

# A NEW GROUP OF BAND MEMBERS



All band members are required to spend a lot of time practicing. They practice daily no matter what the weather is like. Their hard work pays off when they become recognized as one of the best bands in the state. The determination shows on the faces of Blythe Buchannan, Anisha Blevins and Bubba Thomas as they practice diligently to help make their band the best it can be. Throughout the year the Band of Blue has competed in many contests and has been very successful.

Practicing marching fundamentals, memorizing music, and learning the show was a typical August day for the eighty-five rookie band members. The first day of August had students a little nervous about what was in store for them the next few weeks. Trombone player, Elizabeth Miller commented, "At first I thought the upperclassmen were mean and unfair, but now I see they had to buckle down so we could do well at the contests."

After three weeks of all-day rehearsals, the rookies found themselves ready to show the public what they worked for so diligently. The first contest, held in Hanahan, caused a lot of uneasiness for the first-year members. It all seemed to pay off when the band brought home a superior rating and second place. Later contests proved just as rewardable with a superior rating at the Walterboro Band Classic, a third place at Camden, followed by a second place at Lower State. Band directors Mr. Bill Young, Mrs. Cathy Meshach, and Mr. Tom Finigan were very pleased with the rookies' performance.

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