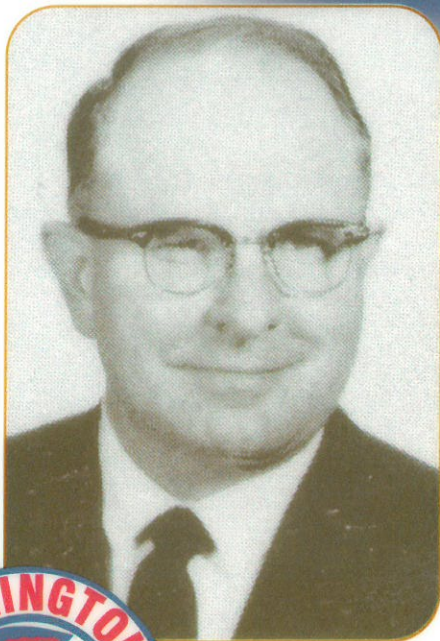


# John Duckwall



Inducted into the *Hall of Fame* in 1994

John Duckwall was Washington's first orchestra director and served in that capacity the first ten years of the school's history.

A graduate of Cornell College, Mr. Duckwall began with the Cedar Rapids Community Schools as band director and later orchestra director for Franklin High School which preceded Washington as the area's high school. His orchestras at Franklin and Washington were very successful and performed for the National Superintendents' Convention in St. Louis, universities, national conferences, and even the penitentiary in Fort Madison. The German Office of Education sent representatives to observe the WHS orchestra as a model for German orchestras in the public schools.

In a cooperative project between the Cedar Rapids Schools and the Cedar Rapids Symphony, Mr. Duckwall organized the Cedar Rapids Youth Symphony which functioned during the summer months and enabled outstanding high school and college students an opportunity to experience professional-level music. Additionally, he served as musical director for the Cedar Rapids Community Theatre summer productions and as Chairman of Orchestral Affairs for the State of Iowa.

In 1967 John and his wife Elaine moved to suburban Chicago where he taught at Addison Trail HS and became musical director for the Elmhurst Symphony. Mr. Duckwall retired from both positions in 1979.

