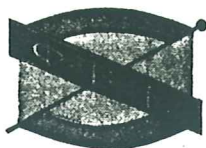




RICHARD THOMAS

KERMIT, TEXAS

MEMBERSHIP



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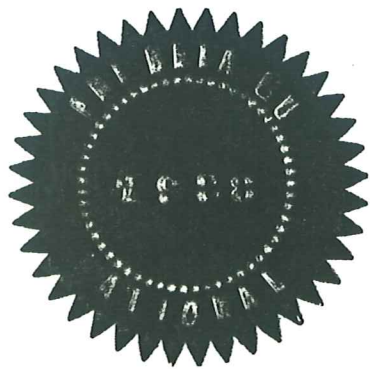
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THE ABILENE SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

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Derry Crutchfield

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Kenneth Aston  
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Richard Thomas

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ROBY HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS  
THE ROBY BAND IN CONCERT  
Feb 14, 1954 3:00 P.M.

PROGRAM

NATIONAL EMBLEM .....E.E. BAGLEY

STREET SCENE.....ALFRED NEWMAN

CAVALRY OF THE STEPPES.....KNIPPER-MOHAUPT

RAGS TO RICHES.....ADLER - ROSS

CEREMONIAL MARCH.....J.J. MORRISSEY

I BELIEVE.....DRAKE - GRAHAM

THUNDER SONG.....FINLAYSON

CARNIVAL.....MESANG

HOLLYWOOD SERENADE.....DAVIS

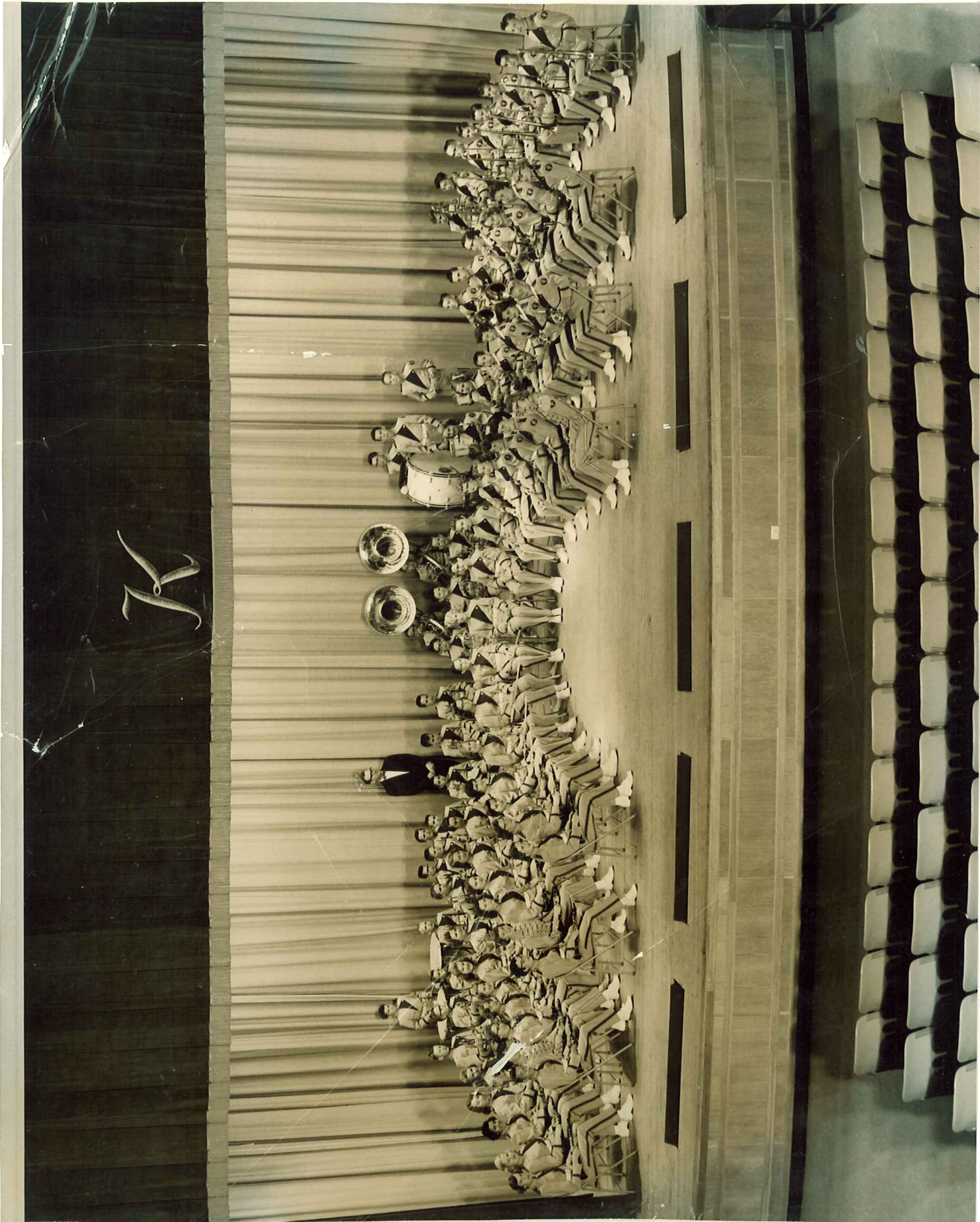
JOHNSON RAG.....HALL - KLEINKAUF

PHANTOM REGIMENT.....LEROY ANDERSON

BADINAGE FOR BRASS.....HAROLD WALTERS

TRUMPET BOOGIE.....RAY ANTHONY  
Trumpet quartet featuring:  
Bobby Young                      Bunny Terry  
Leon Helms                        Roland Ray

