

## Frederick (Fritz) Teltschik

Frederick (Fritz) Teltschik was born in 1893 near Wiemer, Texas. He was the first child of the Joseph Teltschik family to be born in the United States.

He was taught to play the violin by his older brother, Henry. At the age of twelve, Fritz and his brothers organized the Teltschik Dance Orchestra. They played for weddings and other celebrations in the Floresville, Texas area.

From 1921- 26, Fritz served as director of the Floresville City Band. The band became the Floresville Tiger Band in 1932, and played for County Fairs, city functions, and highschool football games.

In 1926 Fritz organized the Floresville Junior Orchestra, composed of his private students.

The Floresville School Band was organized in 1937 under the direction of Fritz Teltschik, assisted by the Rev. ROK Heacock. In that 30 piece band there were nine of Teltschik's nieces and nephews. He became known as "Uncle Fritz" to that band and later to school musicians and directors through the state. His son, Avie, and two daughters, Lorene and Minifred, were also members of that band. In 1941 the Floresville School Band officially became part of the Floresville School System.

"Uncle Fritz" also organized the Teltschik Family Band. The Band still performs at the Wurstfest and for Family Reunions here in Texas and in Germany.

In 1939 "Uncle Fritz" along with five other south Texas directors started inter city band clinics, a forerunner of the District, Region, State Band concept.

In 1942 he helped organize the Vandercook Band Camp in Seguin and served on the camp's faculty for fifteen years. He recieved his Bachelor of Music in Chicago in 1955.

The Floresville School Band recieved personal proclamations from Governor Coke Stephenson in 1943 and 1944 for selling the most War Bonds at their monthly Victory Concerts.

In 1947, Uncle Fritz was honored by being elected a lifetime member of the Gamma Phi Capter of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity at SWTSC in San Marcos.

The Floresville Band was Chosen to lead the Inaugural Parade for Governor John Conally in Austin in 1963.

During his 27 years as director of the Floresville School Band, his band recieved eleven Sweepstake Ratings, 85 First Division Ratings, and individual members recieved 400 First Division Ratings. His band marched at the very first band contest at Alamo Stadium in San Antonio, Texas.

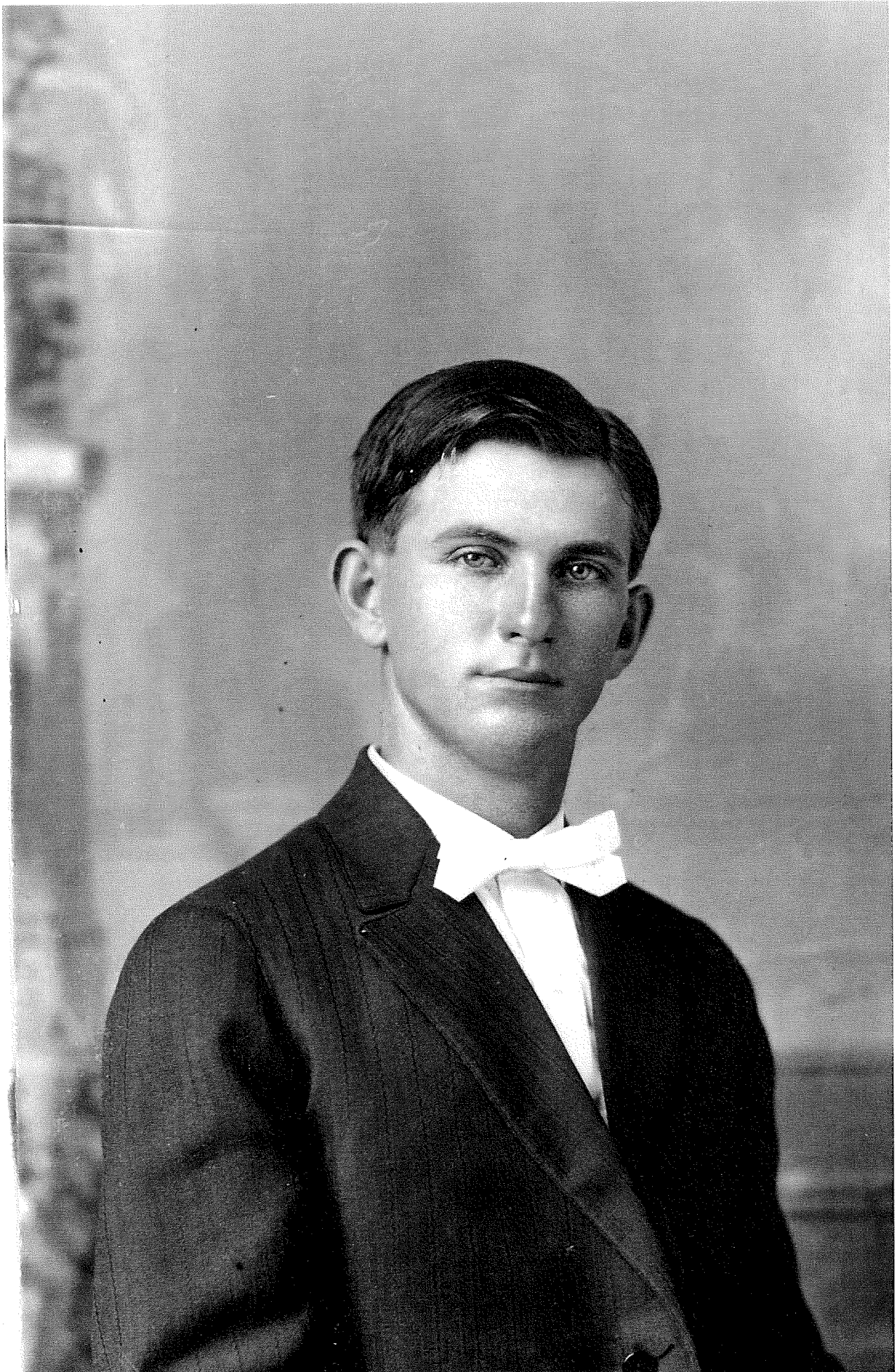
After graduation from high school many of his students continued their band participation in college and other band organizations. Six became band directors, two were his own children, Avie Teltschik and Minifred Teltschik Aouelle.

Fritz Teltschik retired in 1964 after 54 years of teaching music. That same year he was honored by Texas Bandmasters Association as Bandmaster of the year.

Fritz Teltschik died November 8, 1983.

He was known for his wit and humor and his jocular showmanship. Using his own words "He never knew a stranger". He was a friend to all. He gave over 3,000 children a love and appreciation for music. His influence is still being felt bt those who knew him.

The band hall in Floresville, Texas bears his name, Fritz Teltschik Band Hall, the band hall at Tivy High School in Kerrville, Texas bears the name of his son, The Avie Teltschik Band Hall.



Early picture of Fritz Teltschik- 1908





**Teltschik Dance Orchestra- 1909**

L to R- Frank Teltschik, flute; Henry Teltschik, violin;  
Willie Teltschik, bass violin; Fritz Teltschik, violin;  
Henry Weayenfuer, cornet

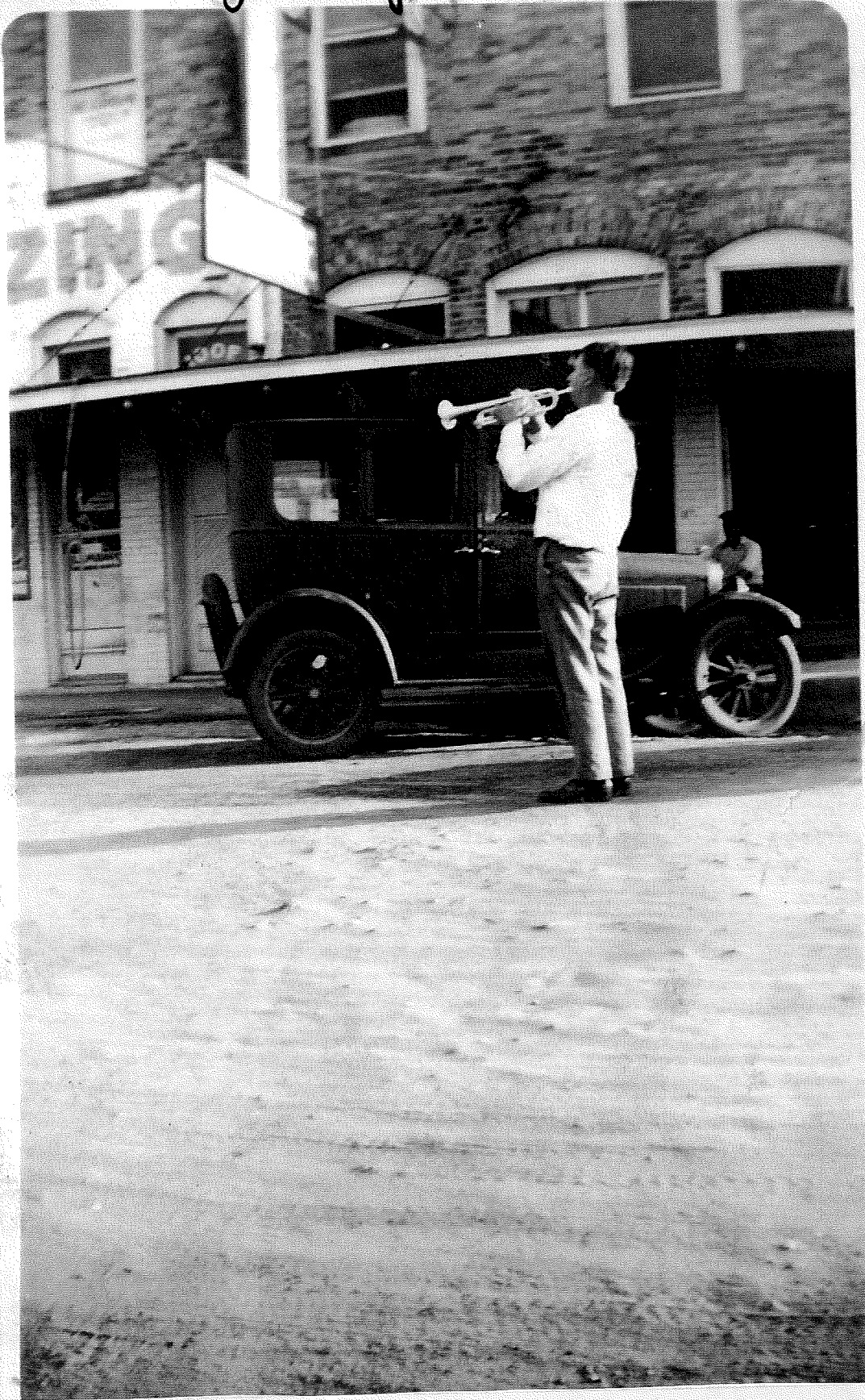




Fritz Teltschik, trombone- 1909

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Pappa Fritz



Fritz plays "To The Color" for flags to be raised  
on the streets of Floresville- 1932  
Picture taken in front of his business,  
"White House Cafe".





