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Homer was a highly respected band and orchestra director in Texas, frequently served as an adjudicator, and served in many capacities in regional and state music activities. He is best remembered by his many friends as one who was willing to give his best to his students and to share his time, ideas and experiences with his fellow directors.

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## PEOPLE

who are doing things

# Homer A. Anderson

Selected for inclusion in new edition of "The World Who's Who of Musicians"

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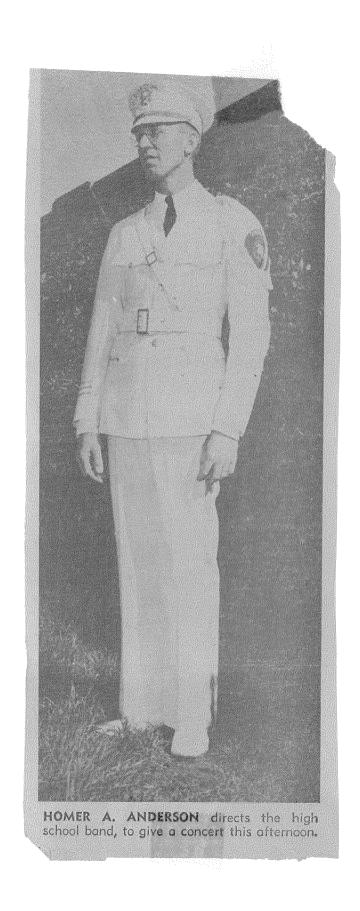


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State Winning HS High School Bond



Homer was in the first band organized in Stillwater H.S. - Stillwater, Okla. This is the year the 5, H.S. Band was No 1, in the state and were sent to Council Bluffs, Iowa to the National Band Contest.



Homers first Directors Uniform



First Annual Concert of the

## SAN ANGELO HIGH BAND

Figh School Auditorium March 6, 1936, 8 P. M.

Director, H. A. Anderson

First Annual Concert 44 boys 2nd year of the program

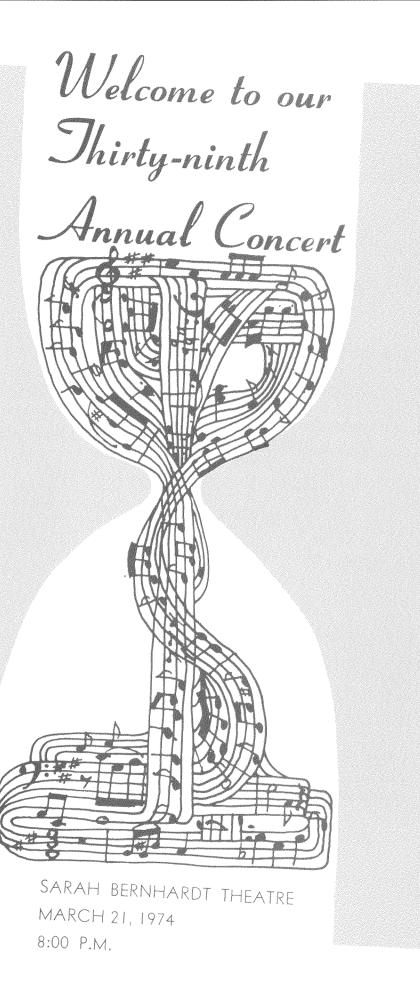
#### FACTS ABOUT THE BAND

- 1. Organized in the Fall of 1934 with 28 members.
- 2. Basses and Drums are the only instruments belonging to the band. The large instruments are very much needed but difficult to obtain because of their high cost.
- 3. Band takes an active part in school and civic activities by playing for all school functions, PTA meetings, broadcasts and often plays at the request of various organizations.
- 4. The band has always received 100 per cent support from school and towns-people, for which we are grateful.
- 5. Band members thank everyone present and everyone having anything to do with our attempted success. The Band especially wishes to thank the WESTERN PRINTING CO. for domation of tickets.
- 6. We hope you will enjoy the program and will realize that it takes many, many hours of hard work for the boys to prepare this type of program. They need your words of praise to help them in the future.