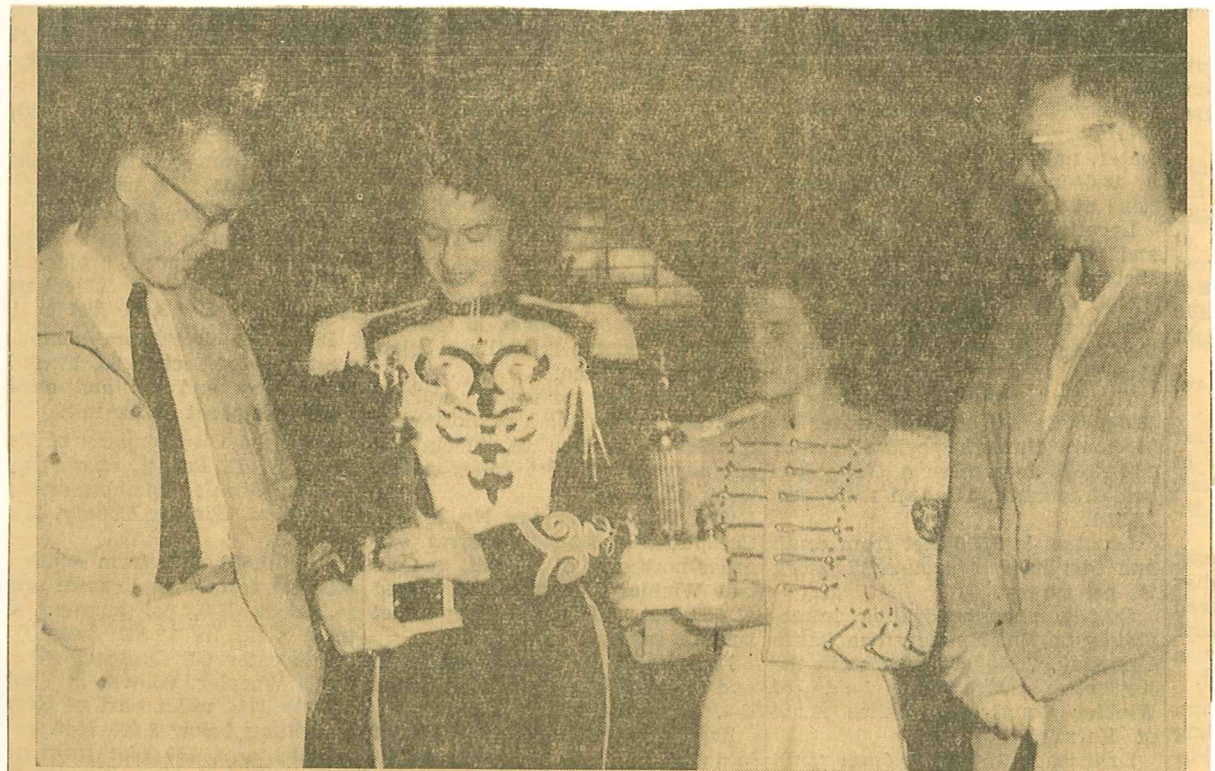
ATLANTIC SEABOARD.....CLARE E. GRUNDMAN



1955-79

Director, KJHS

Assistant, KHS



MARCHING TROPHIES—This quartet is admiring the trophies collected by the Kermit K and Junior High Bands at the recent marching contest in Odessa. Each won first division rating. Left to right are G. T. Gilligan, director of the K Band; Ellen Stewart, K Band Drum Major; Bertha Seales, Junior High Drum Major, and Richard Thomas, director of the Junior High Band. (News Staff Photo)

## Junior High School Wins Band Sweepstakes

The Junior High School band walked off with a sweepstakes award Friday afternoon in Class C competition of the Region VIII Interscholastic League Band Contest held at Ector High School in Odessa.

The Junior High Band, under the direction of Richard Thomas, played "Empire State March," "Little Scotch Suite," and "Legendary Air," in Class C competition, while the K Band, under G. T. Gilligan, competed in Class AAA with "Field of Color March," "Richard III," and "Slavonic Folk Suite."

Three KHS ensembles took first division in individual contests, while three soloists made first di-

vision and one made second division.

In the high school ensemble-solo contests, a flute quartet and a saxophone sextet won first division, while a clarinet quartet took second division honors. Eleven soloists also took first division, while one made second and two third division.

High School ensembles winning first division were the clarinet quartet, Elizabeth Slaughter, Carlene Rosson, Sharon Hendricks, and Donna Dewitt; a cornet trio, Kenneth Barham, Charles Dunlap, and Pam Goodall; and a saxophone septet, Wanda Conway, Patsy Burgess, Gary Crowley, Rena Glass, Delores Crow, Carolyn Boles and Gayle Atwood.

High School seniors winning first division were Beverly Hamlett, student directing; Robert Kropp, trombone; and Mike Hammett, snare drum. Ricky Eudy placed second with a trombone solo.

Junior High ensembles winning honors were the flute quartet, Saralyn Cameron, Ann Miracle, Joan Graves, and Carol Nelson, first division; and the clarinet quartet, Sharon Dean, Georgeann Davis, Donna Sharp and Jeannette Lowry, second division.

Junior High first division soloists were Gayle Jarman, saxophone; Georgeann Davis, clarinet; Sharon Dean, clarinet; Mike Evans, French horn; Saralyn Cameron, flute; Richard Brinkley, saxophone; Roy Drake, baritone; Jeff Patterson, bass horn; Ann Miracle, flute; Ronald Maikell, cornet; and Judy Bragg, bass clarinet.

