

TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION
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ANNUAL REPORT

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June 10, 2000, 225 Alumni and guests met at Tallmadge High School for the 121st Annual Banquet and Meeting.

We began with a social hour at 5:45 P.M. followed by a Baked Chicken and Roast Beef Buffett dinner catered by Horning.

The decorations were the traditional Blue and Gold. The arrangement committee was chaired by James Werner (1943).

President Chris Bauch (1971) welcomed the Alumni and guests.

The invocation was given by Second Vice-President James Werner (1943)

After dinner and a brief intermission we moved to the Les Bennett room for our meeting and program.

President Bauch called the meeting to order and introduced the officers and committees.

A special thanks was given John and Daisy Ilg Scalia of A-A Blueprint for donating all our printing services.

The Secretary's Report of the 120TH Annual Meeting was read by Assistant Secretary Harriet Bierce Perdue (1955) and was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was read and approved.

Superintendent of Schools Vincent Frammartino gave us an informative report on the status of the Schools.

One Hundred Sixty Eight Tallmadge Hi Seniors graduated at E.J. Thomas Hall Sunday June 4, 2000. They stepped across an invisible threshold into a promising future leaving behind a record of high achievement and a number of firsts.

The first class to graduate in the new century and new millennium They are also the first class at THS required to have 26 credits to graduate. First class to graduate with four full years of block scheduling.

- Seventy Seven per cent completed college preparatory curriculum
- Twenty three percent followed a general or vocational course.
- Seventy nine per cent enrolled in a 4 year college
- Seven percent enrolled in a 2 year trade or technical
- Two per cent entered the Military
- Twelve per cent the labor market

One third of the graduates earned honors diplomas meeting 7 of the 8 required criteria.

Two thirds exceeded the standard for proficiency and received an honors score on one or more of 12th Grade Proficiency Tests.

Forty-five Seniors including 13 4.0 Valedictorians graduated as Distinguished Scholars having maintained a 3.7 grade point average or better for 4 years of High School.

Two students earned National Merit Recognition.

The Presidential Award for Education Excellence went to forty-four students.

More than 1/3 of the class earned the State Merit Award.

Forty-nine graduates shared in more than \$40,000.00 in local scholarships. These are funded by donations from area businesses, civic organizations, trusts and foundations.

Heritage Families - there were 25 Heritage Families in the Class of 2000.

An Athletic Hall of Fame has been established.

They are establishing an Alumni Hall of Fame and a Committee of Volunteer Alumni are working on it.

Distinguished scholars 45 seniors (3.7 GPA) 27 Juniors (3.75) GPA 28 sophomores (3.8 GPA) and 33 Freshmen (3.8 GPA) were recognized as Distinguished Scholars at a breakfast co-sponsored by Lions, Rotary, PEGS and PTsa.

In the fall, 30 juniors and seniors were inducted into the THS Chapter of National Honor Society which recognizes those who excel in scholarship, leadership, character and service.

Math scholars. TMS' sixth grade competitors place 6th out of 228 schools statewide and 2nd in Summit County on the Ohio Math League Tests. TMS seventh graders placed 4th in the county. TMS 7th/8th grade Math Counts team placed 12th out of 36 participating schools.

Scholar-Athletes. Students who participated in athletics during the 98-99 school year had a composite grade point average of 3.195, on a 4.0 scale.

League champions. Three All-League players led the girl's softball team to a 20-9 record and a first place finish in the Suburban League.

State runner-up. The baseball team amassed a 23-4 record on the way to winning the District the District and Regional titles falling one run short in the state title game.

All Day Kindergarten. One full day kindergarten class was piloted at Overdale this school year. In March the Board of Education approved a full-day kindergarten program for the 2000-2001 school year. Parents have the option of choosing a half-day program.

Modular Units. To address the need for additional classroom space the Board of Education approved a one-year lease for a two classroom modular unit to be installed at the high school.

