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Band Earns 4 Awards At Music Festival

The PHS band returned from the Carlsbad, New Mexico Music Festival Sunday afternoon with four awards.

Friday night the band was awarded a first division for field marching and also earned the Best in the Class trophy. Since there were only three first division ratings given Friday night, the band was in the running for the Best Overall Band trophy. This trophy was won by the South Grand Prairie band, performing in Class AAAA. The other eligible band was Class AAAA Lee High School from San Antonio.

In concert competition on Saturday, the "Pride" was the only Division I band in Class A competition with some bands competing being 2nd and 3rd groups from Class AAA and AAAA Schools. The Best of the Class trophy was awarded to the PHS band.

Panhandle was the only

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band to earn first* division ratings and then earn the Best of Class trophy in marching and concert competition in the 2-day festival. Many nice compliments

were given to the band by the three judges: Dan Gibbs of Monahans HS in Monahans, Texas, Tommy Frye of McMurry College in Abilene, and Norvil Howell of Clovis HS in Clovis, N. Mex.

The PHS group had a full day Saturday. After their

morning concert performance, they toured Carlsbad Caverns, ate lunch at the Caverns restaurant, toured the Living Desert State Park and went to the City Park where there was swimming, people-powered paddle boats and plain running and play-

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ing. They then returned to the motel, cleaned up and went to the Civic Center where they were awarded the Best in the Class trophy for Class A concert performance.

Saturday night they ate Bar-B-Q at the Flying X

Ranch and attended the show presented by the staff. The show was cowboy music in the tradition of the Sons of the Pioneers of Bob Nolan's group.

The happy but tired group returned home about 6:45 Sunday evening.

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Pride Receives Two One Ratings At Band Competition In Dallas

DALLAS----Panhandle High School was one of two class A schools from a field of 14 to receive two division one ratings in the first annual band contest sponsored by Six Flags Over Texas here this past week end.

The Pride of Panhandle received one ratings in the concert and marching contests. The other school receiving dual one ratings was Troup High School.

Named as the outstanding concert band was Sundan High School. They did not compete in the marching contest. The outstanding marching band was from White Oak High School which received a two rating in the concert contest.

The 96-member Pride left Panhandle Thursday morning by chartered bus, arriving Thursday night. Friday afternoon they participated in the concert competition at 1 o'clock and in the marching event at about 2 o'clock.

The remainder of the day was spent by the band members and nine spon-

sors who accompanied them looking at the Six Flags Over Texas and participating in the activities there.

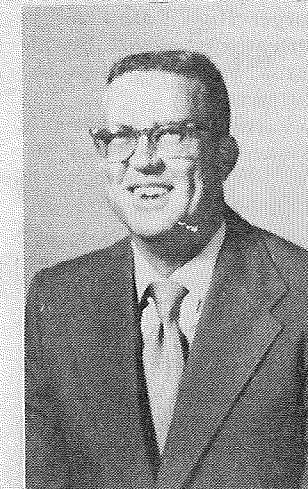
Saturday, the group returned to the Six Flags area and spent most of the day there before returning to Panhandle.

In addition to receiving certificates for their division one ratings, the Panhandle High School Band received a certificate as one of the original 50 bands to compete in the first Six Flags Over Texas sponsored band contest.

The Panhandle band was under the direction of Gerald Smith, band director in the Panhandle school system.

Gerald Smith Honored For Service As Band Director

"Thanks for a Great 25," said the 6' tall stagewide banner displayed at the conclusion of the band concert last Thursday night in the



PHS auditorium.

The 25 referred to the number of years that Gerald

Smith and Assistant Director Dwight Hardin. Although Mr. Smith consistently accepts the band's gift with loving tears of gratitude and few words, this time he elected to recognize former band members in the audience. They were again recognized in 5-year groups. A head count was not made, but it was somewhere close to the number of students on stage at that time.

As the banner was displayed and some nery member of the brass section tooted "For He's A Jolly Good Fellow," Band booster representatives Opal Herndon, Dixie Surratt and Marvon Howe requested that the honoree open a special gift. Mr. Smith resembled a magician pulling scarves from a hat as, from the package, he unraveled a

"The Pride" Earns Top Honors At Enid

The Panhandle High School Band earned a Division I rating and was named as the "Outstanding Band" in Class CCC at the Tri State Music Festival held in Enid, Oklahoma, May 3, 4, and 5.

