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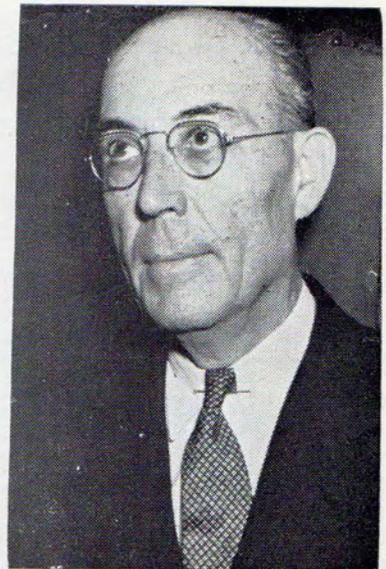
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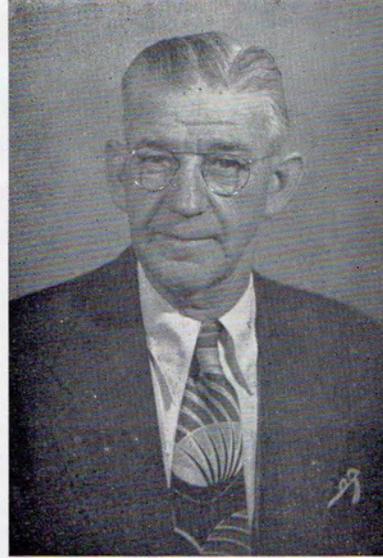
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# An Open Letter to City Council—



On this, the occasion of our Golden Anniversary, we, the members of the Philadelphia New Year Shooters and Mummers' Association, resound a most sincere "thank you" to the City of Philadelphia for the increase in the appropriation recently granted our association, and especially to the members of City Council for making this increase possible and for their sympathetic understanding of our problems.

THE PHILADELPHIA NEW YEAR  
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# On the Celebration of their Fiftieth Anniversary

## Mummers Recall Days of Yesteryear



This year will mean to the Mummers the commemoration of their fiftieth parade on Broad Street. The Mummers can not let this event pass without remembering and paying some small bit of tribute to their forerunners and to the imagination and persistence of that handful of pioneers who, in the face of apathy and opposition on the part of the majority, kept ever before them the great goal of unification into one great body—thereby making the Broad Street Parade an actuality instead of a dream.

On New Year's morning, January 1, 1901, there was a slight bit of rain in the morning but the weather cleared and the day continued fair. A huge crowd gathered along Broad Street and the shooters were waiting to be on their way and begin their festivities.

King Momus pushed the button, the gates of their mystic land flew open, and the hosts of queer imitations of mortal things, dead things, buried hopes, vain ambitions and new dreams shot forth; on two legs, on four legs, on wheels, on ships, on kites, on cars, camels, and even skates.

All day long the parade went on, first on Broad Street and then breaking up into smaller neighborhood parades. There were generals and privates, lords and servants, Rough Riders, Boers, Oom Kruegers, John Bulls, Uncle Sams, Trusts, Indians, Mongolians, Filipinos, Ballet Girls, and Aguinaldos. King Momus' chief of staff, Lord Hard Nut, had divided his forces more or less like an army or like many armies, in which no part seemed to be working with any other part.

In the parade of 1901, flying machines created quite a stir among the spectators and was described as the "wonder of the age." There were thirty-one clubs in that parade, and they marched through the streets to waltz time, jig time, rag time, and no time until their bedraggled costumes, cold feet and "tangled feet" suggested home to many.

The section of Southwark was the first to give cash prizes to the New Year Shooters who paraded in that neighborhood, later merchants and tavernkeepers all along the route of the parade banded together and gave prizes to the Shooters.

Some of the popular clubs of that day were: "The White Caps," "The Fireside Club" of Camden, "The Silver Crown," "The Golden Crown," "The Mixed Pickles," "The Early Risers," "The Dead Easies," and "The Slater Club."

It is quite easy to see that over a period of fifty years the Philadelphia Mummers' and New Year Shooters, Inc., have come a long way from their first Broad Street Parade. But this evolution has been brought about by the many men who were so willing to give their all. They worked unselfishly and unceasingly, to them—a great debt of gratitude is owed.

Today, the Mummers have become a national institution but they refuse to stand still, they are continuing to look forward to even more outstanding Mummers' Parades (if that is in any way possible), but the fact remains they are eager to bring fame and honor to their city with so fine a demonstration of beauty, grandeur, magnificence, and awe inspiring costumes. Yes, the Mummers have come a long way and may they continue to go on forever.

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## HOG ISLAND FANCY CLUB

Hog Island Fancy New Years Assoc. was organized on January 16, 1939, as a Comic Club, by a group of fancy and comic mummers formerly connected with other clubs. Their purpose was to have a mummers comic club in West Phila. As the years went on they decided to become a part of the fancy division. Late in 1949 the club reorganized as a fancy club. The Hog Island Club will be one of the youngest fancy clubs in the parade on New Year's Day. Captain George Roney has been a fancy shooter for 18 years.

**Captain's Cape**—Two sections—100 feet long, in Nile Green and Pink Canopy—12 feet high. King Neptune and his Royal Guards. Captain George Roney.

**Brigade**—The Jokers N. Y. A. Oriental Dancers—Three Juveniles and twenty-five men, captained by Foster McKoskey.

**Juveniles**—Blue Bird of Happiness is the theme of Wm. Roney, Jr., 30 mos. old—first year to march in the parade; Bobby Meimbresse, Jr., 30 mos. old Yankee Doodle Dandy; Chas. Roney, age 6—Don Juan; George Roney, Jr., King of Hearts; Thomas Roney, Lavender and Old Lace.

**Handsome Costumes**—Heartbreaker, carried by Wm. Roney—Red & White suit, 14 feet high, 13 feet wide, 8 panels. Moonlight and Roses. royal blue-tangerine representing the moon, and dark blue skies with rays emanating from the moon—John Huston.

**King Clowns**—Thomas M. Roney in red and white with stars, diamonds, and crescents. Robert Meimbresse—red and yellow—14 feet high with points of yellow and trimmed with gold spangles.

**King Jockeys**—Elmer Lockhart—in blue, aqua and rose, 12 feet high. Wm. Huston in Nile green and pink trimmed in black.

**Jockey Trio**—Harry Lockhart, Joe Quig, and Jack Bobst.

**Clown Trios**—Tommy Scanlen, Jimmy Greco and W. Messick—black and yellow gold—Meech Brothers.

**Handsome Trim**—Hearts and Flowers in red and white—11 feet high, carried by Wm. Badey.

**Irish King**—Green Shamrock encircled by 200 green plumes—carried by Wm. Lockhart.

**Special Mention**—City Colors—Blue and gold shields and plumes, 11 feet high, carried by Eddie Messick.

A gold and red float manned by Ed Clark as King Momus on his 50th Birthday.

The Hog Island Clowns, Captained by Bud Eisenhower, assisted by two juveniles, and 25 men, old rose and green.

## CHAS. KLEIN NEW YEAR ASSOC.

The Klein Club will again take its place in the line of march in the fancy division being absent due to being washed out in the rainstorm of 1948.

The line up of the club is as follows:

**Float**—Theodore Holt on a float of a flaming arrow will portray an Indian Chief, he will have a headdress of 150 white feathers, his costume is red satin trimmed with spangles. He will be assisted by six men in yellow satin trimmed in spangles.