FIFTY YEAR CLASS - Class of 1950 was presented by Barbara Ragle Lucak

CLASS OF 1950

I am so happy to be with you tonight. A great many of my class have always lived in Tallmadge or nearby but for several of us it's great to be back in Tallmadge and to be here in Tallmadge High which is certainly not the Tallmadge High School of 50 years ago. We didn't have this beautiful auditorium to meet in. I can remember the old gymnasium which served as a place for basketball games, pep rallies, plays, dances and PTA meetings all rolled into one. Do you remember how the boys would roll out those huge carts from under the stage which held chairs. Then they had to be set up for PTA meetings or things like the annual Christmas play. I'm sure the men here tonight remember what a lot of work it was setting those up and tearing them down.

In researching some of the history of that old auditorium I learned that the Tallmadge Historical Society at one time used to hold musical programs and amateur shows in the Academy and Town Hall building. In 1927 the auditorium was added to the central school building and it had a seating capacity of 850. In 1932 the Academy's meetings and programs were moved to the school auditorium where the Girls and Boys Glee Clubs entertained, different organizations put on skits and one act plays and with it all Tallmadge history was not forgotten but and I quote, "dished out in large quantities."

In 1938 there were 25 of us who were enrolled in first grade by our parents on that first day of school. Eighteen of that group were still together at graduation in 1950. I find it amazing that most of members of that group are here with us tonight. I would like to tell you a little bit about some of the members of that group and I am only able to tell you this through the efforts of the Chairwoman of the Reunion Committee Marian Parks Schopper and the members of that Committee, Mary Cossin Sipe, Mary Smith Sieb, Norma Oxford Schaffer, Violet Kerns Gerken, Jim Moles, Jerry Taylor and Paul Wright.

I was very saddened to learn of the deaths of 11 members of our class. They were Grace Fike Walsh, Clair Fohner, Stanley Gligor, Ruth Heiser Donahoe, Donna Ilg Perolis, Dola Lewis Keller, Charles Merberger, Joanne Miller Sirlouis, Valma Shaffer Barton, and Fred Yantis.

Now I would like to recognize the remaining members of our class who are with us tonight..

WANDA JACOBSEN FISHER comes to us from Florida. She says she has moved back and forth between Ohio and Florida in the past 30 years. She also spent 6 months in Monrovia, Liberia W. Africa when her husband Ray worked for Firestone. Before moving back to Florida this last time they lived in Utica Ohio for 13 years where her two daughters went through school. Through the years, Wanda worked as a legal secretary; she worked for a publishing

house and as a secretary for two vice presidents of two banks. She has also worked at Walt Disney World, (that must have been fun). One of her daughters Sarra will be married in September and Susan will be married soon after. Wanda and Roberta Smith gave baton lessons to our first majorettes. Wanda now enjoys bowling, quilting and pastel drawing.

ANNABELLE WILSON WILLIS. Annabelle lives nearby in Akron and has spent most of her life as a homemaker. She spends a great deal of time helping her oldest sister who is confined in a wheelchair. Annabelle's husband retired 9 years ago but enjoys working parttime as a Factory Rep for Metal Craft Boat Docks out of Chardon, Ohio. They have two children, Michael and Roberta who are both married and have given Annabelle 4 grandchildren. Roberta's son has made them great grandparents.

NORMAN GEORGE entered the U. S. Airforce retiring in 1974. He then worked for Ameritech Corporation from which he retired in 1994. He and his wife Alline had 4 children, 4 grand children and 1 great grand child.

PAUL ZURSCHMIT stayed close by and retired from the Tallmadge Board of Education in 1994 after 25 years. He enjoys fishing, hunting and camping and says the vacation he enjoyed the most was a trip to Yellowstone National Park. He and his wife Susan have traveled through most of the United States and the Caribbean visiting Haiti, Jamaica and the Cayman Islands.

