

Bill Carrico

W. T. (Bill) Carrico was born on January 1, 1921 in Dallas, Texas to a family where music was a way of life.

His father, William L. Carrico, was a professional musician and band leader who performed as a member of the Chicago, St. Louis, Houston and Dallas symphonies during his lengthy career. During the winter months, the senior Carrico organized and conducted his own orchestras to perform for the cultural Chautauqua events popular at the time in the luxury resorts of southern Florida.

Bill's mother, Lefa H. Carrico, grew up performing with her family in a traveling show that reached several midwestern states. After she married William, she taught piano and voice in the various towns where the family settled.

Bill's older brother, Dr. John Carrico (1918-1978) directed university bands in Texas and Nevada until his death. He was an internationally known jazz movement authority who founded the Reno International Jazz Festival. In 1975, John became the first American ever elected to the board of directors for the 26-nation International Jazz Federation while attending the Nancy Jazz Festival in France.

Under the tutelage of his father, Bill began study of the cornet at the age of 6; and had performed in numerous local recitals by age 9. He started his conducting career early also. When Bill was 11, his father turned over his conductor's baton to Bill for performances of two Dallas parochial school bands, groups the elder Carrico instructed.

While still in high school, Bill played professionally with two Rio Grande Valley area adult bands. He graduated from Mercedes High School in 1938. Bill was active in several professional dance bands in the Alpine area while pursuing his degree at Sul Ross State University and also performed regularly as the featured Sul Ross cornet soloist. He earned his Bachelor's degree with a music major in 1941.

Following his graduation, Bill directed high school bands in Eldorado, Laredo, Ft. Stockton and Alpine. In 1949, he earned his Master of Arts degree in Music at Sul Ross.

Bill married Reba Burleson (1922-1982) of Alpine in 1953. They were blessed with four children -- Craig (1955) of Ft. Worth; Brett (1957) of Lubbock; Mary Lisa (1959) of Norwalk, Ohio; and Lance (1961) of San Angelo. At present, the grandchildren total is eleven and counting.

In the fall of that year, he accepted the position of high school band director in Pecos, Texas, where he remained for 33 years to build an outstanding band program. He also served for 31 years as high school choral director. In 1954, he organized the first stage band in the Pecos system and directed it for 26 years.

Pecos Band Director is Named to State Board

Bill Carrico, director of the Pecos High School band and choir, was recently appointed to the University Interscholastic League music advisory committee for the state of Texas.

The sixteen members on the committee include only two West Texans. They are Carrico and

the director in Amarillo.

Carrico was also recently again made a state board member of the Texas Music Educator's Association, an honor which he has held previously.

Carrico was also recently named TMEA regional chairman for Region VIII which includes a large region of West Texas.

Carrico, a graduate of Mercedes High School who received his BA and MA degrees at Sul Ross, has been a band director in Laredo and other schools prior to coming to Pecos almost fifteen years ago.

Carrico's band and choirs have consistently won honors through the years, collecting an unprecedented number of first place and trophy awards as well as

state recognition as honor band and other honors through the years.

Carrico and his wife, Reba live here with three sons and one daughter. The band director has twice been honored by the community with special appreciation awards.

Carrico comes from a band directing family. His father was once a member of John Philip Sousa's band and his brother, John is a band director at the University of Nevada.

PECOS...

CHATTER

By MARJ CARPENTER

Well, now that the election is over, we can go back to reading the stickers on cars that read, "Wear Cotton"; "American Beef is Best"; "Don't Be a Litterbug"; and "Six Flags Over Texas" (that's a wet subject). There's even one car sticker that we can all agree upon — "Pecos Eagles."

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The Pecos Eagles did themselves proud again Friday night by holding the powerful Andrews Mustangs scoreless in the second half. Pecos is now planning to have a wonderful football season



BILL CARRICO
... state appointment

Girl Scout Fund Drive Kicks Off

Kicked off this morning at an Advance Gifts breakfast meeting was the Pecos Girl Scout financial drive.

Dudley Montgomery, chairman of the Advance Gifts portion of the Drive met with his workers, including W. L. Card, Bill Tart, Henry Blackwell, Carlton Williams, Henry Allen, Ed McAnally, Harold Meyer, Dick Slack and Eddy Daniel at Foster's Cafe.

The business and professional drive will be in charge of A. B. Foster, Jr. and will be conducted on Nov. 17.

Pecos Band Wins First For Fourteenth Straight

The Pecos High School Band won its fourteenth straight first division in marching at the regional contest in Odessa on Saturday.

Director Bill Carrico has been director of the band during those fourteen years. Drum major of the marching band is Marie Wheelis.

The Pecos Junior High Band, directed by John Butterfield, collected a second division in marching in the morning. This was an improvement over the III rating won by the band last season.

The high school band, performed a vocal number as their stunt in the marching competition, singing, "The Battle Hymn

of the Republic" while forming a cross. They then marched the cross off field, playing "Onward Christian Soldiers."

The Junior High Band, led by drum major Shirley Roberts, performed a simple cross and played a Chorale.

Twirlers also entered twirling competition in Odessa. They won six first divisions and six second divisions.

Rinda Pattee and Margaret Hart won firsts in high school competition with their solos.

The Junior High sextette including Sue Ray Whitley, Ruthon Miles, Becky Foster, Jan Taylor, Katrina Pankey and Marilyn Eisenwine won a first division. Becky, Jan and Ruthie won firsts on their solos. Marilyn, Sue Raye and Katrina collected a second on their solo entries.

The high school trios, including Linda Lattner, Marilyn Wheelis and Margaret Hart got a second as did a trio by Sandra Hughes, Linda Worsham and Rinda Pattee. Marilyn Wheelis also made a second on her solo entry.

Union Services

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Pecos Band Now Top Honor Group

The Pecos High School Eagle Band received word here yesterday that they have been named the Honor Band for the Region in 3AAA Schools.

This honor has only been given in the state of Texas two times and Pecos Band has received the honor on both occasions.

Band Director Bill Carrico was notified of the selection here yesterday.

This completes a year of awards for the Eagle Band, who also topped top triple A honors at the Tri-state Band Festival in Oklahoma.

The tapes of the concert contest at regional were sent off to state with Pecos receiving the

top award in this region. Pecos lost a sweepstakes award this year when their concert rating was marked second division.

However, the tapes sent in for honor band placed the Pecos High School concert band above the band in the region who won first in concert in this region.

The Honor Band selection has been made in Texas for only four years with 4AAAA bands named one year and 3AAA bands in the alternate year. Pecos band has placed for the region both years of the 3AAA selection.

Pecos band this year also placed first in marching and sight reading in the UIL contests.

City Council Will

Three Area Graduations

Eagle band outstanding

Pecos Eagle Band returned home from the Amarillo Music Festival the proud winners of the Outstanding Concert Band trophy.

In addition to this award, the Symphonic Band, under the direction of Bill Carrico, was awarded first division by each of the three judges.

Pecos also was one of two bands to win first division honors in the marching event.

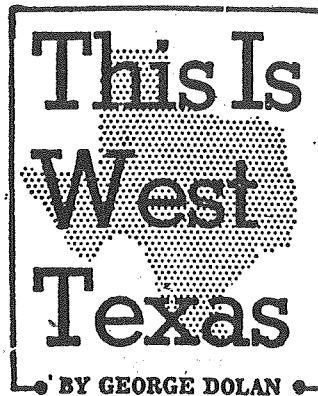
This was the eighth annual Amarillo Music Festival and a total of over 150 high school organizations from seven different states were in attendance.

Mary Claire Samuel and Cynthia Slack, co-drum majors, led the Eagle marching band during the competition.

The Pecos Concert Band, competing in the second-band category, received an excellent division two rating. Doug Garman directs this group.

Carrico was high in his praise of all the efforts of the local musicians.

The next public performance by the Eagle bands will be at the annual Sweetheart Concert May 17.



His company wanted a couple for a barbecue party it's planning.

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Speaking of pardonable pride, there's lots of it now at Pecos.

The high school band there, judged first division at regional contests Saturday, has won seven trophies already this year.

If any other band in the state has done as well, Pecos people haven't heard about it.

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MUSICAL FAMILY.

Director of the band is Bill Carrico, 40, who also has instructed budding musicians at Eldorado, Fort Stockton, Alpine and Laredo.

Carrico, who doubles as the school's choral director, comes from a musical family.

His late father, W. L. Carrico, taught and played professionally at Dallas, San Antonio and in the Rio Grande Valley.

Bill's brother, Dr. John L. Carrico, is band director at the University of Nevada.

One proud Pecos citizen admitted, though, that citizens' pride in Bill Carrico is mixed with apprehension.

"I'm worried," he said "about how long we'll be able to keep him here."