#### 1 ROGRAM

). A. M. C. March	Boh Makovsky			
Western World Overtage	Ed Chenette			
March Militaire	F. Schubert			
Victor Rerbert Favorites	V. Ferbert			
Napoleon's Last Charge	Ellis-paull			
accompanist . Fiddlin' the Fidale	Warren Sligar Nancy Lou Webb			
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Blue Danube Waltz	J. Struass			
The Whistler and Fis Dog.	A. Pryor			
Princess of India Overture	K. L. King			
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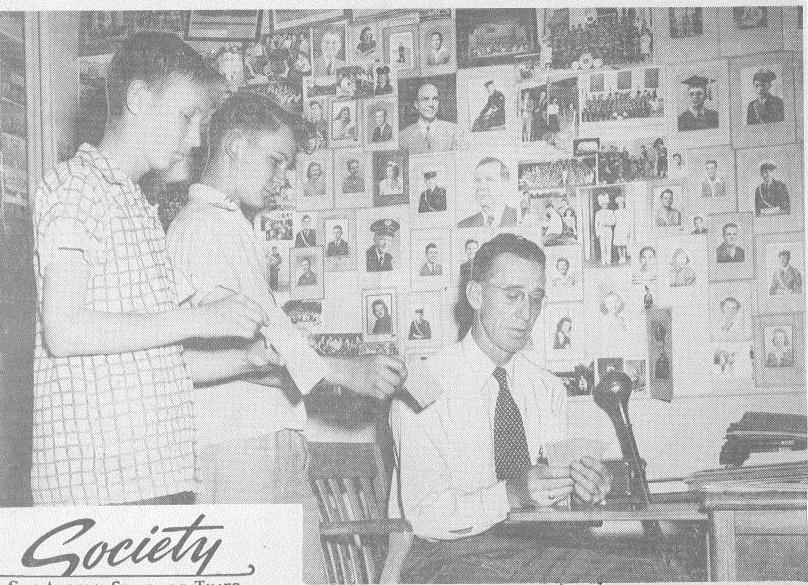


One of the many ideas used to promote a puplicize the band at San Angelo Central High School



Homor's great ability to medivate his students was shown in the novel ideas for programs for concerts, performances.

# Spring Band Concert Scheduled



SAN ANGELO STANDARD-TIMES

Sunday, March 28, 1954 • Section C

TICKETS, PLEASE — Homer Anderson, director of the band and orchestra, checks tickets to the spring concert with Pat Rink, left, and James Glasscock. Admission prices are 30c for students and 60c for adults. Tickets may be promoted from students or at the door.

The "kiggie" every year was the Spring

Annual Dand and Orch Concert They filled

the City Auditorium + later the Contral NS.

Auditorium. The city really supported this event.

# SAN ANGELO EVENI

SAN ANGELO, TEXAS, WEDNESDAY EVENING, SEPTEMBER 25, 1957

SECTION B



HOMER A. ANDERSON ... Wins national honor

# S Band Director **National Post**

er A. Anderson, director of the group balloted by mail in June.

San Angelo High School band, was recently named national vice ernity for school band directors. the University of Oklahoma. Each chapter of the fraternity which is composed of both high cently were announced by mail. school and college band directors,

In a nationwide balloting Hom- one for national office. Then each

Anderson's opponent for vice president of Phi Beta Mu, a fra-

The winners of the election re-

Elected president of Phi Beta was permitted to nominate some-Mu was Dr. Milburn E. Carey from Phillips University in Enid, Okla, Secretary-treasurer is Harold D. Walters from Evanston, Ind.

Anderson, who has served the Bobcat band here for the past 24 years, was president of the state Phi Beta Mu two years ago. He was immediate past president of the state group last year.

Anderson received his bachelor's and master's degrees in music from Oklahoma A&M, Before coming to San Angelo he was band director in Konawa, Okla.

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SAN ANGELO STANDARD. TIMES San Angelo, Texas, Thursday Evening, Sept. 28, 1967



#### HOMER ANDERSON . . . To Fair

rendition of the national anthem. Homer A. Anderson, Central

Orchestra

**Participates** 

High band and orchestra director, will conduct one number by a large combined instrumental group during the Cotton Bowl show.

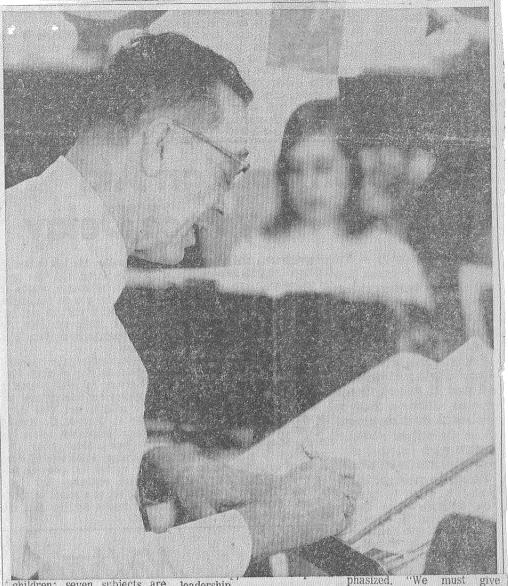
singers will appear in a joint

The San Angelo Central High Herb Alpert of the Tijuana School orchestra will appear Brass is due to receive the Oct. 9 at the State Fair of Texas seventh Music Festival Award in Dallas during the 20th annual during the same pageant, slated to close with a special fireworks Music Festival-East Texas Day display.