ANDY SANFORD. Now Andy has been a very colorful fellow working at a variety of things all over the country. He returned to Ohio from Arizona after 20 years. He has been a chiropractor on and off for the past 40 years. He was with Silver Service Waiter working at various resorts, Las Vegas, Reno, Los Angeles, Miami. He worked on a sailing boat around the world in his 20's. He has been a masseuse and lived 5 months in Kenai and Juneau Alaska. He married Rosanna in 1971 who grew up here in Akron. Andy doesn't say too much about it but I know him to have been a wonderful artist all of his life.

MARIAN SCHOPPER. Marian always attended school in Tallmadge and still lives nearby in Munroe Falls. She married Bill Schopper in 1953 who was the last Justice of the Peace in Tallmadge. She was a witness to 20 weddings and even one shot gun wedding. She was Bill's secretary when he was the Justice of the Peace and also when he became an attorney. Now this girl has been a mover and shaker. She has worked for a construction company, the Chamber of Commerce, an appointee to the Women's Board to the Juvenile Court for 8 years; she has been a member of the Akron Bar Association Auxiliary for 40 years, the United Methodist Women's Board, the historian Treasurer and Chaplain of the Tallmadge Business and Professional Women and also the Band Boosters and PTA.

Sadly, Bill was killed in 1972. She has two children, William

who lives in Texas and Vicki in Virginia. She has a granddaughter in Texas. She has had her own Floral and Interior Design business since 1986. She has chaired all our class reunions so far and has traveled extensively although I don't know how she has time. She keeps telling me one day she is going to get organized.

FRANKLIN "CHIP" HUGHES. Chip went right into the Air Force in 1951 and served in the Korean Conflict. He met his wife Betty in Texas and they were married in 1953. His first son was born while he was in Korea. He returned to Texas where he was to stay in the service for $7\frac{1}{2}$ more years. He attended South Plains College until his second son was on the way at which time he left to become a Drilling Superintendent for Parker Oil Company in Texas, New Mexico, Colorado and Oklahoma. He later went into sales for the Ortho Chemical traveling a lot until number 3 son was on the way and Betty decided she needed some help. After a family of 5 children, Chip went into business for himself. He owned and operated "Chips Car Clinic" for 30 years.

Chip raced stock cars for ten years, served as president of the South Plains Texas Racing Assoc. He and Betty are very active in their church and Chip was ordained a Deacon in 1980. He retired in 1990 and he and his wife's greatest joy is traveling in their motor home. They celebrated their 45th anniversary in Victoria, British Columbia. They have 10 grandchildren.

MARCENE RIDDLE SCYOC. Marcene married Dave in August of 1950 and moved away for 10 years. They had 4 children and moved back to Tallmadge in 1960 where they built their home. All of their children are married with their own families. Sadly, they lost their oldest son in January 1996. They have 10 grandchildren and 3 great grandchildren. Dave had a terrible train accident in 1992 and has been disabled ever since so Marcene has had it kind of rough for the past few years. This year will also be their 50th wedding anniversary. Marcene and Dave do like to travel and enjoy going to Florida and will be going again this fall.

PAT HOFFMAN RECTOR. I haven't seen Pat since we graduated but I remember vividly her beautiful red curly hair and abundant energy. I was not surprised to learn she had entered nursing school after graduation. She has worked as an RN in several states over the last 40 odd years. She retired in 1995 from the Texas Dept. of Health. She met her husband Don at Nellis Air Force Base in Las Vegas where he was stationed and she was working in the base hospital. They have been married 46 years and have 4 children, Rochelle, Janet, DF and Virginia. They have 6 grandchildren. I wonder if any of them have red hair. Pat comes to us from Texas where she has lived since 1961. She remarked that they weren't born in Texas but they got there as soon as they could.

Over the years they vacationed by camping out with the kids but they always dreamed of going to England, Scotland and Ireland and indeed they made that trip in 1996. It was a wonderful 3-week trip and they would like to return someday. Don has a Tom's Snax franchise now that keeps him, their son and grandson busy. Pat's time is spent gardening, and having fun with her grandchildren.

