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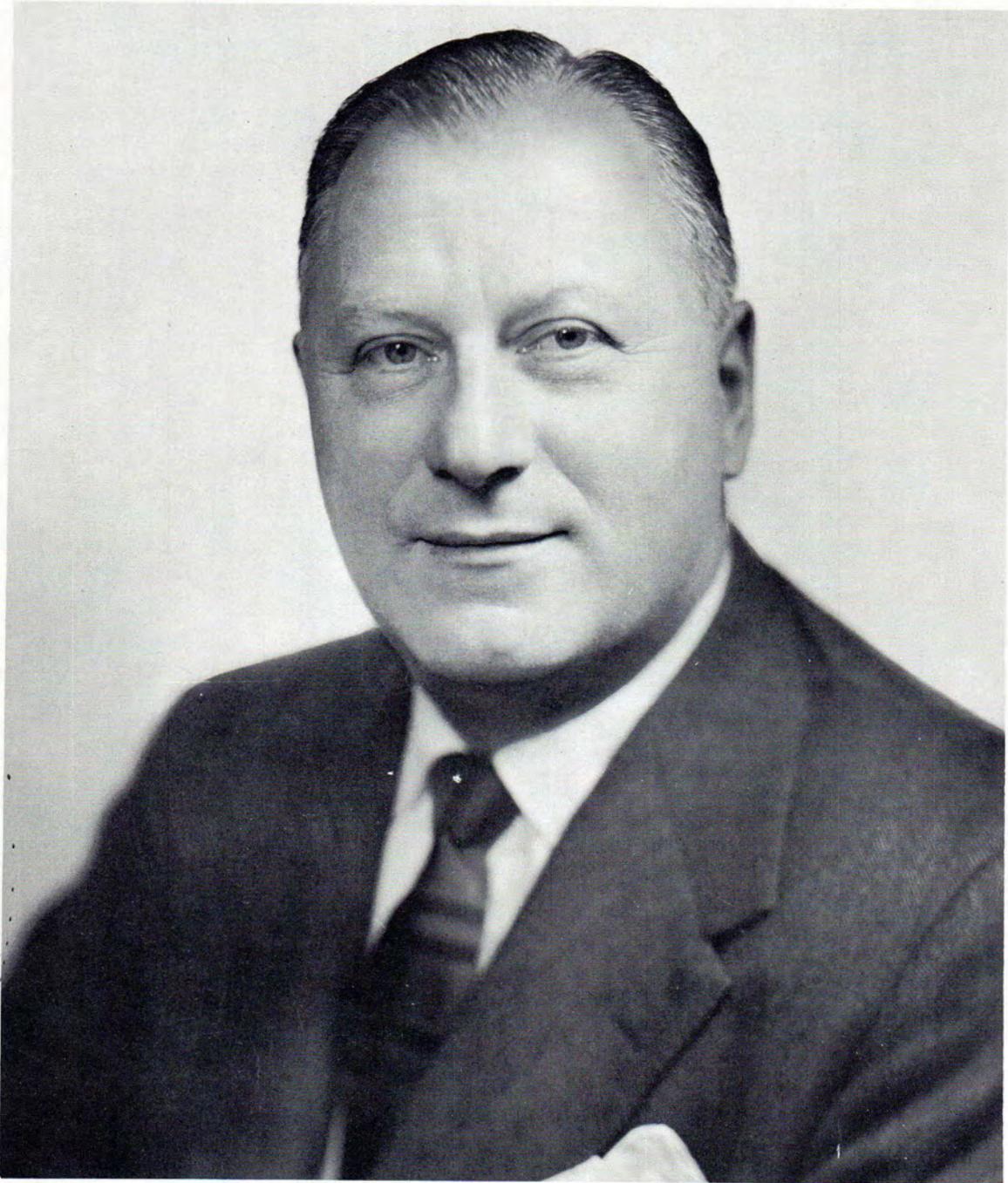
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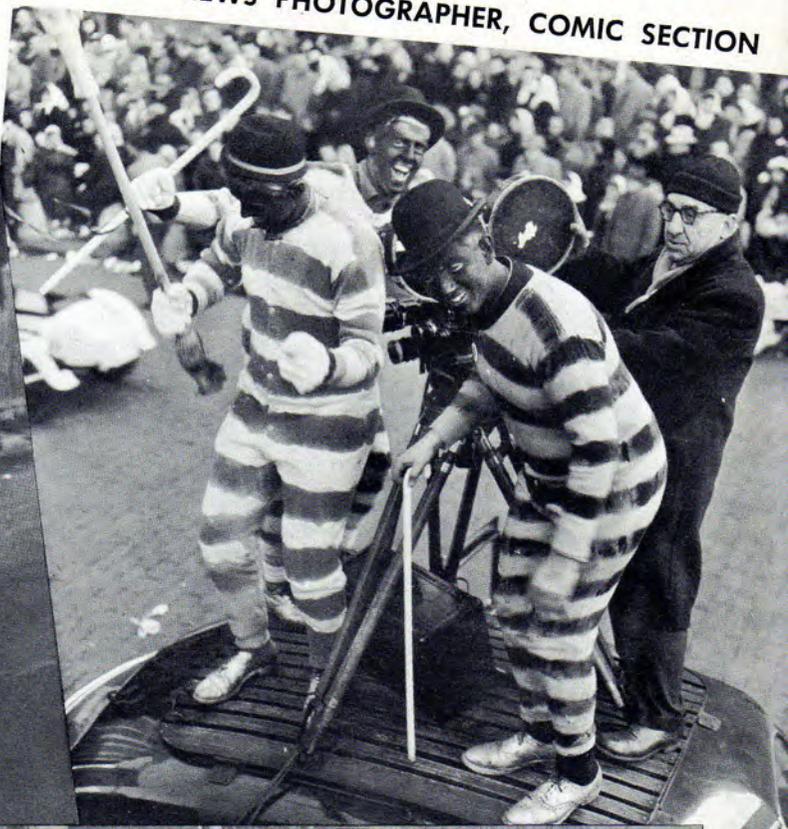