**Brigade**—The "Red Devils" will be led by Wm. McIntyre in red and gold trimmed in red spangles, the brigade consists of forty men. Another brigade carrying out the theme of Sun Rise of 1950 with 45 men will be led by Pop Gabriel.

**Juveniles**—John Egan, 7 years old, in white satin and red spangles as the "Sweetheart of 1950." Wm. Egan, in white satin and yellow spangles will be the "Leader of the Flower Mart."

**Female Impersonators**—Leo Watson, A Ziegfield Follies Girl in red and white, and Carl Johnson will portray "Dream Girl" in a gown of blue and gold ruffles.

**Group**—Charles Roy will lead a group of eight as the "Colonials."

**Handsome Costumes**—Frank Austerinan will portray "Blue Evening" with a headdress of 300 plumes. Ralph Tursi, Club President, will appear as "The Northern Light" with 800 plumes in his suit. Joe Silvio, as the "China Coolie" in pink and green with 200 plumes. Wendell Gardner will present as his theme "Rainbow Happiness," with 900 plumes of various colors. Buddy Fritz will present "The Butterfly" in spider web of gold and green and 192 plumes. James Welsh as the Flower Basket trimmed with 500 red roses.

**King Jockey**—Harry Hill in cerise and green mounted with white doves. James Walsh in colors of flag blue and yellow.

**Handsome Costume**—John Landy as "The Rainbow" in 9 colors.

**Trim Suit**—Fred D. Imperio as the "Rocket" in red, white and blue.

**Irish King**—Mark DeAngelo in colors of green and yellow.

**Trio Clown**—Joseph Mulhern, Thomas Murray and George Flanders in colors of green and yellow.

**Trio Jockeys**—James Kelly, Pat Brennan, and Thomas Dithers in red and yellow.

**King Clown**—Thomas Quirk in orange and black. Maurice Roddy in green and white with umbrellas of 5 decks and eleven feet high. Harry Jerdan in white and red. Carl Flynn in black and white.

**Two Pantomime Clowns**—Led by Frances Bradley in colors of red, white and blue, each will carry a three deck umbrella trimmed in red, white and blue.

**Captain's Cape**—A four section cape with the theme of "Moonlight and Roses" will be carried by acting captain David Crawford. The cape is 325 feet long in colors of cerise, red, colonial green and yellow. The arch will represent the sky, moon, and the stars. The entire cape is trimmed with 500 roses and will be carried by 52 pages.

## S. D. WHEELER FANCY CLUB

The S. D. Wheeler Club was organized in 1938 and will parade this year for the 13th time. The members of the club make all the suits that they will wear on New Year's Day.

The Club line-up will be:

**Juveniles**—James Carney, 6 years old, will be parading for the fourth time. Billy Doyle, age 5, will carry a black and white bridal satin suit trimmed in black sequins and gold braid and portraying the theme of "A Cameo."

**Handsome Costume**—Blue and Gold carried by James Carney. Frank Inverso will be arrayed in a red and yellow costume. Joseph A. Anderson will present "Artic Night," an eskimo suit made of white satin, trimmed with rhinestones and silver braid. Head piece represents artic moon and the landscape is 10 feet high and 12 feet wide. Red and white "Valentine" will be carried by Louis Raer.

**Jockey Suits**—Orchid and purple carried by William Strobel and blue and silver carried by Bobby Strobel.

**King Jockey**—Green and white carried by William Doyle.

**Trio Jockey**—Red, white and blue carried by John Machins and John and Joseph Loughlin.

**Brigades**—The Manton Brigade, Captained by George Brown with forty men in costume. Another brigade, captained by Joseph Brown, Jr., will present forty men in costume.

**Trim Suits**—Aquamarine and coral carried by Vince Welch. William Strobel will carry a suit of red and yellow.

**Trio Clown**—Black and white carried by George, Harry and Bud Simon.

**King Clown**—American beauty and gold carried by Tom Stevenson.

**Special Mention**—Yellow and red carried by Joe Patton.

**Captain's Cape**—John Merz, assisted by forty page boys will carry a four section cape of lavender, pink, green, and gold.

There will be 1500 men and four bands in the line-up of the S. D. Wheeler Club.

## OREGON FANCY CLUB

The Oregon New Year Association was organized in April, 1934. Their membership has endeavored to carry on the great Mummers' tradition, and they seem to gather more mummers every year.

Past years have seen the club reap many honors. Included among these was the King Mummer of 1949, also, Champion Club of 1949.

The Club's line-up will be:

**King Clown**—Carried by Richard Parker, also, by Wm. Knight, Wm. Eibel, and James Greene, Jr.

**Captain's Cape**—Captain Harry Marquis, first prize winner in 1949, will be assisted by four men and 26 pages. The cape representing "Four Leaf Clover." The colors are Nile green and white and it is trimmed in silvery spangles. The cape is 150 feet in length and 22 feet in width.

**Jockey Trios**—Carried by Frank Powers, Paul Nord, and James Greene.

**Handsome Trim**—Carried by Francis Sherer, and Tom Napoleon.

**Clown Trio**—Carried by Frank Ward and the Dufresne Brothers and another trio will be carried by Lerro, Hughes, and Pasquarella.

**King Jockey**—Carried by Fred Herring.

**Special Mention**—Eddie Shearer.

Officers of the Oregon Club:

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## GALLAGHER FANCY CLUB

The Gallagher New Year Association, the oldest club in the Fancy Division parading today, has captured nine first prizes in the past fourteen years of marching.

The Gallagher Club will line up as follows:

**Captain's Cape**—The Gallagher Club's cape is made up of four sections and is over 200 feet long. The color scheme is American beauty and orchid satin, portraying the theme of "A Basket of Roses." The cape will be carried by Captain John Monney assisted by 54 pages.

**Brigade**—The group in this newly organized brigade of the Gallagher Club have gone to great trouble and expense to make this a prize winning suit. Their theme is "The Best Things in Life Are Free." The colors are royal blue, ice blue, gold and tangerine. There are 35 men in the brigade and they are captained by Harry Earl.

**Juveniles**—Tommy Seidner will present something novel, his suit will carry out the theme of "The Wheel of Fortune," other Juveniles will include Gene Ziegler as Miss Legionaire, and Thomas Veasey.

**Handsome Costumes**—Robert Ziegler; Henry Hendrickson will present "King Pharaoh of Egypt." John Myhasuk in purple and black, his suit has a spread of 14 feet.

**King Clowns**—Dick Klosman, red and white with gold sequins. John O'Grady in pink and white.

**King Jockey**—William Simmers in red, white and blue.

**Jockey Trio**—William Rementer, George Reardon, Harry Trainer in green and gold.

**Clown Trio**—Golden Clowns of 1950 carried by the Ziegler Bros. The Murray Brothers in green and white. Red and white carried by the Rogers Brothers. Henry Saltenberger, Jos. Kelly, Geo. Haynes carrying another Clown Trio.

