

Scottish Lassies Drill Team Makes Big Strides

MEDFIELD — The Medfield Drill Team, comprising 170 girls from Grades 3 through 12, is a relatively new organization for this town.

Less than a half-year has passed since Mrs. Anna Iverson and Mrs. Margaret Bouin began practices with some 220 girls at the Dale Street School. The team, which has received the sponsorship of the Medfield Park Commissioners and through them was granted permission to use the Town Hall and Dale Street School for Saturday morning instructions, is now becoming a Medfield standard bearer and a much heard of organization.

The organization heads are: Mrs. Iverson, president; Mrs. Bouin, secretary-treasurer; and an advisory board consisting of Clara Hoell, Christine Ferguson, Mary Tocci, Jacqueline Miller, Beatrice Morgan and Janet Owen. This group has sacrificed many hours to give the town an official drill team.

Object of the organization is "to furnish training for girls in baton twirling and drill forma-

tion" as stated in the original by-laws. However, the group now serves as a youth participation unit for Medfield girls and an excellent community organization which gives many families a sense of pride as they see their youngsters in the precision unit.

Presently the girls in the group are under three classifications: Petites, Juniors, and Seniors. The Senior group made its first appearance May 6th in the Little League parade. Medfield residents will see the entire corps of 170 girls for the first time in the Memorial Day parade, May 30th.

Rules and regulations have been clearly defined for the girls. Classes of instruction for all three groups are held Saturday mornings from 9 until noon. Girls have official dress rules for practice, promptness is a must, and missing more than three practices is prohibited. No smoking is allowed and the girls are to maintain order and courteousness in full drill fashion at practice sessions.

The committee in charge reports that parents have been most cooperative and have been invited

to attend practice sessions and view the progress of their children. Four Medfield mothers have volunteered to act as marching guides and include: Barbara Blais, Hilda J. Moran, Janet Owen and Verna Berry along with Mrs. Iverson and Mrs. Bouin.

The organization has designated girls in Grades 3 and 4 for the Petite group; Grades five and six, Junior group; and Grades seven through 12, Senior group. The girls have been custom fitted for plaid Scottish kilts by Margaret Toye of Miller Street.

Dues of 25-cents a week have been paid by each individual thus aiding in the purchase of flags, banners, rifles, sabres and other necessary equipment. The group carries the American flag, Massachusetts State flag, and the flag of New England.

Since funds have been a problem for the organization, they received permission to conduct a tag day which was held on Saturday, May 19th. Approximately 125 girls in the plaid kilts, working shifts from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., solicited in the Medfield business district. The drive was reported a pleasing success. These funds will aid the Scottish Lassies to further their work in the drill team. One earlier fund raising event, a food sale in February, also aided the group.

The Senior team will be in Walpole on June 9th, and has other pending engagements in addition to the Memorial Day parade. Future plans of the organization are in the direction of a twirling team, visits with other communities, an exhibition, and to eventually enter competition.



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