



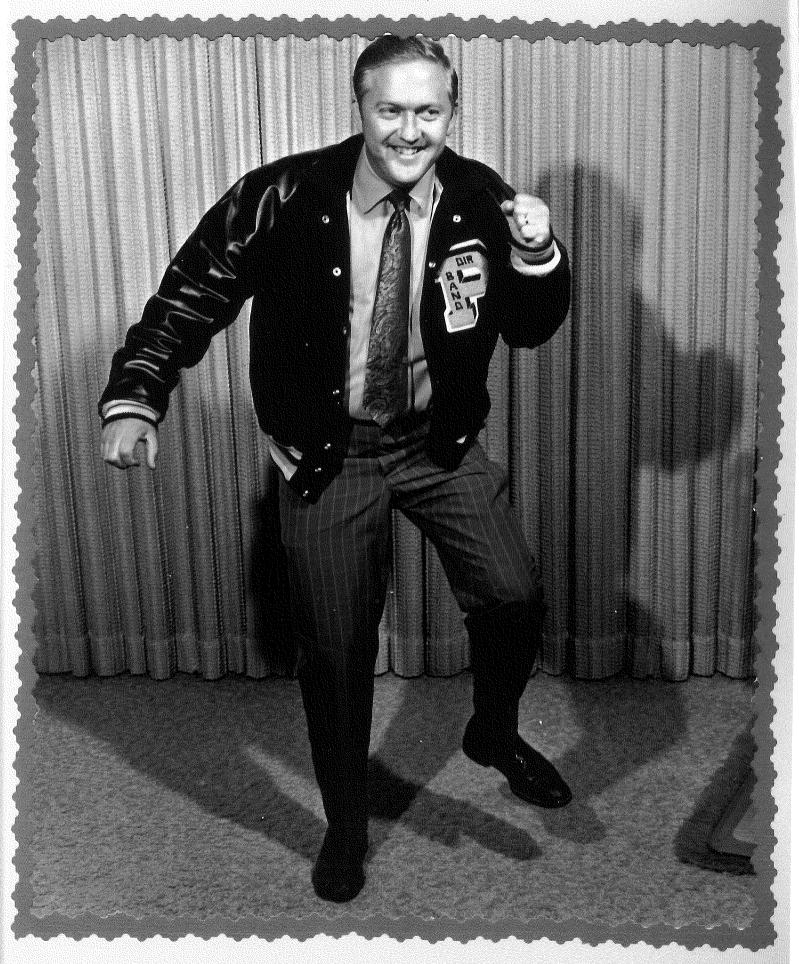
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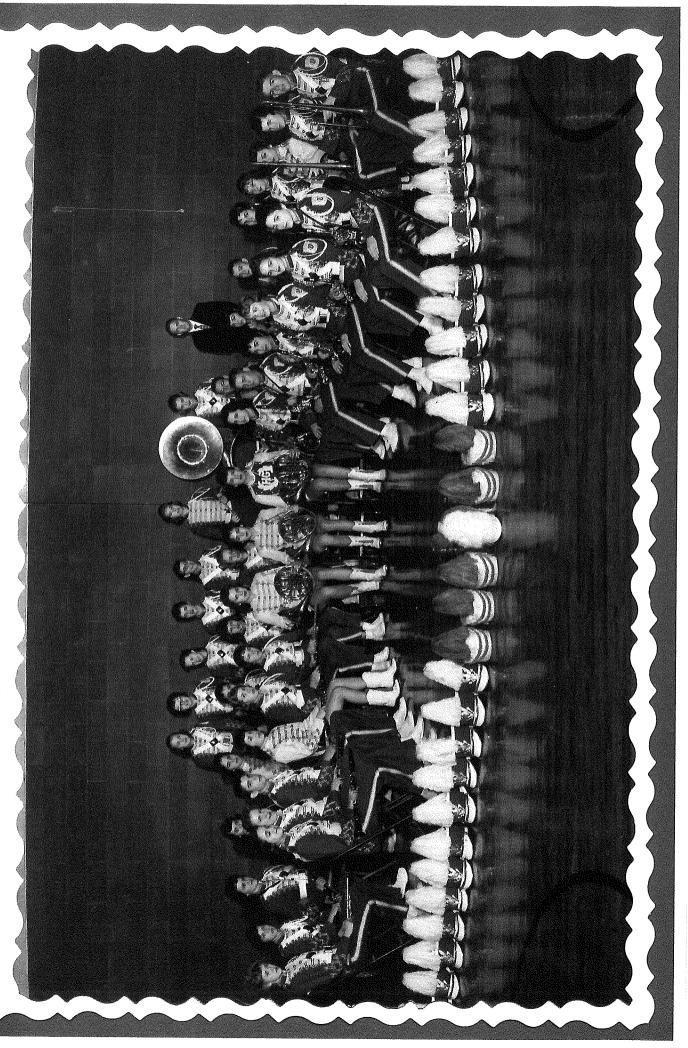




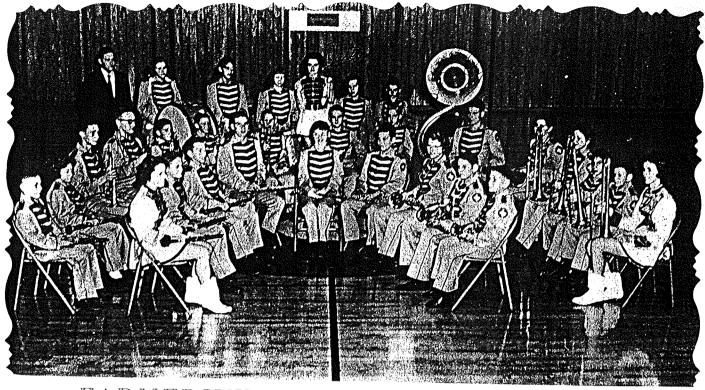


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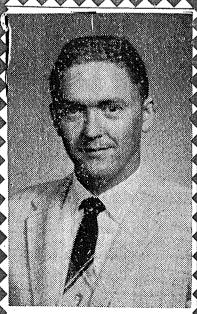
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FARMERSVILLE TEXAS 1959 - 1960



FARMERSVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND



NEW BAND DIRECTOR—When school opens this fall, Stanley Walker will assume his new duties as director of the Farmersville High School Band. A native of Clarksville, he will receive a degree from East Texas State College this summer.



