

G. Truman Welch

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Elmore County HS

Alabama

G. Truman Welch has served as Vice-President and President of the Alabama Bandmasters Association, President and Vice-President of the Alabama Music Educators Association, and served one term on the governing board of the National Band Association. He has served as President of the Alabama chapter of Phi Beta Mu. Mr. Welch has taught woodwinds at Auburn and Alabama music camps, and at Auburn University and Huntington College. He has played professionally for years in both symphonies and dance bands and was a member of the board of directors of the Montgomery Symphony for several years. Mr. Welch was presented the Birmingham News Post Herald Award for 25 years of outstanding service to the youth of Alabama in 1967. He also was awarded the order of the "Silver Horn" in 1970 by the First Chair of America for outstanding achievement in the field of school music. The "Silver Horn" is awarded only to those whose accomplishments in the field of music are of the highest national standards. During World War II, Welch was director of the 13<sup>th</sup> Air Force Show Band. He is a member of Phi Beta Mu, National Band Association, American School Band Directors Association, Music Educators National Conference, College Band Directors National Association, and the Alabama Music Educators Association. Mr. Welch organized the Elmore County High School Band of Wetumpka and Eclectic, Alabama. He directed this band for 26 years. During this time, the Elmore County Band was a consistent winner at state contests and first place winner of the Virginia Beach Festival. The band was also selected to play at the Midwest National Clinic in Chicago in 1965, the All-South Clinic at Jekyll Island, Georgia, in 1969, the Lion's International in New York in 1959, in Chicago in 1960, and the Southern Division of MENC in Mobile in 1969. Mr. Welch and Ed Jones originated and organized the Studio Lab Band movement. He also organized the first annual Southeastern United States Concert Band Clinic, which was held at Troy State University in January of 1974. He served as Executive Secretary of this organization. Mr. Welch is presently the flute clinician for Yamaha Musical Instrument Company throughout the Southeast and is in great demand as guest conductor and clinician throughout the country. He served as Woodwind Instructor at Troy State University and was the Administrative Assistant to the Dean of the School of Fine Arts and Coordinator of Instrumental Music. He was inducted into the Phi Beta Mu Bandmasters Hall of Fame in 1978. He was elected mayor of Wetumpka in July 1980. Mr. Welch was the originator of the very popular Flute-A-Rama series. At present, Mr. Welch has his own clinician service, woodwind studio, and is Retired Director of the 68-piece Montgomery Civic Band. He is in great demand as a guest conductor, adjudicator, piccolo, flute, and saxophone clinician.