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MUCHACHOS' MOTHERS' AUXILIARY

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One Saturday afternoon in April 1959, while the Muchachos were receiving one of their first instructions upstairs in the Legion Hall another group was being formed downstairs. This group has proved to be a great help to the corps.

Approximately nine mothers and one grandmother got together to organize the Muchachos Mothers' Auxiliary. Mrs. John R. De Bevoise was elected the first president. In the years following the presidents have been Mrs. James Bounds, Mrs. John Russell, Mrs. Edward Nahass and this year's president, Mrs. John Tanis. The first money making venture of this group in their first year was a home-made cake sale at the Grand Union store. Proceeds from this successful affair helped toward the purchase of the corps' first instruments.

Today the boys wear tailor-made uniforms, a far cry from the first ones which were almost

completely made by the mothers and cost approximately \$8.00 each. Since the first year the Mothers' Auxiliary has held annual affairs such as card parties, luncheons, cake sales, rummage sales and calendar parties for raising money to help the corps with expenses.

The Mothers' Auxiliary has donated generously toward the purchase of instruments, uniforms and also toward the trip, made in September, 1963, to Miami Beach, Florida, where the boys took fourth place in the American Legion Nationals.

Every year the Mothers' Auxiliary entertains the corps at a well-earned Christmas party.

After five years, the organization consists of approximately sixty mothers and two grandmothers.