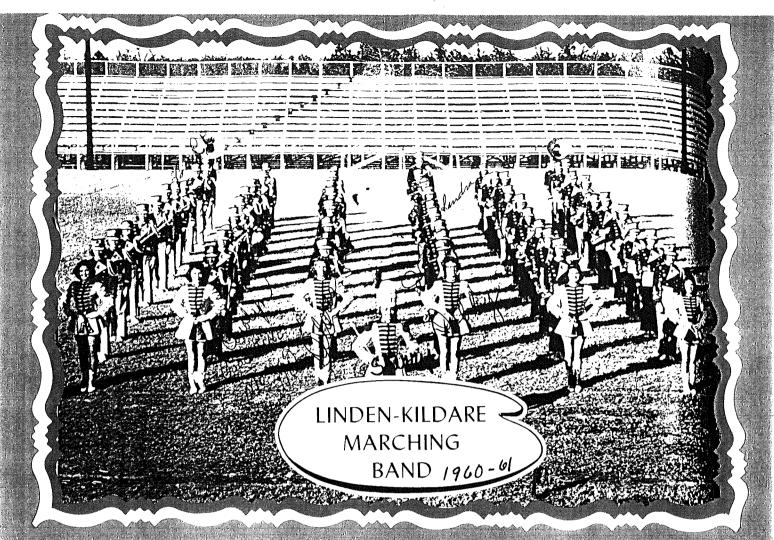
Band Director

FARMERSVILLE — A native of Clarksville, Stanley Walker, will assume his new duties when school opens this fall at Farmersville High where he will become the new band director. Mr. Walker will recieve a degree from East Texas State College this summer

Band Party

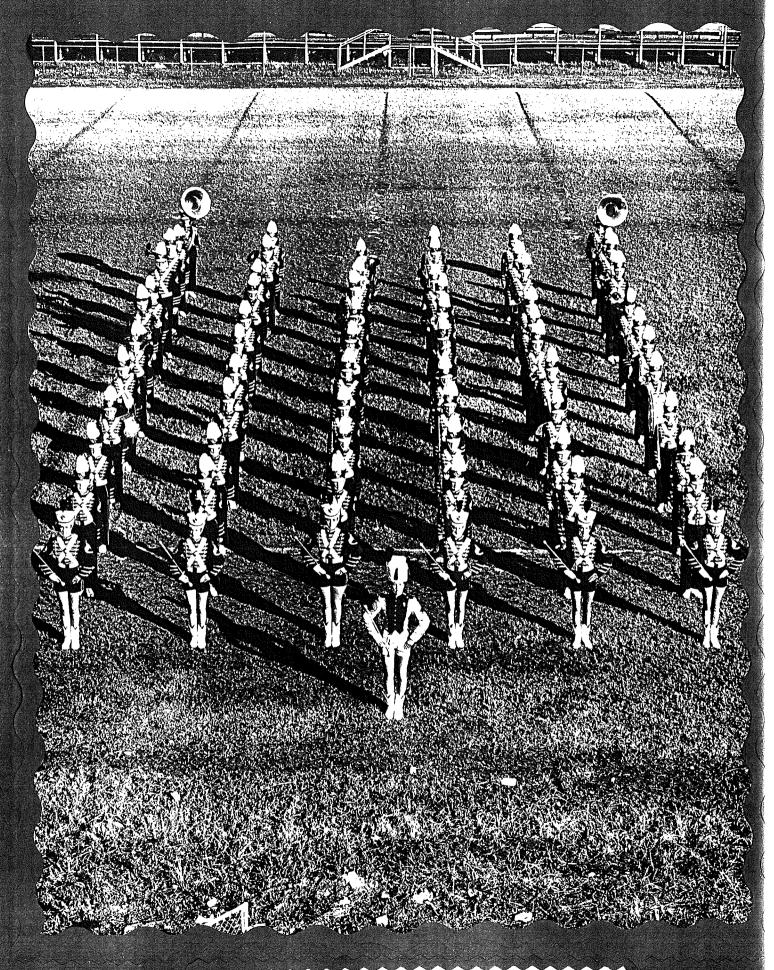
FARMERSVILLE — Farmersville school band members were
entertained at Parklake Country
Club with a New Year's Eve party. The group remained to usher
the old year out and the new year
in.

Thirty-six members and six adults were present. Adults in cluded the director and his wife. Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker, Mr. and Mrs. Rayford Jackson and Mrs. and Mrs. B. A. Wilcoxson.



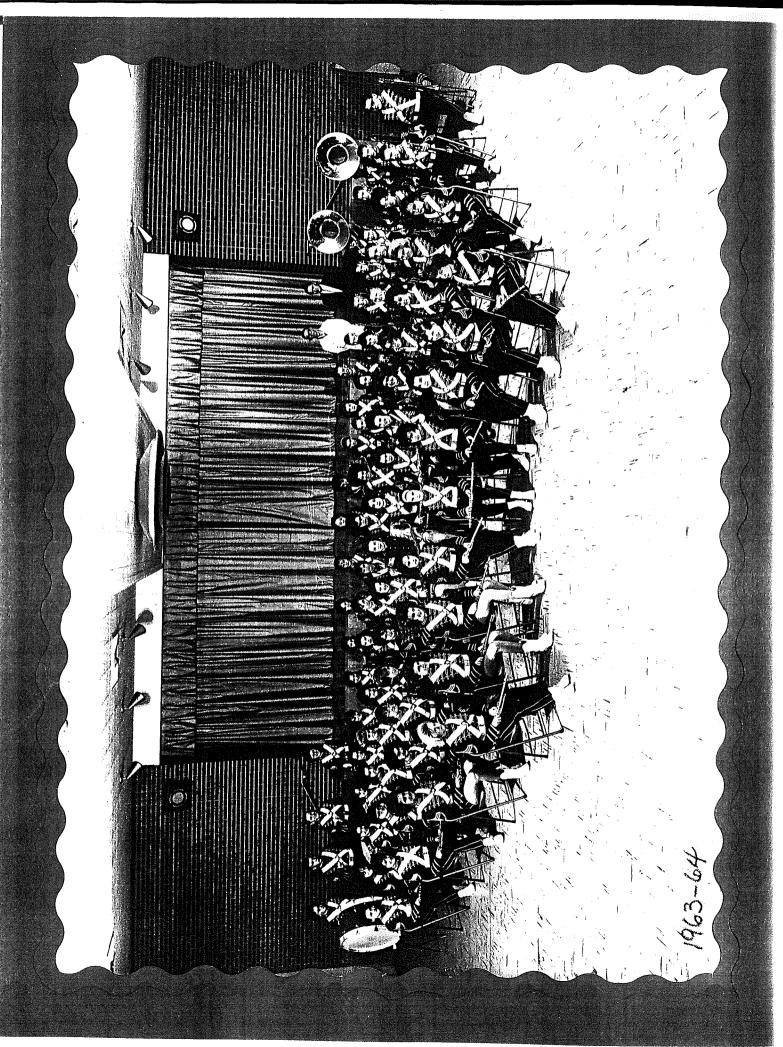






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LINDEN-KILDARE MARCHING BAND 1964



LINDEN-KILDARE BAND PLACES 1ST. IN RECENT BAND MARCHING CONTEST

first divison rating in marchng Kildare Band Booster Club did regional contest held Tuesday and Dr. Harold Simons were

Majorette, Miss Margie Simons, competed in class AA competition.

