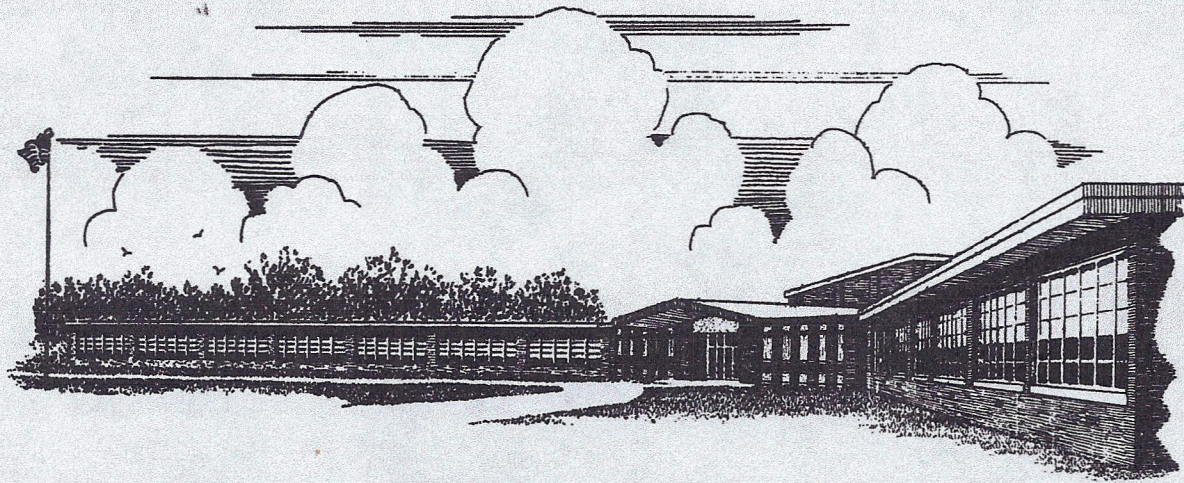


**TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



**ONE HUNDRED & FIRST ANNUAL MEETING**

**JUNE 7, 1980**

**1879 - OUR CENTENNIAL YEAR - 1979**



## ONE HUNDRED AND FIRST ANNUAL MEETING

On the evening of June 7, 1980, members of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association and their guests met at Tallmadge High School for the 101st Annual Meeting.

The social hour began at 6:00 P.M. with good conversation and reminiscing of old high school memories.

The sit down dinner consisted of swiss steak, baked potatoe, green beans, tossed salad and relish tray and was catered by Tallmadge Serva Lunch.

The tables were decorated in the traditional Blue and Gold with special center pieces adorning the head table, the 50 year table and the 25 year table.

A special thanks to Barbara Briggs Miller (1952) who provided the table decorations and individual plaques commemorating the 101st Tallmadge Alumni Meeting.

President JoAnn Stem Wood (1948) welcomed the Alumni and their guests. She than introduced the head table which included special guest Assistant High School Superintendent Mr. Dan McCombs.

The invocation was given by First Vice-President Thomas E. Hutson. (1951).

After a brief intermission, President Wood called the meeting to order at 7:45 P.M.

The secretary's minutes of the 100th Annual Meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report was read and approved.

### CLASS OF 1930.

The 50 Year Class was honored and recognition was given by class member, Harold Hageman.

He introduced the class members who were present. They included Katherine Wenhart Vogel, Dorothy Sylvester Clapper, Marie McCune Bergdorf, Martha Lanterman, Winifred Sparhawk Whims, and Harold Hageman.

Other class members were: Margaret Acken Dunlavy, Catherine Essig Blowers, Mildred Link Mize, Dorinda Lang Baptiste (deceased), and Alan Orser.

It was noted that on May 27th, 1930, Commencement exercises were held for 11 member senior class, in the high school auditorium. The class consisted of 9 girls and 2 boys.

The speaker was the late Dean A. S. Spanton of Akron University. Diplomas were presented by the late Thomas "Red" McBrayer, school board president at that time.

The class motto was "Build for Character, Not for Fame."

