

JAMES STREIT
MEMORABILIA

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FAMILY

HISTORY



TUESDAY RECITAL—James L. Streit, violin, will appear in senior recital Tuesday, April 28, at 8:15 o'clock in the Midwestern University Auditorium for the public.

Public Invited to Hear Four Student Musicales

Four recitals by well-known students in the division of music, Midwestern University, are to be given for the public during the coming 10 days, according to Mrs. O. J. Didzun, chairman.

On Monday night at 8:15 o'clock two vocalists and three pianists will be heard in the MU Auditorium. Miss Wanda Lee, soprano, and C. D. Rogers, tenor; Miss Wyvon Wright of Seymour, Kyle Franks, and John Hancock of Tyler will be presented by William V. Boland and Ivy Eddlemond Boland,

respectively, teachers of voice and piano.

Miss Wright will play Schumann's "Symphonic Etudes;" Franks, Brahms' "Intermezzi," opus 116, Nos. 2, 6, and 4; and Hancock, Liszt's "Hungarian Rhapsody," No. 15. With Miss Jeanette Moser as accompanist, Rogers will sing Handel's "Alma mio" and Schumann's "Widmung;" and Miss Lee, Bernstein's "Five Kid Songs."

On Tuesday night, April 28, James L. Streit, violin, will be presented by the division of music in senior recital, assisted by Albert Wasmus, piano. Streit, pupil of Leo B. Reynolds of the music faculty, is in his third year with the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra. He will play first, at 8:15 p.m. Beethoven's Concerto in D-major; then the Sonata in E by Paul Hindemith; and finally, "Introduction and Rondo Capriccioso" by Camille Saint-Saens. Ushers will be Patsy Morgan, Rose Marie Streit, Thomas Gillentine and Kenneth Alford.

Lovers of piano will find another hour greatly to their liking on Thursday, April 30, at 8:15 o'clock in the MU Auditorium when Susan Friley of Fort Worth, piano, a pupil of Dr. Erno Daniel, appears in recital. Miss Friley is a sophomore music major. She will play Beethoven's Concerto No. 2 in B-flat major; Bartok's Piano Concerto No. 3; and Schumann's Concerto, Opus 54, in A-minor.

On the following Tuesday, May 5, Kenneth E. Alford of Healdton, Okla., also a piano pupil of Dr. Daniel, will be presented in senior recital. He will play a Bach prelude and fugue, a Beethoven sonata, Franck's "Symphonic Variations," and a concerto by Aram Khachaturian. Ushers will be Jean Kuykendall, Patricia Butler, Albert Wasmus and Horace Smith.

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The Streit Family Cornet Band



The Swiss cornet band of Vernon is one of the institutions of that city. The musicians are Fred Streit, the leader, and his seven stalwart sons. Mr. Streit is a Texan of Swiss birth, a prosperous stock and wheat grower, and he and his sons have real merit as musicians.

Crowell Family Of Seven Named For Music Award

CROWELL, Tex. (Special) — A three-generation family of seven from Crowell is among those nominated in the American Music Conference's 5th annual "Amateur Musical Family of the Year" award program.

The James L. Streit family, who participate in a variety of musical activities both individually and collectively, say that making music together is not only an enriching experience for all but fun and personally rewarding as well.

Members of the family play eight different instruments — violin, piano, organ, flute, bassoon, tenor saxophone, cornet and trumpet. Their repertoire

includes classical and popular music.

Grandpa Streit plays piano and organ. At one time he played with the Wichita Falls Symphony as a member of the string section. Grandmother Streit serves as a church organist; Streit directs the church choir; Mrs. Streit serves as accompanist for the family and is a part-time piano instructor; Julie and Barbara are active in their college music programs and Scott participates in his high school and church music programs.

The Streit family was nominated by Barbara Sperberg of Seymour for this year's award.

The American Music Conference is a not-for-profit education and research association dedicated to fostering a positive climate for amateur music in the home, church, school and community.

Announcement of the winning family will be made during National Music Week, May 4-11.



Streit Family Band at the Doan's Picnic

1915



Then

and

Now



CROWELL HIGH SCHOOL

THE VERNON DAILY RECORD

(AP) Means Associated Press

VERNON, TEXAS, SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 3, 1974



CROWELL ALL-REGION BAND MEMBERS—Crowell students who performed Saturday night at Wilbarger Auditorium as members of the All-Region Junior High Band are (left, front row, Mollye Wisdom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wisdom; Scott Streit, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Streit; Vecera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Vecera; and Williams, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Tommy Williams;

back row, Paul Whitley, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roy M. Whitley; Gail Bullion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe P. Bullion; John Thomas, son of Judge and Mrs. Leslie Thomas, and Jan Brown, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Don Brown. Kathy Whitfield, who also qualified for all-region, did not participate because of illness.

Inventions Solve Problems For Crowell Band Director

CROWELL (Spl.)—Offer Crowell High School Band Director James Streit of Lockett a problem and he's likely to invent a solution.

Mr. Streit, member of a musical Lockett family which fielded its own family band and entertained widely in the early days of Wilbarger County history, is a teacher-musician-farmer with an innovative mind that is responsible for a number of inventions.

Director of a band that won the coveted Sweepstakes award for Crowell High School for the first time in more than a decade and a half two years ago, Mr. Streit in recent years has developed:

—A teaching machine designed for use by band students.

—A self-adjusting Sousaphone holder for smaller pupils who

have difficulty supporting the big bass horn.

—An automatic irrigation sprinkling system built and installed on the practice field where his band marches at Crowell.

—A baby bottle warmer.

—A farm equipment device for raising and lowering booms on fertilizer and insecticide sprayer.

Mr. Streit received a patent from the U. S. Patent office last month for his "teaching machine," the simple terminology he prefers.

Actually, the patent is listed as "Lesson Selector Element Controlled Device for Presenting Visual and Audio Lessons and Receiving Recorded Answers on a Sound Track."

Lesson cards are inserted into the machine. Each card contains a lesson which individual

student can complete. A test given by the machine is recorded for later use by the instructor.

Striving to help the student with his music lessons, Mr. Streit began development of his machine several years ago. He had an idea for a machine that would contain lessons for each of the 20 different instruments in his band, ranging from beginner.

Wanting a patent on his device, Mr. Streit drew up plans, hired a patent attorney to handle the legal work and a draftsman to draw the detailed illustrations needed to accompany the patent application.

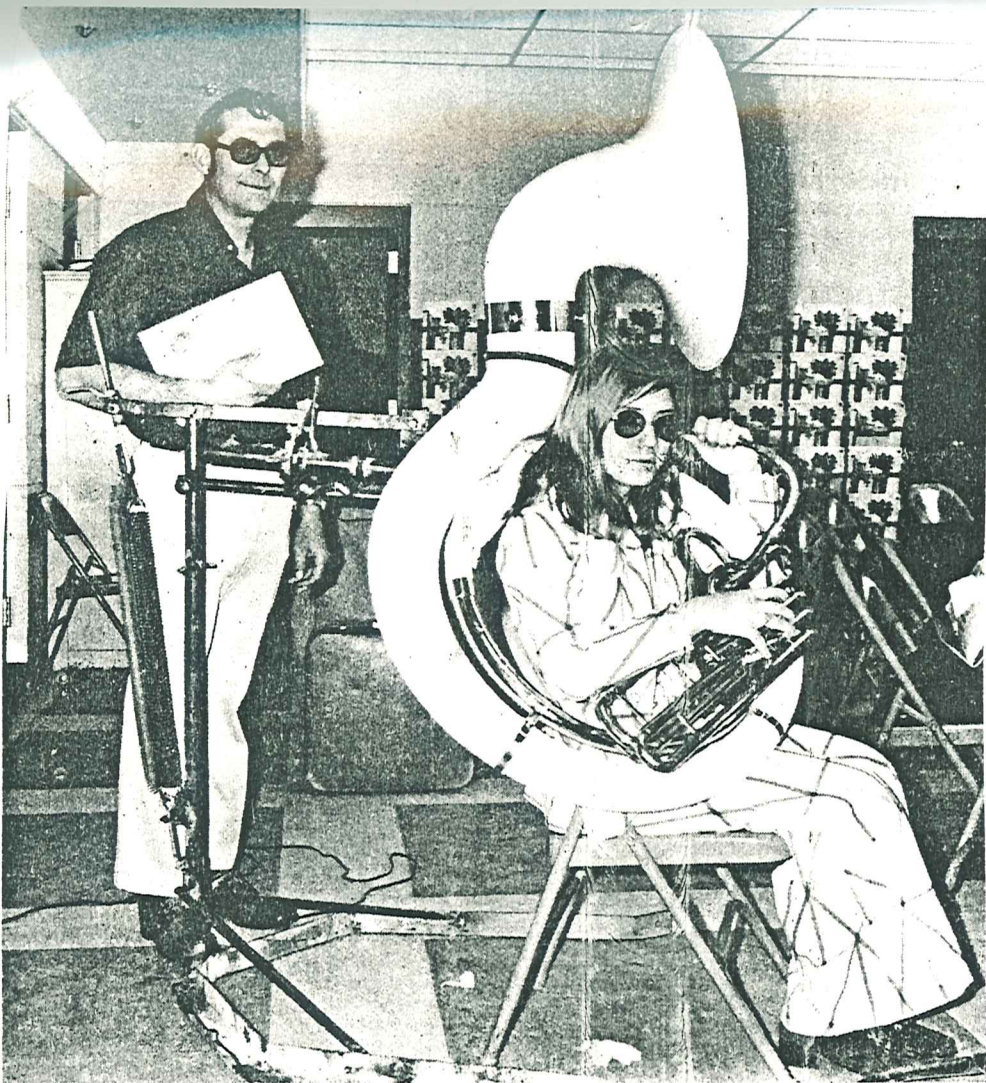
The application was filed on July 17, 1972 by his attorney, and was approved last month, with a number issued covering his invention for the next 17 years.

No plans have been made for manufacture of the machine as yet, but Mr. Streit has already been contacted by one manufacturer.

The self-adjusting Sousaphone holder was designed by Mr. Streit because his fifth and sixth grade students in the junior high band had difficulty with the big horn when required to play it for long periods of time.

