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A total of 11 firsts in the state music contest finals, Class C, is the record established by Eastern State high school music students in the April 30-May 1 festival. So far as available records show, this is the best showing the local school has made in a long history of success in the high school association music contests.

Only Paxton high school, enrolling 85 more students than Eastern, took more firsts. Their record was 14 firsts, six seconds, and one third. Paxton's band did not compete, but their mixed chorus and girls' chorus took firsts. Most of their other first division ratings were in individual events.

Eastern's band was one of two to get first division rating among the 18 competing. The other was from Mt. Puaski. Despite having last place on the program, so that other schools could start home earlier, Eastern's band drew very high praise from all the judges. Other Saturday competitors for Eastern included the mixed chorus, rated first, and the girls' chorus, rated second.

One correction in the personnel of an Eastern State high ensemble, the clarinet quartet, should be made. Instead of Peggy Swan, who competed as a member of the group in the district contest, Chris Russell competed last Friday. Chris was unable to take his usual place in the group during the district contest because of entrance examinations at the University of Illinois. Chris is a veteran of state finals, having won first in Illinois in extempore speech the preceding week.