**Handsome Trim**—Bill Hallett in green and white.

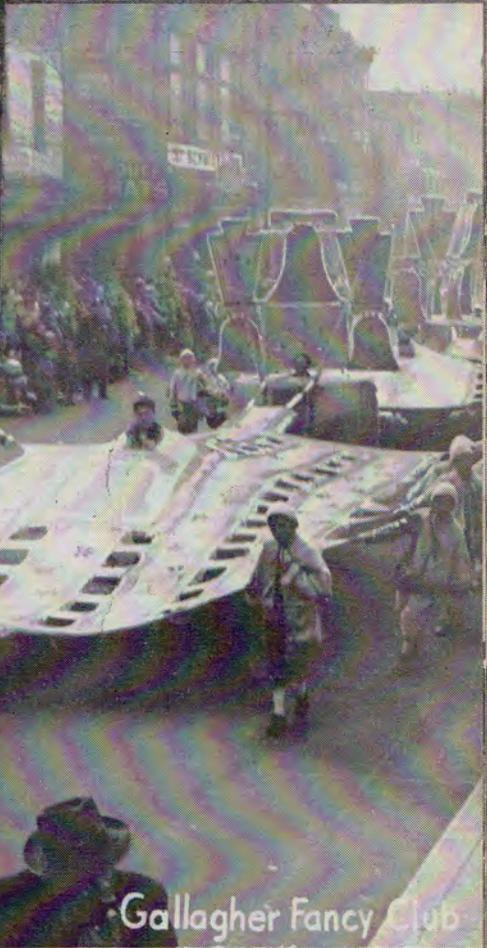
**Special Mention**—"Let A Smile Be Your Umbrella" portrayed by Dave Elliott. William Stumm, Jr., will present "Garden of Roses."

Officers of the Gallagher Club:

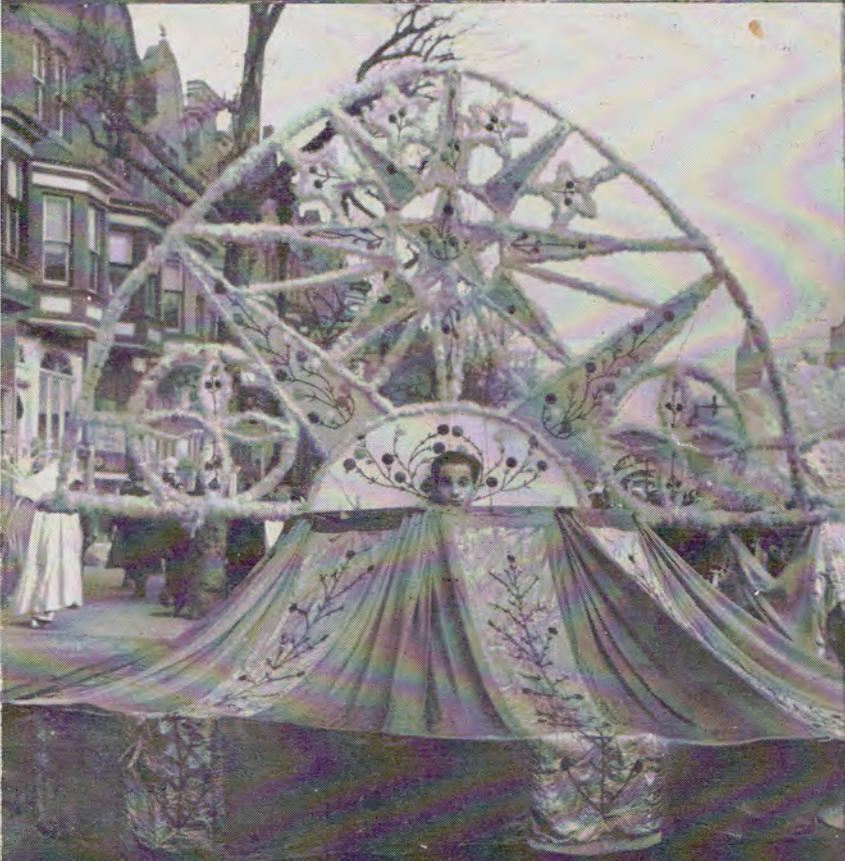
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## LIBERTY CLOWNS COMIC CLUB

The Liberty Clowns were organized in 1936 by Billy Torelli, the Club's present President. The Club has been the recipient of many prizes.

The club's line up is as follows:

**38 Black and White Clowns will lead the club.**

**Captain's Cape**—Carried by Joe Schultz, will portray Philadelphia rebuilding on a large scale.

**Float**—By Ray Collins—theme—"I Never See Maggie Alone."

**Float**—By Wm. Pastore—theme—"Al Jolson Sings Again."

**Float**—By Ralph Pastore—theme—"Stock Market Goes Up," the front wheels of his car will go up, the rear wheels will stay down.

**Juvenile**—Dommie Torelli, son of president, Billy Torelli, will be out to get his tenth first prize this year when he appears as a "Bridesmaid Doll."

**Brigade**—Captained by Bob Schultz, presents "Ole King Cole" and his juvenile minors from the underworld.

**Brigade**—New Washington Monument—5 per cent Generals.

**Brigade**—Captained by Michael Terry with 22 men dressed as Africans hunting Coffee.

**The Marx Brothers**—Gentlemen Jim and The Great John L.

**A Man**—Still sitting on a pole waiting for the Cleveland Indians to get into first place.

**Float**—A car that breaks down in the middle, then goes back together again.

**The Fire Department.**

**Brigade**—16 men dressed as men and women representing the marriage of Aly Kahn and Rita Hayworth.

**The Liberty Clowns**—Composed of all veteran Mummies is always a strong threat to other clubs of the Comic Division.

## MURRAY COMIC CLUB

The J. A. Murray New Year Association was organized in 1935 by Harry W. Tyler, the present President. It was formerly the D. A. Oswald New Year Association. The Murray Club has the distinction of being first prize winner in the Comic Division for four consecutive years. Under Harry Tyler's leadership it took first club honors in 1939, 1940, 1941, and 1944.

This year there will be four generations of both the Herman Family and the Tyler Family parading with the Murray Club, ranging in years from 78 years to 19 months.

The line up for the Murray Club will be as follows:

**700 Wenches and Dudes.**

**Keenan and Hodgett's**—"Tarzan and the Alligator."

**Johnny Keenan**—7 years old, will portray "The Champ Fighting B-36."

**Fred McAllister**—Will present "That Lucky Old Sun."

**Captain's Cape**—Will be 75 feet long and carried by Dan Herman, Captain of the Club, and there will be 40 pages assisting him. The theme of the cape is "Box Cars Across The Sea."

**William Stockman**—Will be dressed as Abraham Lincoln.

**"Coaltown"**—Horse of the year, will be presented by Huck-buck and Barret.

**"Popeye"**—By Jack Walton.

**Brigade**—"The Wake of the Red Witch."

**Ray Zimintaitas**—Will portray "The Tallest Clown In The World."

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## PURUL COMIC CLUB

The Joseph A. Purul New Year Association was organized on April 15, 1936. Today, the Purul Comic Club hopes to retain the Crown of Comic Champion for the seventh consecutive year.

The line up for their club is as follows:

**The Anniversary Cape**—Portraying "King Clown of 1901" carried by Captain John Galloway and assisted by James O'Lone and William Harden.

**Brigades**—"I Never See Maggie Alone," by Alfred Wisniewsky. "The Veep"—Life begins at 71, by Frank Passehl. "Joe E. Howard's Gay Nineties' Review," by Frank Stermel. "Mule Train," by Jerry Stuski.

Frank Dugan, Sergeant-at-Arms, of the Purul Club, celebrates, as do the Mummies, his 50th year of Mummery.