A second division was won by Nancy Kirkpatrick with a bassoon solo; while third division places were won by Jeannette Lowry, clarinet, and Steve Slover, trombone.

Concert judges were Clarence Gates, superintendent of music for Tulsa, Okla., schools; Joe Franks, superintendent of music for Harlingen schools; and Maurice McAdoo, director of bands at North Texas State College.

## Kermit, Crockett Top Odessa Meet

ODESSA (SC) — Kermit Junior High School and Crockett Junior High of Odessa led the field in the Region VII Interscholastic League band contest here Friday.

Both schools were awarded sweepstakes trophies for placing first in concert playing, sight reading and marching. The marching contest was held previously, but must be added into the overall score.

Seminole Junior High managed the first place in concert playing and sight reading but did not take part in the marching contest. They were awarded a special award.

Both event awards (placing first in one event) and marching awards went to Lamesa Junior High and Bonham Junior High of Odessa. Event awards went to Grandfalls-Royalty High School, Hood Junior High of Odessa and Goliad Junior High of Big Spring. Marfa High School, Iraan High School and

Ector Junior High of Odessa won marching awards.

Class AA, AAA, and AAAA bands will compete today.

Friday's results, including concert playing, sight reading and marching, in that order, were:

Class B High School — Grandfalls-Royalty — 1-3-2; Marathon — 3-4-4.

Class C Junior High — Pecos, 2-2-3; Crane, 3-2-2; Lamesa 1-2-1, Fort Stockton, 2-2; Seminole, 1-1, Denver City, 4-3.

Class CC Junior High — Kermit, 1-1-1.

Class A High School — Wink 2-2-2; Marfa 2-2-1; Reagan County (Big Lake) 2-2-2; Sanderson 4-4-3; Rankin 1-2-3; Iraan 3-3-1.

Class CCC Junior High — Bonham (Odessa), 2-1-1; Bowie (Odessa), 1-1-2; Crockett (Odessa), 1-1-1; Hood (Odessa), 3-1-2; Ector (Odessa), 3-2-1; Runnels (Big Spring, 4-3-4; Hudler (Monahans), 3-2-2; Goliad (Big Spring), 2-1-3.



CONGRATULATING BAND DIRECTORS—Superintendent G. E. Thompson is shown congratulating Kermit High School Band Director G. T. Gilligan (left) and Junior High Director Richard Thomas after their bands won top ratings at the recent regional band contest at Odessa. Directors are holding trophies awarded to them at the contest. (News Staff Photo)

THE WINKLER COUNTY NEWS, Kermit, Texas  
Page 2—Sec. II Thursday, May 19, 1960

## Our Bands Are Great

Last Tuesday night, Kermit Senior and Junior High School Bands presented their annual concert in the Senior High auditorium. As usual, it was an outstanding musical event, and many among those present commented that the quality would equal that of top-notch college musical aggregations. In fact, many colleges do not have bands as great as the Kermit school bands, and the difficult numbers which the musicians, directed by G. T. Gilligan and Richard Thomas, play with the greatest of ease would do credit to professional groups.

The program which the Gilligan-Thomas bands played Tuesday night was well balanced. Take such numbers as "Waltzing Winds," or "Cavalcade" for example. Both are beautiful numbers, but difficult. And not too many high school bands would attempt to do any Wagnerian number, yet the Kermit groups played "Elsa's Procession to the Cathedral," and did it masterfully. Wagner simply didn't write music that was easy, and one professional Kermit musician, when he saw the Wagnerian selection on the program, said, "Wagner never wrote anything that wasn't rougher than a cob to play. My hat is off to them for even attempting it." And he added that the bands did a splendid job.

All of which accounts for the fact that the Kermit bands always rank at the top in any contest, and recently swept to the very top sweepstakes, in the Odessa district trials.

## KJHS Band Chalks Up Outstanding Record

In the current school year Kermit Junior High School Band has accomplished an outstanding record — one which would be hard to improve on, and one which future band students will have to work hard to equal.

In November the band received one of the two 1st Division ratings given in marching to junior high bands in the West Texas area.

In February the following students took part in the area solo and ensemble contest, in which approximately 4,000 band students (both junior high and high school) participated. Those receiving 1st Division medals were Dickie Horner, solo; Bruce Kingston, solo.

Saxophone quartet — Bruce Kingston, Steve McGuire, Mike McKay and Howard Worley.

Saxophone quartet — Debbie Mills, Bonnie Linebery, Nikki Peden and Roxanna Shepard.

Cornet Trio — Steve Hawkins, Kenny Slaughter and Jim Bishop.

Brass Sextet — Keith Bryant, Steve Wills, Marsha Denny, Hilary Gleitz, Jerry Cade and Tom Belding.

Flute Trio — Jane Roberts, Leanna Williams and Zenita Nolen.

Those receiving 2nd Division ratings were Howard Worley, solo.

Clarinet Trio — Mary Ann Roberts, Jackie Hill and Jill Giesler.

Clarinet Trio — Pam Bacon, Janice Turner and Debra Harper.

Cornet Trio — Keith Bryant, Wes Jackson and Steve Wills.

Trombone Trio — Chuck Phillips, Larry Green and Jerry Cade.

