

# Colt Band Organized In 1947

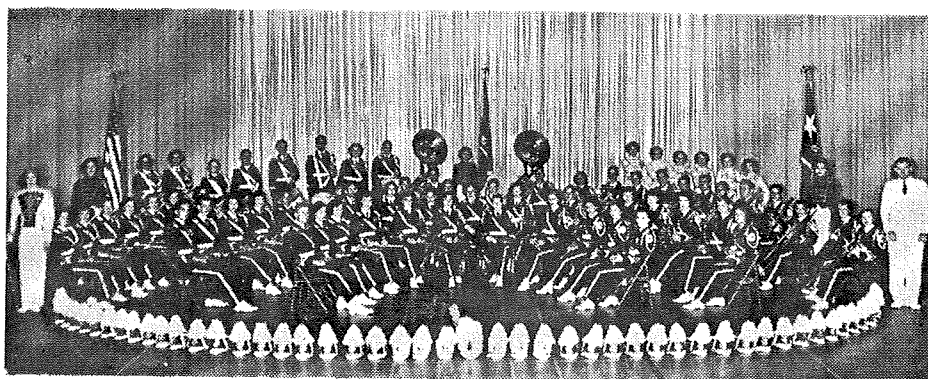
The people of Arlington, Texas, are proud of the Arlington High School Colt Band. In many towns there is a long tradition of many years backing for the high school band but Arlington has a reasonably young band organization. In 1947 the band was organized under the direction of James L. Tarver, and during that first year there were about 60 members dressed in white coveralls which lacked the glamor that every band desires, to say the least.

It was during the second year of Mr. Tarver's directorship that Superintendent W. R. Wimbish and Principal James W. Martin along with Mr. Tarver began to dream about some business man or men who would find pleasure in sponsoring this new organization. They presented their plans to Hooker Vandergriff and his son, Tommy Vandergriff, the local Buick-Chevrolet Dealers, and received the promise that they would think it over. A few days later a telephone call came from Hooker Vandergriff from Oklahoma City, saying that he had decided to sponsor the high school band.

The first expense came in the purchase of uniforms, the very finest they were, too, green wool gaberdine. Following in quick succession have come various purchases of instruments.

The present director of the Arlington Colt Band, Dean P. Corey, who is a graduate of Transylvania College, Lexington, Kentucky, has just completed three successful years with the band. He has proved to be the answer to any superintendent's dream, because he has certainly brought the Arlington Band to the forefront in many ways. His clever half-time performances at every football game are the pride of Arlington. Whatever the opponents' band may do, Arlington rests assured that Dean Corey's Band will equal and usually excel.

For the past two years the Arlington Band has rated a first division in precision marching in the annual Interscholastic League competition. They have also rated well in concert playing and sight reading and



ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL COLT BAND



DEAN P. COREY  
Director



TOMMY  
VANDERGRIFT



HOOKE  
VANDERGRIFT

it has become the accepted fact that many soloists and ensembles rate first division in contest playing.

The band director devotes each morning in instructing the students of junior high age in each of the four elementary schools in Arlington. This forms a nucleus for the band as these students enter high school.

It is not in uniforms and instruments alone that the Vandergriffs have proved invaluable sponsors of the band, for every out of town performance sees the Arlington Colt Band riding on chartered buses financed by the Vandergriffs.

The past three years have seen Arlington fielding a football team that has gone into the state playoffs, winning state championship this year. This has necessitated many extra trips, at a great distance from home, but never has the football team played during the past three years without the faithful band. This has meant thirty-nine football games in the past three years, with an average of about half

of the games away from home. Every time the 70 piece band rode in two chartered buses. During the four years of sponsoring the band, the Vandergriffs have spent over \$25,000.00.

The Arlington Band has received much recognition besides contest winning. They have made various appearances, a year ago they played for the state Future Homemakers Meeting in Fort Worth, and on July 18th of this year they played in Dallas for the state meeting of the Future Farmers of America, at the Dallas Fair, and at the ground breaking for the local General Motors plant in Arlington.

The appearance of the Arlington Colt Band is the pride of the town. Some times at band meets, one may see band members carrying their hats, their coats off, shirts open, but not Arlington. After a hard day of playing in a contest or marching, every member looks as trim and neat in his uniform as he did when he rode away from home that morning.