Other bands receiving First
Division were Union Grove
New Boston, Hooks, Atlanta, Paul Pewitt, Daingerfield, Gilmer, Pittsburg, Greenville, and

Texas High School, Texarkana.

Majorettes for the LindenKildare Band are Tommie
Jean Moore, Nancy Liles,
Davelyn Surratt, Sue Ferrell,
Donna Wells, and Carolyn Surratt.

The Linden-Kildare High A large crowd was present School Band was awarded a for the event. The Lindencompetition at the refreshments. Mr. Alton Rowe night at the Linden-Kildare in charge of the concession stands and kitchen. Hats off to these men for a job welldone.



L-K Band Boosters **Elect New Officers**

New officers for 1962-1963, took over the guiding positions of the L-K Band Booster Club May 10th at the final meeting of the Club for this school year. Those elected were Mr. Fred McClung, President; Mr. Juandell Roberson, Vice President; and Mrs. Geraldine Mills, Secretary-Treasurer.

Major items of old business completed were the approval of the purchase of 15 stands for the band which arrived in Linden Friday, and a \$500.00 payment on the instrument truck.

Mr. Fred McClung, new president, says several projects are under consideration in behalf of the band and will be announced later.

Present for the meeting which was held in the home of Mrs. Mills, were: Dr. Harold Simons, out going president, Elvis Meggs Juandell Roberson, Stanley Walker, Fred McClung, Mrs. Alonzo Morris, Mrs. Roy Buey, Mrs. Harry Haraway, Mrs. Elmer Bowden, Mrs. Otis Revnolds. Bowden, Mrs. Otis Reynolds, Mrs. Orvill Ferrell, and Mrs. Mills.

Next regular meeting of the club will be June 11th to be held in the band hall of the High School.

Stanley Walker band director of Linden-Kildare attended the T. E. M. A. Convention in Houston over the weekend.

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DELEGATE S. WALKER

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Thousands Attend **Local Band Event**

The Linden-Kildare High School and the Administration, wish to say "Thanks" to Mr. Walker and his fine band for the superb job they did in programing and presenting the University Interscholastic Interscholastic 2 League Marching Band Program Tuesday, November 13.

We wish to also thank Mr.

Fred McClung and the Band

Booster Club for the outstanding job they did in preparing and serving food and drink to the 3500 or more people present for the program.

We feel that the little time taken from the other phases of our school program used in preparing for the Marching Contest was more than com-pensated by the fine musical program presented by the different bands from the schools in District XV.

The Linden-Kildare won first place in their divi-



Mr. Walker To **Attend Convention**

Stanley Walker, band director at Linden-Kildare High School will leave for Houston Thursday to attend a three day meet. ing of the Texas Music Educators Association Clinic Conven-

Mr. Walker will represent Region XV as a member of the state board of directors while attending the meeting. He was elected to serve in this capacity at the summer meeting of the Region XV band directors. He is at present serving as Vice Chairman of Region XV. Reg ion XV is composed of schools from fourteen East Texas coun-

Majorettes To Teach Twirling

The week of May 6 a twirling school will be held each after noon after school hours. This program is open to any parents interested in registering their child for the twirling school. The school is free and will be taught by the majorettes of the Linden-Kildare Band,

This year's instructors for the school will be Davelyn Surratt, Sue Ferrell, Jeannie Bartlett, Candy Allen, Ginger Roberson, Nila Surratt, Mary Jane Caver, Sharon Hays, Angela Hill and Pam Rowe, The students takiny lessons will present a routine on the night of the band concert which will be held May

Any child is eligible to attend the school will be held at the Linden-Kildare High School.

L-K Band Wins First Division In **Concert Playing**

For the first time in the history of the Linden-Kildare High School, the band was judged a first division winner in concert

competition.

The band, under the direction of Stanley Walker, performed at Daingerfield High School Auditorium Thursday afternoon, April 23.

Each band participating in the contest was required to play a march and two other selections from the state required music

Thirty eight bands performed in the two day event. Sixteen of these bands were judged first division winners. Each band played for an audience of spectators as well as a panel of three judges. All three judges gave the Linden-Kildare Band first division ratings.

The judges for the event were Wallace Van Sickle, Natihito-ches, La.; Paul Stroud, Lufkin, Texas; and Charles Wiley, Lamar Tech, Beaumont, Texas.

Twirling School Starts Monday

The annual twirling school will be held at the High school beginning Monday, May 7th at 4:00 p. m. The school is sponsored each year by the Linden-Kildare High School Band. There is no charge for this service. The school is open to all ages of children. Those wishing to enroll early should contact Mrs. Belle Penny at the high school, or by contacting Stanley Walker. These arrangements may be made by telephone or by personal contact. There will be a presentation of the twirliing school students at the concert Friday at the high school auditorium.

Twirling School Set For L-K High

The annual twirling school will be held at the Linden-Kildare High School May 7 through May 11th. The school will be under the supervision of the high school band director, and instruction in twirling will be given by the majorettes of the

Children of all ages are invited to participate in the twirling slhool. Classes will begin each evening at four o'clock at the high school football field. If there is bad weather the class s will be held in the gym-

Those wishing to enroll for the twirling school may do so by contacting Stanley Walker, or calling Mrs. John Penny at the high school office. There will again be no charge for participating in the twirling school. The school, beginning on Monday the 7th of May will be climaxed by a concert of the Linden-Kildare Band and a presentation of all school participants. twirling

Local Youth Wins First Division At State Contest

Jerry Surratt, son of Mr. and Mrs. Lone Surratt, represented the Linden-Kildare Band at the state solo contest held in Austin, June 8th and 9th. Jerry made a first division rating on a very difficult trumpet solo.

Only two first divisions were awarded in the trumpet contest. There was approximately fifty students performing on the trumpet. The Linden-Kildare Band is very fortunate to have such a fine trumpet player as Jerry to bring home this outstanding

NEW BOSTON 1964 - 1965

New Boston **Band Boosters** To Install Officers

New Boston Band Boosters Club will meet Monday evening, May 17, at the High School Band

Officers for next year will be installed at this meeting.



ROAR STAFF 1964-1965

Mr. Walker, who taught you to play basketball?

NEW BOSTON BAND TAKES FIRST DIVISION

New Boston Band received a first division in Marching at the regional marching contest at Gilmer Tuesday, November 10. The band marched down the field to "Bravera March." Followed by column movements and a half while playing American Legion March. A diamond drill was executed to the strains of "Chicago World's Fair Centennial Celebration 1933 March." A very impressive exit was executed as the band was led off the field.

Congratulations to Mr. Walker and the band on their first division

rating!