FORT WORTH, TEXAS—WHERE THE WEST BEGINS

A FORT WORTH OWNED NEWSPAPER

THURSDAY, MAY 4, 1961—81ST YEAR, NO. 93

FORT WORTH STAR-TELEGRAM

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The Rainers allege that Mrs. Rainer sustained a permanent injury to her spinal column and are charging Cutbirth with negligence in the collision.

The Odessa couple is asking \$50,000 for personal injury claims, \$64,344 for Mrs. Rainer's alleged inability to perform her duties as a housewife, \$3,000 for the alleged loss of her services as a book-keeper for her husband and \$5,000 for medical expenses which they claim to have incurred.

Earl Clifford Addison

The Odessa draft board office at 118 East Sixth has requested Earl Clifford Addison to get in touch with it at once.

The law requires every registrant to keep his draft board informed of his current address. Any friend or relative of Addison in Odessa was urged to inform him to phone or call at the office of the draft board.

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Dr. A. B. Finch is chairman of the local cancer society.

club at Ankara, Turkey, for that country.

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Pecos Band Director Receives DSA Award

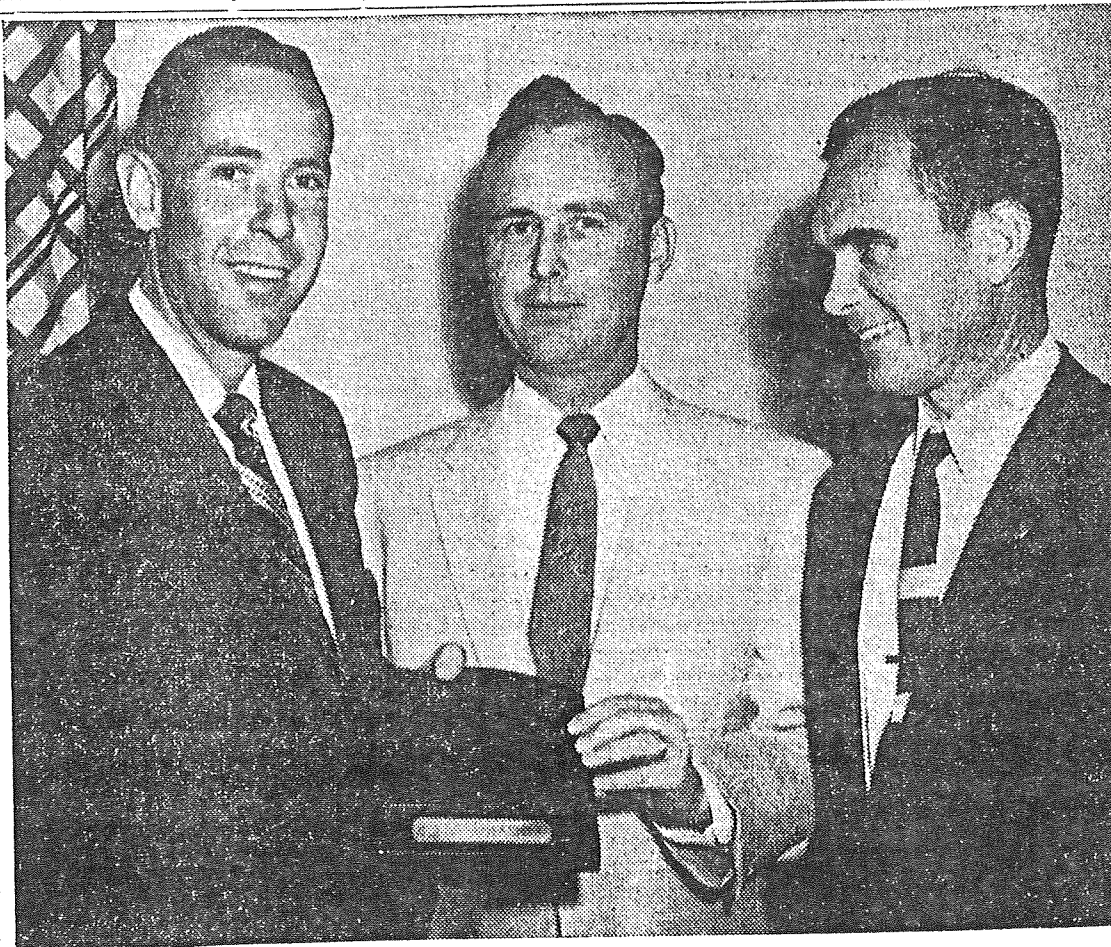
PECOS (Staff) — The Jaycee Committee of the Jaycees, presented the plaque to Carrico. Bill Moody of Fort Stockton, state vice-president, was master of ceremonies and conducted the installation.

The banquet also featured "bosses night," at which employers of the Jaycee members were special guests.

Delbert Downing, manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, was principal speaker.

New Jaycee officers installed include Coats, president; Jim Henderson, first vice-president; Bill Oden, second vice-president; Joe Wolf, secretary; Charles Calender, treasurer; Duane Mitchell, historian; Jack Lindsay, parliamentarian; T. J. Wheeler, state director, and Floyd McNeil, John Dunn and Revis Williams, directors.

Coats, in a forecast for 1955, said the Jaycees would be pledged to aid other civic organizations in projects for the betterment of Pecos.



PECOS DSA AWARD—Bill Carrico (L), band director for the Pecos schools, was presented the annual Jaycee Distinguished Service Award Friday night at the annual club banquet. Making the presentation is Wendell Faulkner while Jim Coats, (R), new president, looks on. Coats also was presented the Key Man Award.

(American Staff Photo)



PECOS HIGH SCHOOL

Choral Groups Have Won Many Honors In Past

The Pecos High School choral groups have compiled an outstanding record in Region VIII since their organization in 1949. Each of the choirs—mixed, girls, and boys—has won a first division rating in concert singing every year it has entered. In every case except one, the choirs have also been awarded first in sight-reading.

Bill Carrico, who organized the first Pecos Girls Chorus in the fall of 1949, trains and directs each of the groups. The mixed and boys choirs were begun in 1951, a year in which all three choirs won firsts. Carrico,

who also serves as high school band director, attributes much of the success of the Pecos Choirs to the splendid cooperation of the school officials, particularly Supt. Ray H. Whitley, and to adequate financial support of the school board. The fact that a large number of band students also sing in the choirs is also considered helpful.

Local performances, out-of-town engagements, clinics, contests, and other activities keep the choirs busy during the entire school year. Each spring the 60-voice mixed choir includes a concert tour, presenting pro-



BILL CARRICO
Director

Pecos High School
Choral Groups

grams to the student bodies of other schools in the area.

The Choir has been invited to perform for the Trans-Pecos Teachers Convention this year in El Paso. Four members of the group sang in the All-State Chorus at Galveston last year.

Both the Pecos High School Choir and High School Band won sweepstakes trophies at the Region VIII Competition-Festival last spring.



Stephen F. Austin High Choir, Bryan, To Perform "Messiah" This Christmas

The Stephen F. Austin High School Choir, Bryan, Texas. This group performed the Christmas Sections of Handel's "Messiah" last December and is now in rehearsal for this year's performance. Carl Best is director.

