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# How Ted Mallires Makes C'ville Bands

By EDWARD WENDOVER

There are probably several  
reasons why one out of every  
five students at Clarenceville  
Junior High School is in the  
school band.

Ted Mallires, the junior high  
band instructor, modestly  
credits the school district's  
emphasis on musical  
programs -- from the  
elementary through the high  
school level -- for the junior  
high students' musical ap-  
petite.

But many feel that Mallires  
is as much a part of the reason  
as any other factor.

SINCE THE 35-year-old  
instructor came to Claren-  
ceville Junior High School  
from Chicago in 1959, the size  
of the band has grown from 25  
to 130 members. "Those were  
the lean days," Mallires  
reminisced about that first  
year.

Now the "band" is actually  
three bands -- the concert  
band, the cadet band and an  
18-member dance band.

The concert band has been  
receiving top awards at  
district and state music  
festivals for several years  
and, in Mallires's estimation,  
can produce as well as a Class  
A junior high school band.  
"Clarenceville Junior High is  
a Class C school, which means  
there are fewer students from  
which to draw a competition  
band."

The cadet band was formed  
three years ago to provide a  
polishing up stage for junior  
high students who have just  
come out of the elementary  
grades. Mallires is pleased  
with the success that the cadet



TED MALLIRES at work in Clarenceville Junior High School.

band has had in competition,  
too.

BUT PERHAPS the most  
personally rewarding  
achievement for Mallires, who  
plays saxophone and trumpet  
in his own four-man band at  
parties and receptions, is the  
junior high's 18-member  
dance band.

During Stan Kenton's recent  
two-night concert appearance  
at Clarenceville, the junior  
high dance band played for the  
visiting troupe of musicians.  
"They're pretty good,"  
Kenton praised them.

"What he (Kenton) didn't  
know was we'd (the junior  
high dance band) only been  
together for a month before  
we played that day," Mallires  
said. The band performed at  
the start of the school year and  
included a last minute stand-  
in -- a girl.

When the junior high dance  
band was used as a warm-up

act prior to Woody Herman's  
Dec. 12 appearance in the  
Clarenceville Entertainment  
Series, there were some polite  
sneers as the young group  
was introduced. But the  
students earned hearty ap-  
plause once they began  
playing, and Herman himself  
came forward to give them  
personal congratulations.

Many of Mallires's fans say  
his secret is constantly giving  
the students music that is  
generally played by bands at a  
higher level. "As long as you  
use good judgment, it's good  
to give them music like this,"  
Mallires said.

"Unless we use ex-

traordinary measures we  
can't compete with the larger  
bands. It's funny what ap-  
peals to a junior high kid; it's  
entirely different than at the  
high school or elementary."

MALLIRES LIKES the  
junior high level and wouldn't  
want to move elsewhere. "I  
see the junior high level as an  
important intermediate step.

"If I do my job correctly,  
the headaches should be over  
before the kids get to high  
school."  
"And besides, I personally  
don't like marching like they  
do in the high schools," he  
laughed.

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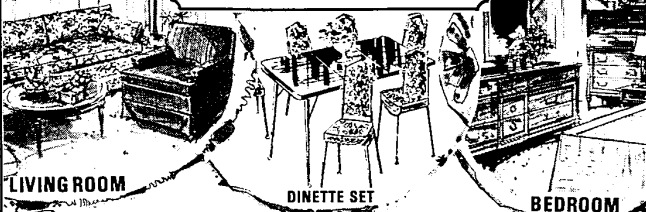
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## Tuition Rates Set By C'ville

The Clarenceville Board of  
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the 1971-72 School year at  
\$442.69 for elementary  
students and at \$481.33 for  
secondary level students -- the  
maximums allowed by state  
law.

The tuition rates that public  
schools may charge non-  
resident students is computed  
by using a state-wide formula  
that establishes a minimum  
and a maximum. The  
minimums were \$221.85 for  
elementary level students and  
\$354.35 for secondary level  
students.

Earlier in the year the board  
had notified parents of tuition  
students that the rates would  
be about \$400 for elementary  
and \$450 for secondary level.

"Dr. Samuel Frisk, the only  
vote opposing the rates, said  
"Both figures are  
significantly higher than we  
told parents they would be."

## 4 Pct. Hike To Drivers In C'ville

Clarenceville Schools have  
granted a four per cent salary  
increase to its bus drivers and  
administrative non-  
bargaining unit employees.

The bus drivers are working  
in the middle of a two-year  
contract, which included a re-  
opening clause for salary.

Teachers, top level ad-  
ministrators and secretaries  
settled for the four per cent  
increases with the board  
earlier this year. Negotiations  
with the custodial and  
cafeteria workers union is  
continuing and may go to fac-  
toring, according to Supt.  
David B. McDowell.