Officers of the Purul Club are as follows:

President .....JOHN A. PURUL  
 Vice President .....ELMER KAMMERAAD  
 Treasurer .....JOHN PURUL  
 Secretary .....ALBERT ORR  
 Sergeant-at-Arms .....FRANK DUGAN  
 Captain .....JOHN GALLOWAY

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## BROOMALL STRING BAND

The Peter A. Broomall String Band was organized in South Philadelphia on March 1, 1930, and will celebrate this year their twentieth anniversary.

Many of the old timers still parade with the band and are active throughout the year. The band has established quite a reputation for putting on a great show at all times. They have also introduced many novel and unique themes that will long be remembered by the public.

The group meets every Tuesday night at 1931 S. Third Street.

The Broomall String Band this year will present "South American Way." Their costumes will represent South American Gauchos. The jackets are gold and the trousers are purple satin trimmed throughout with gold sequins. The sleeves will be two toned and ruffled with a red satin scarf and sash. The hat will be large, round, flat and made of purple satin with a gold chin strap and sequin trimmed.

The captain's costume is white satin trimmed with various colored sequins and braids with a large white flat hat and a gold sequin vest.

Officers of the Association are:

President .....ERNEST B. THOMPSON  
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 Costumer Designer .....EDWARD BROOMALL  
 Captain .....PETER A. BROOMALL

## THE DURNING STRING BAND

"DURNING'S CRUSADERS"

In the year 1096 A. D., an army of Knights and Noblemen under the leadership of Geoffrey, Duke of Lorraine, a Province of France, assembled on Christmas Day to begin the first of nine Crusades to wrest the Holy Land from the Turks. Numbering 100,000 men and their retainers, the great Christian host moved into Asia and on July 4th, 1097, engaged in battle with a great Eastern army of Turks and Saracens at Doryleum where a decisive victory was gained. Moving across Asia and Asia Minor into Antioch where they suffered a long drawn out seige, being surrounded by the Turks during which many thousands perished, they finally broke through to capture the Holy City of Jerusalem which they entered on July 15th, 1099. Geoffrey was crowned King of Jerusalem but the valiant Knight, protesting his unworthiness to the title, never wore the crown.

Down through the pages of history the Cross of Lorraine has symbolized great Crusades throughout the world. It was adopted as the symbol of America's fight against Tuberculosis at the beginning of the 20th Century and was the insigna of the famous 79th Division of the A.E.F. in both the First and and Second World War.

Because of its historical significance, the Crusader costume was selected by the men of the Durning Band for this 1950 Golden Jubilee Pageant. Led by a Banner Car carrying its Officers and followed by thre 8 year old Mummers, Walter Maewski, Jr., Joseph Clark and Ronnie Cutler, the Captain's costume, worn by James Durning, Sr., consists of Solid Silver Spangles, representing armor. He will be flanked by two Lieutenants, Jake Young and Robert Hall, dressed in Red Velvet and Gold Mesh Cloth. Eighty-five playing musicians garbed in Red Velvet Capes, Red Velvet Jackets, Gold Mesh form fitting trouser and Gold Helmets with three coiled plumes will follow forming, as they reach the Judges Stand, the symbollic Cross of Lorraine and playing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

This Band, with its 90 odd members, is the largest in the Parade and its costumes are patterned after those worn by the Crusaders. The Captain's costume represents Geoffrey, Duke of Lorraine, and the Lieutenants represent the Dukes of Normandy and Flanders.

Making its fifteenth appearance featuring the talented youth of South Philadelphia, the Durning String Band appears throughout the year at charitable benefits, the Atlantic City Beauty Pageant and many other Civil and Social functions. Its musical numbers will be "Stouthearted Men," "Onward Christian Soldiers," and "Years and Years Ago."

Its officers are:

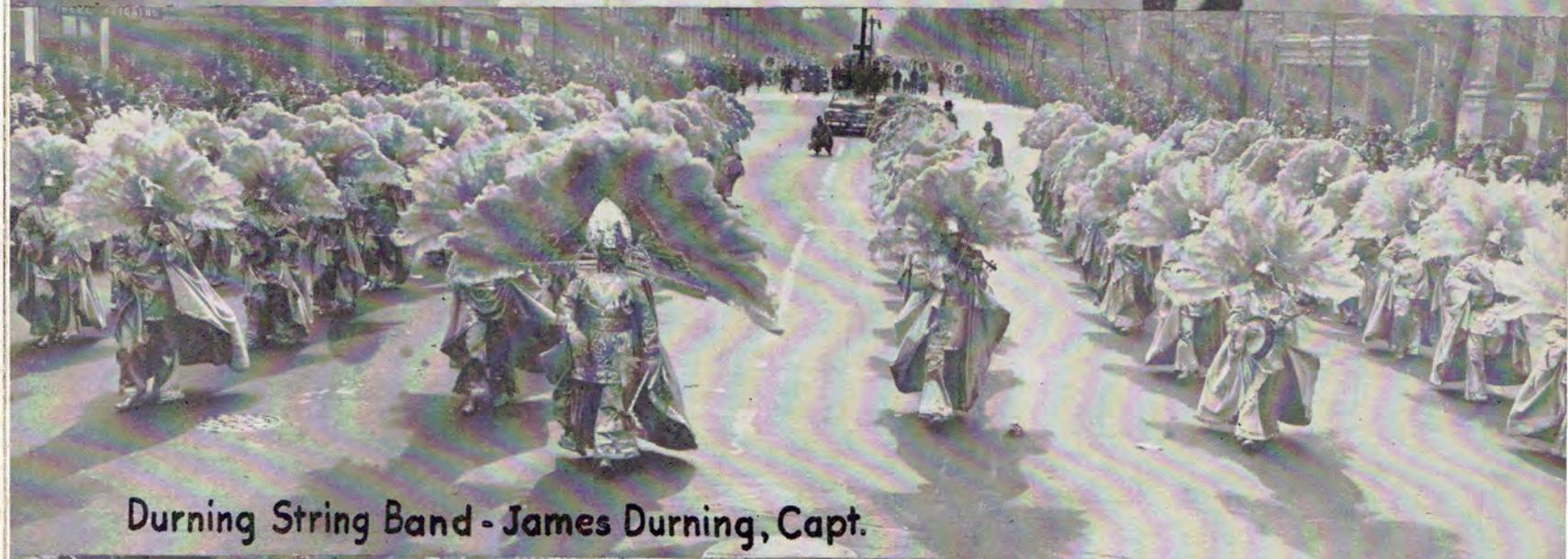
President .....ROGER REGAN  
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 Treasurer .....JAMES DURNING, SR.  
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 Financial Secretary .....JOHN REGAN  
 Recording Secretary .....CHRISTIAN STROEMETZ  
 Sergeant-at-Arms .....FRANK FORE  
 Musical Director .....WALTER MAJEWSKI, SR.  
 Drill Master .....EDWARD PETERSON  
 Captain .....JAMES DURNING, SR.  
 Lieutenants .....JAKE YOUNG and ROBERT HALL

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 FRANK VENTROLA                      JAMES DURNING, JR.



Ferko String Band - Joseph Ferko, Capt.



Durning String Band - James Durning, Capt.



Polish-American String Band - Walter Krop, Capt.

