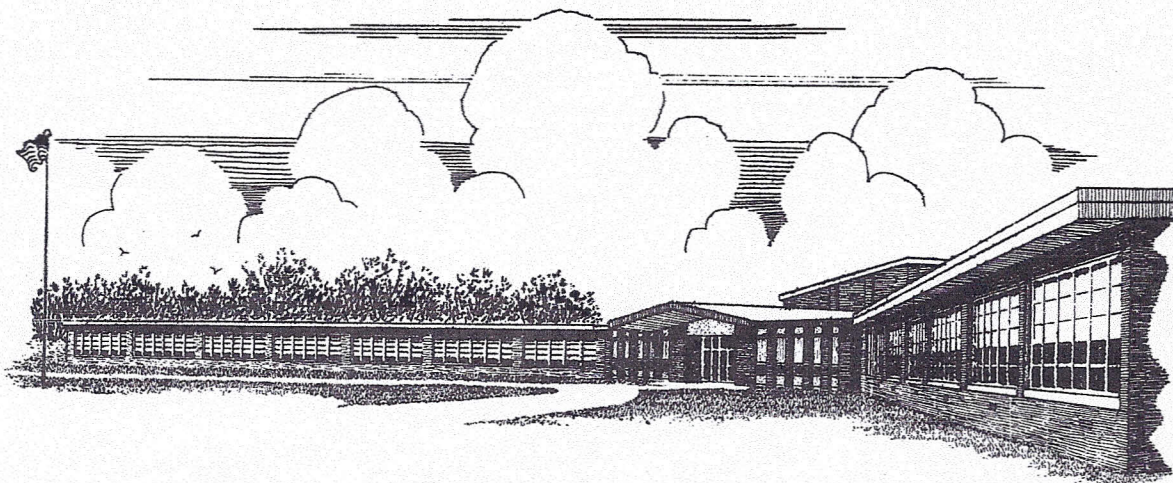


**TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



**ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL MEETING**

**JUNE 9, 1979**

**\*\*\* CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION \*\*\***

**1879 - OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR - 1979**



## CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

### ONE HUNDREDTH ANNUAL MEETING

On the evening of June 9, 1979, students and faculty, of all ages and from all over the United States and Europe, once again filled the Tallmadge High School Auditorium to celebrate the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association's 100th Annual Meeting. A celebration it was indeed. The gymnasium was decorated in the tradition blue and gold. Each table was adorned with blue and gold. Marigolds at each plate were wrapped in blue **as favors** for each guest. The room was filled with over 260 Alumni and guests. The largest turnout anyone could remember.

The Social Hour began at 6:00 PM, as Alumni and guests greeted each other with lots of hugs and tears; hand shakes and **smiles**. Laughing and reminiscing of old times could be heard all evening.

The sit-down dinner of Swiss Steak, Baked Potatoe, Tossed Salad, Mixed Vegetables, and all the trimmings, was catered by Stroup's of Akron. All during the Social Hour and through Dinner piano music was provided by Miss Gina Hersek, daughter of Paul Hersek (1951), who delighted the Alumni.

President Robert Crislip (1948) welcomed the Alumni and Guests. He also thanked everyone who came for the great turn out for our Centennial Celebration. President Crislip then introduced the head table.

The invocation was given by First Vice President JoAnn Stem Wood (1948).

After dinner, we all relaxed as the tables were cleared to begin our meeting.

President Crislip then called the meeting to order at 8:10 PM. He introduced some of the faculty members were present. They were:

Bea Hawkins  
Harriett McEuen  
James McEuen  
Wanda Crites Pryor (1931)  
Mildred Tripcony

The Secretary's minutes of the 99th Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The Treasurer's report was read and approved.

### CLASS OF 1929

The 50 year class was honored and introduced by Laura Limbert Jones. Those in attendance were, Helen Bloom Craig, Annetta Ayer Falor, Laura Limbert Jones, Marion Upson Rasp, Elmer Sloat, Horation Spriggel - President of the class, and Burton Waldorf. Laura Limbert Jones recalled that her class graduated on May 24, 1929. There were 18 members in her class; nine were girls and nine were boys. Their motto was "Out of Life into school". Each member was introduced to the association and told about their families and where they are now living. They were all very proud of Tallmadge High School and happy to be in attendance.

