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QUARTERLY LUNCHEON MEETING SATURDAY, OCTOBER 30, 2004

FEATURES HISTORY OF READERS CLUB OF SEBRING

Virginia Neel will present the program for this upcoming luncheon at the Sebring Civic Center at 12:00 noon. Bring a dish to pass and \$1.50 for service and rent of the building.

We will be going back in time to January, 1941. A three-bedroom home cost \$4,000. A new Ford was \$680. A gallon of gas was 19 cents, and milk was 54 cents for a gallon. I don't know what the hourly wage was, but times were hard. Franklin Roosevelt was president, and Henry A. Wallace was vice-president.

Marion McAdam's afternoon bridge club found that baby sitters were getting difficult to find. This was probably a weekly bridge group, so the group disbanded. I'm sure Marion and her friends missed being together, so Marion came up with the idea of getting a group of friends who would meet once a month. They would be interested in reading books and being better informed about current events. On January 29, 1941, the Readers Club was organized.

If you would like to know about the women of Sebring who became members, and how the Club's name came about, and the see-saw between afternoon and evening meetings, you'll learn about why the members were on time in those penny-pinching days. Would you like to know which member had her husband give her book review? Would you like to know about the young boy who designed the cover of the Club's yearbook? Would you like to know about the meeting where members were to write a limerick, the subject of which was "kitchen sink or bath tub"? Not only will you hear the limerick, but you'll learn who the winner was!

This will be a short and entertaining program. We are looking forward to seeing everyone and especially the children whose mothers were members of the Readers Club!

By Virginia Neel



READERS CLUB LUNCHEON - 1994

Seated: Edythe Carraway, Helen Peck, Dorothy Clark

Standing: Kitty Ingle, Mary Alice Landree, Margaret McLean, Sally Phillips, Marguerite Skipper, Betty Jean Barker, Virginia Neel, Wilma Safriet, Willie Rafferty, Trudie Clark, Verna Macbeth Hall, Leona Weaver, Helen Nichols (Missing from picture: Faye Pollard, Jean Hancock)

“The Way it Used to Was”
A Personal Recollection of the
Sebring and Arrowhead Hotels
By Verdelle Sebring Medlin

This is the story about two “old ladies” that no longer exist: The Sebring Hotel and the Arrowhead Hotel.

Sebring Hotel



Sebring Hotel 1984

The Sebring Hotel was built in 1912 by my grandfather, George E. Sebring. Mr. B.A. Cope was the general contractor. The hotel was subsequently demolished, in the name of “progress”, in 1985.

Here is a little history about the Sebring Hotel. It was “the place” in Sebring to entertain for 58 years. Some of the happenings were: weddings, wedding receptions, organ recitals, holiday balls, etc. Our own Verna Weems MacBeth Hall entertained there with beautiful organ recitals when she was a teenager. I checked with Verna, who related that the organ was located to the left of the grand staircase, on the mezzanine, so the guests could see and hear her while she entertained during the dinner hour or on other special occasions.

Verna related another story of how she could go up on the roof of the Hotel and see all of downtown Sebring. I believe it, as someone else I talked with (name withheld for obvious reasons) said that one of the exciting things to do was to go up on the roof of the Hotel and you could see the Circle and surrounding buildings. Verna lived next door to the Hotel and the hospital operated by her father, Dr. H. V. Weems, was also next door.

Leila Sebring (now deceased) told a story at the Hotel’s farewell reception. She remembered a clock that was on an incline such that it took a week to run down. Then, I suppose, someone had to reset it and start it down again. Leila didn’t tell us how it was restarted.

The Sebring Hotel was an elegant place to entertain: ladies luncheons, teas, wedding receptions. The food

was excellent. I remember Ruth Kahn Davis’ wedding reception in 1957, as I was asked to help serve the guests (400 of them). Ann Baker catered the affair.

When I was about 12 years old, I lived in the Sebring Hotel with my mother, father, brother and sister. My father, Payne Sebring, was manager of the Hotel for several years, so it was our home during that time.

Grady Parrish, of Lake Placid, also lived at the Sebring Hotel. Prof. Gustat needed a bass horn player for the band, so he invited Grady to join the Sebring Band. Grady lived in the Hotel from 1937 to 1940, when he graduated from Sebring High School. While living in the Hotel, Grady was the bell hop and carried the suitcases when people checked in. Grady also ran the elevator.

