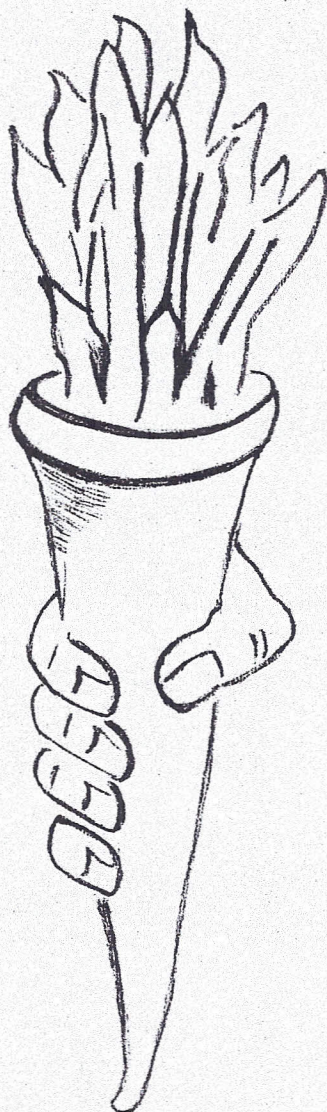


TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

Ninety Fifth Annual Meeting



1974

SINCE 1879

OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR

1979

*"count down
one hundred"*

OUR MEETING

The members of Tallmadge High School Alumni Association met the evening of June 8, 1974 for their ninety-fifth annual banquet and meeting. For the first time in the history of our organization, we met at a public restaurant: The Tallmadge Buffet. We were a bit crowded (a situation which we hope to improve next year) but no complaints were heard concerning the sumptuous buffet and mouth-watering dessert table. Best of all, we luxuriated in that wonderful modern invention: air-conditioning. Did I hear anyone mention "the good old days?"

The arrangement committee - John Cochran (1948), chairman; Ellen Baker Hughes (1948), Thomas Gusbar (1946), and Betty Ralston Kimmel (1950) - had really outdone themselves. In addition to floral arrangements on the tables, each person had a unique ceramic plaque, suitable for hanging, at his or her place at the table. In blue and gold, it depicted a rolled diploma and the inscription "95th Annual Tallmadge Alumni Meeting." We hear that Tom Gusbar made the mold for the plaque and of course we could see Cookie's and Betty's artistic talents. John deserves a big "Thank you" for his job as chairman.

This secretary, class of '34, felt quite dowdy and middle-aged sitting at the officers' table with three mod young gentlemen: Burdell Baldwin (1949) - president; Jim Bliss (1951) - vice-president; and Robert Crislip (1948) - treasurer. They were most proficient in the performance of their duties.

Burdell called the meeting to order. Stewart Roberts (1940), as usual, gave the invocation. Was there a motion to make him Alumni Chaplain? The secretary's and treasurer's reports were read and accepted. Special honor was paid to the classes of 1974, 1949, 1924 and 1899. Details appear elsewhere in this report.

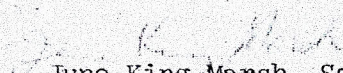
Dr. Maynard Bauer spoke briefly concerning our Tallmadge City Schools. He has great faith in our young people. In commenting about our present-day educational methods he said: "The real measure of a successful educational program is how well the individual succeeds in life."

JoAnn Stem Wood (1948), chairman of the nominating committee, presented her report which was accepted as read.

Frank Ellsworth Lawrence (1912) paid tribute to those of our members who died during the last year. How sad that two of our graduating seniors were on that list.

In closing we were delightfully entertained by Les and Karen Bennett. Mr. Bennett is choral director at Tallmadge High School.

We adjourned to meet in June, 1975.