The Pride of Panhandle took the outstanding trophy away from Konawa, Oklahoma who was also entered in this year's festival.

The band performed in the Convention Hall where the Grand Concert of the festival is held each year. Judges for this year's festival were Ed Hucbey of Northwest Oklahoma State, Dr. Harry Haines of West Texas State University and John Cacavas from Beverly Hills, California. Mr. Cacavas is well known for his music scoring of motion pictures and television. Among some of his works are music for Kojak, TV series and nine movies including Airport 1975 and Airport '77, several TV movies and two seasons of the TV series Hawaii Five O. Mr. Cacavas is a governor of the Academy of Motion Pictures Arts & Sciences. He personally commented to Director Gerald Smith on how well the band performed and how much he enjoyed it.

The band stayed in Oklahoma City, where activities included Kirkpatrick Omniplex (science exhibits); Cowboy Hall of Fame and the Zoo. Due to the cold weather only a few students chose to go to White Water Amusement Park. Roller skating and bowling were night activities.

All enjoyed the uniqueness of two particular restaurants Molly Murphy's House of Fine Repute and Chrystals Pizza Palace.

The band left for Oklahoma City Thursday, May 3 at 7:40 a.m. and returned Sunday afternoon at 4:10 p.m.

Band To Leave Tuesday For HemisFair

The Pride of Panhandle, the high school band, will leave Tuesday evening at 10 p.m. for San Antonio where it will appear in concert at the amphitheatre at the HemisFair Wednesday at 5 p.m. and Thursday at 11 a.m.

Ninety-seven students and 12 sponsors are scheduled to make the trip.

Activities for the band at the HemisFair include a visit to Funtier Night at La Villita where they will be entertained by a Dixieland band and the Cordman barber shop quartet.

The annual Panhandle High School band banquet will be held Thursday evening at the Casa Rio Restaurant in San Antonio.

Friday, the band members will visit the HemisFair and the group is scheduled to arrive home Saturday morning.



BAND / ORCHESTRA

Date Fri. May 4 Time 10:40 Class HS CCC
 Event Concert Band
 Location Convention Hall Judge Cacavas
 SCHOOL / DIST. Panhandle
 DIRECTOR Gerald Smith
 CITY Panhandle STATE TX

School Code 7907
 Event Code 901

Adjudicators will make written comments on all BOLD FACE qualities below with special attention given to sub-headings when the performance is strong or weak in these areas. Comments must concern fundamental principles and be constructive.

TONE (control, beauty, characteristic timbre, volume, blend, naturalness)

beautiful

INTONATION (melodic line, chords)

especially good in the difficult ranges. now & then a little suspect in low woods.

TECHNIC (articulation, fingering, bowing, embouchure, precision, rhythm, facility, attack, release)

excellent

INTERPRETATION (tempo, phrasing, style, expression, dynamics)

very good. - dynamics etc well-defined & clear.

BALANCE (sections, complete ensemble)

extremely fine -

MUSICAL EFFECT (artistry, fluency, vitality)

almost "orchestral" - a great achievement.

SELECTION (appropriateness to the occasion and individual)

OK

OTHER FACTORS (stage presence, instrumentation, posture, breathing, tonguing, presentation, appearance)

fine appearance.

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RATING - Circle One.

