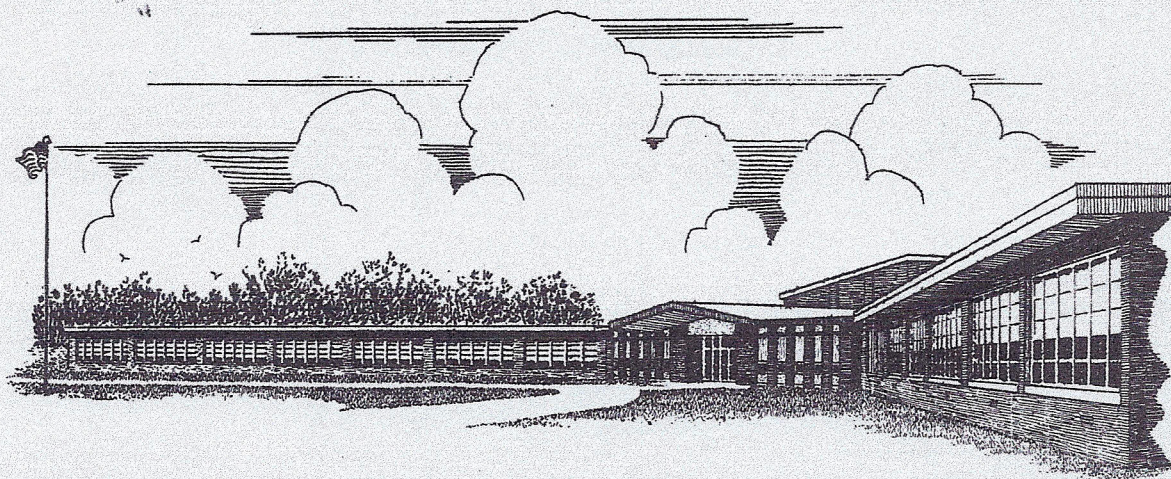


**TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



**NINETY SIXTH ANNUAL MEETING
JUNE 14, 1975**

**COUNT DOWN ONE HUNDRED
1879 - OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR - 1979**

The members of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association met at the Tallmadge Buffet the evening of June 14, 1975, for the 96th Annual Meeting of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association.

The arrangements committee chairman, E. Wallace Wood (1948), Polly Cook Price (1968), Betty Hazlett Colbert (1951), along with Thomas Gusbar (1946), Ellen Baker Hughes (1948), and Deborah Hughes (1972), provided table decorations and individual plaques with an American flag, commemorating the "96th Tallmadge Alumni Banquet". The tables as always were appropriately decorated.

President, James Bliss (1951), called the meeting to order. The invocation was given by Boyd King (1950). Introduction was made of the head table along with members of all the committees responsible for the evenings meeting.

Centennial Committee

A report on the Centennial Committee was made by Boyd King (1950). The committee is asking for one member from each graduating class to provide correspondence to the committee for their class year. Our 100th anniversary is 1979.

Golden Agers

Recognition of the Golden Agers was made by Vice President, Tom Gusbar (1946). Deborah Hughes made and distributed beautiful corsages to the following Golden Agers in attendance:

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|-------------------------|------|
| Arthur B. Wolcott | 1911 |
| Geneva Wright Atwood | 1911 |
| Laura Denmead Lawrence | 1912 |
| Frank E. Lawrence | 1912 |
| Ruth L. King | 1912 |
| Stella Phillips Sperry | 1912 |
| Clara B. Huffman | 1914 |
| Robert Wolcott | 1916 |
| Walter F. Martin | 1924 |
| Lillian Braudau Wolf | 1924 |
| Helen Rutherford Curtis | 1925 |

Correspondence was read from Frances Scherer Lantz, Class of 1923, George Wright, Class of 1911 and Carl Chapman, Class of 1923.

Class of 1975

The class of 1975 was welcomed to the Alumni Association by Alumni President, James Bliss. Rick Habel, 1975 Class President, responded to the greeting.

Dr. Pat E. Crisci, Supt. of Tallmadge Schools was introduced to the Alumni Association. She says she is happy to be in Tallmadge. This has been a fruitful year with the passage of the bond issue to renovate the Junior High School and the reorganization of the elementary schools. The future of Tallmadge states Dr. Crisci, is dependent on the community and their wants. She feels the High School is the center of the community with the number of activities being held there throughout the year.