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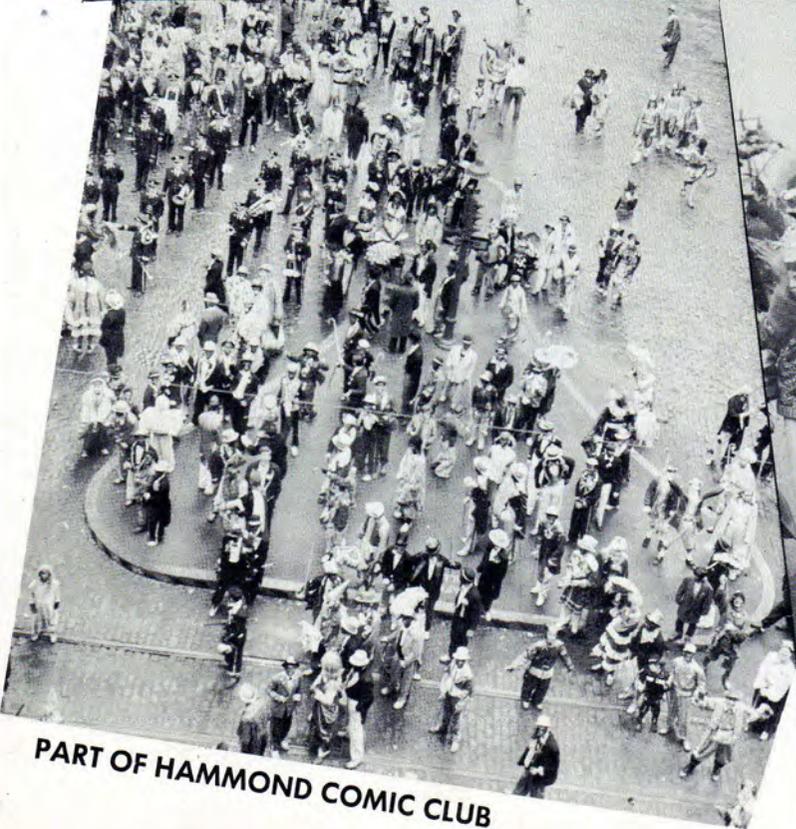
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CAPTAIN'S CAPE, PUREL COMIC CLUB



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THE MUMMERS' PARADE

● This year the Mummers' Parade is without doubt a spectacle that will surpass every parade thus far. There has been more time, money and energy put into making this parade the most dazzling display ever before attempted. Men of the comic clubs are forming brigades and deciding who or what shall be the objects of their derision on New Year's Day. They are pooling ideas as to what themes will best delight the children. And after the characters have been chosen, and the themes selected, there is still another job to be done of making them into prize winners. Members of the fancy clubs are building their gigantic suits and capes. In many cases their suits can't be assembled until New Year's morning because they are so large there are very few indoor spaces that afford ample room for their erection. In the fancy division, there are thirteen types of suits that will be in the line of march. It goes without saying that the assemblage of one of these clubs is more than a one day job. The String Bands besides working feverishly and furtively on their elaborate costumes are spending all their free time practicing their ever popular music and particular drill. These bands must be sure not only of perfection in their costumes but equally certain that their music and drills are at their peak. So, it can readily be seen that these clubs do not merely convene on New Year's morning for the first, but meet only after long and arduous hours of preparation. And then the net result is what we know as the fabulous Mummers' Parade.

THE COMIC DIVISION

To the Comics of the Mummers' Parade goes the distinction of being the original Mummers. The very idea of mummery can be traced back to times B. C. and it has always been carried through in a vein of comedy and satire; much the same as the present day Comics. Mention is found in many of the accounts of Early American history of the antics of the Mummers. The darkened faces and ridiculous costumes of the present day comics are not original by any means but a direct takeoff from the dress of their colonial forebears. In the comic clubs can be found famous cartoon and comic strip characters, clowns of every description and impersonators—mimicing practically every figure in the public eye. The members of the comic clubs who are responsible for supplying the comedy for the parade gather their ideas from every source imaginable and some of their results surpass all feats of ingenuity.

THE FANCY DIVISION

The Fancy Division of the Mummers' Parade was born late in the 19th Century. The magnificent capes and suits of the Fancy Clubs have long been a stellar attraction to the spectators of the parade. Unlike the other divisions, it would be completely impossible for a fancy club to have all new costumes every year, as the cost would be staggering. These clubs have grown more beautiful each year only by an accumulation of the work and artistry of many years. One suit alone may take as long as two years to complete because of the elaborate detail and design that is

completely done by hand. A fancy club is comprised of thirteen different types of suits, among these—king clowns, king jockeys, jockey trios, clown trios and handsome trim suits. Besides these giant framed suits bedecked with glistening satins of every color and trimmed with miles of marabou and sequins, there is the most beautiful suit of all—the Captain's Cape. The handsome costumes and the trio suits are the delight of everyone when their wearers dance up Broad Street to the strains of Dixieland jazz.

THE STRING BAND DIVISION

The String Bands are by comparison the youngest division of the Parade, and they have added a great deal to this time honored institution. The novel music of these bands is unequaled, people the country over come to hear the lilting rhythm of a string band. Each string band goes to great lengths each year to select a theme that they feel can be a prize winner. After a theme is chosen then music and drills are tried and tested until it develops into a full scale production. There is unequaled secrecy among these bands to keep their themes from becoming known to outsiders. The String Band Captains vie with each other for the most beautiful Captain's suit, and each captain can be identified by a particular dance step or strut peculiar to him alone. It is said that—"every-one loves a parade",—but, everybody goes wild over the Mummers' Parade.

"DEM GOLDEN SLIPPERS"

Philadelphia's New Year Shooters are part of the city's tradition—one of its oldest, most popular and most friendly institutions. Their history is linked with that of groups and families who perpetuated this unique form of New Year's celebrations for generations before it was officially recognized by the City Council. Much of their history comes down in form of legend. Although a democratic folk festival, their hilarious pageantry has religious and social origins and draws its impulse from the great masses of the people—a fact that has always assured its popularity.

