

Alice Willard Lyman



Alice Willard Lyman, was born in Montevallo, Alabama, December 16, 1906 and received a B. A. in Music from Alabama College for Women (now Montevallo University) in 1929, a Certificate of Excellence in violin from Julliard School of Music, New York City in 1932 and a M. A. in music education from Teachers College, Columbia University, New York City in 1942. She was a professional musician in New York City with the Women's Symphony as well as traveling accompanist with a group in legitimate vaudeville (Lowe's Theater) and the personal accompanist for solo performance by Natalie Bodanya of the Metropolitan Opera Company.

Miss Lyman was one of the very early music pioneers in Oak Ridge arriving in August 1944, moving into one of the women's dormitories with several other teachers and eventually moving to her long-time residence at 91 Georgia Avenue. Her music teaching career in Oak Ridge Schools started at Elm Grove, which then was then grades 1-8. She then taught music at the original Jefferson Jr., High School (now Robertsville), then at what was the Jefferson Jr. High on Kentucky Avenue., and finally at the new Jefferson Jr., High on Fairbanks Road. Her bands at Jefferson Jr. High never received below a 'Superior' rating in competition.

In addition to music teaching in the Oak Ridge schools, Miss Lyman was organist and instrumentalist for the United Church Chapel on the Hill in Oak Ridge for over thirty-five years.