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Tours of the high school will be conducted by school officials starting at 9, 9:30 and 10, but anyone is allowed to wander through the halls on their own.

The parade will start forming around the school at 12:30 and travel south on Belmont Street to Nelson Field. The queen candidates will be featured with seven floats from school and civic groups, past cheerleaders, the marching band, alumni band and the original band.

The original marching band will be honored at breakfast. The band had 45 members, but only 17 are alive. The alumni association reached 14 and nine are coming back to celebrate the event.

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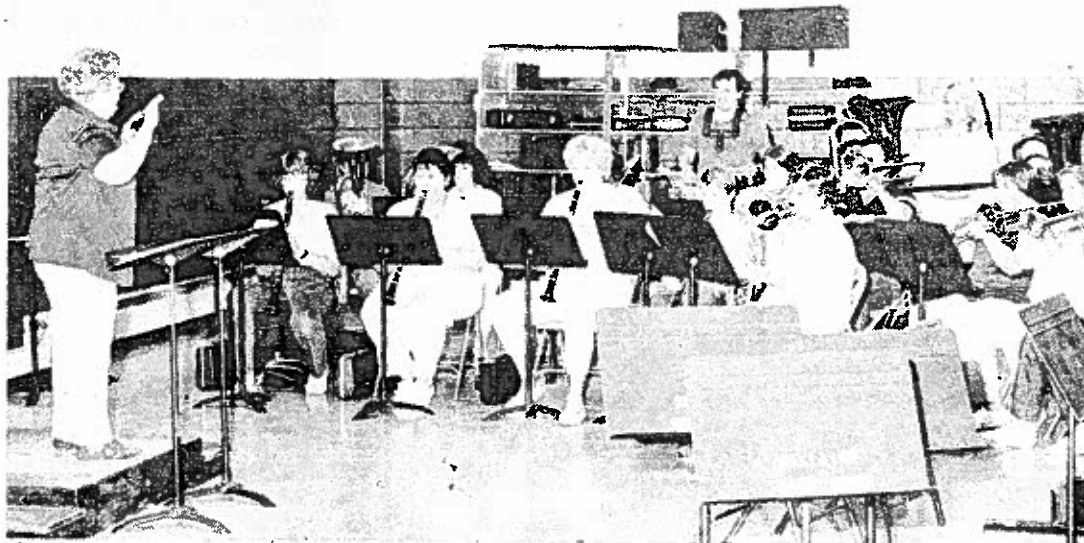
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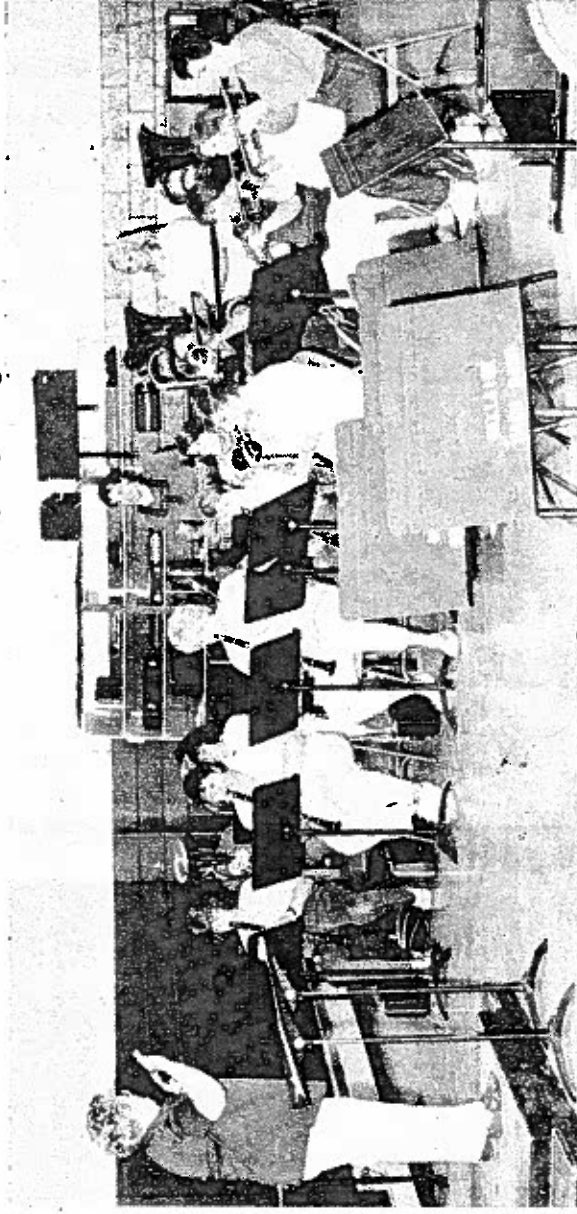
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