The Newark Bears, a New York Yankee’s farm team, lived at the Hotel during their spring training. So Sebring saw many famous baseball players. The City of Sebring was host to many famous baseball teams who came to play ball at Fireman’s Field. I attended so many baseball games with my Dad back then that I still don’t care much for baseball! Maybe that’s also because I lost my pet turtle at one of those games. I had a string tied around the turtle’s neck, but somehow it got untied and I lost my turtle somewhere under the bleachers.

The last entertainment group at the Hotel was “The Highsteppers” from Sebring High School. They did a dance routine for entertainment at the farewell reception given by the Brethren Church Association that purchased the Hotel property. The Brethren Church subsequently built the present nursing and assisted living care facility known as “The Palms” on this property.

The last managers of the Hotel were Ray and Dottie Stevens, who had five children. Dottie came to help husband Ray a wee bit late (12 days, in fact), as she stayed in their former home while waiting for their fifth child to arrive. When the Hotel was phased out and demolished, Ray became the first manager of The Palms Retirement Home.

Arrowhead Hotel



Arrowhead Hotel 1913

("The Way it Used to Was" cont'd)

The second "old lady" of this story was the Arrowhead Hotel, also built by George E. Sebring. It was located on Lake Jackson where the Edgewater Arms apartment building now stands. There was also a large pavilion built on stilts and a boat house built in conjunction with The Arrowhead. This Hotel was named The Arrowhead for the numerous Indian arrowheads that were found in and around the lake.

When George E. (as he was called by his numerous friends) built the Arrowhead, he invited Bill and Nettie Amy to come to Sebring and manage it for him. George E. had met Bill and Nettie when he and his family stayed in Mr. Amy's hotel in Asbury Park, New Jersey.

My Mother, Ruth Amy Sebring, had several stories she used to tell me about when she was a little girl in school. She said that her Grandmother would bring her by train from New Jersey so she would not be late for the beginning of the school year. Back in those days, the hotel in Asbury Park would be open only for "The Season" (summer up north), then would close during the cold winter months. Another story my Mother told was about her "beau", Payne Sebring. She would sneak him money under the table at the local "Dairy Queen" (probably Lilly's Sweet Shop) to pay for their afternoon treat. But, you know how "it used to was": Payne was always "short" of funds, as expenses like gas for the "runabout" car, cigarettes, etc. kept him broke.

My Dad and Mother lived across the street from each other as children. Mother lived at the Arrowhead Hotel and Dad lived at 17 Lakeview Drive, the George

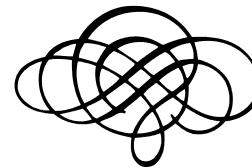
E. Sebring home. I even remember the number because all three Sebring families lived there together during the Depression. Can you imagine three women in the kitchen at the same time - plus five children "hanging out" after school waiting for a snack?

The George E. Sebring home was demolished to make room for the Sebring Library, the Civic Center, Highlands Little Theater, Highlands Art League Museum, and, of course, the City Pier. I caught many perch and bass off that pier as a kid

Well, back to the Arrowhead. I loved to visit Mantie (my Grandmother), and Mantie with the Pants (my Grandfather) because the Hotel had an enormous kitchen where Mantie found goodies for me to eat. And, Mantie with the Pants would take me fishing from time to time. (I still love to fish.) Mantie with the Pants passed away when I was about 7 or 8, but Mantie lived until she was 98! I spent many an hour listening to both grandmothers: Mantie (Nettie Amy Schubert) and Meme (Mrs. George E. Sebring, Sr). All of the Sebring Clan, as well as half of the town, called Mrs. George E. Sebring "Meme".

Mantie with the Pants, Bill Amy, used to take Hotel guests fishing and they brought the fish back to the Arrowhead, cleaned them, and everyone had fresh fish for supper.

The way it used to was!



MEMORIAL CONTRIBUTIONS TO THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The following memorials have recently been received from
July 2004 through September 2004
By Wanda Whitehouse, Memorial Chairman

A.C. McAulay, Frank Stroup and Deborah Harriss, daughter of Norma L. (Dutton) Harriss and the late Albert (Red) Harriss.

Anyone who would like to make a donation may do so by submitting to
Wanda Whitehouse, Memorial Chairman
9230 Spring Valley Lane • Sebring, Florida 33875-5977

AT THE ARCHIVES

By Carole Goad

August and September have been marked by Hurricanes. We have prepared for them, cleaned up after them, and then gone on to prepare for the next one! Such a year we have not seen before. The Archives has remained safe and intact, with the exception of the loss of our exterior signage and canopy.