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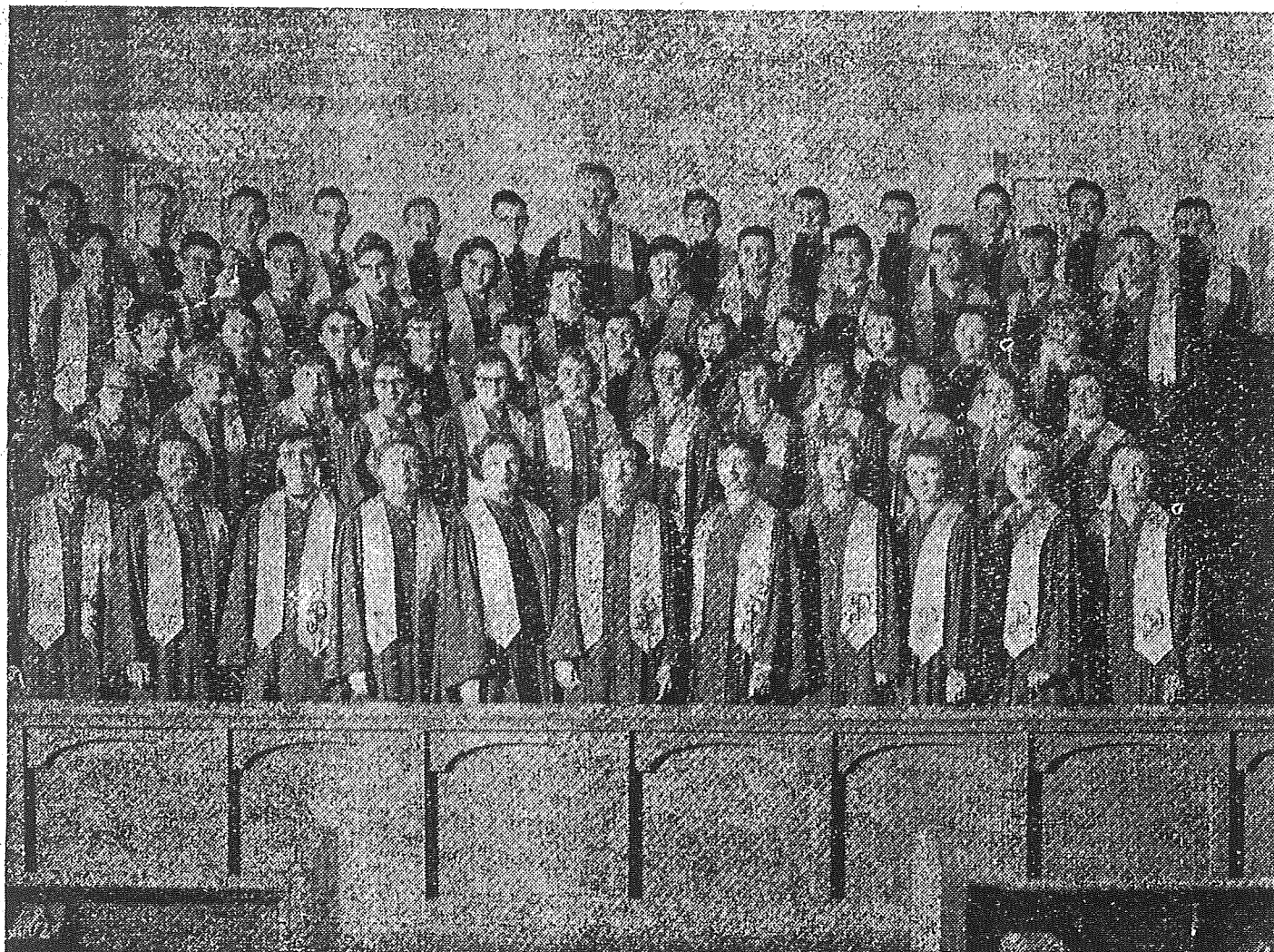
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Fifth Sweepstakes Is Won By Choir

The 60-voice Eagle Choir, directed by Bill Carrico, won the sweepstakes trophy at the Region VIII Choir contest at Midland on April 2.

The Pecos group was the only one to win sweepstakes, of the 17 mixed choirs entered in all classes, which is a first division in all organizational events.

This makes the fifth consecutive sweepstakes trophy won by the Pecos Eagle Choir and matches the sweepstakes won by the Pecos Eagle Band March 6, at Odessa.

The band, the only one in Class AA to win sweepstakes, and the choir being the only mixed choir to win the award, find themselves in a class all their own at the close of this year's Interscholastic League music contests.

The mixed octet and male quar-

tet from Pecos singing "Ifca's Castle" and "Dry Bones," respectively, were both awarded first divisions for their performances with the overall standard of judging exceedingly high this year.

Gage Van Horn and Robert Neal Hughes made second divisions while Ruben Gutierrez and Clark Lindley made third divisions in the solos that they entered.

Ira Bowers of Southwest State Teachers College, Gene Kenney of Abilene High School, and Glenn Johnson of the First Methodist Church of Dallas were concert judges this year. Mary Lou Hendricks was the sight reading judge from Wichita Falls High School.

Comments by the judges on the choir's criticism sheets included "nice sustaining power," "excellent tonal quality," "fine discipline," "your look wonderful,"

"your have a grand group," "very full sound," and "this is real treat."

The Senior Class members of the choir, many of whom have been with the choir four years, had the events of the day dedicated to them by Bill Carrico.

After the close of events, the director, Bill Carrico, stated. "The choir did a wonderful job under extreme pressure in that, we realized that generally outstanding choirs were being rated somewhat under normal, and we had the additional pressure of the tradition of winning sweepstakes to uphold. But the members sang with exceeding poise and confidence."

Mr. and Mrs. L. R. Hudson, Lewis Cowart, and John Carrico accompanied the choir on the trip. Numerous other supporters from Pecos also attended.



BAND PRESENTATION — Mrs. Bailey Guess on the right, representing the Pecos Band Boosters, presents a gift of appreciation to Bill Carrico, band director at the band banquet. The table holds

six trophies won by the band. They won their seventh trophy for the year on Saturday, making them the top-trophy band for the year in the state of Texas.

(Staff Photo by Carpenter)

Eagle Band Wins Seventh Trophy At Regional Contest on Saturday

The Pecos Eagle Band won an unprecedented seventh trophy for the year by taking a unanimous first division in concert at the Regional Contest in Odessa Saturday. This feat easily made the Pecos Band the top trophy-winner in the entire state for the year. According to all reports of the meet, the local group turned in a tremendous performance Saturday.

The contest judges, two outstanding university directors from California and one from Texas, were extremely high in their praise of the band's performance. Two of the three judges were so enthusiastic that they were not content to award

The band not only deliberately chose the most difficult selection on the entire list to play (North Sea Overture), they played it so extremely well that the professional musicians, including the judges, were amazed."

This was the last contest for the band this year, bringing their record for the year to three firsts in concert playing, (Del Rio, Lamesa, and Odessa),

two firsts in marching events, one first in sight reading, and one trophy for Most Outstanding Band, a total of seven trophies. Previous high for the Eagle Band was five trophies in 1955. The band was awarded second in sight reading at Odessa.

The final appearance of the Band this year will be in Pecos on May 12th on the Annual Band Sweetheart Concert.

the band "just" first, but marked the official rating sheets "first plus."

Band director Bill Carrico stated, "I have never been more proud of a group's performance. Without a doubt, this is the finest band Pecos has ever had."



Pecos Eagle Choir To Perform Tonite and On KVKM-TV. Sat. Dec. 24th.

Band rated superior by three judges

Circles, diamonds add to show

By CYD WICKER
LESLIE MILLSAPPS

After many weeks of hard work and early morning band practices, the Eagle Band, under the direction of Mr. Bill Carrico, attended the regional UIL band marching contest in Odessa on Nov. 16. This annual event took place at WT Barrett Stadium, where forty-four bands took part in regional marching activities. Leading the band this year are drum major, Janan Glier, and Kristi Kesey as master-sergeant.

The Eagle band, led on the field by Janan, began their performance around 2 p.m. Their contest performance included a step-

two chevron drill and the circle and diamond drills. The band's performance reached a climax when its members sang "The Battle Hymn of the Republic" while marching toward the main stand.

The Eagle Band received a division one which included a rating of superior from each of the three judges. The judges for this contest were Bill Spencer of Abilene, Norvil Howell of Clovis, N.M.; and Gary Zook of McAllen.

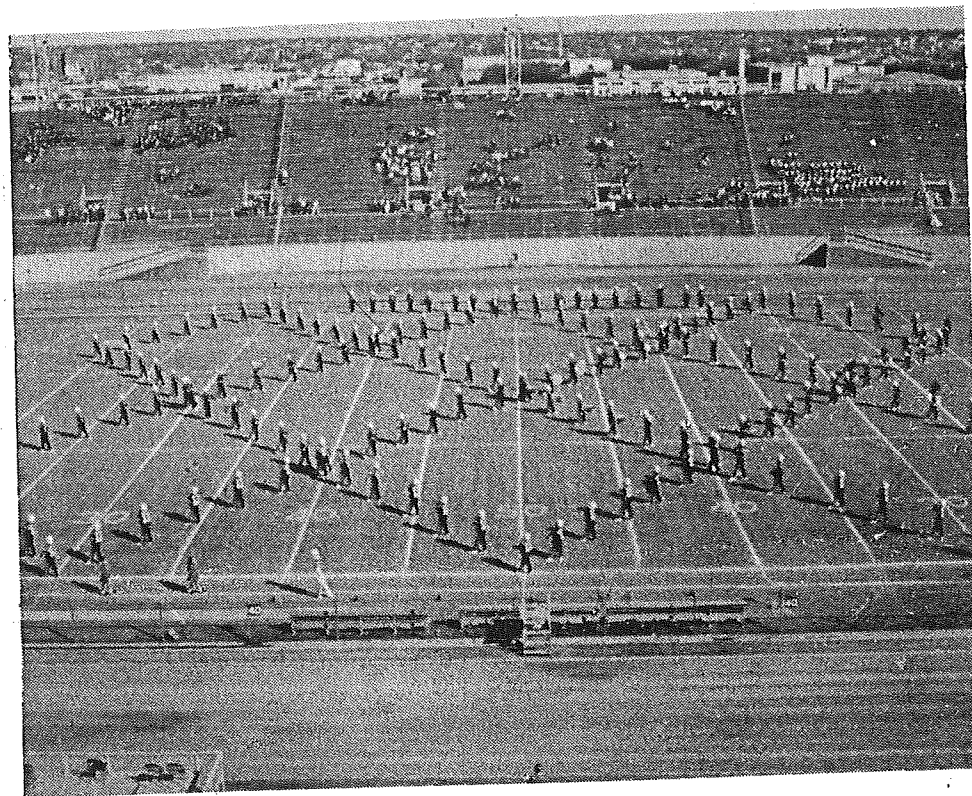
Other bands competing in class 2-AAA alongside Pecos were Fort Stockton, Ector, Kermit, Andrews, and Monahans.