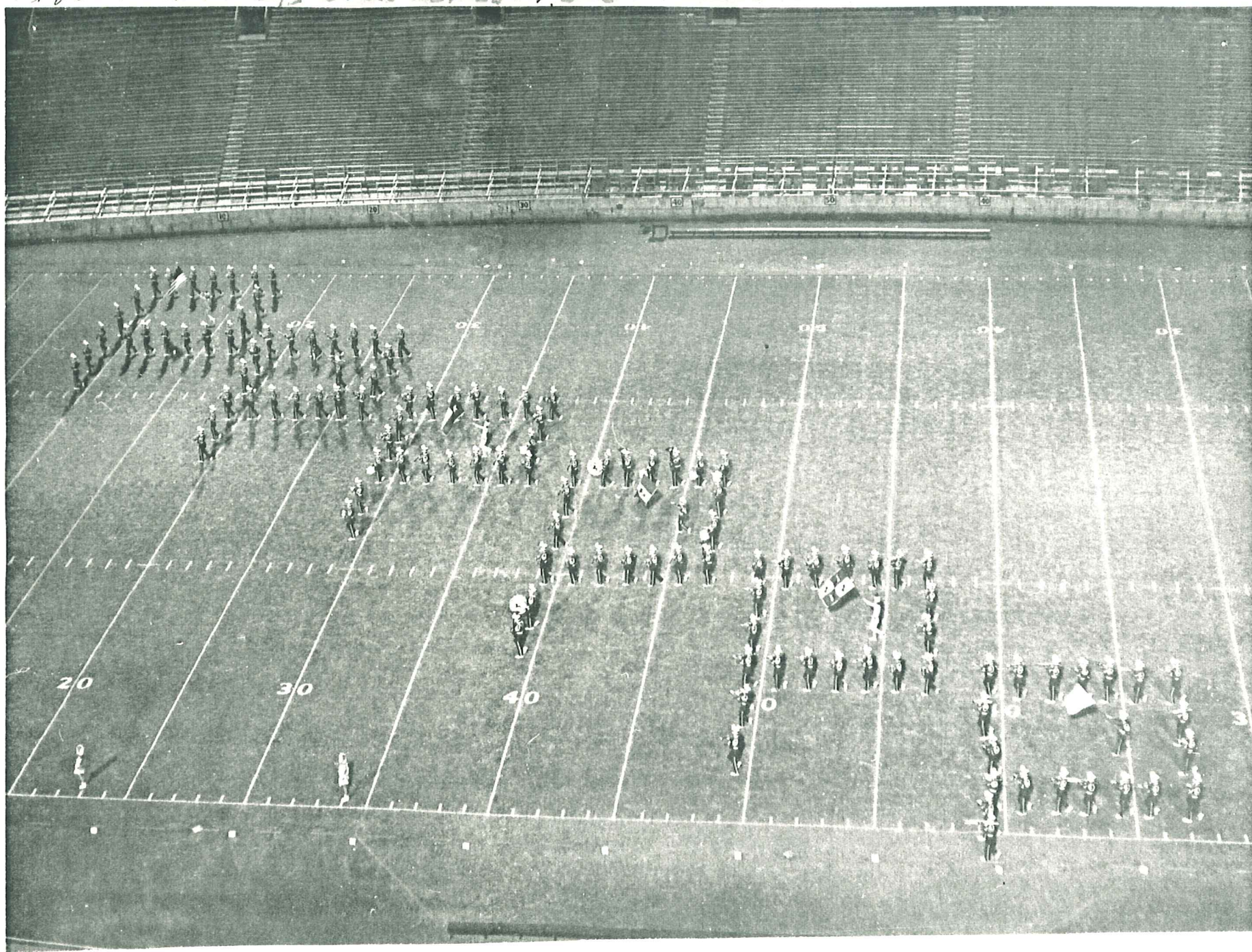


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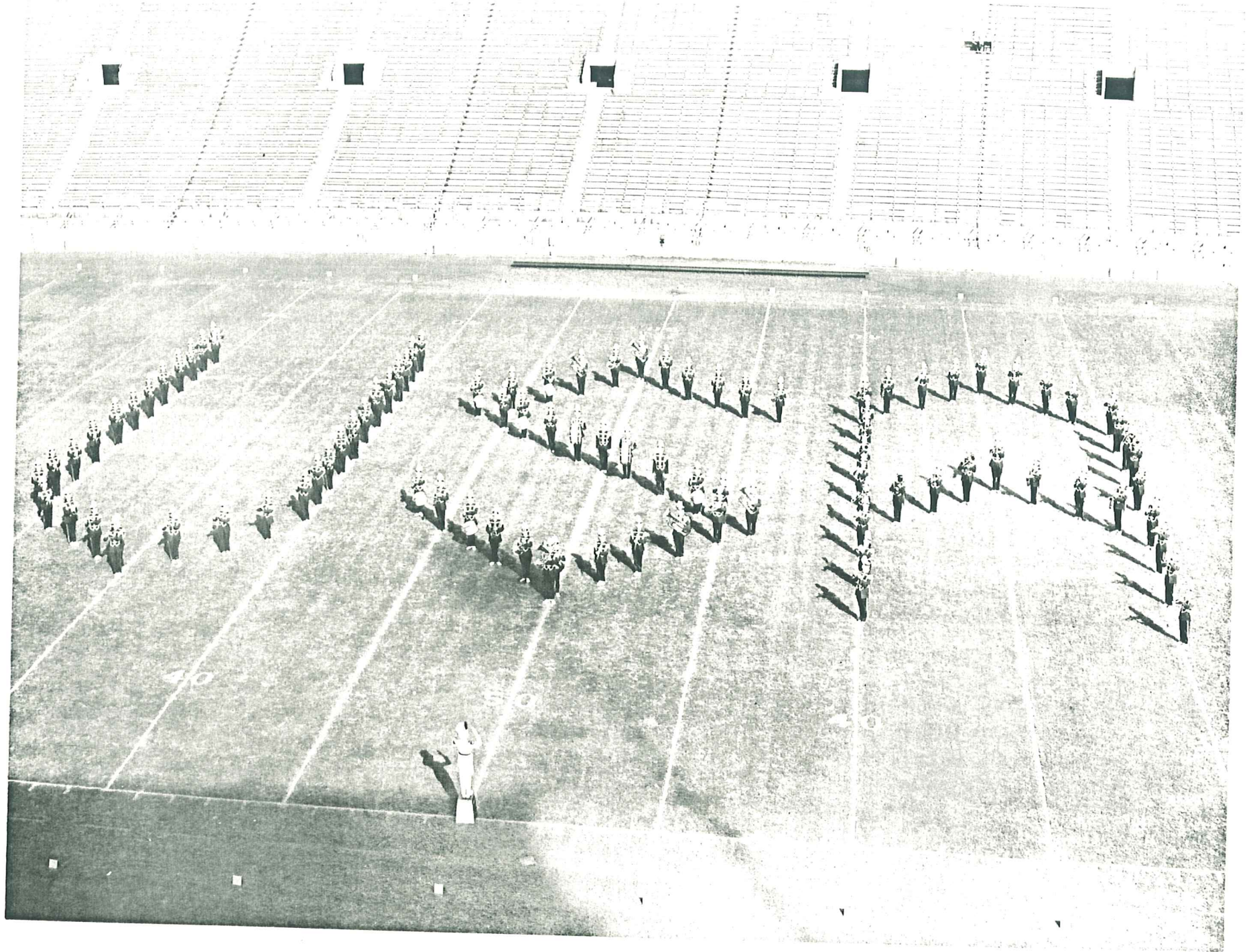




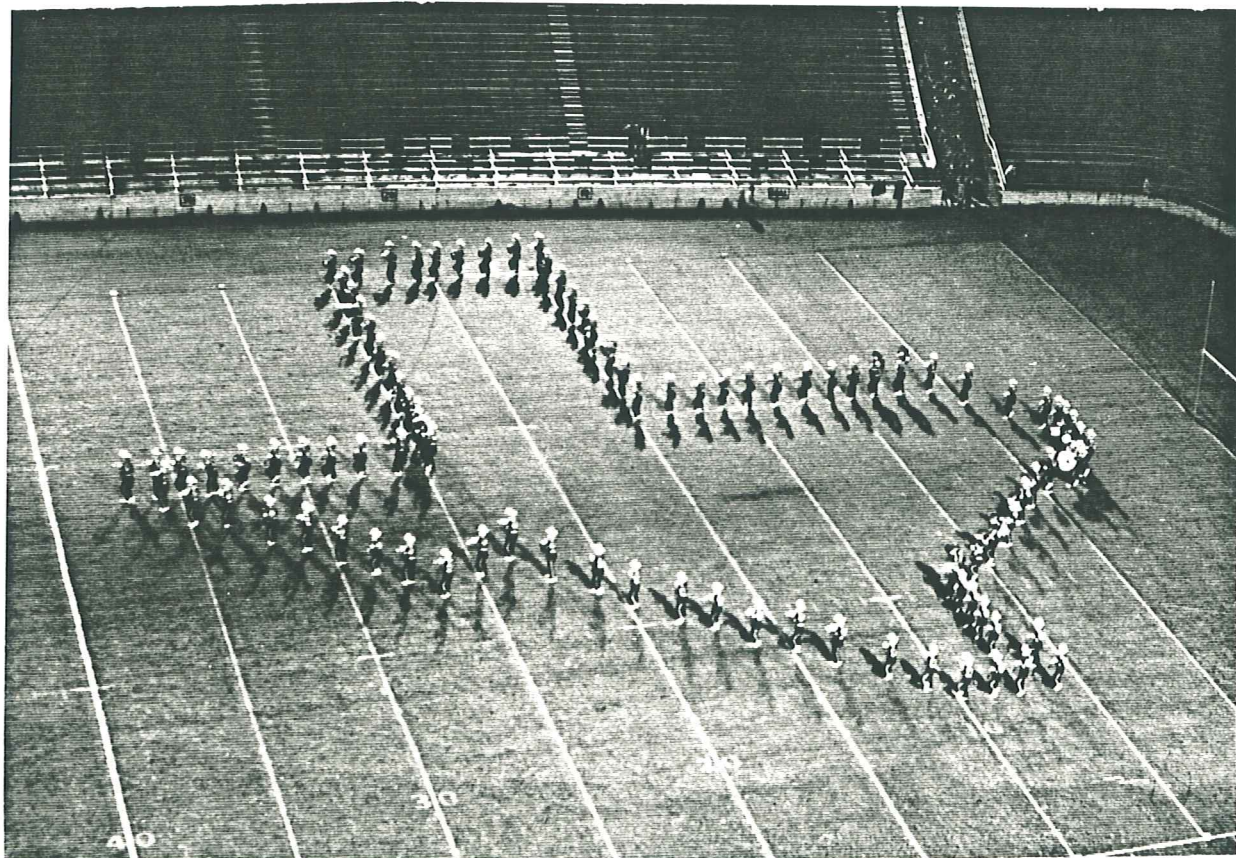
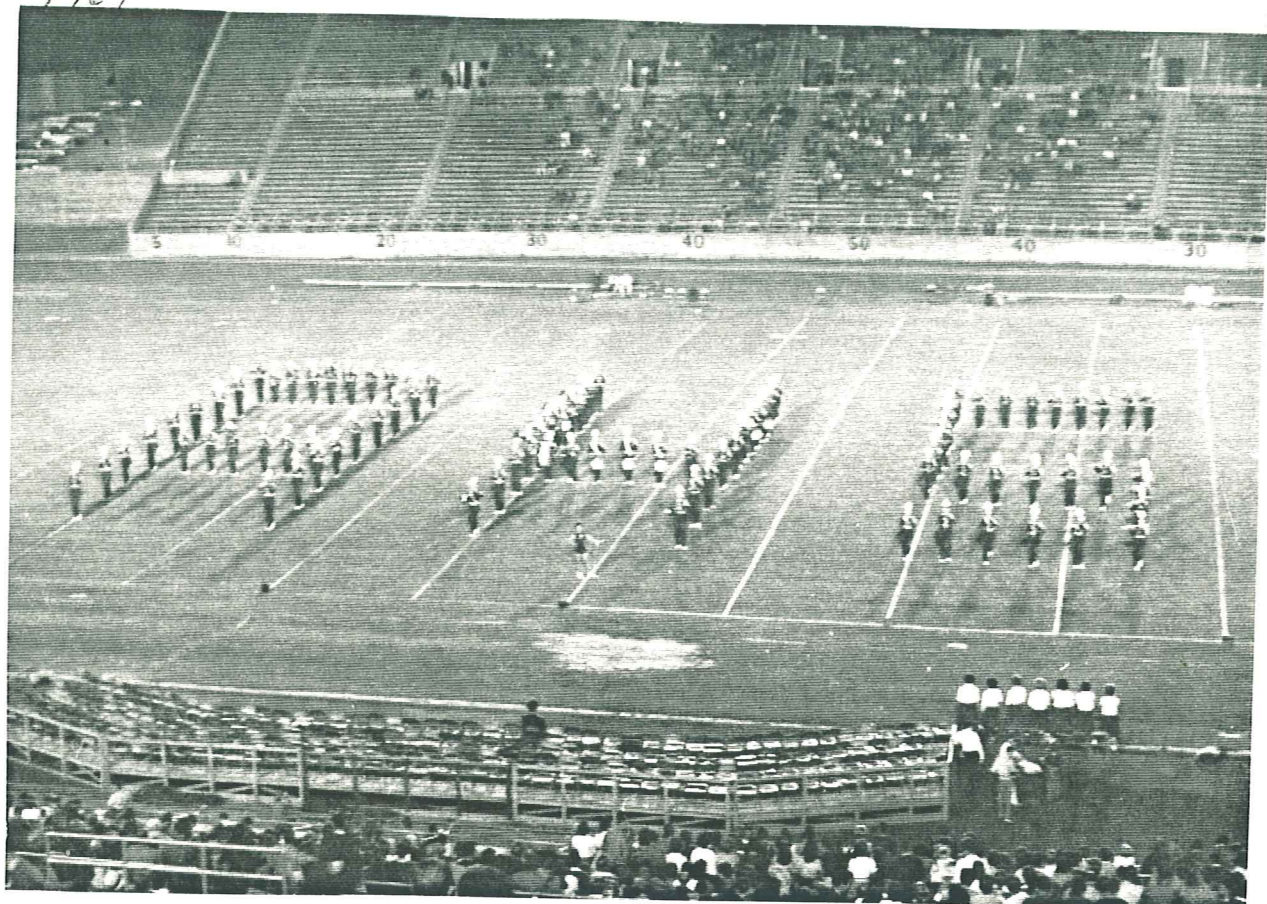
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# Marching Band Receives Invitation To Perform In Tournament of Roses Parade This January

