

PRESENTING THE TEXAS CITY
High School Concert Band

ROBERT L. RENFROE, Director

WILLIAM D. GAVER, Assistant Director

L. B. LANDERS, Principal

Port of Industrial Opportunity



On The Fabulous Gulf Coast

TENTH ANNUAL
MID-WEST NATIONAL BAND CLINIC

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BAND OFFICERS

ARNO "SKIP" JOHNSON, PRESIDENT — MIKE GRIFFIN, VICE-PRESIDENT — FAY SELLERS, SECRETARY — BETTY WAGGONER, TREASURER — MARILYN SEALOCK, JOAN MAVIS, LIBRARIANS — SHIRLEY BOYETT, SECRETARY TO MR. RENFROE.



Bob DuPuy is one of the student directors of the "Stingaree Band." A very gifted student is Bob, having perfect pitch and of course the other members of the band often sound a pitch and ask, "Bob what note am I playing". Bob is a junior in High School and of all the organizations to which he belongs, his DeMolay and Band activities come first. He is past Master Counselor of our Texas City Chapter and his father is Potentate of El Mina Temple.

Tommy Cameron is the other student director of the "Stingaree Band". A fine pianist and a student with a very keen ear is Tommy. He is a Junior and plays Cornet in the Band. Among Tom's many activities is his DeMolay work of which he is presently serving the chapter as Secretary. Tommy is a very fine young person to have around, ready always to do more than his share.





ROBERT L. RENFROE

The name of Robert L. Renfroe and that of the Texas City Stingaree Band have become synonymous throughout Texas. Starting at the age of nineteen teaching in the elementary and junior high schools in Texas City, he is in his tenth year with the Texas City Bands. His junior high school bands were accorded the highest honors ever bestowed on junior high school bands in Texas, out-pointing senior high bands of all classifications and being awarded first division honors in concert and first place in the Million Dollar Parade at the Tri-State Band Contest in Oklahoma.

After two years with the junior high bands he moved up to the senior high band and was made director in charge of all bands in the Texas City schools. Under his ten years of teaching and supervision the band department has developed to the extent that five full time band directors are needed. In addition private teachers from the Houston Symphony are employed to teach privately.

Mr. Renfroe's high school bands have performed throughout Texas. They have represented the Governor at the Mardi Gras in New Orleans, the Texas City Lions at the Lions International Convention at Mexico City, and captured the Grand Sweepstakes Award at the Tri-State in Oklahoma two years ago. They have won seven consecutive Sweepstakes Awards in State Contests. Mr. Renfroe is asked to serve as adjudicator at marching and concert contests in many parts of the state and has served as music chairman in his own Region V of the Interscholastic League Music Division. This year he is organizer of the Texas All-State Sight Reading Band for the Texas Music Educators Convention to be held in Dallas, Texas. He is a charter member of Kappa Kappa Psi Band Fraternity at his Alma Mater. He is a member of American School Band Directors Association, and was a member of the first All-American Bandmasters Band. He and his wife Betty Sue have one son, Robert L., Jr.



WILLIAM D. GAVER

A native of Hagerstown, Maryland, William D. Gaver is a graduate of the Eastman School of Music where he was a clarinet student of Rufus Arey and studied flute with Walifred Kujala who is now with the Chicago Symphony Orchestra. Mr. Gaver was an original member of the famed Eastman Symphonic Wind Ensemble for two years under the distinguished conductor Frederick Fennell.

Before coming to Texas City, he spent two years as solo clarinetist with the 97th Army Band at Fort Sill, Oklahoma. During this time, he taught woodwinds and coached ensembles at the Lawton Senior High School, Lawton, Oklahoma.

Mr. Gaver became associated with the Texas City Band Department following his military service, and assumed the position as woodwind instructor and assistant director of the Texas City High School Band. He is currently doing graduate work in woodwinds at the University of Houston where he is a clarinet and flute student of Jeffery Lerner and Byron Hester respectively — both are members of the Houston Symphony.

Mr. Gaver is a member of Phi Mu Alpha Music Fraternity and is a member of this year's Second All-American Bandmaster's Band.



Texas City, industrial center of the Gulf Coast, is located forty miles south of Houston and fifteen miles north of Galveston, Texas. It is bordered on the south with six large chemical and oil refineries and a tin smelter. The population is 30,000, having doubled in size since the Texas City Disaster of 1947 when over 500 persons lost their lives.

