

Class of 1941 – Mary Jane Thomas (McIntosh).



Her talent was showcased when she performed the leading role in Smetana's *The Bartered Bride* with the Memphis Symphony Orchestra. She studied at Southwestern at Memphis (Rhodes College) and Memphis College of Music and was an accomplished vocalist, pianist, organist, choral director and music teacher.

She taught music and served as organist/choir director in military schools and chapels in Germany and Japan and was organist/choir director for Leigh Street Baptist and River Road Presbyterian in Richmond. As a 33-year member of Second Baptist Church, she served as interim organist, children's choir director, Sunday school teacher and WMU circle leader. She was past president of the Richmond Choral Society and a member of the Women's Committee of the Richmond Symphony, the American Guild of Organists and the Richmond Music Study Club. She was a member and former president of Tri Club Woman's Club, director of the Tri Club and Monacan Woman's club chorales, and former arts chairman of the Piedmont District of the Virginia Federation of Women's Clubs. Also, a member and former president of the Ginter Park Garden Club, she was honored as a life member of the Virginia Federation of Garden Clubs and Richmond Council of Garden

Clubs. She was a member of the Virginia Baptist Historical Society, Goochland County Historical Society, Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden and Ginter Park Woman's Club.