

Band Master of the Year-1967

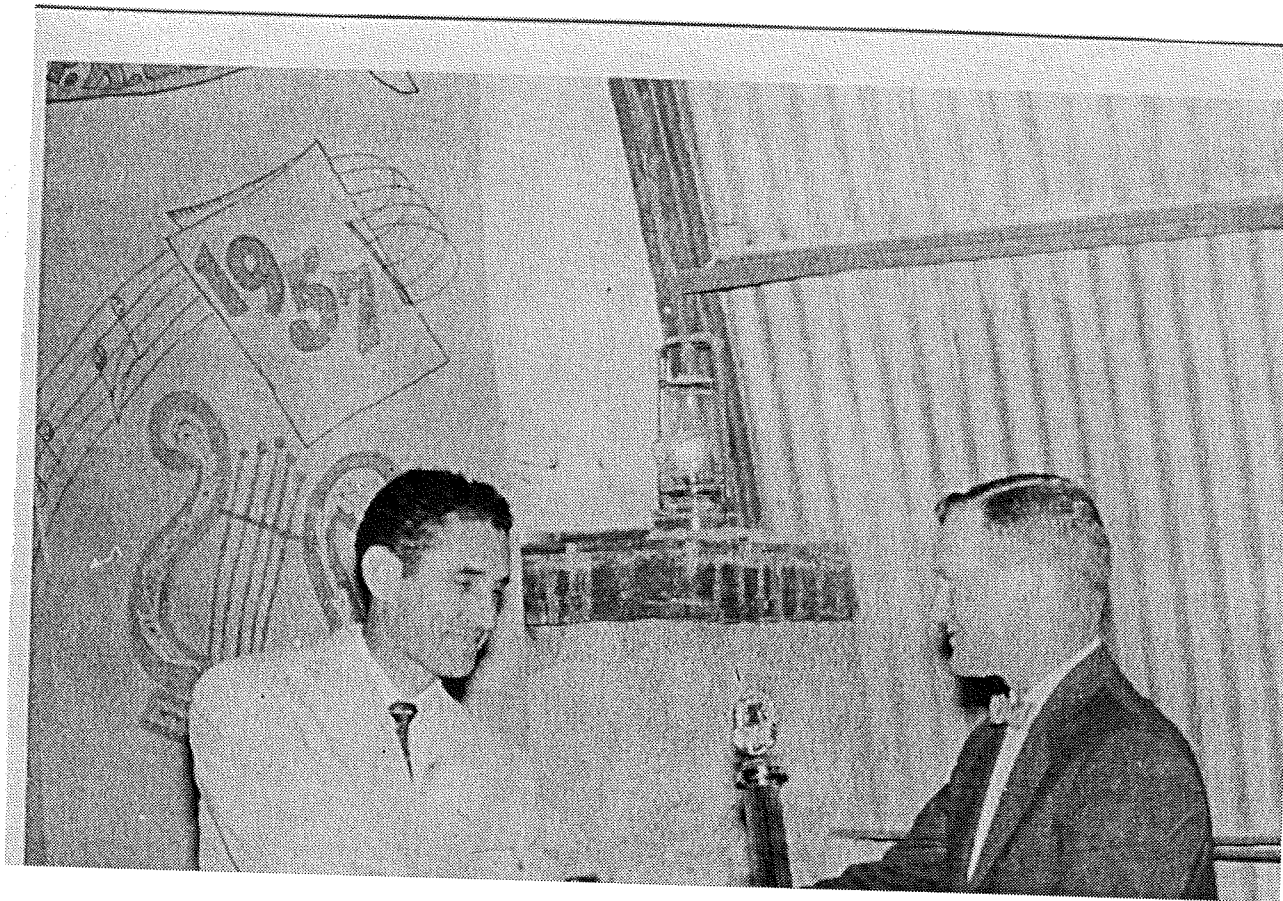


*Mr. Roque Guerra - Band Director
Rio Grande City 1932-1967*

Texas Hall of Fame-1997



Mr. Guerra busy in the Rio Grande City Band Hall Office



Mr. Johnny Shufford, of Rio Grande City, makes a presentation to Mr. Roque Guerra on his 25th year of teaching



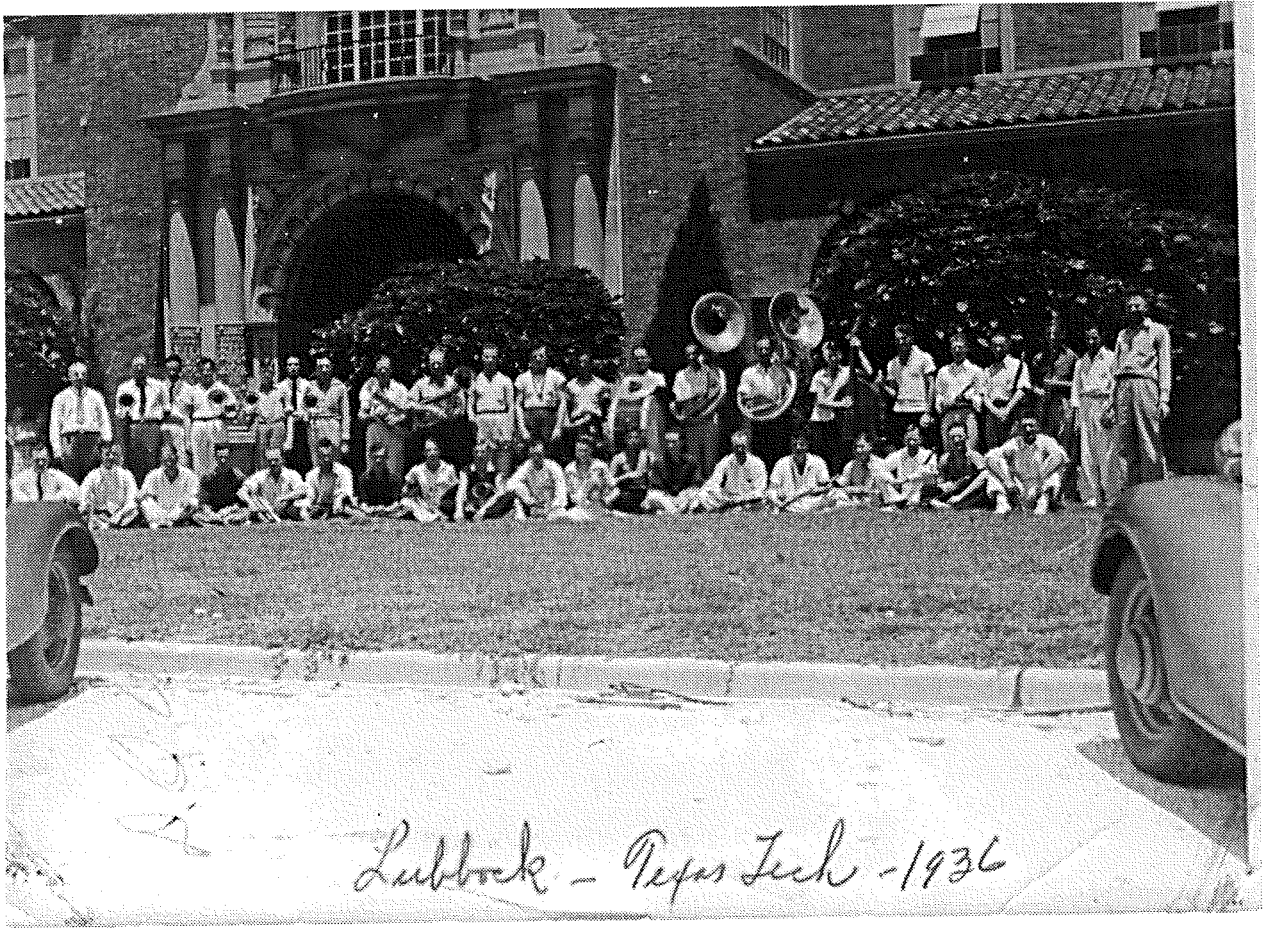
**Mr. Roque Guerra instructs Ramon Vale
during a Trombone Lesson.**



Mr. Elmo Lopez from Laredo presenting Mr. Roque Guerra with a plaque from the Laredo Band Directors for being selected Band Master of the Year in 1967



Mrs. Elsie Radamacher presents Mr. Guerra with an Honor Service Award from the RGC Ex-Band Students.



