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Eastern Ranked Fourth in Contest

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Eastern State High ranked fourth in total points among the 98 Class C high schools who sent some 2,500 young musicians to the state finals held on the college campus last Friday and Saturday.

The local school won 11 firsts, tying a record for the school set last year.

The first five schools in the sweepstakes were Paxton with 91 points, Fulton with 77, Mount Pulaski with 72, Eastern with 67, and Carthage with 65. No other school totaled more than 50 points.

Eastern was the smallest school to compete in Class C, having only 152 students in the bracket which includes schools with 150 to 300. The other top schools range from Fulton's 236 to Carthage's 265.

Another local record was set when Ann Rothschild, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Don Rothschild of the college faculty, won firsts in three events, girl's medium voice, flute and piano. Ann is only a sophomore.

Richard Dickerson, solo clarinetist, was unable to appear for Eastern. Like all the other first place winners, he has won only firsts in state competition this year. He has been confined to his home since Friday with the mumps.

According to Dr. Archie Ayers, Eastern State High principal, all of the contests were well attended and community interest was high. He wishes to thank all of those persons who assisted in making the contest a success and for helping to run it off so smoothly. A number of college music students served as judges' assistants and room chairmen and he commended these persons, in particular.

Among other high schools of this vicinity with good records were St. Elmo, 30 points; Tuscola, 24; Arcol-Hindsboro, 30; Danville, 8; Georgetown, 19; and Hoopeston, 50.

Earl Boyd is the music instructor at Eastern State High who groomed the individual and group winners. They are as follows:

**Firsts**
- Girls' Chorus (36 members).
- Mixed Chorus (52 members).
- Brass Sextet, composed of David Swickard, Dick Reynolds, Anna Bruce, Bill Trexler, Harry Hubele, and Jerry Vaughn.
- Violin Duet, Bob Zeigel and James Moses.
- Boys' Low Voice, Henson Smith.
- French Horn, Anna Bruce.
- Tuba, Harry Hubele.
- Violin Solo, Bob Zeigel.

**Seconds**
- Cornet, David Swickard.
- Band.

Judges for the contests came from the staffs of the Illinois Wesleyan, Millikin, DePauw, Indiana University, Indiana State Teachers College, and a St. Louis High school music department. Only local judge was Dr. R. D. Anfinson, dean of men at Eastern, formerly director of the band, who has assisted with many of the high school contests over the state this spring.

Your circle of friends should be with flawless links.