New Boston **Band Wins** First Division

The New Boston Lion Band won first division honors in the Region XV Band Marching contest held in Gilmer Tuesday evening, Nov. 10. The band, under the direction of Stanley Walker, and led by Drum Major, Billy Eggenburger, presented a drill in precision marching including a diamond formation. There were thirty-three bands in the contest. Eleven including New Boston placed first division.

Dr. Nelson G. Patrick, Director of the Texas University Interscholastic League was on hand for the first time at this contest. Dr. Patrick supervises all state band contests from his desk at the University of Texas.



Texarkanians Will Sing In All-State Choir

The director of choral musical and two students of Texas Senior High will participate in the annual clinic of the Texas Music Educators Association Feb. 11-13 at Dallas.

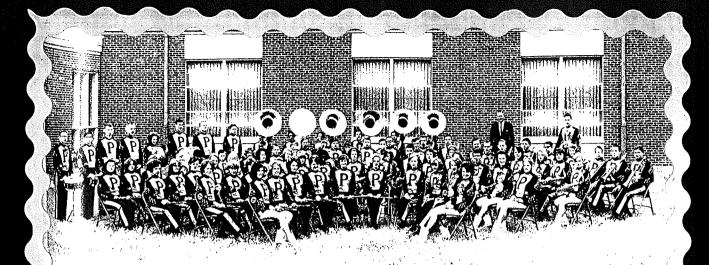
Preston Waldrop and Betty Lou Pearson, alto, and Tommy Jones, bass, will go to Dallas for the annual affair which will draw teachers and young musicians from throughout the state and leading clinicians from throughout the nation. Waldrop said Miss Pearson

and Jones will sing with the All-State Choir which, with the All-State Orchestra and All-State g Band, will perform the Grand Concert on the night of Feb. 13. The concert will be in the Dallas Municipal Auditorium,

Organized in 1924 as the Texas Band Teachers Association, the Texas Music Educators Association has expanded in the past 40 years on the basis of a program that consists of work-shops, panel discussions, dem-

onstrations and lectures in band, and college level educational techniques.

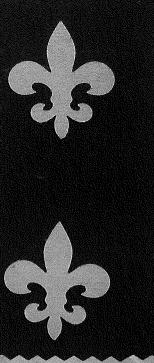
According to the association's headquarters in Houston, Kenneth Hall of Hooks, Stanley Walker of New Boston and J. B. McDonald of Mt. Pleasant are on its board of directors.



Pittsburg Pirate Band 1965-66

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1965-Pirate Band Earns 75 Medals

The Pittsburg High School band returned home from the Region IV solo and ensemble contest with seventy-five first division medals. The contest was held at East Texas State University, on March 26. Forty-one of the medals earned by the band were class one, gold medals. Medals are given only for first division winners. There are three classes of medals. band returned home from solo medals were: are three classes of medals; Students earning class two solo class I (gold medal), Class II (silver medal) and class III (bronze medal). Class I (bron

Students earning Class I

Patsy Green, flute solo; Linda Edwards, clarinet solo; Sharon Partridge, tener sax solo; Ronnie Lunsford, trumpet solo; Kerry Smith, ridge, tener sax solo; Rounie Luns-, ford, trumpet solo; Korry Smith, baritone solo; Paula Holloway, alto sax solo

Sax solo
Students earning first division
medals in Class III solos were:
Debbie Wade, clarinet solo; Bobby
Blackwell, bass solo; Elwanda Biggs,
flute solo; Thomas Young, clarinet solo; Nancy Turner, flute solo; Jo-anne Brummell, tenor sax solo; Te-resa Moody, snare drum solo.

Those making second divisions on

Class III solos were:

Class III folos were:

Beth Taylor, tenor sax solo; Peggy
Coston, French horn solo; David
Cummings, cornet solo; Nancy Richardson, clarinet solo; Patricia Winchester, baritone solo; Eddie Conaway, drum solo.

Students earning first division

Students earning first division medals on Class I ensembles were:
Adera Lawson, Janet Morgan, Kathy Partridge, clarinet trio; Mike Woods, Jimmy Jordan, Carl Azbell, trumpet trio; Linda Edwards, Nancy Brooks, Karen Coffman, clarinet trio; Sue Pruett, Janet Coffman, Patsy Green, flute trio; Mickey McFerrin, Phillip Ellison, Mike Woods, Gary Jordan, Linda McBride, Gary Thacker: brass sextet.

gr, brass sextet.

Mary Mooton, Mike Wade, Penny Kennedy, Larry Taft, sax quartet;
Jerry Gober, Merrell Locke, Johnny Jordan, snare drum trio; Wayne Dyess, Philip Ellison, Tommy Ellison,

Jimmy Walton, trombone quartet,
Class II ensembles making a second division were: Penny Kennedy,
Sharon Partridge, Paula Holloway,
Vernon Conaway, sex quartet; Mike
Holmes, Lynda MeBride, Jimmy
Reeves, Christine Whitney, horn

cuartet.

Class II ensembles earning first division medals were:

Mary Taylor, Kathy Banks, Sandra Hawkins, Vernon Conaway, sax quartet; Robert Turner, Teresa Moody, David Miley, Harry Pilgrim, drum quartet; Janet Morgan, Barbara Goodman, Cindy Shrum, clarinet trio; Thomas Young, Bonnie Jackson, Barbara Goodman, clarinet trio; Debbie Wade, Cinday Shrum, Elleen Wilson, clarinet trio.

Only two ensembles were entered in Class III, and these both made

in Class III, and these both made first divisions. They are:

Nancy Turner, Elwanda Biggs. Patsy Green, flute trio; Patsy Green substituted for Betty Beasley who

Mas III
Linda Dyess, Sandra Shelton, Cindy
Shrum, clarinet tric; Cindy
Shrum substituted for Martha

Shrum substituted for Martha Searcy who was ill.
Twenty-eight students are eligible for the State U.I.I. Solo and Ensemble contest to be held in Austin on June 6 and 7. These students are: Sue Pruett, Wayne Dyess, Janet Coffman, Mary Hooton, Mike Wade, Larry Taft, Mickey McFerrin, Gary Thacker, Merrell Locke, Jerry Gober, Johnny Jordan, Robert Turner, Adera Lawson, Janet Morgan, Kathy Partridge, Mike Woods, Jimmy Jordan, Carl Azbell, Linda Edwards, Nancy Brocks, Karen Coffman, Patsy Green, Phillip Ellison, Gary Jordan, Lynda McBride, Penny Kennedy, Tommy Ellison and Jimmy Walton

Pirate Band Rates First Division Last Tuesday

Band was awarded a first division at the Region IV Marching Contest held in Longview Tuesday, Nov. 23.

were Pete Kunkel, band di- Mt. rector at Cleveland, Texas, and Pine Tree. Pete Rodrigues, band director at Lancaster, Texas, and Ivan Goodwin, band director at Ennis, Texas. Each of the three judges awarded the (Pittsburg Band a superior rating.