by **CHUCK PRIDEMORE**

Arlington High School's Colt Marching Band has been selected as one of five bands in the nation to perform in the Tournament of Roses Parade in Pasadena, California.

**BAND DIRECTOR**, Mr. Dean Corey, pointed out that the application was mailed in January in the hope that it might be accepted in several years. However, much to the surprise of Mr. Corey and his band members, an invitation was extended for next Jan. 2.

The 140 member band will journey to California in four buses. The Vandergriff Buick and Chevrolet Companies have offered to finance this \$8,000 endeavor.

Mr. Corey remarked that this act makes the trip possible. Al-

though there will be many other expenses, this was indeed the largest barrier in the way of immediate approval of the plan, he added.

**THE TRIP WILL** last eight days with the group leaving on Dec. 28, and returning on Jan. 4. The 31 hour stretch from Arlington to Los Angeles will be driven without an overnight stop.

Besides the time on the road, the band will spend four nights in the resident halls of U.C.L.A. and one night at the Holiday Inn in San Bernadino.

**THREE OF THE** eight days will be spent sightseeing in the Los Angeles area. The group will, of course, march in the parade and attend the nationally televised Rose Bowl Game afterwards. However, they will also visit such

features as Disneyland, the Pacific Coast, Marine Land of the Pacific, Forest Lawn Memorial Park, and possibly, nearby movie studios.

Students making the trip have been asked to pledge \$50 toward the total cost. Half of this money will be due in early September while the remainder must be in by Dec. 1.

**MR. COREY POINTED** out that he is urging that each student earn this money on his own rather than having his parents simply turn the fee over to him.

In order to raise more money as a cushion fund, the band will conduct a fund raising campaign. In November a candy sale will be held while December will be marked by a "Rose Bowl Concert".

**SPONSORS** for the jaunt have not been definitely selected as yet. However, a preferred list is being prepared which consists largely of experienced persons such as local band directors and persons who made the Mexico trip two years ago.

Leading the band when it performs during the Rose Bowl trip and throughout the remainder of the year will be this year's drum major Pat Remington who will be followed by flagbearers Ann Pederson, Sarah Bryant, Gay McEnery, and Marci Stoterau.



**PREPARING THEIR MARCHING** equipment for upcoming band performances are standing, drum major Pat Remington and flag bearer Marci Stoterau. Seated are Gay McEnery, Sarah Bryant, and Ann Pederson.



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## Colt Bandsmen in Training For 5-Half-Mile Rose Parade

### 'Puckering' Included in Preparations

By ANITA BAKER

Arlington High School band members are puckering up and marching often in hopes of strengthening facial and leg muscles before they begin the five and one-half mile march in the Tournament of Roses Parade Jan. 2., Dean Corey said Tuesday in a press conference.

The 135 band members with 15 sponsors will leave Dec. 28 at 8:30 a.m. loaded with band instruments, uniforms and hats on four chartered buses for Pasadena to fulfill a dream of the veteran AHS band director and to take advantage of a promise made several years ago.

COREY SAID he first seri-

ously began thinking about sending an application to enter the parade several years ago when Tom Vandergriff of Vandergriff Enterprises promised to provide transportation if the invitation ever came.

"When I filled out the application earlier in the year, I was thinking in terms of receiving a reply in several years," Corey said in the press conference.

He said when the invitation arose, his first step was to hurry to Vandergriff's office to receive a confirmation on the promise made earlier and to take figures showing that an estimated \$8,000 would be needed to cover only transportation.

"MAYOR VANDERGRIFF was elated and after 19 years of sponsoring the band, was willing to give this tremendous aid," Corey said.

He explained that students participating were also asked to

pay \$55 which they were to earn themselves this summer if possible. An additional \$2,050 was raised earlier in the school year through a candy sale which band members conducted, Corey said.

The trip he said would cover about 3,500 miles total and the trip up and back would be made with stops only for food. He estimated that the trip up would take 31 hours aboard bus and drivers would be changed at least three times.

Two sets of parents will accompany the students and Dr. Bobby Smith will also be in attendance to give medical aid if needed, Corey said. He will also be aided by Bob Copeland, band director at Nichols Junior High, and Jim Wilsn, of Ousley Junior High.

THE TWO band directors will march in back of the band, Corey said, to aid anyone in the band who might need to fall

out during the parade.

The group will return on Jan. 4 about 2:30 p.m., he said.

Four of the five nights which the group will stay in California will be spent in the residence halls of UCLA. The fifth night the band members and sponsors will stay at a motor hotel in San Bernardino.

He said that television cameras will be situated in the first few blocks of the parade and that he anticipated the band marching in the first third of the line. Both NBC and CBS will provide TV coverage.

"We will receive more definite information on the location and time later," he said.

Information on the band was sent to both stations to be used as commentary as the group passes the television cameras.

COREY SAID THAT the group had already begun to practice here in marching and playing endurance to prepare for the parade.

"Most parades have sections where not too many people are watching and the marchers can take a breather," Corey said, "but in this parade they will be facing a solid wall of people throughout the route."

He said that practice would be stepped up considerably in the coming several weeks before the group would leave.

While in California, the students will visit several points of interest including Marineland of the Pacific, Universal Studios, and Disneyland. Corey said that the students would attend a New Years Eve party at Disneyland and the following morning in lieu of church services would visit Forest Lawn Memorial Park where a collection of religious art works are located.

SEVENTY-FIVE TICKETS are provided for the students attending, Corey said, and their representative in California was located tickets for the remaining to watch the Purdue and University of Southern California.

If additional tickets can be obtained, and Mrs. Vandergriff and School Supt. James Martin will fly down to attend the game, Corey said.