In High School twirling competition, Cindy

Hopper, Lezlie McNeil and Jan Holly won Division 1 in the solo event.

Also winning division 1 ratings were Sharon Wadley, Lezlie McNeil, and Eve Wilson in ensemble twirling, as well as Peggy Calderon, Mary Lisa Carrico, Jan Holly and Cindy Hopper in the quartet event.

The two Junior High bands also competed at the contest in the 2-AA class. The Crockett Junior High Band, directed by Darle Roundtree, received a division 1 in competition. And Zavala Junior High Band, under the direction of Doug Garman, was awarded Division 2 for their performance.



Keep that Spirit
Sparkman named president

Student body elects
Sharon Wadley
homecoming queen

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ends Dec. 20

Recently a group of
LESLIE MILLSAPPS

are shown tired, but victorious, when the high school band arrived at noon Sunday both marching and concert. (Staff Photo)

Pecos Band Steals Show At Band Festival in Enid

Pecos High School Eagle Band was named outstanding marching band, outstanding concert band and received first place as parade band in their class at the Interstate Band Festival in Enid, Okla. This is one of the largest band festivals in the United States.

Some 117 top-notch bands from a large variety of states entered the two-day competition there. Pecos was in the division for high

schools with an enrollment between 450 and 850 students.

Dominating their class, the Pecos band defeated bands from Mississippi, Kansas, New Mexico and Oklahoma. Two large plaques were brought home by the band.

Permian High School of Odessa dominated the larger high school class.

Band director Bill Carrico reported that there were some 12,

000 students taking part in the festival and that the judges in each event were first rate musicians from all over the United States.

In the three and one-half hour parade, each band was placed a full block apart so that they could be seen and judged separately.

The parade was carried on national television over ABC. The commentary on the Pecos band on the television show was very favorable because they had already won outstanding in two events.

The Pecos band sang during their marching performance, in a manner that was similar to the marching competition in Odessa last fall.

The band went to Enid in three chartered buses. The Evening Lion's assisted in raising the money for the trip for the local band. The Pecos High School Band will represent this region next fall at the State Fair in Dallas.

tained his position with 1,734 votes. Al Cook polled 1,390. Incumbent County treasurer, Eva Grammer defeated Lloyd Standlee by a substantial 1,216 to 584. State Representative R. C. Slack swept by his district with a lead of around 400 votes over Don Handlin of Kermit. In Reeves County, Slack polled 2,290 to 628 for Handlin.

A run-off in the district seemed eminent for State Senator Frank Owens of El Paso, against Andy Anderson. In Reeves County, Anderson led with 944; Pete Snelson ran second with 831 and Senator Owens polled 768.

Congressman J. T. Rutherford apparently swept the 16th Congressional District without a run-off against three candidates. In Reeves County, Rutherford totaled 1,627 followed by Tom Diamond with 601; Dr. W. D. Kelly with 346; and John Frias with 174.

Reeves County gave Connally a total of 975 for governor, followed by Price Daniel with 535; Don Yarborough with 515; Wilson,

GLOVER IMPROVES

Miss Maggie Glover is much improved following a recent fall and is expected to be dismissed from Reeves County Memorial Hospital this week.

Musical Scheduled On Thursday, Friday

The second annual musical will be presented at Pecos High School on Thursday and Friday, May 10 and 11 by members of the Pecos High School choir and stage band.

This year's musical will be "Mr. Crane of Sleepy Hollow" with lead singing roles going to Kenny Hughes, Julie Kirklin and Odie Richardson.

The members of the high school choir will furnish the choral background for the presentation.

Received with high acclaim last year for their first musical, the high school music department decided to make a second presentation in 1962, with a different musical selected.

This year, the entire center section of the auditorium will be sold

according to Bill Carrico, director of the presentation.

Reserved seat tickets may be purchased for \$1 for either night at Airlawn Drugstore, Bozeman Drug No. 2 and Pecos Men's Shop.

Side section tickets will sell for 75 cents for adults and 40 cents for students. All reserved seat tickets will be \$1, either adult or children.

Winner Notified Here Today

Nat Caldwell of The Nashville Tennessean was notified today while at The Pecos independent office that he had won the Pulitzer Prize for 1961 for a series of arti-

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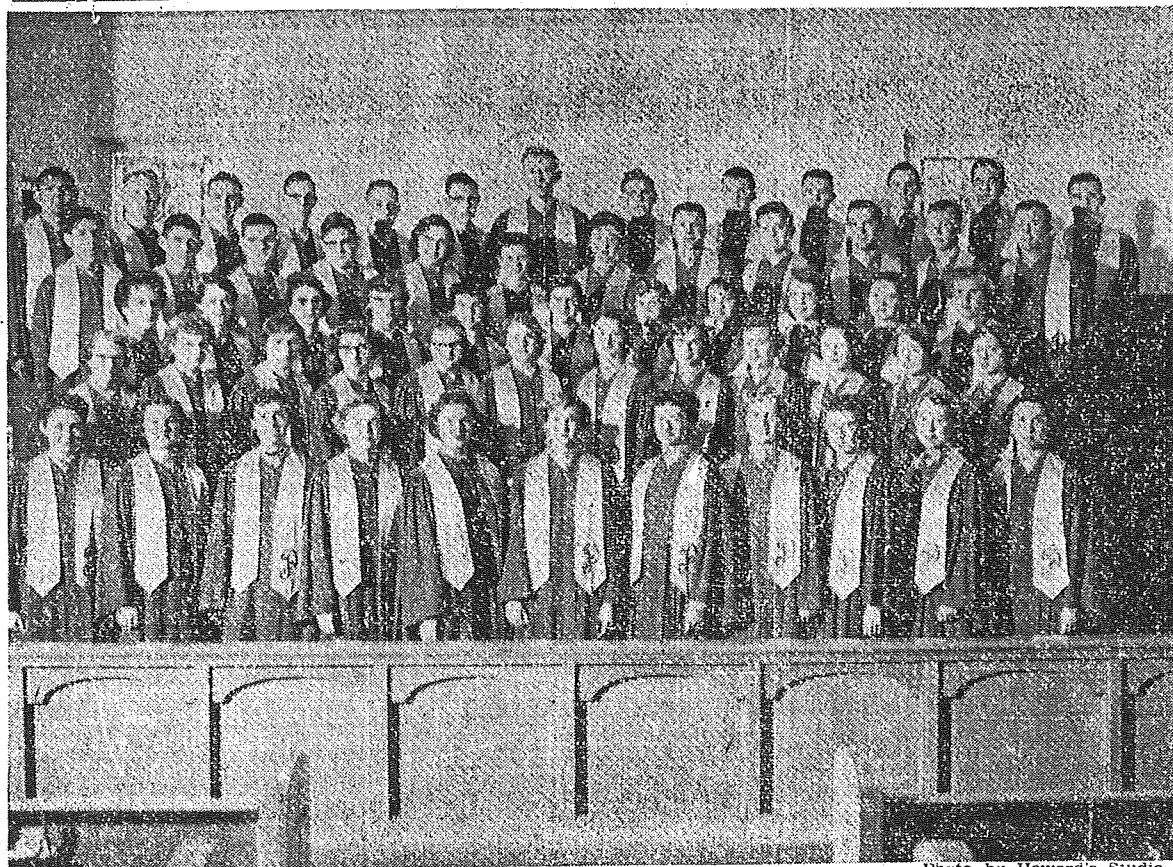


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SWEEPSTAKES CHOIR — The Pecos Eagle Choir, pictured here, was the only mixed choir to win sweepstakes at the Region VIII choir contest held at Midland recently. That made the fifth consecutive sweepstakes for Pecos choirs. At the present time, the choir is preparing music for a tour to be taken near the end of this month. The choir will perform in a combined concert with the Pecos Eagle Band, a three-year consecutive sweepstakes winning organization, in late May. The choir is directed by Bill Carrico.

The Oldest Business Institution In Reeves County

SEVENTY-FIFTH YEAR

Pecos Eagle Band To Play At Dallas Fair

The Championship Pecos Eagle Band is completing plans to represent this region at the State Fair of Texas in Dallas on October 8, 9 and 10. This marks the second time the Eagle Band has received this honor.

Winner of fourteen first place trophies during the last two years—seven each year—the Eagle Band is by far the winningest band in the state of Texas, and as far as is known, in the entire nation.

Many honors and invitations to perform at major events have been heaped on the Eagle Band, within the last year—more re-

quests than the band could accept.