Frank E. Lawrence (1912) gave the following fine memorial service for the Tallmadge High School graduates who have left us this past year.

A MEMORIAL

Is it not a beautiful fancy?
 This sunset thought of mine;
 That the gates of Heaven are always
 Open at the day's decline;
 That those whose day is ended
 Of earthly woes and ills,
 Have passed to the morning brightness
 That shines on the heavenly hills.

In paying tribute to our deceased alumni members it seems there must always be uncertainty, that because their passing is unknown to us, names, unintentionally, may be omitted.

Reports have been received of the deaths, since our last meeting, of the following:

| <u>Class</u> | <u>Died</u> | <u>Age</u> |
|--------------------------------------|---------------|------------|
| 1899 - Ferris R. Miller | April 6, 1975 | 92 |
| 1901 - Bertha Hine Thomas | Oct. 18, 1974 | 90 |
| 1909 - Esther Shanafelt Pitkin | Feb. 9, 1975 | 84 |
| 1943 - Norris W. Crislip | Aug. 30, 1974 | 49 |
| 1946 - Doris Pippin Riggs | Sept. , 1974 | 47 |
| 1953 - Barbara Ann Webster Scarpetti | Feb. 20, 1975 | 39 |
| 1960 - Lawrence R. Carver | Feb. 8, 1975 | 33 |
| 1962 - Wayne Leroy Roberts | Apr. 6, 1975 | 31 |
| 1973 - Joseph T. Lentini | Nov. 17, 1974 | 19 |

I'm sure we all cherish the memory of our teachers. Perhaps, particularly the memory of a teacher who instructed us in those crucial formative years of high school. Most close to the graduates of 1911 and 1912 was Miss Laura E. Jones, principal of Tallmadge High School those years. The girls who were privileged to be instructed by her, holding her in such high esteem, each year for many years, have had a picnic meeting in her honor, of a group known to them as "The Laura E. Jones Club". Miss Jones attended her final meeting of that Club last year; she died Nov. 18th at the age of 86.

Weep not for those now at rest
 Where care and pain no more annoy;
 Who have reached the haven of the blest
 And realized immortal joy.
 Their spirits smile from that bright shore
 And softly whisper "weep no more".

Special recognition was given to former teachers and Tallmadge High School Alumni, Beatrice Hawkins and Naomi Beam Poe (1939). Four members of the Fischer family graduates of Tallmadge High School were also recognized, Alberta Fischer Messam (1927), Herman Fischer (1932), Mary Fischer Krutky (1926) and Hermina Fischer (1920).

Class of 1925

There was one member present from the Class of 1925, Helen Rutherford Curtis, who has retired from the telephone company after 36 years service. We all hope we can look as young as Mrs. Curtis did at the dinner.

Class of 1950

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|---------------------------|------------------------|---------------------------|
| Ruth Abbott Pickett | Wanda Jacobson Fisher | Marcene Riddle Scyoc |
| Virginia Ayers Brandt | Rosemary Karg Pritchie | Andy Sanford |
| Harry T. Beule | Violet Kerns Taylor | Bette Seckman Wilcox |
| Betty Brant Livingston | Boyd King | Velma Shaffer Barton |
| Joan Carmack Morgan | Gwendolyn Kulhman | Irma Shephard Zema |
| Mary Cossin Sipe | Mary Ledgerwood Riddle | Eugene Shephard |
| Vivian Detweiler Stiffler | Jeannette Leigh Hintz | Jack Smith |
| Grace Fike Walsh | Dola Lewis Keller | Mary Smith Seib |
| Lida Fleming | Joan Margrave | Clarence Sokol |
| Clay Freed | Evelyn Marshall Rupp | Janet Taylor Porter |
| Gerald Gelvin | Charles Merberger | Jerry Taylor |
| Norman George | Joanne Miller Shanes | Nathan Teague |
| Stanley Gligor, Jr. | James Moles | Josephine Vydra Keeney |
| Josephine Hatfield Dadich | Norma Oxford Shaffer | William Ward |
| Lewis Hatfield | Marian Parks Schopper | Harold White |
| Ruth Heiser Donohoe | William Parks | Annabelle Wilson Willis |
| Lorraine Hobbs | Donna Pearce Smith | Paul Wright |
| Pat Hoffman Rector | Barbara Ragle Lucak | Fred Yantis |
| Franklin Hughes | Betty Ralston Kimmel | Carl Zenar |
| Betty Jacobs Griffith | Louise Renner Chirdon | Dolores Zickefoose Nelson |
| | | Paul Zurschmit |