## FIRE-FIGHTERS STRING BAND

The Fire Fighters String Band was organized March 4, 1945, at Engine Co. No. 22, 214 Pine Street, by the following members: George E. Duffy, present captain; John Lauria, Harry Dittmer, Salvador Manganaro and Edmund Burke. This organization is composed of Philadelphia Firemen and Auxiliary Firemen. The Fire Fighters will present an organization of 74 members in this Mummer's Parade of 1950. Captain George E. Duffy, one of the organizers of the Fire Fighters String Band is a Battalion Chief in the Philadelphia Fire Department.

The Theme of the Fire Fighters costumes this year will be "Tulip Time," the costumes will be aquamarine and gold.

Musical selections will include "Tulip Time in Holland," "Tiptoe Through the Tulips," and "When You Wore A Tulip."

The growth of the band has been rapid, rising from 45 members on March 4th, 1945, to 75 members at the present time.

Officers of the organization include:

President .....	FRANK RICH
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Musical Director .....	LEO KAUFMAN
Drill Master .....	EDWARD FLYNN
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	SALVADOR MANGANARO
Honorary President .....	WILBUR DUNLAP
Director .....	JOHN OSTAPCZYK
Captain .....	GEORGE E. DUFFY

## QUAKER CITY STRING BAND

Eighty-five Marching men will carry out the theme of the Quaker City String Band this year. The Theme will be "Stouthearted Men." The men will be arrayed in satin costumes of vari-colors, thirteen colors in all. The Buckaneer type trousers will be bloused down into white kid boots, and the men will wear white satin shirts. Each man will have a vest over the shirt and these vests will be made of satin of various colors. The large flowing capes will be made of satin, and inside, white, and outside, various colors. Each of the men will wear a large hat trimmed with a huge ostrich plume in blue. All suits will be trimmed in sequins.

The band will carry out the character of the "Stouthearted Men" complete with moustaches and goatees; each man will also carry long, gold duelling swords. Every member of the band will wear long flowing wigs typical of the type worn by the cavaliers of old.

The band will have a special feature at the reviewing stand by forming a guard of honor with crossed swords, through which Captain Raymond Endriss will march his "Stouthearted Men" in columns of four. After the band marches through the Guard of Honor, they will form into a concert formation and feature the selection "Serenade" from the Student Prince Overture. After the concert number, the band, headed by Captain Endriss will swing into their theme song "Stouthearted Men" which features the various types of rhythm played by banjos and drums.

### Officers

President .....	WILLIAM RIVEL
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Recording Secretary .....	JOHN M. STRINE
Treasurer .....	RAYMOND ENDRISS
Musical Director .....	JOHN MAYER
Assistant Musical Director .....	TONY NAPP
Steward .....	JOHN HOAG
Captain .....	RAYMOND ENDRISS

## TRILBY STRING BAND

The Trilby String Band, the oldest band on the street today, was organized in 1899. They also participated in the first Mummer's Parade on Broad Street, the fiftieth anniversary of which is being celebrated this year by all the Mummer's.

The theme of the band this year will be "Tropicana, U. S. A." There will be 73 men parading and they will be a fiesta of South American music and gay tropical costumes.

Their costumes will consist of a gay multi-colored Mexican Sombrero, a white blouse, and a vari-colored scarf with native designs, and black pants.

The Trilby Band has indeed grown since its first appearance. With the organization of the band there were 18 men parading and now, fifty-one years later, there are seventy-three men in the band.

The club is active in civic work, giving benefit performances for patients at Philadelphia Naval Hospital and Valley Forge General Hospital as well as for St. Joseph's Home for Girls. They also participate in Uncle Wip's Toy-land Parade on Thanksgiving Day.

The Officers of the Club are:

Captain .....	ADAM QUAGLIA
President .....	WILLIAM MINK
Treasurer .....	JOHN RAMAGANO
Secretary .....	BENJAMIN GANGEMI
Musical Director .....	MICHAEL MODUGNO

## UPTOWN STRING BAND

The Uptown String Band was organized in 1937 by a handful of musical, young ambitious men and have been climbing to success more rapidly every year. They are known as the "Four-Leaf Clover" band and are once again going to present something different. The theme of the band this year is "Fan-C-Melodies."

Each member's suit is made of white bridal satin with cherry colored fans placed on various parts of the pants and cape, all trimmed with sequins. Each cape has a spread of over five feet with a hugh cherry colored fan and a musical staff containing a C note all trimmed with thousands of cherry sequins. The headpiece is fan shaped and has in it 56 tipped white plumes and also trimmed with sequins.

The Captain's suit is the same as the band except for more elaborate workmanship and being made of brocaded satin. The cape has a spread of over 10 feet with cherry satin trimmings and sequins. The headpiece is composed of 300 cherry-tipped white plumes and five feet in size.

Their songs include fancy melodies which everyone knows and loves.

Officers of the organization are:

President .....	ROBERT RUNKLE, SR.
Vice President .....	JAMES BEATTY, SR.
Captain .....	ROBERT RUNKLE, JR.
Lieutenant .....	FRANNY WRAY
Business Director .....	CLIFFORD J. JOHNSON, JR.
Recording Secretary .....	CHRIS FRYE
Financial Secretary .....	CARL HEERE
Treasurer .....	HOHN HEROLD
Musical Director .....	WILLARD ELBERTSON
Assistant Musical Director .....	JOSEPH GIARDINO
Sergeant-at-Arms .....	CHARLES BEATTY



Capt. John Fralinger  
Fralinger String Band



Capt. Robt. Runkle, Jr.  
Uptown String Band



Capt. Joseph Bruecks  
Woodland String Band



Capt. Al. Fink  
Hageman String Band

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# Philadelphia New Year Shooters' and Mummers' Parade

## Program

*Corps of Mounted Policemen  
Police and Firemen's Band*

### FANCY DIVISION

1. **HOG ISLAND FANCY CLUB**  
*Captain George Roney*
2. **CHAS. KLEIN FANCY CLUB**  
*Captain James Chambers*  
*Acting Captain David Crawford*
3. **S. D. WHEELER FANCY CLUB**  
*Captain John Merz*
4. **OREGON FANCY CLUB**  
*Captain Harry Marquis*
5. **GALLAGHER FANCY CLUB**  
*Captain John Mooney*

### COMIC DIVISION

6. **LIBERTY CLOWNS COMIC CLUB**  
*Joseph Schultz*
7. **MURRAY COMIC CLUB**  
*Captain Daniel Herman*
8. **PURUL COMIC CLUB**  
*Captain John Galloway*

### STRING BAND DIVISION

9. **BROOMALL STRING BAND**  
*Captain Peter Broomall*  
*"South American Way"*
  10. **SOUTH PHILADELPHIA STRING BAND**  
*Captain Ray Girt*
  11. **DURNING STRING BAND**  
*Captain James Durning*  
*"Crusaders"*
  12. **FIRE FIGHTERS STRING BAND**  
*Captain George Duffy*  
*"Tulip Time"*
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# Mummers' Parade--continued

## Program

13. **QUAKER CITY STRING BAND**  
Captain Ray Endriss  
"Stouthearted Men"
  14. **TRILBY STRING BAND**  
Captain Adam Quaglia  
"Tropicana, U. S. A."
  15. **UPTOWN STRING BAND**  
Captain Robert Runkle, Jr.  
"Fan-C-Melodies"
  16. **AVALON STRING BAND**  
Captain Harry Lawson  
"Blue and Broken Hearted"
  17. **AQUA STRING BAND**  
Captain Fred J. Kesel  
"The Aqua Merry-Go-Round"
  18. **FERKO STRING BAND**  
Captain Joseph Ferko  
"Milady's Fan"
  19. **FRALINGER STRING BAND**  
Captain John J. Fralinger  
"Immortal Stephen Foster"
  20. **WOODLAND STRING BAND**  
Captain Joseph Bruecks  
"Dreamland"
  21. **POLISH AMERICAN STRING BAND**  
Captain Walter Krop  
"The Pyramid and the Sphinx"
  22. **HEGEMAN STRING BAND**  
Captain Al Fink  
"Candle-Light Time"
  23. **KENSINGTON STRING BAND**  
Captain Howard Peoples
  24. **WHITMAN STRING BAND**  
Captain Harry Straub  
"Volunteer Firemen of Yesteryear"
  25. **NORTHEAST STRING BAND**  
Captain Charles Lutz
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## AVALON STRING BAND

The Avalon String Band, formerly known as the 12th Ward String Band, was organized on May 11, 1938. The band was founded by Harry T. Lawson, the present captain, Louis Kerner, William Max, Jr., and Otto Palmer.