A part of the Mummers' history that seems to be of constant interest to all who have ever witnessed one of their parades and heard their music is how the song "O Dem Golden Slippers" was chosen as the theme of the parade.

The story goes back to a few years before the turn of the century. James A. Bland wrote "O Dem Golden Slippers" somewhere around the year 1895. Bland's only design for this song was that it should become a negro spiritual. But a mummer, by the name of Charles Dumont, who was in the music business heard the song and thought its rhythm was perfect for the dancing feet of the men in the Mummers' Parade. Dumont was president of the old Furnival club at the time and it was this organization that first introduced the song in a Mummers' Parade sometime around 1900. It's a proven fact that the song had more than just a "snappy rhythm" because "O Dem Golden Slippers" has passed the test of time and is just as popular today as fifty years ago.



LIBERTY CLOWNS COMIC CLUB



MURRAY COMIC CLUB



**POLISH-AMERICAN STRING BAND
"CAMEOS", 1952—1st, CAPTAIN WALTER KROP**



**TRILBY STRING BAND, "CHAMPAGNE", 1952—2nd
CAPTAIN ADAM QUAGLIA**



**DURNING STRING BAND, "CRUSADERS", 1952
CAPTAIN JAMES DURNING**



**AVALON STRING BAND
CAPTAIN HARRY LAWSON**



**SOUTH PHILADELPHIA STRING BAND
"UNCLE SAM", CAPTAIN RAY GURT**



**GREATER OVERBROOK STRING BAND
"ORCHIDS IN THE MOONLIGHT"
CAPTAIN HARRY STRAUB**



**CAPTAIN WALTER KROP
POLISH AMERICAN CLUB**



**CAPTAIN FRED KESEL
AQUA STRING BAND**



**CAPTAIN JOHN FRALINGER
FRALINGER STRING BAND**



**CAPTAIN HARRY STRAUB
GREATER OVERBROOK STRING BAND**



**QUAKER CITY STRING BAND, "INDIAN PRINCES"
CAPTAIN RAY ENDRISS**



**AQUA STRING BAND, "PIXIES"
CAPTAIN FRED KESEL**



**CAPTAIN JOSEPH FERKO
FERKO STRING BAND**



**CAPTAIN RAY ENDRISS
QUAKER CITY STRING BAND**



**CAPTAIN HOWARD PEOPLES
GREATER KENSINGTON STRING BAND**



**CAPTAIN PETER BROOMALL
BROOMALL STRING BAND**



**WOODLAND STRING BAND
"BLUEBIRDS OF HAPPINESS", CAPTAIN JOSEPH BRUECKS**



**GREATER KENSINGTON STRING BAND
"OLD SOLDIERS NEVER DIE", CAPTAIN HOWARD PEOPLES**



**CAPTAIN ADAM QUAGLIA
TRILBY STRING BAND**



**CAPTAIN ROBERT RUNKLE
UPTOWN STRING BAND**



**CAPTAIN ALFRED FINK
HEGERMAN STRING BAND**



**CAPTAIN RAY GURT
SOUTH PHILADELPHIA STRING BAND**

PHILADELPHIA NEW YEAR SHOO

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Program

CORPS OF MOUNTED POLICEMEN
POLICE AND FIREMEN'S BAND

FANCY DIVISION

1. OREGON FANCY CLUB..... Captain James Gianfrancesco
2. HOG ISLAND FANCY CLUB..... Captain Robert Meimbresse
3. S. D. WHEELER FANCY CLUB..... Captain John Merz
4. CHARLES KLEIN FANCY CLUB..... Captain James Chambers

COMIC DIVISION

5. PHILIP HAMMOND CLUB..... Captain Philip Hammond
6. MURRAY COMIC CLUB..... Captain Daniel Herman
7. PURUL COMIC CLUB..... Captain Frank Soda
8. LIBERTY CLOWNS COMIC CLUB..... Captain Joseph Schultz

STRING BAND DIVISION

9. DURNING STRING BAND..... Captain James Durning
THEME: Sheiks of Araby with 110-piece Band *very plain*
SONGS: Sheik of Araby—Hindustan, etc. *music ++*
10. TRILBY STRING BAND..... Captain Adam Quaglia *record head pieces (turn)*
THEME: Hit Parade
SONGS: Polka Dot Polka—Sunshine of Your Smile
11. WOODLAND STRING BAND..... Captain Joseph L. Bresset
THEME: "By the Sea"
SONGS: Minnie the Mermaid, Glo-Worm, Take Me in Your Arms and Hold Me