There were 61 members of the 1950 graduating class with 20 members attending the observance of their 25th anniversary. Fred Yantis is the only member of the class who has passed away.

Marian Parks Schopper headed the 25th reunion anniversary, a committee which included Mary Cossin Sipe, Annabelle Wilson Willis, Betty Ralston Kimmel, Paul Wright, Boyd King and Jerry Taylor.

Paul Wright, President of the class, reminisced about Tallmadge High School 25 years ago and the way Tallmadge was then. Members of the class were then introduced.

A motion was made by Boyd King (1950) that the president appoint a 15 person committee to review the Constitution and By Laws and make recommendations for the meeting in June of 1976. The motion was seconded by Jerry Gelvin (1950). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Marian Parks Schopper (1950) to create the position of Assistant Treasurer. Seconded by Boyd King (1950). Motion carried.

A motion was made by Paul Hersck (1961) that the four officers of the current years graduating class have their Alumni dinner paid, all other members will pay for their own dinner. Seconded by Bob Crislip. Motion carried.

A motion was made by June King Marsh (1934) to increase the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association dues to \$2.00 per graduate starting in 1975. Seconded by Bob Crislip. Motion carried.

An ammendment to the dues increased was made by Frank Lawrence (1912) that those husband and wife graduates of Tallmadge High School pay \$2.00 per couple. Seconded by Natalie Olesky Rzewnicki (1948). Motion carried.

Dr. Pat E. Crisci, Superintendent of Tallmadge Schools suggested the next meeting be held in the Hexagon Room at the High School as it is air conditioned and a comfortable place to hold a meeting.

The 1976 meeting will be held Saturday, June 12, 1976, at Tallmadge High School.

A motion was made by Ellis W. King (1939) and seconded by Paul Wright (1950) to adjourn the meeting.

The meeting was closed with the singing of the Tallmadge High School Alma Mater, led by Paul Ragle (1938).

Betty Kallston Kimmel
Secretary

Burdell Baldwin, chairperson of the Nominating Committee read the nominations of officers for the coming year. With no nominations from the floor, Frank Lawrence (1912) closed, seconded by Franklin Hughes (1950), passed unanimous ballot.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE 1975

| | | |
|--------------------------------------|---------------------------|------|
| President | James Bliss | 1951 |
| Vice President | Wallace Wood | 1948 |
| Secretary | Betty Ralston Kimmel | 1950 |
| Assistants | Mary Cossin Sipe | 1950 |
| | Barbara Heiser Donovan | 1962 |
| Treasurer | Robert Crislip | 1948 |
| Assistant Treasurer | Paul Hersek | 1951 |
| Program and Arrangement Committee | JoAnn Stem Wood | 1948 |
| | Natalie Olesky Rzewnicki | 1948 |
| | Elizabeth "Happy" Huffman | 1948 |
| | Delores Neal Radar | 1948 |
| Nominating Committee | Frances Parks Ripley | 1944 |
| | Carolyn Atwood Mackey | 1949 |
| | Dennis Jenkins | 1965 |

Respectfully submitted this 14th day of June, 1975

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| Ruth Ellen Eddy | 1963 |
| Ruth Seeker Hoisington | 1945 |
| Burdell Baldwin Chairperson | 1949 |