MARY LEDGERWOOD RIDDLE. After high school Mary went to work at General Tire and Rubber Company where she was to stay for several years. During that time she married Gene Riddle (also a Tallmadge graduate) and they have been married 47 years. They raised 3 boys and she loved being a stay-at-home mom. They had one daughter whom they lost in 1974 when she was 11 years old in a tragic accident. Mary and Gene have 4 grandsons and this past year of 1999 their only granddaughter Kaylee arrived.

For the past 6 years, Gene and Mary have spent their winters in Valrico, Florida. They own a mobile home there but Mary says Ohio will always be where her heart is.

DOLORES ZICKEFOOSE NELSON. Dolores comes to us from South Carolina. She says they haven't been back to Tallmadge except for the 25th reunion and the death of her mother. She now is kept busy caring for her 95 year old father and wasn't sure she could be with us or not tonight. They have 2 sons and 1 daughter and 6 beautiful grandchildren. When attending school, Dolores was one of our first majorettes and I remember her looking terrific in that uniform.

EVELYN MARSHALL RUPP. After graduation, Evelyn attended Kent State University with a B.S. in education. On July 17, 1954, She married Kenneth Rupp. They moved to Omaha, Nebraska where Evelyn taught first and second grades for two years while her husband attended the Creighton School of Medicine. During the time they were in Omaha, they had 2 children. Her husband then went to Washington D.C. to do his internship and Evelyn became a stay-at-home mom. In 1958 they moved to Streetsboro where her husband started his practice of medicine. They eventually had 10 children in all which really kept Evelyn at home. She later worked part time in her husband's office and even went back to teaching for one year. She specially taught a Down Syndrome child which was very rewarding. Evelyn belongs to a walking club and received an award for having walked 10,000 miles. Evelyn and Kenneth have 20 grandchildren and one on the way.

MARY COSSIN SIPE. Mary and Jim have been married since July of 1953. They have 4 children, 2 girls and 2 boys. Three are married and one is still enjoying the single life.. They have 8 grandchildren. Jim retired from Goodyear and Mary retired from J.C. Penney's after 17½ years in 1991. Since that time, they have traveled a lot going mostly to California where their

daughter lives and always stopping off in Las Vegas for a few days. Mary says in her spare time, she enjoys reading, cross stitching, water aerobics and just enjoying the good retired life.

BILL WARD.

Bill enlisted in the Air Force during the Korean conflict and served for 4 years. While stationed in Sacramento my duties were working on the B50 aircraft on the flight line and at the docks. Later the T-29 aircraft came along and I was assigned crew chief on this aircraft. In my spare time, I studied the machinist trade attending classes in Sacramento in the evening at their college for machinists.

Upon discharge from the Air Force, Bill and Marie returned to Tallmadge at which time he resumed employment with the Cornwell Tool Company where he was a toolmaker for 17½ years. In 1969 he founded the W. H. Ward Excavating Company of which he is the President. His son Bill Jr. works with him and is the Vice President. Bill is still working full time and have no plans for retirement.

Paul enjoys spending summers with his son on the drag racing circuit. They currently own several race cars and have participated in numerous racing events and have been very successful in their endeavors. Bill also enjoys flying model airplanes and belongs to two airplane clubs. Bill and Marie have a winter home in Winterhaven, Florida.

CLAY FREED

Clay has been married to Louise for the past 40 years and has 2 sons. Clay has been an attorney for all of his working career. I talked to Clay not too long ago and I told him I couldn't imagine his being a lawyer and arguing cases in front of a courtroom when he was such a quiet and shy little kid. He laughed and said "I was thinking all the time". Before retiring in 1986, he was District Council for the Internal Revenue Service in Salt Lake City, (having jurisdiction over the states of Utah, Idaho and Montana and later in Reno where he now resides. He traveled extensively while working trying cases before the United States Tax Court in many of the principal cities in the country. He now does volunteer work in the juvenile justice system since retirement traveling throughout Nevada to monitor the treatment accorded delinquent juveniles. His hobbies include reading and woodcarving.