There were 19 bands in class AA competition, these, six were awarded suclass AA were Pittsburg, bands.

The Pittsburg High School | New Boston, West Rusk, Hooks, DeKalb, and Daingerfield.

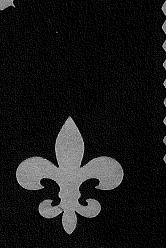
In class AAA, first divisions were awarded to Green-The judges for the contest ville, Nacogdoches, Kilgore, Pleasant, Henderson,

> In class AAAA Texas High. Lufkin, John Tyler, and Longview received first divisions. Thirty-six bands, participated in the contest and 16 received first divisions.

A contest was held in White Oak on the following perior ratings. The bands re- day for all Junior High, class ceiving superior ratings in A. and class B high school



The Walkers In a wonderful gear.



Third Vear Sweepstakes Wins Band Band Pirate

The Pittsburg High seven bands five bands School Band was awarded were awarded Sweep a Sweepstakes Award for stakes Awards. These five

the third straight year at ban the Region IV UIL con- clas cert and sight reading Na contest held in Longview and on April 24. Out of forty- Pit

bands were Longview in melass AAAA. Kilgore and sinacogdoches in class AAA band New Boston and fiftsburg in class AA.

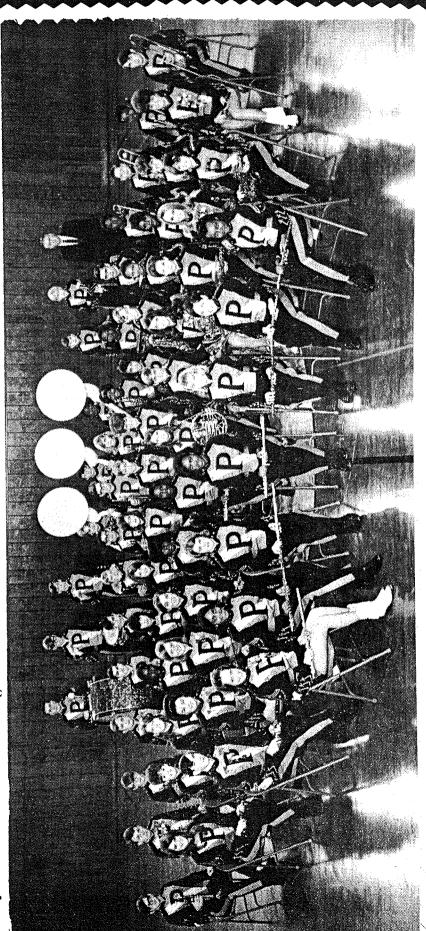
In order to qualify for Sweepstakes, a band must be judged first division in

marching, concert and sight reading. The Pittsburg Band was judged first division by all seven judges in the three events.

The band is making plans to make a record of the last four years of con-

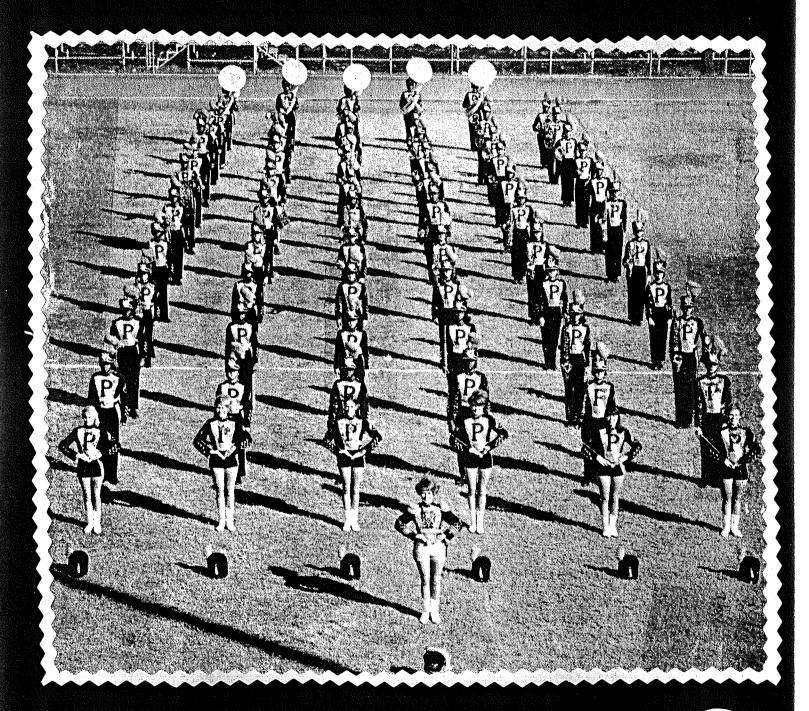
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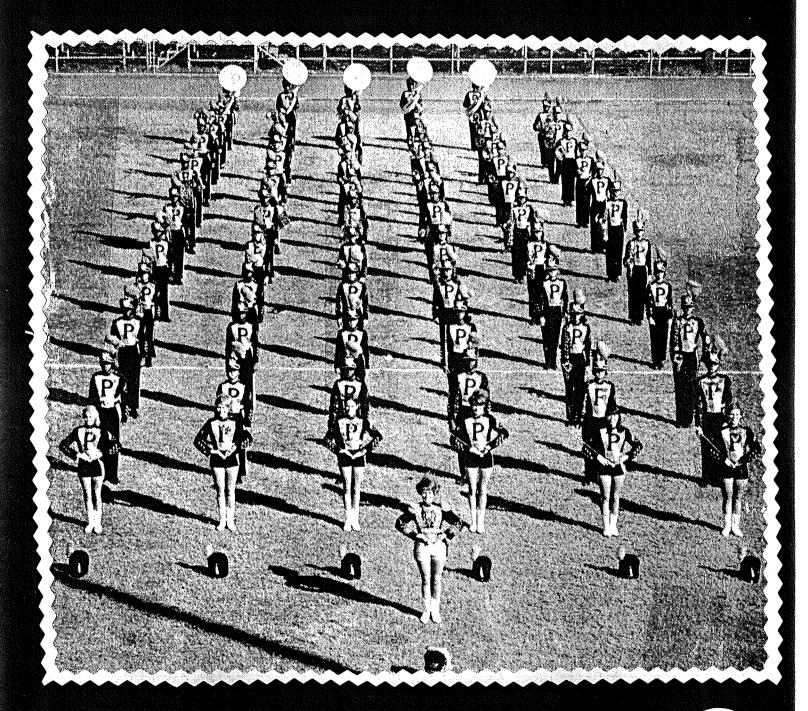


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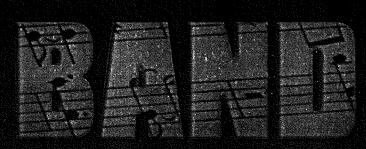


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CHS Band Rated No. 1

Eighty members of the Carthage High School Concert Band returned home in

jubilation Tuesday afternoon after receiving a top rating in the Region IV, Class AAA, University Interscholastic League Contest in Kilgore.

