

## ORHPA Donates to Oak Ridge Schools Newly Reprinted Book and DVDs telling *The Oak Ridge Story*

The Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association recently reprinted a premier and out of print history *The Oak Ridge Story* by George O. "Gus" Robinson with a Foreword by Oak Ridge City Historian, Bill Wilcox. Robinson was here all through Oak Ridge's wartime and first peacetime years, knew all the leaders of the plants and town and his was our first history, published in 1950. The 2006 reprint edition is as close to the original as possible, even to its dust jacket, all neatly managed by Lynn Cardwell at American Reprographics in Oak Ridge. Almost all of the first printing copies were sold as quickly as they became available. A second printing is forthcoming. To reserve copies of the next printing of the popular reprint, contact Sara Gillespie of ORHPA at 483-5285.

Several copies of this historic reprint were set aside for donations. The Oak Ridge Public Library was given two copies. All the schools in Oak Ridge were given copies of the 2006 reprint of *The Oak Ridge Story* along with the two Keith McDaniel DVD's of Oak Ridge's history, *Secret City: The Oak Ridge Story – The War Years* and *Secret City: The Oak Ridge Story – 1945-2006*.

Sara Boyd Gillespie, Chair of ORHPA's 2006 reprint committee, took the newly reprinted book to Glenwood School, the school she started at in the Eighth Grade in September 1944. She tells that the first principal at Glenwood was Mr. Rollin McKeethan and her 8<sup>th</sup> grade teacher was Ms. Mabel Westbrook.

Sara says, "The next year, 1945, our class was in Junior High, and we all rode buses to attend Robertsville (then called Jefferson). In Sept. '46 the 10<sup>th</sup> grade was on "the hill" above Jackson Square. In '49 we graduated from ORHS. Many of the original 8<sup>th</sup> graders at Glenwood live still in Oak Ridge."

The present Principal at Glenwood Elementary School is Mrs. Pearl Goins and the librarian Ms. Amelia Bell. They were delighted to receive *The Oak Ridge Story* 2006 Reprint and *Secret City* DVD's as were all the other Principals and Librarians in the schools when Sara delivered the materials to them.

Sara Boyd was the oldest of five children, who attended Oak Ridge schools. Josh Boyd, called "Sonny" was in the class of '52, the first class to graduate from the newly-built high school across from the Civic Center. Brenda Boyd (McLeroy) was a '58 graduate. Nancy Boyd (Perkins) graduated in '59 and Jane Boyd (Fuqua) in 1961. Sara says, "I am very proud of all my siblings because of their continuing education; each finishing college and post graduate degrees. To me they are the epitome of what is offered in Oak Ridge in education if pursued. The encouragement given by the superb teaching staff is reflected in their accomplishments. All are retired except Nancy who is still teaching. Josh was a counselor and teacher of English as a second language; Brenda, a Nurse Anesthetist, and Jane, formerly a 6<sup>th</sup> grade teacher in Oak Ridge, at Linden and Woodland, recently retired as associate Superintendent of Forsyth County Schools in Georgia.

As you can tell, Sara Boyd Gillespie is proud of her Oak Ridge heritage. She is very active in the Oak Ridge Heritage and Preservation Association which is working hard to preserve the important relics and stories that can keep the truly wonderful and unique heritage of the Secret City alive for future generations.



ORHPA member Sara Boyd Gillespie recently presented Glenwood Elementary School Principal Mrs. Goins (left) and Glenwood Librarian Ms. Bell (right) a copy of *The Oak Ridge Story* 2006 Reprint along with a copy of the two *Secret City* DVDs.



Bill Wilcox, Oak Ridge City Historian and ORHPA board member provides Kathy McNeilly, Director, Oak Ridge Public Library two copies of *The Oak Ridge Story* 2006 Reprint.