The Eagle Band has been chosen Honor Band of the Region; invited to serve as feature band at the San Antonio Battle of Flowers; invited to perform at the Cotton Bowl activities at Dallas; won Outstanding Band Awards at the huge Enid Festival in both Concert and Marching, as well as First Place in the Million Dollar Parade.

The Pecos Eagle Band has also been invited to perform at professional football games in both Houston and Dallas.

According to director Bill Carrico, new uniforms recently purchased by the School Board are due to arrive in time for the State Fair performances.

The Eagle Band will stay at the Oaks Manor Motor Hotel while in Dallas. Approximately 105 band members will take part in the activities while at the Fair.

The band will participate in both concert and marching events, Carrico said.

In El Paso —

Estes Associates Get Prison Terms

A federal judge in El Paso has sentenced three former associates of Billie Sol Estes to long prison terms. The sentences range from six to ten years.

Officials of Superior Manufacturing Co., which supplied Estes with Anhydrous Ammonia Fertilizer tanks, are:

Coleman D. McSpadden of Lubbock: 10-year prison term. Harold E. Orr of Amarillo: 10-year term. Ruel Alexander, also of Amarillo: 6-year term.

The judge fined Superior Manufacturing \$5,000.

At the same time of the sentencing, a committee of Billie Sol's creditors was trying to fig-

ure out whether a new offer for purchase of Estes' assets is better than the long-standing offer of San Antonio businessman Morris Jaffee.

Jaffee had offered \$8.75 million. New bidder E. J. Gray, Baytown financier said he would duplicate the Jaffee contract and carry out a plan to pay the bankrupt Pecos promoter's creditors in full.



111 Witnesses Called To Bill

Attorneys for the State

Coleman Slates

Pecos Choir First At Odessa Festival

The Pecos High School Choir kept their record of wins perfect again Saturday at the Regional Contest in Odessa by winning another "Sweepstakes" award. This special trophy is presented to an organization that receives a first rating from every judge in each event.

Bill Carrico, director of the choir, was high in his praise of the singers after the events of the day. He stated that the group sang with poise and confidence, and responded extremely well.

This marks the fifth straight year that the Eagle Choir has won top honors at Contest. No judge has ever rated the choir anything but first since it was organized in 1951.

Robert Neal Hughes won first in the bass solo event and the mixed octet, composed of Hughes, Patsy Douglas, Camille Cleveland, Margie Mann, Carol Jean Miller, Ronney Harris, Bobby Burnette and Dwayne Richardson won second.

The choir, 62 members strong, was entered in the two phases of the contest, Concert performance and sight reading, and sang its way to the Sweepstakes trophy through their performances in these events.

Carrico stated that all of the judges at Odessa were very com-

plimentary of the Pecos Choir. He added that criticism sheets, turned in by the judges, contained such remarks as, "balance and blend excellent, outstanding tonal quality, choir attains a very mature sound," and "wonderful choir!"

The Eagle Choir director stated Monday that the group will present several concerts in a tour to El Paso in April, which is the next activity for the choir.

Accompanying the choral group to Odessa were; Mrs. Bill Carrico, Ray Whitley superintendent of schools, L. R. Hudson high school principal and Bill Daniel of the high school faculty.

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Carrico to judge festival

Pecos High School band director Bill Carrico has been selected for the third consecutive year to judge the International Jazz Festival in Reno, Nev. this week.

Sponsored by the University of Nevada, this event is the largest in the world with over 300 bands competing in six locations throughout the city.

The three-day festival draws bands from 27 states as well as four foreign countries. Final winners in each class usually tour Europe for up to three weeks the following summer.

The play-offs on Saturday night between the two top bands in each class last year drew an audience of 8,000 at the new Reno coliseum.

Today's thought

25, 1967

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Pecos Junior Band Wins Sweepstakes

The Pecos Junior High School Band returned from Regional Band Competition in Odessa Saturday with the coveted "Sweepstakes" trophy. This award is presented only to those bands that win first division in all three organization events -- marching, concert, and sight reading.

This is the first time in the history of the band that it has achieved this honor. Bill Carrico, director of the group, was high in his praise of their Saturday performances.

"The kids have worked hard the entire year," he stated,

"and I am very proud of them." All six judges awarded the Pecos group first division in both events.

This completed a perfect year for the band in competition with their firsts in marching, concert, and sight reading at Regional and firsts at Andrews in both concert and sight reading. Kathy Thaxton, drum major, accepted the Sweepstakes trophy on behalf of the band.

The Junior Band and Junior Choir will combine in a public concert at the High School Auditorium on Friday night, May 5.

Pecos Firemen

Bill Carrico Receives Jaycee Distinguished Service Award

Bill Carrico, 34-year old band director at Pecos High School, was presented the Jaycee Distinguished Service Award Friday night at the annual Jaycee DSA and Bosses' Night banquet.

The presentation recognizes Mr. Carrico as the community's outstanding young man during the past year. He was selected by a five-member committee of local businessmen.

A graduate of Sul Ross College at Alpine, Mr. Carrico came to Pecos in 1949 from Laredo. He has raised the PHS band from a mediocre rating to one of the tops in West Texas, and won local acclaim for his work with the city's youth. He was elected on the basis of success in his own vocation, leadership, lasting contribution to the community, and civic cooperation.

Wendell Faulkner, local contractor and winner of last year's DSA, presented Carrico with his plaque.

James Coats, cashier at First National Bank, was installed as Jaycee president and was also presented the club's Key Man award. Banquet chairman H. L. Cox presented the key man plaque, and said that Mr. Coats had done more for the organization during the past year than any other member.

The 125 persons present heard Delbert Downing, manager of the Midland Chamber of Commerce, attack the popular excuses blamed on today's juvenile delinquency situation.

Appearing as principal speaker, Mr. Downing said that the pattern followed by today's youth lies not in the comic book craze so often referred to, but in the policies and habits set by the parents themselves.

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The Pecos Eagle Band brought home another Division I trophy as a result of the marching contest held on Saturday in W. T. Barrett Stadium in Odessa. The University Interscholastic League competition for Region VI saw bands of Class AA, AAA, and 4-A competing in marching and twirlers competing in solos, and ensembles.

Bill Carrico's band added another first to its long list of Division I ratings earned during his years at Pecos High School. Other Division I ratings were given to Fort Stockton, Snyder, Monahans, Odessa Ector and Kermit, Andrews. Lamesa. Brownfield

and Seminole bands received Division II ratings.

Receiving first in solos were Sue Raye Whitley and Donna Talley. Katrina Pankey, Nikkie Evans, Becky Foster received seconds.

The quartet consisting of Katrina Pankey, Becky Foster, Nikkie Evans, and Sue Raye Whitley received a second with a trio of Donna Talley, Kathy Walker, and Meredith Lunday received a third.

UIL competition for junior high bands in Region VI will be held in Odessa November 18 at W. T. Barrett Stadium in which the Pecos Junior High band will compete.

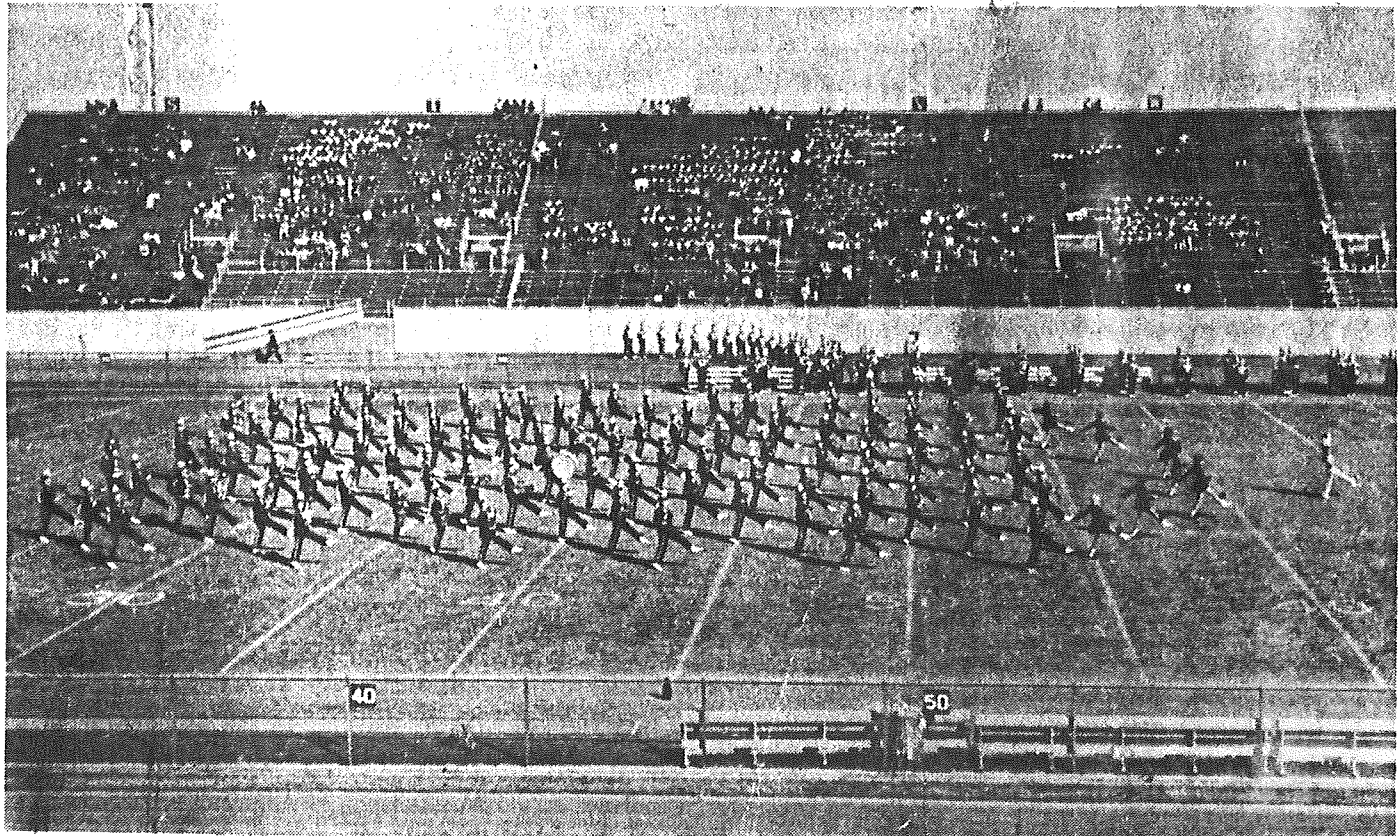
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WOODEN SOLDIERS - The Pecos High School Eagle Band which won a Division I rating in the UIL competition in Odessa on Saturday at W. T. Barrett Stadium perform to the "March of the Wooden Soldiers" as part of the marching formations which won them another first.