**Woodmen of the World Band**

**Dr. R. E. Shedden, Dir. - 1910**

Back Row: Frank Teltschik, Willie Teltschik, Fritz  
Teltschik.

Middle Row: 4th from L, Dr. R. E. Shedden





**Floresville Municipal Band, 1921- 31**

Six Teltschik members

Fritz Teltschik, Dir. ; cornet, Front Row, R- end



**Fritz by the Floresville Jr. Orchestra Float- 1926**  
Conductor: Fritz Teltschik





Floresville School Band  
Fritz Teltschik, Dir.  
Avie Teltschik, Mascot

1939-1940



## First Public Concert

### FLORENCEVILLE SCHOOL BAND

The first public concert was given on the lot west of the Whit House Cafe on Thursday, August 26, 1937.

#### Program

Introductory Speech -- Rev. R. K. Heacock

1. "Mary Had a Little Lamb" and Upidee"
2. "Lightly Row"
3. "Listen to the Band"
4. Clarinet Quartette by Mary Margaret Carr, Edward Heacock, Forest Garb, and Jack Myers.
5. "Twinkly, Twinkle, Little Star" and "London Bridge"
6. "Watch out, Boys"
7. "Long, Long Ago"
8. Brass Quartette - "America" by Minifred Teltschik, James Falks, Anna Dell Teltschik, and Estelle Klesel.
9. "Old MacDonald Had a Farm"
10. "Going to School"
11. "A Little Harmonious Duet" - Clarinet Quartette
12. "Whispering Hope" by Dickey Heacock, John Hill, Mary Margaret Carr, and Jack Myers.
13. "Bobby Shafto" and Gaily the Troubadour"
- Rev. Heacock then thanked everyone for coming to the concert.
14. "Home Sweet Home" Band.

After the Band Program refreshments were served to all members, consisting of ice cream, cake, and punch. The hostesses were Mrs. R. J. Schroeller and Mrs. Fritz Teltschik.

### BAND MEMBERS

#### Cornets

Billie Miculka  
Gregory Hill  
Robert Mitchell  
Minifred Teltschik  
James Falks

#### Clarinets

William Warren  
Dickey Heacock  
Leo Johns, Jr.  
Mary Margaret Carr  
Edward Heacock  
John Hill  
Jack Myers  
Forest Garb  
Gerald Butler

#### Saxophones

Elsa Teltschik  
Velma Teltschik  
Fritz Skarke  
Jack Schroeller

#### Baritone

Harry Woolsey

#### Bass

John Wallis Pfeil

#### Drum

Victor Lange  
Leroy Ullmann

#### Alto

Walton Ullmann  
Marvin Johns

#### Trombone

Estelle Klesel  
Anna Dell Teltschik  
Wilbert Teltschik

#### Glockenspiel

Mrs. M. R. Connal

# FLORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND

## Christmas Concert

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM  
THURSDAY EVENING, <sup>1941</sup> DEC. 19, AT 7:45

Under Direction of Mr. Fritz Teltschik

### — PROGRAM —

1. Band—"EL CAPITAN"—March ..... John Phillip Sousa
2. Band—"THE GOLDEN DRAGON"—Overture ..... K. L. King
3. Band—"WOODPECKER SONG"—Fox Trot ..... Eldo Di Lazzaro
4. Bass Solo—"STUPENDO"—Concert Polka ..... N. K. Bramstedt  
John Wallis Pfeil, accompanied by Mrs. M. R. Connally.
5. Band—"ELECTRIC SPARKS"—March ..... Francis A. Myers
6. Tonette Solo—"YOU ARE MY SUNSHINE"—  
Avie Teltschik, accompanied by Mrs. M. R. Connally.
7. Band—"THEM BASSES"—March ..... G. H. Huffine
8. Band—"THREE BEARS"—A Comedy Sketch ..... Newell and Long
9. Band—"ALEXANDER'S RAGTIME BAND" ..... Irving Berlin
10. Baritone Solo—"CSARDAS" ..... V. Monti  
Harry Woolsey, accompanied by Mrs. E. F. Woolsey, Jr.
11. Band—"SALLY TROMBONE"—Trombone Novelty .. Henry Fillmore
12. Band—PREMIER OVERTURE ..... J. Olivadoti
13. Band—"LIGHTS OUT"—March ..... E. E. McCoy
14. Band—"GOD BLESS AMERICA" .. Irving Berlin
15. "O, CHRISTMAS TREE".
16. "THE FIRST NOEL".
17. "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM".
18. "SILENT NIGHT".
19. "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING".
20. "HEAR DEM BELLS" and "JINGLE BELLS".  
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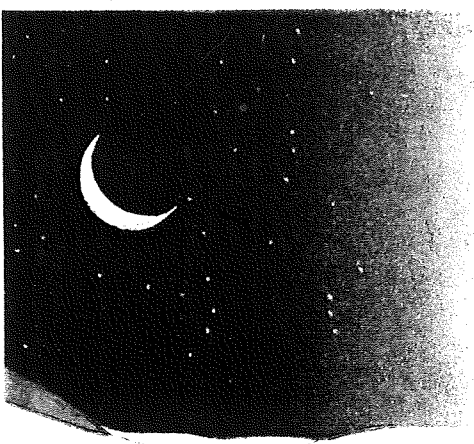
ADMISSION: Adults, 25c; All Students, 10c.

**Everybody Come Help Your School Band**



**Fritz Teltschik and his children- 1941**  
Avie (6), Minifred (12), Lorene (24), Fritz (48)  
Fritz always called attention to the fact  
that each was half the other's age.





## Merry Christmas To All!

At this gladsome season our hearts are made happy not only because it's Christmas, but because of the wonderful friendships we enjoy.

To you who have assisted in the purchase of our beautiful uniforms, attended our concerts and other entertainments, and have shown such a fine spirit of co-operation in every way, we wish to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.

You have made us happy and we in turn have tried to make you happy with our music and proud of our organization.

May the Joy of Christmas be yours in a full measure and may the New Year smile on you with Good Health, Happiness and Prosperity, is the wish of

Your appreciative friends,

### FLORESVILLE SCHOL BAND

Fritz Teltschik, Director

Wilbert Teltschik, President

Greg Hill, Vice President

Robert Mitchell, Sergeant-at-Arms

Mary Margaret Carr, Secretary

Estelle Klesel, Treasurer

Minifred Teltschik, Reporter

Fritz Nitschmann, Manager

Avie Teltschik, Mascot.

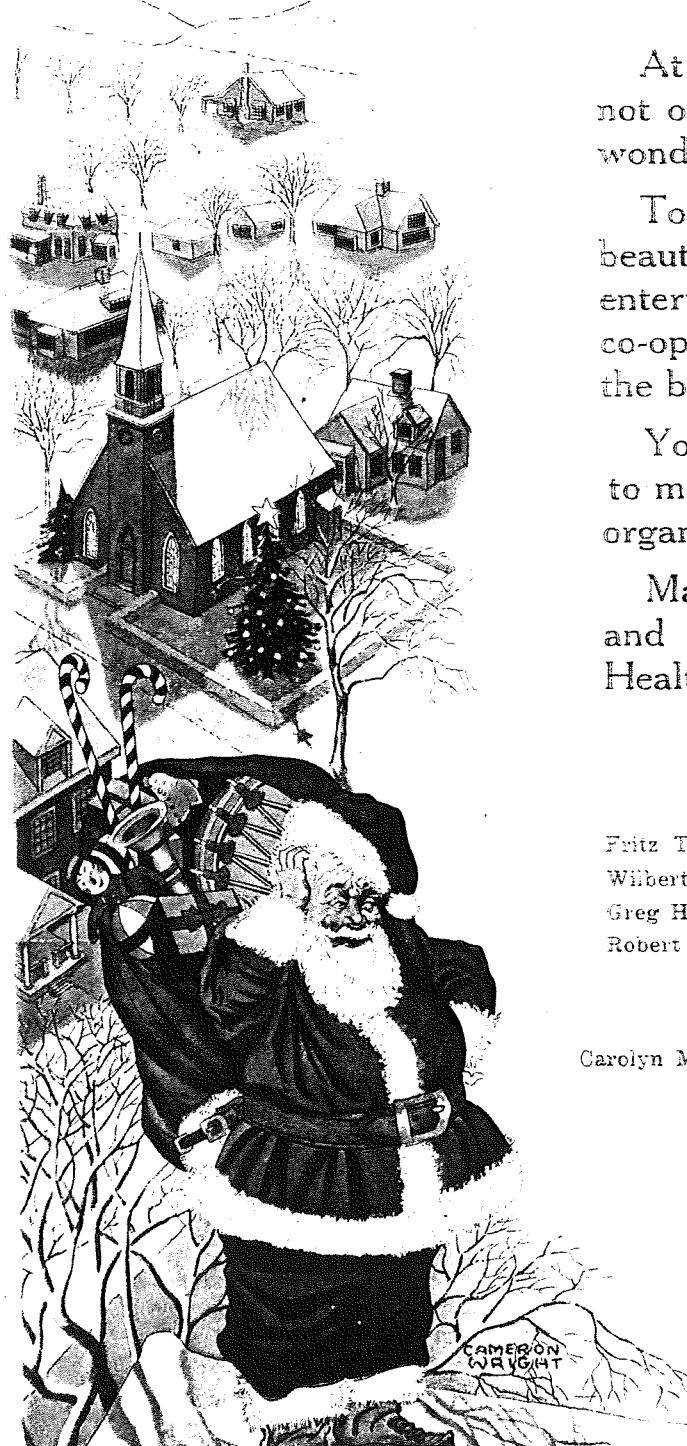
#### DRUM MAJORS:

Carolyn Mitchell

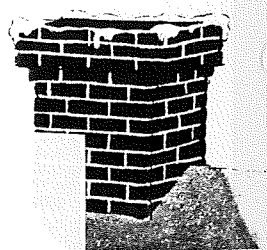
Gwendolyn Chamberlain

Frances Irwin

AND EVERY MEMBER OF THE BAND



Uncle Fritz sent Christmas Greetings to all supporters of the Floresville School Band each year-1940



# Lyons Band News

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## Inter City Clinics Proving Popular in Texas

By LEO WINDECKER,  
Correspondent

We have all heard of the state band clinics and most of us are familiar with regional band clinics but it was a rather revolutionary idea when Director S. J. Shadegg of Karnes City advocated and finally instituted a local inter-city clinic. The purpose of these clinics, according to Director Shadegg, is three-fold, namely; to bring the bandmasters closer together; to produce an incentive in the student for better work, and to show the taxpayer just how the bandmaster and the band work to smoothe out those inevitable rough spots which every band encounters. It is agreed that the clinics have been and still are carrying out these functions.

