



DON WILKINS (left), director of the Dickinson High School Concert Band and Gus Nelson, director of the Symphonic Band, display top honor trophies brought back from the band trip to the Atlanta, Georgia, Festival. Wilkins holds one of the 1st-division certificates which each band received and Nelson holds the "Honor Band" trophy awarded the Symphonic Band as the best band in its class.

Dickinson Bands Bring Top Atlanta Honors

DICKINSON—The Dickinson High School Symphonic and Concert Bands returned Sunday night from a four-day trip to the Atlanta, Georgia, Band Festival and brought home top band honors.

The Symphonic Band, directed by Gus Nelson, won 1st division awards from all three judges at the contest. In addition the Symphonic Band was given the "Honor Band" trophy at the festival in recognition for the most outstanding band in its class.

The Concert Band, directed by Don Wilkins, also won a 1st division award and its performance was covered by Channel 2 T. V. in Atlanta.

The festival was sponsored by the Six Flags Over Georgia

Corporation, and judges for the event were Dr. William Revelli from the University of Michigan, William Swor from Louisiana State University and Al Wright from Purdue University.

Dr. William Revelli in judging the Dickinson performance wrote, "Congratulations upon a superior performance. The ability of every individual in the band and of the conductor has led you to one of the best performances I have heard in some time."

Swor stated: "Excellent attention to details in every musical respect--it is refreshing to hear such detailed preparation."

Wright said, "Your most difficult literature was performed with magnificent maturity and brilliance. Congratulations to one of the top bands in the U. S. A."

Nelson, the director, was also full of praise for the band members, "I am very proud of all of these students. Their performance in Atlanta I feel was one of the best they have given," he said.