Work is proceeding well at the Archives in spite of the Hurricanes. With the help of our capable and dedicated volunteers, Betty Hall, Jackie Koza and Myrtle Card, we continue to make progress with all of our ongoing projects.

We have recently completed Notebook Displays on the Businesses in Sebring, the Seminole Indians, and the Historic Hotels of Sebring. Currently, we are working on Notebook Displays about the History of Churches in Sebring, and the History of Sebring Schools. Please come on down and see our displays.

If any of you have old photographs of Sebring people that you could donate to the Historical Society, we would be most grateful to get them. Please make sure that persons pictured are identified.

AFTER ELECTION DAY & THE LONE EAGLE

By Elizabeth Walker

Driving around the Sebring Circle in 2004, there are no good ole boys or gals rushing to read the epithets of losing candidates; however, during the 1960s and 70s, it was a favorite past time to read the tidbits and jabs written about losing candidates who were buried in effigy in the Circle.

The gadfly calling himself "The Lone Eagle" was active in the 1970s as well. His frequent letters to "The Peoples" of Sebring were filled with jabs, clever and playful insults, comments on any political activity or situation and recommendations for filling offices whether they were vacant or not. No one was safe from his observations, especially around election time.

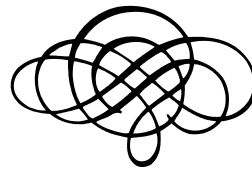
There was much speculation about the identity of the writer or writers as shown in these excerpts from the local newspapers. Rose Mallory Rice, in her column "Scribbles", November 28, 1979, states: "I like eagles. They somehow make you feel patriotic. My favorite eagle, however, is the anonymous writer of all those naughty letters in Sebring who signs himself "The Lone Eagle." The clever letters have not made an appearance in some time. I keep accusing Elgin Bayless, Jr. of being the Eagle, but quite a few knowledgeable folks feel the

DOROTHEA "DOTTIE" POPE

"Dottie" Pope, a member of the Sebring Historical Society Board of Directors, passed away on August 22, 2004.

She was born in Youngstown, Ohio, and moved to Sebring in 1980. She devoted her retirement years in service to others. With Dottie's passing, the Sebring community has lost a great friend. She was a generous person, and was known to always be concerned and doing things for other people. She was an active member of St. Catherine Catholic Church in Sebring, and a volunteer with the American Red Cross and other organizations in Highlands County.

Dottie Pope will be greatly missed by everyone who knew her.



letters were the joint effort of the late Judge Harry Lee and Jim Haynes".

Janelou Buck had this to say: "One of the most colorful characters ever to fly into Sebring was the self-named Lone Eagle. Whether he was one person or a conglomerate is privy only to a select few. Certainly, the names of Elgin Bayless, Jr. and Bill McAddie had often been named as possible "wings" of the eagle.. He kept a keen eye on the out-of-the-sunshine meetings of council members at the Cat House, then located in the Nancesowee Hotel."

Buck said, "The Eagle's literary style was indescribable. The closest we can come is Chinese-Italian," and offered this example of the Eagle's writing: "In 1976, Doc Sherwood had a lot of support for establishing an Automobile Hall of Fame here. Said Lone Eagle, 'The generalissimo say he so far advanced on the Hall of fame hea decide to add a Truck Museum. H—, we have them all over town now, driven by Joe Ercele, Whitaker & Son anda Yim Haynes."

Well, now that the Lone Eagle has gone to The Happy Hunting Grounds of Eagles or wherever Eagles go when they disappear, his identity has been released. Nope, it wasn't Bayless, Lee or Haynes. A reliable source, who has quite a collection of Eagle letters published from 1973 to 1975, graciously shared the information that it was none other than Joe Givens of Sebring!

SEBRING HIGH SCHOOL

“CLASS of 1954”

HAS REUNION

By: **Donna (Scheuermann) Crawford**

(This Article Written June 7, 2004)

The total enrollment in this year's 2003-2004 Sebring High School will find that there are approximately 1600 students, and of those, 240 are members of the Senior Class. Fifty years ago in June, the **Sebring High School - Class of 1954** was graduating. We consisted of only 44 people (18 boys and 26 girls). However, taking into consideration the classmates who weren't able to remain with our class between the 1st through 12th grades, there probably would have been over a total of 75 members. Anyone who has ever been a part of the “**Class of 1954**” is special in their own way because they “somehow touched the life of many folks, and made a difference in their world”.