#### GOLDEN AGERS

Recognition of the Golden Agers was given by June King Marsh (1934) who presented each member along with the 50 year class an orange. Golden Agers in attendance were:

Arthur Wolcott	1911
Ruth Luneman King	1912
Fern Atwood Ripley	1912
Frank Lawrence	1912
Laura Denmead Lawrence	1912
Clara B. Huffman	1914
Robert Wolcott	1916
Gilbert Root	1918
Francis Scherer Lantz	1923
Albert H. Acken Sr.	1923
Helen Rutherford Curtis	1925
Orland Spriggel	1926
Pauline Brandau Bierce	1928
Katherine Wenhart Vogel	1930
Dorothy Sylvester Clapper	1930
Marie McCune Bergdorf	1930
Martha Lanterman	1930
Winifred Sparhawk Whims	1930
Harold Hageman	1930

It was noted that 33 1/3% of the 1912 graduates were in attendance.

#### CLASS OF 1955

The 25 Year Class was honored and recognition was given by Merle Hood. Those in attendance were: Marjorie Ripley Carlson, Harriet Bierce Perdue, Barbara Scherer Horvath, Joyce McMann Stapleton, Marilyn Ripley Hood, and Merle Hood.

President Wood introduced Asst. Supt. Mr. Dan McCombs who welcomed all members and guests.



He gave a very informative speech regarding the accomplishments of Tallmadge High School and its students. It was noted that of the 324 seniors graduating, 162 carried 21 or more credits. The class of 1980 had five valedictorians and four winners of Ohio Board of Regents scholarships.

Barbara Briggs Miller (1952) welcomed the 1980 graduating class. They were represented by Beth Miller, Carolyn Starks and Melissa Merk.

Beth Miller responded to the class welcome by saying "Thank You".

#### NEW BUSINESS

Merle Hood (1955) suggested that we make an all out effort to contact Alumni members who seldom or never attend and urge them to attend future Alumni banquets.

President Wood suggested that anyone willing to work on committees contact incoming president, Thomas E. Hutson or secretaries Mary Black Overholt or Ruth Seeker Hoisington.

We would like to give an extra special thanks to Louise Whitmyer Jones who worked long and hard in order to bring our Class Record Book up to date.

#### MEMORIAL

Since our last meeting there is record of the deaths of the following graduates of Tallmadge High School:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Name</u>	<u>Age</u>	<u>Date of Death</u>
1904	Alice Meyers Bear	94	Dec. 7, 1979
1926	Ellsworth Clement Walters	72	Feb. 19, 1980
1929	Marian Upson Rasp	69	July 5, 1979
1929	Elmer H. Sloat	70	Dec. 9, 1979
1930	Dorinda Lang Baptiste	68	Jan. 2, 1980
1938	Harding Miller	58	Sept. 14, 1979
1940	Dr. Curtis Uhl	58	Sept. 21, 1979
1950	Ruth Heiser Donohoe	47	Oct. 25, 1979
1966	James Reed Baugher	31	Dec. 24, 1979
1970	Dennis R. Greenwood	27	Sept. 23, 1979
1980	Daniel C. Burkett (diploma awarded posthumously)	16	July 29, 1979

There is a stream we all must cross,  
The river of human years:  
Now lying calm in the summer light,  
Now splotted with the rain of tears,



Out of the hills of God it flows  
And on to the shadowless sea,  
Where the noontime sun no shadow throws  
And time is eternity.

Robert E. Crislip (1948) chairperson of the nominating committee read the nominations of the officers for the coming year. With no nominations from the floor, Bob Crislip closed, seconded by Wallace Wood (1948) passed unanimous ballot.

President Wood thanked everyone who helped make the 101st Annual Alumni Banquet a success, then turned the gavel over to incoming President Thomas E. Hutson (1951), who closed the meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 8:40 P.M.