Three bus-loads of happy musicians made a turn around the square, waving and cheering from school buses painted with such slogans as, "We're No. 1," "CHS Band Is the Greatest," etc., before

returning to the high school.

For the past two-and-one-half months, the CHS Band has been practicing under the baton of Stanley Walker, director, in preparation for the annual concert competition. That practice paid off.

The band played three numbers in the competition, as required by the UIL. "Alhambra Grotto March" by King, "Prelude to Act One, La Traviata" by Verdi-Flacoee and "Marriage of Figaro" by

Mozart were included in the Carthage performance.

In addition, the band was required to sight-read one number and was awarded a "II" rating for that performance--the most difficult portion of the competition.

The band has also won a second place in marching competition in Pittsburgh Nov. 16 and is planning a trip to the International Lions Parade in Miami this year. That event will take place in June and will take

the band to Florida for five days--June 25-29.

Prior to that excursion, the band will present its annual spring concert, during which each of the UIL competition numbers will be performed. The concert will be held May 11 at 7 p.m. in the CHS Auditorium.

Band members and Band Booster Club members have been working for some time raising money for the Miami Trip and, according to one band member, they are within \$1,800 of their goal.



Band Takes

The Carthage High School Band was accorded a first division rating at the district University Interscholastic League competition at Kilgore Tuesday.

It was the first time in many years that the band has recieved such honors. It was directed by Stanley Walker.



NUMBER ONE—Carthage High School Bulldog Band recieved a No. 1 rating in University Interscholastic League Competition Tuesday, in Kilgore, This was the first time in many years that the band has received such honors.

Mr. Stanley Walker is the band director. (Post Photo)

CHS Band Wins 53 First

The Carthage High Pam Turner: A Brass receiving first division School Band returned from the Region IV solo and ensemble contest with a total of fifty three first division medals. The contest was held Saturday, March 9, at Kilgore dals were awarded to the High School. Thirty of the medals earned were in class I incompetition. These students will advance on to the state

Students earning first division medals for class one solos are Mike Hudman, baritone horn; Norman Jennings, trum-pet; and <u>Steve Walker</u> on trombone. The following students earned medals in class I ensemble competition: A flute trio composed of Christy Craig, Belinda Cheshire and Lisa Scott. A clarinet quartet composed of Connie Copeland, Myra Kyle, Myra Wall and Patty Williams. A clarinet Choir composed of Connie Copeland, Myra Kyle, Pam Turner, Suzie Studdard, Myra Wall, Muna Hummadi, LeAnn Morton, Shirley Gipson, Linda Hicks, Donna Woolfolk, and Debbie Price A trombone trio with Steve Walker, David Debbie Patrick. A sax Johnson, and John Ben quartet composed of Williams: A Brass Sextet containing Norman Jennings, Jeff Register, Randy Crump, David Mauritzen, Mike Hudman and Alan Fox.

were awarded the following students for class II solos: Christy Craig; flute, Donna Woolfolk; Clarinet, Jerri Bagley; French horn, John Ben Williams; trombone, Jeff receiving first divisions in Kimmey; Kimmey; trombone, Greg Brown; trumpet.

Class II ensembles receiving first divisions were: A flute trio with Bheila Bowie, Caye Calloway, and Dorothy Hinchen; A flute trio with Lisa Morris, Jodi Patterson, and Janet Tiller: A clarinet trio with Debbie Price, Linda Hicks, and

Quintet composed of medals were: Flute, Bryan Langford, Paul trio-Lydia Langford, Sy-Krutza, Margaret John-bille Whaley, and Cheryl son, Jeff Kimmey, and Gautreaux. Flute trio-Hank Kyle.

following in class III competition: Muna Hummadi: contra bass clarinet, George Shuttleworth; tenor sax, and contest to be held in Margaret Johnson; June. French horn Solos earning second division rating were: Margaret Kyle, Jodi Patterson, Tommy Maxey, Sheree Ritter, Ric Roberson, Deborah Coo-Duncan. Two ensembles were awarded second divisions. Both of these ensembles had to play a week early in Commerce of a conflict with other school activities taking place this time of the year. These ensembles would have been better prepared and probably would have done better in the regular scheduled. contest: They are a clarinet quartet with Adana Williams, Debbie Prior, Perri Parker and Melea Wright, Stacy Bankhead, Walton Nail, and Brian Bounds.

Members of the rurner

Jr. High Band returned from the contest with a First division medals total of forty-one first division medals. Gayland Brown, Cynthia Jennings, and John Groom were awarded a first division on a class II woodwind trio. Soloists class III were John Groom, Karen Ashby, Sybille Whaley, Lydia Langford, Susan Wall, Renee Spurgeon, Lisa Patterson, Kent Johnson, Kelly Lyle, Eric Bowie, Mike Walker, Jay Kimmey, Annette Arnold. Annelle Brewster, and Janan Hummadi. Class III ensembles

Karen Barnett, Lori First division solo me- Morris, and Beverly lals were awarded to the Crump. Clarinet trio-Lisa Patterson, Beverly Mc-Millan, and Mindy Mc Cormick. Bass choir-

Carter, Kent Johnson, Lisa Barrington, Kelly Kyle, Kelly Noonan, Mike Walker, Jay Kim-mey, Jerry Hudson, Albert Davis, David Reed, and Rickey Maxey. per, Susan Nichols, Receiving first division Beverly Etheredge, Pat for class II piano solos Brown, Mike Zappa, were Lisa Patterson and Sheila Ritter, Doug John Groom.



CHS And TJH Band Members Earn 94 Medals

CHS band members earned a total of 53 medals at the University Interscholastic League Solo and Ensemble Contest held at Kilgore High School Saturday, March 9.

The students could enter class I music, class II or class III with class I being the hardest play.

Mr. Stanley Walker stated, "Last year the band brought home 36 medals and this year 53 were received which shows a marked improvement. Most of the students seem to be working harder. I'm proud of our Junior High Band for bringing home 41 medals. This makes a total of 94 medals for Carthage."



Watchman Photo

INDIVIDUAL WINNERS—Mike Hudman, left, and Steve Walker, both members of the Carthage High School Band, display medals they won in Texas State Solo and Ensemble competition in Austin recently. A total of 19 CHS bandsters competed and won medals during the state contest.

In State Competition

Band Students Win

Nineteen Carthage High School band students brought home medals this month from Solo and Ensemble competition on the state level, according to Stanley Walker, band director.

Mike Hudman, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Hudman of Carthage, earned a First Division medal for his baritone solo at the Texas State Solo and Ensemble Contest.

Steve Walker, son of Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Walker, earned a second division for his trombone solo and three ensembles received second division ratings.