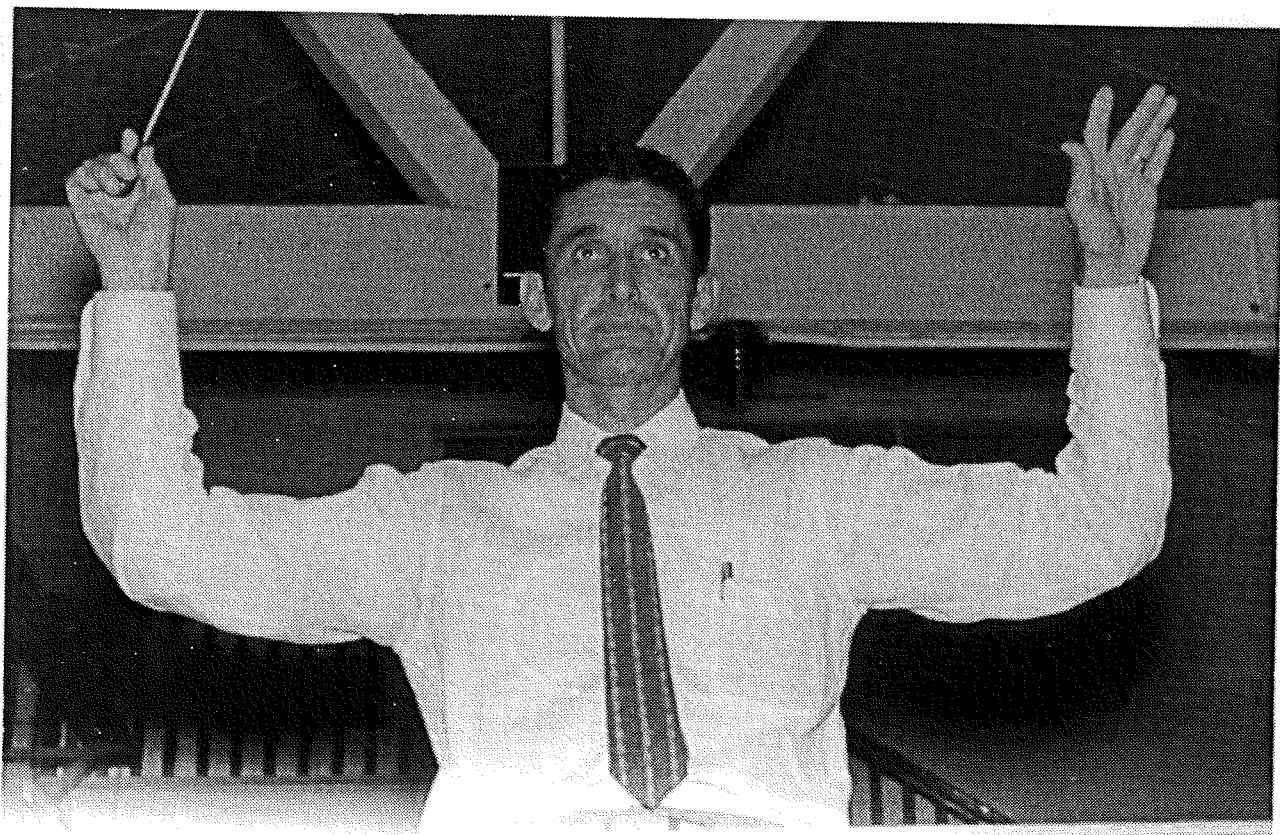
Mr. Roque Guerra [6th from left] in the 1936 Texas Tech Band during the Summer School Session of that year.



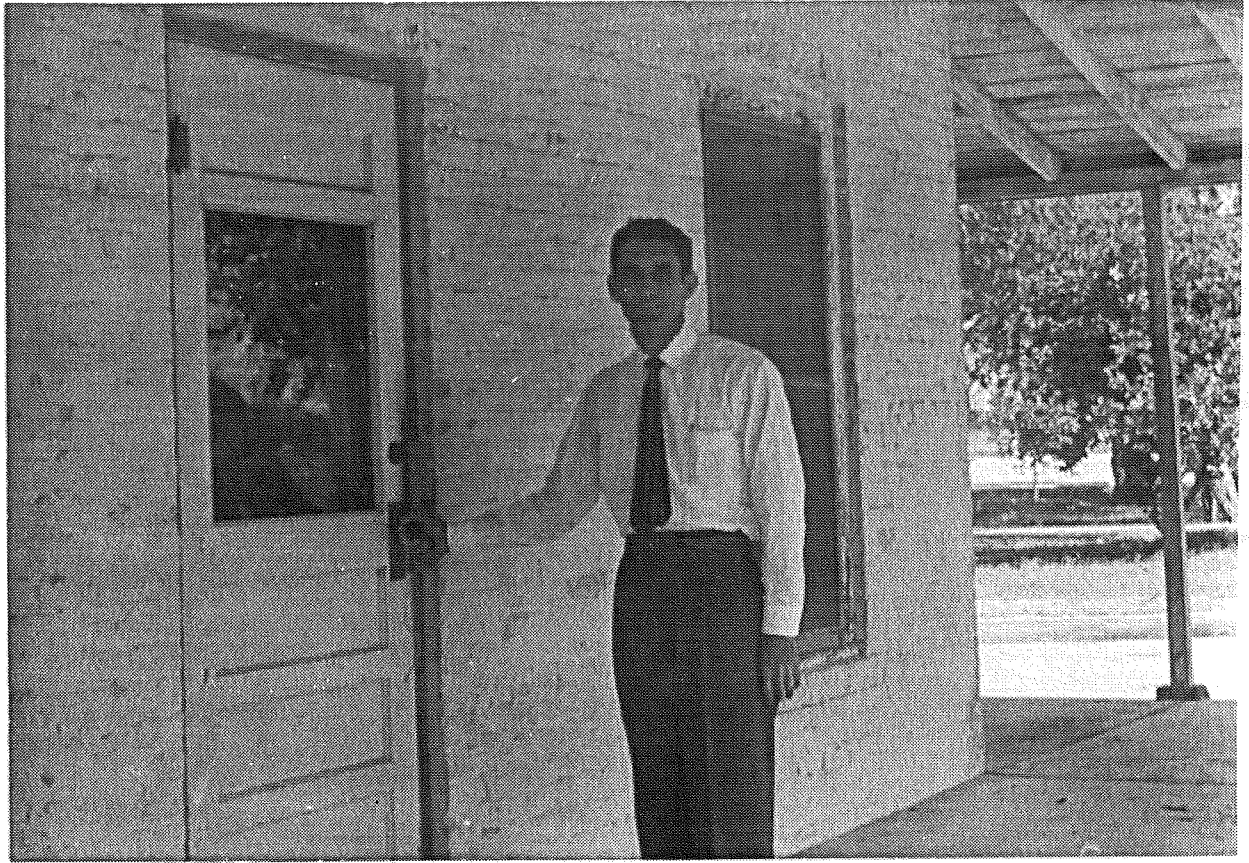
Mr. Guerra and his trusted Ford



The Rio Grande City Band circa 1958



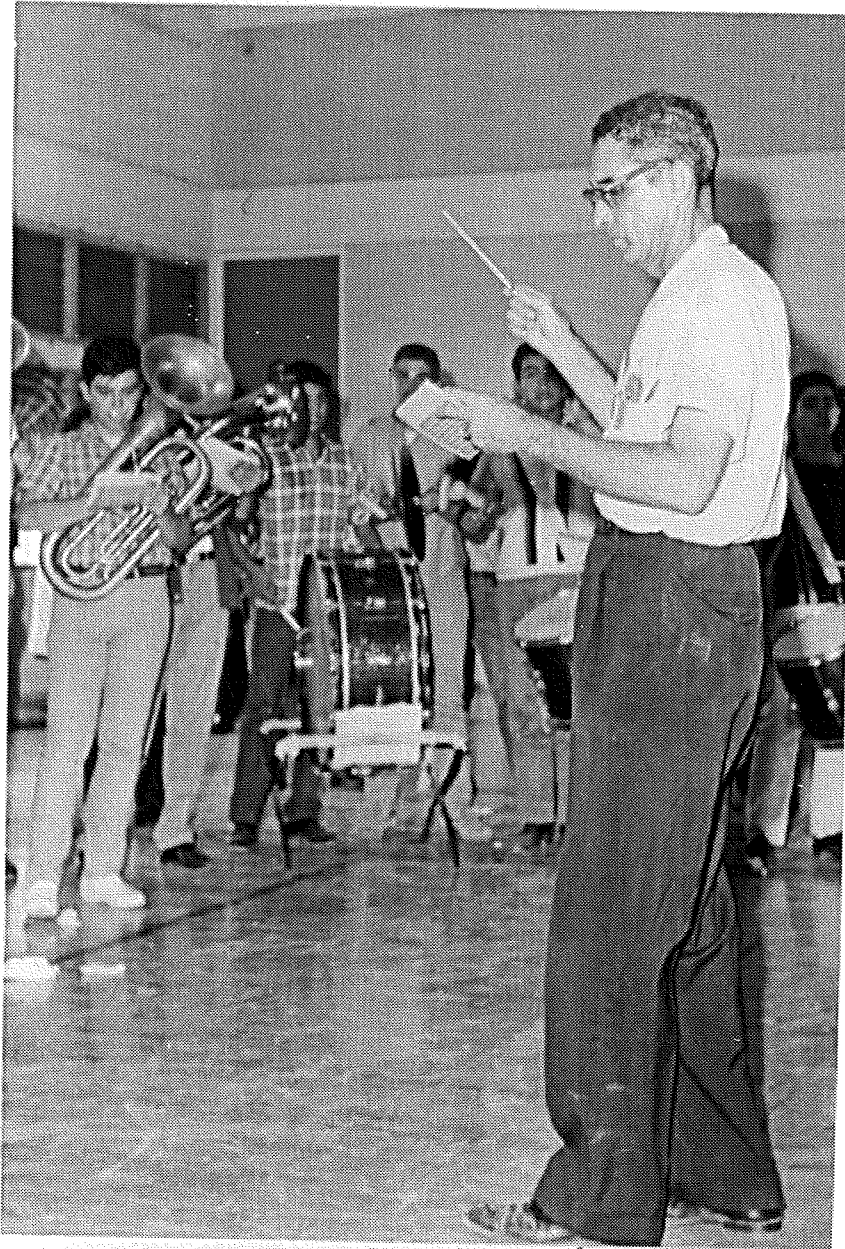
Mr. Guerra's famous Conducting Pose so familiar throughout the Rio Grande Valley