*Ruth Stecker Kaisington*  
Secretary

*Mary Black Overholt*  
Assistant Secretary



ANNUAL TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL ALUMNI MEETING

JUNE 7, 1980

TREASURERS REPORT

Balance on hand as of June 9, 1979 \$ 732.51

Receipts:

Dues, Dinner Reservations and  
Donations

2103.00

2835.51

Total Dispersments as of  
June 7, 1980

2182.80

Balance on hand June 7, 1980

652.71

Respectfully Submitted

*Paul Hersek*  
Paul Hersek,  
Treasurer



# REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE

1980

President	Thomas Hutson	1951
First Vice President	Donald Williams	1948
Second Vice President	Barbara Briggs Miller	1952
Secretary	Mary Black Overholt	1963
Assistant Secretary	Ruth Seeker Hoisington	1945
Treasurer	Natalia Olesky Rzewnicki	1948
Assistant Treasurer	Virginia Walters	1933
Nominating Committee	JoAnn Stem Wood	1948
	Tom Gusbar	1946
	Josephine Ilg Patterson	1940
	LaDema Youngen Gatten	1938

Respectfully submitted this 7th day of June

Robert E. Crislip	1948
Tom Gusbar	1946
Josephine Ilg Patterson	1940
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ALUMNI MEMBERS PRESENT

1911	Arthur B. Wolcott	1938	Paul Ragle Norman Roberts Phyllis Heyl Roberts LaDema Youngen Gatten
1912	Ruth Luneman King Fern Atwood Ripley Frank E. Lawrence Laura Denmead Lawrence	1939	Melva Hinton
1914	Clara B. Huffman	1940	Elva Hinton Hay Dorothy Elliot Gross H. A. Steiner Stewart Roberts
1916	Robert Wolcott		
1918	Gilbert Root	1941	Helen Black Thompson Betty Thomas Emery
1923	Francis Scherer Lantz Albert H. Acken, Sr.	1942	Geraldine Newlon Jones Carroll Jones
1925	Helen Rutherford Curtis	1943	Jack Ragle Kay Holt Ragle
1926	Orland Spriggel	1944	Ileana Crites Williams Karl Starks
1928	Pauline Brandau Bierce	1945	Louise Witmyer Jones Ruth Seeker Hoisington
1929	Laura Limbert Jones	1946	Tom Gusbar
1930	Katherine Wenhart Vogel Dorothy Sylvester Clapper Marie McCune Bergdorf Martha Lanterman Harold Hageman Winifred Sparhawk Whims	1947	Melvin R. Metcalf
1931	Charles W. Neubert Donald Nicodemus	1948	Bob Crislip Wallace Wood Don Williams Elizabeth Huffman JoAnn Stem Wood Natalia Olesky Rzewnicki H. Maxine Hoke Metcalf Bill Witmyer
1932	Irene Smith Sylvester Dorothy Nicodemus Huffman		
1933	Wilma Crites Newlon Merle Curfman	1951	Paul Hersek Carl Miller Irene Olesky Yamokoski Thomas E. Hutson
1934	June King Marsh Wilburn Crites	1952	Gene Bond Barbara Briggs Miller
1935	George E. Sieber Alice Scherer Crites Viola Walters Bartlett		



1953	Dorothy Bond Dittmar	1964	Kayann Wheatley Hawkins
1955	Marjorie Ripley Carlson Harriet Bierce Perdue Barbara Scherer Horvath Joyce McMann Stapleton Merle Hood Marilyn Ripley Hood	1965	Avis Sylvester Walkley
1956	Roger Crislip	1972	Debbie Miller Hoover
1963	Mary Black Overholt	1978	Sue Wood
		1979	Cathy Varrecchia
		1980	Beth Miller Carolyn Starks Melissa Merk

