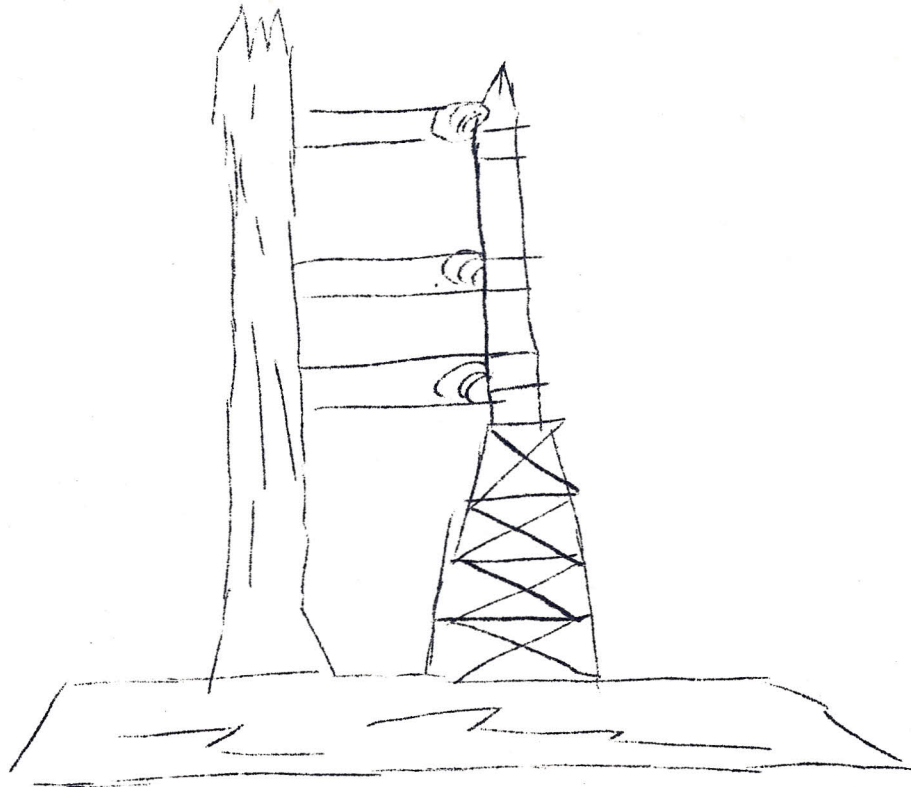


TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

NINETY-FOURTH ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 9, 1973



COUNT DOWN ONE HUNDRED

Our Centennial Year 1979

Our Centennial Committee

Boyd King (1950) Co-ordinator
Pat Schafer Bolesny (1949)
Dennis Jenkins (1965)
Marian Parks Schopper (1950)
Mary Cossin Sipe (1950)

OUR MEETING

On a warm, summer evening - June 9, 1973 - Alumni and friends of Tallmadge High School gathered at the Congregational Church for their annual dinner meeting. How pleasant to have an opportunity to take a few hours from the hustle-bustle of our daily lives to mingle with friends of yesteryear, and renew old school friendships.

Never has the dining room looked so lovely! Josephine Ilg Patterson (1940, as chairman of the Program and Arrangement Committee, had spent many hours planning and implementing the decorations. Each guest had a hand-made favor filled with mints. Beautiful bouquets of red and white roses, accented with greens, adorned the tables. A lighted white candle centered each arrangement and a pixie graduate peeked out from the foliage. The striking black containers were designed and created by Jo. Her art teachers should certainly be proud of her.

Jack Ragle (1943), a member of Jo's committee, provided beautiful arrangements of spring and summer flowers which were placed on the Officers' table and the table where our Golden Agers dined. It's quite possible that Jack's wife, Kay, (1943), may have helped with these bouquets for they were lovely and added much to the beauty of the room.

One hundred seventy-four guests found their places at the banquet tables. We had our usual delays: thirty-five people had failed to make reservations, (or maybe the secretary can't count!). The church ladies had allowed for extra guests, but even they began to get a bit apprehensive when an extra table had to be set up.