LOUISE RENNER CHIRDON. Louise and her husband Eddie bought a Wayne County farm in 1968. They raised 5 children, 1 son and 4 daughters. She reports that they weren't in Dalton long when she realized one of our third grade teachers, "Comfort Mallott" Shantz owned the local hardware store with her husband and it was great to see her and talk about old times at Tallmadge School. They sold the farm in 1995 and built a new ranch home in the same neighborhood. She says compared to farming,

living is easy on their 4 acres.

VIVIAN DETWEILER STIFFLER. Vivian says that she and Fred were married when he was in the Air Force and they lived in Texas and Delaware when he wasn't overseas. They raised 5 children 2 sons and 3 daughters. They now enjoy 5 grandchildren as well as three step-grandchildren. Work in their church has been very important and Vivien has taught 4th grade Sunday School for the past 10 years and works on the church newsletter. She especially enjoys traveling down into the Amish country seeing the beautiful rolling hills and farms.

JAMES WHARTON. Jimmy and his high school sweetheart, Fay Seevers, have been married for 49 years. Right after school Jim entered the service during the Korean conflict. He was a veteran of 4 years being discharged in 1954. Jim retired from Go-Jo Industries in 1993 and Fay retired from National City Bank in 1995. Jim and Fay started taking dancing lessons in 1966 and enjoyed it so much they have been dancing professionally for 21 years on stage with other members of a dance studio. He belongs to several dance clubs and gives lessons to beginners on ballroom dancing. He says he gets a real kick out of watching people enjoy themselves after he has taught them to dance. He's also been a DJ for 17 years and hosts dance parties to all kinds of music. Jim is an avid collector of 45's, LP's cassettes and CD's which he gets a lot of enjoyment out of.

VIRGINIA AYERS BRANT KRICHBAUM

After graduation, Virginia went on to Kent State earning a BA in English. She married Austin Brant in her junior year. They lived for a year in Salem Ohio and then moved to Cleveland where her first two daughters were born. In 1959 they moved to Park Forest, Illinois and then Mokena, Illinois where her youngest daughter was born in 1960. They returned to Cleveland where in 1972 her husband passed away. She enrolled in the library program at Case-Western Reserve University and by 1969, she had her master's degree. She was with a junior high school for 6 years which by then her youngest daughter had graduated from high school and Virginia moved to Crestline, Ohio where she worked as a high school librarian and supervisor for the next 19 years.

Well, low and behold, she met a gentleman from the audience of the Mansfield Symphony who asked her out. They hit it off beautifully and before she knew what hit her, she fell in love. She and Herb Krichbaum were married in the spring of 1993. Herb is a retired music teacher and is in charge of all the church music in their church. Virginia retired in 1997 and she and her husband are really enjoying themselves traveling all over the world and are active grandparents as well.

JOAN CARMACK MORGAN

After graduation, Joan worked several months for an Akron attorney and later for Household Finance. She met and married Bill Morgan in 1951. She and Bill had 7 children and raising them was a big job. Joan has 17 grandchildren and 1 great granddaughter. Bill passed away in 1989 but Joan stays busy quilting with her friends at church and volunteering for the Bloodmobile. She loves traveling and other activities with the Tallmadge Primetimers and playing Canasta with her aunts. She spends a lot of her time with her children and grandchildren.