Mr. Streit is in his sixth year at Crowell. His band won the Sweepstakes award with Division I ratings in concert, sight reading and marching in 1971-72. His band has won

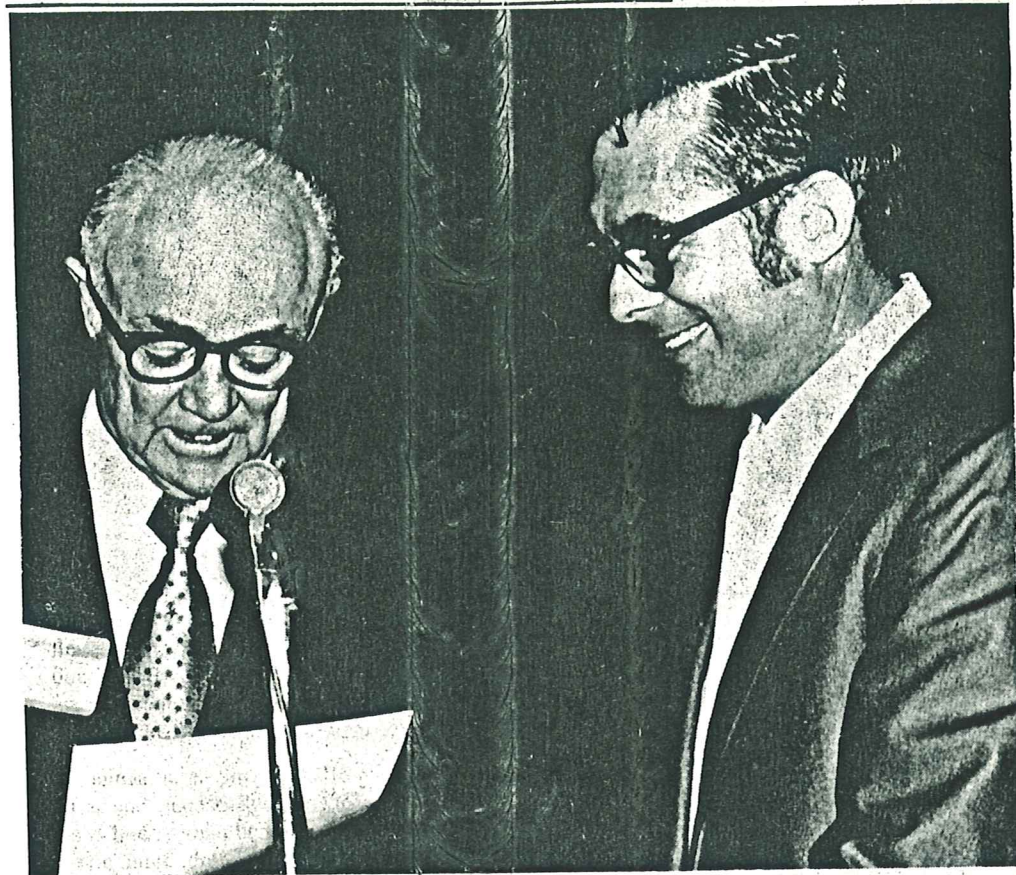
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MAKING THE YOKE EASY—Playing a Sousaphone, a massive bass horn, isn't always an easy matter for students who don't have the heft to match the instrument, so Crowell Band Director James Streit (left) developed a self-

adjusting holder to take some of the weight off the student. Gail Bullion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. P. Bullion of Truscott, demonstrates how the device works. Mr. Streit is holding a patent certificate.

TEACHING MACHINE LATEST



CROWELL BAND DIRECTOR HONORED— Gov. Preston Smith, who cited the Crowell High School Band as the only Division I marching winner in Class A UIL competition at Wichita Falls this Fall and the first band at Crowell to win such an award in 16 years, honors band director James Streit of Lockett by commissioning him an Admiral in the Texas Navy. The pre-

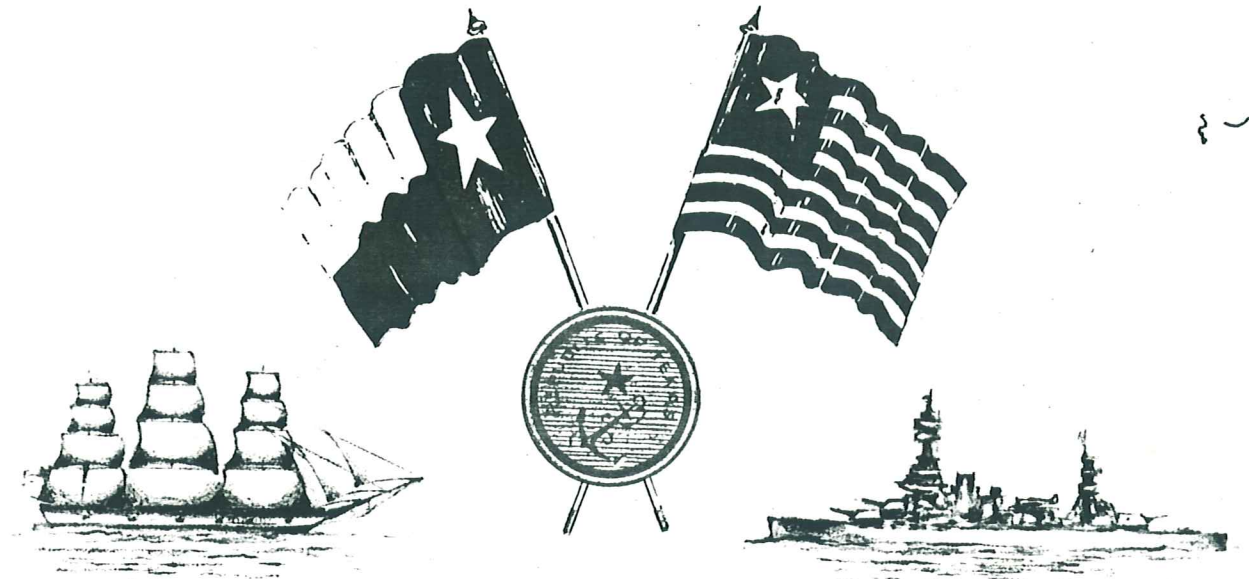
sentation was part of a special school assembly program at which the Governor spoke Friday afternoon at the school gymnasium. Gov. Smith, impressed with welcome banners prepared by students of the school, asked that the banners be mailed to him for his private collection of materials connected with his years as Governor of Texas.

Crowell Band Is Honored

By BABS STREIT
And RHONDA VECERA
Crowell High School

The students at CHS have been preparing for the visit from Governor Preston Smith on Friday, Dec. 3. The CHS band received a letter of commendation from Governor Smith for the outstanding job they have done this year, and for making a I at the UIL Marching Contest.

The entire school joined in signing "Texas, Our Texas" as the band played. Students, teachers, and townspeople will be remembering last Friday for a long time to come.



In the name and by the authority of

The State of Texas

To all to whom these presents shall come — Greeting:
Know ye, that

JAMES STREIT
is hereby commissioned

Admiral

in the

Texas Navy

with all rights and privileges appertaining thereto and with the duty of assisting in the preservation of the history, boundaries, water resources, and civil defense of the State.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the Seal of the State to be affixed at the City of Austin, this the 3rd day of December A.D., 1971

Preston Smith
PRESTON SMITH, Governor





STATE OF TEXAS
EXECUTIVE DEPARTMENT
AUSTIN

PRESTON SMITH
GOVERNOR

November 22, 1971

TO ALL MEMBERS OF THE CROWELL
WILDCAT BAND, CROWELL, TEXAS:

It is a pleasure for me to have the opportunity to commend the members of the Crowell Wildcat Band; the Director, Mr. James Streit; and the Drum Major, Mr. David Stapp, for the band's many fine performances during the year-- climaxed by the receiving of a Division I rating in the University Inter-scholastic League marching competition which was held recently at Wichita Falls. This award was particularly significant as the Crowell Wildcat Band was the only band from the Class A school in Region II which was given a Division I rating.

Your band has provided many hours of entertainment and your success reflects your hard work and dedicated effort. It also reflects credit not only on your school and community, but on each of you as individuals.

My warmest personal congratulations on your accomplishment.

Sincerely,

Preston Smith
Governor of Texas

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HIGH SCHOOL CHORUS—The Crowell High School Chorus, directed by James Streit, second from left, presented a special Thanksgiving program at an assembly held in the high school auditorium last Wednesday afternoon. In addition to the num-

bers presented by the chorus, Mr. it also played two violin solos. Accompanists for the chor Misses Sharla Haynie and Rhonda Vecera. (News photo)

MUSICAL TRADITION SPOTLIGHTED

500 Attend Crowell Show

More than 500 persons turned out Tuesday night for one of the most successful stage productions ever presented in Crowell—a presentation that also spotlighted briefly a great musical tradition of a Wilbarger County family that is now being continued into at least the fourth generation by the family of James Streit of Lockett, director of the Crowell High School Band.

Nobody is certain how long previously the musical tradition of the Streit family may have preceded in Switzerland the migration of the Streits to Wilbarger County in 1884.

But at least five generations of the family in a direct line from the late Christian Streit to the children of James Streit have resided in Wilbarger County, and four generations of the family have been actively engaged in organized musical groups in this area.

Vernon to welcome Roosevelt.

Some of the original instruments used when Roosevelt visited were utilized in the Crowell performance by musicians under direction of James Streit.

The Crowell performance featured a cast of 127 people and a "Little Miss" contest won by Randa Kay McBeath, 23-month-old daughter of Mrs. Ruth Ellen McBeath of Thalia, and Jodi Gafford, 6, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jimmy Mac Gafford of Crowell.

It was the late Fred Streit, a son of Christian Streit, who organized and headed the Streit family band in Wilbarger County. Fred Streit's son, E. P. Streit of Lockett, was the youngest and latest member of the family to join the band—well after it performed in Vernon for a visit by Teddy Roosevelt in the early 1900s.

Rev. Joe Ainsworth, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Crowell, was narrator for the show.

District Attorney Bill Neal of Quanah presented orchids to Mrs. Paul Shirley as the first white child born in Foard County and Mrs. R. G. Nichols as the last born in Hardeman County before Foard County was separated from Hardeman as a county.

A highlight of the show was a flamboyant ending when students read from the Bible and

ported time Hughes has met with persons outside his staff since he went into seclusion more than a decade ago. Han-

patriotic and religious songs were sung to end the story of "a 19th century era of land between two rivers."

Dan Wall, son of Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Wall Jr. portrayed Comanche Chief Peta Nocona as a child while Ishmael Santos portrayed the chief as an adult. David Stapp portrayed Capt. Sul Ross.

Title of the show, written and directed by Joe Meador, was "Panorama of the Red River Valley, Episode No. 1."