Just when we were already to dine, it was discovered that it took seven minutes for the "mike" to warm up. Nobody seemed to mind the delays too much and at last we were able to hear Stewart Roberts (1940) pray. Good food and good conversation made for a pleasant dinner.

Officers for 1973 sat at the Officers' table: Boyd King (1950), President; Burdell Baldwin (1949), Vice-President; June King Marsh (1934), Secretary; and Richard Emmitt (1936), Treasurer.

After a brief intermission, our President called the meeting to order. This was the ninety-fourth consecutive meeting of our organization. Reports of the Secretary and Treasurer were presented and approved. The report of the Nominating Committee was read and accepted. Recognition was given to those Alumni who were observing their twenty-fifty and fiftieth anniversaries as well as to our Golden Agers -- those who graduated more than fifty years ago.

Superintendent Maynard Bauer brought us greetings from the 200 teachers and 135 classified employees of the Tallmadge City School System. Those numbers must make some of our older graduates gasp.

We remembered those of our members who died during the past year.

We adjourned to meet in June, 1974, for our ninety-fifty meeting.

OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION
1879 - 1979

As the sketch (by a talented!!! artist) on our frontispiece indicates, Tallmadge High School Alumni Association is counting down to its one hundredth anniversary in 1979. Our 1973 President, Boyd King, is responsible for bringing this fact to our attention and already has his committee organized.

The striking banner "COUNT DOWN ONE HUNDRED" which was hung behind the refreshment table at our meeting was painted by Mike Moskley (1948). We hope to preserve it for our "count down" years so watch for it next year in case you didn't get to see it this year.

If you can't make it to every meeting, we certainly hope you can attend our Centennial Celebration. If we run out of space, we can always pitch a tent in the circle; that is, if they have the Congregational Church cupola and steeple back where they belong by that time. One wonders, sometimes.

No group has yet come forward to challenge our claim to being the oldest high school alumni organization in the country. We have held consecutive meetings since 1879. Readers of "The Tallmadge Circle" enjoyed accounts, written by F.E. Lawrence, of some of those early meetings.

1974 OFFICERS

Metta Roberts Point (1916) prefaced her report of the Nominating Committee by saying that not a single person who was asked to serve in any capacity refused the committee's request. This causes us to wonder if the members of the committee possessed some special charm or unusual powers of persuasion. It certainly is to be hoped that the 1974 nominating committee meets with the same degree of success. Our officers for the next year are:

President	Burdell Baldwin 1949
Vice-President	James Bliss 1951
Secretary	June King Marsh 1934
Assistants	Pauline Brandeau Bierce 1928 Viola Walters Bartlett 1935
Treasurer	Robert Crislip 1948
Nominating Committee	JoAnn Stem Wood 1948 Natalie Olesky Rzewnicki 1948 Norman Prulhier 1947
Program and Arrangement Committee	John F. Cochran 1948 Ellen Baker Hughes 1948 Thomas Gusbar 1946 Betty Ralston Kimmel 1950

Nominating Committee
Metta Roberts Point 1916
Gilbert Root 1918
June Garrett Wade 1948

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on Hand - January 1, 1973.....\$243.94

RECEIPTS - 1973

Cash advance for Change for sale of Dinner Tickets	\$ 20.00	
Dues	168.00	
Donations	28.25	
Interest on Savings	<u>2.40</u>	
TOTAL RECEIPTS	\$218.65	<u>\$218.65</u>
	Balance.....	\$462.59

Expenditures - 1973

Printing	\$ 13.99	
Postage	46.60	
Office Supplies	16.45	
3 Guest Dinners	9.75	
Refund to Joanne Wood for unused prepaid dinner re- servations	6.50	
Refund to R. Emmitt for cash advance for change for sale of dinner tickets	20.00	
Secretary fee	<u>10.00</u>	
	\$123.29.....	\$123.29

TOTAL BALANCE.....\$339.30

Richard D. Emmitt
Richard D. Emmitt
Treasurer, 1973

Be not deceived by this healthy balance. Frances Parks Ripley, our Secretary for the past several years, has "donated" the printing of the reports. Also, our Program and Arrangement Committee for this year "lost" their bill. Before we have an opportunity to collect dues again we will have some major expenses: Printing and Mailing of this year's report; Printing and Mailing of notices for the 1974 meeting.

