



William Edwin Erwine

Faculty

There are band directors and there are bandmasters. William Edwin Erwine was a bandmaster for the Fairport Schools for 18 years. Bill graduated from Ohio University where he participated in both marching and symphonic band. He served his country as an Army Sargent in World War II. His teaching career began in Zanesville Ohio, where he led the high school band to superior ratings in 11 out of 12 years. Bill started teaching in 1964 at Harding High where his concert band earned superior competitive ratings in 1966, 1968-70, 1972-75 and 1979. Students recall Mr. Erwine as a task master, demanding the best effort from everyone -- to be musical. As tough as he was, students thought of him as a gentleman, musician and outstanding educator. For many students, band was, and still is, a fond memory. The 1986 Harbor Light yearbook was dedicated to Mr. Erwine.