The Avalon String Band's costumes this year will carry out the theme of "Blue and Broken Hearted." The costumes are ice blue satin trimmed in black and cerise with forty black plumes in each head dress, representing the sadness of a broken heart, and set off with cerise and blue sequins. The disk and cerise heart are trimmed with gold lace and sequins. The suit itself is ice blue satin trimmed with black and cerise with a long tunic jacket and trousers. The entire costume is trimmed with gold sequins. The cape is ice blue with a large gold sequin heart on the back of it.

The captain's costume is all ice blue and gold sequins with 200 ice blue plumes in the headdress.

Their theme song is "Blue and Broken Hearted," other selections will include "Heart Breaker," and "Avalon."

Officers of the organization are:

President .....OTTO PALMER  
 Vice President .....FRED GARDNER  
 Treasurer .....JOSEPH RUDLEY  
 Secretary .....FRED VENTRESCA  
 Captain .....HARRY LAWSON  
 Musical Director .....ALBERT NILSSON  
 Business Manager .....EDWARD BEHLOW

## AQUA STRING BAND

The past year has been a busy year for members of the Aqua String Band with a continuous round of entertainment—always in full costume—for parades and concerts. Aqua String Band appeared at 34 affairs during the year, more than in any year of the band's 30 year history, and completed the year with it's 75 piece "Mummers' Parasol" band in Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade in New York City where they were well received.

The Aqua String Band will present this year as their theme, "The Aqua Merry-Go-Round," the costumes are made of bridal satin. They have white jackets and trousers with red sequin trim and fluorescent satin. The hats are a pony style scull cap and each canary yellow cape contains an original copy of a jeweled carousel horse on a pole suspended from a richly ornamented and mirrored backpiece surrounded with red tipped white plumes. The band will use as their theme songs "The Merry Go Round Broke Down" with a drill performed with the notes of this number. Also, they will play the "Robert E. Lee" forming at this time a complete "Carousel."

In their thirty years of parading, Aqua String Band has been either 1st, 2nd, or 3rd prize winner seven times.

### Executive Officers

President .....EDWARD SYLVESTER  
 Vice President .....DAN PRONCHICK  
 Recording Secretary .....WARREN SHIELDS  
 Financial Secretary .....JOSEPH KOZAK  
 Treasurer .....FRED J. KESEL, JR.  
 Publicity Manager .....PHILIP F. SILVER  
 Business Manager .....SOL GINSBURG  
 Sergeant-at-Arms .....GEORGE HART, SR.

### Parade Officers

Honorary Captain .....ELMER W. LEYRER  
 Captain .....FRED J. KESEL  
 Musical Director .....MAURICE (REDS) TARROFF  
 Assistant Musical Director .....WM. MUHLBERGER  
 Drill Master .....EDMUND CAYKOSKI  
 Parade Marshall .....CHARLES MUHLBERGER  
 Artist & Designer .....FRED J. KESEL, JR.

## FERKO STRING BAND

The Joseph A. Ferko String Band is today participating in its twenty-eighth consecutive Mummer's Parade, Captain Ferko is dancing his way up Broad Street for the thirty-fifth time, having led other String Bands before forming his own band in 1922. This organization has won the Championship of the String Band Division on ten occasions, namely, 1927, 29, 30, 31, 32, 36, 37, 38, 39, and 47. The Ferko Band is nationally known having made three appearances at the New York World's Fair, and they also appeared at the Canadian National Exposition in Toronto, Canada and have been seen in practically every city of first class rating this side of Chicago. The Band was presented with a Meritorious Certificate by the U. S. O. for the great amount of entertainment they furnished the service men during the last world's war.

The theme of the band this year will be "Milady's Fan"—"Among My Souvenirs." The costumes are ten pastel shades of silk brocade, trimmed with embroidered fans and jewels. The headdresses for each member of the band contains thirty-six huge plumes surmounted with gold sparkle marquisette, gold framework and gold plastic cloth. Captain Ferko will be in white.

The Band's music will feature their theme number "Among My Souvenirs" with several other popular tunes. They will also present a precision drill terminating in a Fan formation.

The band has a special surprise for their public — Watch for it!

Officers of the organization:

President .....HARRY A. LEARY  
 Vice President .....WM. DE SANTRO  
 Secretary .....JOHN E. ARLETH  
 Treasurer .....PETE AMADIE  
 Musical Director .....ROBERT TRAUB  
 Assistant Musical Director .....WM. CONNERS  
 Captain .....JOSEPH A. FERKO

## FRALINGER STRING BAND

The Fralinger String Band founded in 1915 will present as their theme something quite unique, they will portray the "Immortal Stephen Foster."

The headdress has 48 plumes all in white, and there is a short cape of red and chartreuse satin trimmed with gold spangles. The coat is red satin trimmed with gold spangles and the sleeves are puffed and made of chartreuse satin. The pants are chartreuse with a red stripe down the side and trimmed with gold spangles.

Their theme song is "Beautiful Dreamer" and their drill will consist of various musical designs.

Captain Fralinger is aided in leading his band by his assistant captain, his five year old son, John J. Fralinger, Jr.

This year is the tenth anniversary of the band since its reorganization.

The officers of the club are:

President .....JOSEPH AMBROSE  
 Vice President .....HARRY OKEY  
 Recording Secretary .....JOHN GRECO  
 Financial Secretary .....FRED CALANDRA  
 Treasurer .....JOHN FRALINGER  
 Drill Master .....JOSEPH AMBROSE  
 Musical Director .....FRED CALANDRA  
 Captain .....JOHN J. FRALINGER



Aqua String Band - Fred Kessel, Capt.



Whitman String Band - Harry Whitman, Capt.



Trilby String Band - Adam Quaglia, Capt.

## WOODLAND STRING BAND

The Woodland String Band has been organized since 1926 and has been an active unit in the Mummers Parade since that date. During that period it has won various prizes.

The organization is governed by a Board of Directors consisting of nine members who are elected yearly. At the present time the president and captain of the band is Joseph Bruecks who is serving his second term in that capacity. Woodland String Band consists of 72 playing members under the captaincy of Joseph Bruecks and his son, Joseph Bruecks, Jr., more widely known as "Duke," who is the popular mascot of the organization.

The Band will present as their theme this year, "Dreamland." The musical repertoire will consist of numbers relative to the theme; the titular number being, "Meet Me Tonight in Dreamland." The members of the band will be handsomely costumed in suits and capes of star studded royal blue satin. The headdress is a huge sequined disc embedded with metallic heavenly bodies, and containing 48 royal blue plumes with an arc of silvery stars intermingling.

