

Ralph Glenn Smith  
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#### Background

- Born - October 15, 1923 at Slaton, Texas
- Parents - Ralph and Lurline White Smith
  - At time of birth, father was band leader in the Harley Sadler Tent Show which played in various towns in Texas and New Mexico.
  - Later father was band director in Hereford, Texas Public Schools for 23 years.

#### Music -

- began playing cornet at age 6
- participated in National Music Contest in 1939 and 1940
- graduated from Hereford High School in 1941
- played in 501st Air Force Band from 1942-1946
- played in bands at West Texas State College from Fall of 1946 until graduation in 1949
- Bachelor of Science and Master of Arts Degrees in Instrumental Music from West Texas State

#### Married to Avis Harbour in 1947

- Children - Steven Douglas ,born in 1950-and Richard Alan, born in 1953 and died in 1969

#### Teaching Career

- Band Director in Childress Public Schools from 1949-1952
- Band Director in Dimmitt Public Schools from 1952-1983
  - U.I.L. record - 28 Sweepstakes Awards
  - Other band awards include:
    - Outstanding Band in Enid Tri-State Festival
    - Outstanding Band in Buccaneer Festival
    - Outstanding Band in Worlds of Fun Festival in Kansas City
    - Runner-up for Outstanding Band at Six Flags of St Louis
    - Runner-up for Outstanding Band at Opryland Festival for 2 years
    - Outstanding Band at Durango Band Festival
- Personal award - Texas Bandmaster of the Year in 1979

#### Past Service in Music Organizations

- held every office in Texas Bandmasters Association
- president of Phi Beta Mu , Alpha Chapter
- national board member of Phi Beta Mu
- assistant executive secretary for Texas Bandmasters Assoc.
- band contest chairman for Region 16, north zone for 13 years
- chairman of State Music Advisory Committee of U.I.L. from 1977-1973
- member of State Music Advisory Committee - 1962-1979, 1982-1983

#### Marching Clinician

- Colorado Bandmasters Association
- Arkansas State Band Directors Association

#### Publications

- Co-author with Frank Piersol of 8 books entitled Precision Drill, published by Hal Leonard
- Author of Instant Mix published by Southern Music



FESTIVAL OF BANDS - 1981

BAND Dimmitt High School

DIRECTOR Ralph Smith

CLASSIFICATION A CATEGORY FC

- SELECTIONS: 1. Thus Do You Fare, My Jesus by: Bach - Alfred Reed  
2. Concert Variations by: Claude T. Smith  
3. \_\_\_\_\_

GENERAL COMMENTS:

*absolutely outstanding in every regard -  
this is a pleasure and joy to hear  
this beautiful band make music.  
I believe you have met the outstanding  
ambassadors & teachers as your band's representatives.  
Thank you for a wonderful performance.*

DIVISION RATING II+

SIGNATURE OF ADJUDICATOR



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GENERAL COMMENTS:

*An obviously fine ensemble!!  
I can think of no other way that  
I'd rather spend a morning than  
listening to this group.*

*All involved are to be  
congratulated. Its a pleasure to see  
a master teacher at work!!*

DIVISION RATING IX

SIGNATURE OF ADJUDICATOR Eugene Cooper



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GENERAL COMMENTS:

*A superb band, great instrumentation.  
A few moments of intonation problems,  
especially in 1st selection  
Use more dynamic contrast, don't be  
afraid of ff!  
You have a great sound, you really  
should be proud of your band - Thank  
for working so hard to play so well!  
Thank for a great performance of Can You!*

DIVISION RATING I

SIGNATURE OF ADJUDICATOR Claude T. Smith