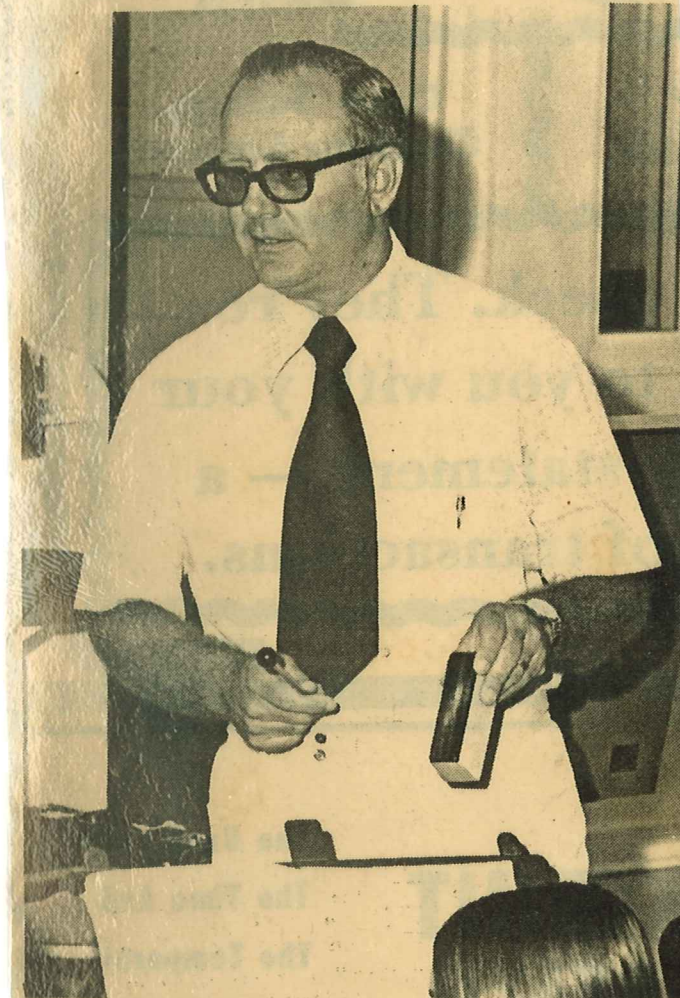
On March 23 the band entered the Andrews Junior High Band Festival and won the trophy given to the outstanding band for sight reading.

Then to cap off their achievements, on April 20 at the Regional University Interscholastic League Contest at Permian High School in Odessa, Kermit Junior High Band won the coveted Sweepstakes Trophy which is the highest award given musical organization by the UIL. This signifies a 1st Division (outstanding) performance in all three areas in which an organization participates. These are sight reading, marching and concert performance. Of the 22 junior high bands which participated in all three contests from all the West Texas region there were only two bands which earned this award and Kermit was one of the two.



**WORKS WITH DRUMMERS**—Robert Fannin (right) gives drummers proper beat during student-teaching practice in local schools. Richard Thomas, band director, looks on as students Mike Whitehead (left) and Daniel Gallas listen. Total of 38 high schoolers took part. (News Staff Photo.)

## Men At Work



**RICHARD THOMAS**, who is now in his 19th year as band director of Kermit Junior High School, has taught the beauty and rhythm of music to thousands of youngsters since he came here in 1955. Thomas, who is pictured working with a portion of the Junior High Beginner Band, is also assistant director of "K" Band. Before coming to Kermit, he was director of Roby High School band. Mr. and Mrs. Thomas have one son, Richard, who is a 1971 graduate of Kermit High School. (Staff Photo)



G. T. Gilligan, director, and Richard Thomas, assistant director, look over drills for the coming year. This will be the second time for Kermit to march a 140 piece band. The band began practicing for the coming season's activities Monday, Aug. 5.

*Presenting*

KERMIT HIGH SCHOOL



and

JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BAND

MAY 3, 1966  
8:00 P.M.

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

G. T. GILLIGAN, Director  
RICHARD THOMAS, Asst. Director

# THE KERMIT HIGH SCHOOL BANDS IN CONCERT

FRIDAY, MAY 3, 1968 --- 8:00 P.M.

## JUNIOR I DIREC'

MARCH JUNO .....

An English type march, slow  
This particular "English" m

THEME AND VARIATIONS

Sixteenth century English c

SWINGIN' MISTER MOON

LA BAMBOOZLE .....

A Melody Latin in flavor an

MELODIES THAT WERE B.

A medley of 'gay 90's' broe  
Minutes from Broadway", "

EL RELICARIO .....

Latin Paso Doble (march).

SAMSON AND DELILAH ..

The two main themes from

## HIGH SCH DIRE

MARCH ONWARD .....

A Swiss March originally ti

BRITANNIA .....

An English Folk Rhapsody.

BLASENFEST .....

An original selection compos  
now residing in Odessa.

CIVIL WAR FANTASY ....

A potpourri of Civil War son  
tour of Russia and also by tl  
as many as four to six songs

BANDOLOGY .....

A concert march.

## STAGI DIRE

TO BE ANNOUNCED

# THE KERMIT HIGH SCHOOL BANDS IN CONCERT

THURSDAY, MAY 7, 1970 -- 8:00 P.M.