A meeting of those attending will be held Monday, Dec. 19, at 7:30 p.m. in the AHS auditorium to distribute a handbook containing necessary information, Corey said, and also to give Dr. Smith an opportunity to outline his requirements for each person going.

Corey said that the doctor had conducted a survey of all the students to learn of any physical problems any might have so that he would be equipped for emergencies.



**SHOWS PARADE ROUTE** — Arlington High School Band Director Dean Corey shows Mayor Tom Vandergriff and School Supt. James Martin the route that the Tournament of Roses Parade in which the AHS band will march, will follow in Pasadena Jan. 2. Vandergriff Enterprises will pick up the tab for the \$8,000 in transportation costs and both Mayor Vandergriff and Martin will attend the parade and Rose Bowl game if tickets are available, Corey said. DAILY NEWS PHOTO.



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—Dallas News Staff Photo by Aleck Pantaze.

Band boosters, seated from the left, are Judy Lutz, Brenda Rost, Ann Peterson, Sarah Bryant, Dean

Corey and Pat Remington. In the rear are Linda Smith, left, and Penny Kay Norris.

## Arlington High To Have Band In Rose Parade

By JEAN KELLY  
News Staff Writer

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The Tournament of Roses folder under his arm bulged with instructions.

David Gouger shot up a hand to ask





**WON'T FIT** — Mayor Tom Vandergriff explains to Martha Sue Martin that while he appreciates the oversize "Rose Bowl" tickets, he doesn't believe they'll fit his coat pocket. The tickets were presented to Vandergriff as a means of saying "Thank You" for providing buses for the Colt Band's California trip by Pat

Remington and Shelly Terry, along with Martha Sue, who made them. Mayor Vandergriff, along with School Superintendent James W. Martin, will fly to the west coast in time to see the Tournament of Roses Parade and the Rose Bowl game Monday.

—Citizen-Journal Stafffoto





**TOOTIN' THEIR HORNS** — Four members of the Arlington High School Colt Concert Band team up to tell you the band will be presented in a spring concert here Friday evening, May 5, at 8 p.m. at the school auditorium. Admission price for the concert of varied band

selections will be 50 cents per person with tickets available at the door. The tooters here are William Miller, Carol Goerdel, Paul McCarver and Vicki Garrard.

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*Rose Bowl* By JEAN KELLY 12/22/66  
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### Vandergriffs to Furnish Buses For January Trip to California

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And, already, the Vandergriff Buick and Chevrolet Companies of Arlington have agreed to finance the bus transportation for the trip, making it possible to notify the Rose Bowl Tournament Committee immediately of acceptance of the invitation, Director Corey stated.

The trip is being planned as an eight-day jaunt, leaving on Wednesday, December 28, 1966, and returning on Wednesday, January 4, of 1967. Because New Year's Day falls on Sunday in 1967, the parade and Rose Bowl Game will not be held until January 2. Included in the eight days are three days for sightseeing in and around the Los Angeles area.

"We made our application in January of this year with the idea of being accepted in three to four years. Apparently, the committee liked





—Star-Telegram Photo

END OF AN ERA . . . Dean P. Corey retiring after 31 years with Arlington

## Marching out in style

Dean Corey retiring as music coordinator

By BINNIE FISHER  
Star-Telegram Mid-Cities Bureau

ARLINGTON — Looking back on 31 years with the Arlington Independent School District, retiring music coordinator Dean P. Corey said that the day he moved here was the luckiest day of his life.

A transplanted Ohioan, he had come to Arlington to be band director at Arlington High School.

"For a band director, there is no better state in the union," he said. "Every little podunk town in Texas has a good high school band."

And in 1949, Arlington pretty well qualified as a "little podunk town."

"When I came here in 1949, Arlington was just a sleepy little village with only one high school and a couple of elementary schools," Corey said.

He estimated the population to be about 6,500 — a far cry from the more than 150,000 who live in Arlington today.

IN THOSE DAYS, there wasn't much school district money being pumped into the band program, but the band director's job at Arlington High School was a music educator's dream.

Although school funds weren't available for out-of-town trips and costly large instruments, he soon learned that those expenditures were being taken care of by the Vandergriff family.

"The Vandergriff family sponsored the band for about 18 years. They provided all our transportation, bought the uniforms and paid for all the big instruments," Corey said. "They did just about everything but pay the band director's salary."

Although the "little" Arlington school district could afford no frills, they had budgeted the band director's salary.

The money wasn't really attractive, but the sponsorship of the Vandergriff family was.

"As a matter of fact, it's one of the things that attracted me to the position," Corey said.

He came to Arlington after teaching for a year in Kentucky and three years in Ohio. There were several reasons for moving to the Southwest.

First, he had married a Texan while serving in the Army at Fort Wolters in Wichita Falls. His wife, Becky, was from Fort Worth.

When he left Texas and returned to Ohio to teach, Corey said that, despite the fact that his wife was from the state, he vowed he would never return. It was a vow easily broken.

"It was just the fact that I was here in the service. I finally decided it was the service I hated and not Texas," he said.

THE TEACHING POSITION he accepted here lasted 23 years, until he was promoted to his present job in 1972.

Those 23 years were rich with proud moments. There was the time the Arlington High School band accompa-

Knowing that only about five bands from outside California would be chosen, the Arlington group decided to apply.

"We made application in January of 1966, hoping to receive a bid to come in a couple of years. In three months we had an invitation to go," he said.

The eight-day trip was estimated to cost about \$20,000, and again the Vandergriff family came to the rescue.

"Tom Vandergriff said it was something we had to do, so he furnished four chartered buses," Corey said.

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THE BAND STAGED several fund-raising events to collect money for lodging and food during the trip.

"We had a unique experience. We stayed at the UCLA (University of California at Los Angeles) residence hall, and the Purdue University band was also staying there. They had a 300-piece show band. It was very exciting," Corey said.

That year Purdue was playing the University of Southern California. Vandergriff, who was a USC fan, flew in for the game. He cheered for California, but the Arlington band members had become pretty friendly with the Purdue group.

It was the highlight of 23 years in which there were many times of distinction.

"We won a lot of awards and trophies. We had a crack band in those years," Corey said.

In more than two decades, Corey said, he has found some of the elements that make "crack" bands.

"First of all, you've got to have good personnel feeding you from the junior high schools. If the kids can play when they get to you, it's a plus.

"The members themselves have got to have a high morale, a spirit and a sense of pride in what they are doing. You've got to instill in them to try and be as perfect as they can," Corey said.

Then, just like a football team, it takes a lot of drill work.

Being a high school band director wasn't Corey's first aspiration, but it was close.

"My high school band director was my inspiration," he said.

Still, he always dreamed of taking his flute and taking a chair in a symphony orchestra. When he learned after graduating from college that there were only about 51 such jobs in the country, he chose teaching.

"I've never regretted it," Corey said.

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SINCE HIS ENTRANCE to the district, the music program has grown from that first band at Arlington High School to band, orchestra, choral and elementary music programs. After he became coordinator of music, Corey said, the music faculty increased from 38 to 86.

Music has always been a way of life in the Corey home. His son, Dean P. Corey III is a musician with the Fort Worth Symphony Orchestra and teaches at the University of Texas at Arlington. His daughter, Carolyn McNeillie, is married to a minister of music.



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## Pioneering bandmaster to be inducted into Hall of Fame

BY JAN JARVIS  
Star-Telegram Staff Writer

ARLINGTON — His bands marched at Dallas Cowboys halftimes and performed their rousing music in colorful televised parades.

For more than two decades, Dean Corey led the Arlington High School band to win national competitions and appear in international events.

Along the way, he won the hearts of hundreds of students and the admiration of many in the community.

Calling himself a "charter member of the Dean Corey fan club," Tarrant County Judge Tom Vandergriff said that Arlington High School's first band director is more than a great musician and composer; he's an inspiration.

"He is so sincere, so devoted to what

he is doing that you just become wound up in the enthusiasm that he stimulates," said Vandergriff, who supported the Arlington High School Band for years. "I know of countless young people, some of my children included, who really were challenged by him and encouraged by him and became greater achievers because of his inspiration and confidence in them."

Corey's decades of dedication will be recognized Monday in San Antonio when he is inducted into the Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame. The honor, presented by the international bandmasters' fraternity Phi Beta Mu, recognizes excellence among band directors statewide. Since 1975, 123 band directors have been honored, including Corey.