The majority of us have been able to attend one or more of our four (4) previous class reunions. We celebrated our **24th year in 1978**, our **30th year in 1984**, and then in **1994** (in the blink of an eye), we found that ten more years had passed and it was time to observe our **40th year**. The “**Millennium year**” rolled around, and in **November of 2000**, our classmates had still another opportunity to visit together when we met for our **46th year**. On any one of these occasions, everyone just seemed to “pick up where they had left off”, and enjoyed the time shared. The weight change and/or the gray hair (or lack of it) didn't make any difference to those who were there. There wasn't any “can you top this “I'm better than you” attitude, because everyone was proud of what the other person in our class had accomplished thus-far.

We attended school when the time, places and things were simple and completely different or unheard of. We remember the great “air conditioning system” we had at school. We opened the windows and hoped a breeze would blow through the rooms to cool us off a little bit. Perhaps we're “spoiled”, because now days, students and adults alike expect all public buildings (including schools) to be air-conditioned.

In our day, we could call the local folks by name and walk Sebring's streets unafraid. We enjoyed the activities and dances at Teen Town, and “hang out” at Harvey's Drive-in. How many of us were brave enough to get into the car and drive backwards around Sebring's Circle? (Try doing that now!)

We shouldn't forget... there was only one road leading to Avon Park, and that was old Highway #17 (which took us past the Heatherington's Open Air Market, WJCM Radio Station and the Triangle Drive-In). During the late 1950s, a two-lane road (U.S. Hwy 27) was cut North, through pasture land toward Avon Park. Today, one takes “life in hand” as they travel the six lane highway through our once little area. And ... how many folks who haven't been to Sebring in a while have driven on the Sebring Parkway which was completed during the summer of 2002? It quickly takes us from the busy (6 lane) U.S. 27 to Ridgewood Drive and Sebring's Circle. However, the reverse

also holds true, because it makes the trip a very convenient method of travel (away from Sebring's downtown merchants and shops) out to the “Super Wal-Mart” store & “Lakeshore Mall” on the highway.

While in high school, the money we earned for our class was done with responsibility and hard work. We can recall our “Class Projects”, such as selling roasted/unshelled peanuts, popcorn, cokes and candy at the home football, basketball and baseball games. The “guys and gals” who were active in sports and those who were members of the band and chorus, “played and sang their hearts out”. How about the time our class sold “Sebring Race Programs” (whenever the races were first getting started out at Hendricks Field). We'd all agree that much energy was put forth when everyone did their part in making our Junior and Senior Class Plays such successes. All of these “undertakings” were done as a team, and we enjoyed the fruits of our labor when we were able to attend our Jr./Sr. Banquet as well as other school activities and functions.

Some of us stayed in Sebring, or eventually moved back to find a future in our “home town”. Others have returned for short visits. Perhaps because family or friendship ties no longer require the need for a trip here, many of our classmates have never returned. As we've said before ... “although people, places and things have changed, the Sebring area and our School are what we all have in common. A little (or a big) piece of our life will always remain here”.

I began this article by making mention of the fact that our class recently celebrated our 50th Anniversary Year. The first of several reunion activities was hosted on Friday evening (May 21, 2004) at the home of Arthur “Buck” and Louada McIntyre where the couple prepared a delicious array of bar-b-q beef and pork roasts, ribs, chicken and sausage, together with all the “homemade” trimmings. The variety of scrumptious desserts were “sugar-free”!

On Saturday evening (May 22), a banquet/buffet was held at Inn-On-The Lakes. Donna Scheuermann Crawford (Mrs. Howard) and Ellene Richards Fields (Mrs. Ken) co-hosted the affair as Masters of Ceremonies. Following the blue and white color theme of Sebring High School, the tables were decorated with gorgeous floral arrangements, all of which were especially created and donated by the following local florists: Affordable Flowers; Hobby Hill Florist, Inc.; Sebring Florist, Inc.; and Unique Florist & Gifts. As names were drawn for classmates & spouses, door-prizes were handed out. All of the items were donated by the following businesses: Bates Sons & Daughters Caladiums; Bernie Little Distributors; Heartland National Bank; Highlands Independent Bank; Lockwood Aviation, Inc.; Maxwell Fruit; and Sprint.