June King Marsh, Secretary
Class of 1934

1975 OFFICERS

President

Jim Bliss 1951

Vice-President

Thomas Gusbar 1946

Secretary

Betty Ralston Kimmel 1950

Assistant Secretaries

Mary Cossin Sipe 1950

Barbara Heiser Donovan 1962

Treasurer

Robert Crislip 1948

Arrangement Committee

E. Wallace Wood 1948

Polly Cook Price 1968

Betty Hazelett Colbert 1951

Nominating Committee

Burdell Baldwin 1949

Ruth Ellen Eddy 1963

Ruth Seeker Hoisington 1945

JoAnn Stem Wood, 1948 chairman

Natalie Olesky Rzewnicki 1948

Betty Ralston Kimmel 1950

Thomas Gusbar 1950

Nominating Committee

TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance on hand as of January 1, 1974 \$308.55

Donations and dues 276.25

Disbursements

Postage for 1973 reports \$ 32.00

Printing and stamps 37.68

Cash advance for Banquet tickets 30.00

Banquet Program 30.00

Banquet to cover tip and personal checks 77.15

Name lables for banquet 6.14

Printing for dues cards 15.50

Checking account service charge .58

Total disbursements \$229.05

Total receipts 584.80

Disbursements thru August 15, 1974 229.05

Balance on hand August 15, 1974 \$355.75

Respectively submitted,
Bob Crislip, Treasurer

CONTRIBUTIONS AND DONATIONS

Upon counting our dues money, it was concluded that several of our Alumnus put in extra dollars. The treasurer certainly appreciates this extra money as well as other substantial contributions.

The class of 1949, observing its twenty-fifth anniversary, presented us with a check for twenty dollars. What a nice way to celebrate! Generous checks were also received from Jean Oltman Mitchell (1908); George Wright (1911); Joseph McElroy (1924); Leora King Zembrodt (1938); and Thomas Haney (1939).

Our treasury is the healthiest it has been for many years, due to two things: (1) generous gifts; and (2) the fact that we have been able to get a great part of our annual reports done with volunteer labor on borrowed equipment, gifts of materials, etc. Sooner or later we're going to run out of volunteers and the cost of duplicating this report will be astronomical.

THE CLASS OF 1974

Our president, Burdell Baldwin, welcomed to our organization the 268 members of the class of 1974. Nate Ritchie responded for the class. Is it possible that this youthful-looking young man has graduated from high school? Of course, we are much more interested in these young people than they are in us. Responsibility for the continuation of this Alumni Association rests on their shoulders.

THE CLASS OF 1949

Carolyn Atwood Mackey
Burdell R. Baldwin
Irby Binford Ballard
Robert F. Borden
Helen Bower Stephens
Edith Brunswick Shaw
Eugene Anthony Capadona
Gloria Conley Pohl
John J. Cossin
Joseph Eugene Dinger
Ethel Fauley Petty
Lois Fenning Shepherd
Virginia Ford Dinger
Marvel Freed Matthews
LaVonne Gomoll Dodge
Elizabeth Haney Myers
Paul F. Hawkins
Kenneth Henderson

John Frederick Hughes
Walter Frederick Hukari
Phyllis Hull Goff
Audrey Jones Woerz
Diane Littrell Williams
Eleanor Miller Cahill
Lynn Miller
Charles Roy Neal
Charlene Neal Mann
Thomas Richard Orr
Lawrence William Petty
Roy Joseph Porter
Franklin Walter Powers
Chester Arnold Rankin
Richard Lee Reyff
Patricia Rodgers Odom
Ritz Jean Rodgers
Dorothy Rush Billings

Dorothy Sanderson Bray
Imogene Sayre Cores
Paula Page
Patricia Schafer Bolesny
Betty Shephard Cook
Paul Melvin Sheppard
Gerald W. Smith
Norma Stallings Greenwood
Patty Stem Skelley
Lee Allen Taylor
Dorothy Treat Taylor
Richard C. Wells
Ruth Wheatley Stephen
Donald Herbert Winter
Janet Wolfe Mitchell
Rose Mary Schuckert
Wendell Weese
Walter Werner

Eighteen members who graduated in 1949 were present to observe their twenty-fifth anniversary. Husbands, wives, and guests helped make this a happy group. Mr. Richards Lockhart and Mrs. Eleanor Soos, their former high school teachers, added to the festivities. The gods have smiled on this class for death has spared all fifty-four members.

Marvel Freed Matthews headed a committee which included Carolyn Atwood Mackey, Dorothy Sanderson Bray, Gerald W. Smith, and Patricia Schafer Bolesny. Pat acted as spokesman for the group and presented an interesting and humorous program.