The clinics meet once a month in a different town, on invitation. The various high school bands of the district send a certain number of musicians and their director, to participate in the clinic. Each band master brings one overture and one march of his own choice, which

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### Inter City Clinics (Continued from Page 1, Col. 5)

the band is to rehearse. The band is ready to begin rehearsal at three o'clock and the rehearsal lasts until six o'clock with the various conductors taking their turn at the baton. At six o'clock the band which is the host to the clinic serves a light lunch to all of the participants. At seven o'clock the concert begins and lasts no later than nine o'clock so that students may all be home by a reasonable hour.

In looking over the schedule of the typical clinic as outlined in the previous paragraph, we can clearly see that the clinic is working toward the goal set for it by Director Shadegg. During the rehearsal hours the bandmasters must, evidently, become more closely acquainted with each other. The students, noting what other directors and students are doing, will be, and are, induced to do better work themselves. The concert hour, following the rehearsal, usually draws large crowds; people who have a deeper appreciation of their bandmaster and their band after the concert than they had before. So we see that the three purposes are being fulfilled in every detail.

Some bandmasters and some school officials at first doubted the value and the success of such a venture but they are all agreed now that the clinics are most valuable. Superintendent J. H. Stamper

of Kenedy while speaking to the concert audience at the clinic held in Kenedy said, "At first I thought we were overdoing it. 'Too many school activities' was my contention." Then speaking to the clinic band he continued, saying, "But now, my young friends, any time that you desire to have another clinic here, Kenedy will be waiting for you." Director Fritz Telt-schick of Floresville, in a letter of thanks written to Mr. Shadegg wrote, "My band has improved over 25% since the inauguration of the clinics which improvement I attribute to the clinics." Superintendent D. E. Moore of Karnes City, when asked what he thought of the clinics replied, "In my observation, the clinics have not only greatly benefitted the student, but have also created an active band interest in the citizens of this community. The clinics' instructive, as well as their entertainment value, cannot be overestimated. The clinics have done more than was ever expected of them."

All believe that the local clinic is the answer to many of the problems encountered by the average band. At least this is the effect that it has had on those bands that have participated in the clinic. It can be reasonably said that there is no band that wouldn't be benefitted by attendance at a clinic similar to the one described.

Fritz Teltchik helped organize the Inter-City  
Clinics- 1940



# BAND CONCERT

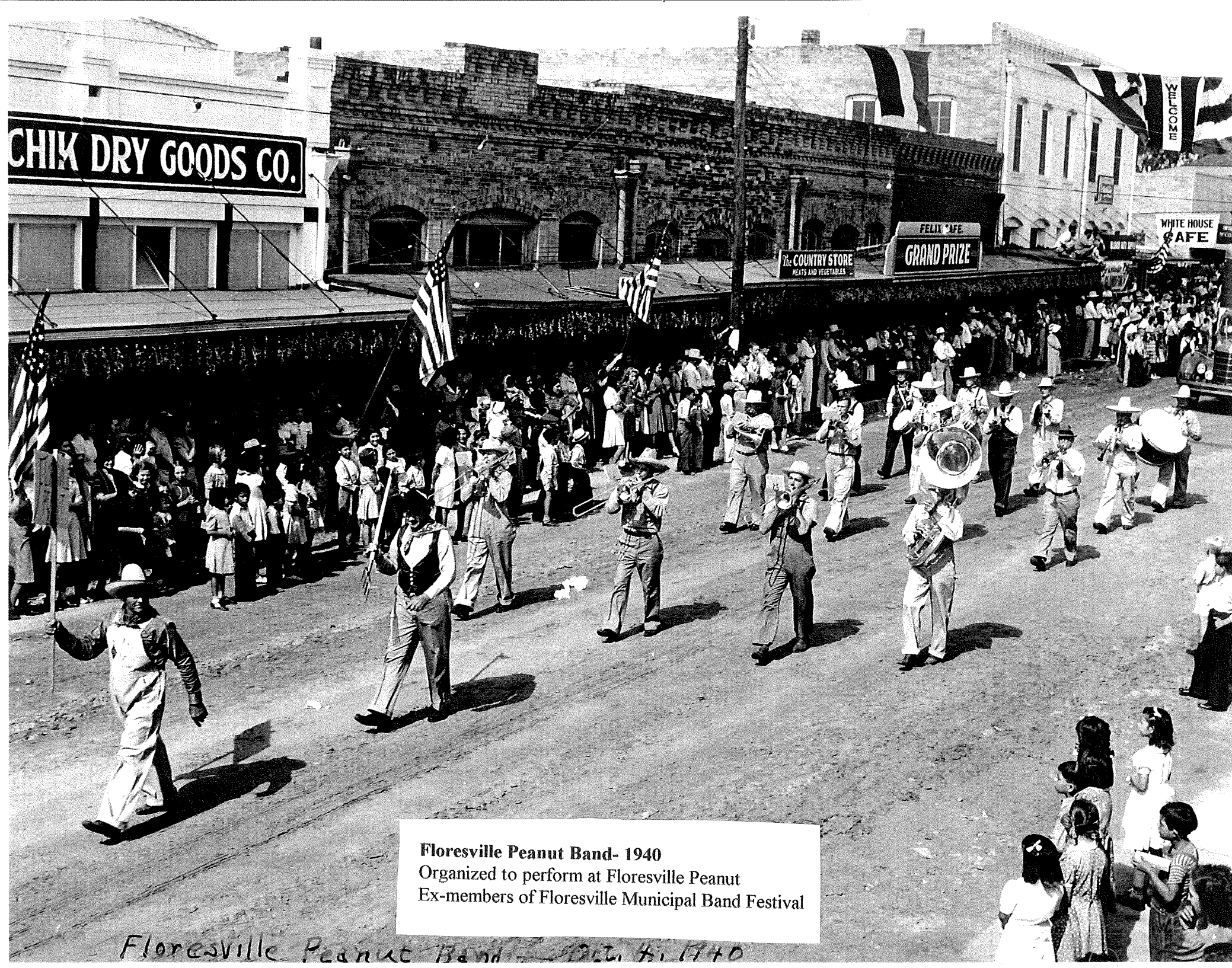
By Clinic Band

Yorktown, Texas

March 4, 1940

## PROGRAM

1. "America"
2. "Cuban Independence"-----Henninger  
Director--Fritz Teltschik, Floresville, Texas
3. "Mosquitoes Parade"-----Whitney  
Director--Paul Forgey, Kenedy, Texas
4. "Old Vienna"-----King  
Director--W. E. Eckles, Victoria, Texas
5. "A Night in June"-----King  
Director--Lothar Tampke, Poth, Texas
6. "Narrator"-----Buchtel  
Director--Fritz Teltschik, Floresville, Texas
7. "Desert Song"-----Romberg  
Director--Paul Forgey, Kenedy, Texas
8. "Mantilla"-----Yoder  
Director--R. M. Edgar, Yorktown, Texas
9. "Star Spangled Banner"



**Floresville Peanut Band- 1940**  
Organized to perform at Floresville Peanut  
Ex-members of Floresville Municipal Band Festival

*Floresville Peanut Band - Dec. 4, 1940*





VANDERCOOK SCHOOL OF MUSIC  
AUG. 12, 1942

**First Vandercook School of Music Camp**  
Texas Lutheran College- Seguin  
Dir. H. E. Nutt, 7th from L. 2nd row,  
Fritz Teltschik, 8th from L. 4th row.  
Helped organize the Seguin Camp

# FLORESVILLE SCHOOL BAND

## Christmas Concert

HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

THURSDAY EVENING, DEC. 18, AT 7:45

Under Direction of Mr. Fritz Teltschik

### — PROGRAM —

1. Band—"STAR SPANGLED BANNER".
  2. Band—SEMPER FIDELIS—March ..... Sousa
  3. Band—PANORAMA—Overture ..... C. L. Barnhouse
  4. Bass Solo—"CARRY ME BACK TO OLD VIRGINNY" — Earl Guy.  
John Wallis Pfeil. Accompanied by Mrs. M. R. Connally.
  5. Band—ZACATECAS—March ..... Genaro Codina
  6. Band—"THE BAND PLAYED ON" ..... Charles B. Ward  
and John F. Palmer
  7. Trumpet Trio—"SAILS ON THE SILVERY SEA"—Concert Polka—  
Chas. W. Storm — Dorothy Jean Hill, Dan Wright, Minifred Teltschik.  
Accompanist: Mrs. E. F. Woolsey, Jr.
  8. Band—"LASSUS' TROMBONE" ..... Henry Fillmore
  9. Soprano Saxophone Solo—"HOWDY" ..... Ted and Josh  
Avie Teltschik, Accompanied by Mrs. M. R. Connally.
  10. Band—"EL CAPITAN"—March ..... Sousa
  11. Band—"GULLS OF GASPE"—Overture ..... R. E. Hildreth
  12. Baritone Solo—"SOUND OF THE HUDSON" ..... Herbert Clark  
Harry Woolsey, accompanied by Mrs. E. F. Woolsey, Jr.
  13. Band—CUBAN INDEPENDENCE MARCH ..... C. D. Henninger
  14. Band—"PRINCESS OF INDIA"—Overture ..... K. L. King
  15. Band—INVERCARGILL MARCH ..... Alex F. Lithgow
  16. "WHERE SHOULD WE ALL SPEND CHRISTMAS?"—Musical Answer
  17. Vocal Trio—"THE CHRISTMAS TREE"—Misses Carolyn Mitchell,  
Frances and Jo Ann Irwin. Accompanist: Miss Mary May Richardson.
  18. "O LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"
  19. "SILENT NIGHT"
  20. "HARK! THE HERALD ANGELS SING"
  21. "HEAR DEM BELLS" and "JINGLE BELLS"
- SANTA CLAUS—

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Everybody Come Help Your School Band.



## Texas War Bond Administrator Frank Scofield Extends Congratulations to First Place Winners

TREASURY DEPARTMENT  
War Savings Staff

Mr. Sam Fore, Jr., Editor  
Floresville Chronicle-Journal  
Floresville, Texas

Dear Editor:

The State Department of Education announces through Miss Nell Parmley, Music Director, that the Floresville School and School Band won first place in the Victory Concerts for the State of Texas, in the group of 100-250 scholastics, with sales of War Bonds and Stamps amounting to \$271,483.65.

I am further advised that the total attendance of the eight concerts reached 7,050 which is forty-four per cent of the entire school district population and I know that it would have been impossible to accomplish this successful record without the one hundred per cent cooperation and support of the entire school, the banks and the citizenship of Floresville as well as the untiring efforts of the good County War Bond Chairman, Mr. E. F. Woolsey, Jr.; School Superintendent, Mr. C. J. Garland; Band Director, Mr. Fritz Teltschik; and Choral Club Director, Miss Geraldine Lane; who were interested in the welfare of Floresville and all that it holds dear.