THE FIFTY-YEAR CLASS

The Class of 1923 observed its fiftieth anniversary this year. Members of the class were:

Howell Acken
*Pliny Boltz
Earl Chapman
*Mary Huber Clark
*Kathryn Diesz Gipson
Frances Scherer Lantz
*Fern Spriggle Cully
Bearl Williams
Francis Wright

*deceased

Howell Acken was the only member of the class in attendance but he did himself proud. Looking dapper in white slacks and a light blue sport coat, he and his wife Evelyn, in a lovely long blue gown, could easily have fit in with the 25-year class.

Howell had prepared a long dissertation, but was unable to present it for two reasons: he had laryngitis and had forgotten his glasses. That second excuse sounded just a bit contrived. Some of us who won't see fifty again remember when Howell and Evelyn eloped. That was the romance of the year in our small town.

Francis Wright sent greetings to his classmates from Mesa, Arizona. One paragraph might interest some of the "Blue Devils" at Tallmadge High.

"It would be great to see some of my classmates again, some I haven't seen for well over forty years. Times sure have changed in fifty years. I remember that our last football squad had no more than fifteen of us on it and that all that we had in the way of uniforms we bought ourselves, each one different. Also I'll never forget the Peninsula football field, it was short and squeezed between a potato patch and the cemetery and any touchdown ended up in one or the other."

"Best regards to all of my classmates and to all of the rest of the Alumni Association."

Sincerely,

Francis H. Wright

THE TWENTY-FIVE YEAR CLASS

The Class of 1948 observed its twenty-fifth anniversary this year. To say they did it with a bang would be putting it mildly. Effervescent, energetic, as well as talented JoAnn Stem Wood headed a committee composed of Delores Neal Rader, Natalie Olesky Rzewnicki, Beryl Vandersall, Richard Wood, Wallace Wood, and Ransel Yoho, Jr. Twenty-eight graduates, eight of their former teachers, plus assorted husbands and wives more than filled one of the long banquet tables. In addition to various cities in the Buckeye State, members of the class came from Virginia, Georgia, and Minnesota.

James "Pete" Parks made a delightful and entertaining master of ceremonies for the Class's part in the program. Many beautifully wrapped gifts -- lovely ceramic items created by none other than JoAnn Wood -- were given to various members of the class for achievements, records, etc. as well as to their teachers. Four class romances ended in marriage: Ellen "Cookie" Baker and Dick Hughes; June Garrett and Don Wade; JoAnn Stem and Dick Wood; and Martha Wolcott and Richard Muck. Pete announced that this class had produced one hundred thirty-one children and five grandchildren. This will certainly keep the schools open a few more years.

Elementary and junior high teachers who were guests of the class were: Willa Stall Davis, Wanda Crites Pryor, Hilda Rohlf and Mildred Tripcony. High School teachers were Carrie Gruccio, Margaret Tsilkofe Korora, Richard Lockhart, and Eleanor Dangelo Soos. Class members felt particularly close to these high school teachers who were with them all or most of their four years.

The class made a donation of ten dollars to our treasury which we thought was very nice and much appreciated.

