

4 Bands Will Perform To Tonight In Dickinson

DICKINSON—A "band festival" will be held by the Dickinson school band students tonight at 6:30 in the Dickinson Junior High School auditorium.

The sixth grade, seventh grade, Junior High, and High School bands will present a series of short concerts, with the final notes scheduled to be played by 7:35 p.m., High School band director Vernon Coers said.

The sixth grade band will lead off the program with three selections, to be followed by the seventh graders with three selections.

The Junior High band, directed by Robert McMurrey, will perform a march and two contest selections scheduled for it to play at the Interscholastic League Region V contest April 10 at Arnold Junior High School in Cypress-Fairbanks School District.

The Senior High School concert band will then play a march and two selections planned for the Interscholastic League Region V contest at Angleton this Saturday, April 3.

The concert is scheduled to end just as the style show to be held at 7:30 tonight begins in the school cafeteria for the benefit of the scholarship fund.

A total of 325 students will play in the four short concerts, Coers said.

The High School band, he said, attended a two-hour band clinic last Saturday at Texas City, directed by a world-known conductor, Frederick Fennell of Eastman School of Music in Rochester, N.Y.

He said the experience was very valuable for his band, which he has built up from 40 members three years ago to about 70 members now, since the band members have a chance to learn many fine points of music performance which the schools have no time to teach in the regular hours.

He said the quality of performance is the standard for judging the work in band instruction, and that it is inspiring when it is good. He said his students are working very hard on their playing techniques and he hopes the results will show this tonight and Saturday.

James Tinnin, a music major from Sam Houston State Teachers College at Dickinson for his nine-week practice teaching stint before graduation, began assisting Coers Monday with the director chores. He graduated from Dickinson High School in 1960 and is a resident of Bacliff.