I wish to extend my congratulations as War Bond Administrator and in behalf of the War Savings Staff for this outstanding accomplishment and it is such cooperation and performance as this that will win this War and restore and maintain the free American way of life to which we are justly entitled. These are the little things that we can do and indicate to our soldiers fighting on the foreign fronts that we are definitely doing our share at home.

I wish continued success in the future in these endeavors which I know will be conducted by the good citizens of Wilson County.

Yours very truly,

FRANK SCOFIELD  
War Bond Administrator  
For Texas.

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# First Victory Band Concert

Floresville High School Auditorium, Thursday Night

OCTOBER 28, 1943, AT 8:00 O'CLOCK

Help Floresville School And Band Win Another State Award

Last year Floresville School Band won TWO STATE HONORS. We hope to repeat again this year. But it will take US ALL to do it. ATTENDANCE as well as BOND SALES count at all five Victory Concerts. Awards are based on number of people present as well as amount of bonds sold.

There will be FIVE VICTORY CONCERTS. Start NOW—THIS THURSDAY NIGHT—and buy War Bonds or Stamps at Each Victory Band Concert. We hope to have 1,000 people present for the first concert. Band concert dates are set by the State Department of Education and also the time.

The bonds you buy are fighting for us in Italy, in the Pacific, and on all battle fronts. They furnish OUR Boys—YOUR SONS—materials and weapons needed to win this war.

REMEMBER— War Stamps in any amount or War Bonds in any denomination admit you to the Victory Concert.

## VICTORY BAND CONCERT

Thursday, October 28, 1943, 8:00 P. M.

FLORESVILLE HIGH SCHOOL AUDITORIUM

Floresville School Band

Director: Fritz Teltschik  
Choral Director: Miss Geraldine Lane  
Supt. of Schools: C. J. Garland

### HARVEST PROGRAM

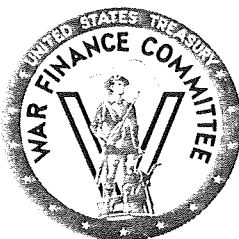
- Invocation..... Rev. Theodor Winter  
Star Spangled Banner.
1. Band—Southland (March)..... G. E. Holmes
  2. Band—The Marines' Hymn..... Leroy Walter
  3. Song—"News For Gardeners"..... W. L. Wood (Sung by First Grade)
  4. Song—"Bond Song" (Sung by Latin-American First Grade).
  5. Band—Fantasie on My Old Kentucky Home..... C. N. Dalbey
  6. Accordion Solo—"Tea For Two"  
Bobby Stephenson
  7. Band—Stars of the Summer Night (With Pantomime)—Woodbury
  8. Band—Semper Fidelis (March)..... Sousa
  9. Song—"Giddap Mule"..... L. W. Ware  
Sung by Second and Third Grades
  10. Band—Military Escort in Five Ways..... Henry Fillmore  
Directed by Carl Ray, Marvin Johns, Minifred Teltschik  
Carolyn Mitchell and Jo Ann Irwin
  11. Band—Laendler No. 15 (Waltz)..... F. Fryner
  12. Band—Basses on Rampage (March)..... G. H. Huffine
  13. Band—Our Director (March)..... F. E. Bigelorn
  14. Song—"Harvest Moon"..... Sung by Girls' Choral Club
  15. Band—Shortnin' Bread..... Jacques Wolff (Arr. by Paul Yoder)

Plan Now  
To Buy  
Your War Bonds  
At The  
Victory Band Concerts

Help Floresville Band  
Win State Honors  
Again This Year

Buy Your  
WAR BONDS  
And Stamps  
At Each Of The  
Five Band Concerts  
Remember! The Size  
of Our Crowds Count  
in all the Concerts





THE UNITED STATES TREASURY WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE  
OF THE  
ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT

*The War Finance Committee of the Eleventh  
Federal Reserve District hereby certifies that*

FLORESVILLE SCHOOL BAND

*has rendered, in a time of national crisis, outstanding  
service to the United States of America which  
contributed to and assured the success of*

THE SECOND WAR LOAN DRIVE

April 12 - May 1, 1943

*This certificate is presented in appreciation and  
recognition of an unselfish and patriotic volunteer  
participation in the nation's war program.*

WAR FINANCE COMMITTEE  
ELEVENTH FEDERAL RESERVE DISTRICT

Executive Officer

  
Chairman



Gov. Beuford Jester presented special award to Fritz Teltschik for outstanding achievement in sale of Warbonds at Victory Concerts 1942-43 and 1943-44.  
Gov. Jester, front row - 4th from R.  
Fritz Teltschik, 3rd from R.



**Victory Concert- 1942- 44**

Fritz enjoyed special effects  
(audiences sometimes suffered as a result)  
Band mascot released doves during concert.



## Grady Stiles Praises Floresville School Band's Record; Director Fritz Teltschik And John Connally In His Fourth Estate Column In Corpus Christi Caller

(From Corpus Christi Caller  
Monday, December 18, 1961)

In the regional band contests held in San Antonio under auspices of the Texas Interscholastic League, Floresville school Band, directed by Fritz Teltschik, was one of four first-place winners in our class in AA schools.—The Floresville Chronicle-Journal.

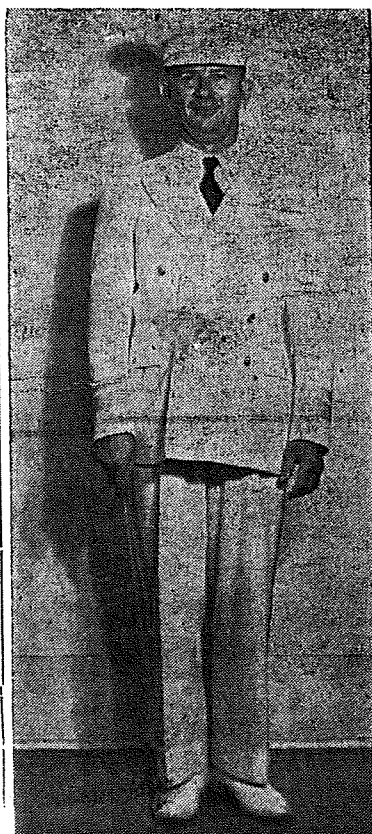
For a musical aggregation of youngsters under the direction of Fritz Teltschik to end up anywhere but in first place is unthinkable, Editor Fore. Hitting high C in the ruggedest sort of competition has become a habit with the Floresville High School Band; and a Teltschik-trained group that did any less would be a cause of considerable concern. Unquestionably, "Uncle" Fritz has turned out more first-class musicians than any other person in Texas. Although he's a perfectionist, he has a way of inspiring young people with a love for music; he convinces them that any tune worth playing is worth playing well; and when they strike up a lively march, it takes a mightily decrepit listener to resist a little heel stomping. The Floresville High School Band has added color and thrills to many a South Texas parade; it has been the center of attraction at many a community celebration; and it has brought a lot of fine publicity to its hometown. Indeed, you and The Chronicle-Journal and Uncle

Fritz and his young musicians have made Floresville one of the best known towns in Texas; and now comes John Connally to add more luster to the community's bright star. In leadership, too, it would appear that Floresville is adding a few new twists to the high notes, hitting high C with the ease of a Metropolitan performer singing "The Eyes of Texas." Floresville and Wilson County are fortunate.

# **"Uncle Fritz" Teltschik Is Host At His Annual Christmas Banquet To The 55 Members Of The Floresville School Band Sunday Afternoon; Band Director 42 Years And In The School System Music 25 Years**

As the happy Yuletide Season nears our hearts and minds naturally turn back to cherished memories of other days.

**BAND DIRECTOR 42 YEARS**



**"UNCLE FRITZ" TELTSCHIK  
OF FLORESVILLE**

The editor had this happy experience on last Sunday afternoon, December 16, 1962 as we shared the joys of the annual Floresville High School Christmas banquet given each year by the genial band Director, "Uncle Fritz" Teltschik at his White House Cafe.

In his deeply touched remarks,

following the presentation by the band members through their president of lovely Christmas gifts to Mr. and Mrs. Teltschik, "Uncle Fritz" grew reminiscent and his remarks carried us back through the past 40 odd years that we have watched with keen interest, the fine bands he has developed in our school and community, prize winners on scores of events over South Texas, in many parades, football games, entertainments and contests.

Without a doubt he is the dean of band directors in Southwest Texas and we doubt if there is a band director in all Texas who has led the bands of his home town for 42 continuous years, as he has done.

He stated he was first elected director of the Floresville Municipal Band in 1920 when it organized at the C. A. Moehrig farm home in the Black Hill community. In 1937 he became Band Director of Floresville School Band and has continuously and successfully occupied that position the past 25 years without interruption.

In his closing remarks Sunday afternoon, after expressing the love and appreciation he had for ALL Floresville School Bands through the years, he stated that he had directed the school band at 350 football games through his long connection with his home town school — a cherished record

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## **"Uncle Fritz"**

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indeed.

Mr. and Mrs. Teltschik and close friends had prepared a wonderful steak barbecue for the annual Christmas event last Sunday at the White House Cafe, which he has owned and operated personally for about 40 years. Delicious fruit cocktail, sirloins with potato salad, green peas, celery, olives, pickles, hot rolls, and Christmas pastry was the delightful menu which all enjoyed.

The Christmas decorations were most inviting with long streamers of greenery down the center tables, flanked with pyracantha berries and red candles. A beautifully lighted and decorated aluminum Christmas tree with alternating colored lights furnished a table feature.

Freddie Dipple, band president, presided and introduced various band members who made short

and appropriate talks.

Four young ladies band members, also members of the High School Choral group, sang most appropriate Christmas songs.

The invocation was given by Rev. Joe Webb, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Floresville.

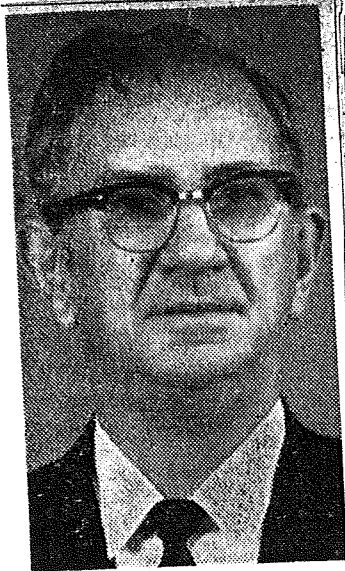
A short talk was made by Publisher Sam Fore, Jr., who praised the long years of service and outstanding record made by Director Fritz Teltschik and equally praised the countless number of band honors won by the many fine Floresville School Bands through the years.

