

# 550 PARTICIPATE IN CORPS CONTEST

## BETHEL

The State Drum corps competition took place Saturday on the grounds of Bethel high school, with 550 contestants participating. The contests started off at 3 p. m. with the junior demonstrations of baton twirling, drilling and playing, followed by a parade led by the Grassy Plain Drum corps, and concluding with the seniors contests.

Awards in the Junior class were, ancient fife and drum, St. Brendans, of New Haven, and Col. John Chester, Wethersfield; bugle and drum, troop 4 Boy Scouts, of New Britain; fife, drum, and bugle, Blessed Sacrament of Bridgeport, and St. Francis Xavier, of Milford; combination, Bradford Manor, East Haven, and Washington Park, Meriden; best major, John Moffet, St. Brendons, New Haven; best majorette, Mary Ellen Gallagher, Blessed Sacrament; baton twirling, Jim White, Troop 4, Boy Scouts, New Britain, and Andrew Gonet, Washington Park, Meriden; for girls, Shirley McGrath, Newington Juniors, and Phyllis Stamm, of Col. John Chester, Wethersfield; baton appearing, Ancient Corps, Newington and Modern Corps, Washington Park.

Also fancy drilling, Washington Park; ancient fife, Robert Rappa, St. Brendons, New Haven, and Thomas Vitello, St. Brendons, New Haven; girls, Genevieve Rideck, Newington, and Joyce Tracy, Col. John Chester, Wethersfield; modern, Earl Kelly, Blessed Sacrament, and Louis Zupia, St. Francis Xavier, New Milford; fife, girls, Judy Shachy, Washington Park and Joan Steiner; bugling, girls, Ruth Torgerson, Bradford Manor and Andrea Sloke, Washington Park; boys, F. Neumann, Boy Scout Troop 4, snare drumming, R. Strouse, Washington Park, and S. McGuire, St. Francis Xavier, New Haven; girls, Carolyn Daniels, Bradford Manor, and Betty Hogan, Bradford Manor; bass drumming, W. Holohan, St. Brendons, and Col. John Chester.

Awards for the senior contests were, for ancient, Landcroft of New Haven and Yalesville; fife, drum and bugle, St. Johns, Norton and Ansonia V.F.W.; combination, General Haller, New Britain and St. Francis, of New Haven; best appearing, ancient corps, North Branford; modern corps, St. Francis; best major, Edmond Einsman, Danbury Legion; best majorette, Peggy Kellner, St. Francis; feminine bugling, Anna Kinnano, St. Francis, and Helen Phillips, Danbury Legion; male bugling, Jack Maylor, East End Community club of Waterbury, and E. Jefferson, St. Johns, ancient fife, J. Buccelli, North Branford, and M. Buccelli, North Branford; modern, Clarence Blas, St. Johns, and Frank Bullinger, Ansonia; snare drumming, Frank Quigley, Landcroft, and R. Redican, Yalesville; feminine snare drumming, Rose Rudeck, Casper Davis Corps; bass drumming, N. Antonaccio, Yalesville, and Dan L'Heveaux, Yalesville.

The Sandy Hook Junior Fife Drum and Bugle Corps of Newtown, made their first appearance in competition at this event.

Judges for the affair were, corps playing, John McDermott, Bridgeport, Charles Hoyer, New Haven, and Richard Parkinson of Naugatuck; baton twirling, Clarence Walker and Kermit Parker of New Britain, and Frank Almstead of Wethersfield; appearance, Lucille Kurk, of Devon, Mr. Walker, Mr. Parker and Mr. Almstead; individual fife and bugle, Leon Bradley, of Hartford, and Edward Sisko, of Meriden; drumming, Earl Stutz, of Hamden, and Sigmond Trybus, of Seymour, John Hill, State supervisor of the Connecticut Drummers association, served as manager of the affair.

### Enters Stratford Contest

Barbara Thumann, of 5 Division street, has entered the Miss Connecticut Yankee contest being sponsored by the American Legion Drum corps of Stratford. The winner and runner up will receive an all expense paid 10-day trip to the American Legion National convention at Miami, Fla., in October. Anyone wishing to vote for Miss Thumann, may do so by contacting any member of the Grassy Plain Drum corps. The contest closes Aug. 10.