E. P. Streit, now 71, was too young to play for Roosevelt visit, although George Streit of Lockett, at 85, was old enough to take part in that historic occasion that brought literally thousands to the Frisco Depot in



CROWELL HONOR BAND MEMBERS—The Crowell School band placed a total of 22 young musicians on 7th and 8th grade, 9th grade and Class AA, A and B All-District Bands which performed Saturday night at Wilbarger Auditorium along with the Class AAA and Class AAAAA honor band. Band director James Streit is pictured above with his honor band musicians at a lunch break Saturday at the auditorium during a day-long series of clinics conducted by guest clinicians for the All-District bands. From left are, first row, Tim Garrett, cornet; Scott Streit, cornet; Paul Whitley, alto sax; John Thomas, tuba; Bobby D. Powers, trombone; Jimmy Quintero, baritone; Tony Daniel, alto sax; second row, Annis Brown, baritone; Ester

Quintero, clarinet; Hedi Vecera, bass clarinet; Patsy Williams, cornet; Susan Quintero, cornet; Leigh Langford, tenor sax, and Debra Kajs, French horn; back row, Kathy Whitfield, clarinet; Renee Norman, clarinet; Carolyn Halsell, clarinet; Lela Graf, clarinet; Joyce McGinnis, flute; Jan Brown, trombone; JoAnna Horde, flute, and Mr. Streit. Vernon students who qualified for the honor bands were pictured in Thursday's edition of The Record. Larry Kingsley of Vernon coordinated the clinics and Saturday night concert. The events were moved from Iowa Park to Vernon after plumbing difficulties at the Iowa Park High School, where they were originally scheduled. (Record Photo)



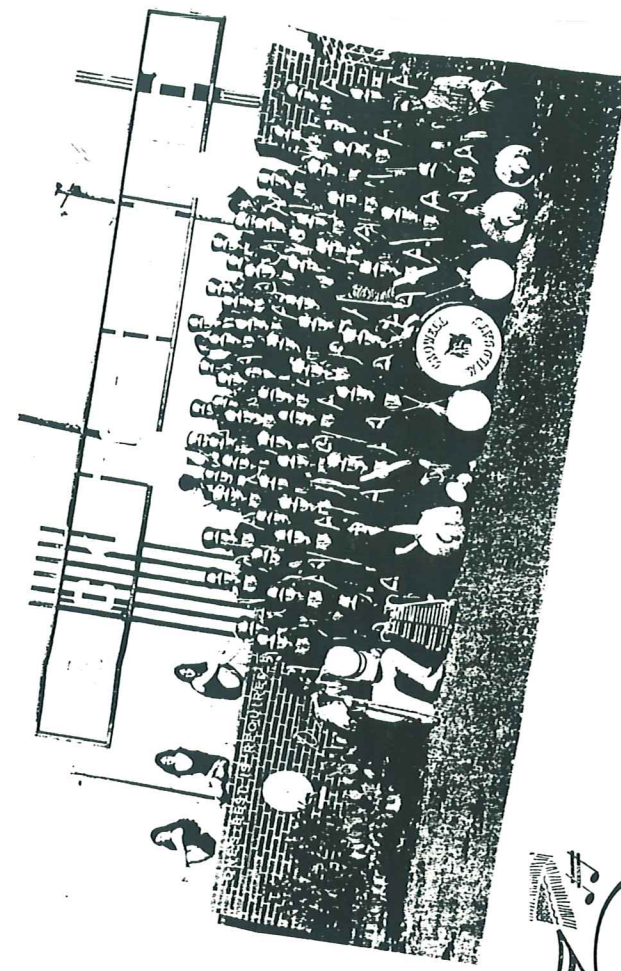
SWEEPSTAKES "COLLECTORS"—Officers of the Crowell High School Wildcat band Friday morning look on as band director James Streit (left) presents the fifth sweepstakes trophy won by the band in five years to Supt. Larry Jones. Other three trophies are on table at right. From left are Mr. Streit; Mr. Dan Klepper, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bill Klepper and Band Council representative; Kathy Whitfield, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Whitfield

secretary-treasurer; Jana Glover, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joe Glover, reporter; Anita Vecera, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Travis Vecera, vice president; Debra Kajs, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Johnny Kajs, Band Council Representative; Mollye Wisdom, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jake Wisdom, president; Jonna Naylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Naylor, Sgt.-at-arms. (Record Photo)

Congratulations to the
G.H.S. WILDCAT BAND
UIL Sweepstakes Winner



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 IN MARCHING
 CONCERT
 SIGHT READING



AND DIRECTOR JAMES STREIT

THE UNIVERSITY INTERSCHOLASTIC LEAGUE
Box 8028, University Station
Austin, Texas 78712

October, 1974

To: Persons on the University Interscholastic League
Recommended List of Judges for Music Competition

From: Nelson G. Patrick

Subject: Judges' Packet

Enclosed in this packet, you will find a Judges' Certificate, a list of the criteria by which one's name is placed on the Recommended List of Judges and the rules pertaining to judging University Interscholastic League Music Competition as found in the Constitution and Contest Rules. In addition, there is a card on which each individual's judging activity will be kept.

Please fill out this card and return it to the State Office as soon as possible. Fill out ONLY the side of the card which gives your biographical data and past judging experience. Give both your school address and home address, along with the appropriate telephone numbers. List conference(s) that you are now teaching and conference(s) that you have taught.

DO NOT fill out the reverse side of this card. This record has been kept in this office and will be filled out here.

Having your name on this list reflects the high regard in which you are held by other directors in the state. Being asked to judge two years in two regions and attending a workshop was the basic criteria for getting on the List of Recommended Judges.

University Interscholastic League

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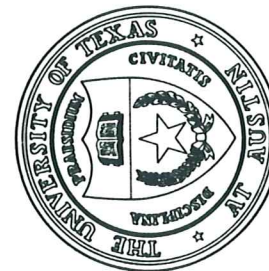
JAMES STREIT

Having met the requirements as set forth by the
Committee for Music Contests Adjudication and Performance Standards,

has been approved to judge

H. A. L. Music Contests

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Nelson G. Patrick

Director of League

Nelson G. Patrick

Director of Music Activities



MAMAS' CHORUS LINE—A new feature of the CHS Band's Last Night Show set for Friday night will be the Mamas' Chorus Line. Mrs. Barbara Wall, director, left, is substituting for Mrs. Mary Ruth Whitfield,

one of the mamas in the line. Others, from left are Mrs. Hazel Kajs, Mrs. Sue Kuehn, Mrs. Dorothy Klepper, Mrs. Gwynn Gentry and Mrs. Marilyn Brown.

Band Program Set for Friday Night

The third annual Last Night Show, presented by the Crowell High School Band and the Band Boosters organization, will get underway at 7:30 p. m., Friday

May 7, at the school auditorium

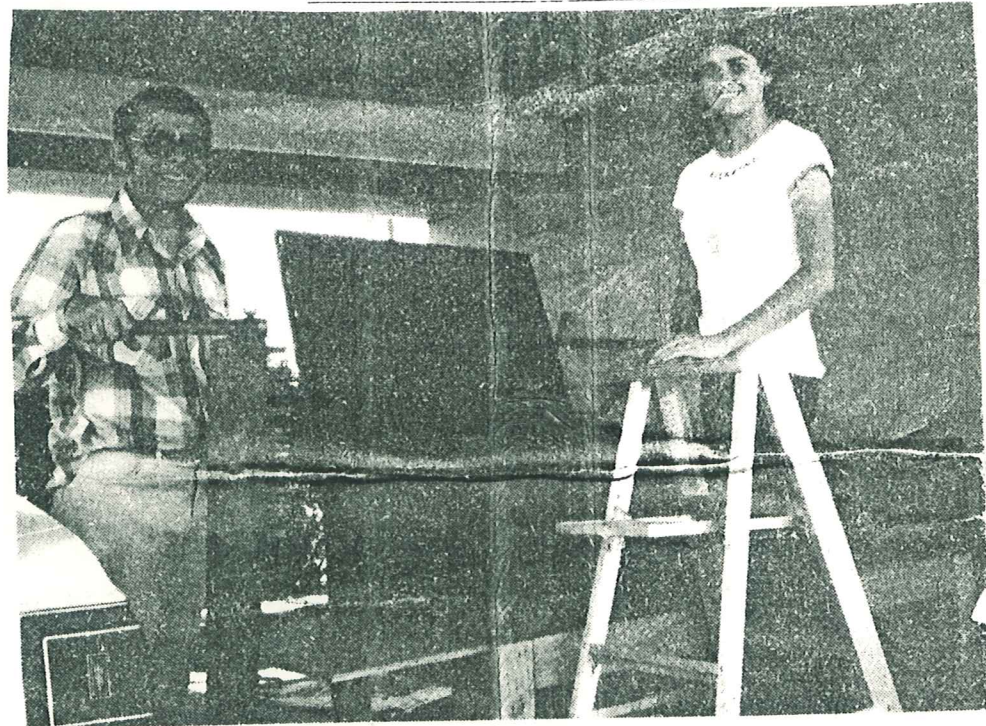
The show will feature band music, mama's and poppa's chorus lines, the Little Miss Petite, Miss Princess and

Mr. Prince contests, skits presented by the students, vocal numbers, and magic tricks.

Included in the magic tricks, to be presented by James Streit, band director, include sawing a girl in half, fire tricks and card tricks.

Funds derived from the contests and program will be used by the band boosters for expenses incurred during the school year for the various band programs.

Everyone is invited to attend.



MAGIC SHOW PLANNED AT LAST NIGHT SHOW—Miss Amy Brasher climbs a ladder in the above picture as she prepares to step into the box in the center of the picture before "Houdini" James

Streit, left, prepares to cut the young lac in two with the large saw he is holding. This will be one of the magic tricks planned for the CHS Band's Last Night Show Friday night.

JACK HIGHTOWER
13TH DISTRICT, TEXAS

Congress of the United States

House of Representatives

Washington, D.C. 20515

February 25, 1976

Miss Amy Brasher, President
Mr. James Streit, Director
Crowell High School Band
Crowell, Texas 79227

Dear Miss Brasher, Mr. Streit
and Members of the Band:

Just a brief note to express my heartiest congratulations on being named the Class A Honor Band for 1976 and Class A Honor Band Director in San Antonio recently.

This recognition, in addition to the outstanding achievements of the band in recent years, is well deserved, and must give you a deep sense of personal satisfaction and pride individually and as representatives of your school.

My warmest good wishes for continued success in all your endeavors.

Sincerely,

Jack Hightower

CHS Band Is Winner of Sweepstakes Award

FOR CROWELL BAND:

4th Sweepstakes Within Five Years

CROWELL (Staff)—Is a band sweepstakes award as good as a district football championship? "Better," vowed Jonna Naylor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Duane Naylor of Crowell and an officer of the Crowell band.

Miss Naylor made the statement as she and other officers of the band were standing by for a presentation Friday morning of a UIL Sweepstakes Award to Supt. Larry Jones, and she left no doubt as to her estimate of the achievement, nailed down in UIL competition Thursday at Olney.