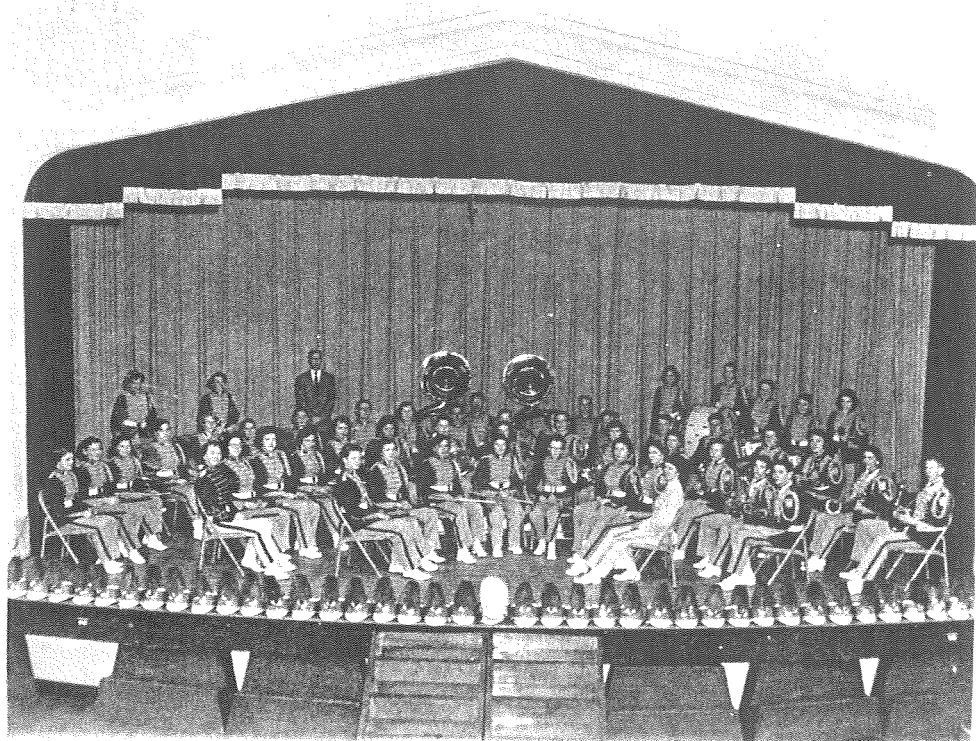
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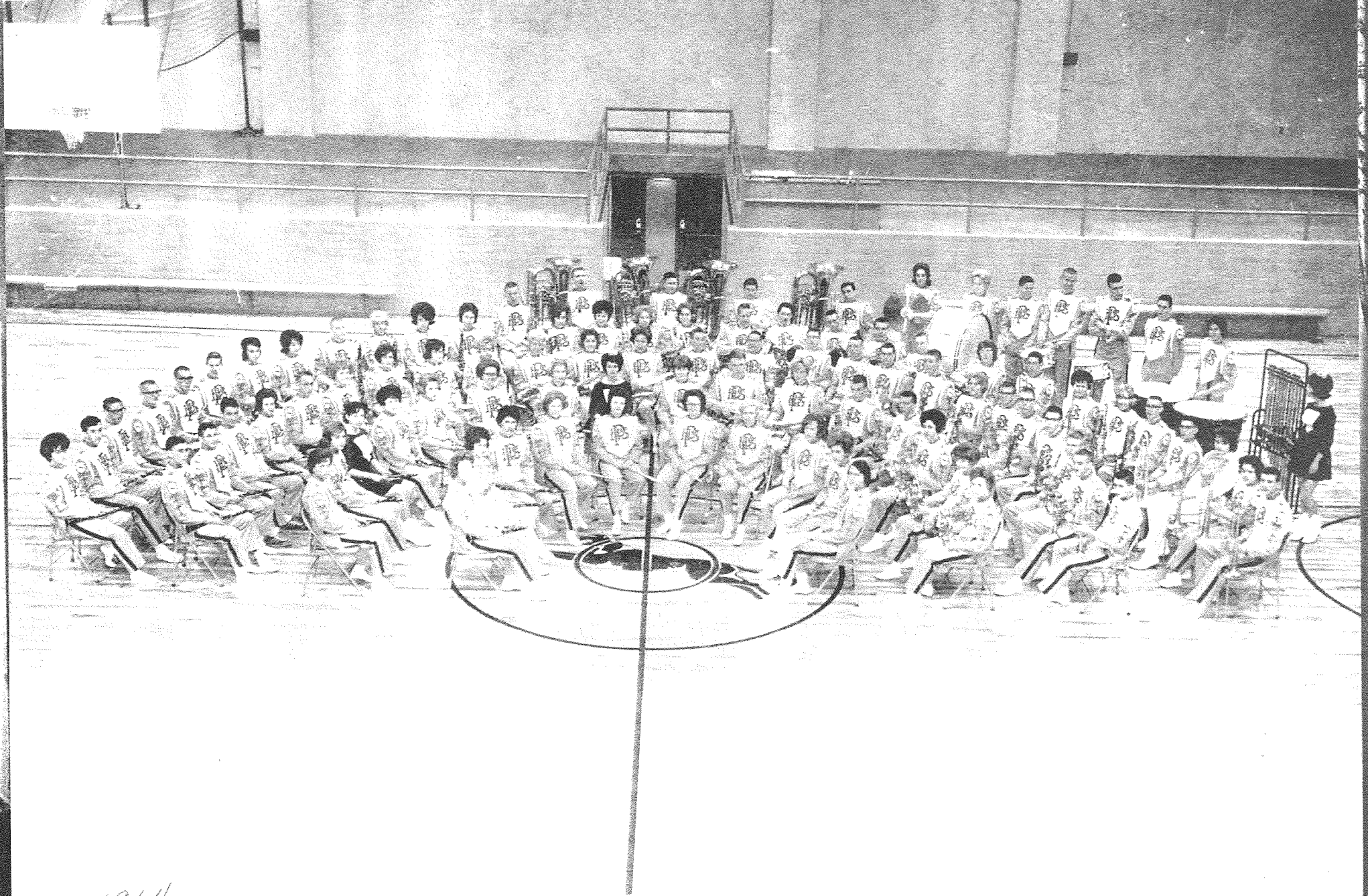
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Band