The members of this class were:

Dorothy Atwood Alexander	Robert McCory
Dorothy Maple Alexander	Maxine Hoke Metcalf
Jack Augustine	*Emma Jean Carrier Minor
LeRoy Bell	Arsen Moskaly
Ray Bond	Martha Wolcott Muck
Margarethe Davis Braun	Richard Muck
Mary Richards Brinkerhoff	Polly Deemer Orr
Helen Reznik Butler	James Parks
Bernadine Donahew Carlson	Delores Neal Rader
Jack Cochran	Conrad Renner
Bob Crislip	Gene Riddle
Mike DeChant	Natalie Olesky Rzewnicki
Brian Detweiler	Clarence William Sands
Catherine Cate Detweiler	Alvin Sayre
James E. Dodge	Eugene Stephens
Alice Bloom Dunn	Paul Thorn

Betty Taylor Eller
Robert Faught
Hoy Forshey
Anna Zenar Gosselin
Kenneth Henderson
Elizabeth Huffman
Ellen Baker Hughes
Vincent Hoffman
Richard Hughes
Lillian Hall Keener
*Thomas Kirby
Patty Chiuta Kovalchik
Robert Leisek
Ruth Davis Little
*Forrest Livingston
Marilyn Witter Marlow

Eugene Stephens
Paul Thorn
Beryl Vandersall
Richard Vydra
Don Wade
June Garrett Wade
Marilyn White Weis
Joanne Lappert Wenum
JoAnn Stem Wood
Richard Wood
Wallace Wood
Ransel Yoho

*deceased

CLASS OF 1973

Our graduating class this year was represented by three beautiful young ladies who radiated youth, charm, and enthusiasm; Patricia J. McQuillen, Kolleen Sieber, and Marilyn Smith. Each of the girls had written their class motto on their registration cards: "We've only just begun." We hope that applies to their interest in our Alumni Association. It certainly applies to their careers. Patricia and Kolleen are already enrolled at the University of Akron and Marilyn has been accepted in the City Hospital Nursing School.

Some of the "older" Alumni are prone to grumble a bit about the lack of interest shown by the younger graduates. May I remind them that back in 1934 when the Secretary graduated we were guests of the P.T.A. at dinner and our dues were given us for the first year. Does anybody know a millionaire graduate who would donate about fifteen hundred dollars to entertain the 1974 class? On second thought, where would we put them?

Members of this class will discover that, about the time they acquire bi-focals, Alumni meetings start to get interesting.

THE TALLMADGE CIRCLE

Our Alumni Association is certainly indebted to THE TALLMADGE CIRCLE, "The only newspaper in the whole world by, for, and about Tallmadge people." We think the paper contributed a great deal to the success of our meeting through announcements, featured articles, reports, and pictures.

Through the generosity of the editor and publisher, Ron Nelson Taiclet, as well as the interest of our own F.E. Lawrence, everybody at our meeting had a copy of the June 7 issue of the paper. This issue contained a list of the 1973 graduates, end-of-the-year school news, and a fine history of our alumni organization by Mr. Lawrence. His feature article, "Our Goodly Heritage" appears in each issue.

The editor and Mr. Lawrence made it possible for the Secretary to send copies of the June 7 and June 14 issues of the paper to all the out-of-towners who sent in their dues. These issues contained not only articles and pictures about our meeting, but also a great deal of school news. If you are interested in keeping up with Tallmadge, this paper is a must. (\$3.00 for one year; \$5.00 for two years sent to 14 Whitehall Dr., Tallmadge, Ohio 44278).

T.H.S. ALUMNI MEMORIAL

Once again we pause to honor the memory of our deceased members. The list of those who have died since our last meeting, as we have it, is as follows:

1899	Fanny Margaret Alling	March 6, 1973	91 years
1905	William Galloway	June 30, 1972	86 years
1922	Ralph B. Treat	March 17, 1973	68 years
1929	Henry J. Wenhart	March 1, 1973	62 years
1941	Ruth Jane Galloway Lafaye	Dec 2, 1972	50 years
1948	Rev. Forrest Livingston	May 27, 1973	44 years
1960	Joseph R. Petrishak	Nov. 6, 1972	30 years
1969	Sgt. Mark Alan Albright	Feb. 7, 1973	21 years

Our membership is so widely scattered we can never be sure our list is complete. So our homage is extended to all deceased T.H.S. graduates, whether namer or unnamed.