It was the fourth Sweepstakes won by the Crowell Band in the past five years, turning the 86-member Foard County musical

aggregation into one of the region's leading collectors of the distinguished honor.

The band has also been cited (See CROWELL, Page 2)

(Continued From Page 1) in past years as the Class A All-State Honor Band.

The Crowell musicians won a Division I rating in marching in Wichita Falls last fall and copped the ultimate honor in Olney UIL competition for Class B, Class A and Class AA bands with Division I ratings in concert and sight-reading.

The turnaround in the band program at Crowell came when former Lockett resident James Streit took over the program several years ago.

Mr. Streit, formerly an intermediate School choral director in Vernon and band director at Lockett before Lockett's consolidation with Vernon is an accomplished musician who plays violin in the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra.

But he brought a long-standing family tradition of good music with him to Crowell and the Crowell band program.

His father, E. P. Streit of Lockett, was the youngest member of a widely-known Streit Family Band which played in the early years in the Vernon area and won praise of visiting music authorities for its excellence and the competence of individual family musicians, one of whom a visiting conductor suggested could play in any orchestra in the country at that time.

Mr. Streit and his wife, also a musician and teacher in Crowell Schools, have made musicians out of their children—extending the tradition to three generations. The band program also allows Mr. Streit an opportunity to bring the joys of good music to interested and talented youngsters at Crowell.

The 86 member Crowell band, which both junior high and senior high students, represents roughly 20 per cent of the entire enrollment in Crowell schools.

The Crowell band was one of four sweepstakes winners at the Olney competition Thursday.

The contests were conducted under the direction of Larry Kingsley of Vernon, who is executive director of UIL regional music activities.

In Class B competition, Throckmorton was a sweepstakes winner.

The other results with concert rating listed first and sight reading second:

—Class A: Knox City, IV and III; Munday, II and II; Paducah, III and I; Holliday, I and I and sweepstakes; Archer City, I and I and sweepstakes.

—Class AA: Olney, II and I; Quanah, V and V; Henrietta, IV and III; Bowie, II and I; Bowie second group, II and II; Childress, II and I; Jacksboro, II and II; Seymour, I and I.

"This is a fine band. The sounds are beautiful. You should be very proud to be a member of a group like this. I'm sure you are" was one of the comments of judges who last week awarded the Crowell High School Band Division I ratings in sight reading and concert playing at the UIL contest in Vernon Regional Junior College Wednesday of last week.

The Division I rating in sight reading and concert, together with the I rating received by the band in marching last fall, gives the Wildcat band a I rating in three divisions and for the second time in the history of the school a sweepstakes trophy. It was in 1972 that the band won its other sweepstakes award, and James Streit was director of the band both years.

Holliday was the only other class A band in the area to win sweepstakes. Munday had a II and II, Paducah II and II, Knox City I and III, and Archer City III and III.

Other comments from the judges included:

"A beautiful band! Students, you should be extremely proud to have such a fine band and excellent director!"

"I really enjoyed hearing you play."

"Good looking, attentive

There are many band transcriptions of classics by Bach, Brahms and Beethoven that they would otherwise never have been exposed to," Streit says.

As a member of TMEA, Streit is enthusiastic about opportunities to exchange ideas with colleagues; an exchange vital to maintaining high teaching standards, he says. The organization also helps correlate music with the total educational process, stressing that music is an important part of the whole person.

It is the students who reap most benefits from band participation, however. Streit believes membership develops a sense of responsibility, leadership and musical abilities, plus the psychological boost of being a member of a group.

"If used correctly, criticism sheets received at band contests can improve both the band and the director. Self-improvement for all the bandsmen is the chief purpose of most band contests."

The better a person plays his instrument, the more enjoyment from playing. Band contests are just one means of reaching this goal," Streit says.

The 93 band members are in grades seven through 12. During the past six years the band has produced three all-state band members and a number of outstanding performers in solo competition at various levels.

The band also has consistently made Division I and Sweepstakes ratings in University Interscholastic League competition. Last year, the band was named the outstanding Class A band at the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo.

Streit has been at Crowell for seven years, and taught at Vernon and Lockett before moving to Crowell. He played violin in Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra, cornet in Midwestern State University band and played both instruments while he was a member of the Fourth Army Show Band. He was graduated from MSU.



Ready For State

James Streit, left, gives last-minute pointers to the cornet trio, Patsy Williams, Stan Gentry and Scott Streit. The Crowell Band is ready for its all-state concert appearance.

Crowell Band Heads For State Concert

By VIRGINIA SHIRLEY Correspondent

CROWELL, Tex. (Special) — Crowell High School's Bobcat band will be in the spotlight Thursday when it performs as the Class A honor band for Texas Music Educators Association in San Antonio.

This musical group, conducted by James Streith, has been practicing on and polishing their program since early fall when it was in the midst of

marching season, the busiest time of the year for any high school band.

Being chosen honor band from 19 regions in Texas is a distinct honor, Streit says. "All the music educators in the state look to your organization as being ideal. It is a real challenge for us in this small community to provide the kind of program expected of us."

That program will be: "Con-

cord Overture," Ralph Herman; "Arietta For Winds," Frank Erickson; "Victoria Waltz," Leonard B. Smith; "Chorale and Capriccio," Caesar Giovannini and "George Washington Bicentennial March" by John Philip Sousa.

The band's cornet trio, Stan Gentry, Scott Streit and Patsy Williams, will be featured in the waltz.

Streit also is enthusiastic about the benefits students receive from participation in such events. "They get a chance to enjoy life more fully because they will have been taught to appreciate many different styles and types of music."



AND STUDENTS AND TROPHIES—Picture above are senior members of the CHS band officers with the 1974 sweepstakes and the band won last week, along with a trophy the band won at a contest in Amarillo.

Standing, from left, are Terry Cobb, Debbie Scott, band director James Streit, Anita Vecera, Arthur Cerda, Amy Brasher, Kathy Snirley and Jacquelyn Brown. Seated are Julie Streit, left, and Susan Autry, right.

"Band gets good, well balanced sound!"

"Well mannered group. Makes some nice musical sounds."

Just over a week before the UIL contest in Vernon, the CHS band participated in the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo, and there copped a Division I rating in concert and a Division II in sight reading, plus numerous Division I ratings

CROWELL

WILDCAT BAND

James Streit

Director

TEXAS MUSIC EDUCATORS

HONOR-BAND CONCERT ASSOCIATION

February 12, 1976

SAN ANTONIO, TEXAS

CROWELL HIGH SCHOOL BAND



Crowell is located in Foard County, a sparsely populated area at the Northwest tip of North Central Texas. Agriculture provides the economy for the county. The county is composed mostly of large wheat farms and large cattle ranches. Total population of the county is 2,200.

Crowell Independent School District is the only school system in Foard County. The school is located at Crowell, the largest town in the county with a population of 1,399. All 515 students, kindergarten through grade twelve, come to one campus. Some students live thirty five miles from the school. Several outlying communities in the county have car pools to get band members to and from extra band rehearsals. The Truscott community is 17 miles from Crowell and each year gives 5 to 10 faithful band members. The Thalia community is 11 miles from Crowell and gives 10 to 15 faithful band members each year. A few students live on large ranches and have to drive 15 to 20 miles by themselves.

The band has one extra two hour rehearsal each Tuesday night during marching season. Approximately five weeks prior to UIL concert contest the band has one extra two hour rehearsal per week plus one sectional rehearsal per week for each section. During the middle part of the year much time is spent with individuals on district and regional tryout music and on solos and ensembles. One of the main objectives of the extra

work is to accomplish a level of achievement which will give each student the joy of playing their instrument well and the thrill to be a part of the excitement created by the sound of the music they are producing.

The Crowell Band is composed of grades seven through twelve. There are forty-four seventh and eighth graders and forty-nine high school students in this year's ninety-three member band. The students begin studying band in the fifth grade. They continue band in the sixth grade and move to the performing band in the seventh grade. Most of the band students are active in all phases of school activity. In the seventh and eighth grades, boys and girls may participate in band and all sports activities. In high school, the girls may do both sports and band but the boys have to make a choice between the two in high school.

Last year the Crowell Band placed fourteen seventh and eighth graders on the Jr. High All Region Band, and seven high school students on the high school All Region Band. Forty percent of the band members have at one time or another made an All Region or an All District Band. In the past six years the Crowell Band has produced three All State band members. The band has also produced outstanding performers in solo competition at the State level, Greater Southwest Music Festival at Amarillo, and at the Tri-State Music Festival in Enid, Oklahoma. In 1971 the band earned its first UIL Sweepstakes rating in the history of the school. The band is now working on its third sweepstakes award having earned a Division I rating in the Fall marching competition. The band has also made all Division I ratings at Tri-State Music Festival in Enid, Oklahoma and at the Greater Southwest Music Festival at Amarillo. Last year the band was selected as the Outstanding Class A band at the Greater Southwest Music Festival in Amarillo.

The band is directed by James Streit. He has a B.A. Degree from Midwestern University with a major in Violin and a minor in Music Theory. Mr. Streit played violin in the Wichita Falls Symphony Orchestra for seven years and cornet in the Midwestern University Band. He was a member of the fourth Army Show Band where he played violin and cornet during his army affiliation. He is currently a member of the Texas Bandmasters Association, Texas Music Educators Association, Texas State Teachers Association and the National Teachers Association. He taught at Vernon and Lockett, Texas before moving to Crowell. Mr. Streit is now in his seventh year at Crowell.

PROGRAM

Concord Overture

Ralph Herman

Although Concord is the name of several mighty towns in these United States, it has nothing to do with this work except that it is a mighty overture. Employing the classical overture form, the composer has used new modern themes in a blend of exciting rhythms and lush tonal effects.

Victoria Waltz

Leonard B. Smith

Stan Gentry - Scott Streit - Patsy Williams
(cornet trio)

Victoria Waltz was written for Sandra Victoria, one of Mr. Smith's dearest friends. The number displays the virtuoso artistry for which he is famous.

Arietta for Winds

Frank Erickson

Erickson commented "this is a custom tailored work that manages to teach some fundamentals while providing pleasant listening and challenging material." This number is new to the Texas Class A-CC contest list.

