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the four high school band classes. The classes are determined by school enrollment.

Collins said the Kings finished second in the state in 1982 and in the top five each of the last six years.

Other bands competing in the class C division finals Saturday were Tippecanoe Valley, Knox, South Spencer, Beech Grove, Whitehall, Paoli and Tell City.

# Sister Sarah A Part Of Rochester Folklore

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AKRON — "Sister Sarah, Age 21."

That's the epitaph of a tiny tombstone in a family cemetery near Old Fort Wayne Road. The small headstone, enveloped by weeds, marks the death of a young woman who lives on in Rochester folklore.

The headstone was discovered by the Robert Bradley family of Rochester. Their farmhouse, located at 1319 Rochester Blvd., was near the cemetery. Bradley believes

the odd events that took place in his home are related to the close proximity of Sarah's grave.

The Bradways lived in the house for nine years, from 1957 to 1966.

"We had five girls. At first, things would happen, and I would blame them. Our bedroom door would open, and I'd yell at the kids," Bradley says. "But sometimes the kids would be sleeping."

Other odd occurrences made him think twice, he says. "We'd be in the kitchen. See Sister — Page 2

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and we'd hear footsteps upstairs, light, like someone had their shoes off. The boards would just creak lightly."

He said his children would often play in the cemetery, and it was there they discovered the Sister Sarah tombstone. "We just thought, 'Oh, it's gotta be Sister Sarah,'" he says.

Bradway says he's heard stories about people who lived in the house after him; how water turns on and off, and keys turn in locks, trapping people in rooms. But he says he never had anything like that happen to him.

"There was nothing ever harmful that happened," he says. "Nothing was ever done to me or my family. She'd pop up every eight or 10 weeks, and we would see things that

would indicate she's around. It wasn't every night or anything."

So, who was Sister Sarah? There are conflicting reports.

Bradway says he heard that Sarah was a young girl who lived in the farmhouse long ago. She became pregnant, and full of shipwreck, threw herself out the window.

But a 1978 story from an Akron newspaper shows yet another Sarah tombstone, this one inscribed "Sarah, wife of R. McIntire." Now this Sarah, says the published account, was the wife of Ralph McIntire. Through a series of confusing events, she ended up marrying someone else, thereby enraging her ex-husband Ralph, who took her baby, Nancy, and drowned her in a nearby culvert.

# Helm

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It had 3,000 volumes of classical, scientific and general reading material.

Helm was known as a modest and retiring chap. He owned a clean but simple two-story wooden home at 1108 E. Broadway. Helm's "History of Cass