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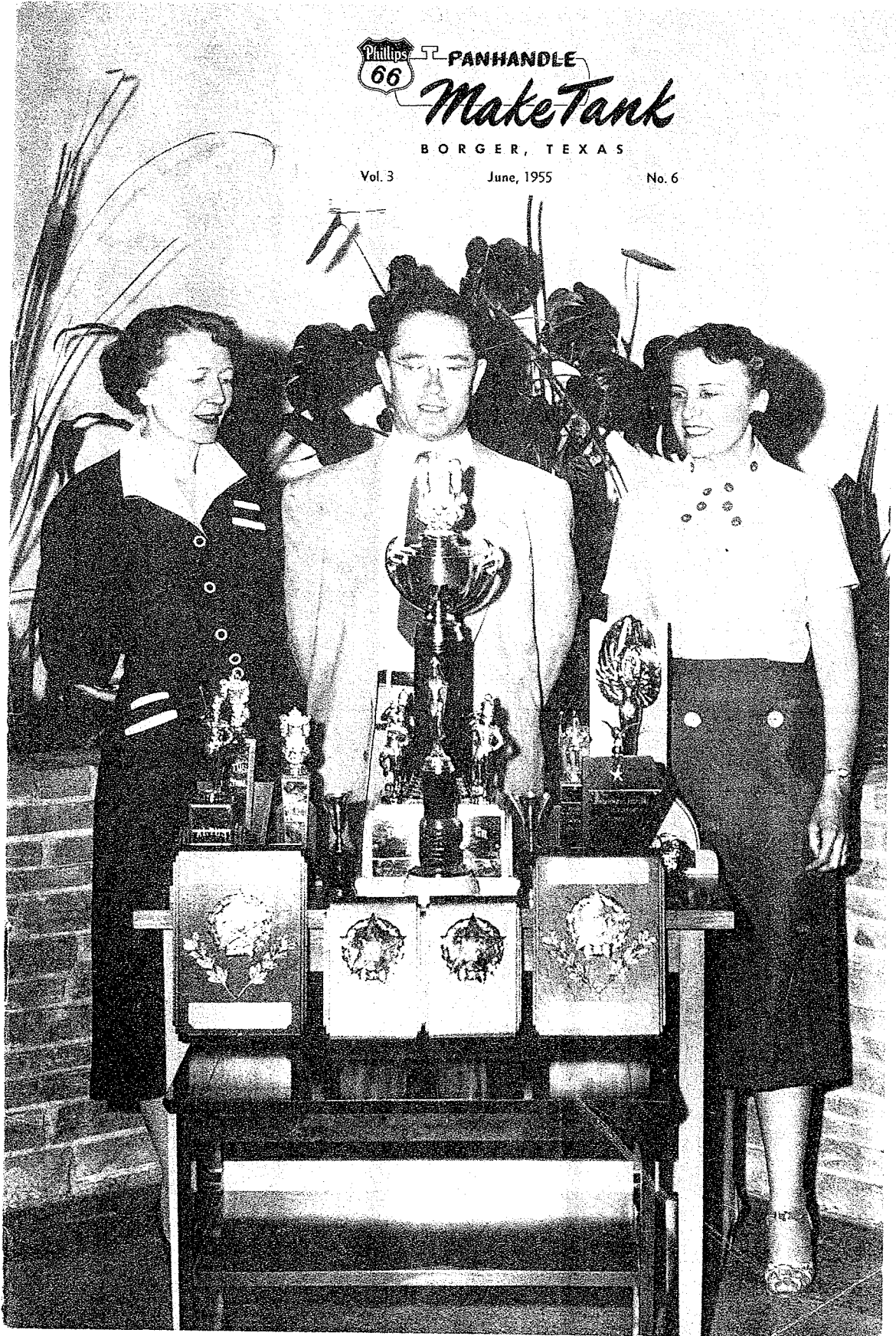
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COVER STORY

Ada Creel, Ray L. Robbins and Evelyn Hubbard, musical directors of Phillips High School, are shown admiring some of the trophies won by the musical department students in the various contests this year. Many sons and daughters of gasoline department employees took part in these contests. For additional story, see page eight.