Durward Howard, executive secretary

for Phi Beta Mu, said he nominated Corey for the prestigious honor because he has achieved so much. But his greatest achievement lies with his students.

"He is a music educator rather than someone who goes out to win contests," Howard said. "He's more concerned with a kid having a good time and feeling great about accomplishing something

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### Corey

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whether or not they win first place, which is the purpose of education."

The ceremony caps a lifetime of achievements for Corey, 79.

In 1949, he brought the lively sound of a marching band to Arlington High School, where he was the band director until 1972. During his time at Arlington High, the band had 17 straight years of top ratings in contests. Corey also started a jazz ensemble, the first in this part of the state.

As the first coordinator of music for the school district, Corey started the first strings program with four teachers who taught 400 students. Today the program is in all Arlington schools.

So inspiring is Corey that several years ago about 400 students

from all over the country came to a reunion of band students he taught at Arlington High between 1949 and 1972.

"It was absolutely amazing and just an indication of how he became such a favorite of his students in particular and the community in general," Vandergriff said.

Corey, who retired in 1980, said he has been fortunate to be able to do something he enjoyed so much.

"Teaching to me is the greatest profession in the world," he said. "I was privileged to become a teacher."

So well-respected is Corey that an annual marching band exhibition in Arlington bears his name. The Dean Corey Band Spectacular prepares Arlington bands for the University Interscholastic League marching competition. Corey Elementary School is also named after him.

Corey traces his love of music

to his childhood, when at 7 he saw John Philip Sousa perform.

"Even though I was only 7 years old, I well remember the little man in the white gloves," Corey said. "I was well impressed; I can still see it today."

From then on, Corey was hooked on music. He learned to play the flute and continues to perform at weddings, memorial services and other events.

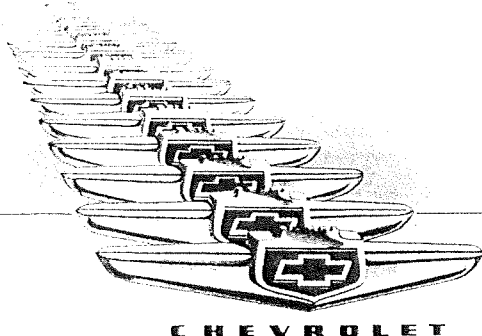
Over the years he incited a love of music in his own children, as well as those in his classroom.

Corey and his wife of 54 years, Becky, have reared a family of musicians. Their two children and five grandchildren perform or teach.

Their son Dean, who produces concerts, said much of the inspiration for his work can be traced back to his childhood and his father's love of music.

"He never forced music on anybody," he said. "But he created an atmosphere for it to flourish."





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Dear Mr. Corey:

It has been some time since your kind letter, but that time has not dimmed our gratitude. Neither has it altered the fact that you are to be congratulated for the manner in which you have directed the band in it's many activities.

We, of course, are so very proud of the band, that we might be considered a bit prejudiced. However, it has been most gratifying to hear nothing but praise from everyone regarding the band, it's performances, and it's conduct. Wherever you go, you leave an impression of Arlington that cannot be erased. To know that we played a small part is enough.

We feel very close to the band, and thus, to it's members. Some of the graduating members this year have been with the band since it's "birth" three years ago. Please express our gratitude to them for all they have done. They have played a large part in building the spirit of the band into something out of the ordinary. To all the band goes our thanks for providing one of the most memorable moments we have experienced when we received the beautiful blankets. We can't possibly tell you how proud we are of them.

Again, our sincere thanks for your untiring effort. In all sincerity, we're very fortunate to have you. The mere providing of things rarely insures success. There must be a man to the job, and Arlington is fortunate to have the man.

Very truly yours,



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*Arlington, Texas*

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Mr. Dean Corey  
Colt Band Director  
Arlington High School  
Arlington, Texas

Dear Mr. Corey,

We want to assure you that we are deeply appreciative of the honor paid The Citizen, along with the other newspapers of this city, by your very fine organization last Friday night at Stephenville.

We have often found in this business that we plod along week after week, and sometimes feel that our work is not being too well received. Recognition such as you gave us is most assuredly "welcome music to our ears."

We have always found it to be a real pleasure to work with you and the Colt Band. We know of no other organization, aside from the Colts themselves, that has brought more honor and prestige to our city than your fine musical group. We only hope that you will have many more years at the helm of the high school band.

Assuring you of our continued cooperation in any undertaking which will be for the advancement of the schools or our city, we are,

Gratefully yours,

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# *Arlington* CHAMBER OF COMMERCE

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*Arlington, Texas*

March 27, 1953

Mr. Dean Corey  
800 Peach Street  
Arlington, Texas

Dear friend,

For some time, I have been looking for the opportunity to congratulate you, the school, and the Arlington High School Colt Band on the outstanding work you have done and are doing.

When I learned that our band won first division rating in the Waurika Band Festival, I decided that this letter was well timed.

On the many occasions, sometimes without much notice, that you and the band have helped make an Arlington Chamber of Commerce affair successful, or when you have contributed in other civic functions, you and the young people of the band have contributed a real community service.

We are very proud of our Arlington Colt Band and its excellent leadership.

Sincerely your friend,



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Mr. Dean Corey  
Arlington High School Band  
Arlington High School  
Arlington, Texas

Dear Dean:

I want to compliment you and your band on the fine job they did in providing music for the Parade of Bands in the State Fair Music Festival Pageant. Also a bouquet to your drum section, as part of the special percussion group. I believe this was the best special percussion section we have ever had.

Please convey my appreciation to the whole group for their fine co-operation and performance in putting on the Pageant.

Sincerely,  
*Harry F. Barton*  
Harry F. Barton

HFB/mlm

December 27, 1976

Supt. of Schools.  
Oklahoma, Texas

Dear Sir,

The purpose of this note is to tell  
my appreciation to you for the  
program between halves at a Decem-  
ber football game.

Please thank the director of music  
for some emphasis on sacred music.  
I would also ~~extend~~ <sup>state</sup> my great  
enjoyment which the snow flake  
performance gave to me. Please  
thank all and everyone who gave TV  
the spectacular performance.

And I would wish to each High School  
student in your city the very best  
wishes for 1977.

Very truly yours,  
Gretchen W. Clure



ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL  
818 WEST PARK ROW  
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OFFICE OF:  
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January 10, 1967

Mr. and Mrs. Dean P. Corey  
1612 University Drive  
Arlington, Texas

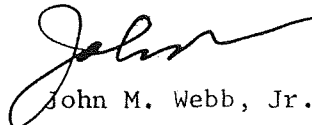
Dear Dean and Becky:

It was especially nice to be associated with you on the trip to the Rose Bowl. Certainly we are proud of our Colt Band as we have been for quite a number of years. I just wanted to say a special thank-you for all of your work and your contributions for the good of our school and for the good of the young people in the organization.

We are anxious to get together and re-live the trip and look at pictures, etc. We were particularly pleased that Pat and Carolyn were able to make the trip with us.

I still don't see how Dean kept up with the planning and the many, many details that had to be worked out. Thanks for a great job well done.

Sincerely yours,

  
John M. Webb, Jr.

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Arlington, Texas

Dear Sponsor:

What a thrill it was to see your school featured on nationwide television in the Tournament of Roses Parade yesterday!

We feel well acquainted with you from the orders we have received over the years for Junior-Senior Banquet and Prom materials. (In fact, this very week, our 1967 catalog is being mailed to all school offices, directed to the attention of the Junior Class Sponsor).

We couldn't let the opportunity pass to let you know how much our staff enjoyed seeing your name. Our heartiest congratulations to your school and its splendid band!

Very Sincerely,

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January 5, 1967

Dear Band Director,

I saw your band perform in the Rose Bowl Parade and was very pleased. The lines were perfect, the uniforms were good and the sound was great. It was a pleasure to watch and listen.

I am new at the job of band directing, so it gives me encouragement to see what can be done with a good group if given time and equipment.

I am the director of the above address, and have been here about four months. The school (high school) is about 250. I have 50 in band and am hoping to have about 70 next year. This group is not large, but are capable of playing music classed as 3 on the performance level sheets. We have a marching band that plays in parades and at football games; also a pep band and a stage band.