G. T. GLLIGAN, Director

RICHARD THOMAS, Assistant Director

## JUNIOR HIGH BAND:

GALLANT MARINES March .....K. L. King

Songs from Russian composers

ROMEO AND JULIET (Theme) .....P. I. Tchaikowsky  
The Love theme from the Ballet inspired by the play

SUITE IN MINOR MODE .....Dmitri Kabalevsky

Three very short pieces originally composed for piano entitled:

1. Dance 2. A Little Song 3. The Horseman

Songs from contemporary composers

WINDY .....Ruthann Friedman  
As recorded by the Association

GENTLE ON MY MIND .....John Hartford  
Originally recorded and made popular by Glenn Campbell

SOUL EXPLOSION .....John Caruso  
Done in the rock style

HOGAN'S HEROES MARCH .....Jerry Fielding  
Theme song from the T. V. show by the same name

## HIGH SCHOOL BAND:

THE SINFONIANS .....Clifton Williams

INCANTATION AND DANCE .....John Barnes Chance

GEORGE WASHINGTON BICENTENNIAL MARCH .....John Philip Sousa

CHERISH .....Terry Kirkman  
arr. Carroll DeCamp

MARCH "GRANDIOSO" .....Roland F. Seitz  
arr. Alfred Reed

A SACRED SUITE .....Alfred Reed

Sweet Hour of Prayer  
All Hail the Power of Jesus' Name  
When I Survey the Wondrous Cross  
Praise Him! Praise Him!  
On Jordan's Stormy Banks  
Onward Christian Soldiers  
Battle Hymn of the Republic

## HIGH SCHOOL STAGE BAND:

Numbers to be announced

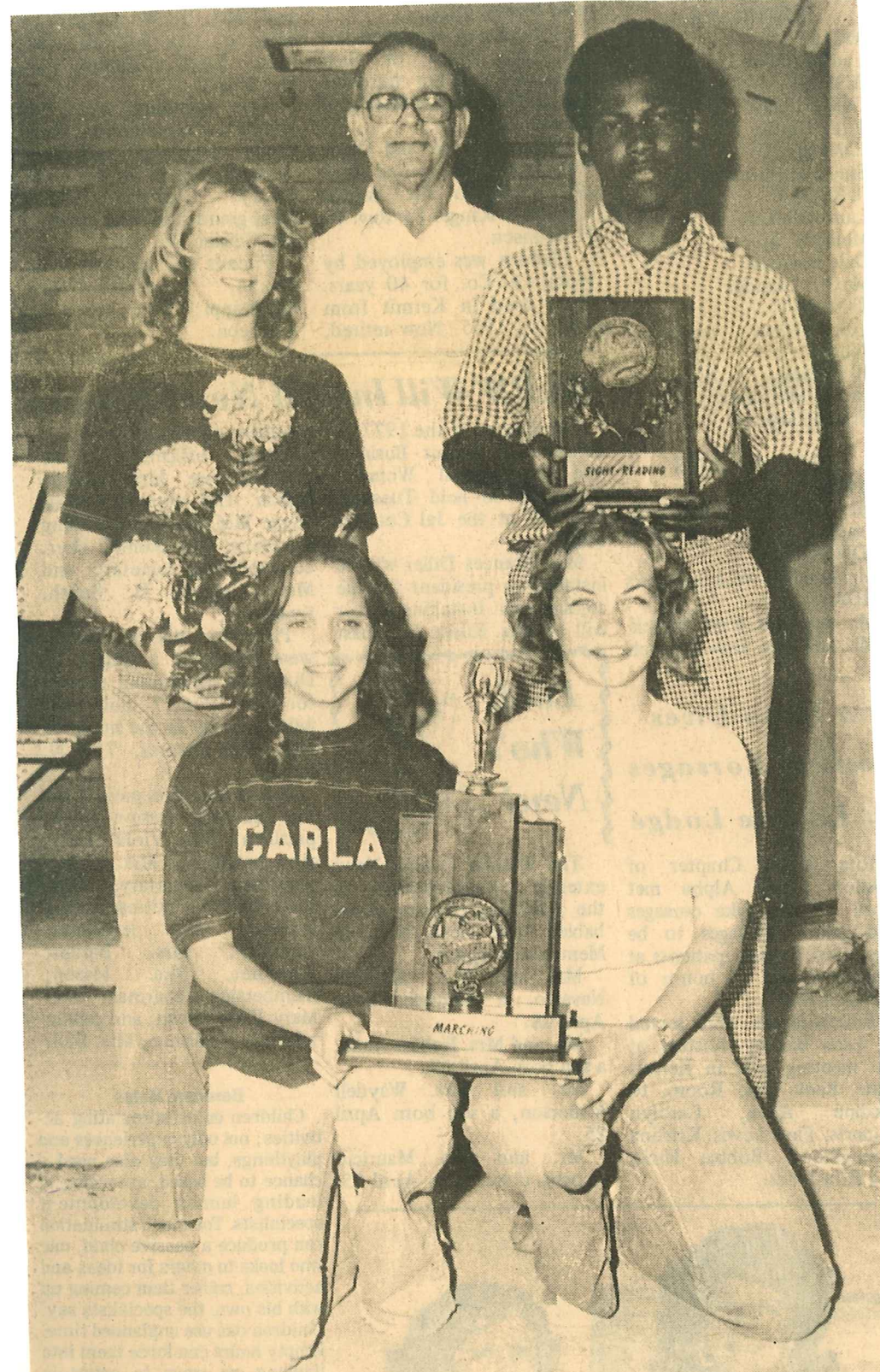


**JUNIOR HIGH DAUBERS NO. 1**

The Kermit Junior High Band participated in University Interscholastic League Regional Concert and Sight Reading competition Thursday, April 20, at Bonham Junior High School in Odessa and walked away with two first. The Class C bands in this competition were: Zavala of Pecos; Crockett of Pecos; Crane; Runnels of Big Spring; Coahoma; Ft. Stockton; Lincoln of San Angelo; Andrews; Monahans; Kermit; Alpine; and Blackshear of Odessa. The only bands receiving an excellent or first division rating in both of these events were Kermit and Monahans. Kermit received a Special Award trophy for their efforts. "The

Junior high band worked very hard to accomplish their goals and wish to thank all the people who had a part in helping them to achieve them," director Richard Thomas said. Some of the comments from the six judges who rated the band are: "Band plays with a nice style."; "I really like the sound this band produces."; "This band does so many things so very well. . ."; "Fine looking group."; "Good overall tonal quality."; "This is an attentive group, and well disciplined."