### GOLDEN AGERS

Recognition of the Golden Agers was made by June King Marsh (1934), who presented each member along with the 50 year class, a beautiful corsage. She also noted that 100% of the living members of the Class of 1912 were in attendance. Golden Agers in attendance were:

Geneva Wright Atwood	1911
Arthur B. Wolcott	1911
Ruth Luneman King	1912
Frank E. Lawrence	1912
Laura Denmead Lawrence	1912
Fern Atwood Ripley	1912
Clara Hinman Huffman	1914
Robert L. Wolcott	1916
Gilbert H. Root	1918
Rosalind Sackett Rothrock	1918
Albert Howell Acken	1923
Frances Scherer Lantz	1923
Lillian Brandau Wolf	1924
Grace Briner Lehman	1926
Orlando C. Spriggel	1926
Marian Sackett Emmitt	1927
Pauline Brandau Bierce	1928
James Emmitt	1928
Kathryn Sackett Harrah	1928

### CLASS OF 1954

The 25 year class was honored. Eugene (PeeWee) Ilg, President of his class, introduced his classmates. Three were in attendance. They were, Eugene Ilg, Phyllis Briggs King, and Charles McGall.

### CLASS OF 1979

President Crislip then welcomed the new graduating class. After a certain amount of searching, Bill Dessent responded to the welcome saying he was honored to become a member of this organization. Three were in attendance. Two were members of the Tallmadge High School Stage Band, who later performed for our dance.

President Crislip then ordered the official COUNTDOWN 100 to take place. And just as at the end of a football game or the launch of a space ship the Alumni counted down 10 - 9 - 8 - 7 - 6 - 5 - 4 - 3 - 2 - 1 !! The Centennial meeting was officially greeted with a large round of applause.

#### NEW BUSINESS

Frank E. Lawrence (1912) noted that 29% of the first 79 Tallmadge High School graduates were still living.

A motion was made to put this list of the 23 oldest living members and the year they graduated into the Centennial Booklet. Motion was passed unanimously.

#### OLDEST LIVING MEMBERS OF TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI ASSOCIATION

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>
1904	Alice Meyers Baer	93
	Tenia Guiley Thomas	92
1907	Olive Hinman Sayre	90
1908	Jennie Oltman Mitchell	89
	Clara Oltman Spore	88
1910	Hilda Wolcott Lindquist	90
1911	Hazel Sackett Smith	86
	Geneva Wright Atwood	85
	Arthur Bryan Wolcott	85
1912	Ruth Luneman King	85
	F. Ellsworth Lawrence	85
	Ferne Atwood Ripley	85
	Laura Denmead Lawrence	83
1913	Grace Luneman Waldheger	83
	Ellis M. Barnes	83
1914	Donald Morgan	84
	Clara Hinman Huffman	83
1915	Edward Jones	82
1916	Ralph McClintock	83
	Metta Roberts Point	82
	Dorothy Wright Yontz	82
	Robert Wolcott	80
	May Mintz	?



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

#### MEMORIAL

Since our last meeting we have record of the deaths of the following Tallmadge High School Alumni members:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
1905	Alice Maud Walters Oliver	91	May 8, 1979
1911	Alma May Thomas Galloway	86	April 7, 1979
1919	Rolland Lionel Aultman	79	Sept. 18, 1978
1926	Celen Freeman Thornton	71	Feb. 1, 1979
1929	Emma Marie Gearhart Helmling Croyle	69	May 18, 1979
1940	Howard Stanton McCune	56	July 23, 1978
1968	Karen Jean Harmon Dalton	27	Dec. 10, 1978
1978	Jeffrey Alan Laymon	18	Aug. 9, 1978
1924	Phillip Dailey	72	Feb. 27, 1979

The allotted time on this earth has expired for these Tallmadge High School Alumni members. Our allotted time is so short, as measured by the great American poet, Henry Wadsworth Longfellow: (quote)

"Ships that pass in the night and speak to each other in passing,  
Only a signal shown and a distant voice in the darkness;  
So, on the ocean of life, we pass and speak one to another,  
Only a look, and a voice, and then darkness again and silence."

#### HISTORY OF TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL

Mrs. Harriett McEuen, a member of the Tallmadge High School Faculty, was introduced by President Crislip. She gave a very informative and entertaining talk and slide presentation about the beginning of Tallmadge High School and its achievements.

