



Ex-BISD teacher joins bandmasters hall

Special to the Facts

Dr. Douglas Wiehe recently was selected by his peers for entry into the Phi Beta Mu Texas Bandmasters Hall of Fame.

Induction ceremonies will be conducted July 23 during the Texas Bandmasters annual convention in San Antonio.

The ceremony will be in the Mezzanine Salons of the Marriott Riverwalk. His personal memorabilia and picture will be placed in a permanent file in the Hall of Fame of the Texas Music Educators Building in Austin.

Wiehe will join more than 100 outstanding band directors in the hall.

Wiehe began his career in music in Centralia, Ill., when his father, Lawrence Wiehe, decided he should play the trumpet.

Pop Wiehe sold his home during the Depression so he could afford to buy Doug a second-hand trumpet and his brother, **Larry Wiehe**, a trombone and drive them more than 100 miles every

Saturday into St. Louis to study with Joseph Huber.

Their dad decided they would practice three hours every day except Christmas beginning at ages 7 and 5. He would sit with them during practice with a board in hand and each would get a lick on the rear if they made too many mistakes.

The Wiehe brothers performed in many high school music contests when they still were in elementary school. At a young age, they performed with the Greenville High School Band as soloists with Maurice McA Dow conducting.

While still in high school, Doug Wiehe conducted the community summer band in Centralia.

After graduating, he attended Eastman School of Music in New York before going into the Army. Doug's brother, Larry, was solo trombonist with the Navy Band in Washington, D.C., and later became a member of the Air Force Band in Washington.

Doug enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1944. When the Air Corps discontinued pilot training, Doug volunteered for jump school and became a paratrooper assigned to the 508 Parachute Infantry Regiment in Germany. On

his return to the United States, he was assigned to the 82nd Airborne Division Band.

After leaving the Army, Doug came to North Texas State University in Denton where he met **Donna Miller**, an oboist from Crane. They later were married and have three children and five grandchildren.

Doug's first job was in Beeville as high school band director, junior high band director and high school choral director.

After four years, they moved to Big Springs. He was high school band director there for nine years before being asked to return to North Texas University as assistant band director and to teach music history, band and brass methods courses.

Doug attended the University of Colorado in Boulder and the University of Oklahoma in Norman, at which he earned a doctorate in music.

He was director of bands at Southwest Texas University in San Marcos before going to the Brazosport ISD as supervisor of fine arts for more than 25 years.

He also was on the state textbook committee for all subjects, on the Brazosport Symphony Board, conduct-

ed summer musicals, served as region chairman for the Texas Music Educators Association and executive secretary for the University Interscholastic League music events in Region 17 for more than 20 years.

After retiring, he and his wife moved to Seguin from Lake Jackson.

They now perform regularly with the San Antonio Municipal Band under the direction of Tom Rhodes and Richard Gonzalez.

Both Doug and Donna enjoy volunteering for activities in the church where their son, **Don Wiehe**, is minister.

They are music judges for UIL solo and ensemble contests in and around San Antonio and Austin and find time to try out the many fine golf courses.

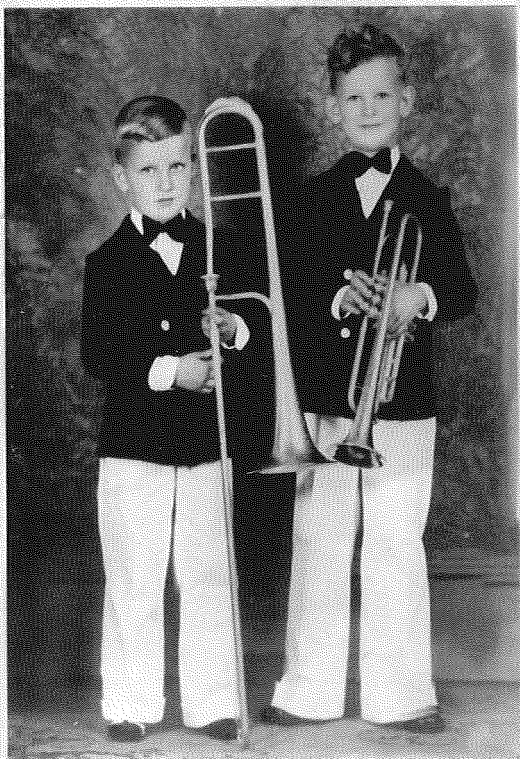
They enjoy visiting their other two children, **Stephen Wiehe** and family, and **Angela Wiehe Woodbridge** and family, who live in Austin.