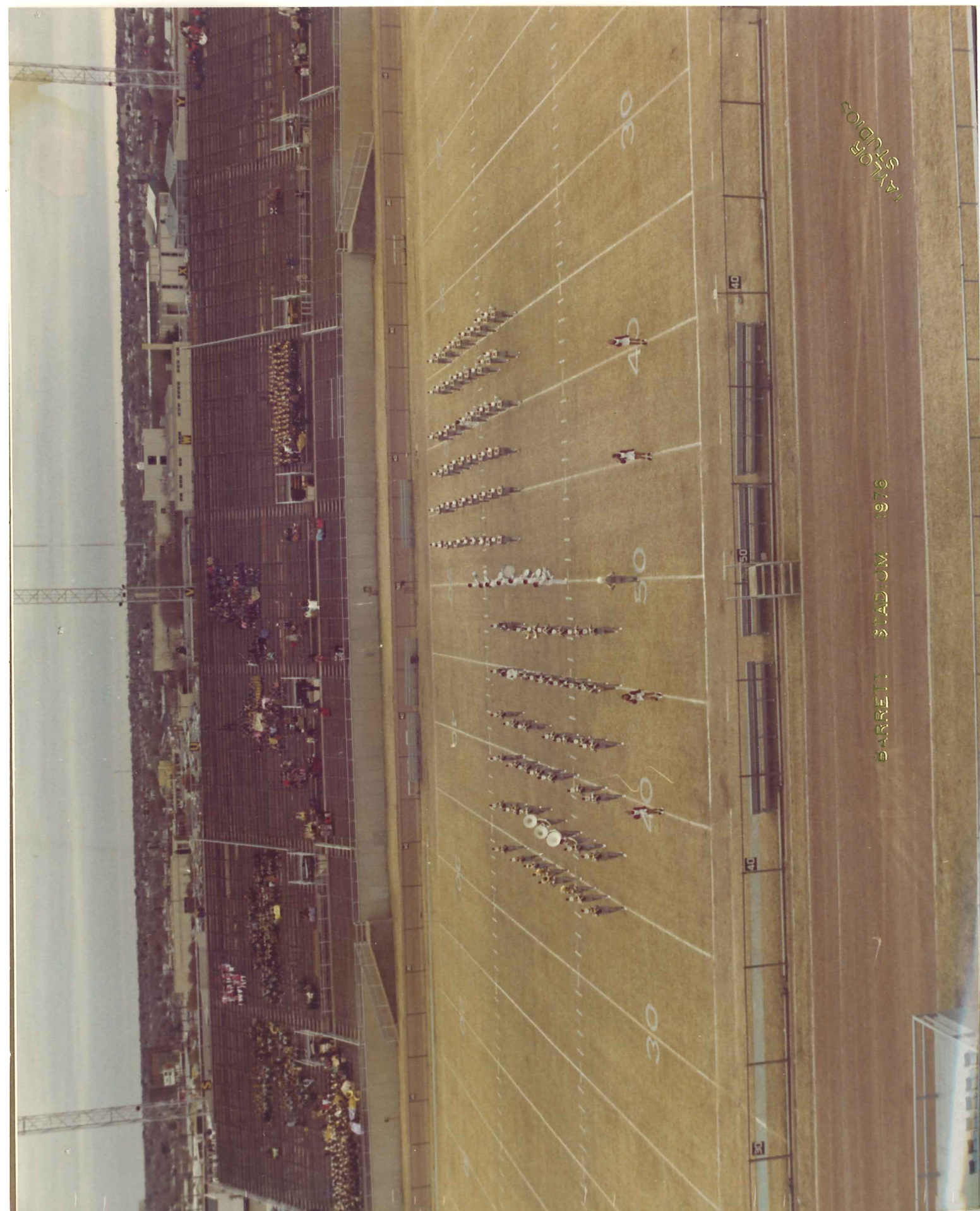
(Staff Photos)



**PROUD OF TROPHY**

Junior high band officers and director are proud of their UIL trophies for marching and sight-reading. Front row (from left) Carla Jamison, secretary-reporter of the KJH Band, and Angie Diller, band president. Back row (from left) Lisa Bengel, drum major, Richard Thomas, band director, and David Fulbright, band vice president. (Staff Photo)





#### JUNIOR HIGH ALSO TOPS

A number one rating also was earned by Kermit's Junior High Band at the UIL marching competition in Odessa. Representing the band here are, from left, Laura Mitchell, Belinda Arnold, drum major Lisa Bengel, Lynda Williams and Kandis Enox with Band Director Richard Thomas. (Staff Photo)

ews, Kermit, Texas

Thursday, February 10, 1977



**BAND DIRECTORS WITH GUEST SPEAKER**

Members of the Kermit High School's "Big K Band" were honored with an appreciation banquet on Monday evening, Feb. 7, in Kermit Community Center. Hosting the affair was the "K" Band Booster Club. Guest speaker for the banquet was Greg Berry (second from left), Director of the Bands at