**Mr. Roque Guerra entering his office in the
Rio Grande City High School Band Hall**



Mr. Ruben Saenz presenting Mr. Guerra an award



Mr. Guerra conducts a rehearsal

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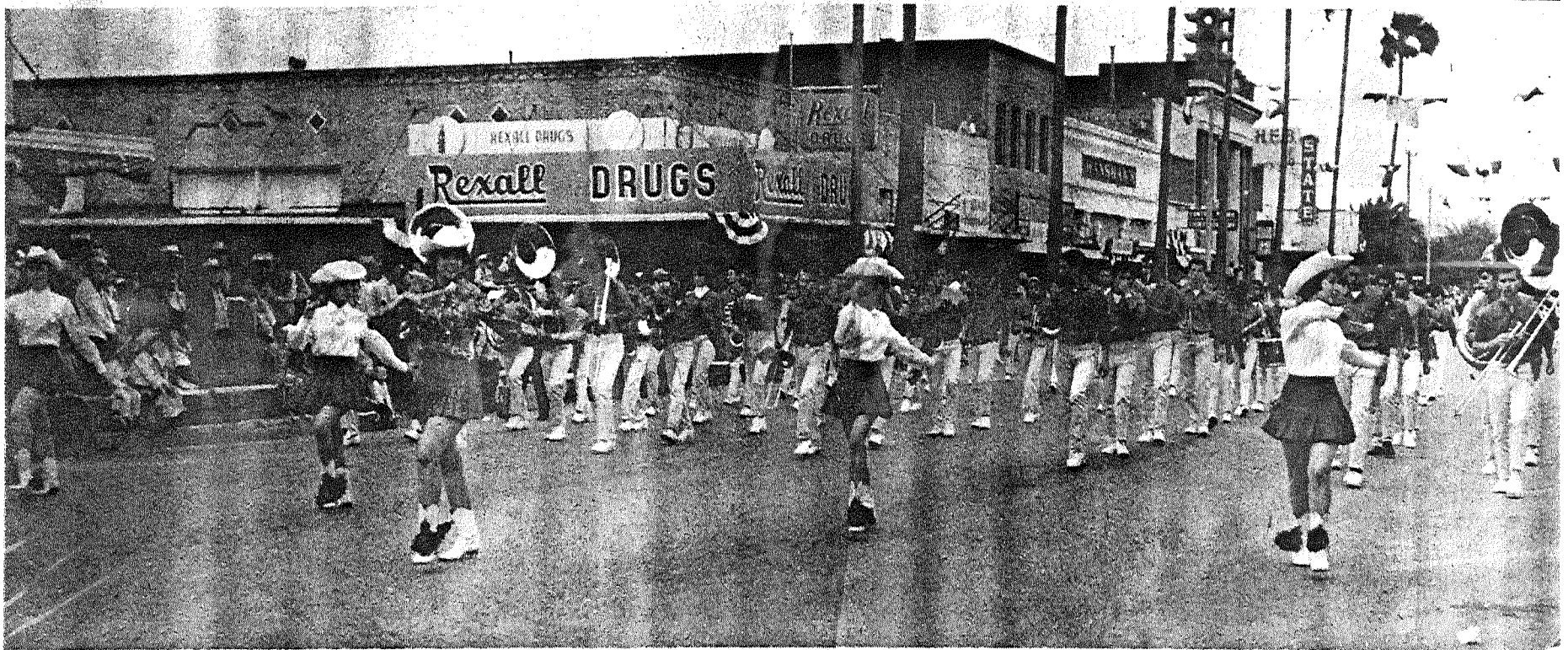
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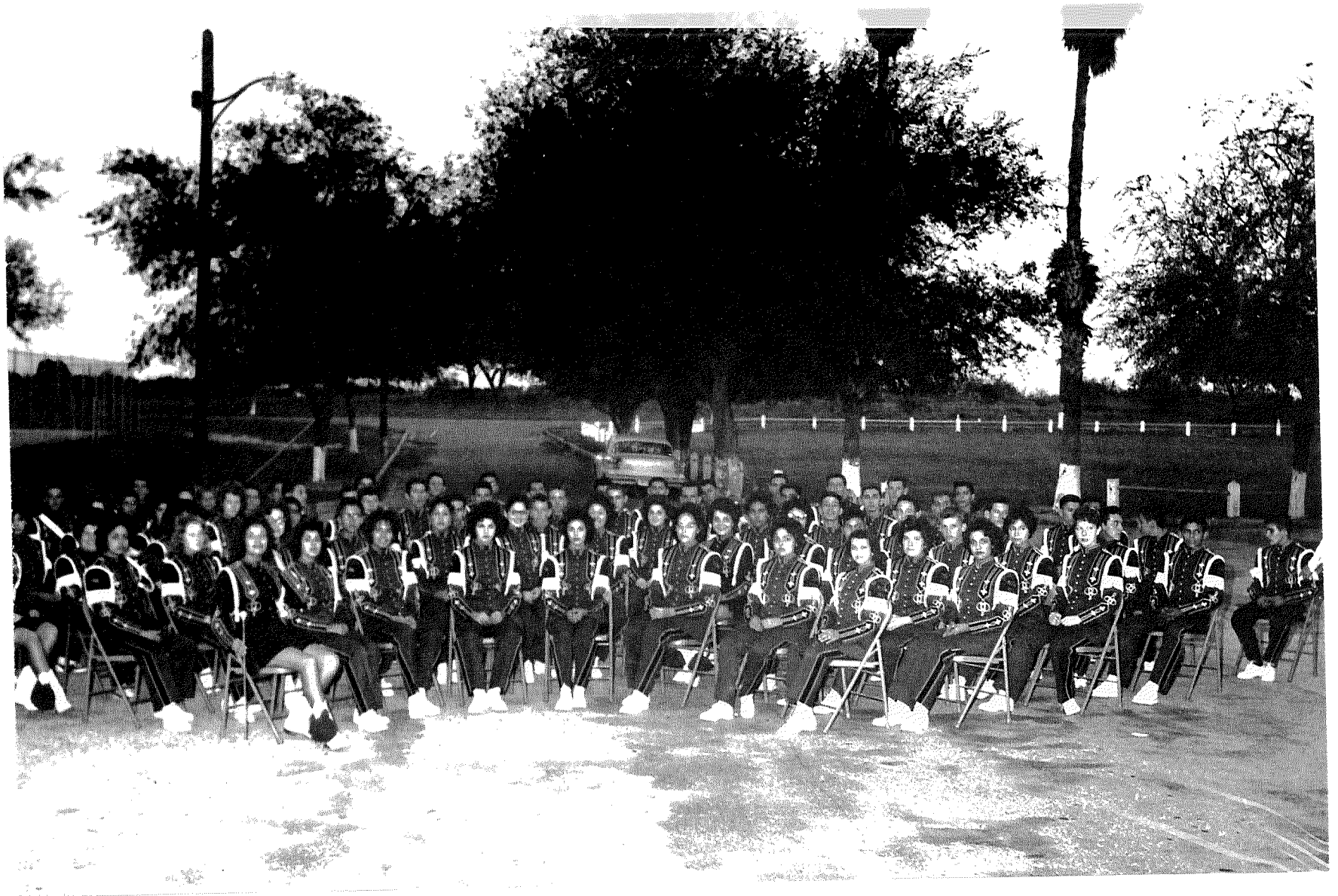


RIO GRANDE CITY BAND AT MERCEDES

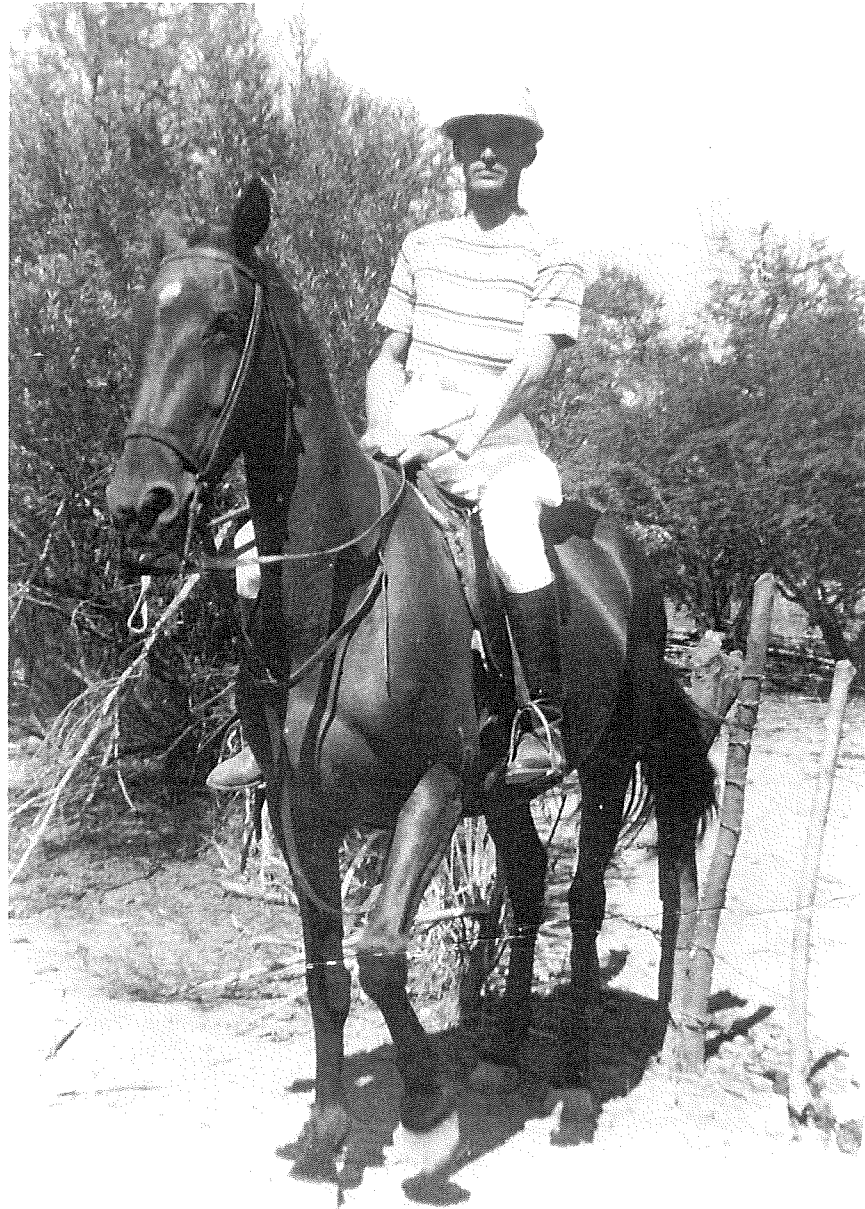
RIO GRANDE VALLEY LIVESTOCK PARADE - The Rio Grande City High School Band was a feature of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Parade held in Mercedes Wednesday (March 18). Shown