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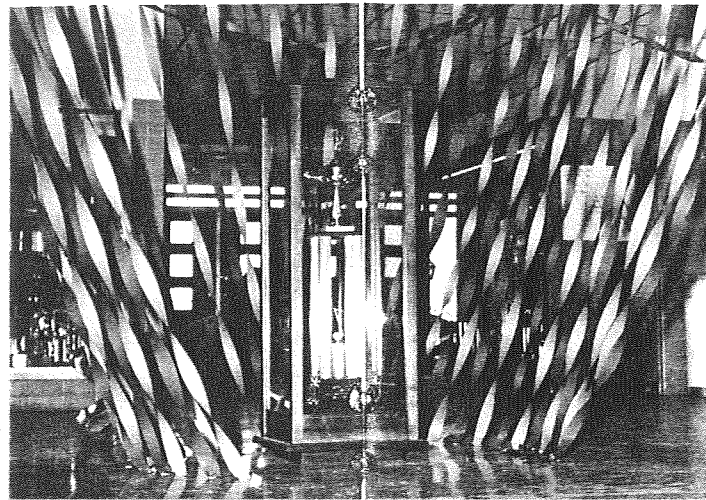
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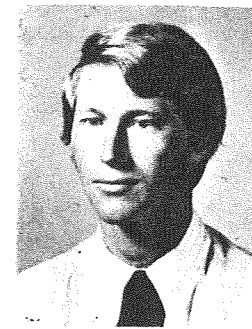
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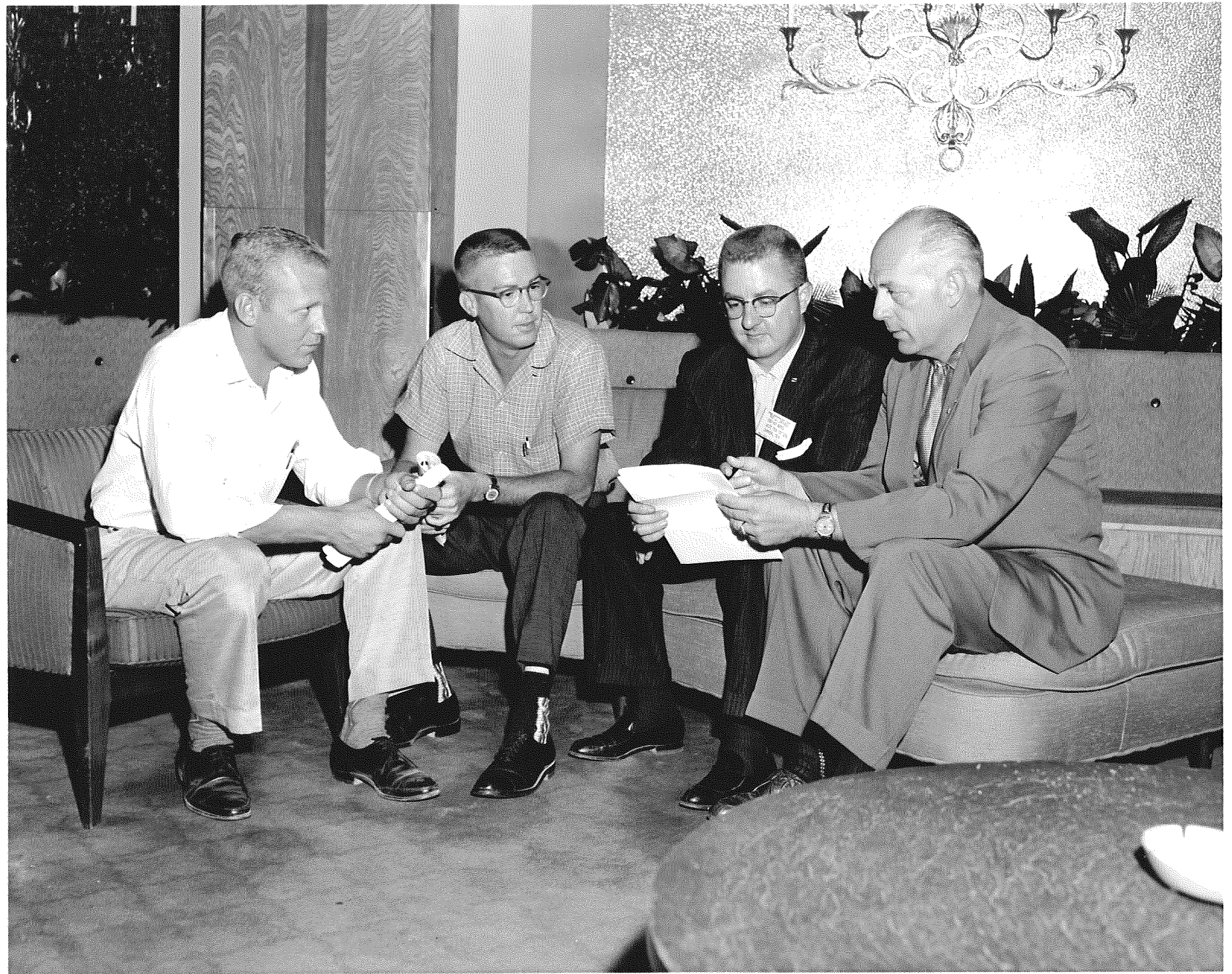
Mr. Smith



