</u>	
Debonnaires	Norwood Ma	Youth Crusaders	Wilmington MA
Cavaliers	Malden MA	St Kevins Chips	Dorchester MA
Graniteers	Rochester NH	Knightsmen	Millis MA
Golden Eagles	NH	Columbian Cadets	Dorchester MA
Notables	Auburn MA	Royal Squires	Fitchburg MA
Paramounts	Worcester MA	Amvet Lancers	Randolph MA
Shoemakers	Haverhill MA	Golden Rays	Stoughton MA
Statesmen	Everett MA	I.C.Ecumen	Marlboro MA
		Royal Cadets	Gardner MA
		Chuting Stars	Danvers MA
<u>CLASS B</u>		<u>Drill Teams</u>	
Joanettes	Leomenster MA	Blessed Sacrament	Walpole MA
Jeanettes	Lynn MA	Legionettes	Newburyport MA
Amvet Brigadiers	Randolph MA	Rangerettes	Franklin MA
Kingsmen	Fitchburg MA	Belles of St Mary	Hull MA
P.A.V. Rangers	Lowell MA	Gatesmaids	South Boston
Orbiteers	Tewksbury MA	I.C. Ecumenuettes	Marlboro MA
Militimen	Bedford MA	St. Williams	Tewksbury MA
White Eagles	Lawrence MA	St Anthony's	Everett MA
Scarlet Cadets	ME	Royal Gems	Newburyport MA
Statesmen	Everett MA	Mariettes	Marlboro MA
Blue Angels	Danvers MA		