Mrs McEuen also wished to acknowledge and thank all those people who helped her to accumulate this information. They were:

Frank E. Lawrence	1912
Ruth Luneman King	1912
Geneva Wright Atwood	1911
Fern Atwood Ripley	1912
Clara Hinman Huffman	1914
Mr. & Mrs. Gilbert Root	1918
Marion Upson Rasp	1929

## TALLMADGE SCHOOL CHRONOLOGY

By Harriett McEuen

- 1810      **First Log School.**
- 1814-15    Frame building housed the common school and academy.  
District schools as needed from 1810 to 1916.
- 1870      Center School District formed June 11.
- 1871      Center School built.
- 1876      Center School burned in January and reopened September 5. Housed  
three levels, one of which was the high school under the tuition  
of Miss Martha Maltby. Tallmadge Academy discontinued.
- High School Courses offered: Spelling, Defining, Grammar,  
Composition, Literature, Authors, Essays, Elocution, Arithmetic  
(Practical and Mental); Algebra A & B, Geometry; Accounting;  
Physical Geography, Universal History, American History;  
Constitution; Beginning Latin; Roman History; Caesar; Philosophy;  
Physiology; Botany; Specimen.
- 1879      Eight students graduated April 25. Louis Atwood, Fannie E. Kerr,  
Ida B. Limbert, Lottie Limbert, Nettie Peck, Anna Seward, Francis  
L. Sperry, and Hattie Webb.
- 1883      1885....1889....No graduating class.
- 1884      As was customary, each graduate was required to write, memorize,  
and recite a speech at Commencement. Because there were 18 in the  
class, it was necessary to schedule an all day program. This  
practice was discontinued in 1913.
- 1911      New Central building, built of brick, occupied November 7.
- 1914      Four-year plan introduced for high school.
- 1915      Domestic science and manual training first offered for those who  
did not take the Latin course. School reorganization provided  
eight elementary grades and four high school grades.
- 1916      Outlying district schools suspended and all students attended the  
Center School. High school given a first class rating by the State  
Department of Education. Wagons purchased to transport students to  
the Center.
- 1917      Medical inspections introduced in the schools.
- 1920      School wired for electricity.



- 1922 Community civics and vocational civics added to curriculum.
- 1923 New high school building completed. (Southwest unit of present Central Junior High.)
- 1926 District has six horse drawn school wagons and seven motor busses.
- 1929 Athletic field named to honor Fred E. Ayer, a president of Tallmadge Board of Education, Dean of College of Engineering at University of Akron.
- 1930 Radio purchased for school.
- 1931 Telephone placed in principal's office. (This party-line arrangement was reported very unsatisfactory in 1935.)
- 1932 Because of "The Depression," school was held for eight months for elementary students. High school continued for nine months, but the teachers taught two weeks without pay.
- 1933 First school newspaper "The Rambler."
- 1935 Commercial course introduced. Purchase of motion pictor projector for school use.
- 1936 Tallmadge Township became an incorporated village.
- 1937 Film library established.
- 1940 Bell telephone system installed.
- 1946 Band Boosters organized and band wore uniforms.
- 1949 Overdale athletic field opened.
- 1950 Dunbar School dedicated October 25.
- 1951 Tallmadge became a city and schools became the Tallmadge City School District. Driver Education classes introduced.
- 1953 Overdale opened for classes November 16.
- 1956 Art classes added to curriculum.
- 1960 D.E. (Distributive Education) course first offered. Present High School building on East Avenue dedicated.
- 1962 Jean Pierre Behrin arrived as first foreign exchange student. Munroe School opened.
- 1963 First classes for D.C.T. (Diversified Cooperative Training).
- 1964 Central Junior High building dedicated April 12.

- 1966 O.W.E. (Occupational Work Experience) and C.O.E. (Cooperative Office Experience) courses introduced. David Bacon School dedicated October 9.
- 1970 Tallmadge became a part of the Vocational Compact which includes Cuyahoga Falls, Hudson, Kent, Stow, and Woodridge districts.
- 1973 Open House on October 28 for the new Educational Service Center.
- 1974 Commencement ceremonies moved from Tallmadge to E. J. Thomas Performing Arts Hall.
- 1979 Career Education Program initiated in the Tallmadge City Schools.  
323 Seniors graduating.