*Assistant
Director*



Mr. Hardin



"PRIDE OF PANHANDLE"

Band Wins Sweepstakes



Rex Caldwell Wins First Place In State U. I. L. Competition

Panhandle High School had 4 students participating in the State U. I. L. Literary Meet in Austin this past weekend. Each of the students represented PHS to the best of his or her abilities and received noteworthy placings.

Rex Caldwell won first place in Poetry Interpretation. This is the first time a first place award has been won by a PHS student in some twenty-off years. Caldwell returned to Abilene on Sunday to participate in the Knights of Pythias regional oratorical contest and again was given a first place award. He will now advance to the State competition in that contest at Longview in June.

Rex is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Harrison Caldwell.

Leon Breeden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Breeden, was 3rd place winner in the State U. I. L. persuasive speaking contest.

Barbara Loving, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Bob Loving, was declared 4th place winner in U. I. L. spelling.

Carl Gideon, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gene Gideon, was 6th in ready writing.

Ricky Labus was 6th in 120 yard high hurdles.

FROM OUR MAIL BOX —

The Herald received a letter this week from H. M. "Nick" Nichols, who is a patient at St. Anthony's Hospital. He reports that he is recovering and having a "sprinkling" of visitors.

Nick asked the Herald to convey his special appreciation to all his friends in this area and those from far away places for the good wishes extended to him on "Nick's Day", held recently at the Museum. He is very appreciative for everything.

Thespan Production Set Saturday Night

The Thespians will present their annual Spring Production Saturday, May 11. The production will consist of the contest play, "Hamlet", and two student-directed plays, "Up The Rent" and "Werewolf in Town".

"Up The Rent", by Tim Kelly, is directed by Debbie Kingham. The cast consists of Marilyn Cook, Shela Shumate, Billy Patterson, Janie Kirkland, Brad Atkinson, Karla Mayo, Teresa Butler, Carla McIlroy and Charles Kincade.

"Werewolf in Town", by Lewis Gardner, is directed by Rex Caldwell. Cast members are (See THESPIANS, Page 2)

Williams, Shepherd In Precinct No. 2 Commissioner Race

Casting of 1365 Democratic and 53 Republican ballots in Carson County, during Primary Elections Saturday, resulted in a runoff being required in the race for Precinct 2 Commissioner. Incumbant B. A. Williams received 253 votes to 147 for Clarence Shepherd. The runoff election will be held Saturday, June 1.