The Texas City Schools are among the most modern in the state. Teacher salaries are tops and a three million dollar high school is under construction including an air conditioned band hall costing one hundred and eighteen thousand dollars. The new high school is scheduled for occupancy in September of 1957.

An enlarged band program of the Texas City schools was established ten years ago when Robert Renfroe became director of bands at the age of nineteen. In the four elementary schools all beginners are started in the sixth grade on clarinet and cornet. In the seventh grade some are transferred to the different instruments and the seventh grade band is set up. Eighth and ninth graders make up the two Junior High bands. After graduation from Junior High School all students are auditioned and the best musicians in tenth, eleventh and twelfth grades make up the "Stingaree" concert band. All students are eligible for band instruction and take part in the marching band. Each band in Elementary, Junior and Senior High School are allowed one period per day for band. The students in Junior and Senior High band are also scheduled for section rehearsals before and after school with each section getting one to two section rehearsals a week. About 75% of the band take private lessons from competent instructors.

The teaching staff consists of the following:

Robert L. Renfroe — Director Senior High Band and coordinator of the band program. Graduate of Sam Houston State Teachers College.

William Gaver — Full time assistant and woodwind instructor to the Senior High Band. Graduate of the Eastman School of Music.

Carl D. Meyers — Director of the Seventh Grade and Eighth and Ninth Grade Bands in Blocker Junior High School. Graduate of North Texas State College.

Philip B. Speer — Director of Seventh Grade and Eighth and Ninth Grade Bands in Fry Junior High School. Graduate of Florida State University.

Raymond Wanieck — Director of the four elementary classes in the elementary schools. Graduate of Sam Houston State Teachers College.

Other teachers employed during the year are Mr. Anthony Russo, former clarinetist with the Houston Symphony, Robert Davis, trombonist with the Houston Symphony and Jerry Phiffinger, French Horn, Houston Symphony.

The Stingaree Band performs at all football games during the year, often representing college and professional teams at their games. The band has been the official representative of Governor Shivers to the Mardi-Gras; the band put on the entire half time show between the Detroit Tigers and the New York Giants, in the Cotton Bowl; and presented Texas Lions' Club at Lions International in Mexico City. This group won 1st Division in concert and 1st place in million dollar parade as a Junior High Band in tri-state band festival in 1949. The Texas City High School won the sweepstakes in 1954 at the tri-state meet in the class A competition. Another highlight for the bands was the visit of Edwin Franko Goldman, who directed the two Junior High Bands in rehearsal and directed the Senior High Band in concert March 18, 1954.

The annual budget for instruments and repairs for the past ten years has run from \$10,000 to \$18,000, all of which is appropriated by the school board from tax revenues. No band parents organization is needed or used. When a special trip is planned, the parents are called together and plans are made for raising the funds necessary. This year the \$8,000 necessary for the Chicago trip was raised in three months.

School equipment* for the bands are as follows:

ELEMENTARY: 24 Clarinets — 24 Cornets

JR. HIGHS: 12 Sousaphones, 16 single horns, 12 trombones, 10 baritones, 12 flutes, 4 oboes, 4 bassoons, 6 bass clarinets, 4 alto clarinets, 5 alto saxophones, 4 tenor saxophones, 2 baritone saxophones, and 2 full sets of percussion.

SENIOR HIGH: 8 Cornets, 4 Trumpets, 8 Double Horns, 3 Single Horns, 8 Baritones, 6 Trombones (tenor), 2 Bass Trombones, 8 Sousaphones, 8 Recording basses, full set of percussion, 12 Bb Clarinets, 1 Eb Clarinet, 9 Flutes, 4 Oboes, 1 English Horn, 4 Bassoons, 3 Alto Clarinets, 6 Bass Clarinets, 1 Contra Bass Clarinet, 8 Alto Saxophones, 3 Tenor Saxophones, 2 Baritone Saxophones, 1 Bass Saxophone.

Set of 120 West Point Uniforms for Senior High Band

Two sets of 120 Cadet Uniforms for the two Junior High Bands

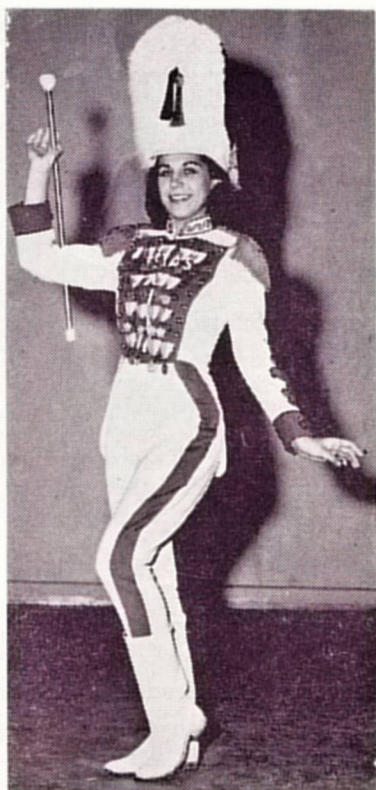
* In addition to school-furnished instruments many of the students provide their own instruments.