A clarinet choir, composed of Connie

Copeland, Myra Kyle, Myra Wall, Linda Hicks, Debble Price, Donna Woolfolk, LeAnn Morton, Pam Turner, Shirley Gipson, Suzie Studdard and Muna Hummadi took a second division rating during the competition held in Austin.

A clarinet quartet including Miss Copeland, Miss Kyle, Miss Wall and Patty Williams also received a second division rating as did a brass sextet that included Norman Jennings, Jeff Register, Randy Crump, David Mauritzen, Mike Hudman and Alan Fox.

Each student who competed on the state level first had to win in regional competition held at Kilgore during March.

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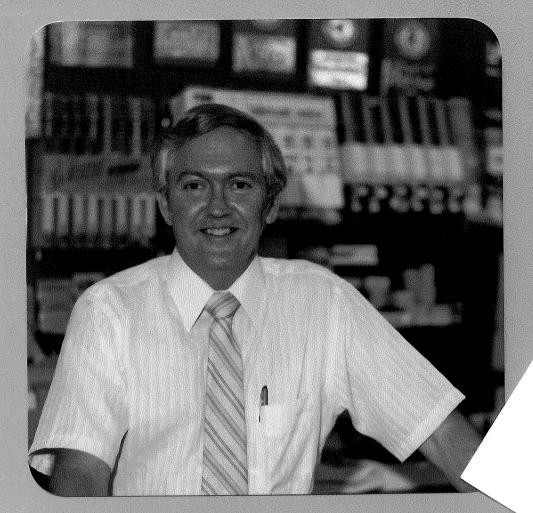
The SCHOOL MUSICIAN DIRECTOR and TEACHER is the official Organ of Phi Beta Mu



Four outstanding Texas bandmasters were inducted into Alpha Chapter, Phi Beta Mu, during ceremonies held in San Antonio last February. From left to right are: Harris Brinson, Pampa; Stanley Walker, Carthage; Ronnie Smith, Monahans; and Billy Harrell, Hondo.

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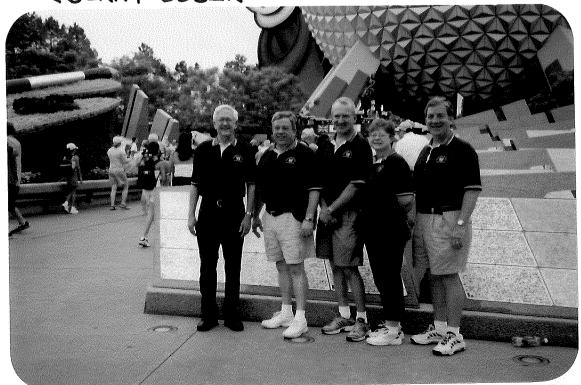
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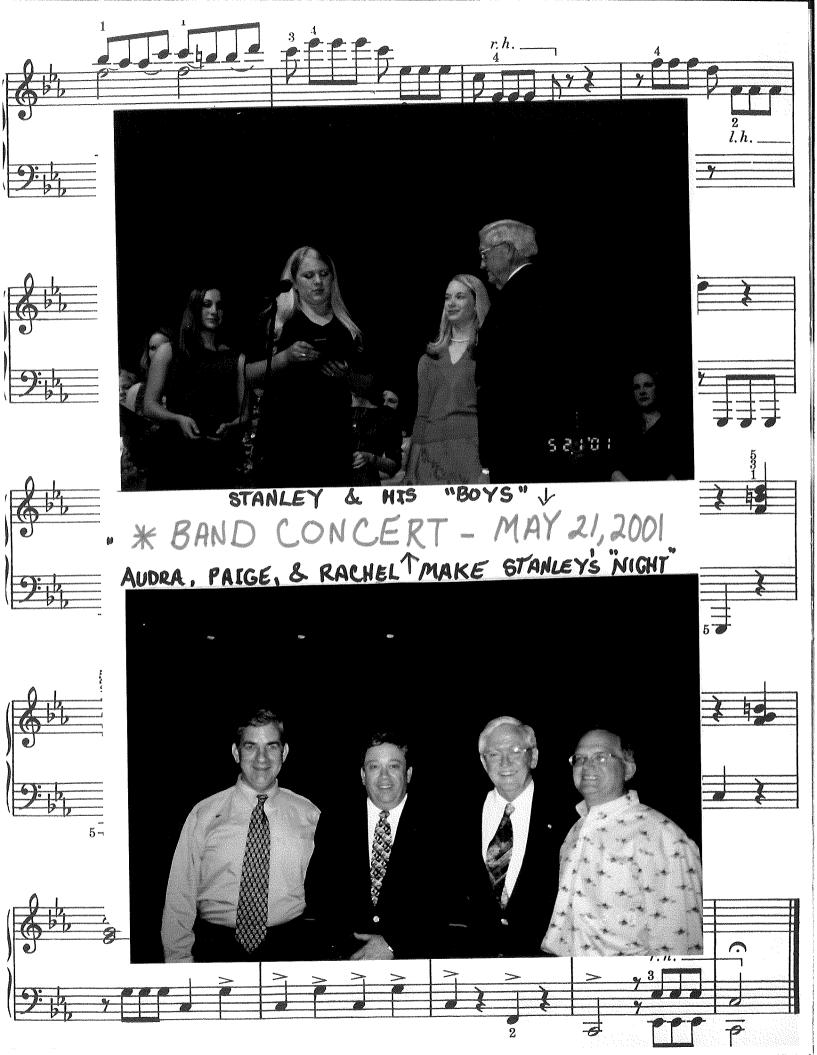
DIRECTORS: STANLEY WALKER, DENNY WHITLEY, JIM CLIFTON, BETH CLIFTON & JERRY GOBER



CONCERTS















Outstanding bandsmen awards, scholarships presented at concert

Monday night, Wildcat Arena was filled with fans as it commonly is. This time the teams that took the court were the Symphonic, Concert 1 and Concert 2 bands of Whitehouse High School. The combined bands total more than 230 members.

The evening's concert was presented in loving memory of Mr. Stanley Walker, sixth grade band director who passed away on March 19, 2007, Mr. Walker began teaching at Whitehouse in 2000. This year's seniors were his first sixth grade band class.

Denny Whitley, director of bands, also asked that the audience remember the loss of Alex Fleming. Fleming played trumpet in the Symphonic band.

The concert included several Disney pieces in preparation for the band's trip to Disney World in June to lead Disney's Spectro Magic parade down Main Street U.S.A. in the Magic Kingdom in Orlando, Fla.