leading the band is Marty Nye, Drum Major, and Twirlers Jean Green, Linda Gonzalez, Lorene Pena and Rosario Gallardo. The band is directed by Roque Guerra Jr.





Rio Grande City Band 1966



Mr. Roque Guerra, an avid sportsman, was a great polo player and competed both in the United States and Mexico.

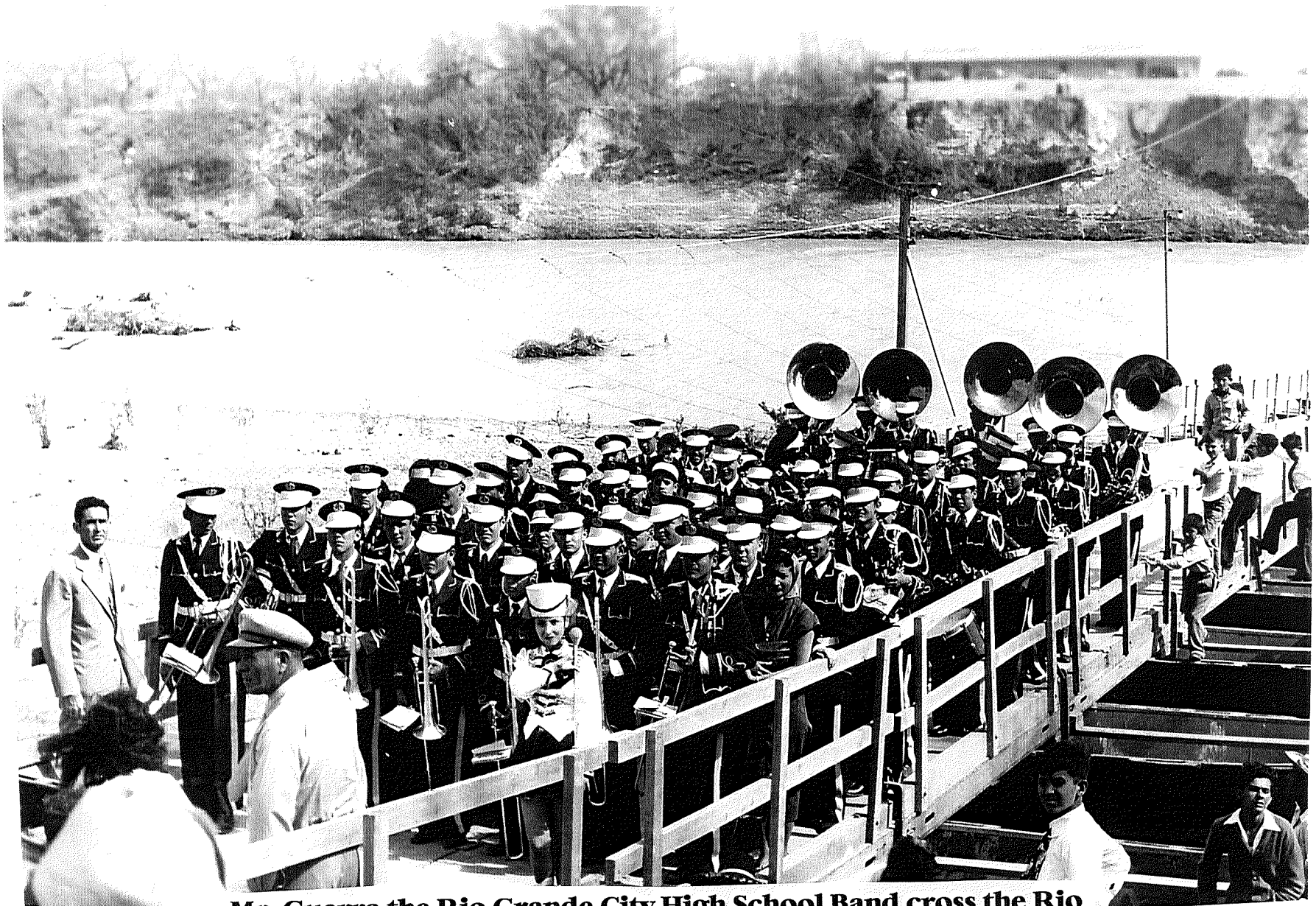


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ROQUE GUERRA ELEMENTARY
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**This is the School, in Rio Grande City, that bears the name of
Mr. Roque Guerra**



Mr. Guerra the Rio Grande City High School Band cross the Rio Grande River on a ferry to perform in the neighboring town of Camargo, Mexico.



**The Rio Grande City High School Band during a Graduation
Ceremony pose with Mr. Guerra**



**The Rio Grande City High School Twirlers and the little mascot is
Mr. Guerra's daughter---Anna Guerra**

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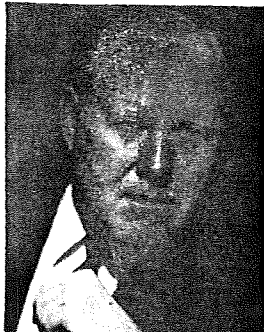
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Texas Bandmaster 1967

MR. ROQUE GUERRA
Director
Rio Grande High School Band
Rio Grande City, Texas



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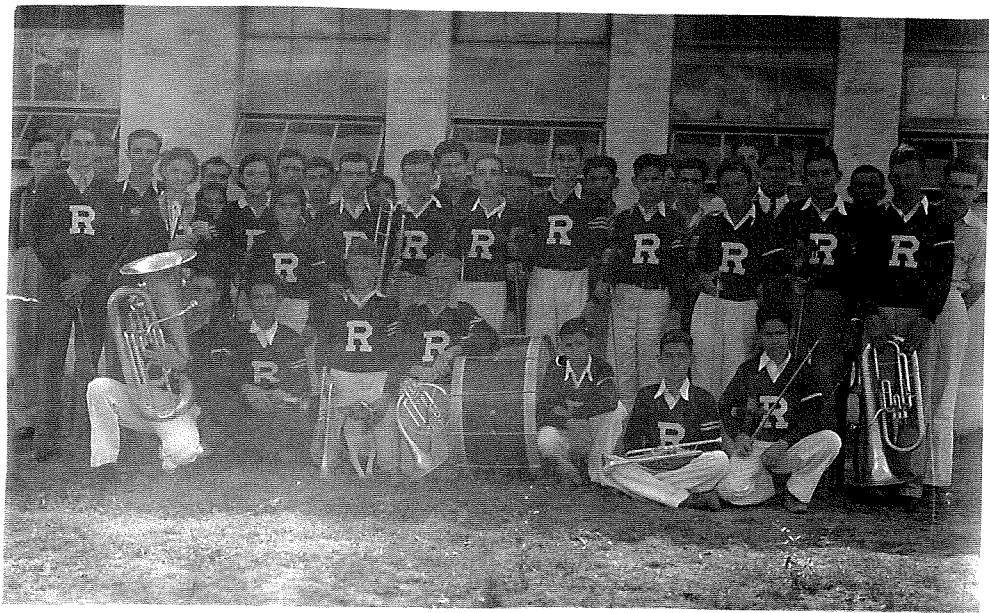
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One of the early Rio Grande City Bands circa 1936



The Rio Grande City Band under Mr. Guerra's baton circa 1940



The Rio Grande City Band participates in a parade in Zapata, 1959.

Band Director Honored on 25th Anniversary

Mr. Roque Guerra, the beloved band director of the Rio Grande City High School, was given a banquet in his honor. It's purpose was to celebrate his 25th Jubilee. Mr. Guerra has been the only band director in our school. In twenty-five years, he has made a small group of players who were unable to participate in any interscholastic event into a band of ninety students. His band is one of the best in the valley and some of his outstanding students are known all over the state of Texas.

Even though the night of April 27 was stormy and windy, a great number of ex-band students, friends, and members of the school board attended the banquet. Many were the speeches and unlimited the praises that Mr. Guerra received.

Honoring him, two groups of students played musical numbers. Juan Lino Salmon, Joe David Ibañez, Raymond Vale, Roel Rodriguez, Octavio Peña, and Lino Lopez played a brass sextet. Felix Garza, Thelma Rosas, Leonilda Leal, and Ray Mendez played a mixed-clarinete quartet. These students are outstanding players and have done a lot for our band.