**Uncle Fritz loved to entertain his band at his White House Cafe- 1962**



Floresville School Band, 1964





**FRITZ TELTSCHIK**  
... receives new honor

## Floresville's 'Music Man' Wins Honor

**EXPRESS-NEWS SERVICE**  
FLORESVILLE — Fritz Teltschik, at 70 the "Music Man" of Floresville for 54 years, has been named Bandmaster of the Year — 1963-64 — by the Texas Bandmasters' Association.

Teltschik is the veteran of 30 years as director of music in Floresville school system and has been director of music for the city since 1921.

He began his musical career in 1905 when he organized the Teltschik Orchestra, a family band.

Composed of four brothers and several neices and nephews, the band existed until 1931, when it was disbanded because of individual business conflicts. During this time Teltschik was named director of music for Floresville schools and organized the first Floresville school band — composed of fifteen private students.

In 1941, following several awards from the University of Texas Interscholastic League, Teltschik's School band became an official part of the Floresville school system.

That same year, Teltschik and his Tiger band received citations from Gov. Coke Stevenson for outstanding work in the field of music for raising over half a million dollars from the sale of Victory Bonds and stamps.

Through his teaching, Floresville bands have amassed a total of 10 sweepstakes titles and 85 first division ratings. Individual students under his direction have won over 400 first place awards.

Teltschik, nicknamed "Uncle Fritz" by the citizens of Floresville, attended Texas Lutheran College in Seguin and received his bachelor's degree in music from Vandercook School of Music in Chicago.

# San Antonio Express

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## News From All South Texas

# "Uncle" Fritz Teltschik Named Bandmaster Of Texas For 1963-64; City Of Floresville Presents Plaque To Veteran Band Director

"Uncle" Fritz Teltschik, who has directed band music in the City of Floresville and Floresville public schools for the past 54 years, has been signally honored by Texas Bandmasters' Association.

TEXAS' BANDMASTER  
OF THE YEAR HONOR



"UNCLE" FRITZ TELTSCHIK  
OF FLORESVILLE

He has been named Bandmaster of the Year 1963 - 64 and the highest honor within the gift of the Association came to him as a great surprise. It was not made public for a few weeks, awaiting publication of the bestowing of the coveted honor to appear in the Texas Bandmasters' Magazine.

He was showered with congratulations by all Floresville, school authorities, city officials,

the entire student body and scores of friends throughout Southwest Texas.

The following official letter from the TBA advised him of the high honor:

FROM STATE PRESIDENT

Rosenberg, Texas

1816 Frost St.

August 18, 1963

Dear Fritz:

It gives me a great deal of pleasure to let you know that you have been selected Bandmaster of the Year for 1963-64. Congratulations. I do not think that the Bandmasters Ass. could have picked a more deserving candidate for the honor.

At the next years convention to be held at the Gunter Hotel in San Antonio, Texas, full rites and privileges will be bestowed at that time.

Again, knowing you the many years that I have, I feel that you

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## "Uncle" Fritz

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are definitely one of the truly great band pioneers in the state of Texas.

Best regards,

BILL WENDTLAND

President, TBA

Rosenberg, Texas.

### BEAUTIFUL PLAQUE FROM CITY OF FLORESVILLE PRESENTED AT FESTIVAL

Adding to the wonderful tribute paid him by his fellow Bandmasters of Texas, the City of Floresville thought it a most opportune time for the City to show its great appreciation for his 54 years of band services to the City and Schools and in the presence of Governor John Connally of Texas, a native son, who was likewise being honored at the 19th Floresville Peanut Festival, "Uncle" Fritz was called from his fine Floresville School Band which with the splendid Poth School Band were directly in front of the speakers' stand, after the gigantic parade headed by the governor, Saturday, and was asked to come to the speakers' rostrum where he was warmly greeted by Gov. Connally and others.

President Hudell Wright of the Peanut Festival had already introduced him and lauded the two splendid bands for honoring the Governor and distinguished guests and some 1000 assembled citizens.

Mayor E. F. Woolsey, Jr., then presented Director Teltschik with a beautifully engraved shield shaped bronze plaque and read the following engraved tribute thereon:

The City of Floresville  
Proudly presents

This Plaque To

"Uncle" Fritz Teltschik

In Grateful Recognition

For Distinguished Service

As Bandmaster in Floresville

Community and Schools For

54 Years

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Mayor Woolsey presented a plaque paid this high tribute to our honored veteran Bandmaster: In behalf of our entire citizenship, it is my genuine pleasure on this occasion to pay just tribute to one of our most universally respected citizens, a man whose remarkable service, especially to our youth, truly deserves our feeling of deep affection and sincere gratitude.

I refer to Mr. Fritz Teltschik, the original, and one only, Bandmaster to date of the Floresville School System. Having worked and served with various local bands for a period of fifty-four years, approximately thirty years of that time as Band master of our Floresville School Bands, he has endeared himself in such a manner with the young and old alike, that he is most affectionately known all over Texas as "Uncle Fritz".

I know of no man who has used his God given talent more ardently; music, the universal language of all mankind, has been his chief endeavor. It has always been considered as the very highest of fine arts and the glory of music endures to the depth of the human soul.

His influence with our youth in teaching and promoting appreciation of music has been of incalculable importance in the development of character and moral culture.

His record and unbounded success is not only evidenced by the vast number of honors, first places and medals won by his various bands and individual students over the many years; for his excellent reputation is so pronounced and well recognized that I understand the Band Masters Association of the State of Texas has seen fit to name Fritz Teltschik as the "Band Master of the Year" for the year 1963-64, a truly magnificent honor so richly deserved.

"Uncle Fritz", in the name of the City of Floresville, I extend hearty congratulations and present you this plaque.

The long and dedicated musical career of "Uncle" Fritz Teltschik has few if any equals in Texas. He has brought honor and distinction to his home community through the years and many of his pupils have made outstanding records with other schools and colleges.

In his long service he has directed bands at 320 football games and played at all 19 Peanut Festivals, besides at county

over

fairs, celebrations, contests, and other events throughout Southwest Texas.

During most of this time he owned and operated The White House Cafe in Floresville. In fact he has owned it since 19\_\_\_\_\_

"Uncle Fritz" was born near Weimar, Colorado county, Texas, February 26, 1893. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Teltschik were born in the old country. Both are now deceased. He had four brothers and two sisters. All his brothers have been talented musicians and played in Floresville bands and orchestras. Two sons of Dr. Frank Teltschik of Houston are talented pianists of national fame.

The condensed life story of "Uncle" Fritz and his activities in the band and music world follows:

1905 — Began musical career at age 12. Played in a family dance orchestra composed of 4 brothers, and several nieces and nephews. It was called "The Teltschik Orchestra". This orchestra disbanded in 1931 because of individual business conflicts.

1921 - 1931 — Elected Director of Floresville City Band, which consisted of 15 members.

1925 - 1928 — Organized and taught Floresville School Orchestra, composed of 15 private students.

1932 - 1937 — Organized the Floresville Tiger Band. It consisted of his private students and business men. Financed jointly by the 35 members and Uncle Fritz. During this period, the Tiger Band played for all football games and other school and city functions, as the school did not have a band.

1937 — Organized the present Floresville School Band.

1939 — Received the first 1st Division Rating at a Marching Contest held at the Yorktown Little World's Fair.

1940 — Attended the first Inter-scholastic League Marching Contest and received a First Division rating.

1941 — Received the first Sweepstakes Rating. The Floresville Band became a part of the school system. During this year Uncle Fritz, H. B. Nutt and Mr. Tampke of T.L.C. organized the Vandercook School of Music Camp at T.L.C. in Seguin. Uncle Fritz worked with this Music Camp for 18 consecutive years.

1942 - 1943 — Won the State Victory Band Concert Contest by selling \$271,483.65 in Victory Bonds and Stamps at a total of 8 concerts with an attendance of 7,050 persons at the 8 concerts.

1943 - 1944 — Won the State Victory Band Concert Contest again by selling \$253,132.20 worth of Victory Bonds and Stamps at a total of 5 concerts. The band received a personal proclamation from Governor Coke Stevenson each year for this outstanding accomplishment.

1943 — The Band was invited to play two special concerts for the wounded service men at Brooke General Hospital.

1946 — Chosen one of 4 outstanding High School Band Directors in the State of Texas to help improve teacher training curricula for High School Instrumental Music Teachers by the University of Indiana.

1947 — Floresville School Band was the Guest Band at the International Friendship Festival in Eagle Pass, Texas.

1949 — Elected honorary life member of Gamma Phi Chapter of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity at SWTSC in San Marcos.

1962 — The Band attended the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

1963 — The Band was invited to lead the Inaugural Parade at the Inauguration of Governor John Connally. The Floresville School Band was asked to lead the Fat Stock Show Parade in San Antonio.

The Floresville School Band, under the direction of Uncle Fritz has won Sweepstakes Award 10 times and has received 85 First Division Ratings. Individual band members have been awarded a total of 400 First Division ratings, several of which were won at the State Solo Contest in Austin. Several band members have placed in the All-State Band. Six members of the Floresville Band have continued their musical studies and have become Band Directors, 2 of whom are his children. Uncle Fritz has also composed and arranged several marches and waltzes.

Attended Texas Lutheran College in Seguin, Texas, and received his Bachelor's Degree in Music from the Vandercook School of Music in Chicago, Illinois, in 1955.

1964 - Selected Bandmaster of the Year by Texas Bandmasters Association



# TIGER BAND RECEIVES SUPERIOR RATING

The Mercedes Tiger Band participated in the 21st Annual Pigskin Music Jubilee held in Weslaco, Saturday, November 16, 1963. The Tiger Band received a first division rating being judged on marching and playing.

Marches the band played were "Invocation of Albreich," "Trombone King," "The Field of Color," "Block M," and "Down the Gridiron."

The three judges were Mr. Weldon Covington from Austin, Mr. Fred Junkin from Victoria, and Mr. A. J. Fassino from Vanderbilt.

"The marching as well as the playing was excellent. Enjoyed the performance," stated Mr. Covington.

"The Band sure plays with spirit. Very strong players in the group produce a great

sound on the field," said Mr. Junkin.

"A fine performance, both marching and playing. Keep

up the good work!" exclaimed Mr. Fassino.