Wiehe

**FACES
IN THE
CROWD**

Lawrence Wiehe, Jr. Age 7 Years
Douglas V. Wiehe, Age 9 Years



Presents

A Trombone and Trumpet Recital at The
First Christian Church, Centralia, Illinois
Assisted by The Sunday School Orchestra, under
The Direction of Wesley Hampton
Miss Virginia Hampton, Pianist.
Monday Night, December 9, 1935

1. Orchestra — March, "Heroic" — — — — Schubert
2. Trumpet — "My Regards" — — — — Jewelllyn
3. Trombone — "The Wonderer" — — — — Harlow
4. Duete — "Believe Me If All These Endearing-Young
Charms" — — — — Smith and Holmes
5. Trumpet — "The Holy City" — — — — Adams
6. Trumpet — "Lilacs" (Polka) — — — — Vander Cook
7. Orchestra — Selection, "Tannhauser" — — — — Wagner
8. Orchestra — Overture, "New Dawn" — — — — Russell
9. Duete — "Milady's Pleasure" — — — — Smith and Holmes
10. Trombone — "Remembrance" (Polka) — — — — Simons
11. Trumpet — "Side Partners" — — — — Clark
12. Duete — "A Wraath of Holly" (Christmas Songs) — — — — Ranger
13. Trombone — "On the Road to Mandalay" — — — — Speaks
14. Trumpet — "Nazareth" — — — — Gounod

Spiehl Photo



Douglas Wiehe – age 8 Centralia Grade School Band



Doug with his new King Trumpet - age 11



Doug showing off his solo medals



Centralia Township High School Concert Band making their first appearance in new uniforms. Doug Wiehe, Cornet Soloist, playing "Pacific Echoes" by Tyler, accompanied by the band. C. Scripps Beebee, Director March 4, 1941



Douglas played taps to mark the end of the Armistice Day Observance in Fairview Park, Centralia, Illinois November 11, 1941



Centralia Municipal Band, Centralia, Illinois concert in Library Park, Wednesday, July 7, 1943, Douglas Wiehe, assistant director. Doug conducted the band for six weeks while the director, C. Scripps Beebee, was attending Columbia University, New York, New York. (Both Doug and his brother Larry were in the band)



Doug in U.S. army uniform - 82nd Airborne Division band member - 1948



Doug Wiehe, trumpet; Donna Miller (Wiehe), oboe; Larry Wiehe -trombone
North Texas State College - 1949



Doug Wiehe conducting Southwest Texas State University Band on the field at an Oilers game in the Houston Astrodome - 1972

Big Spring High School Band – 1963

Symphony for Band – Vincent Persichetti

Tracks #1 and #2 – Movement #1

Track #3 - Movements #2 & #3

Track #4 - Movement #4

Big Spring High School Band -1964

The Sinfonians March – Clifton Williams

Track #5

Symphony #3 for Band, Vittorio Giannini

Track #6 -Movement #1

Track #7 -Movement #3

Track #8 -Movement #4

Wallflower Waltz – Robert Russell Bennett

Track #9

Song of Democracy – Howard Hanson

Track #10

- *with Big Spring H.S. Choir

Directed by Mel Ivey

Southwest Texas State University Band – 1973

Marche Militaire Francaise, - Saint-Saens

Arr-Mark Hindsley

Track #11

Suite of Old American Dances,

Robert Russell Bennett

Track #12 -Cake Walk

Track #13 -Rag

Duet for Trombone and Trumpet - 1939

Performed by Doug Wiehe, Trumpet

Larry Wiehe, Trombone

Accompanist: Joe Oswald

Pianist with St. Louis MUni Opera

Track #14 Cousins – Herbert L Clark