I am sure our deceased members would wish no better memorial than an inspiring thought for the living, and I like a stimulating interpretation developed by the Rev. Lynn Pugh.

If you don't know the Rev. Pugh, I hope you'll effect an opportunity to become acquainted with him. He is pastor of the Mogadore Christian Church.

I have never heard the Rev. Pugh deliver a sermon from his pulpit, though I hope to do so. I'm sure his sermons are most impressive, for, on several occasions, I have heard his remarks at funerals -- discourses which gripped and held attention.

His delivery is conversational-like - addressed to the bereaved family, but full of comforting thoughts - gems for all listeners.

Several weeks ago my wife and I attended a funeral where the Rev. Mr. Pugh based his discourse on the 23rd Psalm - "The Lord is my shepherd."

He analyzed the Psalm, passage by passage, giving words of consolation from each passage to the sorrowing family.

He came to the last sentence: "Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life; and I will dwell in the house of the Lord forever."

I wish I could quote him word for word. In substance Rev. Pugh said: If, from this, one expects to receive goodness and mercy all the days of one's life, one can be sorely disappointed in the small quantity and scanty quality of goodness and mercy coming to him. That, instead of expecting to receive, one should dispense goodness and mercy - not just today - not just tomorrow - but all the days of one's life one should deliver goodness and mercy - and then one WILL dwell in the house of the Lord forever.

F.E. Lawrence

Class of 1912

OUR ALUMNI MEMBERS

This is an unofficial list, compiled from your registration cards, of the Alumni who were present at this year's meeting. It does not include husbands, wives, and guests who were not so fortunate as to have graduated from T.H.S.

1911	Geneva Wright Atwood Alma Thomas Galloway Arthur B. Wolcott	1942	Grace Irene Fitzell Carroll L. Jones M. Geraldine "Newlon" Jones
1912	Oliver Fenn Ruth Luneman King Laura Denmead Lawrence Frank Ellsworth Lawrence Ferne Atwood Ripley Stella Phillips Sperry	1943	Donald Jones Jack L. Ragle Kay Holt Ragle
1914	Clara Hinman Huffman	1945	Ruth Seeker Hoisington Lois Stevenson Hudec Louise Witmyer Jones Robert F. Jones Robert E. Yohey
1915	W. Edward Jones	1946	Bob Booth Bruce Detweiler Tom Gusbar Melvin Metcalf Bill Witmyer
1916	Metta Roberts Point	1947	C. Robert Alexander Shirley Sanford Booth
1918	Ira Jones Gilbert H. Root Rosalind Sackett Rothrock	1948	Dorothy Atwood Alexander Mary Richards Brinkerloff Ray D. Bond John F. Cochran Bob Crislip Catherine Cate Detweiler Alice Bloom Dunn James E. Dodge Kenneth D. Henderson Vince Hoffman Elizabeth Ann Huffman Ellen (Cookie Baker) Hughes Richard (Dick) Hughes Lillian Hall Keener Maxine Hoke Metcalf Arsen Moskaly James W. "Pete" Parks Delores Neal Rader Gene Riddle B. Vandersall Natalie (Olesky) Rzewnicki Richard Vydra Donald E. Wade June Garrett Wade Edgar "Wally" Wood JoAnn Stem Wood Richard N. Wood Ransel L. Yoho, Jr.
1922	Helen Treat Mentzer		
1923	Howell Acken		
1929	Laura M. Jones Marian Upson Rasp		
1931	Wanda Crites Pryor		
1933	Merle Curfman		
1934	Ella Storer Bradley David Galloway June King Marsh		
1935	Viola Walters Bartlett Genevieve Ripley Lythgoe George E. Sieber		
1936	Richard D. Emmitt		
1938	Kathryn Eickleberry Emmitt LaDema Youngen Gatten Emma Holmes Alfred P. Poe Paul Ragle Adria Hoisington Saxe		
1939	Naomi Beam Poe		
1940	Robert Hay Donald Patterson Josephine Ilg Patterson Stewart A. Roberts		
1941	Phyllis Youngen Croft Allen W. Mallory Delores L. Richards Helen Black Thompson		