Class members had been asked to submit a "Do you remember when...?" concerning their high school days. It was absolutely amazing what some of them remembered. Space does not permit printing all of them, but here are some samples

DO YOU REMEMBER WHEN - - -

Tallmadge Circle had only two gas stations, the Sohio and Gus Stilenbauer's? Kramer's grocery store sat on the circle on Southwest Avenue with the Congregational Church Parish House next door by West Avenue?

When all Tallmadge shcools were located on North Avenue where the Jr. High is now?

The Methodist Church sat on the corner of South Avenue on the Circle where Amy Joy's now sits?

Joe Dinger and Jim Dodge setting the fashion trend of today by wearing bell bottom jeans thirty years ago?

In 1947 the best book was "The Yearling" from the school library?

We had two copies.

Emmitt's store where everyone went at noon to buy gum and candy?

When girls' dresses covered their knees and boys had short hair?

Football games without a band or bleachers?

When boys were excused from classes to help the farmers harvest the crops?

Steel rigs were running on Route 18 from Youngstown into Akron?

When Tallmadge had only one policeman by the name of Pat who lived in Mogadore?

When the majority of cars in the school parking lot belonged to the teachers and not the students?

When Junior-Senior banquets were held in the gym with the PTA cooking and serving?

The excitement of having Mrs. Soos receive her engagement ring and then going to the wedding?

The unusual aromas that Mr. Lockhart's students used to combat those produced by the Home Economics Lab?

Those wonderful dances where a boy actually held a girl in his arms to dance?

This list certainly set us all to reminiscing. The "in" thing when the secretary was a student was to sit with the gang on the fence in front of the post office, exchanging the gossip of the day and solving the world's problems. That single rail fence would never hold the extra avoirdupois some of us have acquired.

THE CLASS OF 1924

Edith Ewing

Walter Martin

Phillip Dailey

Marjorie Moore Elgin

Joseph McElroy

Lillian Brandeau Wolf

Floyd Walters - deceased

Of the six living members of the class of 1924, three were present, a fourth wrote a nice letter (enclosing a donation), a fifth did not respond to our letter, and we were unable to contact the sixth member.

A fifty per cent attendance is certainly to be commended. Lillian, Majorie, and Walter certainly did not seem burdened down by the years. These golden agers seem to be getting younger every year. Lillian commented briefly about the class members and some of their activities. She read portions of a letter from Joseph McElroy in which he reminded her that every winter, when her parents took her to Florida, he was left to struggle with Latin all by himself since there were only two of them in the class.

Walter Martin spoke of his days in Tallmadge. He paid a touching tribute to his first-grade teacher, Miss Laura Denmead, class of 1912, (now Mrs. Ellsworth Lawrence). He told of her kindness and understanding for a little immigrant boy with a very meager understanding of the English language. How nice that Mrs. Lawrence was present. Seems to me she started an awful lot of us in that old green "New Education Reader" with the red geranium on the front. (I think it was a geranium)

THE CLASS OF 1899

Martha Wolf Upson	Grant Hawk
Clara Treat Walters	Ferris Miller
Cora Hinman Straus	George Myers
Fannie Alling	Clement Wright
Darwin Jones	

For the first time in its history (I think) Tallmadge High School Alumni had a class observing its seventy-fifth Anniversary. True, it has just one member - Ferris Miller - but he is a very active and contributing member of our organization. Only the fact that he lives in California kept him from attending. He typed his usual single-spaced full-sheet letter, giving his news and views concerning Tallmadge High School and the community. In his letter he commented that he had hoped there would be two of his class to observe this anniversary but Fannie Alling died last year.

OUR GOLDEN AGERS

Fourteen alumni, including the class of 1924, made up our group of golden agers. Our vice-president, Jim Bliss, paid special tribute to this group. Betty Hazelett Colbert and Fay Severs Wharton, both members of Jim's class - 1951 - presented each of this group a lovely June rose.

MEMORIAL

The first Tallmadge High School commencement was in 1879. From 1879 to 1924, inclusive, a 46-year period, there were forty-three commencements, for there were three years when there were no graduating classes - 1883, 1885, and 1889. In the first 46-year period, a total of 304 graduated from T.H.S. - an average of a fraction less than eight per class.