GERALD GELVIN

After graduation, Gerald worked for the Bank of Akron and then Firestone all the while commencing his college studies at Akron University. In 1952, during the Korean Conflict, he joined the Navy and served as a Hospital Corpsman. In June of 1953 he married his wife Elsie and what a great lady she is. In 1960 their daughter Denise Lynn was born and they now have two grandchildren, a boy and a girl. In 1967, Gerald graduated from Akron U with a BA in Secondary Education and a major in French. Gerald served two terms as the President of the Firestone Local Union. In 1973 he became the Assistant Vice President of Labor Relations for the Chemical Plastics Division for General Tire. In 1975, he went to work for Hercules Inc. as the Human Resources Director from which he retired in 1990. He then started his own consulting business. In 1992 they moved back to Akron from Savannah, GA. In 1997 Gerald had open heart surgery and shut down his consulting business and officially retired.

ROSEMARY KARG RITCHIE

Rosemary worked for 2 years in the office at the Stoneware Company in Tallmadge after graduation. She met her husband Robert on a blind date and they eventually married November, 1952 on Thanksgiving Day. Their first child was born in 1954 and in the next 20 years they had 15 more children, 10 girls and 6 boys. Can you imagine the laundry Rosemary must have had; (I can't even imagine).

They have a sporting goods store and she started working parttime in 1987. She retired 6 years ago when they sold it to one of their sons. They took a trip to Ireland in 1991 and Hawaii in 1998 and are loving retirement very much.

VIOLET KERNS TAYLOR GERKEN

Violet married Robert Taylor right after graduation in 1950. Her son Bob Jr. was born in 1952 and has been the joy of her life. She was a secretary for 5 years, and mother and homemaker until her divorce in 1980. She met Bernard Gerken and they were married in 1982. Bernie and she were active in leadership and fellowship at the Goodyear Heights Baptist Church until his death in November of 1995.

Her son went on to graduate from Akron U and married Alice,

an RN in 1976. They presented Violet with 3 grandchildren, Natalie who is 19 and twin boys, John and Jason who are now 16. Violet is still busy with her church, she's the secretary of the Chapel Hill Mall Walkers Club, reading and trips to Florida to visit her brother Fred.

JEANNETTE LEIGH HINTZ

Jeannette has really had a great working career having a lot of fun and meeting a lot of interesting people. A year after graduation, she was hired as the Clerk of the City of Tallmadge. She also became the secretary of the Mayor and Clerk of Council. She said it was so much fun she could hardly wait to get up in the morning and go to work. Taking calls for the police and fire Dept. was also part of the job. In 1955, she resigned to become a housewife raising 3 children. She has been made a grandmother 4 times.

Sadly the marriage ended in divorce and she was back to work in a law office and eventually becoming a bailiff for Judge Robert Harnett. After being out of school for 26 years, Jeannette decided to go back to college with the sole purpose of getting into law school. In May of 1981, she graduated and was accepted into law school but she lost the job that was paying for this great effort. The judge had to retire due to illness and that was the end of her appointed position. She was in the second semester of law school when the money ran out and she was forced to withdraw. What a sad day and there was a river of tears. She went back to work again in law offices and in 1994 made a career change and took a job working for the Akron Public Schools in the Administration Building. She is now taking a class in "Legal Aspects of Construction and loves it. Jeannette says "life has its ups and downs but it has been interesting and a world full of fascinating people."

JIM MOLES

Jim joined our class in 1939 during the 2nd grade. He helped start the Tallmadge High School baseball team during his sophomore year and won 3 letters. During school he started working parttime at the U.S. Stoneware in the drafting department. He retired from there in 1990 after 32 years of service. During this time he graduated from Akron U with a BS in Civil Engineering. He married Elinor in November 1960 and they have a son Chad who graduated from Tallmadge in 1979 and a daughter Lisa who graduated from Tallmadge in 1981. Jim still lives in Tallmadge and also maintains a home at Hilton Head, SC.

NORMA OXFORD SHAFFER

Right after graduation, Norma worked for General Tire. She met and married Donald Shaffer and became a stay-at-home Mom raising 3 daughters and 3 sons. Her husband Don retired from Ford Motor in 1990 with 36 years of service. When the children were older she worked parttime for Polsky's and J. C. Penney and then retiring to enjoy her grandchildren. She keeps busy

sewing, quilting and traveling. She was especially thrilled with a 15-day tour of Hawaii in 199.