Because I have High School, Junior High, and Elementary, I put together seven different Christmas programs. One of the grade schools had not had a Christmas program as such for five years. I am now starting to get ready for ensemble and solo contests.

I suppose my job may seem very typical to most band directors, but to me every day is a new experience; and I am glad that I can teach a few kids a little about what music is all about.

Thank you for your time, and once again: your band was great.

Sincerely,

*Colleen Wiese*

Colleen Wiese  
Band Director  
Union High School

CW/ma

Jan 9, 1967

Dear Mr. Corey,

And all Sponsors of Band Trip,

I feel I just have to express my sincere Thank You for making the trip possible and so enjoyable for our daughter. Jan had a marvelous time and memories which she will cherish for all her life time. You are all just great for being a part of such an experience; and you Mr. Corey, we thank you most for all the time and effort and hours of planning. The trip was so great that Jan didn't mind at all being a little sick after it. She is fine now after some rest.

Sincerely,  
Dorothy Turner



May 8, 1967.

To The Chamber Of Commerce:

I would like you to know that I enjoyed the "Tournament Of Roses Parade" on January 2nd in Pasadena, California. I have been ill or I would have written to you sooner. I enjoyed seeing the Band From Arlington, Texas. I had a dear friend marching in the Band-- a fine young man from Arlington. To me he exemplifies the Finest ---- I have known him all his life, also his family. His name is Jack Le Roy Tyler. (Jackie) I had invited a group of folks in to view the Parade with me and they all enjoyed it. I can appreciate the Effort that went into this Parade -- and I think it was nice--very nice! The Arlington Band looked very nice and I know that all the citizens of your town must have been extremely PROUD of The Band..... All that participated are to be Congratulated! Jack Tyler is a marvelous young man --- I wanted to write and tell you how very much I enjoyed that Parade. *A Big Salute to you and your Town!*

Thank You,

Sincerely,

COLONEL EMMA DORN STEPHENS--Care 330 Elm St., Ludlow, Ky. 41016.

May 22, 1967

Colonel Emma Dorn Stephens  
330 Elm  
Ludlow, Kentucky 41016

Dear Colonel Stephens:

Your letter of recent date relative to the appearance of our Arlington High School Band in the Tournament of Roses Parade has been directed to my attention. You were very kind to take the necessary time to express such heartening sentiments. I will make certain the Band Director, Mr. Corey, is made aware of your compliments.

You may be sure that our entire community is very proud of the Colt Band. The Band represents its school and city in a most admirable and exemplary manner, whether in Pasadena, before millions in person and through television, or in a small neighboring community in a relatively minor event. They have the best of training and respond so commendably.

Thank you again for your warm letter.

Very truly yours,

Tom J. Vandergriff

cc: Mr. Dean Corey

TJV/pb



TOM J. VANDERGRIFF

March 18, 1967

Dear Dean:

There are many things relative to our long association with you and the Colt Band that we shall cherish always. High among them and, in fact, very likely the most meaningful souvenir of all the years will always be your letter. You were very kind to express such heartening sentiments. Coming as they did from one for whom we have such boundless respect, your thoughts were especially significant to me.

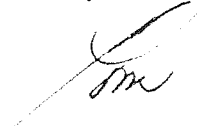
Our family has never been more proud to be affiliated with any endeavor than has been the case with our sponsorship of the Colt Band. It has been a high privilege to be linked with literally thousands of fine young people and you, a man who has been such a great influence for good among the youth of our city. I have never known a man who enjoys such universal respect as you do, Dean, and, of course, you deserve this high regard. Thousands of young men and women are the better because of your guidance; our community is vastly the better.

Thank you for your countless kindnesses to our family through the years and, most of all, for your friendship. Rest assured that I will continue to feel my greatest

Arlington pride as I say, "coming on to the field, the Colt Marching Band!"

Warmest personal regards.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in dark ink, appearing to read 'Tom', with a long, sweeping horizontal line extending to the left.

Tom J. Vandergriff

Mr. Dean Corey, Director  
Arlington High School Colt Band  
818 West Park Row  
Arlington, Texas

TJV/pb



## Pasadena Tournament of Roses Association

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May 4, 1967

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Mr. Dean P. Corey  
1612 University Dr.  
Arlington, Texas 76010

Dear Dean:

The whirl-wind tour of the United States has been accomplished, and one of my fond memories is the trophy presentation at your spirited school. I appreciated very much all the arranging you did, and the kind words in behalf of the Tournament of Roses Association

The spirit and "pep" of your student-body, and the great support they received from the Mayor and the City of Arlington is an accomplishment that I am sure you cherish very much.

My congratulations again to your fine band.

Yours very truly,

H. W. Bragg,  
President

hwb/aw





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*U.S. Naval Base*  
Argentia, Newfoundland

7 February 1967

Mr. Dean P. Corey, Director of Bands  
Arlington High School  
Arlington Public School System  
Arlington, Texas 76010

Dear Mr. Corey:

As former members of the Colt band (and as relatives of Jeff Wolfskill who is presently a band member), we were elated to learn that the Rose Bowl Parade would be televised in all of Canada by the Canadian Broadcasting System. That meant that we too could see our great state, city, and alma mater represented so well even though we are over 4,000 miles away. And it was with great anticipation that we and all our friends gathered round a color television to watch for you all.

We were not disappointed. The band displayed the same fine discipline, precision, and musical quality (with a good bit of color and flash) that has been a long and proud tradition of your organization. Those same qualities that have won you so many awards and thrilled so many football fans made a deep impression on our friends. You can be sure that you have won many admirers.

Please tell your students that we have heard nothing but good about them and their performance. Tell them that they were proudly watched by thousands of Texans in uniform via the Armed Forces Radio and Television Service, stateside networks, and foreign networks. Thank you all for a job well done!

Very sincerely,

Ensign & Mrs. Edward D. McWethy  
US Naval Facility, Box 60  
FPO New York, New York 09597

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CONGRATULATIONS TO YOU ALL EVERYTHING CAME UP ROSES AND COMPLETE  
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## DEAN P. COREY

DEAN P. COREY WAS BORN IN CINCINNATI, OHIO. HE SHOWED AN EARLY INTEREST IN MUSIC. HE WAS TAKEN TO A CONCERT BY JOHN PHILLIP SOUSA AND HIS BAND IN 1925, AT THE AGE OF 7. HE BEGAN TO PLAY THE FLUTE AT AGE 12 IN JR. HIGH SCHOOL. AT WITHROW HIGH SCHOOL HE PLAYED THE FLUTE AND PICCOLO IN THE BAND UNDER THE LEGENDARY GEORGE SMITH. HE ALSO PLAYED IN THE HIGH SCHOOL ORCHESTRA UNDER JOSEPH SURDO, A BOYHOOD FRIEND OF ARTURO TOSCANINI IN ITALY. HE STUDIED FLUTE AT THE CINCINNATI CONSERVATORY OF MUSIC WITH ROBERT CAVALLY AND PLAYED IN THE ORCHESTRA UNDER ALEXANDER VON KRIESLER, WHO LATER BECAME LONG TIME DIRECTOR OF ORCHESTRA AT U.T. AUSTIN. MR. COREY EARNED A BACHELOR OF ARTS DEGREE FROM TRANSYLVANIA UNIVERSITY IN LEXINGTON, KY. IN 1940. HE RECEIVED A MASTER OF MUSIC EDUCATION DEGREE FROM T.C.U. IN FORT WORTH IN 1961. IN 1943 HE MARRIED REBECCA ANN WESTMORELAND. THEY HAVE 2 CHILDREN AND 5 GRANDCHILDREN, ALL MUSICIANS. DURING WW II HE PLAYED IN THE 93RD ARMY GROUND FORCES BAND IN 1941--45. HE CAME TO ARLINGTON, TEXAS IN 1949 WHERE HE WAS HIGH SCHOOL BAND DIRECTOR AND COORDINATOR OF MUSIC ACTIVITIES, RETIRING IN 1980. HE STILL PLAYS FOR WEDDINGS, MEMORIAL SERVICES, RECITALS, CHURCH SERVICES AND THE ARLINGTON COMMUNITY BAND. HE ALSO SERVES AS AN ADJUDICATOR AT SOLO AND ENSEMBLE CONTESTS IN THE ARLINGTON AREA.

