



## *Good luck, Spartans!*

Members of the Roger Bacon Spartan Band are up to their plumes in competition, as they face the greatest odds ever in the last 13 years. During this time only one band beat them in national competition. But on Wednesday of this week the St. Bernard group leaves for St. Petersburg, Fla., where it will serve as Ohio's representative in the 50th annual Festival of States contest. Many of the other bands attending the festival have won a number of big events. For example, the Wilson High School Band of Wilson, Penn., has captured the St. Petersburg nationals three times already. Jim Engelhardt, president of the Spartan band, said his

group has practiced extremely hard for the Florida contest. The members also take pride in the fact that they raised the money for the trip through the concert January 31 in Music Hall, which featured trumpeter Doc Severinsen. While the band is in St. Petersburg it will compete in the gala Parade of States and perform a football halftime show before 400,000 people. Their overall conduct, friendship and personality will also be judged for the "Heart of St. Petersburg" trophy. Five of the members looking forward to the trip are shown practicing above. At left is drum major Jerry Herbe. The musicians, from left, are John Matre, Paul Wessendarp, Gary Hetzel and Jim Engelhardt. Director of the band is Wes Neal.—by Mark Vogeler.