Bringing back a multitude of memories were the scrapbooks and other class memorabilia that were on display throughout the room. In addition to this, much discussion was centered around the especially prepared, 167 page 50th Year Class Reunion Album which contained “forgotten, updated and current” information, stories and pictures of classmates and their families.

A picnic was held on Sunday (May 23), at the recreation center in Highlands Hammock State Park. Former teachers, their

("Class of '54" cont'd)

spouses and spouses of deceased classmates who attended the affair were: Jack & Kitty Ingle ; Don and Alice Hansen; Bob Street (spouse of our late classmate Katherine "Kay" Lee Street).

Classmates not from the immediate area who attended one or all of the festivities were: Charlotte Abney Rudy (Mrs. Bill) from Summerland Key, FL; Jim Bleakley and his wife, Billie Sue from Tampa, FL; Richard Cason from Winter Haven, FL; Peggy Dorough Brewer and her husband, Ralph from Brandon, MS; Mary Ann Gettel Killian and her husband Roger from Elizabethtown, PA; Betsy Green Morgan of Tallahassee, FL; Alton Harnage and his wife Linda from Lecanto, FL,; David Hasti and his wife, Michelle from Corpus Christi, TX,; Sally Norris Higgins of Tallahassee, FL; Joanna Piety Rimes (Mrs. John) of Milton, FL; James "Jim" Pilotte of Lafayette, IN; Mary Pugh Stought and her husband, Jerry from Marco Island, FL; Clara Saunders McElroy and her husband, Derwyn from Montgomery, AL; Darrell Schaefer of Davenport, FL; Shirley Wallace Crew (Mrs. Jack) of Tallahassee, FL; Ann Jeanette "Penny" Yeaquer Cooner and her husband, Marion from Odessa, FL.

On the Reunion Committee and those attending from this area were: Martha Belcher Bagnato; Leron Carnes and his wife, Linda; Ronnie Carnes and his wife, Sue; Andrew Jackson and his wife, Ida; Buck McIntyre and his wife, Louada; Bettie Brown Peck McAnly and her husband, Bill; Dorothy Raulerson Bates and her husband, Donald; Ellene Richards Fields and her husband, Ken; Gail Wolfe Strome; Donna Scheuermann Crawford (chairperson of the reunion committee) and her husband, Howard.

Members of the class who were not able to attend the reunion, but responded in some way by sending information about themselves and there family were: Joelle Bunch Foster Glausier from Camilla, GA; Galen Chamberlain from Deer Park, WA; Eloise Coyle Trucano (Mrs. Johnny) from Gainesville, FL; Kathleen "Kat" Crutchfield Capo (Mrs. Robert) from St. Augustine, FL; Joyce Eiland Scott (Mrs. Curtis) from Batesville, AR; Joanna Hilem from Greenboro, NC; Donald Kitchings from Lancaster, KY; Jimmy Payne from Balm, FL; James Richardson from Graceville, FL; John Rogers; Carl Sirey from Sebring; Margaret Webster Mueller (Mrs. Kent) from Centerville, OH; Warren "Woody" Wooden from Winter Haven, FL.

We weren't able to locate two members from our graduating class ~ Richard "Rick" Joseph Summers or Robert "Bobby" Marion Washington.

Among those missing were the following known deceased members: Nancy Beaumont Thomas; John Porter Graham; Gloria Kelly Drew; Katherine "Kay" Lee Street; Patricia "Patty" McClelland Johns Campbell; Jannie Bell McKinzie Gimse; William "Billy" Morrow; Patricia "Pat" Robbins; Billie Jean Weed Foster.

Although there are no current plans for holding the next reunion, this 50th year celebration was truly something very special because once again, it brought many of our classmates back into contact with one another. Whether our visits were in person, by telephone, through the mail, or over the Internet, we continue enjoying the pleasure and blessing of these lifelong friendships.

