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2000 in festival

McFarland high school was host to about 2000 students and music teachers from southern Wisconsin schools for the Capital Conference Music Festival Saturday. High school bands and choruses, in four different classes, A, B, C and D, performed for three judges. All Class A and three Class B groups performed for a fourth judge, who determined the groups' abilities to sight read music. Possible ratings from any one judge ranged from I, the highest rating, to IV, the lowest rating.

Many McFarland students and adults slipped into the high school gymnasium or cinetorium to lift the morale of bands and choruses, and the Music Boosters provided lunches and snacks in the cafeteria.

The Conrad Elvehjem sixth grade band was the only grade school band performing in the festival. It was placed in Class D with five junior high school bands, and it received all I ratings.

The McFarland junior high school band, in Class C, received all I ratings, and the McFarland junior high school chorus received II ratings.

Both the senior high school mixed chorus and the senior high school band are Class A groups, and, as such, they were required to sight read music their members had never before seen. Both the band and chorus received I ratings in all areas, including sight reading. They were the only groups in their classes which received I ratings in all areas.

This year represented the fourth consecutive year the senior high school band has performed in Class A competition and earned all I ratings.

The band's next performance will be at the Lions Club's annual Chicken Barbecue, Sunday, May 30.



Seventy-five senior high school band students, directed by Thomas Dvorak, performed "Minute Man Concert March," "Wycliffe Variations" and "American Civil War Fantasy" for the Capital Conference Music Festival Saturday.



The Music Boosters provided a lunch and snack service for the 2000 students and music teachers participating in the festival. Pictured above (left to right) are Mrs. Ed Brewer, Mrs. Pat West, Mrs. Marilyn Bohlman, Mrs. Pat Serig, Mrs. Ed Gahan, Mrs. Jean Holzman, Mrs. Betty Blanchar, Mrs. Rose Fankhauser, Mrs. Ruth Bellamy and Mrs. Edna Brandt.