## CAREER HIGHLIGHTS

THE ARLINGTON BAND GAVE MANY CONCERTS AND ENTERED UIL AND MANY INDEPENDENT FESTIVALS OVER THE YEARS. RATINGS VARIED --MOSTLY I'S AND II'S AND AN OCCASIONAL III. AT ONE POINT THE BAND HAD 17 STRAIGHT YEARS OF I'S IN UIL MARCHING CONTESTS. MANY BAND STUDENTS WERE SELECTED TO REGION,



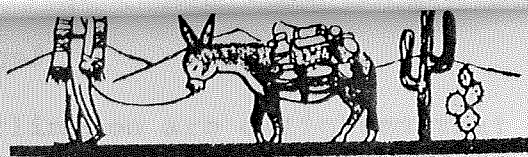
AREA, AND ALL STATE BANDS. IN 1955 MR. COREY STARTED A JAZZ ENSEMBLE, FIRST IN THIS PART OF TEXAS. THE ARLINGTON HIGH SCHOOL BAND HAD A WIDE REPUTATION FOR MARCHING AND FOR FOOTBALL HALF-TIME SHOWS. THE BAND APPEARED IN TWO NATIONALLY TELEVISED DALLAS COWBOY HALF-TIME SHOWS, ALSO TWO NEW YEAR'S DAY COTTON BOWL PRE-GAME AND HALF TIME SHOWS. IN 1964 THE A.H.S. BAND TOURED MEXICO AND PERFORMED FOR THE AMERICAN COLONY IN MEXICO CITY. IN 1967 THE BAND PERFORMED IN THE TOURNAMENT OF ROSES PARADE IN PASADENA, CALIF. ON NEW YEAR'S DAY. UPON MR., COREY'S RETIREMENT IN 1980 A BANQUET AND PROGRAM WAS GIVEN BY OVER 400 COLLEAGUES AND FRIENDS, ENDING WITH THE PRESENTATION OF A GIFT OF A 16 DAY TRIP TO EUROPE. EACH YEAR IN OCTOBER A MARCHING BAND SHOW IS HELD AT THE UTA STADIUM FEATURING THE 5 HIGH SCHOOL AND 11 JUNIOR HIGH SCHOOL BANDS, AND THE UTA MARCHING BAND. THIS EVENT IS CALLED THE DEAN P. COREY MARCHING BAND SPECTACULAR. IN THE FALL OF 1985 A DEDICATIION CEREMONY WAS HELD FOR THE OPENING OF THE DEAN P. COREY ELEM. SCHOOL. IN 1993 MR. COREY WAS A CHARTER INDUCTEE INTO THE REGION V BAND DIVISION OF THE T.M.E.A. BAND DIRECTOR'S HALL OF FAME. IN 1995 A REUNION OF EX-BAND STUDENTS WAS HELD WITH OVER 500 IN ATTENDANCE. A BAND SCHOLARSHIP WAS SET UP TO BE AWARDED TO THE OUTSTANDING BAND STUDENT EACH YEAR AT A.H.S. MR. COREY HAS STATED THAT IT WAS A GREAT DAY WHEN THE LORD LED HIM TO ARLINGTON, TEXAS AND GAVE TO HIM THE OPPORTUNITY TO WORK WITH HIS WONDERFUL BAND KIDS. HE ALWAYS TRIED TO BE AN EDUCATOR, NOT JUST A WINNER. THROUGHOUT HIS CAREER HE BEGAN TO REALIZE WHAT A TREMENDOUS AND LASTING IMPACT TEACHING MUST HAVE ON STUDENTS. HE IS GRATEFUL THAT HE WAS PRIVILEDGED TO BE A SMALL PART OF THE GREATEST PROFESSION IN THE WORLD--TEACHING.



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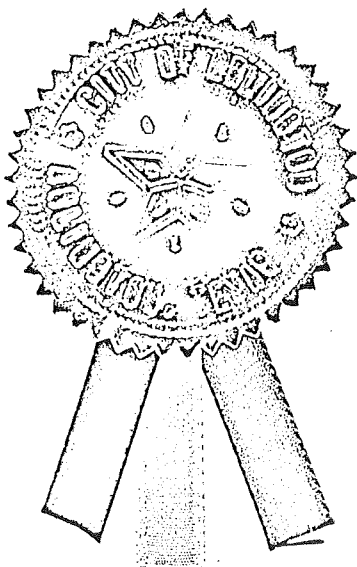
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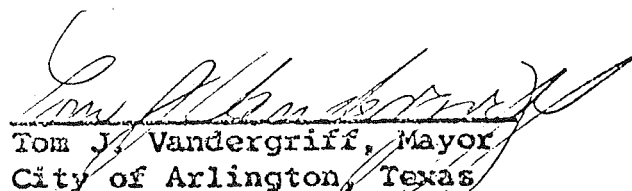
We in Arlington are delighted that our extremely fine High School Band, its Director, Mr. Corey, and other residents of our community are having the pleasure and privilege of visiting in your great country. We could not overlook the opportunity to ask these outstanding representatives of our city to present this statement to you and to otherwise assure you of our respect and appreciation for you and your people.

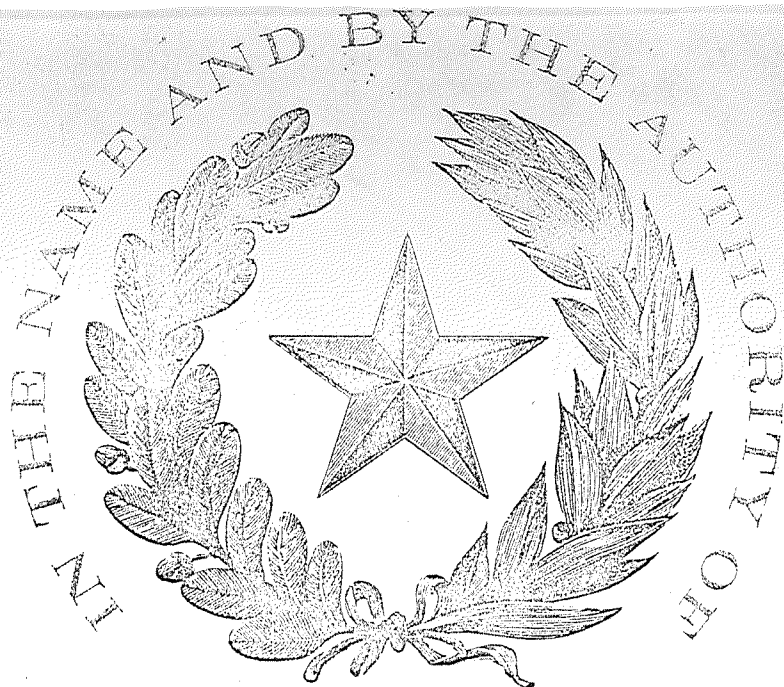
We in Arlington feel such a very warm friendship with the residents of your nation. Upon so many occasions our citizens have visited in your country and we have been greatly impressed by the generous and genuine hospitality extended to us at all times. Please be assured of our gratitude for consideration shown to our people.

Be certain, also, that we would experience great joy and satisfaction in welcoming you and any of your citizens who might find it possible to come our way. There is much in our immediate area to interest and excite visitors and we would consider it an honor to have you and any of your countrymen in our midst.

You have our very best wishes for the ongoing of your city and nation and the achievement of ever greater progress and happiness for your people!