Officers of the organization are:

President-Captain .....JOSEPH BRUECKS  
Musical Director .....HAROLD AYRES  
Secretary .....ROBERT TRUEMAN  
Treasurer .....CHARLES CRAIN  
Drill Master .....HERBERT KELLEY

### Directors

DAVID ANDERSON  
ROY MCGURK

JOHN WINSOR  
SAMUEL JEFFRIES

## POLISH AMERICAN STRING BAND

Each year, marching down Broad Street in the annual Mummer's Parade on New Year's Day, the Polish American String Band garbed in resplendent costumes is always among the top ranking bands. First prize winners in 1941 and 1949 and three times second prize winners (1936, 1939, and 1940) make this band one of the most outstanding organizations in its field. A notable achievement, when one realizes the type of bands this association competes with for honors. To remain at the top consistently, year in and year out, as this group has done, makes for a unique record; a small wonder then that the Polish American String Band of Philadelphia has become synonymous with the finest that string music and perfectly co-ordinated drills can offer an appreciative public.

The Theme of the Polish American String Band will be entitled "The Pyramid and the Sphinx," which is one of the seven wonders of the world, and will be composed of 70 playing members under the direction of Walter Krop. The Band will be attired in costumes of yellow and gold. The headpiece is pyramid shape and has 72 yellow Ostrich Plumes and covered with gold mesh spangle with a figure of the Sphinx centered on the front. The cape, blouse and pants are trimmed with gold sequin.

The Drill is entirely new and is under the direction of E. Skowronski. The musical director is B. Sitek.

The officers of the organization are:

President .....JOSEPH JANKOWSKI  
Vice President .....RAY ZIELINSKI  
Recording Secretary .....STANLEY GOGOJ  
Financial Secretary .....JOHN BAUKUS  
Treasurer .....JOHN FRITZ  
Sergeant-at-Arms .....RICHARD GALECKI  
Captain .....WALTER KROP  
Assistant Captain .....EDW. SKOWRONSKI  
Musical Director .....BEN SITEK  
Assistant Musical Director .....WALLY SKOWRONSKI

## HEGEMAN STRING BAND

Organized in 1920, the Hegeman String Band quickly established itself as an outstanding musical organization, and has maintained its position through the years. A "First Prize" winner on seven occasions, the band is going all out in 1950 to make it eight.

Carrying out its 1950 theme of "Candle-Light Time," the Hegemans will be resplendent in a dazzling creation featuring plumes, jewels, plastics, and the finest satins obtainable. The suit is without a doubt the greatest ever worn by the Hegeman Band, and it is sincerely doubted that any string band at any time has ever worn a finer one. The public will readily see this as soon as the band swings into view.

The personnel of the band, 78 strong, is headed by Captain Al Fink, himself a prize winner in all three Mummer's divisions, as well as an outstanding String Band Captain. He has surrounded himself with a crack corps of lieutenants, namely: Rudy Hatzfeld, Louis Kirner, Fred Kost, and Daniel Trunfio. Celebrating his tenth anniversary as musical director of the Hegeman Band, Herman Seflin will be striving to maintain the band's position as the New Year Parade's outstanding musical group. Drill Master Frank Orr will direct the band through its various maneuvers and formations. Rounding out this all-star cast will be a crack group of 72 fine musicians, featuring Bob Malone on the bells.

The Hegeman String Band is honored to list as its president an eminent citizen of Philadelphia; the Hon. Elias Myers. We wish to take this opportunity to acknowledge publicly the help, guidance and inspiration we have received from him.

## WHITMAN STRING BAND

Members of the Harry Whitman String Band have introduced numberless novelties and innovations never before encountered in the String Band Section of the Mummers Parade and the unit has earned an enviable reputation for uniqueness and mastery of the surprise element.

The Harry Whitman String Band will also be refreshingly remembered as the innovators of such popular novelties as "The Top Hatters" of 1936, "Scarlett O'Hara," in 1940 and the "King's Jesters," in 1941.

This year the Whitman String Band will again display their initiative and their novel ideas. The band will have as their theme, "Volunteer Firemen of Yesteryear." Harry Straub, Captain, will be all in white, followed by Sam Hamilton, Musical Director, who will lead the 56 musicians all dressed in the traditional volunteer fireman parade uniform of the Gay Ninety Era. Music will feature melodies of the gay nineties. The drill by Drill Master Wm. Owens will be precision drilling ending in a "V" for Volunteer Firemen.

Officers of the organization include:

Captain .....HARRY STRAUB  
President .....ROBERT HALL  
Vice President .....GEORGE STAMBAUGH  
Secretary .....WILLIAM HALLSWORTH  
Treasurer .....FRED. P. KLEIN  
Musical Director .....SAMUEL HAMILTON  
Drill Master .....WILLIAM OWENS



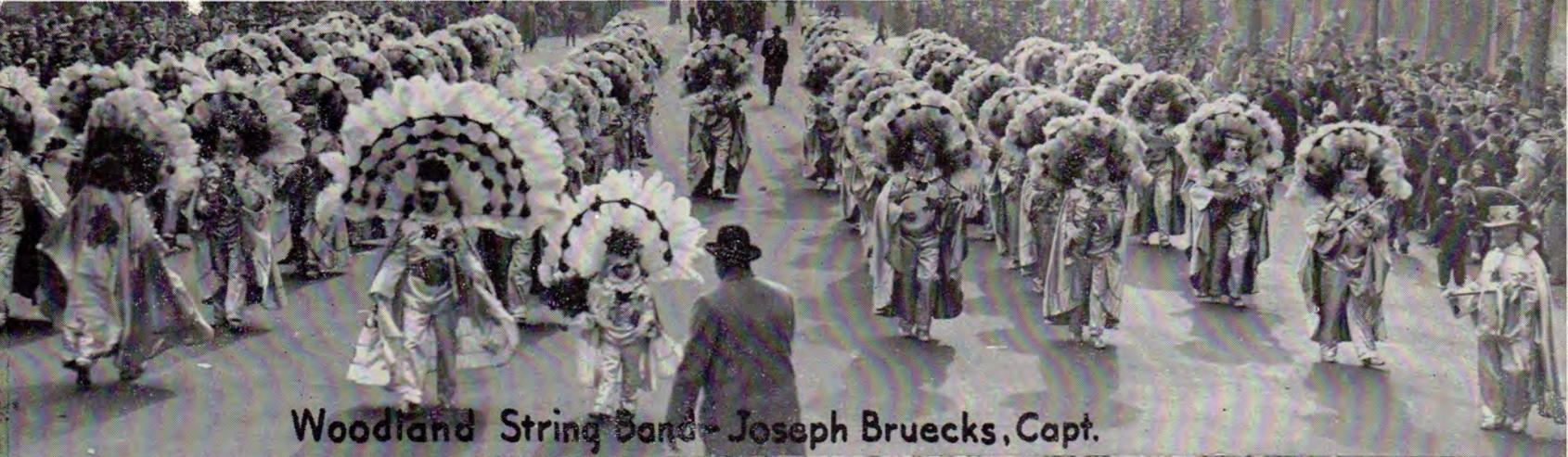
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Ferko String Band



Capt. Walter Krop  
Polish American String Band



Capt. George Duffy - Fire Fighters String Band



Woodland String Band - Joseph Bruecks, Capt.