**Reunion & Banquet/Bufferet • 50th Year Anniversary
Saturday, May 22, 2004 Inn On The Lakes (Sebring, Florida)**



Photo by Ida Jackson

First or Front Row (From L-R) 1. Betsy Green Morgan - 2. David Hasti - 3. Andrew Jackson - 4. James "Jim" Pilotte 5. Peggy Dorough Brewer - 6. Arthur "Buck" McIntyre - 7. Alton Harnage **2nd or Middle Row (From L-R)** 1. Mary Pugh Stought - 2. Shirley Wallace Crew - 3. Donna Scheuermann Crawford 4. Ellene Richards Fields - 5. Dorothy Raulerson Bates - 6. Penny Yeaquer Cooner 7. Sally Norris Higgins - 8. Gail Wolfe Strome - 9. Joanna Piety Rimes -10. Mary Ann Gettel Killian - 11. Ronnie Carnes **3rd or Back Row (From L-R)** 1. Bettie Brown Peck McAnly - 2. Clara Saunders McElroy - 3. Charlotte Abney Rudy 4. Martha Belcher Bagnato - 5. Jim Bleakley

MY FRIEND, BILL HIGGINS

BY GEORGE COYLE

I always enjoy visiting the Historical Society Archives and reliving a very important part of my life. As our years pass by, we should take time out to review and remember what a wonderful life we have. On a recent visit, I came upon a new book of memories set out on the table dedicated to the Sebring High School Band. This truly is a book of memories for all of us who had the privilege to play in this very famous band under the direction of "Prof" Gustat, and subsequently his son, Paul Gustat.

Tucked between the pages, I found this article about Billy Higgins. I have known Billy all of my life. We were neighbors. We went from first grade through 12th grade in Sebring. We went together to Miami for an Orange Bowl game and almost froze to death when the heat went off in the old Richmond Naval Blimp Base during one of the coldest winters in history.

Billy and I irrigated groves for David Wilson's father during cold winters. We cut up hogs in the meat market of the old Table Supply (now Winn-Dixie). We double dated (as we used to call it) in his big red fancy convertible (I won't say with whom).

Billy and I both earned University of Miami Band Scholarships and entered the School of Music as Music Majors. We pledged Phi Mu Alpha Music Honorary Fraternity at the same time, along with Henry Fillmore, the famous march composer.

During High School, because of band, we were able to visit and march down Fifth Avenue in New York in the Lions Club Parade. At the University of Miami, we were bunkmates on the train to Gainesville. We even pulled Marvin Kahn out of his dormitory bunk at University of Florida. We flew with the University of Miami Band in transport planes in bucket seats to El Salvador and Guatemala for Presidential Inaugurals.

When Billy became Band Director of Key West High School, my wife, Jan, and family traveled each Thanksgiving the 144 long miles to be with him, Sally and family. Over the years, we have kept in touch via letter, post cards and e-mail. What is he doing now? He still tinkers with music, keyboards and composing. Bill is truly a "Man of Sebring". He has brought great honor and distinction to our town and has never forgotten his roots -Sebring. I am very proud of Billy and honored to have him as a dear friend.

Here are excerpts from the article published in The Sebring News, December 7, 1967:

Designation as "one of the 10 most outstanding school music directors in the United States" has been

accorded Key West High School band director, Bill Higgins, by a highly regarded national magazine.

Higgins is the son of Mrs. Catherine Higgins and the late Vernon Higgins, and a graduate of Sebring High School. He played trumpet in the Sebring High School band, under the late Prof. P. J. Gustat, and was drum major his senior year.

The educational music publication "The School Musician" notified Higgins by letter that he was selected for the honor and will be featured by photograph and biographical sketch in one of the magazine's forthcoming issues of the 1967-68 school year.

The publication advised Higgins he was selected "because of your outstanding reputation and accomplishments as a high school bandmaster and your outstanding contribution to the committee work of the American School Band Directors Association."

Higgins has been band director at Key West High School since the 1956-57 school year. He graduated from the University of Miami and was a member of the school's famed "Band of the Hour" under Director Fred McCall. His (Higgins') bands have received the highest possible rating of superior at district contests for the past nine years and have received six superior ratings at the state contest level.

The KWHS band was the only Class BB band in the state to receive a superior rating last year.

Higgins is currently the District 10 chairman of the Florida Bandmasters Association and a member of the executive board.

He is a past chairman of the FBA marching clinic, has been a clinician and adjudicator at district and state contests, served as chairman of the FBA handbook committee at the publication's inception and is presently state chairman of the American School Band Directors Association.

He has been elected to membership in the selective Phi Beta Mu national band directors fraternity and also holds membership in the elite "order of the Silver Horn".

The popular musician is a past member of the vestry of St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Key West and was twice nominated the Key West Citizen's "Outstanding Citizen" award.

He is married to the former Sally Norris of Sebring, and is the father of four children. His oldest daughter, Susan, is currently a majorette with the KWHS band.



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