The local students will join high schoolers will leave here by other outstanding high school bus early on the morning of Oct. bands, orchestras and choruses of the special music day at the following day. The Central orchestra appeared at the fair. During an 8 p.m. pageant once before, several years ago, in the Cotton Bowl that day, Anderson said. about 6,000 young musicians and

Spectacular.

Homer was one of the few Music Educators of Instrumental Music who directed both the string program so that the school could offer both band and orchestra. His orchestras reserved many honors, He carried on this double assignment for many years before having an assistant.



beautiful tribute written afer 34 years in San Angelo.

children; seven subjects are the rule now for the average student." Anderson said sometimes a student will come to band practice at 7:30 a.m. and stay at school until 5 p.m. or later for practice sessions.

Another big factor is more and better support for a music program. When Anderson first came to San Angelo, he had one class period for band and was responsible for five study halls. The band had no support for anything - no budget,

nothing.

Now, "we have a tremendously understanding and sympathetic administration, community and city. The music program is supported and encouraged. We used to have to go to a local radio station and ask for rides for band students to go to football games; now we have buses."

Now, bands in San Angelo find their needs pretty well taken care of.

leadership.

"Anytime anything is done for the first time, it attracts attention," he said. "It is our constant goal to improve and make 1968 better than 1967. We work on this constantly." High school band and orchestra students all over the city are expected to perform music formerly performed only by colleges and professional groups. They have improved that much.

Many former Anderson students have gone on to professional music. Among them are Don Lummus, band director at Lee Junior High, and Eddie Pace, band director at Angelo State College, His former students also are on other college staffs, in opera, and in other professional music fields. He has 25 to 35 former students actively directing bands.

On the Central faculty there are four ex-band students.

"We must give phasized, "We must students a knowledge understanding of music. They have to have this knowledge before they can really appreciate music."

To do this, the San Angelo music program is trying to get away from contests, as such. The Bobcat Band did not go to contest this year.

Festivals are the answer, Anderson believes, There students can be in contact with judges and not have to rely on a criticism sheet. They can learn more this way.

However, the contest record of the Bobcat Band is quite impressive with 29 marching firsts, 25 sight-reading firsts and 26 concert firsts in 29 events. With this record the band will play two performances at San Antonio's HemisFair May 13 and 14. This will follow the band's 33rd annual home concert, set April 4

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By BOB MILBURN

A letter and bundle of dots and dashes on this opening day of the 1972 World Series and the Texas-Oklahoma football game.

#### Letter

"Dear Sir:

"I wish to express my appreciation for the most excellent performance of San Angelo Central's band and girls drill team.

"It was one of the most outstanding halftime activities I've ever seen. May Abilene Cooper and San Angelo Central relationship in all competitive activities continue in the spirit of good sportsmanship."

Sincerely, CHARLEY G. LEHRER 2636 South 14th Abilene, Tex.

EDITOR'S NOTE - Thanks for the nice letter. Certain Homer Anderson, his Bobcat band and the Tex-Anns appreciate the kind words. They, like all high school bands and drill squads, put a lot of effort and work into their halftime shows.



#### LETTER TO THE EDITOR

### Patriotism Impressive

EDITOR, The Standard-Times:

I just came from watching the Permian-San Angelo game, I'm

sorry we lost, but I am not sorry that I went.

Tonight I, along with many other fans and patriots, witnessed the most impressive demonstration of Americanism ever exhibited in this community, and for this I thank the Bobcat Band and director Homer Anderson.

Their musical memorial to our veterans, living and dead, will long be remembered by all. In a time of talk about victory bells, district and state, our youth of San Angelo still felt the need to show love of their country-a true victory was achieved.

My heart is filled with joy and appreciation for "a fine show,

kids." Thanks.

Mrs. Jaynell F. Smith Morrison 2543 University Ave.