  
Tom J. Vandergriff, Mayor  
City of Arlington, Texas



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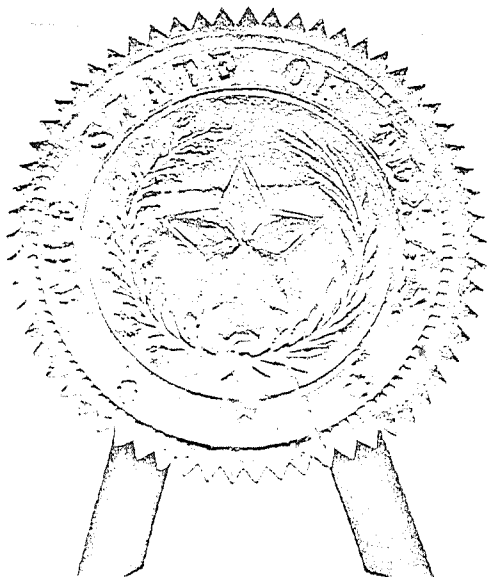
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*John Connally*  
GOVERNOR OF TEXAS

Attest:  
*Gregory C. Martin*  
SECRETARY OF STATE



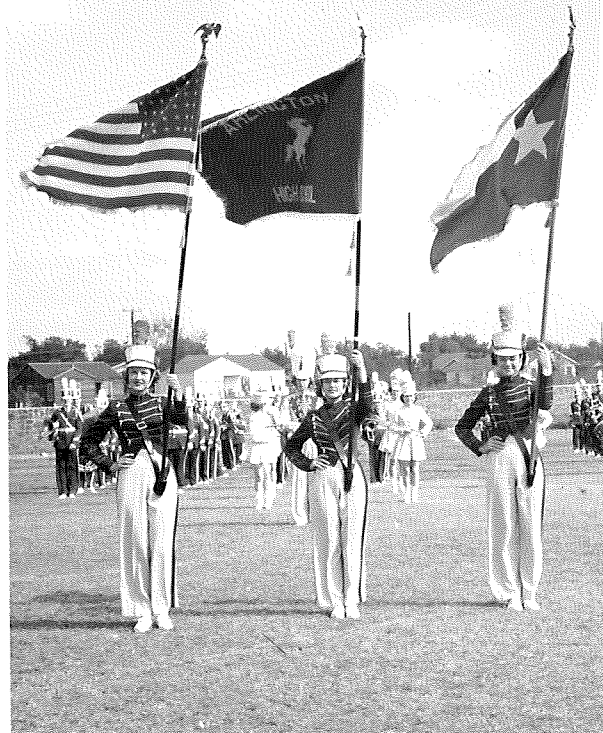
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# Corey honored by friends, admirers upon retirement

By BANSY JOHNSON  
C-J Staff Writer

An overflow crowd filled the auditorium at the Arlington Community Center Friday night in eloquent tribute to Dean P. Corey, retiring public school music coordinator.

An official proclamation by Mayor S.J. Stovall had designated May 30 as Dean Corey Day, and a paraphrase of the statement that appeared on the program stated, "The City of Arlington, Texas, salutes Dean P. Corey for 31 years of outstanding and dedicated service to our young people, for his selfless work in our city, for his devotion to his church and for his insistence upon the advancement of the art of music in our community."

The sentiments were echoed and amplified by a distinguished assemblage that included city officials, ex-students, nearly every public school music teacher, university personnel and hundreds of members of Arlington's diverse community whose lives have been touched by the work and inspiration of the honoree.

IN SPITE of the forward thrust of the programs initiated during Corey's rich career, the overwhelming sentiment at the gathering was nostalgia. There was a time in the recent past when Arlington High was the only high school in town, and Corey's AHS band formed the focal point for cultural and civic activity. The band won high honors in competitions, and, with the generous backing of the Vandergriff family, travelled as Arlington's goodwill ambassador to many points in the United States and Mexico.

*"There was a special moment before the band began to play, when a hush swept over the stands ... and it was a special moment when Dean Corey led our band."*

— Tom Vandergriff

Following his appointment as coordinator of music in 1972, an orchestra program was initiated in the Arlington public school system that has attracted statewide attention by the excellence of the product. Corey developed a program of private lessons in the secondary instrumental department and initiated string night, band night and elementary night at the University of Texas at Arlington, as well as an all-city choir and clinics.

A program for fourth, fifth and sixth grade students has brought the Fort Worth Opera, Ballet and Symphony to Arlington on a regular basis. Another first was supervising the writing of a curriculum guide for the entire music department of the Arlington public schools.

In addition to his official duties, Corey has been an enthusiastic member of the Arlington Civic Chorus for several years and a member of the Grand Prairie Community Band. He is a long-time member of the First United Methodist Church and an active



**Honoring Corey**

— Staff photo by Barry N. Rodgers

Dean Corey, second from right, was the honoree last week as he retired as music coordinator of Arlington's public schools after a 31-year career. Also in attendance at the banquet were,

from left, Robert Copland, Tom Vandergriff, Corey's wife Beckie and Bob Rober.

member of Kiwanis Club and was on the board of the Arlington Concert Association for many years.

WITH SUCH a distinguished record of community involvement, it was understandable that the tenor of the publicized "roast" was overwhelmingly gentle. There was a lot of humor and there were a few tears surrounded by an aura of affection that one finds in a caring, loving family.

It was appropriate for the program to begin with the AHS band directed by Barbara Ecabert and Tom Hall, and it was fitting too that the flute soloist was Judy Pierce. Ms. Pierce was the first AHS student to gain admission to the All-State Band for four consecutive years, and she was a private flute student of Corey. Her selection, "Syrinx" by Claude Debussy, was the first work she studied with her teacher.

Most of the illustrious speakers also have been closely associated with Corey over the years. The Rev. Jack Payne, who delivered the invocation, was Corey's minister at First United Methodist.

Former superintendent of schools James W. Martin did an incomparable job as eulogist and humorist in his role as master of ceremonies. And former mayor Tom Vandergriff demonstrated once again his talent as announcer in a witty and entertaining slide presentation on Corey's life, compiled by Mrs. Corey, Charlene Watson and Mike Copeland.

Speakers Jane Robin Ellis, J. Woodrow Counts, Stovall, James, A. Jacobsen, Randy Garmon and Dean and Carolyn Corey all contributed tender or humorous anecdotes.

In spite of the good-natured ribbing concerning the two- to four-minute limit on speeches, most exceeded the specifications in an apparent desire to include as much as possible.

VANDERGRUFF recalled his job as a halftime announcer for the Colt band as "one of my happiest times. There was that special moment before the band began to play, when a hush swept over the stands ... and it was a special moment when Dean Corey led our band."

A prolonged ovation for Corey's long-time colleague Ms. Ellis, whose choral organization rivaled the AHS band for awards and influence, prompted one of the funniest and most outspoken speeches of the evening. Ending seriously, she reminisced, "In a place where many people fuss and fight, we never did. They were happy years, Dean. And why not? Arlington High was a great place to work. The kids, the music which was created of and for us made a magnificent collage to treasure and remember."

Jacobsen, director of bands at Texas Christian University, described Corey as "a winner in all phases of our occupation."

Superintendent of schools Counts said, "Dean is a person who lives by the Golden Rule. One of the nicest compliments a man can say about another man is, 'He is a good man,' and I've heard a lot of men say that about Dean Corey."

Stovall thanked Corey for "the many hours you have spent with the young people of the community, challenging them to do their best."

HUTCHESON Junior High band director Garmon spoke for former AHS students. He recalled their band director was nicknamed "Papa" Corey. "That's how we felt about him. We all love him."

Dean (Pat) Corey wound up an affectionate talk with "Corey's first law of music education is: 'If you teach a kid to blow a horn, he'll never blow a safe.'" And Carolyn Corey McNellie said, "To know him is to love him, and Dad, I love you."

Martin summed it all up with, "We are saying, Dean and Beckie, how much we appreciate you. Thank you."

Then it was the honoree's turn. He said he was "overwhelmed. You sure make it hard to be humble." He extended his gratitude to the dinner committee members and to the community, and said the order of music at football games was the order of important aspects of his life: "God, country and ourselves." He cited the contributions made to his happiness by his wife and family and thanked the students, teachers and friends who had influenced his life.

Robert Rober, band director at Sam Houston High School, presented Corey with a book containing names of donors to a fund for a trip to the Passion Play at Oberammergau, near Munich, Germany.

*"One of the nicest compliments a man can say about another man is, 'He is a good man,' and I've heard a lot of men say that about Dean Corey."*

— Woodrow Counts

The program ended as it began, with the AHS band. But this time it was Corey on the conductor's stand, leading the band in a stirring arrangement of "America the Beautiful." Bleachers to the rear filled with public school music teachers who joined the band, singing "The Battle Hymn of the Republic." The whole crowd sang the final, exultant chorus, followed by a benediction by the Rev. E. Warren Neal, former minister of the First Presbyterian Church.

The banquet committee headed by Rober and Robert Copland was composed of Kathleen Smith, Ms. Watson, Trisha Faubion, Rosalyn Waldorf, Louis Harris and Rowena Taliferro.