ALUMNI MEMBERS PRESENT

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| 1911 | Geneva Wright Atwood Arthur B. Wolcott | 1939 | Ellis W. King Naomi Beam Poe |
| 1912 | Ruth L. King Frank E. Lawrence Laura Denmead Lawrence Stella Phillips Sperry | 1940 | Hilda Crites King |
| 1914 | Clara Hinman Huffman | 1941 | Phyllis Youngen Croft Allen W. Mallory Helen Black Thompson |
| 1916 | Robert Wolcott | 1943 | Viola Beam Chudanou Kay Holt Ragle Jack L. Ragle |
| 1920 | Hermina Fischer | 1944 | Karl Starks |
| 1924 | Walter F. Martin Lillian Brandau Wolf | 1945 | Louise Witmyer Jones Jacqueline B. Shreve |
| 1925 | Helen Rutherford Curtis | 1946 | Tom Gusbar |
| 1926 | Mary Fischer Krutky | 1948 | Robert E. Crislip Elizabeth Huffman Ellen Baker Hughes Richard Hughes Natalie Olesky Rzewnicki Bill Witmyer E. Wallace Wood |
| 1927 | Alberta Fischer | 1949 | Burdell R. Baldwin John F. Hughes |
| 1928 | Pauline Brandau Bierce Ella Thompson Lockhart Thelma Underwood | 1950 | Gerald D. Gelvin Franklin Hughes Josephine Vydra Keeney Betty Ralston Kimmel Boyd K. King Barbara Ragle Lucak James Moles Dolores Zickefoose Nelson Rosemary Karg Ritchie Marian Parks Schopper Mary Smith Seib Norma Oxford Shaffer Joanne Miller Shanes Mary Cossin Sipe Jerry J. Taylor Violet Kerns Taylor Harold W. White Annabelle Wilson Willis Paul M. Wright Irma Shephard Zema |
| 1929 | Marian Upson Rasp | | |
| 1931 | Dorothy Stump Maple Wanda Crites Pryor | | |
| 1932 | Herman Fischer | | |
| 1933 | Wilma Crites Newlon | | |
| 1934 | June King Marsh Wilburn Crites | | |
| 1935 | George E. Sieber | | |
| 1936 | Jean Uhl Sylvester | | |
| 1937 | Minnie Scherer Phoenix | | |
| 1938 | LaDema Youngen Gatten Emma C. Holmes Alfred P. Poe Paul Ragle | | |

1951 Delores Seckman Baldwin
James Bliss
Joanne Wolf Cassandra
Paul Hersek

1962 Barbara Heiser Donovan

1963 Mary Black Clark
A. David Karg

1965 Bob George
Marilyn George

1972 Deborah A. Hughes

1975 Richard E. Hughes
Rick Habel

A number of Alumni who could not attend our meeting, sent us their dues and quite often a little extra. We hope they can attend another year.

1903 Ellen F. Waldorf

1907 Olive Hirman Sayre

1908 Jean O. Mitchell

1911 Hazel Smith
George M. Wright

1913 Grace Luneman Waldheger

1918 Gilbert Root

1922 Helen Treat Mentzer

1923 Frances Scherer Lantz
Earl Chapman

1930 Winnifred Sparhawk Whims

1931 Charles W. Neubert

1932 Paul W. Adams
Agnes Bloom Underwood

1933 Richard A. Pitkin

1938 Margaret Etheridge
Norman Roberts
Phyllis Heyl Roberts

1939 Richard Everhart

1940 Josephine Patterson

1941 David H. King
Robert Ripley

1942 Franklin Fitzell
Grace Black Fitzell
Carroll Jones
Gerrie Jones

1944 Margaret Orr Bumpas
Frances L. Ripley

1946 Bob Booth
Margaret Snyder Casmirre

1947 Shirley Booth
Joanne Zurschmidt Young

1948 Kenneth D. Henderson
Vince Hoffman
Paul E. Thorn
Joanne Stem Wood
Richard Wood

1949 Phyllis Hull Goff
Gloria Conley Polh

1972 Kent A. Roberts

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Tallmadge High School Alumni Association

Treasurers Report

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| Balance on Hand 1/1/75 (All 1974 Bills Paid) | \$318.52 |
| Receipts from dues, gifts, donations and return of advance charge for Banquet. | 400.50 |
| Total | <u>\$719.02</u> |
| Annual meeting expense (cards, postage, and advance change for Banquet) | \$163.70 |
| | <u>\$555.32</u> Balance on hand |

Respectfully Submitted

Robert E. Lush

Communications

Letters and notes were sent from many of our alumni who could not attend the meeting.