San Angelo was very supportive and appreciated the performances from the music students.

mr. Anderson\_ I just want to write a but to tell you how much 2 appreciate you. For your understanding, firmness, musical ability, and ability to build ones Character and set one straight on things they are mifed up about. I realize, like everyone does after they graduate from the Band, that I haven't lone even half is much as I could have done I realize now my mistake, and I want to apolagize for it. Jou want me to do for year, Aplease call on me. Thank you again mr. anderson, for every thing you have done for me. Your friend always,

This is just one of many letters sent to Homer from students. Many were received years after being in the band or orchestra.



# Certificate of Appreciation

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HOMER ANDERSON

# in recognition of your special service to our Kiwanis Club

We take pleasure in presenting this certificate of appreciation to you. With it goes a year's subscription to The Kiwanis Magazine, with the compliments of our club.

Each month in the year ahead, our magazine will arrive to remind you of this occasion and each issue will add to your knowledge and understanding of our organization and its objectives.

PRESIDENT

Date MAY 16, 1967

SECRETARY

SAN ANGELO KIWANIS CLUB

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Dear Hamer:

We duply appreciate your danation of blood in behalf of our Mether.

Your Friendship has meant so much over the years!

Thanks a Millian 
Dinterely
The Withfamily

This is one of the "other" many services Homer gave.

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Dear Mr. Anderson:

Mrs. Martin and I wish to express our appreciation to you for the excellent manner in which you have taught our son, Joe, during his years in San Angelo Central High School. Your influence with Joe has truly helped to shape his future, for which we are humbly grateful.

With best wishes to you in the years ahead, and with kindest personal regards, I remain

Sincerely,

John E. Martin.

Parents expressed their support and appreciation for the training their children reactived both musical + otherwise.

#### MEMORANDUM

November 14, 1972

TO:

Mr. Homer Anderson and Mrs. Kathy Aday

FROM:

G. B. Wadzeck, Superintendent of Schools

SUBJECT:

Football Half Time

When I have heard criticism, I have always called it to your attention. During this football season I have heard nothing but compliments. I wanted to pass this on to you and to express my personal appreciation for the excellent half time activities you have provided all season. Your programs have been outstanding and it always affords me a great deal of pleasure to hear compliments on any part of our school.

As I extend my compliments to you again, I want to personally thank you for a job well done and wish you the very best.

GBW:gw

Administration was always very supportive a complimentary

May 5, 1958

Mr. Homer A. Anderson, Director San Angelo High School Band San Angelo, Texas

Dear Mr. Anderson:

It was a pleasure serving you, your sponsors and your students during the Fiesta. They were a well disciplined group and very fine young people.

We should like to extend an invitation to you to return with your group next Fiesta or any other time you happen to be in San Antonio.

If I can ever be of assistance to you in making reservations or in any other way, please contact me.

Sincerely,

BLUE BONNET HOTEL

Lonnie L. Blaine Sales Manager

One of the many letters received after San Angelo Instrumental groups participated. His pride in the Student's behavior equalled his pride in their music honors.

J. HOMER JORDAN, JR., SECRETARY
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San Angelo Public Schools

244 NORTH MAGDALEN
G. B. WADZECK, SUPERINTENDENT

San Angelo, Jexas

May 5, 1955

Mr. Homer Anderson High School Band and Orchestra San Angelo High School San Angelo. Texas

Dear Mr. Anderson and Students:

You are to be commended for the very efficient manner in which you represented the High School and the City of San Angelo at the Region II Music Festival. Your success, as in any great undertaking, was due to a spirit of cooperation, perseverance and a desire to do your very best. Congratulations:

The judges criticism sheets were read with a great deal of interest. Along with all of the many favorable comments, it was noted that there were constructive criticisms that would challenge you to greater efforts. Knowing the type of students who make up these two grand organizations, you will strive to meet the challenges offered in those criticisms.

Again may we congratulate you and thank you for representing our schools so well.

Sincerely yours,

G. B. Wadzeck
Superintendent of Schools

John L. Bishop

Director of Instruction

Homer was host for many U.I.L. contests in San Angelo.

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Mr. Homer Anderson, Director San Angelo High School Band San Angelo, Texas

Dear Mr. Anderson:

I certainly cannot start the new year without first telling you how much I enjoyed and appreciated the wonderful half time performance you and your organization joined in presenting yesterday at the Cotton Bowl.

For myself and those who were with me, the 1952 Cotton Bowl half time performance was the best we have had in our many years of performance. I know it took many hours of your time and that of the members of your organization to present such a show.