- green suit white plumes - red tips

OFFICIAL MUMMERS' PHOTOGRAPH

TERS' and MUMMERS' PARADE

12. **FERKO STRING BAND** Captain Joseph Ferko ✓
 THEME: "Musical Jems" *colors (pale pink aqua)* +++ *terrific*
 SONGS: The Ruby and the Pearl, Something Nice About You, Down on the
 Old Ohio, Lonesomest Girl in Town, Hold Me in Your Arms Again, When You're Smiling
13. **AQUA STRING BAND** Captain Fred J. Kesel
 THEME: "Fiesta" *colorful (spanish costumes)*
 SONGS: Brazil, Jambalaya, Lady of Spain, Lover *ruffles*
14. **SOUTH PHILADELPHIA STRING BAND** Captain Ray Gurt *red velvet cape*
 THEME: "Toreadors" *(bullfighters)*
 SONGS: March from Carmen, Lady of Spain, Yours
15. **HEGEMAN STRING BAND** Captain Alfred Fink
 THEME: Tunes of "Popular Melodies" *Bells of St. Mary (green satin) (bells in head piece)*
tropic music
16. **POLISH AMERICAN STRING BAND** Captain Walter Krop
 THEME: "Vagabond King" *pretty pastels (headpieces) off white plumes*
 SONGS: Song of the Vagabond, Rift Song, Rock and Rye Polka *good music - fade to*
17. **BROOMALL STRING BAND** Captain Peter Broomall
18. **GREATER OVERBROOK STRING BAND** Captain Harry Straub
 THEME: "Top Hatters" *Blk & white tails - Capes* *Reggie Van Herson*
 SONGS: Top Hat, Jambalaya, Glo-Worm, When My Baby Smiles at Me
19. **AVALON STRING BAND** Captain Harry Lawson
 THEME: "Bouquet of Roses" *all white bouquets of roses front & back of headpieces*
 SONGS: Sunshine of Your Smile, Avalon, Jambalaya *(pretty)*
20. **KENSINGTON STRING BAND** Captain Howard Peoples
 THEME: "The Gypsy Trail" *Very good - different* *music ++*
 SONGS: The Gypsy Love Song, Play Gypsies, Dance Gypsies, The Gypsy Trail - *chartruse + orange plu*
21. **FRALINGER STRING BAND** Captain John J. Fralinger
 THEME: "Charmaine and Royal Escort" *different* *chartruse + Purple*
 SONGS: Charmaine, Oui Oui Marie
22. **QUAKER CITY STRING BAND** Captain Ray Endriss *pretty*
 THEME: "Sun and the Moon" *excellent music + drill*
 SONGS: When the Sun Bids the Moon Good Night, Same Silvery Moon,
 All the World Is Waiting for the Sunrise, Sunny Side Up
23. **UPTOWN STRING BAND** Captain Robert Runkle, Jr. ✓
 THEME: "Butterflies" *very good*
 SONGS: Poor Butterfly, One Fine Day, Glo-Worm, My Japanese Lady *music + costume*



**FERKO STRING BAND, "DECK OF CARDS"
CAPTAIN JOSEPH FERKO**



**FRALINGER STRING BAND, "TOY SOLDIERS"
CAPTAIN JOHN J. FRALINGER**



**HEGEMAN STRING BAND, "EGYPTIAN SUN GODS"
CAPTAIN ALFRED FINK**



**UPTOWN STRING BAND
"LITTLE DUTCH BOY AND LITTLE DUTCH GIRL"
CAPTAIN ROBERT RUNKLE, JR.**



**CAPTAIN JOHN MAYER
MUMMER'S STRING BAND—160 MEN**



**BROOMALL STRING BAND
"CABALLEROS", '52, CAPTAIN PETER BROOMALL**



DURNING STRING BAND

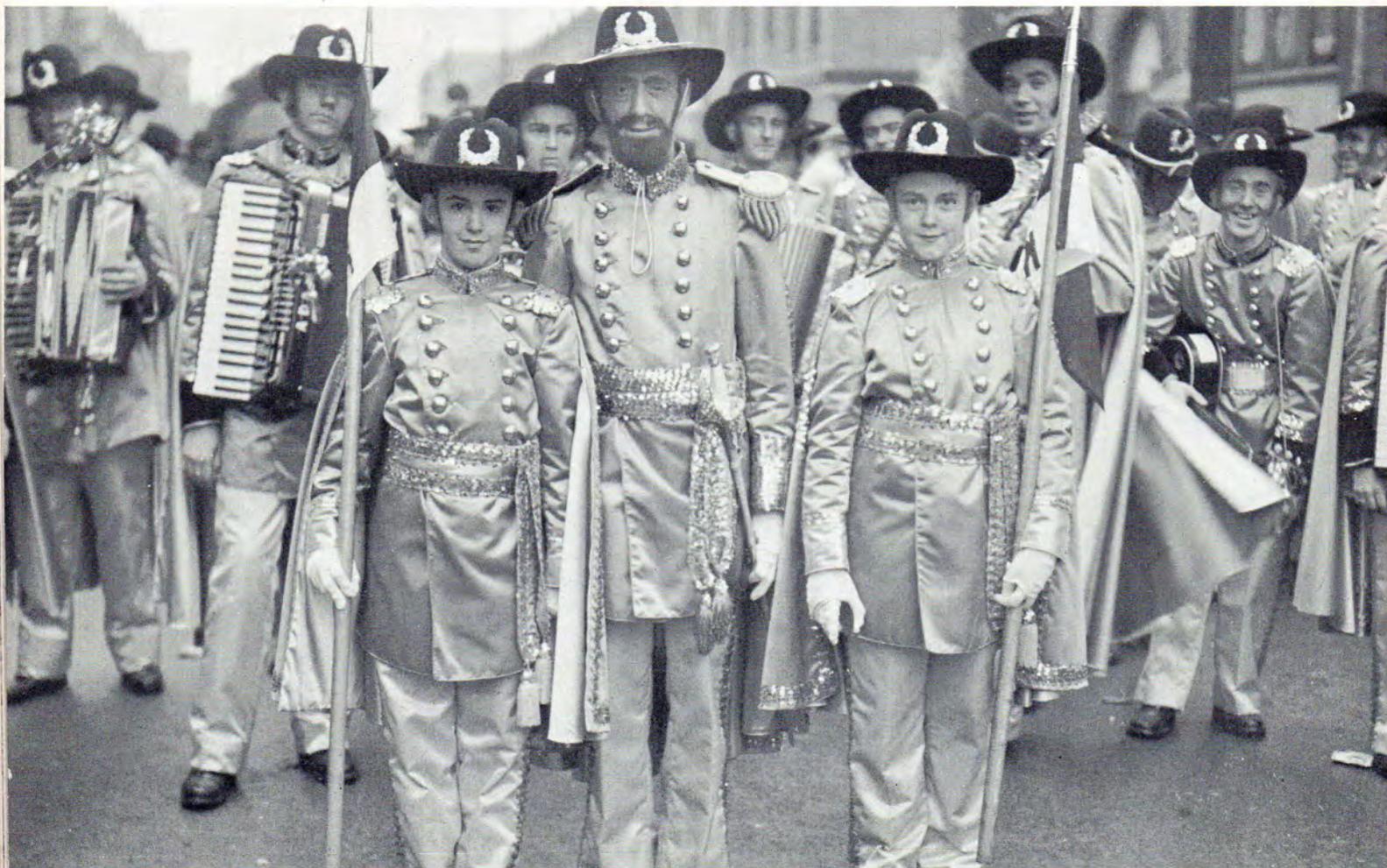
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DURNING STRING BAND**

