



ELBERT H. 'AL' STODDEN, 1918 - 1972

Al Stodden was born April 9, 1918 to Samuel and Nellie Stodden in LaSalle, Illinois. He graduated from LaSalle High School. He married Maxine Moore in 1940. Stodden earned his B.M. from Vander Cook College of Music in 1946 after serving in WW2, and later his M.S. from Indiana State in 1953.

For many years he was the band and orchestra director at Ft. Wayne Central High School. He later taught at Northwood JHS and finally at Snider High School where he was Fine Arts Department Chair and Audio-Visual Coordinator. He was also associate professor of audio-visual at Indiana University-Ft. Wayne.

Stodden was active in both NISBOVA and IMEA and served as Executive Secretary of NISBOVA for a number of years in the 1950's. He was also well known as a twirling clinician and judge.

Al Stodden died August 22, 1972.