PHYLLIS MELVIN
Assistant Drum Major



LINDA ANDERSON
Assistant Drum Major



MARGO REA
Drum Major



MAJORETTES: DORIS HANEY, GLORIA SAUCIER, BETTY McDUFFIE, TRUDY FROESCHL, HARRIETT HOPKINS, JO ANN STRATTON

TEXAS CITY

PORT OF INDUSTRIAL OPPORTUNITY

Gold Coast of "The Nation" is the term magazine writers are using to describe the fabulously endowed shoreline of Texas.

And using the same descriptive phraseology, Texas City is one of the largest and brightest nuggets that Nature has stored in the fastest growing section of the nation.

Texas City's present five square mile industrial area holds one of the top concentrations of industries in the United States. Some of the Nation's largest chemical, oil, and other industrial concerns have giant plants here with payrolls totaling approximately \$42,000,000 a year, and that figure does not include payrolls for expansion projects.

Here are to be found practically all of the raw materials that such great firms as Carbide and Carbon Chemical Company, Monsanto Chemical Company, American Oil Company, Texas City Chemicals, Inc., American Oil Chemical Company, Republic Oil Refining Company, Texas City Refining, Inc. and Sid Richardson Refining Company, use in the making of a Pandora's box of products to make living easier and cheaper over the world.

Texas City has the only tin smelter in the Western Hemisphere, which was built during World War II when tin smelters in the Dutch East Indies were captured by the Japs.

In this smelter tin ore from South America is made into pig tin bars for manufacture of cans, bronze, solder, bearing metal and many other uses. It was one of the most vital war plants in the Nation during the last war.

Texas City as a deep water port ranks fourth among Texas ports, after Houston, Beaumont and Port Arthur. In 1955, a total of 14,310,112 tons of water-borne commerce were handled through the Port of Texas City. 14,388,797 tons were handled in 1954. For the past several years Texas City has ranked as the eleventh port nationally. This is quite a contrast from 1904 when the first ocean going vessel brought sisal from Mexico and when the total water-borne commerce for that year was 8,712 tons. From that small beginning has sprung the modern city and port of Texas City.

On the outskirts of Texas City there are still swells on the land that are mounds built by the indians who roamed this coastal plain. They contrast strangely with the towers of flame from the stacks of the refineries—beacons of industry that beckon others to follow a trail to a new "Port of Industrial Opportunity".

BAND DIRECTORS



CARL D. MEYERS
Blocker Jr. High



PHIL B. SPEER
Fry Jr. High



RAY WANIECK
Elementary School



SCHOOL OFFICIALS



B. R. BROOKS
Supt. of Schools



L. B. LANDERS
Principal of Sr. High



C. T. DECKER
Business Mgr.



RAY SPENCER
Asst. Superintendent



LAZELLE WILCOX
Dean of Girls



BERNADINE FIELDS
Chaperon



CONCERT - - - THURSDAY EVENING

MID-WEST NATIONAL BAND CONVENTION

HOTEL SHERMAN - - CHICAGO, ILL.

IN THEE IS GLADNESS	BACH
LA REJA from La Ferie Suite	P. LACOME
LES PRELUDES	LISZT
ANDALUSIAN FRESCO	DURAND
COL. GEO. S. HOWARD MARCH	PECKING
HIAWATHA LAND	OSSER
directed by William Gaver, Assistant Conductor	
LATINATA	BENNITT
soloist is Miss Gloria Miles and band is under baton of Mr. Gaver	
CHORALE PRELUDE	BACH

KNIGHTSBRIDGE MARCH	COATES
band is under the baton of Maurice DeCelles	
HOLIDAY IN TYROL	NYQUIST
band is under the baton of Col. Wm. F. Santelmann	
MELODY SHOP MARCH	KING
band is under the baton of Karl King	
WALTZ OF THE FLOWERS	TSCHAIKOWSKY
OVERTURE FROM KISMET	WRIGHT & FORREST
ON THE ESPLANADE	BROWN
EL DORADO	McRAE