1949	Burdell Baldwin	1953	Dorothy Bond Dittmer
	Patricia Shafer Bolesny	1954	Lauretta Archval
	Lavonne Gomoll Dodge	1957	Sandra Norton Taylor
	John F. Hughes	1958	Hope Oxford Paulus
	Marvel Freed Matthews	1962	A. David Karg
	Lynn J. Miller	1963	Mary Black Clark
	Janet Wolfe Mitchell	1966	Jamie Colleen Hoisington
1950	Betty Ralston Kimmel	1972	Julie Lythgoe
	Boyd K. King		Cynthia Soulier Metcalf
	Rosemary Karg Ritchie		Mark Metcalf
	Marian Parks Schopper	1973	Patricia J. McQuillen
	Norma Oxford Shaffer		Kolleen Sieber
	Mary Cossin Sipe		Marilyn Smith
	Jerry J. Taylor		
1951	James L. Bliss		
	Patricia Anderson Dillon		
1952	Gene L. Bond		
	Nancy Anderson Pancoast		
	JannStevenson Younkin		

OUR ABSENTEE MEMBERS

A number of people who were unable to attend our meeting sent their dues. We appreciate their interest, their dues, and the treasurer appreciates particularly the extra dollars several alumni sent. We shall see that each of you gets a copy of this report.

1899	Ferris Miller	1934	Wilburn Crites
1903	Ellen Waldorf	1935	Alice Scherer Crites
1907	Olive Hinman Sayre	1936	Minnie Scherer Phoenix
1908	Jean O. Mitchell	1938	Phyllis Roberts
1909	Gertrude Brittain Myers		Norman Roberts
	Esther Pitkin	1939	Richard K. Everhart
1911	Hazel S. Smith		Ellis W. (Bill) King
	Stella Alling Sparhawk	1940	Hilda Crites King
	George Wright	1942	Jean Miller Powers
1913	Grace Luneman Waldheger		Robert E. Powers
1920	Hermina Fisher	1944	Margaret Orr Bumpas
1923	Francis Wright		Carl Starks
1926	Mary Fischer Krutky	1946	Margaret Snyder Casmirre
1930	Winnifred Sparhawk Whims	1947	Joanne Zurschmit Young
1932	Paul Adams	1948	E.L. Bell
	Carl Hageman		Paul Thorn
1933	Wilma Crites Newlon	1951	Irene Olesky Yamokoski
	Dick Pitkin	1972	Kent Roberts

COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and notes accompanied some of our Alumni dues. Our last year's hard-working president, Norman Roberts, together with his wife Phyllis, and son Kent, (all T.H.S. graduates) left Lynchburg, Virginia Friday evening, June 8, expecting to drive through until the wee hours in order to attend our meeting. Not too far along they way a 15¢ gadget gave way. No garages were open, of course. Norman and Kent were able to improvise a bit but they weren't sure they wanted to trust their make-shift repairs to reach Ohio so they limped back home. We appreciated their check but missed having them here.

Jean Mitchell, Esther Pitkin, Hazel S. Smith, Jean and Bob Powers, Beatrice Hawkins, and a number of others were sorry they could not be with us but sent their regards. Carl Hageman wrote his usual happy, enthusiastic letter. He reports that he is considered a good teacher of Creative Writing. We certainly wouldn't expect anything else from Carl. Ferris Miller, our oldest living graduate, wrote his regular letter and we thought it merited space in our report. Did you know he carries an extensive correspondence and does all his own typing? He graduated in 1899. You figure how many candles on his next birthday cake.

Dear Secretary:

Again the report of the last meeting of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Assn. has come through the special courtesy of Mrs. Frances Parks Ripley. It is pleasant to see the surnames that were so familiar in the days back in the nineties, indicating a continued interest in the association on the part of Tallmadge residents and the many grads scattered over the entire United States. Some actually travel far to be present in person. All of this indicates a bond holding us together.