Clint Freeman upset incumbent John Morris for Commissioner of Precinct 4. Freeman polled 266 votes to 212 for Morris.

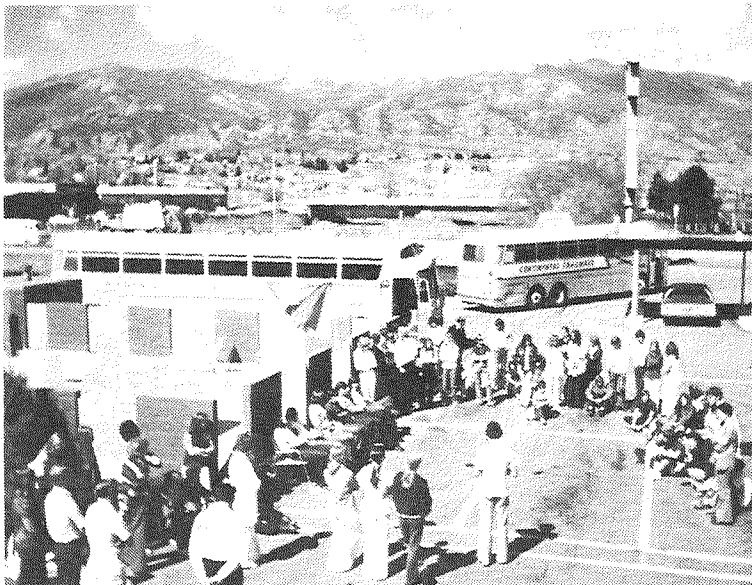
Other unofficial total returns for Carson County's 7 Democratic voting precincts were as follows:

FOR U.S. REP 13th DIST.	
Jack Hightower	900
Ray Ruffin	219
Louis A. Finney	191
FOR GOVERNOR	
Dolph Briscoe	994
Frances Farenthold	292
W. H. Posey	29
Steve Alexander	26

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Director Gerald Smith shows tears of joy upon the announcement that the Panhandle High School Band was Sweepstakes Winner at the Canon City Music and Blossom Festival in Canon City, Colo. Shown with Smith are drum majors Georganna Eller and Tammy Jewett.



Colorado mountains provide the background for Sunday morning devotional period as the PHS band prepares for the final day of competition in the Music and Blossom Festival.

The "Pride of Panhandle" marching band, under the direction of Gerald Smith and assistant director, Dwight Hardin, won the sweepstakes trophy in the Canon City Music and Blossom Festival at Canon City, Colorado, held Friday and Saturday, May 3 and 4. This is the first time in the history of the Festival that this award has been received by a band of Class C division. There were 31 bands in competition at the affair and they were divided into Classes AA, A, B, and C, according to the enrollment of each high school. The band from Odessa Permian won sweepstakes last year and the Monahans band had been the winner for three years prior to that.

Three judges, after reviewing the performances of the band in two field shows and the parade, gave the unit 95 of a possible 100 points.

The PHS musicians are proud possessors of four trophies as a result of their efforts during the competition. The sweepstakes trophy is a traveling trophy to be kept from year to year by the winning band. Other trophies, which the group brought back to PHS were for Participation, 1st Division in the Field Show, and 1st Division in the Parade performance.

Bands participating in the contests were from New Mexico, Colorado, Oklahoma, Kansas and Texas.

The Panhandle group, consisting of 119 students and 13 adult sponsors, left Panhandle via 3 chartered buses on Friday, May 3, and returned at 2:30 a. m. Tuesday, May 7. All was not dark and dreary in the wee hours of the morning as the returnees were met three miles out of

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LETTER TO EDITOR

We have just returned from a wonderful trip to Colorado with the band----one of the greatest groups of kids anyone could ever have the privilege of sponsoring. Not only were they the Number One band at the Canon City Music Festival, they were a Number One group of young people. We would like your readers to realize how proud the entire town should be of this band for their performance, not only in the Music Festival competition, but during the entire trip.

We would like to say to the band how proud we are of them and how much we enjoyed being with them on this trip. Arthur and Doris Jewett Jack and Wilma Atkinson George and Peggy Franklin Jere and Barbara White Dixie Surratt Opal Herndon