The members of the Cotton Bowl Board of Directors join with me in saying thanks for your wonderful contribution to our game. With kindest personal regards and wishing you a happy new year, I am,

Sincerely,

Otto H. Eisenlohr

President

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#### OFFICE OF CHAIRMAN, REGION '5

WALTER E. YAGGY 21 SOUTH CHADBOURNE SAN ANGELO, TEXAS

November 28, 1945

Mr. Homer Anderson, Director High School Bank San Angelo, Texas

Dear Homer:

The "Over The Top Luncheon" of the Chairmen of the War Chest Drive will be held Friday noon, November 30, in the St. Angelus Hotel dining room and if you can conveniently arrange it, we would like to have you present.

P ease accept my personal thanks for the part you played in our 1945 War Chest Campaign Victory. In view of the difficulties of campaigning this year the work you did and your final achievement is all the more outstanding.

The invaluable assistance you gave me in directing the raising of \$75,218.00, the largest quota ever set by Tom Green County War Chest, is certainly deserving of special commendation.

Our joint reward is the knowledge that Tom Green County has again discharged its responsibilities to the men in the Armed Forces, has fulfilled the opportunity of helping the unfortunate war victims in Europe and the Pacific, and again taken care of our local charities.

You have lived up to the highest tradition of loyal patriotic Texans.

With cordial personal regards, I am

Sincerely yours,

Fred B. Jeffers, Chairman Tom Green County

FBJ:LM

Homen: please convey our thanks to your boys! Their fine siril resulted in approximately 5,200 from the Rode and Football game intermission receipts

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Mr. Homer A. Anderson 2204 W. Ave. J San Angelo, Texas

Dear Mr. Anderson,

We wish to express to you our sincere appreciation for your wonderful training, leadership, and hard work. The excellent example you have set, has certainly had a great influence in starting our boy on to the right kind of living, and I am sure that he will always remember you as one of his best friends and instructors. We personally admire your fine qualities, and think that you have been a great inspiration to Harold. It has indeed been a great pleasure to have known and worked with you.

We wish you many years of happiness and enjoyment in your work.

Thanking you for your efforts.

Your friends,

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Dear Homer:

Cable Address: BOURNEMUS

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Best wishes.

Sincerely,

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OPEN LETTER TO MEMBERS Central High Band-Orchestra % Mr. Homer Anderson

Dear Friends:

As I sat in Sarah Bernhardt Auditorium tonight completely enthralled by the excellence of your performance, I was thinking what a tremendous feeling of satisfaction you must enjoy—what pride you must feel—to see all those long hours of practice and hard work flower into such an outstanding accomplishment as you performed tonight.

It makes me so very proud to be a part, in my small way, of a school that can boast of having a group such as you to represent it. You are a credit to Central and you are a credit to San Angelo. You are a symbol of self sacrifice, patience, and hard work. You know how to appreciate success because you know how hard its been to come by.

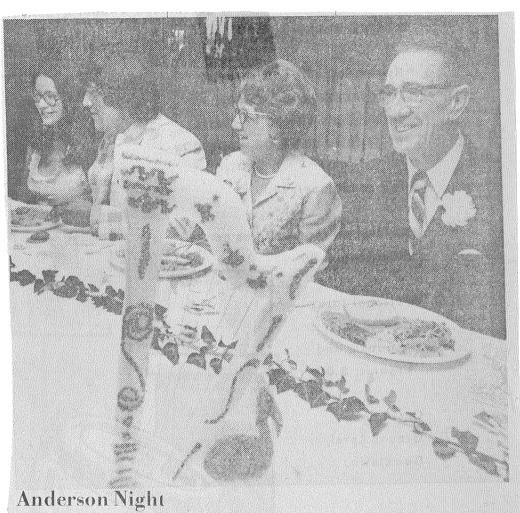
No one need worry about the future of our country when we have young people with your dedication and discipline ready to take over. Keep up the good work because more of us are proud of you than take the time to tell you so.

Sincerely yours,

Jon D. Farrets

President of San Angelo

School Board -



Homer A. Anderson, right, and his wife sit at the head table of a banquet Friday night in the Central High School Cafeteria in which the retiring Bobcat Band director was honored for his 40 years service. Anderson, 63, came to San Angelo in 1934 and has been director of the Bobcat Band continuously since then. About 400 persons attended the fete. Anderson is also coordinator of instrumental music for the San Angelo public schools. To the Andersons' right is Evelio Villarreal, a former Bobcat drum major who acted as master of ceremonies for the affair.

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