Wayland Baptist College in Plainview. Pictured above (left to right) are G. T. Gilligan, Co-Ordinator of Bands for KISD; Mr. Berry; Kirke McKenzie, Kermit High School Band Director; and Richard Thomas, Assistant High School Band Director and Junior High School Band Director. (Staff Photo)



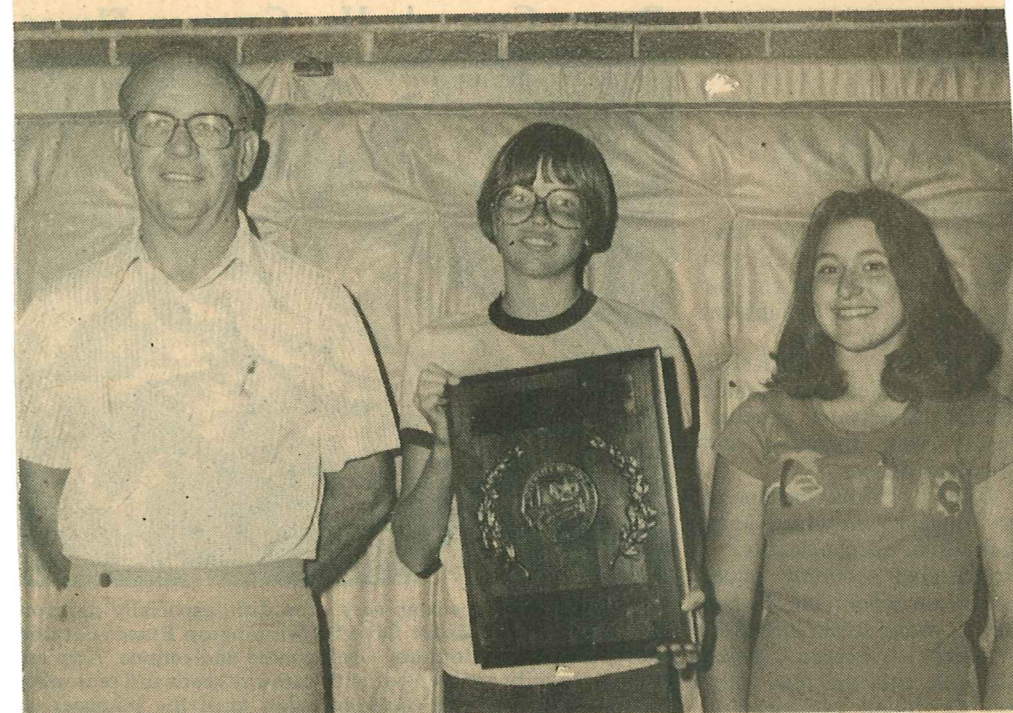
**LEADERS OF THE BAND**

Director Richard Thomas is pictured above with the Drum Major and twirlers of the KJHS Band; (Back Row, from left) Misti Wright, Angie Wesch and from left) Lynda Williams and Lori Fullen.

1977  
Inside the KJHS Band Hall  
As we pull open the west doors of the band hall, the enthusiastic, live music pours over us like an avalanche. We're hearing a vivacious rendition of "Costa Brava." As our eyes and ears adjust to the light and sounds, we can take in a sweeping view of the generous-sized room. We see the music racks just inside the door; a portable blackboard covered with a variety of musical signs and symbols that's now being shoved aside; and elevated tiers of students, chairs, horns, music stands and folders that are all spread out like a royal fleur-de-lis. Around the walls of the big room are cubbyholes known as the Hat Room, Band Instrument Storage Room, Practice Rooms, and Mr. Thomas' Office. This office is a room in which Mr. Thomas has worked most of the years since he graduated from college. He's helped prepare hundreds of students for UIL contests and spring concerts just as he is doing now.