Chorale and Capriccio

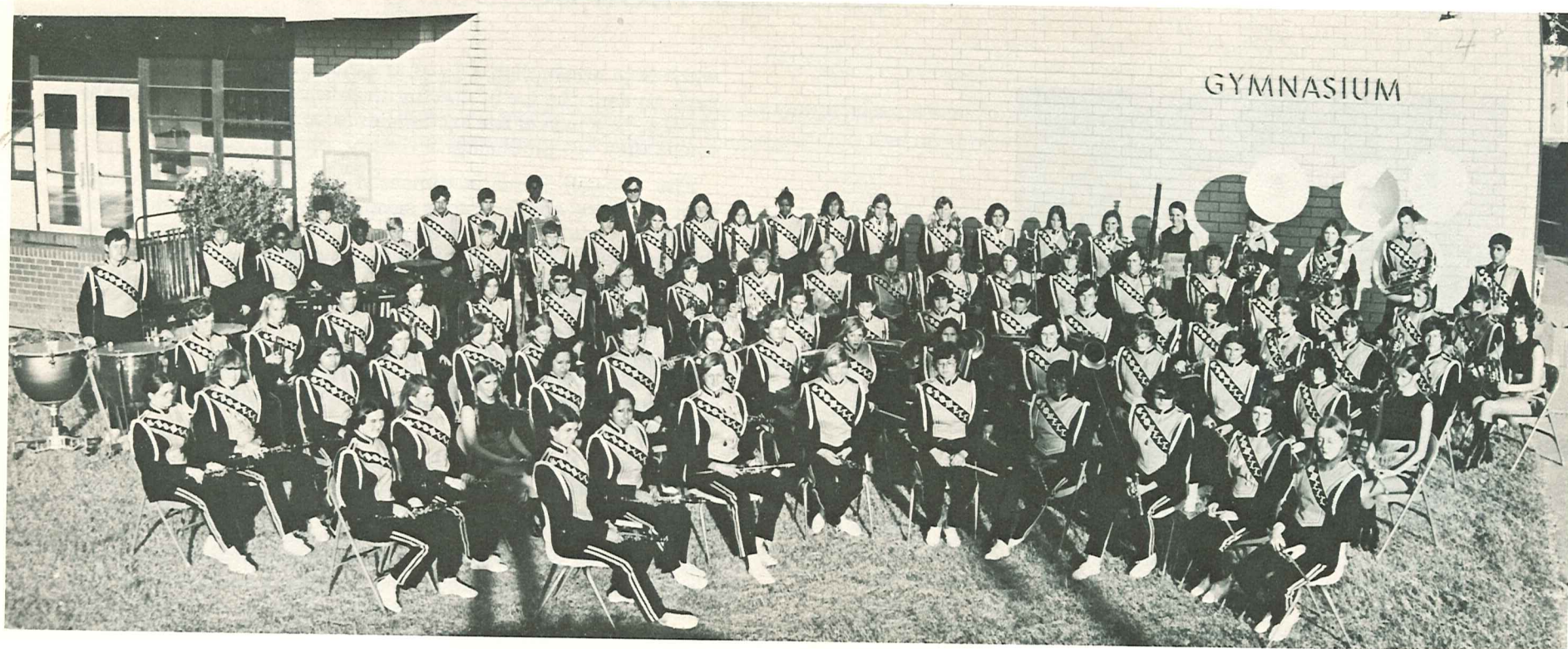
**Caesar Giovannini scored
for band by Wayne Robinson**

"Chorale and Capriccio" is in two movements, played as one, beginning with an ostinato "g" which is heard in various registers and in four different guises. The chorale is immediately stated by the brasses in a sonorous and expressive manner. After the introduction of a secondary theme and its development, the first theme is re-stated. The chorale closes with a full rich ensemble. After a short bridge passage for percussion, the capriccio enters, establishing a rather satirical mood. This alternates with fanfare like brass figures; the whole movement draws to a triumphant conclusion.

George Washington Bicentennial March

John Phillip Sousa

A late piece, apparently written in an unwarranted fit of optimism and somewhat too far in advance of the 1932 Bicentennial of Washington's birthday - a not very gaily celebrated anniversary that occurred during the dreariest days of the Great Depression.



CROWELL HIGH SCHOOL WILDCAT BAND

QUANAH HIGH SCHOOL

Wildcat Band

FLUTES

Connie Werley
 x Debra Walker
 x Jo Anna Hord
 Delia Santos
 Bernadette Greening
 Gail Fish
 x Wanda Brasher
 Rita Glover
 Brenda Greening
 x Joyce McGinnis
 x Christi Aranda
 Elizabeth Westover

BASSOON

x Kathy Whitfield

BASS CLARINET

x Hedi Vecera
 Sylvia Quintero
 x Sherri Grey

ALTO SAXOPHONE

x Paul Whitley
 Jill Bell
 x Tony Daniel
 x Leigh Langford
 Sheryln McBeth
 Julie Carrol

TROMBONES

x Jan Brown
 Theresa Drabek
 Sandra Bachman
 Wade Davis
 Brenda Taylor
 x Bobby Dee Powers
 Elizabeth Kingcaid

BARITONES

Jim Cunley
 x Jimmy Quintero
 Annis Brown
 Ray Don Werley

TUBA

x John Thomas
 Dale Nichols

B^b CLARINETTS

x Amie Brasher
 x Sulena Santos
 x Renee Norman
 x Mollye Wisdom
 Janna Glover
 Ester Quintero
 Debbie Bond
 Richard Fish
 Jackie Carrol
 x Simona Fields
 Cheryl Nichols
 x Carolyn Halsell
 Mary Lazano
 Debra Henslee
 Yolanda Jiminez
 Mae Carrol Kuehn
 Brenda Dishman
 Lela Graf
 Risa Winters
 Cathy Carrol
 Mary Coleman
 Inetta Tucker
 Tanja Baize

TENOR SAXOPHONE

x Anita Vecera
 Shelia Coleman
 Ken Gentry

BARITONE SAXOPHONE

x Able Cerda

CORNETS

x Stan Gentry
 x Scott Streit
 x Patsy Williams
 x Jody Graves
 Chris Thompson
 John Klepper
 x Susan Quintero
 Mike Brown
 Kay McDaniel
 Dan Klepper
 Daryl Miller
 Carl Field
 Richard Westbrook

PERCUSSION

James Aranda
 Dennis Setliff
 Bobby Joe Cerda
 Donnell Banks
 Walter Banks
 James Martin
 Billy Bond
 Dan Gatewood
 John Henry McGee

FRENCH HORNS

Carrol Sue Scott
 x Tim Garrett
 Jonna Naylor
 Debra Kajis

LAST YEARS GRADUATES

x Flute - Barbi Scott
 Bass Clarinet - April Werley
 x Alto Saxophone - Jacquelyn Brown
 Cornet - Karen Statser
 x F. Horn - Arthur Cerda
 x Baritone - Steve Setliff
 x Bass - Dwain Crosby
 x Percussion - Adrain Martinez
 Gary Glover

ALTO CLARINET

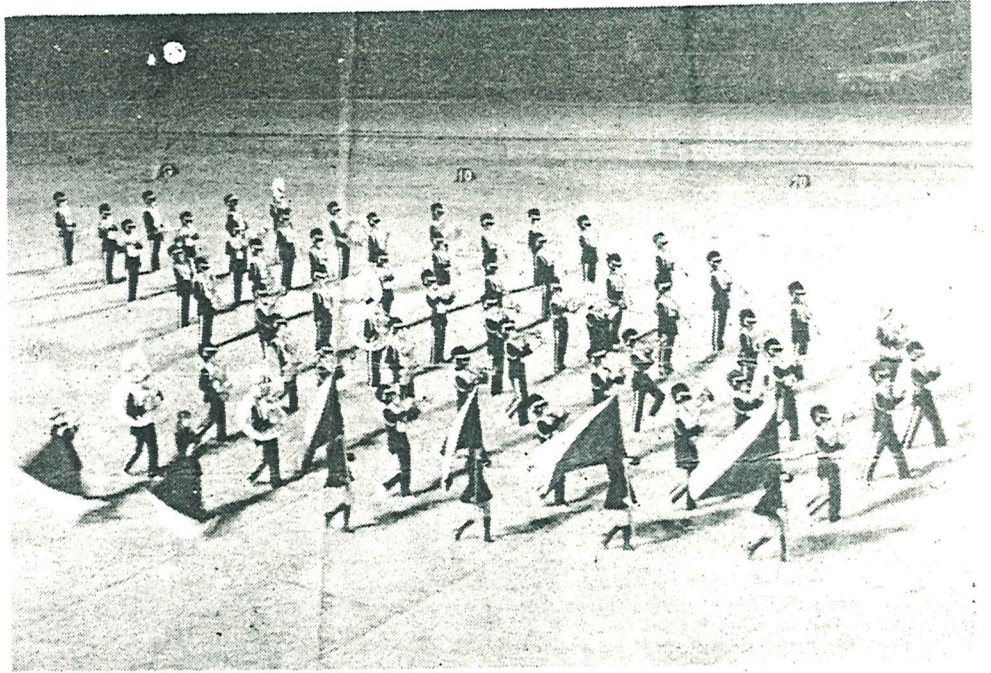
Vickie Pharris
 Lesley Johnson

x Denotes All District or All Region Band

Indian Band Receives I Rating



QUANAH TWIRLERS Carol Lance and Maria Leal received a II rating in UIL competition while Milinda Chambers and Janna Jagers received a I rating in the UIL competition which was held in Wichita Falls November 7.



THE 75-MEMBER Quanah Indian Band received a Division I rating at UIL contest Tuesday in Wichita Falls. Under the direction of James Streit and field direction of drum majors David Waldo and Mike Lytle, the band has shown a marked improvement after last year's rating of III and V the previous year.

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Indian Band —
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MORRISON
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JAMES STREIT
Band Director



JOHN CARROLL
Assistant Band Director



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**VERNON
HIGH SCHOOL**

Rehearsals:

Long hours of practice start Thursday in effort to again produce crack band

The first full week in August will launch band practice for the 1984-85 fall term, Band Director James Streit has announced. Rehearsals will start at 7 p.m. Thursday, Aug. 9, as the long hours of practice resume.

Streit, beginning his third year as head of the Vernon instrumental program, expects about 85 students in the high school band and 75 to 80 at Vernon Intermediate School.

He'll be working with a full staff for the first time in two years, with Intermediate band director Martin Ortega joined this year by the third local band director, Donna Shearmire of Henrietta.

Shearmire, a flags and drill specialist whom Streit expects to contribute greatly to the precision programs of the band, is a daughter of former Harrold superintendent of schools Don Shearmire, who now heads schools at Archer City.

Streit, a Midwestern University graduate, will bring a total of 21 years of music instructional experience with him as he returns to work Thursday.

He has served two years as a choral director at Vernon Intermediate School, and in instrumental programs, four years at Lockett, eight years at Crowell, five at Quanah and two in Vernon.

His bands won four sweepstakes awards at Crowell and one at Quanah.