The last half century witnessed the transition of Tallmadge from a farming to a residential community. As a result of this change, the size of the graduating classes increased each year, until now, nearly as many graduate in one commencement as did in the combined first 46 years. With the great increase in the number of T.H.S. graduates

it follows that we may expect an increase each year in the number who pass away. This is brought forcefully to us, for in 1974 the list is by far the longest in the history of our organization.

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Died</u>
1908	Talbot Earl Thomas	83	March 8, 1974
1909	Gertrude Brittain Myers	80	Oct. 28, 1973
1910	Allen Whitney Wright	84	July 14, 1973
1911	Stella Alling Sparhawk	80	Dec. 12, 1973
1912	Francis B. Wolcott	78	July 16, 1973
1916	Anna McClintock	76	Oct. 25, 1973
1919	Jennie McClintock	72	Oct. 8, 1973
1926	Henry A. Huber	66	Sept. 15, 1973
1936	Charles Vernon Scheeser	56	Feb. 8, 1974
1946	Joseph S. Murphy	45	Nov. 12, 1973
1947	William H. Digby	46	April 24, 1974
1947	William T. Housiaux	44	Feb. 4, 1974
1951	Estella Mae Gooden Grill	40	April 6, 1974
1958	Colleen Wright Carr	34	Oct. 9, 1973
1972	Kevin R. Keel	19	July 11, 1973
1974	Edward Allan Conn	20	Feb. 28, 1974
1974	Brent Allen Wilkerson	17	Nov. 16, 1973

'Twill all be the same in a hundred years.
 What spell-words to conjure up sights and tears!
 And can it be so, must the valiant and free
 Have their tenure of life on this frail decree?
 Are the trophies they've reared, and the glories they've won,
 Only castles of frost-word, confronting the sun?
 And must all that's as joyous and brilliant to view
 As a mid-summer dream, be as perishing too?

Ah! 'tis not the same in a hundred years,
 How clear soever the case appears:
 For know ye not that beyond the grave,
 Far, far beyond where the cedars wave
 On the Syrian mountains, or where, on high,
 Beyond the twinkling stars in the far off sky,
 There bloometh a land of perennial bliss
 Where one forgets the tears in this?
 And the pilgrim, reaching that radiant shore
 Hath thought of death in his heart no more,
 But layeth his staff and sandals down,
 For the victor's palm and the monarch's crown!
 So be glad, our hearts! Forget thy tears!
 For, 'tis not the same in a hundred years!

---Author Unknown

This memorial was prepared by Mr. Frank Ellsworth Lawrence, class of 1912, who recited this poem from memory. How long has it been since you learned a poem?

ALUMNI MEMBERS PRESENT

1911	Geneva Wright Atwood Arthur B. Wolcott	1940	Margaret Mast Hay Robert O. Hay Stewart A. Roberts
1921	Oliver Fenn Ruth Luneman King Frank Ellsworth Lawrence Laura Denmead Lawrence Ferne Atwood Ripley Stella Phillips Sperry	1941	Helen Black Thompson
1914	Clara Hinman Huffman	1942	Carroll L. Jones M. Gerry Newlon Jones
1916	Robert Wolcott	1943	Juanita McMillan Donald Jane Shuman Huth Jack L. Ragle Kay Holt Ragle
1918	Gilbert H. Root	1945	Ruth Seeker Hoisington Louise Witmyer Jones
1924	Marjorie Moore Elgin Walter F. Martin Lillian Brandeau Wolf	1946	Dayton D. Ford Tom Gusbar
1928	Pauline Brandeau Bierce Ella Thompson Lockhart Thelma Underwood	1947	Bill Witmyer Helen Treat Questel John M. Questel
1929	Marian Upson Rasp	1948	John F. Cochran Robert E. Crislip James E. Dodge Ellen Baker Hughes Richard Hughes Arsen D. Moskaly JoAnn Stem Wood Richard Wood
1932	Clifford M. Scherer Agnes Bloom Underwood		
1933	Merle Curfman		
1934	June King Marsh		
1935	Viola Walters Bartlett Genevieve Ripley Lythgoe	1949	Burdell Baldwin Dorothy Rush Billings Patricia Schafer Bolesny Dorothy Sanderson Bray Joseph Dinger Virginia Ford Dinger LaVonne Gomoll Dodge Phyllis Hull Goff Norma Stallings Greenwood Carolyn Atwood Mackey Lynn Miller Betty Haney Myers Jerry Smith Gloria Conley Pohl Patty Stem Skelley Ruth Wheatley Stephan Dorothy Treat Taylor
1938	Margaret Price Etheridge LaDema Youngen Gatten Emma C. Holmes Alfred P. Poe Naomi Beam Poe Paul Ragle Norman A. Roberts Phyllis Heyl Roberts Adria Hoisington Saxe		
1939	Thomas Haney		