BETTY RALSTON KIMMEL

Betty is now retired from First Energy Corporation which was once the Ohio Edison Company. Her husband Ken is retired from Continental General Tire. She no longer lives in Tallmadge but lives in a condo in Uniontown. Ken and Betty are enjoying retirement and playing golf several days a week. They no longer have the problems involved with keeping up grass, flower beds and general maintenance outside. They also get away from the winter by leaving Ohio in December and go to Destin Florida where they rent a condo on the Gulf. In Florida, they are active in the Snowbird Association where they enjoy playing golf, darts, shuffleboard, cards and other activities.

They don't have grandchildren yet as their son is still enjoying the single life.

IRMA SHEPHARD ZEMA

Irma married after graduation and had 3 children, a girl and 2 boys. When this marriage ended in divorce she started working at Green Cross General Hospital and in 1962 met Joe Zema, a soldier from Fort Bragg, North Carolina, and married him 30 days later. She moved to Fort Bragg where her 3rd AND 4th sons were born. Even though Joe was often off on tours of duty around the world, they loved children so much they became foster parents to 67 children, (not all at once). Joe retired as a Master Sergeant in 1974 and they made Fayetteville, North Carolina their home. They have been involved in Little League as all her boys played baseball and football. Her children have gone on to careers of their own and live close by.

Irma has been troubled with two heart attacks and knee surgery. Joe had retired from his civilian job in 1999 but didn't like the retirement life so he went back into the working world to help out a friend as an accountant.

Irma does a lot of volunteer work for the Cumberland County Extension Services, the Mental Health Center and her church. She also has two grandchildren whom she enjoys babysitting.

MARY SMITH SEIB

Mary worked at Akron City Hospital and Children's Hospital while attending Kent State where she earned her B.S. in Dietetics. She then did her internship at St. Mary's Hospital in Rochester, Minnesota. She worked as a dietician at Lakewood Hospital in Cleveland. In 1956 she married Dick whom she had met at her brother Clyde's wedding. Dick was a State Farm Insurance agent and his many awards allowe them to travel to many U.S. cities and other countries. In the meantime, her son Douglas was born in 1958, Sandra in 1960 and Cynthia in 1963.

In 1960, Mary started a satellite Meals on Wheels program for

Modified Diets. She is an elder in the Presbyterian Church, has held offices in various organizations such as the Lakewood PTA, PTA Council League of Women Voters, Investment Clubs and the Avon Oaks Women's Golf Association.

Her hobbies include many forms of needlework, gardening, duplicate bridge, bowling, downhill and cross country skiing, golf and investment clubs.

Since Dick's retirement in 1999, they have been able to enjoy their South Carolina home more and visit their daughters and five granddaughters in Boston and Watertown, New York. Her son Douglas lives nearby in Bratenahl and assists them in the management of their real estate.

JERRY TAYLOR

Jerry worked for a short time for the old Polsky's in Akron. He then found a better opportunity with Goodyear. He was with Goodyear for 4 years and moved on to the Ford Motor Company. He was with Ford for 33 years and took early retirement at age 56. During this time he met and married Sandy and they have a family of 4 children, Jerry, Monica, Todd and Tim. He is now the happy grandfather of 6. Jerry still lives in Tallmadge and is planning a trip this summer to Washington, Oregon and California.

NATHAN TEAGUE

After graduation, Nathan went to the local recruiting office with 3 of our classmates, Harry Beule, Andy Sanford and Bill Ward and joined the Air Force. Nathan, Bill and Harry went to A & E school during their tour of duty. Nathan was stationed in Okinawa, Korea and Japan. He was discharged after 4 years while stationed in California.