President Crislip presented Mrs. Harriett McEuen with a check from Tallmadge High School Alumni Association for Project 22. The High School is celebrating 100 years of Tallmadge High School and they are making a park outside the Hexagon building and planting the area with oak trees and putting in picnic tables and benches. It is call Project 22 because the students who participate each donate:

20 Hours of time  
+ 2 Dollars

Project 22

Wallace Wood (1948) presented the slate of officers selected by the Nominating Committee. President Crislip asked for nominations from the floor. None were given. Motion was made and seconded to accept the slate of officers given by the nominating committee. Motion passed.

President Crislip then turned the gavel over to the new President, JoAnn Stem Wood (1948).

The new 1979-1980 officers were introduced by President JoAnn Stem Wood.

President Wood thanked everyone for coming and those people who planned the banquet. She also reminded everyone to take the marigold favors home with them.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM.

The Tallmadge High School Stage Band performed as many of the guests danced their way into the night.

*Linda Pearson Miller*

Secretary



ANNUAL TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI MEETING

JUNE 9, 1979

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on hand as of June 10, 1978 \$ 884.37

Receipts

Dues, Dinner Reservations and

Donations

1,016.00

1,900.37

Total Dispersments as of June 9, 1979

1,167.86

Balance on hand June 9, 1979

\$ 732.51

Respectfully submitted,

*Paul Hersek*  
Paul Hersek,  
Treasurer

The new 1979-1980 officers were introduced by President John Stem Wood.

President Wood thanked everyone for coming and those people who planned the banquet. She also reminded everyone to take the Marriott favors home with them.

Meeting adjourned 9:10 PM.

The Tallmadge High School Stars Band performed as many of the guests danced their way into the night.

*John Stem Wood*

Secretary

# REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1979

President	JoAnn Stem Wood	1948
First Vice President	Tom Hutson	1951
Second Vice President	Barbara Briggs Miller	1952
Secretary	Ruth Seeker Hoisington	1945
Assistant Secretary	Mary Black Overholt	1963
Treasurer	Paul Hersek	1951
Assistant Treasurer	Natalia Olesky Rzewnicki	1948
Nominating Committee	Bob Crislip	1948
	Tom Gusbar	1948
	Josephine Ilg Patterson	1940
	LaDema Youngen Gatten	1938

Respectfully submitted this 9th day of June 1979

Wallace Wood	1948
Tom Gusbar	1946
Josephine Ilg Patterson	1940
LaDema Youngen Gatten	1938



ALUMNI MEMBERS PRESENT

- |      |  |      |   |
|------|--|------|---|
| 1911 | Geneva Wright Atwood<br>Arthur B. Wolcott  | 1935 | Viola Walters Bartlett<br>Leonard Bloom<br>Alice Scherer Crites<br>George Sieber  |
| 1912 | Ruth Luneman King<br>Frank E. Lawrence<br>Laura Denmead Lawrence<br>Fern Atwood Ripley   | 1936 | Richard Emmitt<br>Ralph Holmes<br>Elsie Storer Mallory<br>Bruce Charles Sackett   |
| 1914 | Clara Hinman Huffman   |      |   |
| 1916 | Robert L. Wolcott  | 1937 | Margaret Frick Douglas<br>Charles Sackett<br>Robert Scherer   |
| 1918 | Gilbert H. Root<br>Rosalind Sackett Rothrock   |      |   |
| 1923 | Albert Howell Acken<br>Frances Scherer Lantz   | 1938 | Kathryn Eickleberry Emmitt<br>Margaret Price Etheridge<br>LaDema Youngen Gatten<br>Fred Harvatt<br>Emma C. Holmes<br>Adria Hoisington Korzenieuski<br>Shirley Lang<br>Maureen Sieber Neiheiser<br>Alfred Paul Poe<br>Paul Ragle<br>Norman Roberts<br>Phyllis Heyl Roberts<br>Lillian Carter Sackett<br>Maxine Bucy Windsor<br>Leora King Zembrodt |
| 1924 | Lillian Brandau Wolf   |      |   |
| 1926 | Grace Briner Lehman<br>Orlando C. Spriggel   |      |   |
| 1927 | Marian Sackett Emmitt  |      |   |
| 1928 | Pauline Brandau Bierce<br>James Emmitt<br>Kathryn Sackett Harrah   |      |   |
| 1929 | Helen Bloom Craig<br>Annetta Ayer Falor<br>Laura Limbert Jones<br>Marion Upson Rasp<br>Elmer Sloat<br>Horatio Spriggel<br>Burton Waldorf | 1939 | Glenna LeBaron Alsberg<br>Richard K. Everhart<br>Melva Hinton<br>Naomi Beam Poe   |
| 1930 | Harold Hagaman   | 1940 | Francis Cooper<br>Dorothy Elliot Gross<br>Elva Hinton Hay<br>Hilda Crites King<br>Donald E. Patterson<br>Josephine Ilg Patterson<br>Ira Richards<br>Stewart Roberts<br>Herman A. Steiner<br>Marguerite Kolar Young  |
| 1931 | Genevieve Beers Lee<br>Wanda Crites Pryor  |      |   |
| 1932 | Irene Smith Sylvester<br>Agnes Bloom Underwood   |      |   |
| 1933 | Carolyn Banks Acken<br>Merle Curfman<br>Wilma Crites Newlon  | 1941 | Alex Bloom<br>Phyllis Youngen Croft<br>Dorothy Metcalf Garritano<br>Mary Diese Ilg<br>Helen Black Thompson  |
| 1934 | Ella Storer Bradley<br>Wilburn Crites<br>June King Marsh   |      |   |