1950 Betty Ralston Kimmel
Rosemary Karg Ritchie
Marian Parks Schopper
Mary Cossin Sipe
Jerry J. Taylor

1951 Dolores Seckman Baldwin
James L. Bliss
Margaret Acken Boggess
Betty Hazalett Colbert
Dorothy Phillips Hill
Carl E. Miller
Faye Seevers Wharton

1952 Barbara Briggs Miller

1953 Donald Freed

1954 Marie Walsh Chesser
Shirley Criss Freed
Kenneth R. Riley

1955 JoAnne Wolf Cassandra
Barbara Scherer Horvath

1957 Sandra Norton Taylor

1963 Mary Black Clark
A. David Karg

1966 Jamie Colleen Hoisington
Clifford Scherer, Jr.

1967 Chris Mehlenbacher

1970 Jeni Scherer Schray

1972 Julie Lythgoe
Deborah R. Miller
Kent A. Roberts

1973 Holly Huffman
Dean Scherer

1974 Nate Ritchie

A substantial number of our graduates who were unable to attend our meeting, took the time to send us their dues, and quite often a dollar or two extra. We will send them each a copy of the annual report and hope they can come another year.

1899 Ferris Miller
1903 Ellen Fenn Waldorf
1907 Olive Hirman Sayre
1908 Jean Oltman Mitchell
Clara Oltman Spore
1909 Esther Shanafelt Pitkin
1911 George Wright
1913 Grace Luneman Waldheger
1916 Metta Roberts Point
1918 Rosalind Sackett Rothrock
1923 Earl Chapman
Frances Scherer Lantz
1924 F. Joseph McElroy
1925 Helen Ruthford Curtis
1930 Winnifred Sparhawk Whims
1931 Charles W. Neubert
Donald Nicodemus
Wanda Crites Pryor
1933 Wilma Crites Newlon
1934 Ella Storer Bradley
Wilburn Crites
Arnold Weatherford
Esther Sackett Weatherford
1935 Alice Scherer Crites
1937 Minnie Scherer Phoenix
1938 Leora King Zembrodt

1939 Richard K. Everhart
Thomas Haney
Ellis W. (Bill) King
1940 Hilda Crites King
1941 Phyllis Youngen Croft
Allan Mallory
1942 Jean Miller Powers
Robert Powers
Grace Black Fetzell
1943 Majorie Lawrence Hennings
1944 Margaret Orr Bumpas
Dorothy Root Parks
Karl Starks
1946 Robert Booth
Margaret Snyder Casmirre
Doris "Pippin" Riggs
1947 Shirley Sanford Booth
Ann Simmons Gaone
Joanne Zurschmit Young
1948 Vince Hoffman
Elizabeth Ann Huffman
Natalie Olesky Rzewnicki
E. Wallace Wood
1949 Marvel Freed Matthews
1951 Donna Zurschmit Beard
1969 Lynn Bauer Alford
1972 Gail Bauer

COMMUNICATIONS

In addition to dues and donations, a number of our alumni who were unable to attend our meeting sent interesting and newsy letters. Ferris Miller, class of 1899, wrote his usual informative and reminiscing letter. He complained a bit that we had not provided a spot in our program to honor the seventy-five-year class of which he is a member. That really set the officers back on their heels!

From her home in Cleveland, Tennessee, Helen Rutherford Curtus, class of 1925, writes that she hopes to attend Alumni next year, as her class will observe its fiftieth anniversary. She has just returned from an invigorating trip to Europe and is considering a trip to the Holy Land later this year.

Frances Scherer Lantz, class of 1923, sent greetings from Colorado Springs, and hopes to make it to Ohio one of these springs for our meeting.