The band was well received by the audience as well and received much applause on completion of the formations. Carolyn Carpenter is Drum Major and Bill Carrico is the band director.

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Pecos Receives Fifteen First Division Awards

The honor-winning Pecos High School Band and Pecos Junior High Band copped top honors in the Regional Marching contest at Odessa Saturday when both won first division at the University Interscholastic League Region VIII contest in Barrett Stadium.

The high school band is directed by Bill Carrico and led by drum major Joanne Schmidt. The junior high band is directed by Travis Branaman and led by drum major Tom Nance.

Thirteen proved to be a lucky number for Pecos twirlers, when they won thirteen first divisions in twirling solo and ensemble numbers.

All seven twirlers for the high school band won a first division rating on their solos. These included Doris Scott, Eyalyn Walker, Kaye Clark, Rinda Pattee, Carolyn Bell, Sandra Hughes, and Linda Worsham. A trio ensemble also won first division and a quartette placed second.

The six junior high majorettes placed first with their sextette and four of the six won first division for their solos. The other two girls placed second division.

Winning firsts were Betsey Bickley, Cathy Carpenter, Betty

Mills, and Sandra Atkins. Placing second were Betty Sue Kirklin and Carole Lattner. All six girls took part in the first place winning ensemble.

Pecos High School band was entered in the class Triple AAA division and won first along with Monahans, Kermit and Lamesa. Winning second division rating in this class were Ector, Fort Stockton and Andrews. Seminole High won a third division award.

In the class C group, in which Pecos Junior High competed, the Lamesa Junior High Band and the Crane Junior High Band won firsts.

Discussion Meet Set Thursday on Chamber Course

A meeting for the purpose of determining the number of persons interested in attending "Freedom vs. Communism" course, sponsored by the Pecos Chamber of Commerce, has been set for 7:30 p.m. Thursday in the chamber office.

A. Fred Wright, manager of the chamber here, today said that all persons of all walks of life are

PHS Eagle band wins Regional Sweepstakes

Wednesday evening the Pecos Eagle Band returned home from Midland with the highly coveted Regional Sweepstakes Trophy.

This is the loftiest award possible in University Interscholastic Band Competition. In order to qualify for "Sweepstakes," a band must win first in marching, concert, and sight reading activities.

Drum Major Mary Ella Meek accepted the trophy from Contest Chairman William Cormack on behalf of the band.

Director Bill Carrico was high in his praise of the performances of the Eagle Band.

In the concert competition, the selections were "British Eighth," "Meditation from Thais," and "Liturgical Music for Band." Carrico said about 35 bands competed in the sweepstakes.

Ray H. Whitley, superintendent of the Pecos-Barstow Independent School District, said after final results of the contest were announced, "I am extremely proud of every member of the band for this fine achievement."

This year the Eagle Band has a perfect record in competition, being awarded first in all

five organizational events entered. In addition to the three regional wins, the band was judged first in both concert and sight reading at the Sweetwater Band Festival in March.

The next event for the band is participation in the Buccaneer Days Festival in Corpus Christi on April 28.

On Tuesday, the Pecos Eagle second band competed in concert and sight reading events at Midland Lee High School. This group was awarded Division II in both events. John McGee, director, was pleased with the band's per-

formances on Tuesday. The II in sight reading was the highest rating awarded in this event in the class. Members of this group performed with the Eagle Band in marching last November at Andrews so had a large role in the "Sweepstakes" win.

Next Tuesday the Pecos Junior High and the East Pecos Junior High Bands travel to Odessa for concert and sight reading contest. Directors of these organizations are John McGee, Pecos Junior High and Darrell Carr, East Pecos Junior High.

Band bus back in Pecos. More photos on A3.

PECOS ENTERPRISE

Today's thought

"In all things I have shown you that by so toiling one must help the weak, remembering the words of the Lord Jesus, how he said, 'It is more blessed to give than to receive.'"—Acts 20:35.



Look for my friends in today's issue.

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SEVENTY-FIRST YEAR

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On two occasions last week we were fortunate in hearing the Pecos High School Choir, known to some as the A Cappella Choir. We caught the TV appearance of this fine group on Wednesday night, and were treated again at the Rotary luncheon meeting on Thursday.

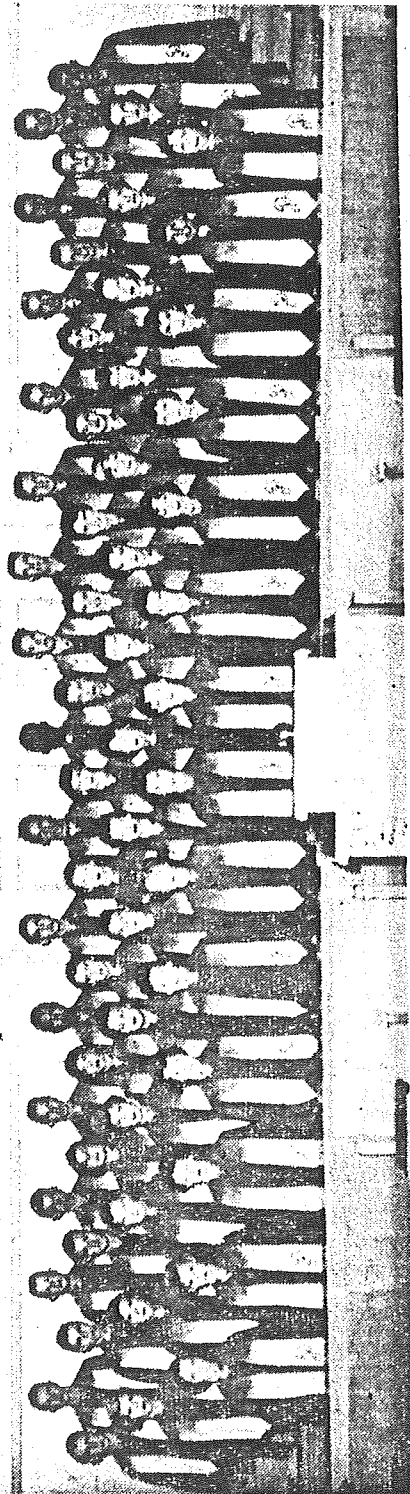
Without a doubt, this is one of the finest choirs we have heard in many a day. Their rendition of every type of song is professional in every sense of the word. We can't heap too much praise on this group, they are that good. And mention of the choir cannot be made without mention of the fine director, Bill Carrico, he deserves every accolade extended.

Pecos music lovers are missing a bet if they fail to hear this great choir, and when the time comes for presentation of a concert an overflow crowd would be the finest gesture of appreciation that could be shown the group. They deserve nothing less, we think they'll get nothing less. We congratulate the Pecos School Board for its selection of such a fine director, we congratulate the director for such a fine choir and we offer special accolades to the choir itself for bringing honors to the school and to the city.