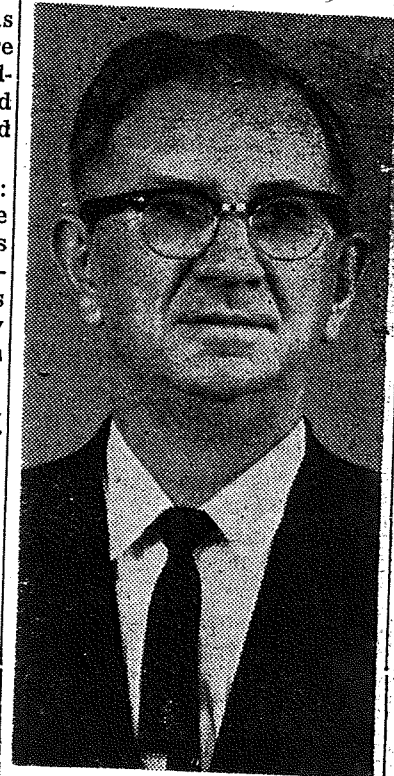
"We owe it all to Mr. Teltschick and Mr. Aguilar," stated Layne Atteberry, first



MR. FRITZ TELTSCHIK, Bandmaster of the year, and son Mr. Avie Teltschik waited apprehensively for Pigskin Music Jubilee results Saturday morning.

## To Direct Massed Band Finale At Weslaco

Mr. Fritz Teltschik, local bandmaster of Floresville High School and Bandmaster of the Year, has been honored once again with an invitation to direct one of four



FRITZ TELTSCHIK

numbers by the massed bands at Weslaco, on Nov. 16. The Grand Finale will be held at 10 A. M. Saturday, climaxing a marching contest by top bands in the Valley.

"Uncle Fritz" as he is known to all his friends is worthy of all the many honors accorded him in the band circles, as he has worked long and hard at his profession. We extend our best wishes along with many others, for an eventful trip to Weslaco.



LIKE FATHER, LIKE SON -- Avie Teltschik, left, director of the award-winning Tiger Band, examines the van which took the band's uniforms to the Pigskin Jubilee with his father, Fritz Teltschik. "Uncle Fritz" recently was named Bandmaster of the year by the Texas Bandmasters Association. He was honored at the Valley revue and directed one of the grand finale numbers, "America the Beautiful." He has been band director for the City of Floresville and the schools there for the past 54 years.

--Enterprise Staff Photo



**RETIRED BANDMASTER** — Fritz Teltschik, who retires this year after 27 years as bandmaster of Floresville High School, admires the plaque given to him Friday night at the year's final performance of the Floresville band. — Staff Photo.

## Floresville Band Man Will Retire

SPECIAL TO EXPRESS-NEWS  
**FLORESVILLE** — "Uncle" Fritz Teltschik, Texas Bandmaster of the Year for 1963, retires this year after 27 years as Floresville High School band director.

The amiable musician, who reminisces to the "good days" when more interest was shown in the band by both students and parents, organized the Floresville High Band in 1937 with two students.

Those two students were present Friday night at the band's final concert directed by Teltschik, and presented him a plaque for his outstanding service to the school.

"Uncle Fritz," which Teltschik says everyone calls him, is a name given him because the first band in which he played was composed of his nieces and nephews.

During his 27 years at Floresville, Teltschik has won 11 sweepstakes ratings from the University Interscholastic League, the highest award given a band in Texas. Besides this he has won some 85 first division ratings in separate contests sponsored by UIL.

Teltschik says his students have won 400 first division rat-

ings in solo and ensemble contests — several at the state contest in Austin.

At Friday's concert, two of Teltschik's children, Mrs. Ben Aouelle and Avie Teltschik, led the Floresville band in concert.

"Both are band directors, too," says Teltschik, who belongs to an avid musical family.

"Music runs in my family because the parents are always encouraging the children to practice. I believe anyone can be a musician if they work at it. It's not just talent, it's determination," he said.

Beginning his musical career at age 12, Teltschik organized a family dance band which was disbanded in 1931. From 1921 until 1931 he also served as director of the Floresville City Band, consisting of 15 members.

In 1932, he organized the Floresville Tiger Band, which played at civic and school functions.

"Those were the good days," commented Teltschik, "When everyone was interested in band and there weren't so many things like television to take away from it."

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## Over 800 Persons Pay Tribute To "Uncle" Fritz Teltschik In His Final Concert Of Long Career

(By SAM FORE, JR.)

Friday, May 15, 1964 was the proudest day in the life of "Uncle" Fritz Teltschik, who has devoted over 50 years of his life to promotion of orchestras and bands in his home community of Floresville.

The new Wiley Seale Auditorium was almost filled to capacity when over 800 persons attended his final concert and as the curtain went up with his 62 piece band on the stage, he was given a standing ovation.

The band was never in better form and played one of their finest concerts honoring their distinguished bandmaster.

Ex-Members of the Floresville school band from various parts of Texas and out of the state sent telegrams and letters of congratulations and well wishes.

Over 100 ex-members of the Floresville School band of former years were in attendance, coming from various parts of Texas. Some came by plane. There were 16 Bandmasters from various South Texas schools in attendance as honor guests.

### GOVERNOR SENDS WIRE

The following telegram was received from Governor John Connally, who graduated from Floresville High School in 1934:

Austin, Texas, May 15  
"Uncle" Fritz Teltschik  
Director Floresville High  
School Band,  
Floresville, Texas:

"I am proud to join in the well deserved tribute to you on your retirement as Band Director and teacher. Few band directors anywhere can equal the honors you have brought your pupils and in so doing you have reflected great credit on your town. Best wishes and personal regards." Signed: JOHN CONNALLY, Governor of Texas

ago. Mrs. Frels made a beautiful presentation.

The ex-band members also gave their beloved director a leather memory book with cellophane pages in which to file the many letters and telegrams he received on this occasion.

The Band Parents Club presented him with a large leather reclining easy chair. The presentation was made by High School Principal, Bob Stevens.

Members of the 1964 band gave their retiring director a lovely all leather travel case.

Mrs. Teltschik was presented with an arm bouquet of beautiful red roses.

"Uncle" Fritz has been named Bandmaster Of The Year in Texas for 1964 by the Texas Bandmasters Association; has recently received a large bronze plaque declaring him Floresville Citizen of the year, from the Floresville Chamber of Commerce at its annual banquet. Supt. Seale also presented attractive shoulder patches to his entire band for having won Sweepstakes honors in the University of Texas Interscholastic District Meet, this requiring First Place participation in marching, concert playing and sight reading. This was just another of the scores of trophies the beloved Director leaves with his school for memories of past achievements through the years.

After the closing number of the delightful program which brought tremendous applause, two or three special numbers were rendered and then by request, "El Rancho Grande" was played.

As the curtains were drawn closed while the band played "Home Sweet Home", Uncle Fritz, visibly moved, waved a final good-night.

Another highly complimentary telegram came from the Music Director of the Vandercook School of Music in Chicago, from which Mr. Teltschik received his bandmasters degree.

Supt. S. W. Seale lauded the years of dedicated service by Director Teltschik and High School Principal, Robert Stevens as master of ceremonies praised his long record of service and told of his many plaques, cups, medals and other awards received for his band through the years.

Ex-band members: Gregory Hill and Mrs. Leo Frels of Seguin brought to the stage the beautifully framed plaque shown above. Both were band pupils, were in the first class when Uncle Fritz started his first school band here 27 years

It may have been his final school concert, but it will not end the feelings in the hearts of hundreds of boys and girls over Texas and the nation, and a grateful citizenship which will ever cherish and hold dear the half century of dedicated band music and devotion to the youth "Uncle Fritz" has brought to Floresville and this community.



RETIRED BANDMASTER — Fritz Teltschik, who retires this year after 27 years as bandmaster of Floresville High School, admires the plaque given to him Friday night at the year's final performance of the Floresville band.—Cut Courtesy of San Antonio Express.



# Floresville High School Band Exes From Over Texas Pay Tribute To 'Uncle' Fritz, Friday, May 15

Friday, May 15, 1964 will be a day long to be remembered by many ex-band members of the Floresville High School Band. A day that will be remembered particularly by one person, our "Uncle Fritz". The occasion was the final band concert of the school year but more so, the final band concert in the career of "Uncle" Fritz.

"Uncle Fritz" a name that has never been forgotten by any ex. A name that brings back memories of yesteryear. A name we will always be proud to have been associated with. There were times that every ex, at one time or another, wondered what this man was trying to do to us. We would practice a piece of music until we knew it by heart. We would march for hours and many times there were blisters. But with assurance our reward came one way or another.

With Uncle Fritz you laughed and you cried, you prayed and you thanked, and finally you worked and you were rewarded.

Friday night was more or less a rewarding night. To those who were there it was rewarding just to be there to openly show your appreciation. To Uncle Fritz it was rewarding to know that his leadership was so appreciated and so influenceinsive.

So to "Uncle Fritz" it is a most grateful "Thank You" for all you have done for us exes. Wishing you all the best in your future endeavors we remain your exes.

Out of 204 ex-band members (26 out of state) 81 were present for the final concert. Twenty-one others had either written or sent a telegram. One telegram was from Mr. H. E. ... Vandercook School of Music in Chicago, Illinois who most of you will remember thru the summer music school in Seguin. Fourteen visiting band directors were present including two of Uncle Fritz's own, Minnifred and Avie. It was indeed gradifying that the response was so great.

Mrs. Leo Frels (Estelle Klesel) and Greg Hill, first official music students of Uncle Fritz, presented him with a huge frame within

which was a picture of Uncle Fritz and plaque on behalf of the exes. To Uncle Fritz's ever loyal wife who was always behind the scene during the weiner roast, banquet and miscellaneous parties, the exes presented a bouquet of red carnations.

Our ex that traveled the farthest to be present at the concert was Mrs. Kenneth Witten who came from Fort Campbell, Ky.

Finally the exes would like to thank the band mothers for furnishing the refreshments at our reception. It completed this memorial occasion.

The exes in attendance were:

Ft. Campbell, Ky., Mrs. Kenneth Witten; Mercedes, Texas, Mr. and Mrs. Avie Teltschik; Lubbock, Mrs. C. K. Dickerson; Portland, Mr. Noel Schroller; Pleasanton, Mr. Victor Lange, Mrs. Jim McDaniel; Kenedy, Mrs. Eddie Ruhmann; Seguin, Mrs. Leo Frels; Kingsville, Mrs. Joe Rogers, Mrs. Charlie Plough, Miss Sue Koch; Austin, Mrs. Herman Wolff; Irving, Mrs. Carl Ziegler; Houston, Mrs. J. E. Bassett; Poth, Mrs. Robert Matheaus; Garland, Mrs. Kenneth Brown; Taft, Mrs. Elbert Gabrysch; Falfurrias, Mrs. Melvin B. Middleton; Copperas Cove, Mrs. Ronald Thuney.

San Antonio, Mrs. Barney Ring, Mrs. Marvin Crockett, Mr. and Mrs. Charley R. Kellner, Mrs. Norvin Albert, Mr. Franklin Albert, Mrs. Richard H. Wright, Mr. Billie Joe Campbell, Mrs. Delbert Traeger, Mrs. Benno Brandt, Mrs. Benny Aouelle, Mr. Thomas E. Peschke, Mr. R. C. Metting, Mrs. Herbert Tatsch, Mr. Albert H. Neubauer, Jr., Mr. James Mueller, Mrs. James Hartman, Mrs. Robert L. Polasek, Mrs. Allen Hilton, Mrs. Milton James, Mrs. Lorene Connally, Mr. Charley Joe Roemer, Mrs. Louis Alvarez, Mr. Jack Spruce, Mr. Wilfred Richter, Mr. Marvin Bielefeld.