Both sweet and sad moments in Mr. Guerra's teaching life were remembered. Johnny Shuford, as representative of the Ex-Student's Band Members Association, presented a statuette to Mr. Guerra.

The evening ended with happiness in the hearts of all present, for everyone was paying tribute to an honorable man, the great Mr. Roque Guerra.

Over 250 Students Get RGC Band Instructions

BY JIM PARISH
Times Staff Writer

RIO GRANDE CITY — More than 250 students now receive band instruction in the Rio Grande City Independent School District, according to Roque Guerra.

For the past 30 years Guerra has served in Rio Grande City schools. He is a native of neighboring Roma.

Guerra directs the high school band and is head of the music department.

Victor Lozano is the junior high school band director. Ramon Aguilar III is in charge of the elementary band program. There are nine schools in the district, including a school with five grades in Garciasville and one with eight grades in La Grulla.

Director Guerra's son, Cesar, is one of the three drum majors of the Aggie Band at Texas A. and M. College. He is majoring in economics and agriculture.

He is now in his fourth year in the Aggie Band and also in the ROTC. The Aggie band is one of the three largest musical marching groups in the nation.

Guerra said that it is indicative of the musical talent of Starr County young people that not only the student musicians of his district, but also those of the San Isidro and Roma districts have won numerous regional honors.

He added that the public has

who is now in his second year at the Rio Grande City faculty. Born in Laredo, he is the grandson of Mr. and Mrs. Ramon Aguilar of 1105 Victoria in the Gateway City.

He is a Martin High School graduate. For the last few years his parents have lived in Brownsville, where his father is a teacher.



CESAR GUERRA

er of music. An uncle, Edua Aguilar is a band director in Houston.

Lozano, who directs the Rio Grande City Junior High band, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lozano, 2605 Convent in Laredo.

A native born Laredoan, 27 year old musician attended Bruni Elementary School, Chilton Junior High and Martin High School. He is a graduate of the University of Texas.

At both Christen and Martin High, young Lozano was a band member. During two years of military service he was in an army band. He and his wife report that they greatly enjoy living in Rio Grande City, where all of the older families are closely related to Laredo people.



ROQUE GUERRA

demonstrated its appreciation to the Rio Grande City school band department by giving wholehearted support to all band projects since the organization of the department 30 years ago.

Guerra praised his two assistants, both of whom are from Laredo, for their energetic assistance with the music program.

Aguilar is a 24 year old graduate of the University of Texas

Band Director Cited At Rio Grande City

RIO GRANDE CITY — Roque Guerra Jr., Rio Grande City High School band director, has been notified by Joe Rogers, vice - president of the Texas Bandmasters Association, that he has been selected as Texas Bandmaster of 1967. He will be honored at the Texas Bandmaster convention to be held in San Antonio next year.

The program in Rio Grande City started in 1932. Guerra stated that in the 34-year span, "a large number of his students have become band directors."

Among ex - students of Rio Grande City bands that are now band directors are the following:

—Elmo Lopez, music supervisor and director of Nixon High School band, Laredo;
—Harold Rademacher, San Isidro High School band director;

Jose Espinoza, Zapata High School band director;

—Major Robert Haltiner, Rio Grande High School and San Isidro Schools, now in U. S. Army;

—Mrs. Sylvia Lozano, Laredo Public Schools;

—Lino Lopez Jr., Rio Grande Public School, now with San Benito Public Schools;

—Raymond Vale, San Antonio Schools;

—Mrs. Dorothy Munzell, Rio Grande Public Schools;

—Roel Smith, Rio Grande Public Schools;

—Leoncio Gonzalez, Rio Grande City and Hebronville High School;

—Harvey Diehl, (deceased);

—Roberto Solis, Hempstead Public Schools;

—Julian Vela, music teacher;

—Sgt. Adan Alaniz, U.S.M.C.,

Drum and Bugle Corps;

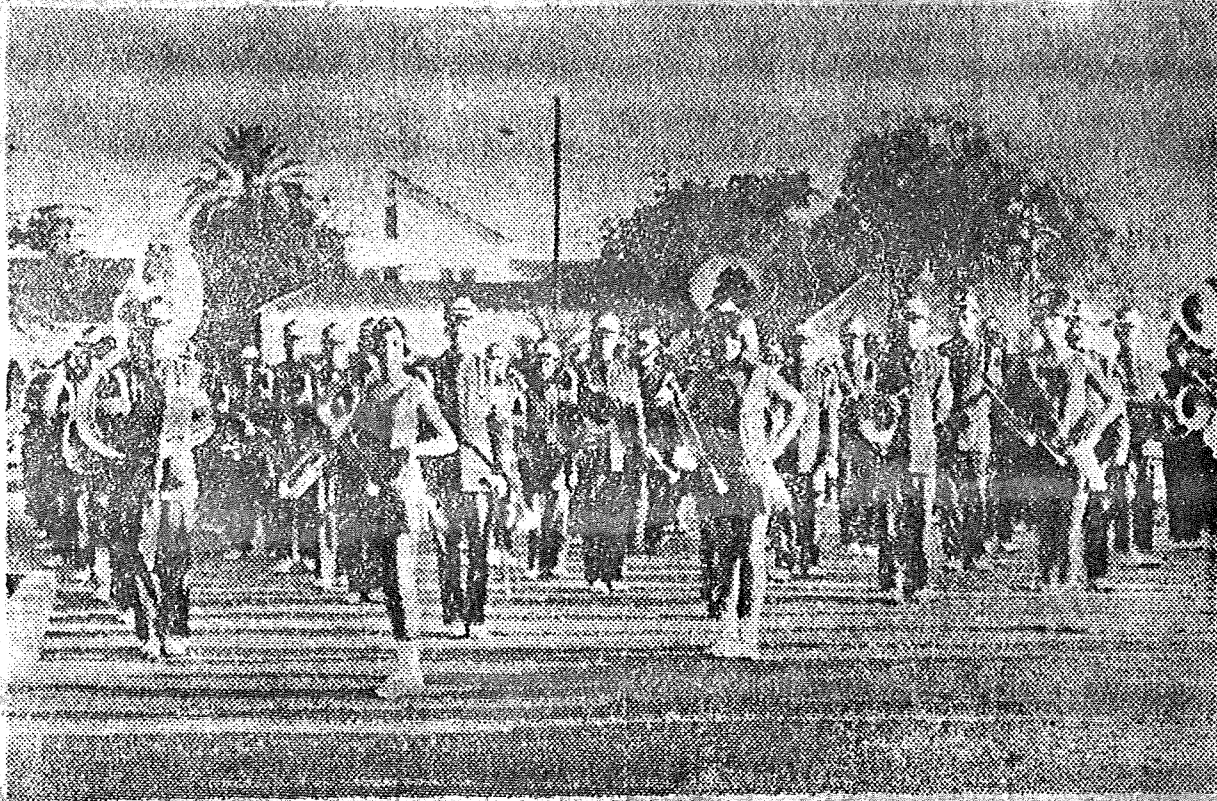
—Daniel Ramirez, music instructor in army band.

Guerra stated that some of the students have acquired college education through music scholarships.



ROQUE GUERRA JR.

Arriba hoy la Banda de Río Grande, Texas y en la tarde ofrecerá alegre concierto



La Banda de Música de Río Grande, Texas, U. S. A., arribará hoy a las 11.00 horas a esta ciudad, con el propósito de ofrecer esta noche un concierto, en la Fuente Monterrey, a partir de las 20.30 horas, bajo el patrocinio de la Dirección de Acción Cívica y Cultural del R. Ayuntamiento de la ciudad. Este grupo se presentará mañana, asimismo, durante el juego de futbol que tendrá lugar en el Estadio Universitario, a las 16 horas.

Procedente de Río Grande, Texas, U. S. A., hoy a las 11 horas arribará a esta ciudad en tres autobuses la Banda de Música de la Preparatoria de aquella ciudad, misma que esta noche ofrecerá un concierto en la Fuente Monterrey (Zaragoza y Allende), a partir de las 20.30 horas y bajo el patrocinio de la Dirección de Acción Cívica y Cultural del Ayuntamiento de esta capital.

Al frente de la Banda viene su Director, el señor Roque Guerra, quien recientemente fue designado como el mejor Director de Bandas Escolares del Estado de Texas, para el presente año. La Banda la integran cerca de un centenar de jóvenes, entre los cuales se encuentran incluidas las guapas bastoneras. Acompaña también a este grupo el coordinador de esta presentación

y miembro de la Cámara de Comercio de aquella población, señor Pedro Díaz Jr.

La Banda de Río Grande se presentará, asimismo, el día de mañana, en el Estadio Universitario y ofrecerá una audición después del primer tiempo del juego de futbol que tendrá lugar en este sitio.

Durante el concierto de esta noche en la Fuente Monterrey, la Banda de Río Grande iniciará su audición con la interpretación de los Himnos Nacional Mexicano y Norteamericano: ejecutará conocidas melodías de aquel país, así como del nuestro. El grupo regresará a su tierra el mismo día de mañana.

El Ayuntamiento de la ciudad de Monterrey invita a todo el público a asistir a este concierto. La entrada es absolutamente libre.

Rio Grande City's Guerra Is Dean Of Area Bandsmen

RIO GRANDE CITY—In a unique tribute, Roque Guerra Jr. of Rio Grande City was recognized as the "dean of band directors" in this area.