In my school days in old Tallmadge many of the old pioneers were alive to recall for us the days when the old High School building on the North Road was completed in 1878 and the first class graduated in 1879. A member of that first class, Charles Alling, told me that he worked as a carpenter on the building, assisting his father, Francis Alling, the builder. This old building has now disappeared.

On March 6, 1973, my classmate, Fanny Margaret Alling, passed to the great beyond. Both of us learned music early and played the organ through all of our school days from the Primary to Graduation in 1899, for the devotional period in the days before God was banished from the public schools. School days in old Tallmadge are pleasant to remember.

My best wishes to all officers and members and a prayer for the continued success of the association. And here is a dollar for the dues and a donation of ten dollars to help out with the expenses.

Respectfully

Ferris Ray Miller
Class of 1899

CHIT-CHAT

Observed at our meeting:

Our curly-haired trio of "girls" representing three generations of graduates: Ferne Atwood Ripley (1912); Genevieve Ripley Lythgoe (1935); and Julie Lythgoe (1972).

Metta Roberts Point, class of 1916, looking charming in a long red gown, complimented by silver bag and slippers.

Jovial David Galloway, class of 1934, being greeted by his many friends and introducing his wife, Peggy, to those of us who hadn't met her. David, who hadn't been to an Alumni meeting since 1936, said he came this year to see how much more other people had aged than he had.

Jean Roberts, wife of one of our recent presidents (Stewart Roberts, class of 1940) busy as usual with her knitting. Jean's many hours of volunteer work would put some of the rest of us to shame.

Stella Phillips Sperry, a member of that famous class of 1912, strolling in with Alma Galloway, class of 1911, on her arm. Stella has missed but one meeting in sixty-one years. Anybody want to challenge that record?

George Sieber (class of 1935) with his wife, Helen, who is one of our Tallmadge teachers. Wide smiles indicated pride in their daughter, Kolleen, who was salutatorian of the 1973 graduating class.

C. Robert Alexander enjoying his wife's 25-year celebration this year more than he did his own last year, when he had to do the work.

Emma Holmes "wheeling" into the dining room at sixty miles per hour, coming back a minute later with a folding chair which she proceeded to set up for Mrs. Tripcony. Made some of the rest of us feel a bit foolish.

Dick and Katy Emmitt looking a bit panicky as their stack of "Roast Beef" and "Steak" tickets grew smaller and smaller, and still the guests kept arriving.

JoAnn Stem Wood shepherding her classmates around, giving each a clever identification tag on which she had copied their portrait as they appeared in 1948. JoAnn's days must have thirty hours instead of the regulation twenty-four.

Fran Ripley busily registering people at her table. She just thought she was through being Secretary.

Our many Golden Agers, on whom the years sit lightly. Their eyes filled with amused tolerance as they observe the antics of some of the younger folk. A number of these Alumni have amazing attendance records at our meetings.

Gleaned from our Registration Cards

Cynthia Soulier Metcalf and Mark Metcalf, 1972 graduates, have a young son. We shall be looking for this young man at our annual meeting in 1992.

Rosemary Karg Ritchie (1950) and Robert Ritchie, have fifteen children. Mary Haney Wilson, with ten, and Clifford Scherer with twelve, certainly take back seats to the Ritchie family. Are there other contenders for this record?

Hope you liked our new method of registration. It not only avoided long lines of waiting alumni, but it was a tremendous help to the Secretary.

Our Changing Times

The young woman in charge of the kitchen committee looking cool and efficient, wearing shorts.

Rumors that champagne punch was considered, but somebody thought it might not be such a good idea in the church. Could be the price of champagne also entered into this decision.

Compliments and Complaints concerning this report will be entertained by the Secretary. Warning: All complainers will immediately qualify for the office of Secretary in 1975.

June King Marsh
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Class of 1934