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THEY'RE ALWAYS FIRST — The Pecos High School Choir, directed by Bill Carrico, which walked off with a first place in the Sweepstakes at the annual Region 8 University Interscholastic League of Texas, Music Educators Association competition held Saturday at Odessa, is shown in this latest photo. The group has never been below first place in its five years of existence and was covered with honors at the recent contest. The choir will go on tour in April.

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Eagle Band Takes 3 Top Trophies During Del Rio Band Competition

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Pecos High School band has three more first-place trophies in its bulging trophy case out at the local high school today.

The trophies were presented to

the band following the tenth annual invitational band festival staged over the weekend in Del Rio.

First place trophies were won

in show band competition, marching competition and best all-around band.

The Uvalde High School band took second place honors in the best all-around contest while the Brady band took third. Second and third places are not presented in the other contests.

The Pecos band presented "Around the World In 30 Days" for its show band number. The show had been presented at one of the football games here last fall but since that time has been revised and some additions have been made, according to Band Director Bill Carrieco.

There were 12 West Texas
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Trans-Pecos



Photo Courtesy Howard's Studio

ACCEPTS TROPHIES — Miss Robbie McCain, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James McCain, drum major for the Pecos High School band, accepted the trophies presented to band at the Del Rio invitational band festival over the weekend in behalf of the band. Miss McCain is in charge of the band when it is in action in the various competitions. The local band won three first-place trophies at the Del Rio festival.

PECOS BAND WINS 3 FIRSTS

A New Record Set By Eagle Band at Del Rio

Three wins is something new! The Pecos High School Band came home the winner of three of the five divisions in contests that took place on February 14th & 15th at Del Rio, Texas.

Friday night the band was awarded the trophy for having the best show band. Saturday evening the 1st place trophy for parade band and the beautiful trophy for Best-all-around band was awarded to Miss Robbye McCain — the Eagle Band Drum Major. Thus

the trip was quite a success.

It wasn't all work though. A dance took place Friday night which many of the visiting band members attended. Several of the Pecos members saw Villa Acuna Saturday afternoon and of course the rides to and from were "most" enjoyable.

Among the activities at Del Rio was a forming of an all-star band which played a concert Saturday night.

Our congratulations to Mr. Carico and the Eagle Band.

Local ECA Members Plan to Observe

Marching

By SANDRA KEEN
Staff Writer

Pecos High School's band collected their 19th first division rating at the University Interscholastic League Region 1 marching contest in Odessa Saturday.

The Eagle Band is directed by Bill Carrico and is under the field leadership of Mary Ella Meek.

Other Division I honors went to the Pecos Junior High Band, directed by Joe DuPas, with field direction by Drum Major Kim Dangler.

East Pecos Junior High Band, directed by Doug Garman and under the field baton of Drum Major Kim Hawkins, was awarded Division II.

"I was very proud of all three of our Pecos organizations," said high school band director Bill Carrico. "These students have worked long and hard in preparing for this contest."

In twirling competition, held in conjunction with the band activity, high school majorettes won 11 Division I medals.

Awarded first in solo twirling were Jimmy Ann Hagar, Lezlie McNeil, Kitty Ann Gunn and Cindy Hopper.

Winning Division I in ensemble twirling were the above four girls and Sharon Wadley, Jamie Toone and Eve Wilson.

Awarded Division II in solo twirling were Jamie Toone, Eve Wilson and Sharon Wadley.

Pecos Junior High Twirlers recorded six first and six second division medals.

First division in twirling went to Kay Painter, Rachel Billieter and Leslie Cassell in solo competition.

Jan Tudor, Elizabeth Wilson and Elizabeth Guerrero recorded second divisions in the solo competition.

In the Ensemble competition, first division honors went to the trio of Elizabeth Wilson, Kay Painter and Rachel Billieter.

Jana Tudor, Leslie Cassell and Elizabeth Guerrero won second division honors for their efforts in the ensemble competition.

Both twirlers from East Pecos Junior High performed solos. Ofelia Gomez received a Division II and Blanca Zubeldia received a Division III.

The three judges, in addition to their ratings and constructive criticisms, were complimentary of the local bands, according to Carrico.

Judging this year were Phil Anthony of Lubbock, Jeff Doughten of Pampa, and Dub Crain of Dumas.

The contest was held in W.T. Barrett Stadium, with about 4,500 students from 44 senior and junior high schools participating. Twirlers from 31 school participated in the twirling event.