BAND PERSONNEL

OBOE AND ENGLISH HORN: CORNET:

Faye Lynn Sellers
Kervin Roy Sellers
Christine Bach
Darrellyn Soffar

Jerry Claunch
Michael Griffin
A. L. Byrd
Tommy Cameron
Richard Jacobson
Doris Haney
Wilma Rahn
Mary Beth Schwarz
Patricia Avant

FLUTE:

Trudy Froeschl
Margo Rea
Nedra Scoggins
Gayle Williams
Linda Wilcox
Jean Brooks

E♭ ALTO CLARINET:

Don Sherwood
Sue Beth Wallace
Quinny Jones

B♭ CLARINET:

Eva Nell Wisner
Marilyn Sealock
Mary Beth Powell
Cynthia Caffall
Phyllis Melvin
Maxine Chase

B♭ BASS CLARINET:

Deanna Fisher
Joan Voiles
Betty Waggoner
Leatrice Sanders
Judy Fitch
Sharon Howard
Ava Brown

TRUMPET:

Guy Coombs
Preston Stinnett

CONTRA BASS CLARINET:

George Oliver, Jr.

FRENCH HORN:

Sandra Jones
Mary Margarette Sharp
Harriett Hopkins
Kathy Baker
Joan Mavis
Betty McDuffie
Mike Dickey
Mary Jane Welch
Barbara Spencer
June Palmer

Kenneth Sebesta

Judy Koehler
Jo Ann Stratton
Jan Koehler
Beth Sheilds
Laura Pevoto
Pat Null
Dianne Alston
Pat Ryan
Priscilla Vines
Joan Rudloff
Elsie Jennings
Darlene Koch
Martha Stutts
Gynne Griner

BASSOON:

Johnny Smith
Margie Green
Myra Trimble
Florine Jackson

TROMBONE:

Skipper Johnson
Jimmy Lytle
Carl Trotter
Dean Williams
Morris Hill
Buzz Whiting
Richard West

E♭ ALTO SAXOPHONE:

Gloria Miles
Joyce Mewis
Lora Lee Wurzlów
Kay Hanna
Lucrecia Lopez

BASS:

Bob DuPuy
Don Witt
Sherrill McDonald
Joe Frank Winfrey
Lonnie Gannon
Ronnie Hale
Lee Bearden
Emory Meier

B♭ TENOR SAXOPHONE:

Deborah Conrad
Maxine Galbreath
Gloria Saucier

BARITONES:

Tommy Bullington
Warner Triplett
Jerry Brandt
Jimmy Dickey
Charles Bishop
Wayne Chapman

E♭ BARITONE SAXOPHONE:

Tommy Dishburger
Jack Meier

PERCUSSION:

Bobby Jack James
Melva Walker
James Ratterree
Russie Lyn Walker
Sharon Power
Ella Wohleb

B♭ BASS SAXOPHONE:

Malcolm Waugh

E♭ CLARINET:

Linda Anderson



OBOE AND BASSOON



FLUTES



BASS AND ALTO CLARINETS



SAXOPHONES



CLARINETS



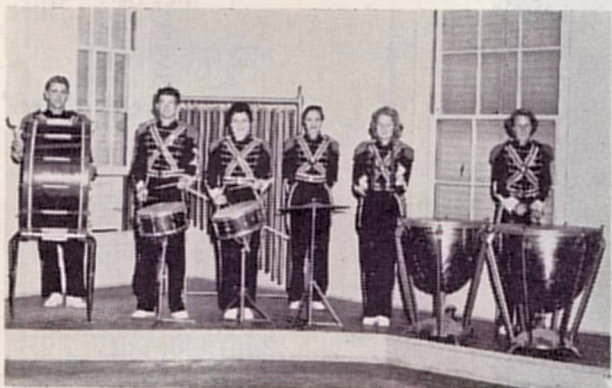
TROMBONES



HORNS



CORNETS AND TRUMPETS



PERCUSSION



Miss Gloria Miles is classified as a Junior. She entertains for service clubs, Eastern Star and numerous other organizations. She is a natural born entertainer and does specialty acts, singing, tap dancing, monologues and pantomimes.



BASS HORNS

BARITONE SECTION

(Not Pictured)

TOMMY BULLINGTON — WARNER TRIPLETT — JERRY BRANDT —
JIMMY DICKEY — CHARLES BISHOP — WAYNE CHAPMAN

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