George Wright, class of 1911, had made plans to come to our dinner but a last-minute illness forced him to cancel these plans. For many years George lived in Texas but now resides in Mt. Prospect, a suburb of Chicago. We certainly look forward to seeing him next year.

Jean Oltman Mitchell and her sister, Clara Oltman Spore, both of the class of 1908, reside in Gainesville, Florida. Before her retirement, Jennie Jean taught art at the University of Florida. She now teaches art on a volunteer basis for the Older Americans' Council and was getting ready for an art show in the late winter.

Rosalind Sackett Rothrock was unable to attend because of an Alumni reunion at her alma mater, Mt. Union College. June is a busy time for alumni meetings.

Conflicting meetings have kept Ann Simmons Gaone, class of 1947, from attending the last two years. A teacher in the Cuyahoga Falls schools, she writes that some of our members probably remember her brother "Big John" who graduated in the early forties.

Esther Shanafelt Pitkin, class of 1909, sends her dues and greetings from California. She remarks that time surely flies and we all agree.

Grace Black Fitzell, class of 1942, writes from West Palm Beach, Florida where her husband is with Perry Oceanographics. A year's vacation was enough for Grace and she is back at her accounting desk.

Jean and Bob Powers, both of the class of 1942, are still in sunny California. In addition to their regular jobs, Bob finishes (or is it refinishes?) antiques and Jean is Deputy Grand Matron for the 59th District of Eastern Star. You lodge ladies undoubtedly know how busy this keeps Jean.

Leora King Zembrodt, class of 1938, tells us that she and Hap are all settled in their new condominium in Georgetown in West Akron. Although he is making great strides in recovering from a recent illness, Hap reports he hasn't missed his lawn mower even once.

We did not have our usual breezy letter from Carl Hageman.

ODDS AND ENDS

We continue to get wonderful publicity from "Circle News" and its editor, Mrs. Lois LaDow. If you want to keep up with Tallmadge happenings, this paper is a must. Our own Ellsworth Lawrence has a scholarly, informative feature in each issue concerning Tallmadge history.

Clifford and Irene Scherer attended our banquet with four of their children and an in-law. Clifford, Jeni, Barbara, Clifford Jr. and Dean are all graduates of T.H.S. and this is just part of them.

A number of our members came from out-of-state for our meetings: Dorothy Rush Billings from Tennessee; Margaret Price Etheridge from North Carolina; Phyllis Hull Goff, Norman, Phyllis, and Kent Roberts, all from Virginia; Betty Haney Myers from Kentucky; Alfred and Naomi Beam from Michigan.

It was nice to have Mrs. Bea Hawkins with us again. We missed her last year. She led or pushed many of us through the intricacies of various math courses.

Did you see the feature article, with pictures, in the Beacon Journal a few weeks ago about Clara Bliss? More important, did you know that her husband is our Jim Bliss, next year's president?

Shortly after our meeting Dr. Bauer announced he was leaving the Tallmadge School System for a similar position in Bay Village. Our new superintendent is Dr. Pat Eva Crisci. We shall look forward to seeing her at our next meeting.

Stella Sperry, as well as some of our other members, continues to maintain a fantastic attendance record. She has been a member for sixty-two years and has attended sixty-one meetings. How about that?

Dr. Bauer reported that a number of our high school students are graduating early. Our treasurer's son, Scott Crislip, completed his high school requirements in three years and is already enrolled in the pre-med program at Kent State University, taking honors classes.

The Laura E. Jones Club met recently for its annual luncheon. Miss Jones, who now lives in Cleveland, was a teacher in Tallmadge High School from 1910 to 1912. She visits each summer to renew friendships and visit with some of her former (never old) students.

Please excuse the slightly squeezed appearance of this report. We are trying to conserve paper.

The 1975 meeting of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association will be held June 14, 1975, at the Tallmadge Buffet. Why not appoint yourself a committee of one to tell, phone, or write three school friends and give them this information. With over five thousand graduates, it is impossible to notify more than a small fraction by mail. Not only can we not afford it, we couldn't get anybody to address the cards--even if we knew the addresses.

Hope to see you Saturday, June 14, 1975 at the Tallmadge Buffet.

June King Marsh, Secretary (class of 1934)

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