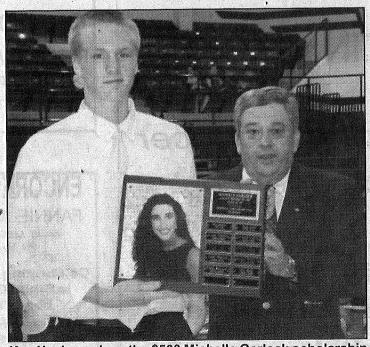
In the past, the band has played various patriotic selections in honor of World War II and Korean Conflict veterans. This year was no different. In recognition of Vietnam veterans, the Symphonic band played "Duty ... Honor ... Country..." by Harold Walters. The Farewell Speech given by General Douglas MacArthur was narrated by Col. David Bell, U.S.A.F. (retired). Colonel Bell is on the faculty of Whitehouse High School.

Several student awards were presented. Those included Courtney Mogle and Beth Wiggins as four-year majorettes, Lisa Baldridge as a two-year drum major and Katelyn Parsons as three-year drum major.

Recognition for four-year drum line members went to



Suzanne Mounce presents the Stanley Walker Memorial Music scholarship to Jared Nipp. Ms. Mounce is Mr. Walker's daughter.



Kye Heck receives the \$500 Michelle Garlock scholarship from Denny Whitley.

Nicholas Swinford, Jed McNeill, Kye Heck and Spencer Hutchins.

The Concert Band 2 outstanding bandsman was Krissy Davis.

Concert Band 1 outstanding bandsmen were Brian Parsons and Hatley Moore. Outstanding musician went to Mayela Madulid.

The John Philip Sousa Award went to Heidi Wise and Katelyn Parsons, as did the \$500 band booster scholarships.

The final two scholarships are quite special to the band program. The first, the Michelle Garlock scholarship, was established 10 years ago following the untimely death of the band member and majorette. This year's recipient of the \$500 award was Kye Heck.

The Stanley Walker Memorial Music scholarship was presented by his daughter. Suzanne Mounce. Jared Nipp received this premiere award in the amount of \$500.

The band students and directors wish to thank all the parents and other community supporters who have made this another wonderful and successful year for the Wildcat band program.

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Walking through life

Stanley and Ann Walker

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Ann Walker laughed and joked that their kids says their house is like a museum. And in a way that is true. A museum is a place where very special things are placed in a position of honor. Stanley and Ann Walker definitely deserve a special place of honor.

The Walkers found one another in the band at Paris Junior College. Stanley, who was born in Clarksville, and Ann who was born in Wolfe City, came to the college to pursue an education that would start them down the path to their dream jobs. They fell in love and married Aug. 4,

1956.

Mr. Walker never wanted to do anything other than be a band director. He completed his education at East Texas State University in Commerce.

Mrs. Walker always dreamed of traveling overseas and teaching world history in an American school. She wanted to experience the world and share it with her students.

"And then this blonde-haired guy came along and changed those plans," Mrs. Walker said. "Stantey finished school, and then after the kids were up in school, I went back and got my degree."

The love that Mr. Walker had for music and band began at an

early age. He started playing in the band in the fourth grade in Clarksville. "They didn't have band until after World War II," Mr. Walker said. In those days, it wasn't just high school or junior high. They taught anyone who wanted to learn to play.

Mr. Walker's training took him all over East Texas. Mrs. Walker says they can't go anywhere that he doesn't see a former band student. He directed bands in Farmersville, Linden-Kildare, New Boston, Pittsburg, Carthage, Honey Grove and Whitehouse. With those years of directing came 25 years at Tatum Music in

Tyler.

While Mrs. Walker did not get to travel the world as a teacher, she did spend just a few years in the classrooms of East Texas. She taught for two years in both Pittsburg and Carthage and then 27 years at Whitehouse High School until her retirement in 2002.

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Teaching did not take her on the travels she had planned for but she still had the yearning to travel to see many of the places she taught from her history book.

While she was working to receive her master's degree in world history, she began traveling with the University of Texas at Tyler travel study program.

The trips to Europe were as wonderful as she had dreamed. She finally convinced Mr. Walker that he should come along with her when U.T. Tyler offered a WWII European trip. He was hooked after that.

Their travels have taken them to almost every European nation as well as across the United States and parts of Canada and Mexico. Their favorite destination is the garden region of Ireland.

"It is just the most beautiful place you can even imagine," Mrs. Walker said. "We have friends there who we came to know through our travels. We visit them and they have visited us here."

Two places they have never been and had plans for this sum-

mer and fall are Hawaii and the northeastern United States. Aug. 4 was their 50th wedding anniversary and a wonderful celebration trip was planned for Hawaii with a trip to New England to take in the fall foliage. Both of those dreams were put on hold when Mr. Walker was diagnosed with small cell lung cancer in May.

Following months of treatment, Mr. Walker is improving every day and says he feels great. They are crossing their fingers that he will continue the same progress and his treatment schedule will allow for the anniversary trip to Hawaii very soon.

The Walkers said they know they have many wonderful people in their life but they had no idea just how many until word got out about Mr. Walker's illness.

"We had calls and cards coming from everywhere and they are still coming in," Mrs. Walker said. "We received notes saying that entire churches are praying for his recovery. Special masses in Ireland have been held just to pray for Stanley, and our daughter even had a friend who placed his name in a special book that is read by the Pope asking for his intercessory prayer and we're not even Catholic! We are Methodists!"

Anyone who knows Mr. Walker knows that his attitude and energy level run circles around most people. The doc-

tors say it is that positive way of life that has brought such success to his recovery.

This couple has raised a family of their own children and the children of countless others. It takes a great deal of devotion to be an effective and caring teacher. It is that kind of dedication that influenced thousands of students to go out into the world and foster that same enthusiasm and success in their own lives.

Mr. Walker's instruction has yielded some extraordinary success stories. At one time, 36 of his former students were making their living in the music industry in one way or another or were band directors.

Two of those names should be very familiar to Whitehouse band fans. Denny Whitley, WHS director and Jerry Gober, WJHS band director, were students of Mr. Walker. It was really amazing that these three men should end up in the same place at the same time.

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"Stanley has been such a positive mentor for all East Texas band directors and East Texas bands for 30 years," Whitley said. "The five years he spent directing band in Whitehouse were such a wonderful experience for all of his students. Students that he taught as their high school band director still look up to him and respect him to this day."

"The Walkers have been an integral part of my life both pro-

fessionally and personally," Gober said.

Another of those success stories reaches a little further than East Texas. One of Mr. Walker's students was Don Henley, drummer, lead singer and songwriter for The Eagles. Henley wrote a letter at the time of Walker's retirement in 2005.

The words in that letter sum up the reason for spending 50 years of your life sharing your love for music with others; Henley said (about himself) that he didn't think he was that great a musician. He says it was the

diligence, the work ethic and the persistence that he gained through Mr. Walker's teaching that has brought him to this point in his career.

"I often say in interviews that the longevity of my career is due to the fact that I have a high tolerance for repetition," Henley wrote.

Talent can only take you so far, but the love of something or someone takes you places you could never imagine. Thank you Stanley and Ann Walker for taking our kids places they might have only dreamed of.



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