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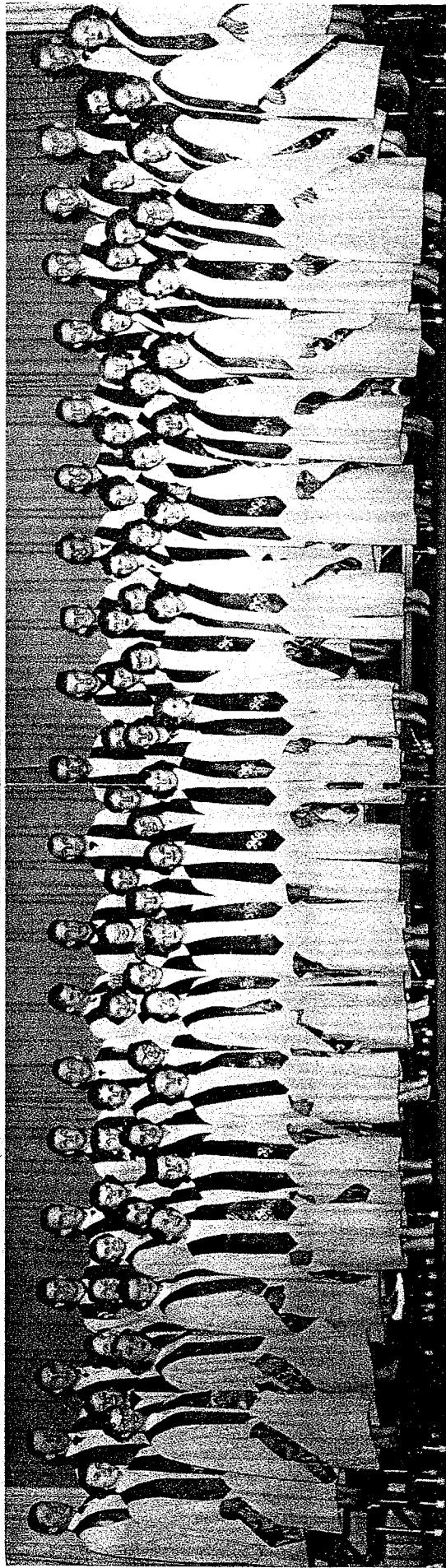


Beginning with this issue, one of our "Old Timers" will be honored whenever space permits. Our honored "Old Timer" this month is Ernest J. Cochennet, guard at the Rice plant.

"Cush" — the name he is known by to a host of friends — was born at Emporia, Kansas, August 12, 1892. On February 27, 1914, Cush married Minnie Wallis from Wylie, Texas. For several years Cush worked for Santa Fe railway, but in 1919 the Cochennets moved to a farm near Hedley, Texas.

In 1927, "Cush and Minnie" came to the Borger area and he went to work for a contractor building schools in Borger. Cush was first employed with Phillips in June 1928 in gasoline plant construction. Due to reduction in forces Cush was laid off in May 1931 and rejoined Phillips in January 1932 at the Pampa water station. He continued working in the Pampa area until October 1939, when he transferred to Rice plant. Cush has also worked at Grayco, Borger Fractionator and Panhandle District Office.

Cush is one of those people who spreads a little cheer wherever he goes. His quick wit and fine sense of humor radiate happiness to all who come in contact with him.



The 78 member Phillips High School Concert Choir was rated superior in every contest entered. A rating of superior is the highest award in vocal music.

P. H. S. Music Department Rates High

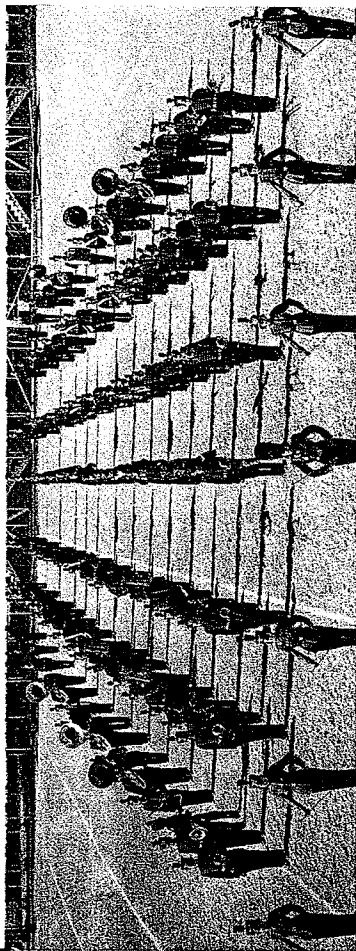
The music department of Phillips High School has just completed its most successful year in history. This fine organization, composed of both vocal and instrumental groups, walked off with the lions share of awards at every contest entered this year. Many sons and daughters of gasoline department employees were part of this group.

The vocal groups, under the direction of Evelyn Hubbard (wife of assistant safety director Del Hubbard) entered two major contests this year. At the Interscholastic League contest at Canyon, Texas, the concert choir was rated superior and the girls choir rated excellent. Of seventeen soloists entered in this contest, ten were rated superior and five rated excellent. At the Tri-State Music Festival in Enid, Okla., the concert choir was again rated superior, and of eleven soloists entered, two rated superior and seven rated excellent. One ensemble also rated excellent. Ten members of the concert choir were chosen to sing in the all star Tri-State Festival Choir.

The Music Makers, Phillips High School swing band, placed second in the State of Texas in a contest of stage bands.



