

Arts Festival Staged Today At Slater High

Slater High School will be host today to the Tri-States Festival of Arts, featuring band and choral music, speech and drama entries from nine area schools.

Over 800 students from grades seven through twelve will begin arriving at 8:30 a.m. from as far as Big Stone Gap, Va. Other schools attending will be George Clem High School, Greeneville; Tanner High School, Newport; Swift High School, Rogersville; Douglass High Schools, Elizabethton, Kingsport and Bristol; and Langston High School, Johnson City.

Douglass High School band will open the festival with the presentation of colors. The Rev. Mrs. Player, pastor of Harris Memorial AME Zion Church, will render the devotional.

Mayor W. A. S. Furlow will extend greetings and welcome the youths to the city. Superintendent D. F. Adkisson will greet the group for the school system and board of education.

The daytime performance, in addition to providing cultural experiences for the participants and audience, will provide an opportunity for directors to have their efforts appraised and evaluated by an outstanding corps of adjudicators.

The following local and area persons will serve as adjudicators during the festival: Mrs. Elizabeth Marshall, supervisor of music, Bristol; Wilkes Babbitt, director of band, East Tennessee State College, Johnson City; Zechariah Holmer, director of band and instrumental music, Knoxville College; Mrs. Margaret S. Hayner, professor of music, East Tennessee State College; John C. Baswnhofer, organist and choirmaster, Trinity Lutheran Church, Kingsport; Dr. Mewell C. Fitzpatrick, professor of music, Knoxville College; Joseph I. Turner, professor of music, Bluefield State College, Bluefield, W. Va.; Earl C. Alston, instructor, speech and drama, Knoxville College; William Bruffie Conner, associate professor of speech and drama, Tusculum College, Greeneville; James Poole, chairman of the English Department, specialist in dramatic acting, Bluefield College.

Mss Virginia Bianchi, instructor, Slater High School, Bristol, is chairman of the festival.