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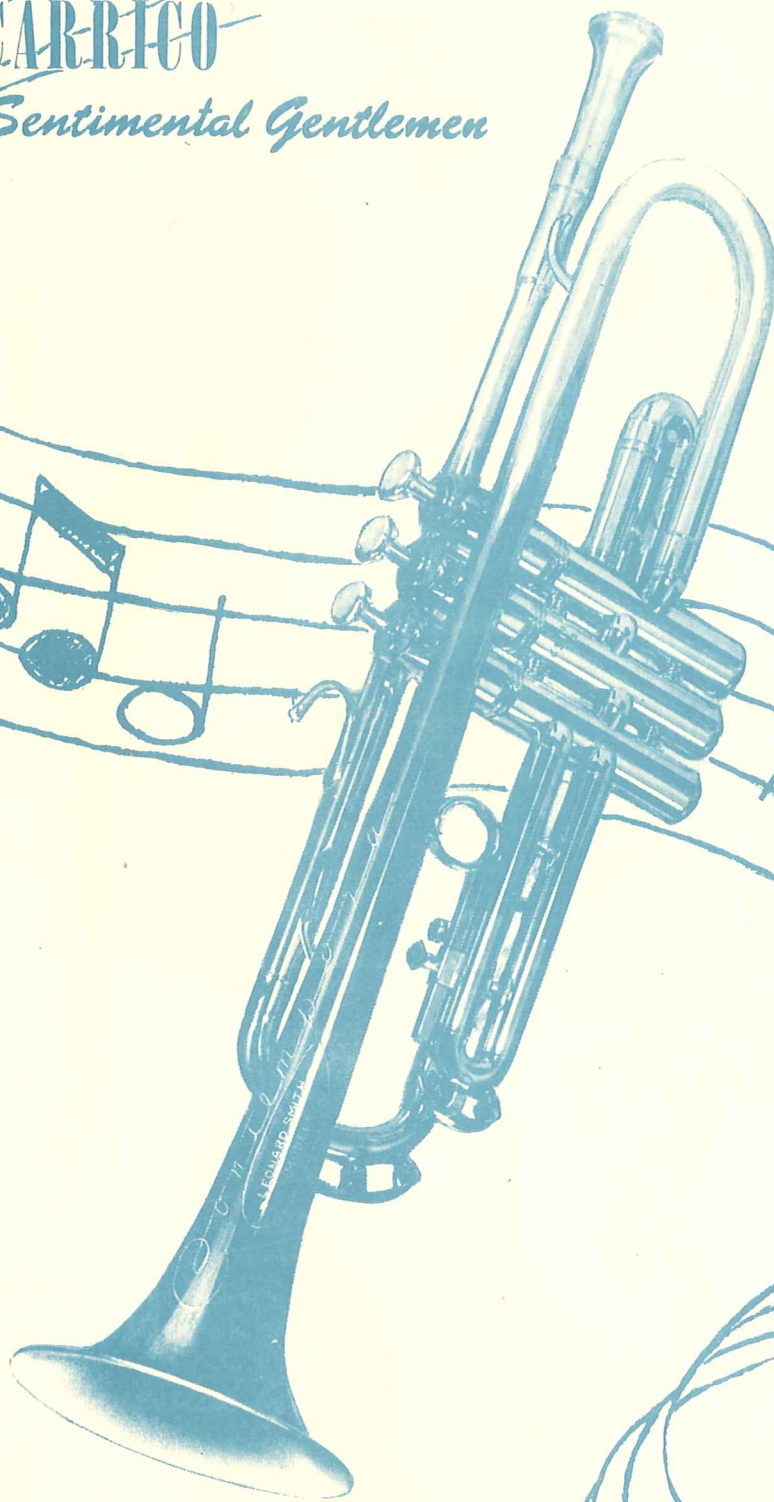
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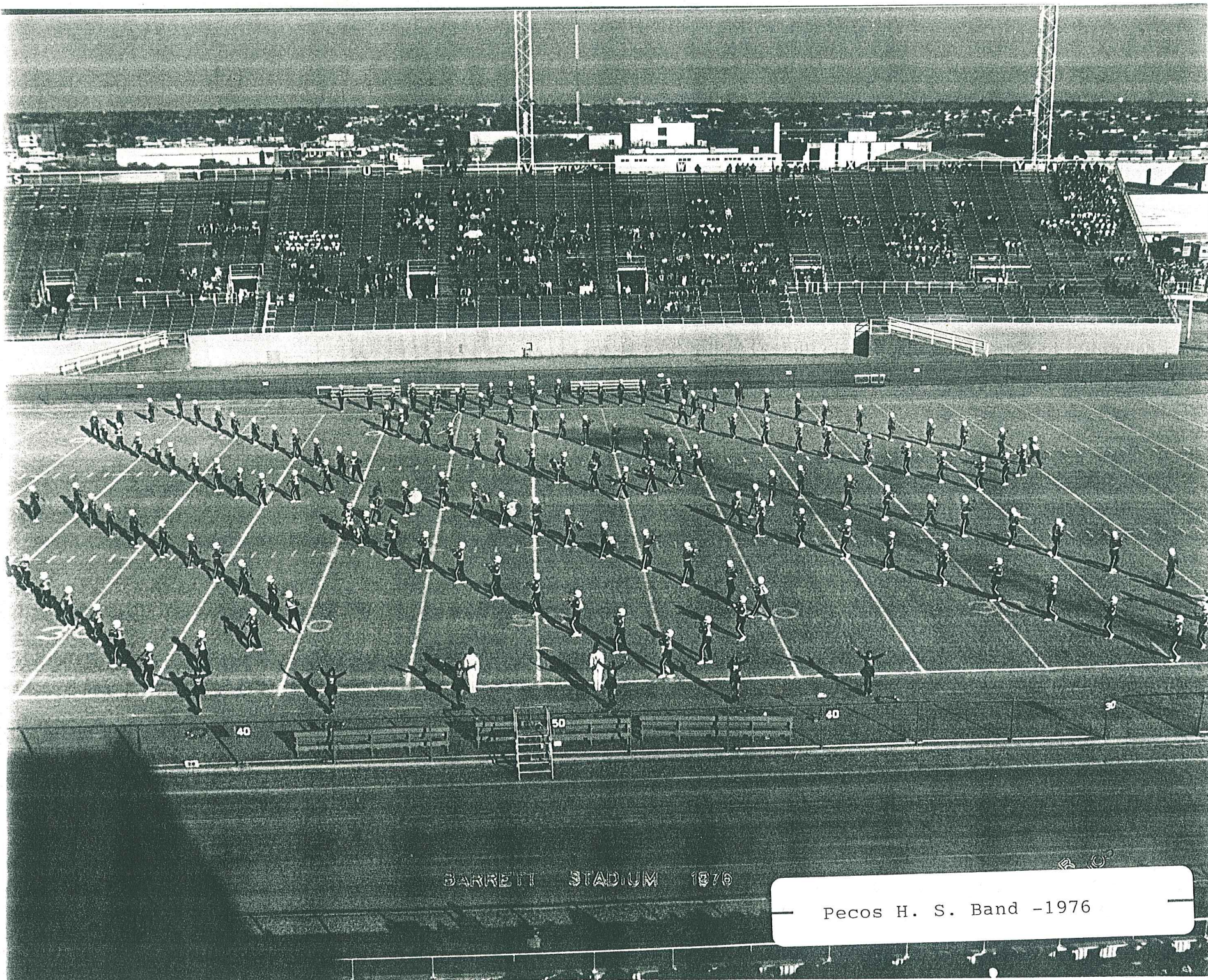
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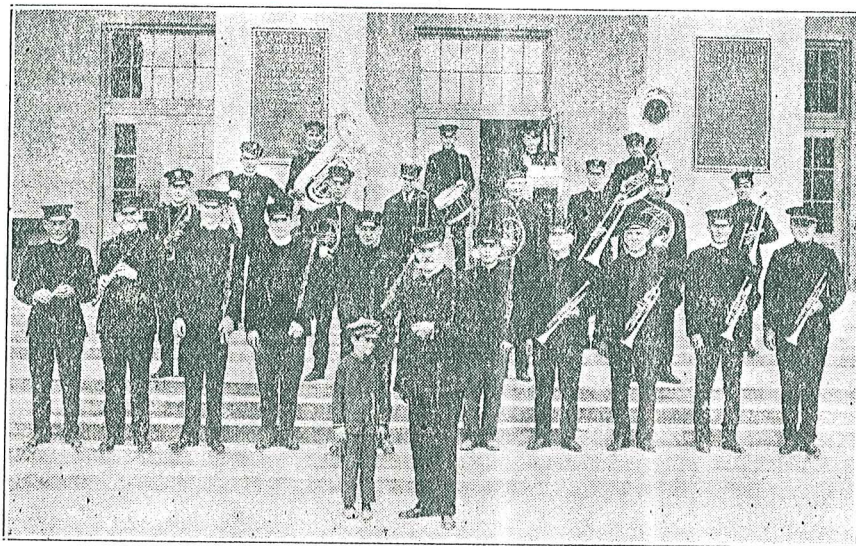
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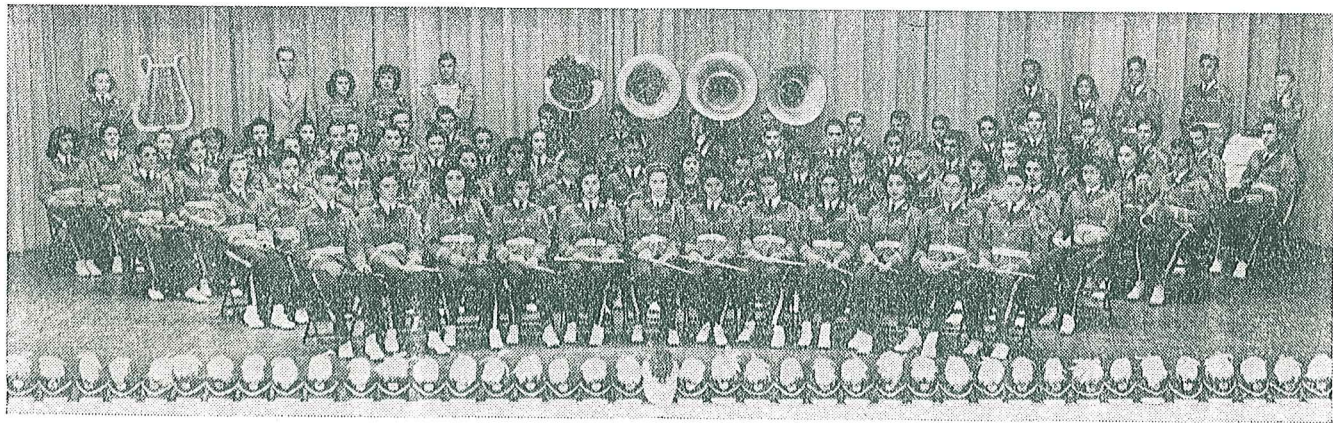
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Among the special achievements of the Pecos High Band are Outstanding Concert Band titles from the Tri-State Festival in Enid, Oklahoma (twice); the Amarillo Festival; the Buccaneer Festival, Corpus Christi; and Outstanding Marching Band titles from the Tri-State Festival (3 times) and the Six Flags Festival. Both the band and choir were awarded numerous Sweepstakes Trophies, as well as first division honors.

Among Bill's professional memberships are Texas Music Educators Association, Texas Music Adjudicators Association, Phi Beta Mu and American Federation of Musicians. In addition, Bill served on the University Interscholastic League state music advisory committee. He also served as a state board member for TMEA; and was Region VIII regional chairman.

During his homesteading in Pecos, Bill found time to organize his own dance band for engagements in that section of far West Texas. The group -- Bill Carrico & His Sentimental Gentlemen -- was active until 1972. (They couldn't cut that rock & roll.)

In 1967, a shortage of available band directors left Pecos with an opening for a junior high director. Bill stepped in to take over the program, along with his own high school duties, and the band prospered. For the first time ever, the junior high band was awarded the coveted Sweepstakes Trophy.

Bill introduced several popular innovations to entertain fans of the Pecos Marching Band. Patriotic songs sung by the entire band on the football field with handheld megaphones were received enthusiastically by the fans. A touch of comedy added once in a while brought smiles to the crowd and all enjoyed the many drills and the varied musical selections the students learned.

In 1982, following the passing of his wife, Bill retired from teaching after 40 years of school service. He now lives in San Angelo, where all four of the Carrico children attended Angelo State University. Occasionally, Bill performs with various jazz groups, usually playing valve trombone. For many years he was asked to adjudicate a number of band and choral competitions in Texas and New Mexico.

Bill has said that, in addition to teaching music skills, he always tried to instill responsibility, good citizenship, discipline and an understanding of the rewards possible through strong group desire and effort to his students. "To be able, even to a small degree, to offer guidance to literally thousands of young people toward their future happiness and well-being is an awesome undertaking," Bill said. "It's been a fulfilling and rewarding experience. Being paid something approaching a living wage was an added bonus. It was FUN!"

Bill's students have shown their appreciation for his lessons in both music and life skills. A group of former students established the Bill Carrico Scholarship Fund a few years ago. Now each year a graduating senior from Pecos High School is given a college scholarship and all students are reminded of the lessons Bill Carrico spent 40 years teaching.