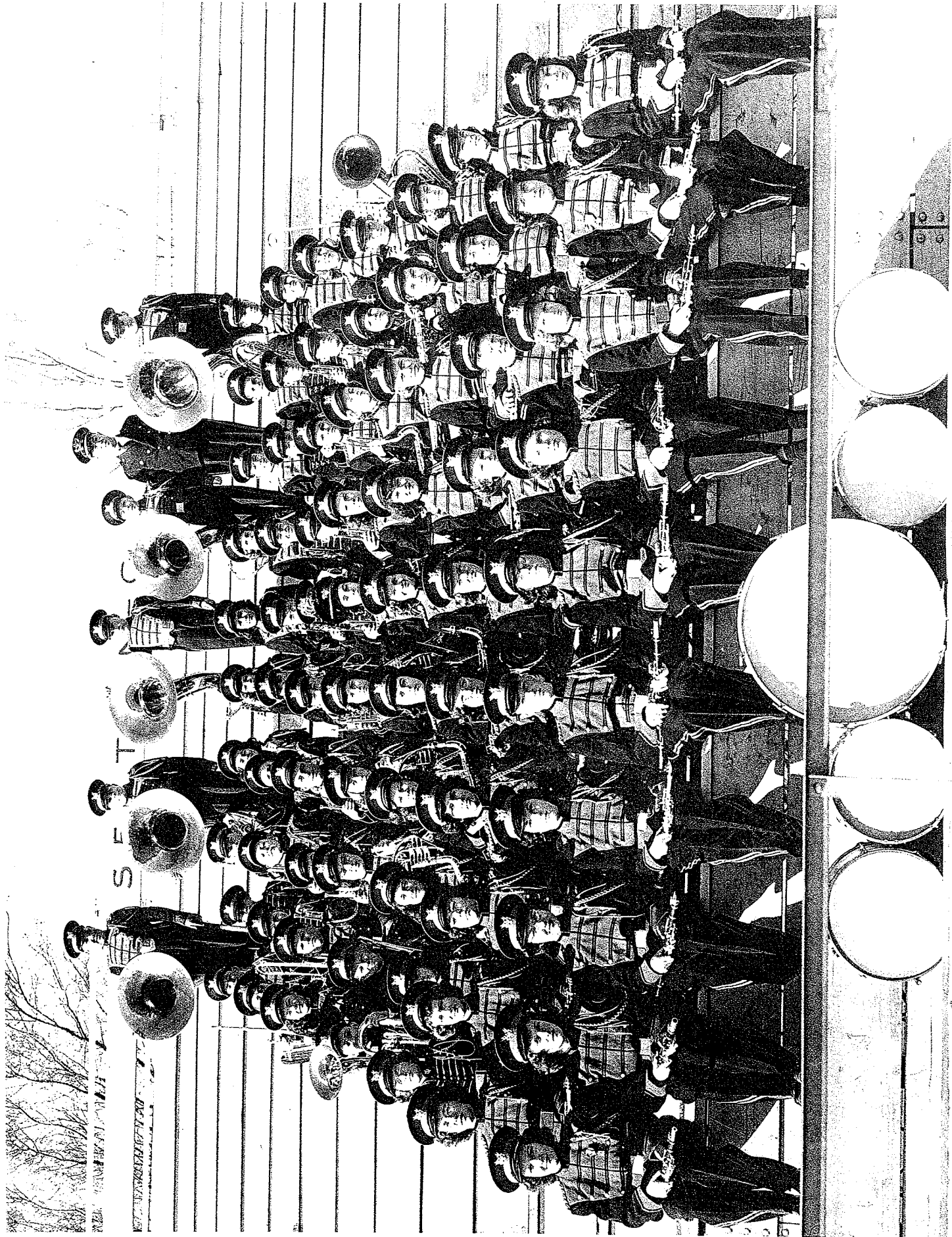
The 105 piece Blackhawk band shown below was awarded first place in every contest entered during the 1954-55 school term, with every judge giving them a first place vote.



The instrumental groups, under the direction of Ray L. Robbins, band director, and Mrs. Ada Creel, assistant band director and director of soloists and ensembles, entered three contests and were top winners in all events. During the year, instrumentalists have been awarded 99 individual first place medals.

In the Canyon contest, the band placed first in sight reading, first in concert playing and first in marching. Twelve soloists were entered and all of them were awarded first place ratings. In the Altus, Okla. contest, the band again was awarded first place in sight reading, concert playing and marching. Enough points were built up by the band and soloists in this contest to give the Phillips group the sweepstakes trophy over forty other schools.

In the Tri-State Festival the band was again given first place ratings in marching, sight reading and concert playing plus a first in the "Million Dollar Parade of Bands". Awards given at this festival to the Phillips vocal and instrumental groups enabled them to outscore their nearest rival by some fifty points and carry off the sweepstakes award as the highest ranking musical aggregation in their class.



Phillips Br. High Band