Floresville, Mr. Harry F. Woolsey, Mrs. Charles Maddox, Mr. James Pfeil, Mr. Marvin Wehmann, Mrs. Robert J. Stevens, Mrs. Reginald Johnson, Miss Kathy McFadden, Mrs. Richard E. Ullmann, Miss Patricia Johnson, Mr. Wilbert Teltschik, Mrs. Carroll Baird, Mrs. Jerome Flieller, Mr. Jack Schroller, Miss Ella Louise Boening, Mrs. S. R. Donaho, Mr. Charles Schmidt, Mr. Greg Hill, Mrs. Houston Albert, Mr. Walton Ullmann, Miss Elsie Treier, Mrs. Edward R. Hicks, Mrs. Walter Miller, Mr. Raymond Meyers, Mrs. Bill Pavlisky, Mr. Billy Joe Kellner, Mr. Milton Jung, Mr. Don A. Young, Mrs. Otto Hierholzer, Mrs. Carl Ray, Mr. Joe M. Holcombe, Mr. Karl H. Orth, Mr. and Mrs. Curtis Ray, Mr. Ralph Boening, Miss Gloria A. Trevino, Mr. Howard Guenther.

ard Guenther.—By Billy Joe Kell-

## Teltschik Family Reunion Held After Concert Friday Night

Following the delightful final band concert honoring "Uncle" Fritz Teltschik last Friday night, May 15, 1964, which drew a crowd of over 800 people at the Wiley Seale auditorium, a Teltschik family re-union was held at the White House Cafe in Floresville, owned by Uncle Fritz Teltschik for over 50 years. It was previously owned by Henry Teltschik of Floresville and Dr. Fritz Teltschik about 4 years. Dr. Teltschik and family now lives in Houston.

The Teltschiks are born musicians and practically everyone of them have made outstanding records. Several have been band masters. Ava Teltschik is now Director of the large Mercedes High School Band and Joe Rogers, who married Annadel Teltschik, is now band director of Kingsville High School Band. The two sons of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Teltschik of Houston, Herbert and Alfred, have made national and international reputations as distinguished pianists. A third son is a piano instructor in Houston.

The family get-together after the concert and reception Friday night was a great occasion for all.

Members of the Teltschik family sharing the memorable occasion were:

Dr. and Mrs. F. H. Teltschik, Houston; Dr. and Mrs. Gus Roemer, Beeville; Mrs. Ben Aouelle, Trey and Susanne, and Mrs. Lorene Connolly, San Antonio; Mr.

and Mrs. Avie Teltschik, Dean Jim and John, Mercedes; Mr. a Mrs. Joe Rogers, Craig and Br of Kingsville; Miss Thelma Te chik, Mr. and Mrs. Benno Bran Peggy and Betty, Mr. and M James Hartman and Jimmy, and Mrs. Charlie Roemer, Dan and Randy, all of San Anto Mr. and Mrs. Victor Lange, Pl anton; Mrs. Weldon Weber daughter, Mrs. Vernon Platte daughter, Mrs. Bill Vassar daughters, all of Corpus Ch Mr. and Mrs. Herman Wolf Denise of Austin.

Band Director and Mrs. chik served their many rela a large number of band exes other visitors with a del country made sausage bar various kinds of cheese, salad other good eats.



**Fritz presents batons to Minifred Teltschik Aoueille and Avie Teltschik to conduct numbers at his final concert. May- 1964**





**Uncle Fritz on banjo accompanied by his band members, sings "Auld Lang Syne" at his final concert.**



# My Sincerest Expression Of Appreciation

It is beyond my scope and ability to express myself in an adequate manner in order to communicate the true feelings of appreciation I have in my heart for all the tributes, declaration of recognition and honors bestowed upon me during the year 1964 as my rewarding work as band director was reviewed. My heart is deeply touched as letters, telegrams and other communications convey the sentiment of those with whom I had the pleasure to work during the course of my career. I am deeply moved by your thoughtfulness, your kind consideration and deeds of appreciation manifested at my final concert May 15th, 1964 at Wiley Seale Auditorium in Floresville.

I wish to convey my deepest and sincere appreciation to:

The band parents of Floresville for their vital assistance rendered to me during the course of my career and for the expedient gift presented to me at my final concert.

The 1963-64 Band Members for their excellent cooperation in attaining the highest honors for the year, and for the useful and appropriate gifts presented to me as tokens of their appreciation and love.

The Churches of Floresville for their willing assistance to boost the morale of the band and strengthen the spiritual fiber of its members.

The Board of Education, the Superintendent of Schools, and all faculty members of the Floresville School for their fine spirit of auxiliary service.

The Floresville Chronicle-Journal, San Antonio Express, Corpus Christi Caller, and many other papers for their extensive support and publicity to accentuate the importance of the band on all occasions.

Mr. Sam Fore for his gracious, extensive and undying fortitude given me throughout my entire career and for his expressions that conveyed true evaluation of my skills and abilities which offered encouragement at times when I needed it most.

The Officers of the Texas Band Association for their honest concern, kind consideration, and gracious effort in bestowing upon the school system and the people of Floresville the esteemed honor by electing me the Band Master of Texas for the year 1963-64.

Dr. William Kraushaar of Texas Lutheran College for his constant assistance, prayers and blessings.

The Ex-Students for their demonstrations of love revealed in arranging the surprise program at my final concert, and in the presentation of their token of appreciation, for their manifestations of esteem, gratitude, and respect shown at all times and for their presence at the concert with smiling faces and cheerful greetings.

My brothers for their constructive counsel and valid appraisal of my work and for the effort to be present unanimously at my final concert for the first time in the history of my career.

My children for their splendid cooperation, and continuous encouragement from earliest childhood to the present, for following my guidance and direction in the field of music, and for being the source of inspiration that made me worthy of the honors given me in my career.

My loving wife for her sustaining care, devoted service and deeds of love that strengthened me for trying hours and moments of suspense.

Upon laying down my baton after my last concert which culminated over a half century of work that was truly dear to me and thoroughly enjoyable—in fact my heart's greatest pleasure and delight, I bow in deep humility and gratitude before an Almighty God who entrusted to me the gifts and talents, strength, inspiration, and courage necessary to fulfill my calling for which He chose me. To Him be praise, honor, and glory forever.

It is with this sense of humility and gratitude that I take this opportunity to manifest my true sentiment for all the kindnesses and considerations shown me.

**"Uncle Fritz" Teltschik**



Fritz Teltschik Band Hall named in his honor- 1984

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## Band Hall Dedication Draws Crowd and Tears



Wilbert Teltschik, nephew of Uncle Fritz, gave the address which highlighted the afternoon's ceremony. Children of Fritz Teltschik, Avie Teltschik and Minifred Teltschik Aouelle, pulled the cords to un-drape the new sign "Fritz Teltschik Band Hall".



Against March-like winds in the Texas spring sunshine a representative crowd of friends, relatives, Floresville School District officials, teachers, and Floresville High School ex-band members gathered Sunday afternoon, April 15, 1984, to dedicate the Floresville High School Band Hall to "Uncle Fritz" Teltschik, organizer of the Floresville school band program and Band Director here for thirty-two years.

The afternoon's ceremony was begun with a musical selection from the Floresville High School Band. FISD Superintendent Maurice Westmoreland welcomed the guests and introduced Rev. Bruce Booher of First Lutheran Church who gave the Invocation. Superintendent Westmoreland then introduced the special guests which included members of the Teltschik family, FISD Board members, schools' principals, teachers, and retired teachers. Westmoreland then introduced Wilbert Teltschik, nephew of Uncle Fritz and outstanding citizen and businessman of Floresville.

The sentimental occasion reached its peak during the address given by Wilbert Teltschik. The text of his address follows:

It is with great pleasure that I have the privilege of saying a few words about "Uncle

Although he was my real "Uncle", he was known as "Uncle Fritz" to all of the students in his many bands, to the citizens of Floresville, and to all connected with the music circle of Southwest Texas. This name originated because his first band was composed of his nieces and nephews and the name "Uncle Fritz" stuck with him throughout his life.

"Uncle Fritz" was born near Weimar, Colorado County, Texas, on February 26, 1893. His parents, Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Teltschik, came to the United States from Austria. He had 4 brothers and 2 sisters. Eleven of his brothers have been talented musicians and played in Floresville bands and orchestras.

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In 1939 his band received First Division Rating at a Marching Contest held at the Yorktown Little World's Fair.

In 1940 his band attended the first Interscholastic League Marching Contest and received a First Division Rating.

In 1941 his band received the first Sweepstakes Rating. During this year the Floresville Band became a part of the school system. The same year Uncle Fritz, Mr. H.B. Nutt of Chicago's Vandercook School of Music and Mr. Tampke of Texas Lutheran College organized the Vandercook School of Music Camp at Texas Lutheran College in Seguin. Uncle Fritz worked with this Music Camp for 18 consecutive years.

During the years 1942-1944 Uncle Fritz and his band won the State Victory Band Concert Contest for both years for outstanding work in the field of music for raising over half a million dollars from the sale of Victory Bonds and Stamps in a total of 13 concerts. The Band received a personal proclamation from then Governor Stevenson

each of the 2 years for this outstanding accomplishment.

In 1946 the Band was invited to play two special concerts for the wounded service men at Brooke General Hospital.

In 1946 Uncle Fritz was chosen one of 4 outstanding High School Band Directors in the State of Texas to help improve teacher training curricula for High School Instrumental Music Teachers by the University of Indiana.

In 1947 the Floresville School Band was the Guest Band at the International Friendship Festival in Eagle Pass, Texas.

In 1949 Uncle Fritz was elected honorary life member of Gamma Phi Chapter of the Phi Mu Alpha Sinfonia Fraternity at Southwest Texas State College in San Marcos.

In 1955 Uncle Fritz attended Texas Lutheran College in Seguin and received his Bachelor's Degree in Music from the Vandercook School of Music in Chicago, Illinois.

In 1962 the Band attended the State Fair of Texas in Dallas.

In 1963 the Band was invited to lead the Inaugural Parade at the Inauguration of Gov. John Connally. During the same year the School Band was asked to lead the Fat Stock Show Parade in San Antonio.

In 1963 the City of Floresville presented an engraved plaque to Uncle Fritz "In Recognition

For Distinguished Service as Bandmaster in Floresville Community and Schools for 54 Years And For Loyal And Devoted Activities With The Youth." He was also presented a "Citizen Of The Year" Award in 1964 from the Floresville Chamber of Commerce.