#### 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.

1911	Geneva Wright Atwood	1938	Emma Holmes Leora King Zembrodt Margaret Price Etheridge Adria Hoisington Korzeniewski Fred Harvatt
1923	Earl B. Chapman		
1924	Joe McElroy		
1926	Mary Fischer Krutky	1939	Ellis W. King Richard K. Everhart Thomas Haney
1928	Richard H. Stephens		
1929	William F. Edmiston Annetta Ayer Falor	1940	Hilda Crites King Margaret Gour Josephine Ilg Patterson Donald E. Patterson
1930	Edwin A. Orser, Jr.		
1931	Wanda Crites Pryor	1941	David H. King Phyllis Youngen Croft
1932	Paul W. Adams Agnes Bloom Underwood	1942	Grace Black Fitzell
1934	Esther Sackett Weatherford	1946	Robert L. Booth Paul Haney
1936	Elsie Storer Mallory		
1937	Minnie Scherer Phoenix Charles Sackett	1947	Shirley Sanford Booth Joanne Zurschmit Young

I am sorry I will not be able to attend the Annual Meeting of the Alumni this year, but I send my best wishes to all of you and good luck to the new graduates.

Marian Parks Schopper  
Class of 1950

Am unable to attend this year and am sorry for that but know you will have a great get-together. Our second son is graduating from college at that time and we will be attending that event. I will look forward to receiving the annual report.

Barbara Ragle Lucak  
Class of 1950

Again I regret I will be unable to attend our Annual Alumni Meeting, but my husband is on the "State Police Security Force" and it is imperative that he does not take his vacation at this time.

From the instant reports I always receive on past meetings from my two sisters Helen Black Thompson (1941) and Mary Black Overholt (1963) I know it will be another huge success. A very special "Hello" to them both and to my two favorite class-mates Gerrie Newlon Jones and Carroll Jones and the rest of the graduating class of 1942.

My best wishes and prayers to the entire Alumni Association.

Grace Black Fitzell  
Class of 1942

You have picked for the night of the Alumni dinner the night that my youngest daughter, Megan, has selected to be married in Houston. Therefore I can't go back to Tallmadge as much as I'd like to.

I'll miss seeing all the old familiar faces but I hope you'll hold a seat open for me next year which will be the 35th anniversary of the great Class of '46.

God Bless,  
Paul Haney  
Class of 1946

It has been a long time since 1924 but the fond memories of Tallmadge High School have always been with me.

The only person of my class which I can remember is Lillian Brandau and I am happy that she does take an interest in the Alumni Assoc. and keeps our class represented.

It is with regret that I cannot attend this year but always have the hopes of another year.

The Best to All.  
Joe McElroy  
Class of 1924



1948	Vince Hoffman Richard N. Wood	1953	Dorothy Acken Miller Gale W. Stem
1949	Carolyn Atwood Mackey	1954	Michael L. Hersek
1950	Delores Zickefoose Nelson Gerald D. Gelvin Barbara Ragle Lucak Marian Parks Schopper	1955	JoAnn Aber Stem
		1956	Karl H. Luttich Jerry Walters
1951	Margaret Acken Boggess	1964	Barbara Watral
1952	Anthony D. DeOrio Paul Fike	1965	Marjorie E. Mitchell
		1975	Lt. A. Scott Crislip
			Mrs. Beatrice Hawkins - teacher

### COMMUNICATIONS

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

Greetings were sent from:

Congratulations to the graduates of Class of '80 and sorry I can't attend the reunion this year, especially since its our 30th year, but send a warm greeting to all those who remember me.

Yours truly,  
Dolores Zickefoose Nelson  
Class of 1950

Sorry that Emma and I can't make it this year.

Love to all,  
Beatrice Hawkins

I am so sorry I cannot attend.  
I teach high school Social Sciences at Mayfair High School, Lakewood, Calif. This is my 12th year.  
Graduated Calif. State Univ., Long Beach 1968, Masters Degree, College of St. Thomas, St. Paul, Minn. 1980.  
I have 5 children from 14 to 19, 7th grade through Soph. at UCLA.

Michael Hersek  
Class of 1954

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Helen Black Thompson

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Barbara Briggs Miller

Decorations

Janet L. Wood

Programs

Dinner catered by

Servalunch Catering

### Special Guest

Mr. Daniel McCombs

A big "Thank you" to everyone who helped to make our 101st Annual Alumni Association dinner and meeting a success. Do plan to come back and be with us next year.

### 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.