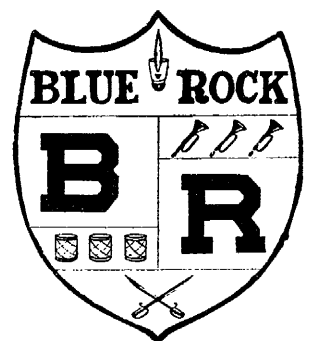


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From the desk of the Tied Typer:

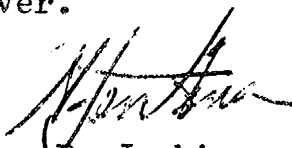


It's that time of year again. It seems just a short time ago we were finishing up our music and putting together the last pieces of the drill in preparation of the season close at hand. But it's all gone already. There were good times and there were bad times. There were good shows and bad shows. We did good jobs and we did bad jobs. We saw victory and we saw defeat. Please excuse my Dickensonian style, but that's the way it was. That's all behind us now.

We can say farewell to those hot nights behind the high school. Farewell to those long rides up the turnpike. Farewell to the chow stops at "Granny's". Farewell to the long rehearsals on hot afternoons in some town we never heard of. Farewell to the gym floors and the flat air mattresses. Surely a welcome farewell indeed.

But what of the other things; the really important things? Those many things that make this drum corps life what it is? Those rookie initiations. The clowning around on the bus. Those crowded stadiums. The electricity between you and the guy next to you, both knowing you're playing your hearts out. That crowd at the U.S. Open - Blue Rock made a few thousand new friends that day and boy it really felt good, win or lose. Yes, these times are gone also.

What does the future hold? It holds everything we've ever hoped it would. Besides the material things, such as new uniforms and needed equipment, there are new instructors with talent and good ideas. There is an administration determined to get things done and done right. And perhaps most important of all, there is the nucleus of corps members to put out the biggest and best Blue Rock ever.


Harry F. Jenkins, Jr., Editor

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ROCKWORK BLUE...a recap of the month

We arrived in Lynn, Mass. in the early hours of the morning for the World Open Championship. The prelude crowd saw BR put on quite an inspired and well executed show. The evening performance at finals, on the other hand was a bit shaky and left us in 6th place finish. St Andrews became the new World Open Champions.

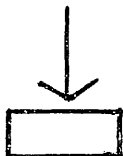
The American International Open in Butler, Pa. was quite a well run show. Our performance in prelims put us in 4th for finals. After a much improved and controlled job in finals we were left with a puzzling 6th place finish.

The U.S. Open in Marion was as enjoyable experience as ever. After "struckin'" around the buses and across the field and through a few front yards, we shaped up for a good showing in the parade and took home 3rd prize. Unfortunately, our prelim performance was not up to par. The final show was much better, in spite of the downpour. However, the show was called because of rain and re-scheduled for the following afternoon. Another well done performance in red, white, & blue U.S. Open (shirts, our uniforms being completely soaked) saw us in a very Disappointing 10th place.

I would like to thank the people of the Fair Park section of Marion for the generous help they gave us in our time of need and especially to Mr. Atkinson at the Fair Park School. It's people like that who make it all worth it.

COMPLAINT DEPARTMENT

We wish to remedy any and all complaints. Please include your name, address, phone, mug shots, route you travel to school or work, clothes you will be wearing, and where you would like the flowers sent. Fill in your complaint in the box below.



We left immediately after Marion for the show in Royal Oak, Michigan. In spite of a flat tire on one of the buses we made it in time to present another good Blue Rock performance. We finished in the 4th spot.

After spending a day in Royal Oak we headed for Whitewater, Wisconsin. The set up at the University was tremendous. Our finish was not. We did a good job in prelims but it just wasn't good enough. I'm sure we'll all agree that there were some mighty fine corps there, and a few very much improved corps. I think the whole drum corps movement can be proud of the increased number of top notch corps now making their mark. This can only mean much keener competition and more exciting shows in the future.

Not having qualified for the show at the Wisconsin State Fair, we made an early departure and arrived home one day early.

That about wraps up our '73 tour. We were quite often disappointed with the outcome, but our spirit and guts were what kept us going. We never gave up. We amazed people and other corps with our strong attitude and fighting spirit. We have nothing to be ashamed of. Blue Rock will emerge as the corps to reckon with in '74.

Great opportunities come to those who make the most of small ones.