The tribute was paid at half-time during a recent high school football game between Rio Grande City and Hebronville.

The Hebronville band marched briskly into a "G" formation and Guerra and the crowd were caught by surprise when a student announced over the public address system:

"Ladies and gentlemen, at this time we would like to pay tribute to a man who needs no introduction in this city or among the band associations in the state of Texas. We speak of Mr. Roque Guerra, Rio Grande City High School band director."

The Hebronville band proceeded with its performance—dedicated to an instructor at a rival school.

Guerra, who has been band director at Rio Grande for 37 years, has been selected as Texas Bandmaster of 1967. He will be honored at the Texas Bandmaster convention in San Antonio next year.

Since Guerra assumed his post at Rio Grande City in 1932, a large number of his students have become band directors. Many of them went to college on music scholarships.

Among his ex-students who now direct bands are:

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ROQUE GUERRA JR.

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14. Sgt. Adan Alani, U.S.M.C., Drum and Bugle Corps

Daniel Ramirez, music instructor in a U. S. Army band.

Guerra Started Making Music 17 Years Ago

Callier-Times News Service

RIO GRANDE CITY — Roque Guerra, Jr., brought music to Rio Grande City schools 17 years ago and today his 88-piece red-coated Rattler Band is the pride and joy of the Starr County capital city.

With 28 soloists, 10 ensembles and a concert band at work today, Guerra is confident his charges will make their usual good showing in the Interscholastic League music meet Friday and Saturday April 28-29.

Since 1945 Rattler musicians have been in the first division, one way or another, and in 1947 they won first division recognition in marching, concert and sight reading. Before the war they broke into the first division with an orchestra in 1939.

The Rattler Band will appear before the home folks May 11 at the ball stadium in their annual concert. It is held in the stadium because the auditorium cannot accommodate the proud citizens who turn out in force for the occasion.

The 37-year-old band leader has to stay busy like the proverbial cranberry merchant from dawn to dark. When not instructing individuals or groups from his 88-piece band, he is showing others how to care of \$15,000 worth of musical instruments and the \$5,000 worth of uniforms. He also must watch after a \$2,000 library of music.

He spreads his days over work in three practice rooms, two instrument rooms and a concert hall, all in one big band building—probably the largest in the Rio Grande Valley.

Guerra was born in Hidalgo, south of McAllen. His father works on the international toll bridge here and his mother is postmaster of Hidalgo.

He attended Edinburg Junior College and played a violin in the orchestra.

He was called to Rio Grande City in 1933 to organize a music department. Guerra started from



ROQUE GUERRA, JR.

zero. "All the children wanted to play in the orchestra," he recalls.

Because the instructor was a fiddler, they all wanted to play the violin. Consequently his first musical organization had 24 violins.

Working with this group Guerra developed a first division organization by 1938. During the intervening years, however, he convinced some of the students there are other musical instruments beside the violin. In 1939 he entered a full fledged band in the league contest. It consisted of 38 members. Two years later the band was in the third division.

The war years interrupted contests and the Rattler Band did not break into the first division bracket until 1945 and it has remained there since.

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Former Members Of RGC Band To Honor Guerra

Bandmaster Roque Guerra Jr. will be honored at a Silver Jubilee Banquet Saturday night at the Round-Up by ex-band members. This year Guerra will complete 25 years as bandmaster of the Rio Grande City School Band.

H. C. Baker, former superintendent of the Rio Grande Schools and now superintendent of La Joya Schools, will be the guest speaker for the evening. Rodolfo A. de la Garza, superintendent of schools, will also be a guest speaker.

Ex-band members who live out-of-town and who happen to be in Rio Grande City Saturday are urged to attend the banquet. Tickets will be available at Piggly Wiggly Store.

Bandmaster Of Year To Be Honored

WESLACO — Roque Guerra, director of the Rio Grande City High School band, will be honored at the annual Pigskin Jubilee in Weslaco Saturday night. Guerra recently was selected Texas bandmaster of the year.

Five Junior High and 20 senior High bands will participate in the jubilee — Valley Interscholastic League marching band competition. Each band will spend not less than five minutes nor more than seven in a marching demonstration.

Some 8,000 spectators and 2,000 band members are expected to turn out for the colorful event, which will be climaxed by a massed band playing and formation routine.

The event start at 5:30 p.m. on Weslaco's Barbee Field, and will wind up about 10:30 p.m.

Rehearsals will begin about 2:30 p.m. Saturday in the stadium.

Kenneth Caldwell, Weslaco band director, is contest chairman this year. Three out-of-Valley judges will rate the 25 bands against a fixed set of standards.

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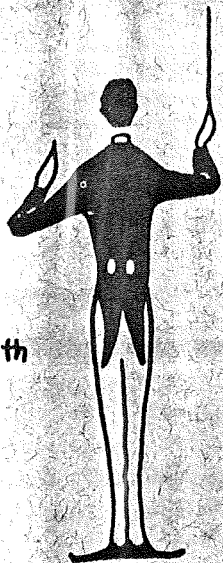
Thursday, March 22, 1962

RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS



THE RIO GRANDE CITY High School Band proudly marches in the opening day parade of the Rio Grande Valley Livestock Show held yesterday afternoon in Mercedes. The picture was taken as the band approached Highway 83 on Texas Ave.

BAND-O-RAMA



Tuesday May 8th
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Rio Grande City High School Band



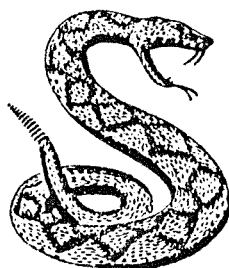
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ROQUE GUERRA

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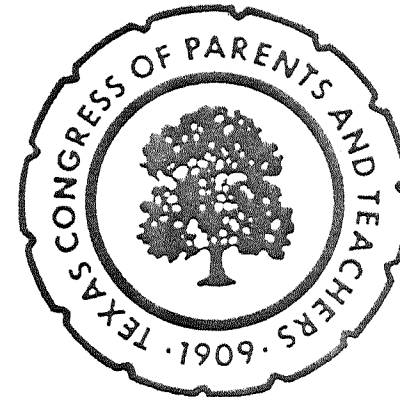
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Mr. Roque Guerra
Rio Grande City Public Schools
Rio Grande City, Texas

Dear Roque:

Mr. Joe B. Smartt, our representative in your area, has just notified me that you had been selected "Bandmaster of the Year", and that he had had the privilege of extending his congratulations. It is my privilege to extend mine at this time.

It could have been no greater satisfaction to me would I have been designated this honor in person, than to know it was given to one of the finest young man it was my privilege to be associated with early in his school life.

As you well remember, it was always a delightful pleasure to stand and listen attentively when you played the violin in those years long ago.

Congratulations again, Roque. There is only one other thing that would give me more personal pleasure, and that would be to be able to be in your presence with a sincere "abrazo."

May everything that is best for you and yours continue to come your way.

Cordially yours,

L. R. McLennan
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Mrs. Rodolfo de la Garza

February 17, 1962

Superintendent

Rio Grande Consolidated Independent School District

Rio Grande City,

Texas

Dear Mrs. de la Garza,

The Board of Directors of the Washington's Birthday Celebration Association join me in congratulating Mr. Roque Guerra, Jr., Band Director, and your fine and outstanding Rio Grande City High School Band. For many years the people of Laredo have enjoyed the privilege of their fine music in our grand International Parade.

We take this opportunity to extend our heartfelt thanks to you personally and the Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District for making this outstanding contribution to our celebration which has for us the common cause of promoting the continuation of good will between the United States of America and the Republic of Mexico and the exchange of our best in the field of music and entertainment.

It is our hope and desire that your outstanding band under the capable leadership of Mr. Roque Guerra will continue to participate in our future Grand International Parade.

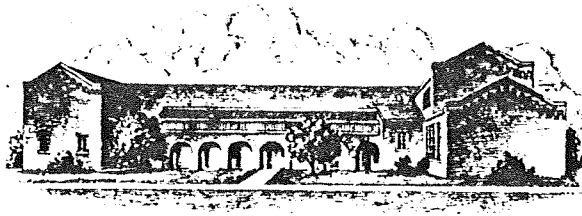
Laredo always looks forward to your participation.

Sincerely,

Elmo Lopez
Band Chairman

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Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District

Rio Grande City, Texas

April 5, 1961


Mr. Roque Guerra, Jr.
108 South Kain Street
Rio Grande City, Texas.

Dear Mr. Guerra:

At a recent meeting of the School Board, the results of the Interscholastic Meet held in Weslaco, Texas, on March 11, 1961, were noted and highly praised. In behalf of the Board of Trustees of the Rio Grande City Consolidated Independent School District, I wish to congratulate you, Mr. Espinoza and the participating members of our Band for your fine achievements at the Interscholastic Meet.

We noted that our students participating in a contest of Solos and Ensembles and that they met strong competition; nevertheless, we are certainly proud of the excellent work you, Mr. Espinoza and the members of our Band are doing.

Very truly yours,


O. A. GARZA,
Secretary.

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The University of Texas
Longhorn Band
500 East 23rd Street
Austin 5, Texas

May 10, 1954

Mr. Roque Guerra Jr.
Director, High School Band
Rio Grande City, Texas

Dear Roque:

I just wanted to drop you a line to let you know that one of your boys finished in high style here this last Saturday night.