Streit says a partition is being built in the Intermediate Band Hall, dividing it to provide two practice halls for the program there as an effort is made to build

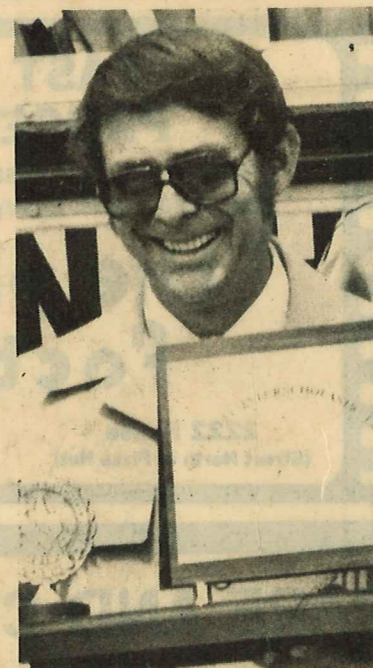
at that level toward outstanding band programs at the high school in later years.

All high school students expected to enroll in band, including those new to the community, are being asked to report for pre-school rehearsals. The rehearsal schedule as announced by Streit:

—Thursday, Aug. 9: 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., get acquainted and playing rehearsal.

—Friday, Aug. 10: 7 p.m. to 8:30 p.m., playing rehearsal and flags.

—Monday, Aug. 13: 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., cornets and French horns; 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., full band marching, required attendance.



JAMES STREIT
With one of past trophies

—Tuesday, Aug. 14: Low brass, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; full band marching, required attendance, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

—Wednesday, Aug. 15: Low woodwinds, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., full band marching, required attendance.

—Thursday, Aug. 16: Upper woodwinds, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., full band marching, required attendance.

—Friday, Aug. 17: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., full band marching, required attendance.

—Monday, Aug. 20: all brass instruments, 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m.; 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., full band marching, required attendance.

—Tuesday, Aug. 21: 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., full band marching; 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., full band marching, attendance required.

—Wednesday, Aug. 22: 8 a.m. to 9:30 a.m., full band marching; 5 p.m. to 6 p.m., full band marching, required attendance.

—Thursday, Aug. 23: Full band marching, attendance required, 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m.

—Friday, Aug. 24: 7 p.m. to 8 p.m., full band marching, attendance required.

—Monday, Aug. 27: 7 p.m. to 9:30 p.m., full band marching, attendance required.

—Tuesday, Aug. 28: 7 p.m., full band and band boosters, all students and parents.

Classes will start on Wednesday, Aug. 29, and Streit reminds band members that Tuesday night rehearsals will be staged after that time as in the past. Regular high school band instruction is during the first period each day.

April 3, 1985

Wednesday

THE VERNON DAILY RECORD



DIRECTOR JAMES STREIT HOLDING TROPHY, JUBILANT STUDENTS

Unanimous Division Ones *Coveted sweepstakes won by local high school band*

The Vernon High School band Tuesday at Wilbarger Auditorium won unanimous Division I ratings in concert and sight reading which, combined with a Division I rating in marching last fall in Wichita Falls, earned the instrumental group a coveted sweepstakes award in Region II North Zone UIL band music contests.

It was the first sweepstakes for a Vernon band in four years and one of only two sweepstakes awards among 23 bands competing here Tuesday.

The other sweepstakes was won by Iowa Park. A total of eight bands had Division I awards in

concert and sight reading, but six failed to produce Division I ratings in marching last fall to make a sweepstakes possible.

Sweepstakes awards for bands are considered comparable to a district championship in football or basketball, and the Vernon band accomplished the feat Tuesday with 61 performers. Twenty-three students were out because of new rules which bar competition in such events if one or more courses are failed by a student.

Streit said the absence of the 23 players probably was not a significant factor in the competition Tuesday, however. It was possibly a plus, with less chance for error

by individual performers.

"In concert, it is usually a help to have a smaller group," he said. "It helped us. In marching season, that would be quite the opposite."

Both Streit and his students were elated.

The sweepstakes was the first for Streit in his three years since coming to Vernon, with the last sweepstakes won by a band directed by Larry Kingsley in his final year in Vernon. Streit had won his last sweepstakes the same year in his last year at Quanah.

Streit had directed bands at Crowell that won four

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Band

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sweepstakes and at Quanah that had won one sweepstakes before moving to Vernon. A Wilbarger County native and graduate of Midwestern State University, Streit began his career as an intermediate school choral music director in Vernon, then directed the band at Lockett before moving to Crowell.

Both Streit and his students were pleased that the Division I ratings were unanimous.

"We received six ones, three from the concert judges, and three from the sight-reading judges," he said. "You feel like you really deserve it after receiving that many Division One's."

"It's a real feeling of reward for hard work and cooperation. It takes all of us to get it done."

Of his students, he said, "They did play very well."

But Streit was pleased with more than their performances in the contests.

He noted that Vernon students assisted with staging the contests.

"All the judges were complimentary about the attitude of our students, the courtesy extended to visiting bands. It was a real good experience for all of our students."

A Division I rating is considered superior, a Division II excellent, a Division III good, and a Division IV fair.

Following are ratings of performing bands during the day with directors and concert rating listed first and sight reading second:

—Class A: Crowell, Don Thurber, 4 and 4; Munday, Rodney Bennett, 2 and 2; Windthorst, Pam Pappas, 2 and 2; Throckmorton, Mary Ann May, 1 and 1; Knox City, R.L. Wupperman, 2 and 2; Archer City, David Sims, 1 and 1.

—Class AA: Quanah second band, Robert Rubio, 2 and 3; Quanah first band, David Gudel, 2 and 3; Paducah, Travis Bryant, 1 and 2; Nocona, Steve Sells, 2 and 3; Petrolia, Sheryl Cyrus, 1 and 3; Electra, Michael Chance, 1 and 1; Holliday, M. Cartwright and L. Banister, 2 and 3; Olney, Ben Hoaldrige, 1 and 1; Jacksboro, Louis Thornton and Phil Moore, 1 and 1; Henrietta, George Strickland, 1 and 1; Seymour, Gary Teeter, 2 and 1.

—Class AAA: Vernon, James Streit, 1 and 1; Graham first band, Lonnie Dooley, 1 and 1; Graham second band, Eddie Gellner, 1 and 1; Childress, Gene Currie and Garry Wofford, 2 and 1; Bowie, Bill Gray, 2 and 2; Iowa Park, Greg Miller and Ed Hefti, 1 and 1.

IN RETIREMENT



Throwing the switch

James Streit prepares to turn on the switch that will send Rudolph and Santa's sleigh on a trip around the Santa hut. The decoration is one of six colorful scenes which fill the front lawn of the Streit home. Streit has

handcarved, painted and created all of the decorations, adding a new one each year to his mini-wonderland. (Vernon Daily Record Photo by Charles Ashley)

Dream builder

Retired band director constructs Christmas wonderland at home

By JOYCE ANN ASHLEY
Vernon Record Family Life Editor

Give James Streit some plastic pipe, plywood, paint, scrap metal, a cotton stripper belt, chains and sprockets, and he'll turn it into a rotating, sparkling Christmas tree that will delight old and young alike.

While most people know Streit for his musical abilities, many may not be aware he also possesses other talents as well. Streit has combined his skills as a carpenter, inventor and artist to create a mini-wonderland of Christmas scenes on the front lawn of his home near Lockett.

The former director of the Vernon High School Band — Streit retired in 1985 following a career as band director for Lockett, Crowell, Vernon and Quanah schools — comes from a pioneer musical family who for numerous years provided entertainment for local and area residents and even organized their own band, the Streit Family Band. Even though he is retired,

Streit has continued as a teacher of violin, one of several instruments he plays.

But Streit has also turned his hand to another interest in the past few years, which is now bringing pleasure to local and area residents of all ages during the Christmas season.

Streit has constructed in his front yard six separate Christmas scenes.

"I have always liked to tinker and do things with my hands," says Streit. "Some years ago, I invented a self-adjusting tuba stand, got a patent and sold it to a company. I just like doing things like that, making different things."

Since he retired, Streit says he has more time to indulge in this interest, but he really shines when the holidays roll around. "We have four grandchildren, and I really do this for them," he explains.

The first of his outdoor Christmas displays was constructed in 1992. A large lighted rotating tree of white and red

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Christmas

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topped by a bright red star, it is constructed from pipe, scrap metal, plywood, cotton stripper belt, chains and sprockets, and any other bits and pieces Streit could put together.

The next year, Streit made his Santa train which features a red engine pulling several green cars. A colorful cutout Santa Claus waves from the engine's cab.

In 1994, Streit designed a Santa Claus house with a Santa figure on top which crosses the roof and disappears down the chimney.

One of the most complex scenes in Streit's setting is the Nativity. It was made in 1996 and features Mary and Joseph in the first scene with Mary riding a donkey with legs that actually move. The scene shifts as the three wise men slide across the box containing the scene of the couple, and at the same time at the right appear Mary and Joseph again, this time with the

newborn Baby Jesus in the manger. To the far right outside the box are the shepherds and the sheep. A timer controls the shifting of the scenes which are on tracks.

"It took some two months working off and on to create the scene, draw and paint all the figures," Streit says.

For this year's Christmas offering, Streit has created a Santa Claus in his sleigh of toys being pulled by Rudolph, resplendent with his bright red nose. Again, timers activate the figures as Rudolph pulls Santa around the Santa house on a track.

Completing the entire outdoor wonderland is a 10-foot tall blinking "Ho." The word blinks rapidly three times in succession to create Santa's traditional Christmas greeting: "Ho Ho Ho."

Originally, Streit had planned to put the huge sign on the roof of the house, and in fact, one year, it was mounted on the side of the barn, but he

eventually decided it looked better placed in the yard with the other decorations.

Streit says he enjoys having folks drive by to see his handiwork. Recently, he and his wife, Pat, hosted an open house for his Sunday School class with some 80 in attendance to view the decorations.

And he is already thinking ahead to what can be added to his Christmas scene next year.

"I might do something with a farm theme. Maybe a scene of someone cutting down a Christmas tree or something like that."

Streit says he's not sure how many more decorations he'll add over the years. But he's not worried about running out of space.

"We have lots of room out here," he laughs.

To view Streit's Christmas scenes, turn south on FM 1207 near Lockett. A few miles past the old Lockett school, turn left on CR 138 W. The house is a little over a mile down the road and is on the left side.



In the name and by the authority of
THE STATE OF TEXAS

THIS IS TO CERTIFY, that at a general election held on

Saturday, May 2, 1998

JAMES L. STREIT

was duly elected to Place #3

of the

Vernon Regional Junior College

Board of Trustees

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto signed my name and caused the seal of *Vernon Regional Junior College* to be affixed at the City of Vernon, Texas, this the 6TH day of May, A.D., 1998.