The reason a dog has so many friends is that his tail wags instead of his tongue.

He who laughs --- lasts.



OOOPS!!!
I forgot my stories and comments and jokes for this issue of Solid Rock.

Match the music of Blue Rock with the original composer.

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| 1. American Salute | A. Aaron Copland |
| 2. Baby Elephant Walk | B. Richard Rogers |
| 3. Lincoln Portrait | C. Morton Gould |
| 4. Marche Slav | D. Richard Strauss |
| 5. Victory at Sea | E. Henry Mancini |
| 6. Also Sprach Zarathustra (2001) | F. Peter Tchaikovsky |
| 7. Camptown Races | G. Stephan Foster |

Answers can be found on the next page.

BR Birthdays for September

Compiled by Carlotta Burroughs and Linda Morgan.

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| Sept. 5 Mansfred Frederick | Virgo |
| 14 Madelyn Mooney | " |
| 15 Joe Draper | " |
| 29 Jack Deal | Libra |

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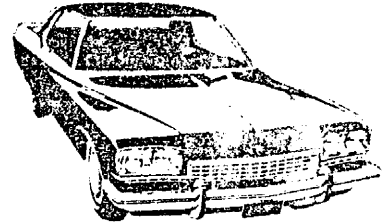
Beer
Bust



On Friday, September 14th, we are running a beer bust at the Walker-Dyer American Legion Post #181, on Route 130 in Penns Grove, N.J. All the beer you can drink from 8:00 to 1:00 a.m. along with pretzels, potato chips, and a live band to provide the sounds for some "get down" dancing. The Post bar will also be selling drinks and we will be selling ham & cheese sandwiches.

Push those tickets! We expect to pack the place and guzzle-up quite a few kegs of brew. This is also a great time to do some recruiting. Tickets also available at the door. \$4 per person. (18 yr minimum in N.J.)

WOULD YOU LIKE TO WIN THIS CAR?



... sure you would; so would I. But now that I've got your attention I'd like to talk about something else.

SOLID ROCK, like any other periodical publication, is a means of communication among management, instructors, corps members (past & present), parents, boosters, and the general drum corps public. I'll get right to the point. If things don't get done, if something goes wrong, if people don't understand each other it is because of a LACK OF COMMUNICATION. For Pete's sake, start communicating! Let your thoughts out. What's on your mind? Solid Rock is your tool for communicating. Use this tool. If you don't it will become a boring rag. You must have something to contribute; a story, an idea, or even a joke. Don't waste this valuable tool. It's up to YOU. And that means everybody.

Also, if you know someone who you think should be a regular receiver of Solid Rock, just give me their name & address. Rocks away at college or in the service, ardent fans and boosters; just let me know.

W. J. ...

A CLASSIC

I'm sure we all remember the I.D. cards we had to fill out for the N.J. American Legion State contest. During our trip to Kingston, N.Y., I tried to get around to everyone who hadn't already filled theirs out and have them do so. This involved waking some people up early in the morning. Charlie James was one of those people. I guess he wasn't awake when he filled his cards out.

If you recall the instructions: (1) Print your name at the top and your signature at the bottom. (2) Fill in your address (Charlie lives at 80 Oakmont) (3) Date of birth (I guess Charlie was born around April 59th, 1918). (4) For your place of birth put city & state (Charlie sure did). I guess he must have steak on his mind -- New Cattles k yi , narms qaigjy85pho q a, / hmb, .z ccl Oh well...we all make mistakes.

Smile Charlie...we still love ya.

The American Legion Department of New Jersey
562 Uniformed Organization Contest Committee
1973 IDENTIFICATION CARD

Blue Rock
Name of unit

#181
Sponsoring Post

Charles James
Name

80 OAKMONT
Address

18/59/4
Date of birth

CITY & STATE
Place of birth

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PHOTOGRAPH

We the undersigned swear the above information to be true.

Member CHARLES JAMES

(2)

(3)

(4)

The American Legion Department of New Jersey
562 Uniformed Organization Contest Committee
1973 IDENTIFICATION CARD

Blue Rock
Name of unit

#181
Sponsoring Post

CHARLES JAMES
Name

80 OAKMONT DRIVE
Address

4/59/18
Date of birth

NEW CATHLETIC WAR
Place of birth

PHOTOGRAPH

We the undersigned swear the above information to be true.

Member Charles James

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