As you will probably remember, Bob Haltiner won the Band's "Best Freshman" award in 1951, at the end of his first complete year in the band. I'm sure I don't have to tell you how hard a worker Bob is. He really has devoted a lot of time to the Band, and he has been an outstanding performer in our organization during his entire time at the University.

Last Saturday night, May 8, at the Band's Annual Award Banquet, I had the pleasure of giving Bob the Band's highest award, the D. H. Byrd "Best Senior" award. This award is given each year by Col. Byrd of Dallas, to the member of the Longhorn Band who has served the organization the best for a period of four years. The selection of the member is actually left up to me, and I was happy to be able to present Bob with this award, a beautiful, 17-jewel, gold-cased Hamilton pocket watch.

I want you to know how very much I appreciate what you are doing for the young musicians who come from your city, and that you do encourage these boys to come to the University and become members of the Longhorn Band. I felt that you would want to have this information for your local paper, and that you would like to have the enclosed article which appeared in the Sunday edition of the Daily Texas.

Keep up the good work you are doing and send me some more boys like Bob. I'll be able to use several of them next year.

Sincerely yours,

Moton H. Crockett Jr.
Director of Longhorn Bands

Civic Club of Roma
Roma, Texas.

21 February 1961

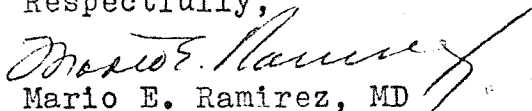
Mr. Roque Guerra
Rio Grande City High School
Rio Grande City, Texas.

Dear Mr. Guerra:

The Chamber of Commerce, and the Civic Club of Roma are very grateful to you for your cooperation and for the excellent performance of your band on Sunday the 19th. of Feb. at the first "Good Neighbor Day" celebration. We are very appreciative of the music provided before the ceremonies started at the Roma Plaza, and we know that without your assistance the festivity would not have been as successful as it was.

Please extend the gratitude of our members as well as the gratitude of countless other citizens of this area to all of the students who participated.

Respectfully,


Mario E. Ramirez, MD
President, Civic Club of Roma.

2 October 1958

Mrs. Marie Martinez Ramirez

805 North Flores Street
Rio Grande City, Texas

Dear Mrs. Ramirez:

Specialist Four Daniel Ramirez, RA 18 264 438, a member of this Command, was selected as the Outstanding Army Student for the month of September 1958 and so awarded during a recent ceremony conducted at the U.S. Naval School of Music.

The strength of character necessarily displayed by your son to win this award speaks well of the training received at home. Therefore, it is my privilege to congratulate you on a "job Well done." Your son Daniel is not only a credit to his home but a credit to the United States Army and to his country.

The mission of our Army bands will continue to grow and enhance the prestige of our nation through men such as your son. Again our congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

William A. Mobley
Captain, AGC
Commanding

RIO GRANDE CITY GAME

HALFTIME SHOW

ANNOUNCER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, presenting the 1966-67 Hebronville High School Longhorn Band, under the Direction of Mr. Edward Zamora.

(band comes to attention, plays fanfare)

ANNOUNCER: Majorettes for 1966-67 are; Drum Majorette, Maricela Montalvo; Head Twirler, Cathy Dittlinger; Twirler, Gema Ramirez; Twirler, Jerry Martin; and twirler, Cathy Guerra.

(band steps off and does precision marching)

(WHEN BAND HALTS IN "G" FORMATION...)

ANNOUNCER: LADIES AND GENTLEMEN, The Hebronville High School Longhorn Band would at this time like to pay tribute to a man who needs no introduction in this city and among the Band Associations in the State Of Texas. Fittingly and deserving, this fine man has been named by the TEXAS BANDMASTERS ASSOCIATION, as THE TEXAS BANDMASTER OF THE YEAR for 1967.

We are speaking of none other the MR. ROQUE GUERRA, Rio Grande City High School Band Director.

MR. GUERRA has been the Band Director in Rio Grande City for over 34 years. During this time, he has consistently produced excellent bands, working with thousands of students. Many of his students, have, under his guidance and encouragement, gone on to become fine Band Directors in schools and with service bands.

In addition, He has served as inspiration to ALL Band Directors and musicians who have been associated with him.

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THE HEBBRONVILLE LONGHORN BAND SAYS "CONGRATULATIONS AND WELL DONE, MR. GUERRA, AS THEY PLAY STRAINS OF THE MARCH "OUR DIRECTOR" IN A FITTING TRIBUTE TO HIM.

(After "Our Director", band goes into "H" formation, plays fight song)

ANNOUNCER: The band now forms an "H" for Hebronville, and plays the Hebronville Longhorn Fight song.

(as band moves off field)

ANNOUNCER: LET'S GIVE THEM ALL A BIG HAND.

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Houston, Texas. Nov. 23rd 1961.

Mr. Roque Guerra, Jr.
Rio Grande City, Texas.

Dear Professor:

Your band gave a fine performance at the Jubilee contest—the best I have ever seen you have in all the years I have been coming to the Valley. It is too bad that a band as good as yours received a second division. I heard many fine compliments from directors who were visiting from schools out of the Valley. I know one judge gave you a one. I used to make all the regions in Texas and in my opinion the Valley has the best bands. You and your assistants have done a fine job this year and I am sure you will have a fine concert band. Congratulations.

Sincerely yours,

R. V. Leach

R. V. LEACH
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HOUSTON 9, TEXAS

Laredo, Texas,
September 25, 1966.

Mr. Roque Guerra, Jr, Director,
Band Room,
Rio Grande City High School,
Rio Grande City, Texas.

Dear Mr. Guerra:

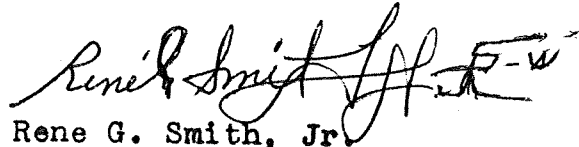
I Rene G. Smith, Jr. Ex-President, and Seniors of the 1965-66 Rio Grande City Rattler Band, through this letter, would like to present this Trophy to you for being the best Band Director in the whole State of Texas and we believe, in the whole Nation.

We are only too sorry that we cannot be there to present this Trophy ourselves, but anyway, please accept it and our sincere congratulations to you.

We only ask to be remembered and hope that this year's Band and Officers will be the greatest.

We wish you and all the members of the Band the best of luck and may God bless you in all you do.

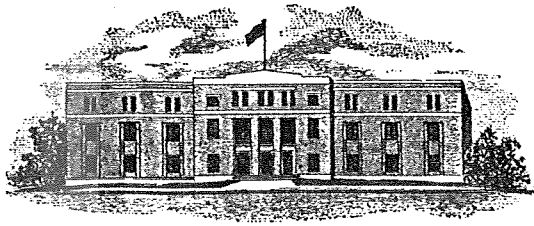
Respectfully yours,



Rene G. Smith, Jr.
Ex-President,
Rio Grande City, Rattler Band,
and Mighty Seniors of 1966.

Cynthia
Shirley
Imelda
Lupita
Dorothy

Clement
Marcelo
Roberto
Genaro
Rene



STARR COUNTY COURT HOUSE

DR. M. J. RODRIGUEZ
COUNTY JUDGE



RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS
December 21, 1961

Mr. Roque Guerra, Jr.
Band Director
Rio Grande City High School
Rio Grande City, Texas

Dear Mr. Guerra:

On behalf of Starr County Officials and employees, I wish to thank you for inspiring all of us into a Merry Christmas spirit through the Christmas carols played in front of the Courthouse by your band this morning.

It was indeed a pleasure to listen to your band. Please accept our appreciation and extend our sincere wishes to the members of your band for a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincerely yours,


Dr. M. J. Rodriguez
County Judge

SPED LETTER

TO Mr. Roque Guerra Jr. Mr. Jose Espinoza
Band Directors

FROM Romeo B. Saldana, Asst. Supt.

SUBJECT Interscholastic League

MESSAGE

March 23, / / 19 61

In behalf of the School Board and the Superintendent's Office, I want to congratulate you and your student participants for a job well done at the Interscholastic League Meet in Weslaco.

May you and all your participant students be showered with laurels in all your future endeavors.

God bless you!

R. B. Saldana
SIGNED R. B. Saldana, Asst. Supt.

REPLY

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No Reply

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WESLACO ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

520 S. Kansas Ave.
WESLACO, TEXAS

25 November 1960

Mr. Roque Guerra, Jr., Director
Rio Grande City High School Band
Rio Grande City, Texas

Dear Mr. Guerra:

On behalf of the Weslaco Birthday Party Celebration, I want to express my sincere thanks and deep appreciation to you and the members of the Rio Grande City High School Band for participating in our parade this year. Your splendid performance contributed much toward the success of our celebration.

We certainly look forward to having you with us again next year.

Sincerely yours,



L. H. (Buck) Stover
Parade Chairman

LHS:mr

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3 October 1966

Mr. Roque Guerra, Jr.
"TEXAS BANDMASTER OF THE YEAR"
Rio Grande City High School
Rio Grande City, Texas

Dear Mr. Guerra:

It was truly a delight to have you and your wonderful band come to Laredo for the NIXON-RIO game last Saturday. I felt real thrilled to have so many of my friends from Rio present to witness the evening's performance.