Seal

Signature of officer of Canvassing Authority

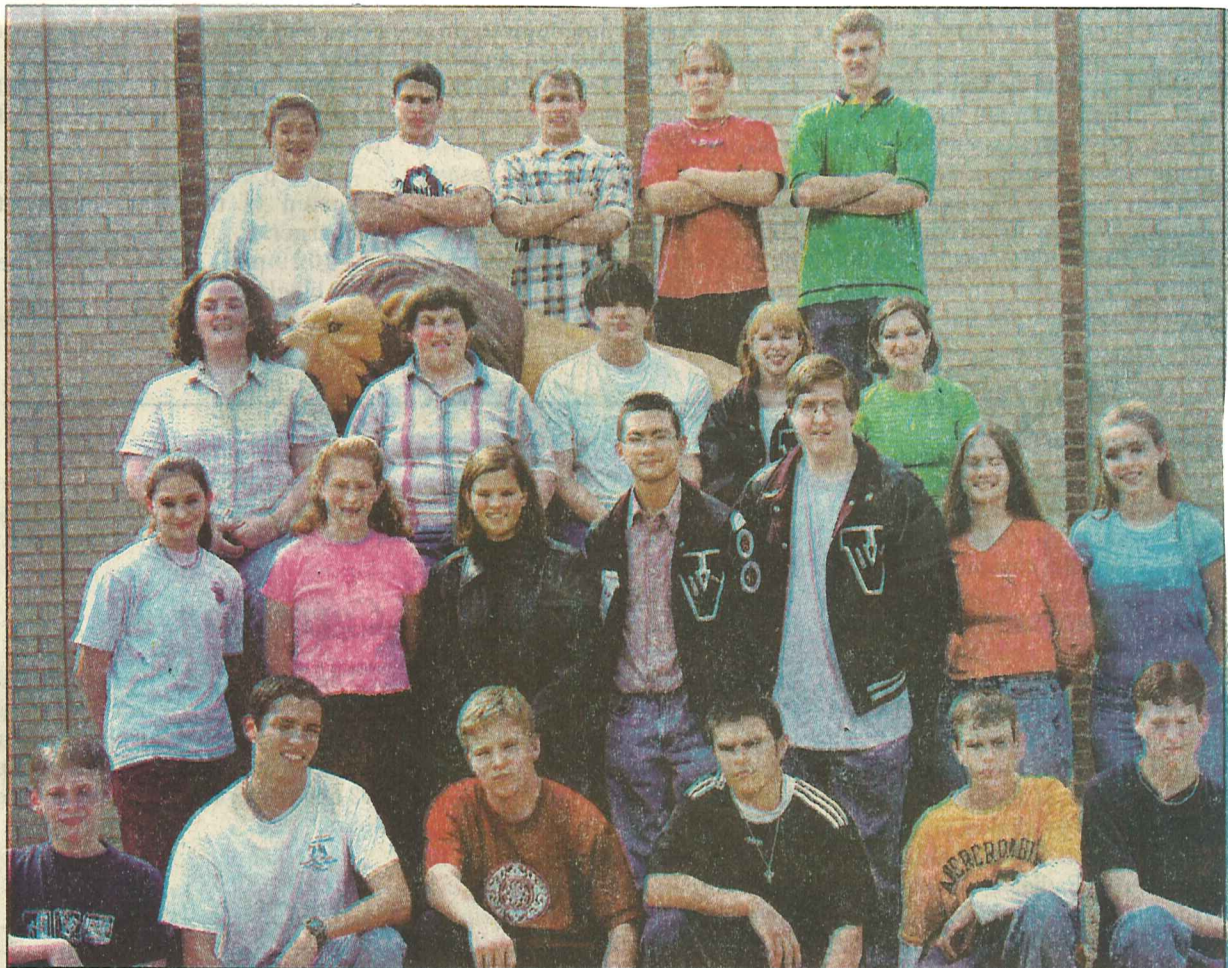
VHS band advancing 17 to state

Seventeen Vernon High School Band members earned the right to advance to state competition next May after receiving superior ratings at the UIL Region II Solo and Ensemble Contest held Saturday at Wichita Falls High School. Some 29 VHS bandmen competed at the regional event.

Division I, or superior, ratings for ensembles were won by a flute trio of Christina Cantrell, Bobbi Kim Tanner and Melisa Williams; mixed clarinet trio of Amanda Anderson, Aaron Tatyrek and Amanda Tucker; saxophone quartet of Jason Chapman, Brad Frerich, Kelly Gorham and Adam Woodard; trumpet trio of Bradley Auch, T.J. Franks and Walt Gaebler; and percussion ensemble of Joseph Balderas, J.C. Holcomb, Jose Portalatin, Darren Streit and Callie Thomas.

Division I ratings for solos were earned by Jamie Hall, flute; David Lancaster, flute; Williams, flute; Tatyrek, clarinet; Gorham, tenor saxophone; Franks, trumpet; Tanner, piano; Erin Bristo, violin; Halie Swan, violin; and Andrew Word, violin.

VHS Band Director Stephen Morgan said that although Vernon High School does not have an orchestra program, the violin students taught by former VHS band director James Streit can compete in the contest under the sponsorship of the band.



Superior winners

These Vernon High School Band members garnered Division I ratings in solos and ensembles during the UIL Region II Solo and Ensemble Contest held Saturday in Wichita Falls. Pictured (front row, from left) are Walt Gaebler, T.J. Franks, Jason Chapman, Joseph Balderas, Andrew Word and David Lancaster; (second row) Jamie Hall, Callie

Thomas, Erin Bristo, Aaron Tatyrek, Adam Woodard, Kelly Gorham and Halie Swan; (third row) Amanda Tucker, Amanda Anderson, Bradley Auch, Christina Cantrell and Melisa Williams; (back row) Bobbi Kim Tanner, Jose Portalatin, Brad Frerich, J.C. Holcomb and Darren Streit. (Vernon Daily Record Photo)

"It's exciting to have the violin students competing with us," he said. "Mr. Streit has a lot of very talented

players studying with him." Receiving Division II, or excellent, ratings for their ensembles

were a flute trio of Hall, Lancaster and Elizabeth Sauls; and mixed (See BAND, Page 2)

VMS band players win top ratings

Some 38 Vernon Middle School Band students earned superior and excellent ratings when they competed in the Region II Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Wichita Falls.

Receiving Division I, or superior, ratings for solo performances were Debbie Teague, flute; Michelle Williams, flute; Kattley Balderas, clarinet; Micheal Chavez, clarinet; Justin Guerra, clarinet; Stuart Wallace, clarinet; Francheska Woods, clarinet; Noe Lopez, bass clarinet; Erica Aleman, alto saxophone; Jimmy Hatfield, cornet; Fabian Bonfy, trombone; Jacqueline Copeland, trombone; Jimmy Westover, tuba; Sabino Martin, snare drum; and Valerie Johansen, piano.

Division I ratings for ensemble performances were won by a flute trio of Veronica Caballero, Teague and Williams; flute quartet of Caballero, Erica Flores, Josephine Paulino and Meghan Sager; clarinet quartet of Andrew Draughon, Chris McClain, George Perez and Stuart Wallace; mixed clarinet quartet of Balderez, Guerra, Lopez and Woods; mixed bass trio of Bonfy,



Division I winners

These Vernon Middle School Band members received Division I, or superior, ratings for their solos and ensembles during the Region II Solo and Ensemble Contest held last Saturday at Wichita Falls High School. Pictured (front, from left) are Sara Jane Ethington, Kattley Balderas, Monica Allen, Erica Flores, Jimmy Hatfield, Stuart Wallace, (back, from left) Morgan Raschke, Raymond DeLa-

Copeland and Morgan Raschke; and percussion quintet of Monica Allen, Raymond DeLaGarza, Tim Imel, Blade King and Sabino Martin.

Also earning Division I ratings for their solos were two strings students from VMS. They include Sara Jane Ethington, violin; and Mandy Bradford, violin.

Garza, Mandy Bradford, George Perez, Andrew Draughon, Meghan Sager, Jimmy Westover, Erica Aleman, Tim Imel, Josephine Paulino, Chris McLain, Fabian Bonfy, Noe Lopez, Francheska Woods, Justin Guerra, Veronica Caballero, Blade King, Debbie Teague, Sabino Martin, Michelle Williams and Micheal Chavez. (Vernon Daily Record Photo)

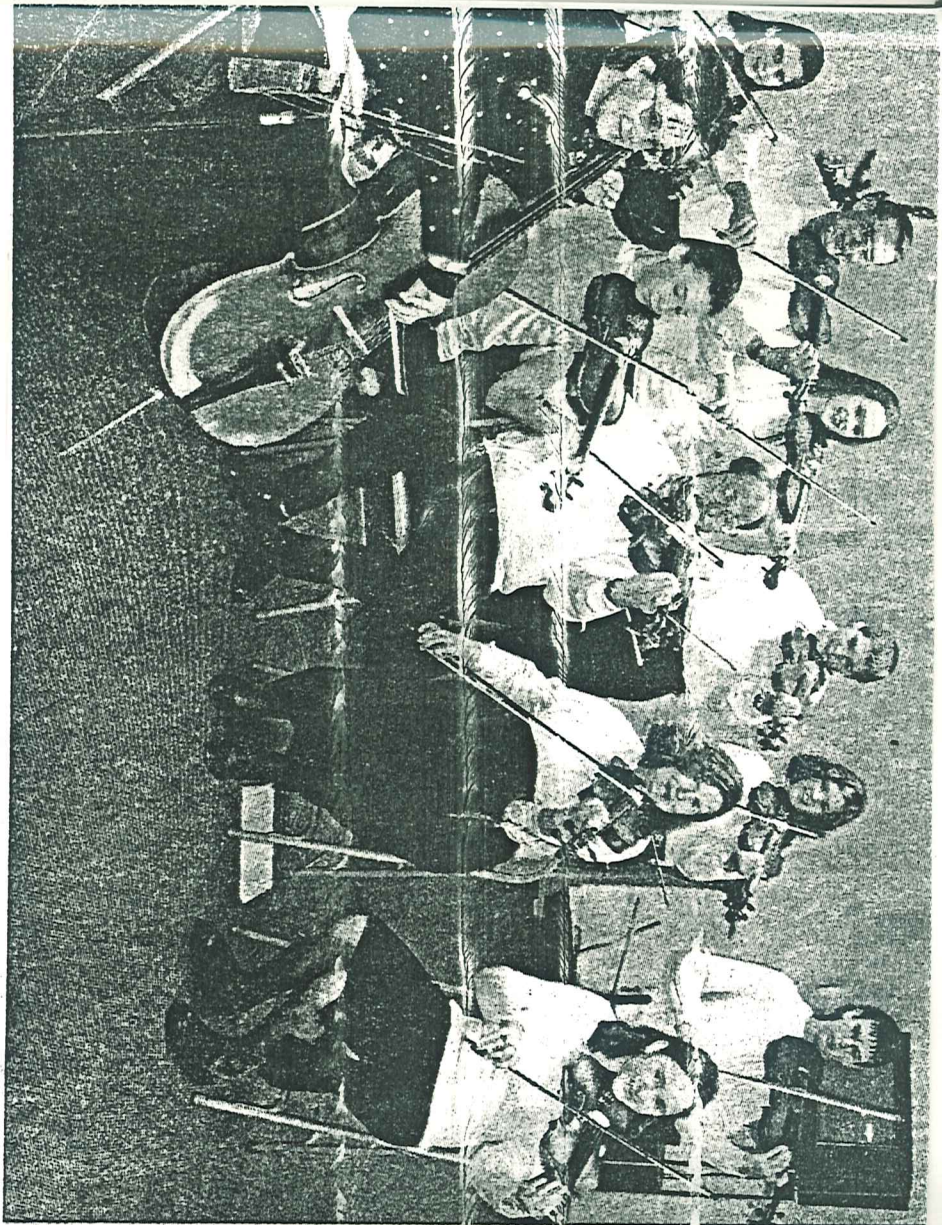
Division II, or excellent ratings, for solos were awarded to Andrew Draughon, clarinet; Jeremy Todd, clarinet; John Golden, cornet; Josh Thompson, cornet; and Stephen Wallace, cornet. Division II ratings for ensemble performances were awarded to a mixed brass quintet of Tyler Bohannon, Hatfield, David Myers, Westover