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|------|--|------|---|
| 1942 | Carroll L. Jones<br>Mabel Geraldine Newlon Jones   | 1951 | Barbara Weaver Bloom<br>William Bloom<br>Elaine Jones Engle<br>Janet Briggs Hanna<br>Paul Hersek<br>Thomas E. Hutson<br>Carl Miller<br>M. Lee Prulhiere |
| 1943 | Viola Beam Chudanov<br>William Pletcher<br>Jack L. Ragle<br>Kay Holt Ragle   | 1952 | Gene Bond<br>Paul Fike<br>Barbara Briggs Miller   |
| 1944 | Marjorie Frick Galligan<br>Marie Harman Geisinger<br>Alberta Mosholder Hoisington<br>Bernice King Pletcher<br>Gertrude Webster Scherer<br>Karl Starks<br>Norman Walsh<br>Ileana Crites Williams  | 1953 | Dorothy Bond Dittmer<br>Doris A. Swartz   |
| 1945 | Ruth Seeker Hoisington<br>Louise Stevenson Hudac<br>Louise Witmyer Jones<br>Jacqueline Beam Shreve   | 1954 | Eugene Ilg<br>Phyllis Briggs King<br>Charles McGall   |
| 1946 | Douglas Carmacko<br>Stanley Bruce Detweiler  | 1955 | JoAnn Wolf Cassandra<br>Marilyn Ripley Hood<br>Merle Hood<br>Barbara Scherer Horvath  |
| 1947 | Melvin R. Metcalf  | 1956 | Nancy Walters Conley<br>William Conley<br>Patricia King McGall  |
| 1948 | Mary Richards Brinkerhoff<br>Robert Crislip<br>Catherine Caton Detweiler<br>Alice Bloom Dunn<br>Elizabeth Ann Huffman<br>Maxine Hoke Metcalf<br>Arsen Moskaly<br>Gene Riddle<br>Natalie Olesky Rezewnicki<br>Donald Williams<br>William Witmyer<br>JoAnn Stem Wood<br>Richard Wood<br>Wallace Wood | 1959 | Nancy Scherer Hopkins   |
| 1949 | Carolyn Atwood Mackey<br>Dorothy Treat Taylor  | 1960 | Lanny Ilg<br>Daisy Ilg Scalia<br>John Scalia  |
| 1950 | Betty Ralston Kimmel<br>Barbara Ragle Lucak<br>Mary Ledgerwood Riddle<br>Andrew Sanford<br>Marian Parks Schopper   | 1961 | Sharon Sines Underwood  |
|      |  | 1963 | William Emmitt<br>Mary Black Overholt   |
|      |  | 1964 | Kayann Wheatley Hawkins<br>Dorothy Scherer Shoemaker  |
|      |  | 1965 | Russell Ilg<br>Avis Sylvester Walkley   |
|      |  | 1966 | David Emmitt<br>Jamie Hoisington  |



1967 Bruce Hunsicker  
Mary Olesky

1968 Becky Hoisington Brown

1969 Cheryl L. Metcalf

1970 Becky Perolis Anicas  
Carol Crislip Salter  
Glenn Salter  
Roberta Hoisington Stanley

1971 Larry L. Miller

1972 Debra Hinkle  
Debbie Miller Hoover  
Linda Reardon Miller

1975 Brad Hoisington

1976 Michelle Hoisington

1977 Suzanne Hersek  
Lynn Miller  
Curtis Hoisington  
Dave Osco

1978 Sue Wood

1979 Michael Conley  
William Dessent  
Terry Kozlowski

#### ALUMNI MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

A number of the Alumni who could not attend our meeting sent their dues and in some cases a little extra for our treasury. We hope they can attend another year.