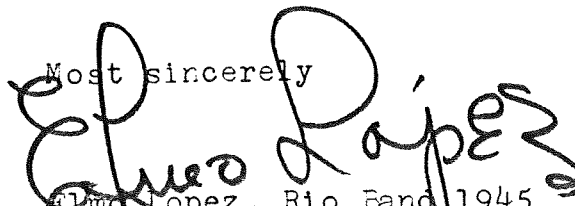
The opportunity to honor you on this night was indeed, a fine experience for all of us, most particularly for the younger people that must still learn to appreciate the true meaning of devotion to an idea, true loyalty, and foremost; respect and admiration for an unselfish man that has devoted his lifetime to the art of music and music education.

To you, your band, and to the many people that made the trip to Laredo, go our sincere thanks for such full participation and for helping make that event the success that it surely was.

Only those of us that are your students and that have studied with you in the past can actually appreciate the great thrill of last Saturday's event; I shall always recall most pleasantly this event which honored you so deservedly. I'm proud to have taken a little part in making it happen.

Thank you very much.

Most sincerely


Elmo Lopez, Rio Band 1945
CO-ORDINATOR OF BANDS
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OFFICE OF MUSIC SERVICES

November 29, 1966

Mr. Roque Guerra, Band Director
Rio Grande City High School
Rio Grande City, Texas

Dear Roque:


My highest congratulations on being selected "The Band Master of the Year." I do not know of a nicer guy that this could happen to. Only a few of us know the situation under which you have had to work for the past thirty years, but in my thinking you are the true educator.

You have worked in an area where music education is a luxury. There is no doubt in my mind at all that if you had not stayed in Rio Grande City, hundreds of these students would not have had the opportunity to delve into this area of music, which to many of them it initiated a new way of life.

It is a well-known fact that you could have gone to a much larger place, one that would have provided you/ youngsters with a better background for the developing of first-rate organizations, but instead you chose to work in an area where you were needed.

Again, my heartiest congratulations, and may we have many more like you!

Cordially yours,



Nelson G. Patrick, Director
Office of Music Services

NGP:db

September 12, 1966

Mr. Roque Guerra
Director of Bands
Rio Grande City, Texas

Dear Roque:

May I extend my CONGRATULATIONS to you on your selection as the Texas Bandmaster of the Year for 1967. I had fully intended to write sooner after I called but, time got away from me with so many things happening with starting my Summer Band program.

I am so very proud of you and the fine Bands you have had over these many, many years. The entire Executive Board ask that I let you know of their Congratulations, too. We feel there are many men in the field that are truly the very foundation to the Texas Band programs and we all feel you to be one the very finest. All of us are looking forward to seeing you and Pat Patterson will write you all the details pertaining to our honoring you and your wife at next years T B A Convention.

Be sure and publish this honor in your papers and over the Radios in your area so all might know of this honor all the Band Directors wish to bestow on you.

Building Better Bands!

Sincerely,

Jae Rogers

20th Annual New Music and Marching Band Clinic

July 30, 31 and August 1, 2, 1967 / Gunter Hotel / San Antonio, Texas

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SOUTHERN METHODIST UNIVERSITY
DALLAS, TEXAS 75222
OFFICE OF THE DIRECTOR
IRVING DREIBRODT
ASSISTANT DIRECTOR
JACK ROHR

May 10, 1967

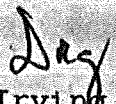
Mr. Roque Guerra,
Director,
Rio Grande High School Band,
Rio Grande City, Texas.

Dear Roque:

May I take this opportunity to congratulate you on being selected as Texas Bandmaster of the Year. I was delighted to receive this notice and can think of no one who deserves it more. Since I will not be able to attend the Convention this year, I want to congratulate you at this time.

If you're in Dallas, give me a call one of these days.

Cordially,


Irving Dreibrodt,
Director.

ID/jw

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April 28, 1958

Rio Grande City High School Band
Rio Grande City, Texas

Dear Band Members:

The senior ag. engineers of Texas A&M College would like to thank you for your welcoming reception to Rio Grande City and Starr County.

Your band sounded very good and your reception was most unique to us in that never before have we had an entire band to play just for us. It showed us what friendly people you are and what great spirit you have towards our school.

We hope that some of you will soon be Aggies, and with your spirit, you would certainly be a credit to Texas A&M.

Yours sincerely,

Gilberto J. J. J.
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Herbert W. King
Charles M. Rice
Charles C. Goble
Frank W. Nail
Walter Beyen
Loring C. Ibbotson
George Hilber
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Thomas W. Newman
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Abdul W. Khalil
Weldon Appleton
Cory Lemmon
Jaimie A. Quezada
Paul B. Tiller

RIO GRANDE CITY, TEXAS

Hebbronville Longhorn Band
Pays Tribute to RGC Band Director

The date Friday, September 9, 1966, will always be measured among the many happy memories of Roque Guerra, Rio Grande City's band director. That night, The Hebbronville High School Band dedicated its halftine show to a man who truly was worthy of it. As the band went into a "G" formation, the words of Horacio Ramirez, a Hebbronville student council member, came through the loud speakers:

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Surely, the people of the state of Texas can be proud men like Roque Guerra. Men who are constantly ready and willing to give of their time and energy for the sole welfare of others.



**Mr. Roque Guerra with Children that attend
Roque Guerra, Jr. Elementary School
in Rio Grande City, Texas**



**Mr. & Mrs. Roque Guerra in front of the new
Roque Guerra, Jr. Elementary School
Rio Grande City, Texas**



Mr. & Mrs. Guerra with Mr. Arturo Garza, Principal of Roque Guerra, Jr. Elementary School celebrating Public Schools Week

Dear Friends:

Just a note of sincere congratulations on the
twenty-five years of very successful teaching.
You have certainly done
an outstanding job.

You deserve
the best of
luck always.

With these congratulations
On your well-deserved
success,
Come many special
wishes
For continued
happiness.

Kay & Len Draught
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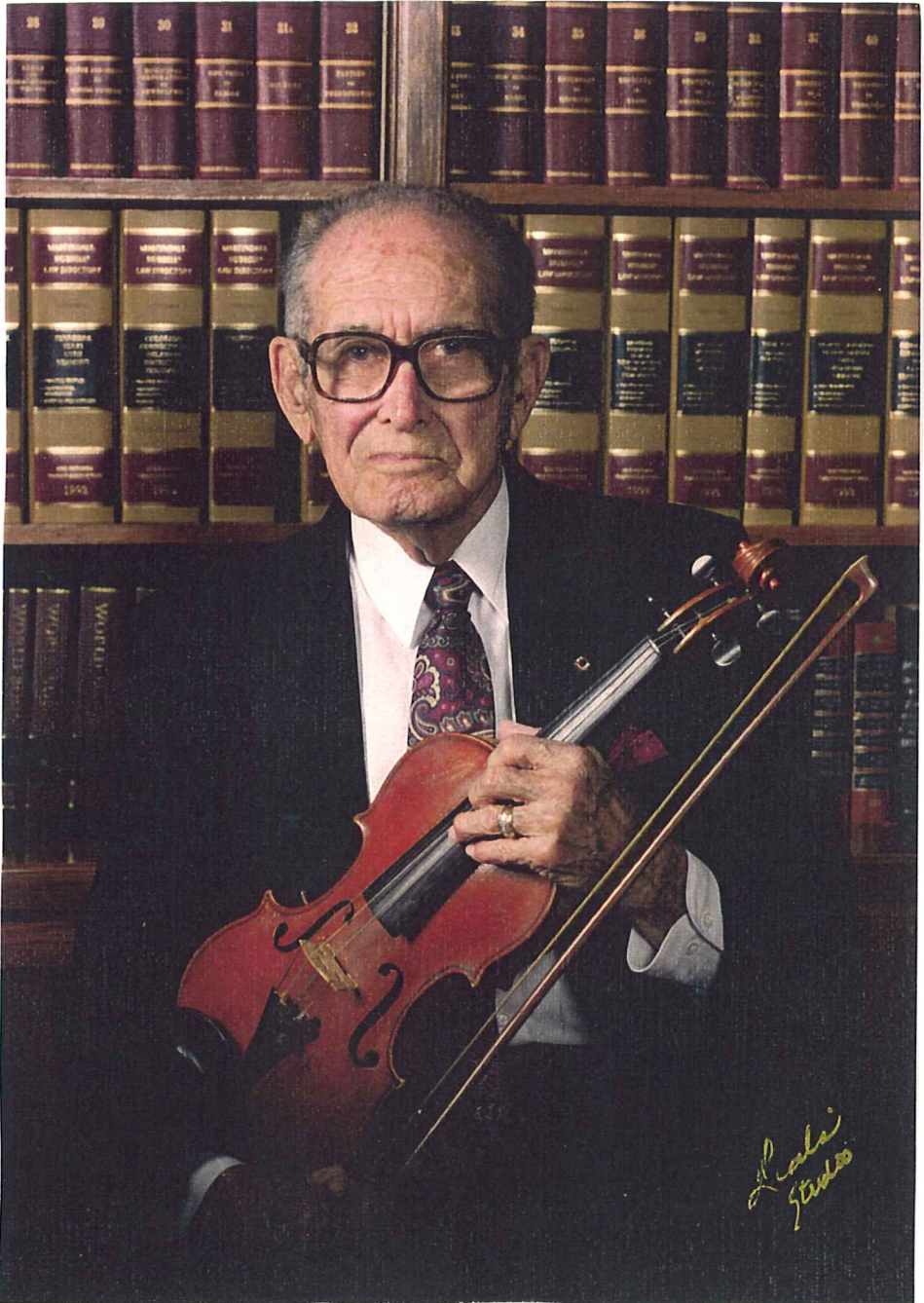


Mr. Roque Guerra



Rio Grande City-1932

Mr. Roque Guerra



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