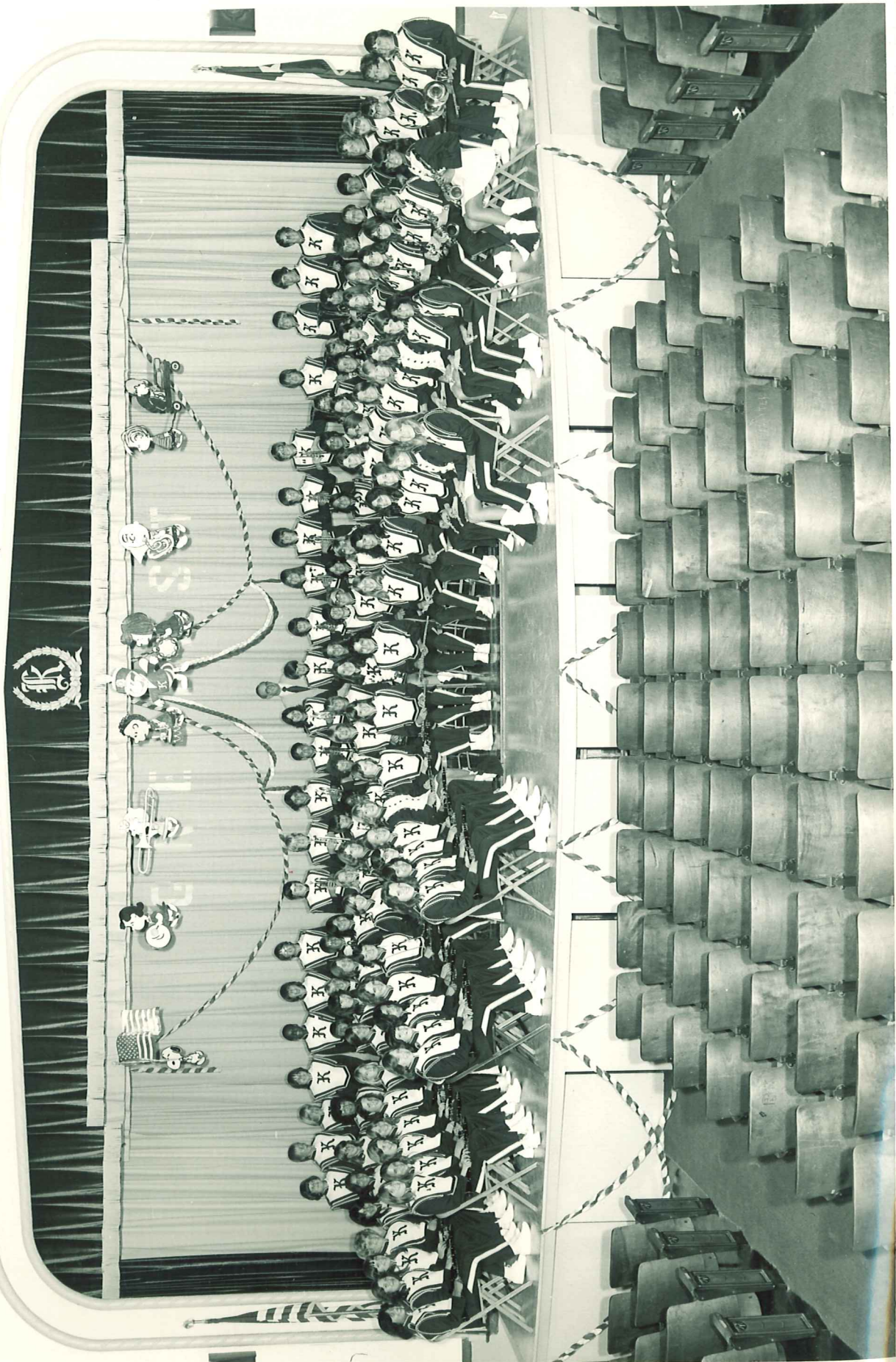
The tone and title of the music are changing as "Gentle Journey" drifts across the room to the door where Mr. Gilligan and Mr. McKenzie are entering. We'll talk to them another day, however. Right now the mood of the song prompts us to ask a band member to describe her feelings about band. She tells us that it's a victorious felling; anticipation; a feeling of triumph. What a lovely way to say it! This feeling prevails as the band bursts into "Little Scotch Suite" and we reluctantly wave goodbye.

Thursday, April 27, 1978



**KJHS BAND AWARD**

Kermit Junior High School Band received a Special Award for placing Division I in Concert and Division I in Sight Reading at the UIL competition held last week. Pictured, from left, with the plaque are: Mr. Richard Thomas, director; Tina Mason, band president, and Angie Wesch, Drum Major. Pictures of the entire band appear on Page One.



**RECEIVE SPECIAL AWARDS**

Special recognition went to two former KHS/KJHS band directors and their wives during halftime activities last Friday night at Walton Field. Receiving the special honors were Mr. and Mrs. G. T. Gilligan, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Thomas.

Above (l-r) are Mrs. Bud White, Mrs. Gilligan, G. T. (Gillie) Gilligan, Mrs. Thomas, Richard Thomas and Bud White. Presenting the awards and serving as Band Booster president this year are Mr. and Mrs. White.

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Band should be a required subject because it would enable you to know and be influenced by the band director. I have been in band for 3 years and have been exposed to one of the finest men I have ever met. A splendid example of fairness and one of utmost morals is Mr. Richard Thomas. He is a man of high esteem and I have never known him to be unfair. Just watching him as I have this year is enough to make me understand what chivalry really means. If I could I would present him with a plaque with these simple words: "For teaching me values" He is a dignified representative of what a band director should be.

Dear Richard, hope that someday in  
We just hope that someday in  
someday that we will be able to show  
you our (growing each day) appreciation of all  
you have not only done for our children, but  
also for several hundred more.  
We are not alone. Kermit loves and appreciates  
you and is so proud to have such a fine  
musician in our school system.  
Thanks so much for everything  
Sue & Bill Cameron

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PRINCIPAL, PURPLE SAGE  
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## RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, G. T. Gilligan and Richard W. Thomas have served as band directors in Kermit for many years, and

WHEREAS, Mr. Gilligan and Mr. Thomas have contributed greatly to the Kermit High School "K" band and Kermit Junior High School band, and

WHEREAS, both have, by example and precept, served to inspire pride, confidence and ambition in thousands of Kermit High School graduates. Now, therefore, be it

RESOLVED, that the members of the official board of the Kermit Independent School District, in official session this December 4, 1973, unanimously express their sincere appreciation and gratitude for the leadership, dedication, and unselfish service of G. T. Gilligan and Richard W. Thomas to our schools.

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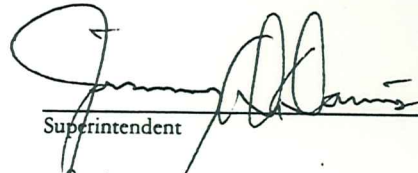


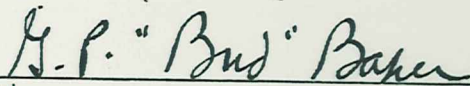
Kermit High School

Hall of Fame

This Certifies That  
**Richard Thomas**

has been inducted into the  
Kermit High School Hall of Fame

  
Superintendent

  
Principal

  
Student Council President

CERTIFIED THIS 1 DAY OF October 1994