and Aaron Woodard; and mixed brass sextet of Matt Flores, Cody Kenner, Raschke, Jeffery Rosales, Josh Thompson and Stephen Wallace.

"I'm very proud of all of our VMS band students," said Assistant Band Director Dianne Koch. "They have worked hard and really improved this year."



Teaching strings privately in retirement -



Musical performances, whether through the Vernon Community Concert Association, such as Scottish musician Carl Peterson (pictured at right); local groups, including the String Orchestra, (at left, Theresa Ansley, Beth Ansley, Steve Morgan, Diane More, Pamela Haring, Bethany Stapp, James Streit, Halle Swan, Roy Lehman, Erin Brisfo and Andrew Word); local music clubs and associations, VRJC singers and performers or school groups, bring much pleasure and entertainment to the fine arts scene. The Vernon Council of the Arts supports and encourages such endeavors.



private violin students playing a fiddle tune at the Vernon Optimist Club banquet



Bonner wins Employee of Year award

Jan Bonner, administrative assistant for the Business Development Corporation of Vernon, was named "Employee of the Year" during the Vernon Rotary Club's annual banquet Tuesday, when new officers were installed and a contribution to the VRJC scholarship fund was announced.

Bonner, who has been employed by the BDC since it was organized some three years ago, was described in a letter of nomination as "dedicated and dependable with a working knowledge of the community." She was recognized for her work to establish an efficient BDC office.

In addition to her duties with the BDC, Bonner serves on the Wilbarger County United Way board and the Hotel-Motel Tax Committee of the Greater Vernon Chamber of Commerce.

James Streit, retiring Rotary president (See ROTARY, Page 2)



Employee of the Year

Jan Bonner, administrative assistant for the Business Development Corporation of Vernon, accepts the Employee of the Year award at the annual Rotary Club banquet Tuesday evening. Retiring Rotary President

James Streit (left) and Rotarian Earl Joy, executive director of the BDC, make the presentation, while Bonner's husband Lyle (right) looks on. (Vernon Daily Record Photo)

Council honors Streit as '96 'Friend of Arts'

James Streit, an accomplished violinist and retired band director, was honored by the Vernon Council of the Arts as the 1996 Friend of the Arts during a reception held Thursday in the Forum Room of Wilbarger Auditorium.

Council president CeCe Wright presided for the occasion.

The fifth recipient of the award, Streit was recognized for his extensive musical talents. It was noted during the presentation that he learned violin at an early age and in addition to playing for the public, teaches violin. Streit, a retired Vernon High School band director, is frequently called upon to judge UIL events. He also plays with the Wichita Falls Concert Band.

A Rotarian, Streit has served as director for the annual Rotary Club

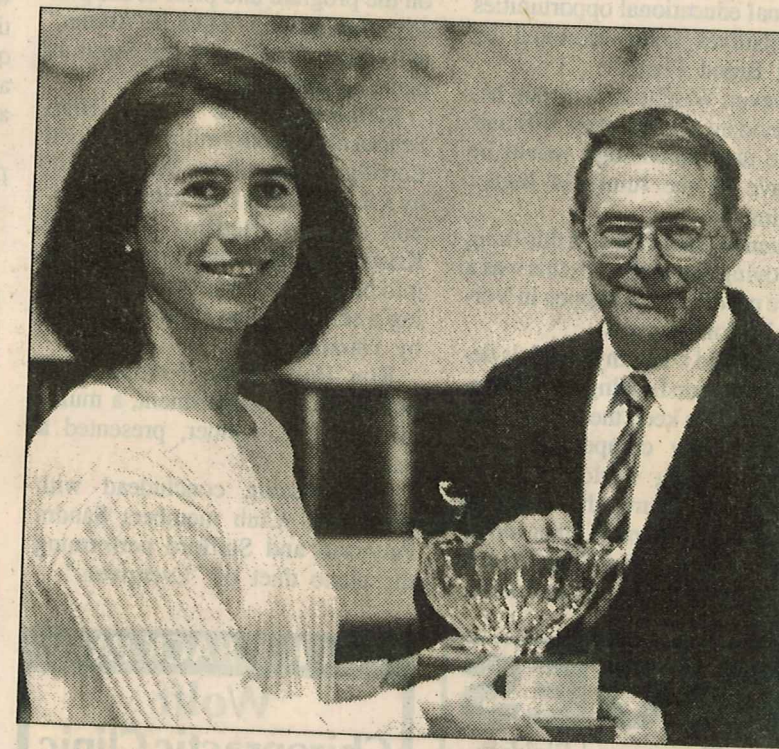
Follies. He has also entertained audiences with his hobby as a magician.

Streit, who attended his first Community Concert as a child, has since served as president of the organization and continues as backstage manager for the concerts. He also sings in the First Baptist Church, and when needed lends his voice to the Greenbelt Boys Quartet.

A graduate of Midwestern State University, Streit was selected an outstanding alumnus of the Music Department.

Past recipients of the award, established to honor an individual who has given outstanding service to the community in the realm of the arts, have included Mildred Long, C.D. Gribble, Paddy Stewart and Mary

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JAMES STREIT ACCEPTS 'FRIEND OF ARTS' AWARD Council of Arts President CeCe Wright make presentation

Rotary

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 announced the club's contribution of \$500 to the VRJC scholarship fund.
 Officers installed for the new year include Kelly Couch, president; Ed Smith, vice president; Paul Hawkins, secretary-treasurer; and Jim Roberts, Sylvia Mahoney, Mac Lett and Joel Coble, directors. Retiring, in addition to Streit, are directors Eric Shelton, Bill Huskinson and Jerry Cox.
 Perfect attendance awards were presented to Mahoney and Shelton this year; Streit and Huskinson, two years; Douglas Matthews, 21 years; and Marvin L. Sharp, 30 years.
 Retiring club sweethearts Jennifer Gunn and Shana Welch were recognized at the banquet, and Christy Earden, Helen Henry and Tiffan Matthews were introduced as sweethearts for the coming year.
 Brenda Eaton, vocalist, accompanied by Priscilla Haynes, provided entertainment.



New association officers

The Vernon Community Concerts Association elected new officers at its meeting Saturday, after announcing that its new membership campaign that concluded its week run Saturday was a success. New officers are, from left, Tip Igou, president; Loyd Gray, first vice president; Jo Johnston, recording secretary; and James Streit, second vice president. Not pictured is Virginia Prehn, assistant drive chairman. (Vernon Daily Record Photo)

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Chamber banquet honorees

Pete Peterson, sharing the moment with Emily, and James Streit display the awards they received as "Outstanding Citizen" and "Outstanding Rural Citizen," respectively,

during Thursday night's Vernon Chamber of Commerce Banquet. New Chamber officers and directors were also recognized at the event, held in Wilbarger Auditorium. (Vernon Daily Record Photo)

Streit honored as 'Rural Citizen' Peterson receives 'Citizen' award at 81st Vernon Chamber Banquet

Wilbarger County Soil and Water Conservation District Board Member Carl Freeling, who presented the Rural Citizen award to Streit, noted that the recipient's farm is a picture of "conservation in action."

Among the practices employed by Streit, Freeling said, are row-cropping to protect and enrich the soil, underground drainage systems, terraces and waterways.

Streit, he said, was also one of the first producers in the county to place land in the Conservation Reserve Program (CRP).

Arts

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Jane Ehrlington. Entertainment for the gala included a piano solo by Marlene Stafford of "Prelude In C# Minor" by Rachmaninoff. Sarah Davenport, soloist, accompanied by Stafford, sang "Coming Up Roses."

The honoree was also a performer on the program and prior to the presentation played "Salut D'Amour" and "Jeje Kati" with Pat Streit as piano accompanist.

Members of the Vernon High School choir performing were Todd Barridge, viola soloist, "Suite No. 1" by J.S. Bach, and UIL state competition students, Bethany Coats and Kristin Borling. Coats presented "Il mio bel focca" by Marcello, and Borling's selection was "Danza Danza" by Durante.

Ron Hall of the Vernon High School Drama department, a multi-talented UIL winner, presented a reading.

The evening concluded with the Vernon Community Musicians' Club members, Patterson and Stafford performing the piano duet of "Evening in the Conservatory."



James Streit practices with live doves for his magic act before the Follies this year. Streit has five adults and a baby dove that is just a week old. This is the third year for the Rotary Club Follies, with the proceeds from ticket sales going to community projects and scholarships.

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Family



Music makers

Students at McCork School (from left) Harlie Sunday, Ririeasha Scott and Isaac Gallegos, get a closeup look at musical instruments played by members of a local string ensemble, Jake Miller, Diane More, James Streit and Teresa Ansley, prior

to a program presented recently at the school. Students learned how differently each instrument sounds and were treated to several musical selections played by the group. (Vernon Daily Record Photo)