Greetings were sent from:

Gilbert Root, Class of 1918, Donald and Josephine Patterson, Class of 1940, Paul W. Adams, Class of 1932, Ellen F. Waldorf, Carroll and Gerrie Jones, Class of 1942, Margaret Orr Bumpas, Class of 1944, Frances and Robert Ripley, Class of 1944 and 1941, Richard Everhart, Class of 1939, all from the Tallmadge area. Must still be a nice place to live.

7463 43rd Way North, Lot 581
Riviera Beach, Florida 33404

We will have to miss your wonderful gathering again this year. We know it will be a huge success as always. Our best wishes to all.

Grace Black Fitzell, Class of 1942

5700 Carbon Canyon Road
Brea, California 92621

Sorry I couldn't make the annual banquet. Please tell a hello from Jessie and I. Please tell Conrad Renner, Bob Leisek and Eugene Stevens to write to me.

P. E. Thorn, Class of 1948

RD 2 Box 264
Smithfield, Virginia 23430

We are sorry to miss the big gathering this year, but we have had our share of driving to family weddings, graduations, and the sad occasion of the death of Wayne Roberts in April. Our special "hello" to Class of 1938 and old friends in the Class of 1912.

Norman and Phyllis Roberts
Class of 1938 and Kent Roberts
Class of 1972.

Regards from George Wright, Class of 1911, Vince Hoffman, Class of 1948, David King, Class of 1941, Phyllis Hull Goff, Class of 1949, Agnes Bloom Underwood, Class of 1932 and Helen Treat Mentzer, Class of 1922.

807 West Arc
Elyria, Ohio

I received your Alumni announcement and would like very much to be there but I have no way to go and am not feeling too good, as I had a heart attack in March and I don't get back to my old self. Hope you will have a fine meeting. Please remember me to all.

Hazel Smith, Class of 1911

4116 Woodlawn Drive
Norton, Ohio 44203

Thank you for the Annual Alumni Report. We look forward to receiving them. We are sorry to say we will not be meeting with you again this year. We send congratulations to the 1975 graduates. Hope to see you next year.

Bob & Shirley Booth, Class of
1946 and 1947

430 Tulane Drive N.E.
Albuquerque, New Mexico 87106

I am sorry that we are unable to attend the Annual Meeting, but at this particular time it is simply impossible for us to be there. We retired and moved to Albuquerque 14 years ago, and are still living here. We enjoy it very much. Please extend my greetings to the Alumni Association, and I hope perhaps next year we may be able to attend your annual meeting.

Earl B. Chapman, Class of 1923

1401 N. Central Avenue
Glendale, California 91202

The card announcing the 96th Annual Meeting arrived the other day, and since I will not be able to attend, the enclosed check should pay my dues and bring a copy of the Annual Report. For the record, my mother, Esther Shanafelt Pitkin (Class of 1909) passed away in February this year.

Since my Class (1933) consisted of only 21 grads, this year's meeting will probably not be mobbed by '33 membersat the only meeting I have been able to attend (the one in 1959) there were only 5 of us present! Please convey my greetings to any of my Class at the meeting, and to all the others as well.

Richard A. Pitkin, Class of 1933

313 N. Sheridan
Colorado Springs, Colorado 80909

Thank you so much for the notice of the Alumni Association Annual Meeting. I so wish I could be present - some of these years I will make it! I hope you have a good turn out and I'm sure all present will have a wonderful time! Again I am sorry I can't be one of the fortunate ones. I look forward to getting the copy of the Annual Report.

Frances Scherer Lantz
Class of 1923

CAN YOU HELP?

After much wish washing of the old noodle, I decided it best not to attend the Alumni meeting this year. Enjoyed last years so much. Always a good feeling to return to ones home & see old classmates, teachers and friends Its something special. Hope everyone has a nice get-together. I will be thinking of you all. By any chance is there anyway

By any chance is there anyway of finding out what happended to the pictures that were taken last year of members of 1938 class together at dinner meeting? I had so wanted one and I understand they were to be in Tallmadge Weekly Paper but nobody seems to know what happened.

Margaret Price Etheridge
Class of 1938
Box 562
Manteo, North Carolina 27954