1923 Earl B. Chapman

1924 Joe McElroy

1926 Mary Fischer Krutky  
Ellsworth C. Walters

1928 Richard H. Stephens

1929 William F. Edmiston  
Marion Heller Spangler

1930 Winnifred Sparhawk Shims

1931 Charles W. Neubert

1932 Paul W. Adams

1933 Virginia Testerman Walters

1934 Esther Sackett Weatherford

1937 Minnie Scherer Phoenix

1941 David H. King

1942 Grace Black Fitzell

1946 Robert Booth  
Paul Haney

1947 Shirley Sanford Booth  
JoAnne Zurschmit Young

1948 Vince Hoffman

1949 Gloria Conley Pohl

1950 Gerald D. Gelvin  
Dolores Zickefoose Nelson

1952 Jean Hersek McGowen

1953 Dorothy Acker Miller

1954 Michael Hersek

1956 Karl H. Luttich

1972 Kent A. Roberts

1977 Michael M. Maximovich

## COMMUNICATIONS

Letters and notes were sent from many of our Alumni who could not attend the meeting:

I'm enclosing my check for dues, and alumni report to come later.

Sorry I can't attend the dinner on June 9 due to the many plans in process for my son's wedding in June.

Marion Heller Spangler  
Class of 1929

Sorry we are unable to attend this special Alumni but will be attending the graduation of our granddaughter in Michigan.

Ellsworth C. Walters  
Class of 1926  
Virginia Testerman Walters  
Class of 1933

Congratulations to the Tallmadge Alumni Association on the occasion of its 100th Annual Meeting.

It is truly remarkable that this group has maintained the interest and loyalty of the graduates of Tallmadge High School for an entire century!

We hope this organization will carry on the fine traditions established during the past for many years to come.

Unfortunately we will be unable to attend this Centennial Celebration. But, we send our best wishes for a very good meeting and our appreciation to all who have worked for its success.

Esther Sackett Weatherford  
Arnold Weatherford  
Class of 1934

Enclosed is check which covers my dues plus "some" for the treasury.

Certainly regret that I will be unable to attend the 100th Annual meeting. One of these years my sincere hopes are to "make it." Nevertheless, here is hoping this year's celebration will truly be outstanding.

I always look forward to receiving the report.

Dave King  
Class of 1941



Please let your records show my new address. I regret that I won't be able to make this year's Centennial Celebration.

Paul Haney  
Class of 1946

I can't believe THS is 100 years old already! Sorry I can't attend but my daughter is graduating from high school June 7.

Delores Zickefoose Nelson  
Class of 1950

Sorry I am unable to attend. Hello to all.

Jean Hersek McGowen  
Class of 1952

Hello! Well it doesn't look like I can make it to this meeting. I have been very busy with school down here and it is becoming more difficult each term.

Maybe I'll make it to the next meeting.

Michael M. Maximovich  
Class of 1977

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Barbara Briggs Miller	Decorations
Tallmadge High School Stage Band	Entertainment
Mrs. Harriett McEuen	History of Tallmadge High
Miss Gina Hersek	Pianist
Helen Black Thompson	Publicity
Mary Black Overholt	Secretary's Assistant
Dinner Catered By	Stroup Catering, Inc.

### SPECIAL GUESTS

Bea Hawkins  
Harriett McEuen  
James McEuen  
Mildred Tripcony

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A BIG "THANK YOU" TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED TO MAKE OUR CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION DINNER/DANCE A HUGE SUCCESS. PLEASE INVITE ALL ALMUNI TO ATTEND NEXT YEARS MEETING TO START OUR SECOND ONE HUNDRED YEARS OFF RIGHT.

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### ALMA MATER

We praise thee Tallmadge High, To thee our hearts are true.  
Ever we honor thee with faith and loyalty.  
Tallmadge, Devotion is our pledge.

Your standards we hold high, Memories will never die,  
Of school days we hold dear and years at Tallmadge High.  
Tallmadge, Devotion is our pledge.