WOODLAND STRING BAND

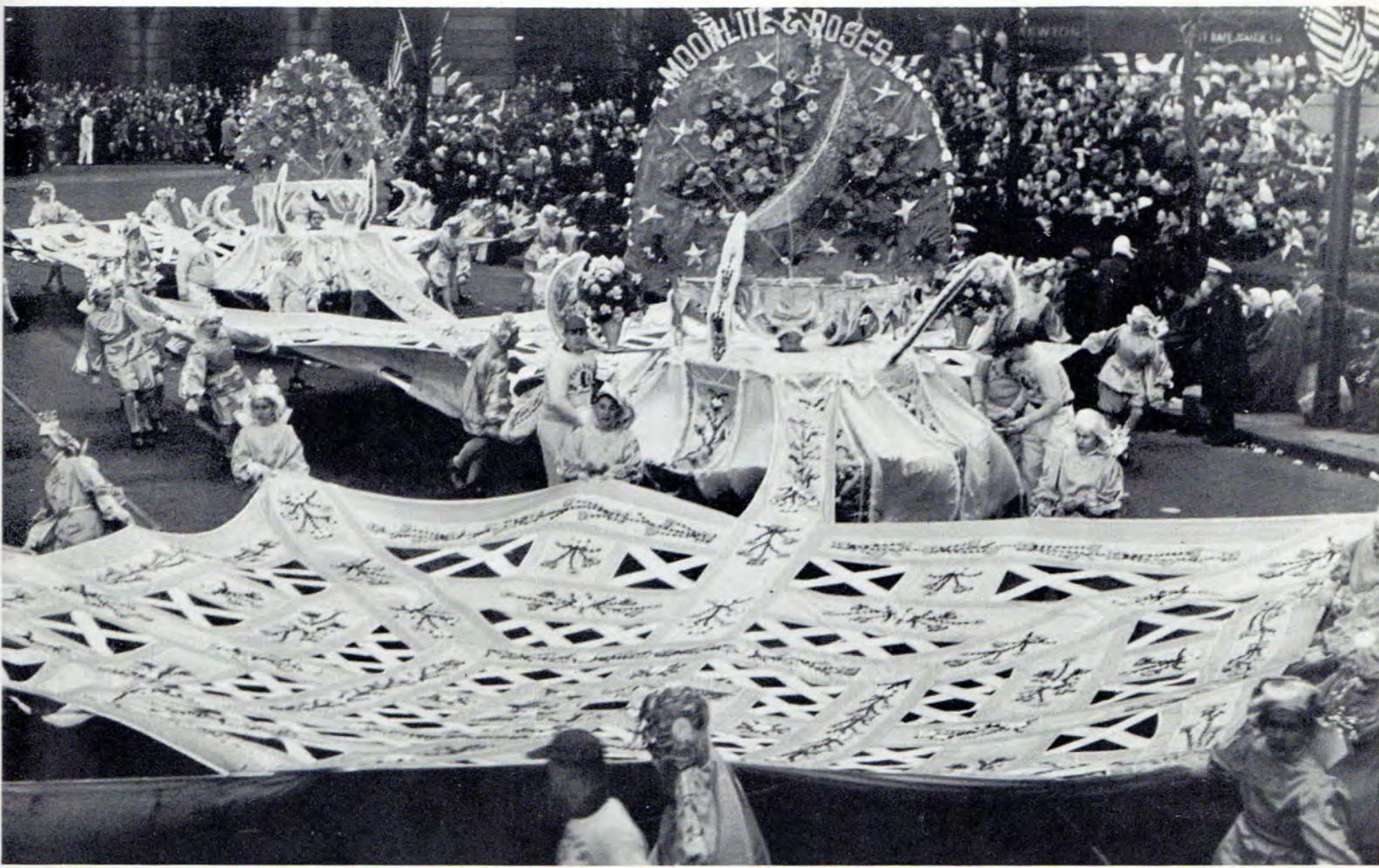




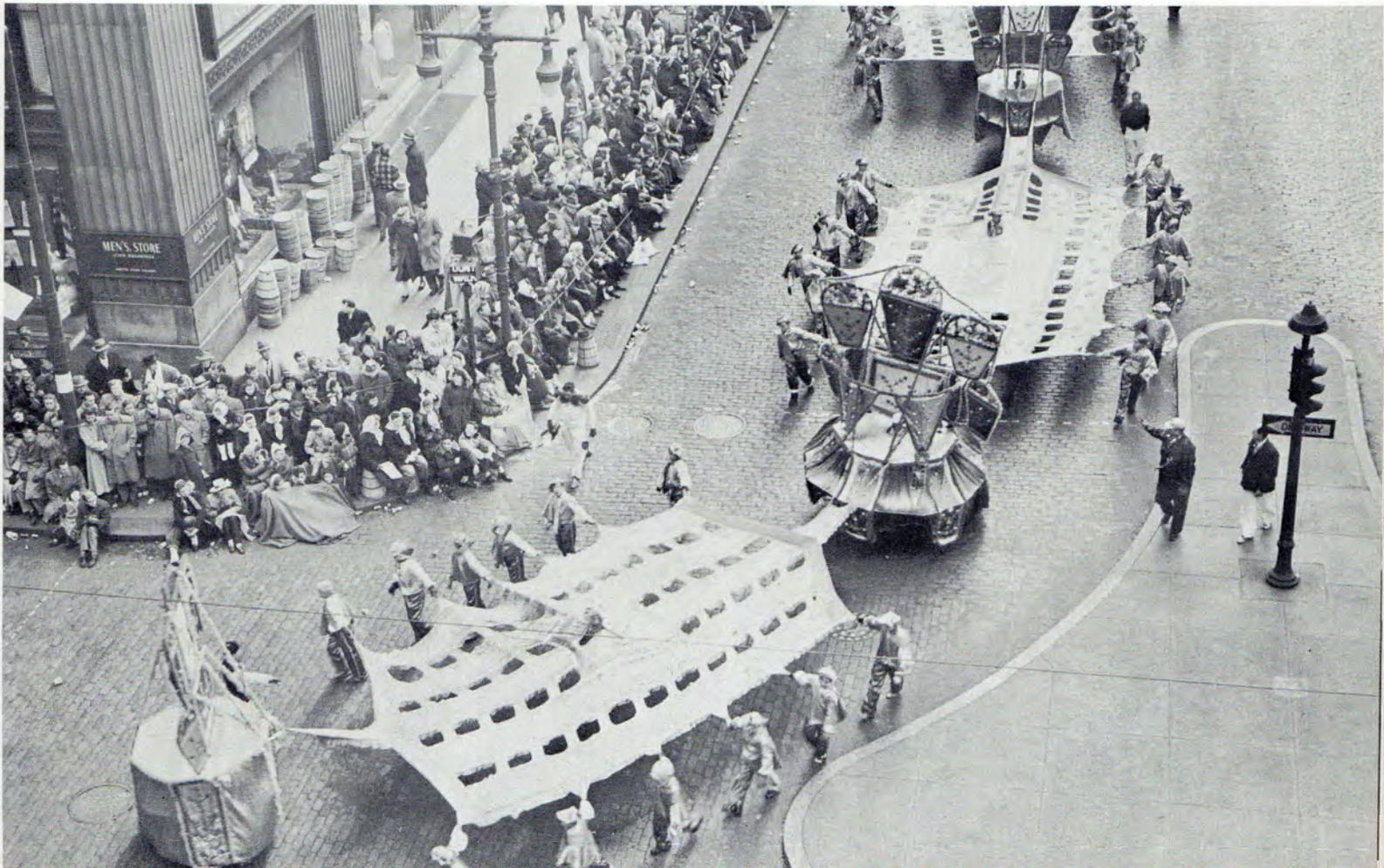
**CAPTAIN JOSEPH BRUECKS AND SON
WOODLAND STRING BAND**



**CAPTAIN HOWARD PEOPLES AND TWO SONS
WITH GREATER KENSINGTON BAND**



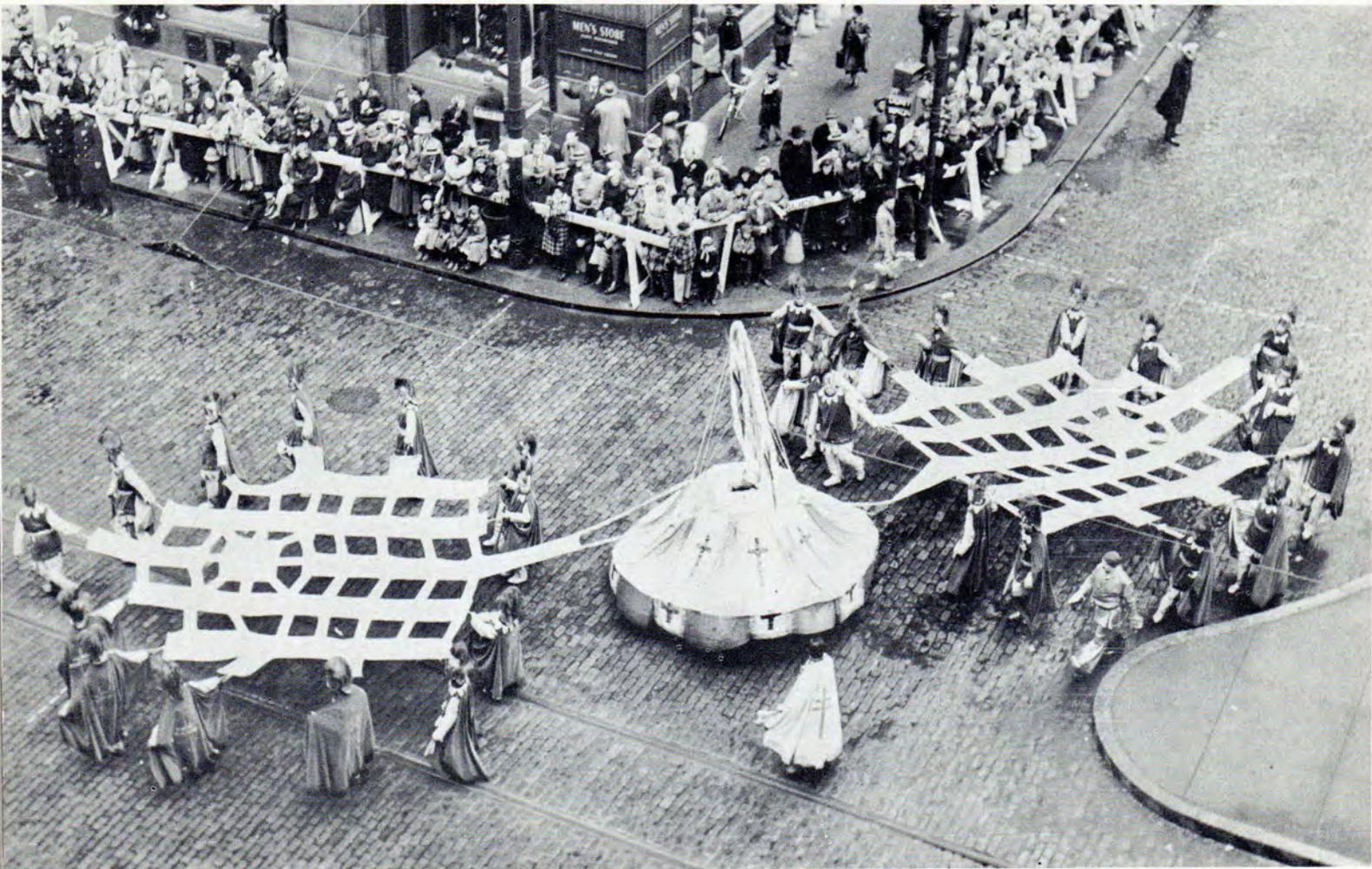
CAPTAIN'S CAPE, KLEIN FANCY CLUB



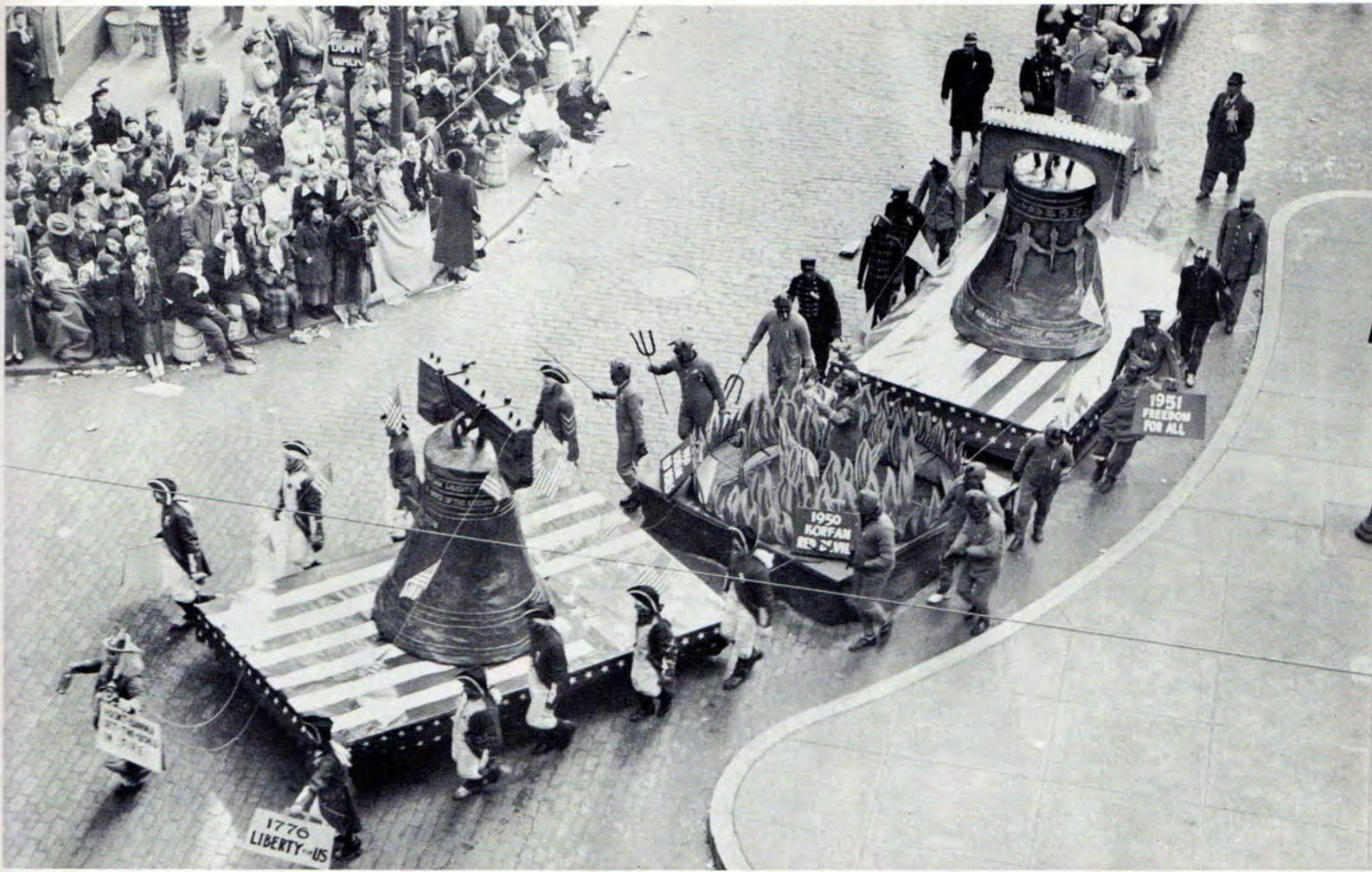
CAPTAIN'S CAPE, '52, "BASKET OF FLOWERS"
GALLAGHER CLUB



WHEELER FANCY CLUB



CAPTAIN'S CAPE, '52 WHEELER FANCY CLUB

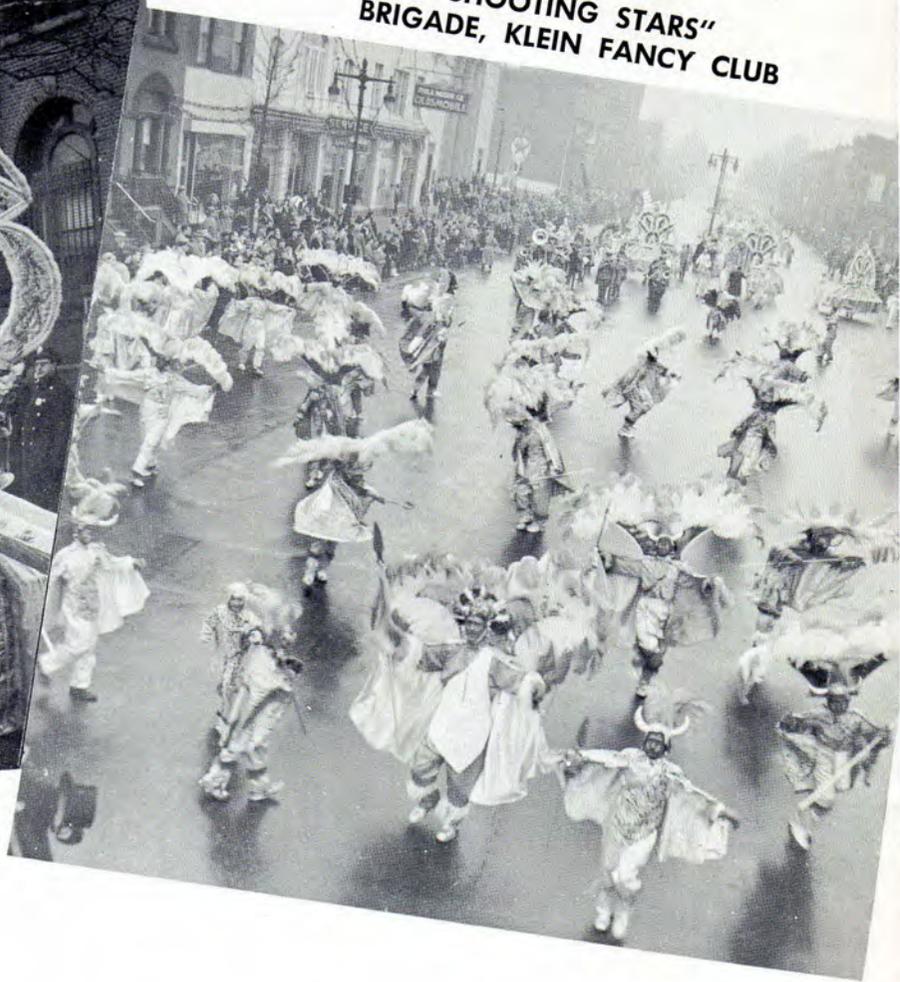


CAPTAIN'S CAPE, COMIC CLUB



MURRAY COMIC CLUB

**"SHOOTING STARS"
BRIGADE, KLEIN FANCY CLUB**



**KLEIN FANCY CLUB
SECTION OF CAPTAIN'S CAPE**



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Broadvine Bar and Restaurant