During his many years as Floresville High School Band Director, his Bands won 11 Sweepstakes Rating from the University Interscholastic League, the highest award given a band in Texas. Besides this, his Bands won some 85 First Division Ratings in separate contests sponsored by UIL. His students won 400 First Division Ratings in solo and ensemble contests - some of which were won at the State Solo Contest in Austin. Several of his band members have placed in the All-State Band.

Having been called the "MUSIC MAN" of Floresville for 54 years, at the age of 70, he was named BANDMASTER OF THE YEAR in 1963-1964, by the Texas Bandmaster's Association.

On May 15, 1964, over 800 persons paid tribute to Uncle Fritz in his final concert as Director of the Floresville School Band, after having devoted over 50 years of his life to the promotion of orchestras and bands in his home community of Floresville. Over 100 ex-members of the Floresville School Band of former years were in attendance.

students had this to say at his final concert:

"Uncle Fritz" is a name that has never been forgotten by any ex-band member. There were times when every ex wondered what this man was trying to do to us. We would practice a piece of music until we knew it by heart. We would march for hours and many times there were blisters. But with assurance our reward came one way or another. With Uncle Fritz you laughed and you cried, you prayed and you thanked, and you worked and you were rewarded."

Uncle Fritz has been called "Dean of Band Directors in Southwest Texas". He was very devoted to the Youth of the Community. He loved each and everyone of his band students and each one was important to him. Music was his life. He once said "Music runs in my family because the parents are always encouraging the children to practice. I believe anyone can be a musician if they work at it. It's not just talent, it's determination."

Mrs. Jewel Woolsey, who through the years accompanied a great many of his students, credits Uncle Fritz with the following quote: "A boy that blows a horn will never blow a safe."

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In an article written by Mr. Sam Fore, Jr., he said, in part, that he knew of no man who has used his God given talent more ardently; music, the universal language of all mankind, has been his chief endeavor. It has always been considered the very highest of fine arts and the glory of music endures to the depth of the human soul. His influence with our youth in teaching and promoting appreciation of music has been of the greatest importance in the development of character and moral culture.

in closing, "Uncle Fritz" was truly MR. MUSIC OF SOUTHWEST TEXAS.

As "Uncle Fritz" was fondly remembered, the eyes of those present filled with tears.

Minifred Teltschik Aouelle thanked everyone for the gracious honor being given to her father. Minifred and her brother Avie then pulled the cords to un-drape the new sign "Fritz Teltschik Band Hall".

The ceremony concluded with a musical number by a combination of the Floresville High School Band and ex-band members.



Emblem of Teltschik Family Band



# WHO ARE THE TELTSCHIKS?



In 1888 the Teltschiks immigrated to the United States. Josef Teltschik and Anna Tannenberger, his wife, left Tauchel, Austria, and arrived in Hoboken, New Jersey; changed ships and landed in Galveston, Texas. The family lived in several communities in Colorado County including Subline, Content, New Bielau and Oakland. In 1908 the family finally bought and settled on a farm in Wilson County near Floresville. The family consisted of the parents, two daughters and five sons.

By this time the sons had already studied music and had organized a dance band called the Teltschik Brothers Band which played 2 or 3 times a week for over 30 years at various dances in the South & Central Texas area.

In the 1930's there was no school band in Floresville so one brother, Fritz organized a band for the young people of that community. Many of the young bandsmen were nephews and neices of the director that when someone wanted the director's attention, "Uncle Fritz" was the term usually heard. The name soon was used by all the musicians. In 1941 the Floresville School District made this a part of the school curriculum with "Uncle Fritz"

as the director.

During the 1940's the Floresville School Band was selected as the top band in the state in its class. Uncle Fritz was named "Bandmaster of the Year" for the state of Texas in 1964.

Henry, the oldest brother, deceased, chose the Dry Goods profession and his children have followed this profession.

Brother Frank, deceased, a Chiropractor had moved to Houston and his sons were trained as outstanding pianists, with Music Studios throughout Houston.

The Mother and the two daughters, all deceased were not musicians. However most of the children of Elizabeth Nitschmann (Mrs. Joe) and Ernestine Lange (Mrs. Hugo) play instruments.

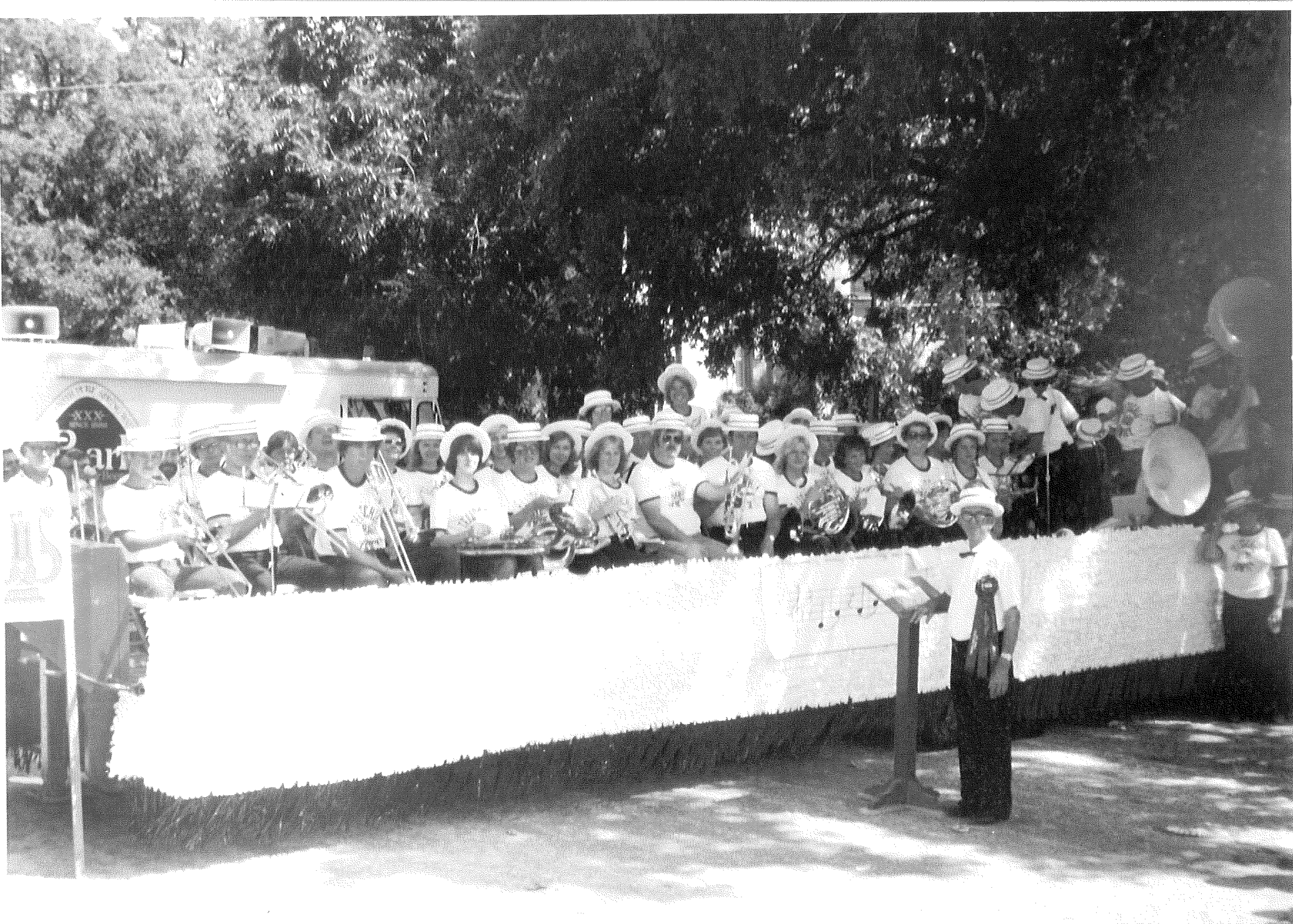
As this generation of Teltschiks grew up and married, many picked musicians as their mates, and most of their children also became band members in bands through out the state. This continues even today with later generations.

Today there are 127 Teltschiks who gather the last Sunday of each June for the Family Reunion. As with most families, food is an important item for this annual occasion, but more important to this family are

such items -- as who is bringing the bass drum, do we have enough music stands, and who has the music? Instrumentation is no problem as there are enough musicians who can double on any number of horns. "Uncle Fritz" who retired as a band director over 15 years ago is still expected to direct. He is now 84 years old. Two other brothers are still living and are also still participants in the band--Willie, 82, semi-retired and Alfred, 75, retired and now a resident of New Braunfels, Texas.

It was decided at this year's reunion that Wursthfest would be a good place to get together and perform and show thousands what one German family has enjoyed doing for years. We think the Teltschiks are kinda special with their Teltschik Family Band.

As a footnote, of the 127 living members, 68 can play a musical instrument and 12 are presently singing in various choirs. Eleven have majored in music in college and five have been outstanding band directors throughout the state. Twentyfive have at one time either taught music or performed professionally. Most of all they have enjoyed their musical background!



**Fritz Teltschik leads the Teltschik Family Band,  
Peanut Festival - Floresville- 1976**  
Band consisted of 40 Teltschik Family members.

## TELTSCHIK FAMILY BAND

The Teltschik Family Band members are the children, grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren (and their spouses) of Anna Tannenberger and Joseph Teltschik. In 1889, the Joseph Teltschiks immigrated into the United States from Austria. They left Zauchtel, Austria and landed in Galveston, Texas. The family lived in several communities in Colorado County. In 1908, the family settled in Floresville, Wilson County, Texas.

Joseph and Anna had 11 children, four of which died in infancy. The remaining children consisted of five sons - Henry, Frank, Fritz, Willie, and Alfred, and two daughters - Elizabeth and Ernestine.

At an early age, the older sons became interested in learning to play musical instruments, and they in turn taught the others. Music was, and is today, an important part of the Teltschik family.

In 1909, the Teltschik Orchestra began playing for dances. They played for dances for over 30 years in the south and central part of Texas. The Floresville Band was organized in 1921 and ten of its members were Teltschiks. In 1930, Fritz Teltschik organized a band for the young people of the community. Many of the band members were his nephews and nieces. Therefore, when they wanted the Director's attention, "Uncle Fritz" was the term usually heard. The name soon was used by all the young musicians. In 1941 the band became part of the Floresville school curriculum, with "Uncle Fritz" as the Director.

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In the Teltschik family, there are 74 who have played a musical instrument, 11 have majored in music in college, and six have directed choirs. Our band membership is proud of having nine directors, 12 private piano teachers, five concert pianists, and 12 drum majors. Twenty-three have at one time either taught music or played professionally.