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MISSOULA, MONT.---

Dr. Lloyd Oakland, 61, a member of the University of Montana music faculty since 1951, will retire Aug. 1, Dean Charles W. Bolen of the UM School of Fine Arts has announced.

Dr. Oakland, a native of Blairsburg, Iowa, applied for early retirement in order to assume responsibility for property interests in Iowa. In his request for change of status to professor emeritus, he wrote, "The past 17 years at the University of Montana have been rich in opportunity and filled with rewarding experiences."

"Of all the music educators with whom I have been associated," Dean Bolen commented, "Lloyd Oakland is the most versatile, having achieved outstanding success as an artist-performer, a conductor, an administrator and a teacher. The breadth of his abilities and interests and the depth of his concern for his students have made him a force for good in literally hundreds of lives."

Dr. Oakland came to the University as director of choral activities in 1951 and six years later was appointed head of music education. He served as administrator and chairman of the UM Music Department for several years and in recent years has been chairman of music education. He directed the music education laboratory, which was established at the UM this year with federal and state grants.

Dr. Oakland received a Bachelor of Music degree in 1930 at Cornell College, Mount Vernon, Iowa. In 1936 he was granted a Master of Music degree at Northwestern University Evanston, Ill., and in 1956 he received an honorary Doctor of Music degree from Cornell. Following completion of his studies at Northwestern he spent 15 years as professor and department chairman at Cornell.
In 1930-31 Dr. Oakland was director of high school music in Arlington, S.D. From 1931-35 he served as director of public school music in Angola, Ind., and he was head of the music department at Great Falls (Mont.) Public High School from 1935-36.

He has conducted all-state choruses throughout the region and has twice conducted the All-Northwest Chorus of the Music Educators National Conference (MENC). For many years he directed the Missoula Mendelssohn Club.

As Montana coordinator for Young Audiences, Inc., Dr. Oakland has been instrumental in introducing thousands of school children to good "live" music since the program's inception in the state in 1965. Last year alone, performing groups jointly sponsored by Young Audiences and the Montana Arts Council reached more than 22,000 elementary pupils in Montana.

Dr. Oakland is past Northwest vice president of the MENC and past president of the Montana Music Educators Association. He has served on the Council for Research in Music Education and as adviser to the Educational Policies Committee, Washington, D.C.

He is past chairman of the UM Budget and Policy Committee and current chairman of the Salary and Promotions Committee. He has served on many other University committees and in the University Senate.

Dr. Oakland has written articles for Music Educators Journal, the Instrumentalist and other professional journals. He is the author of three chapters in "Music Education in America," a textbook published by Allyn and Bacon, Inc.

Dr. Oakland is a member of Phi Mu Alpha music fraternity and Pi Kappa Lambda music scholastic honorary.

The multifaceted professor is a gardener of note and a skilled instrument maker and repairman.

Dean Bolen noted that Prof. Oakland's accomplishments have won him many awards, including an honorary doctorate from Cornell College.

"But," the dean added, "the most lasting monument to Lloyd Oakland's distinguished career is built upon the esteem and affection of the students and colleagues to whom he has been teacher, counselor and friend."

Dr. Oakland's wife is the former Helen Munger of Waverly, Iowa.

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