Fralinger String Band - John Fralinger, Capt.



Avalon String Band - Harry Lawson, Capt.



Uptown String Band - Bob Runkle, Jr. Capt.



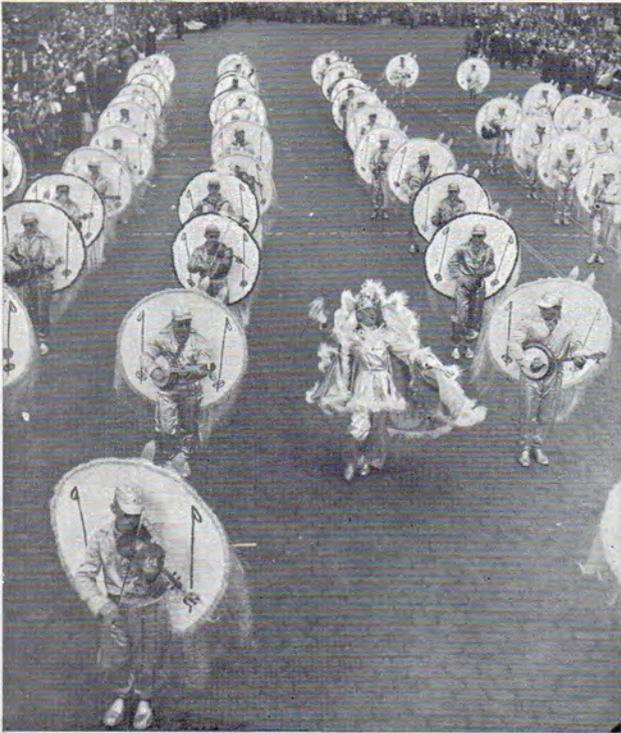
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**Hageman String Band - Al Fink, Capt.**



**Quaker City String Band - Ray Endriss, Capt.**



PETER A. BROOMALL STRING BAND



CAPTAIN PETER A. BROOMALL  
Broomall String Band



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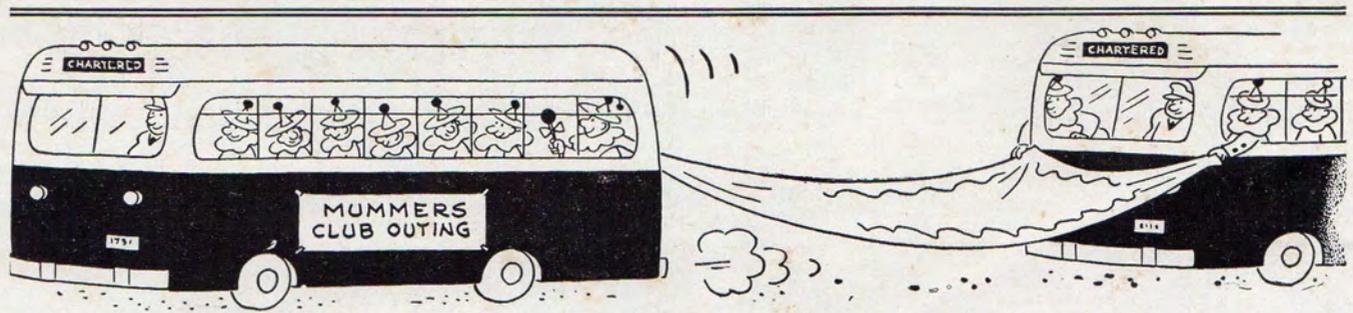
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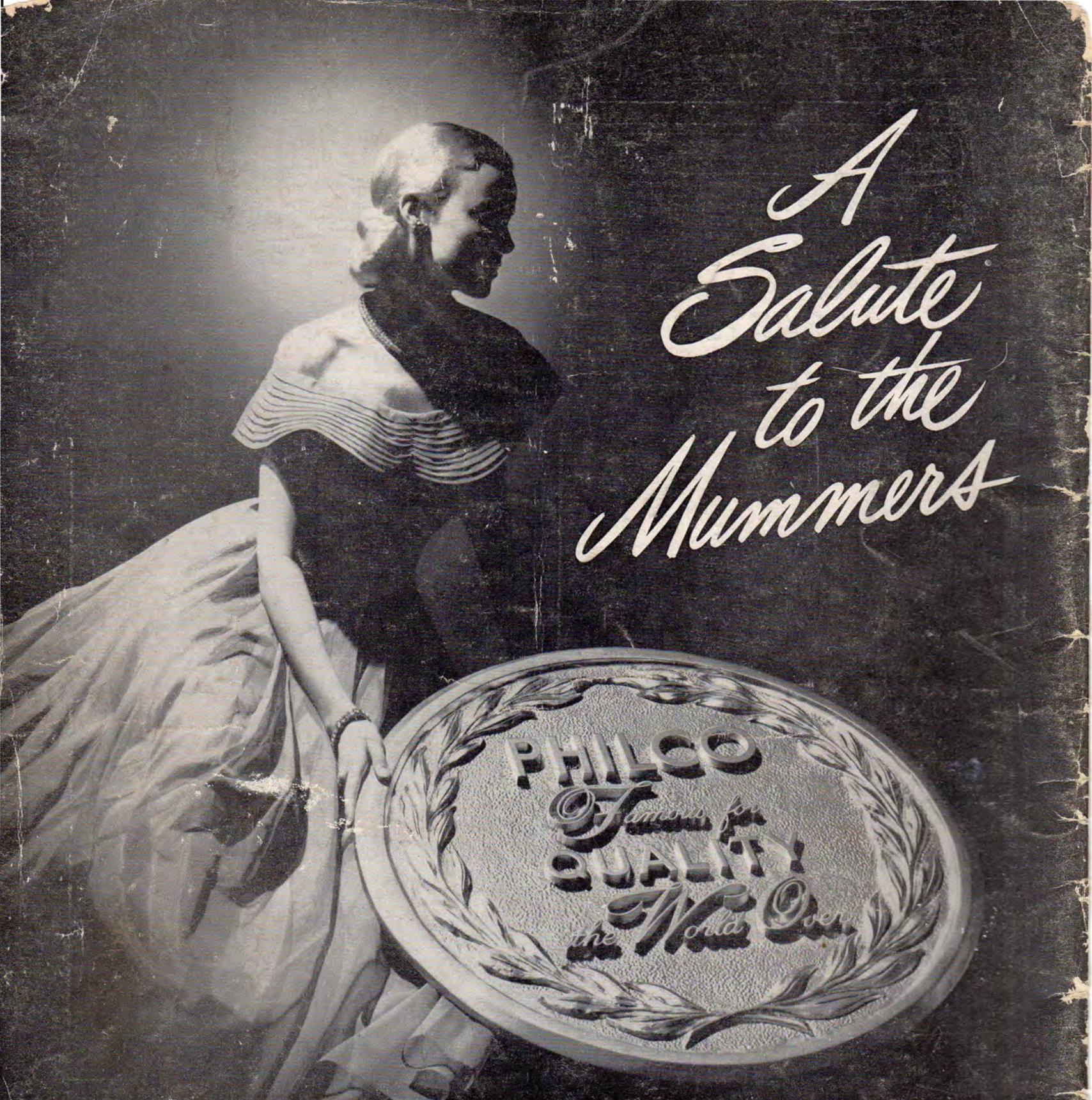
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