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Blaetz, George I.
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E

Eastern Boneless Beef Co.
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Fulton Clothes Company
Farrell, Jos. R., Inc.
Farrell, Jos. L.

G

Green, H. L. Company
General Machine Products Co.
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Gangemi, V.
Gassner, Thos. S. Co., Inc.
Gratz Brothers Motors
Gluck and Co.
George's Restaurant
Gallagher's Tap Room, Jack

H

Hoedt Studio
Helmig, A. H. and Co.
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Haldeman, Wm. C. Company

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Hooper Paper and Twine Company
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International Harvester Co.

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K

Kemmel, John B., Inc.
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Kramer, Samuel and Son
Keystone Adjustable Cap Co.
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Levey, Frederick H. Company
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Laubach's Jewelry Store

M

Main Belting Co.
Madeira, Percy C., Jr.
Matt and Joe's Taproom
Mallo, John
Miller Transport Co.
Majestic Press
Marty's Machinery and Tool Co.
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Mascioli, Frederick P.
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McCabe, T. B. Co.
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National Refractories Co.
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Schnader, Wm. A.
South American Wools
Service Bindery
Shatz, Norman C. Co.
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Stein, B.
Seaboard Seed Co.
Steel Heddle Mfg. Co.
Schmid's Bakery
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Samuel Brothers
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Tanzola, Wm. B.
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Thorn, J. S. Company
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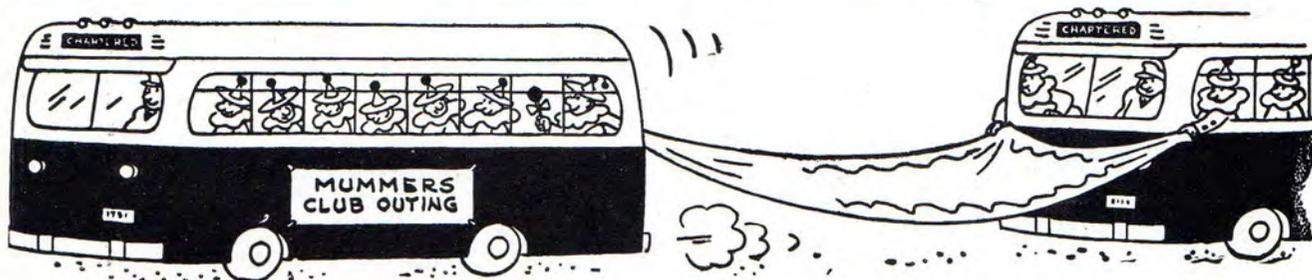
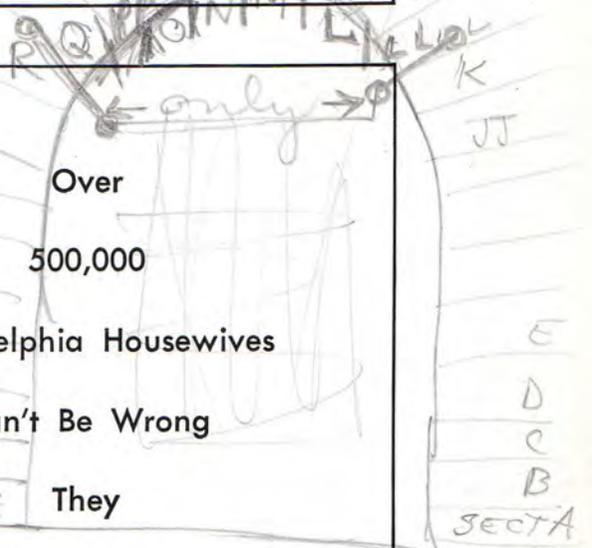
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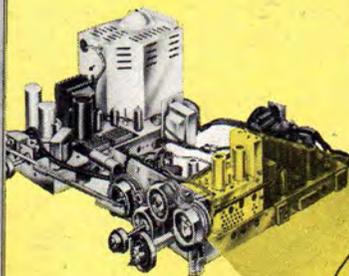
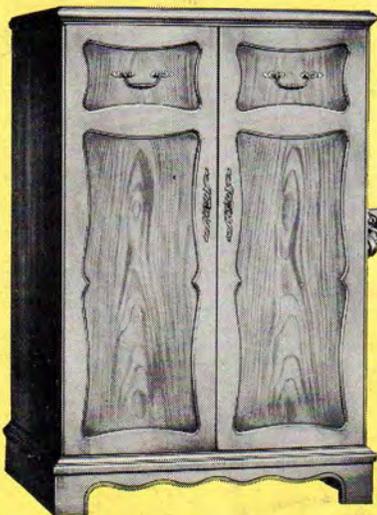


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