During that time he met and married Shirley and their 3 sons were born between 1953 and 1960. His working career has teetered between building houses with his brothers and self-employed sales. He has had his own business, Teague Memorials, since 1987. His wife Shirley has been a teacher at the Green Local Schools. Sadly, Nathan and Shirley lost one of their sons, Dan, in 1978. Timothy and Patrick are both married and have given them 4 grandchildren. Nathan is semi-retired now and in the process of building a new home in Akron. They have gone on several cruises and look forward to lots of time to play golf.

JOSEPHINE VYDRA KEENEY

Josephine and her husband Ray have 4 children and 5 grandchildren. Margaret has two sons, Michael who is 15 and John who is 13. They live in Poland Ohio. Patrick and his wife Susan live in Columbus. Tom and his wife Wendy have 3 children. Kevin is 7, Megan is 5 and Katie is 2 years old and they live in Akron. Her son Robert is single. Josephine's husband Ray has retired and they have enjoyed traveling in the

states and have been on 4 cruises. Just this past year they flew to Athens, Greece. They boarded a ship which took them to the Greek Isles and on to Istanbul, Turkey. They toured Istanbul for 2 days before flying home again. What a wonderful trip.

PAUL WRIGHT

After Paul graduated he had a short sojourn in a ministerial college before joining the Air Force with several of his other classmates. He was assigned duty with the military Transport Service in Great Falls, Montana. He was accepted in the aviation Cadet Program and in 1954 he graduated as a Lieutenant and was assigned as a transport pilot with the Strategic Air Command. He had tours of duty to many places throughout the world and found it very exciting. He left the service to pursue a career in commercial aviation but the recession of 1957 eliminated that opportunity.

He became a control tower operator with the FAA. Paul says the job was great but the pay was bad so he moved on to become an over-the-road truck driver for Consolidated Freightways. Paul developed an irrepressible desire for police work and with the help of former Tallmadge Police Chief Sam Andrews, he became a deputy sheriff for Summit County in 1964 progressing up the ranks to a rank or major while also picking up credits at Kent State's evening studies in criminal justice.. In 1980 Paul ran for the office of Sheriff. He came in 2nd in a field of 6. He said his only gratification was that he beat the incumbent who had inspired his decision to run - he placed 4th.

Paul once again returned to driving the big trucks over the road seeing an awfully lot of the country. Paul's wife of 28 years, Carol, passed away in February of 1996. They enjoyed their life together and successfully raised three children all of which are doing well. He is retired now enjoying a peaceful life on 12 acres in Peninsula, Ohio devoted to attending to his Morgan horse and gardening.

JACK AND DONNA PEARCE SMITH

Jack and Donna were married April of 1953 while Jack was in the Navy. They built their first home in Cuyahoga Falls and soon after their son Mark arrived in 1955 followed by sister Susan in 1957. They sold this home and moved to Phoenix in 1958. They have enjoyed with friends and family many camping, hunting and fishing trips in the Southwest and Mexico. Jack has some unique trophies on the walls of their home from his hunting trips.

Donna spent 14 years with the U-Haul Rental Company and another 14 years with the Revlon Company. Jack retired from the City of Phoenix as a Construction Permit Specialist in 1991. After their retirement, they moved to nearby Sun City where they have enjoyed the numerous activities and a local church. Jack became interested in lapidary and has made some beautiful jewelry.

Year 2000 (cont)

In Academics we had 13 Valedictorians. The graduates have plans to enter fields such as teaching, marine biology, forensic medicine, business management, visual and graphic communications, computer technology and social services.

In sports, we supported three Suburban League championships in Golf, Boy's Basketball and Softball. Our Boy's Baseball team was the state runners-up. In track, the Boy's relay team placed fourth in the state. There were numerous individuals earning All-League and All State honors.

In drama Our Town and Godspell were the two inter-generational programs this year. Vocal and Band participated in state competitions receiving excellent ratings.

One of the most exciting events for the Class of 2000 was the unearthing of a time capsule we buried as second graders in 1989 at Dunbar School. Many mementos of classmate and teachers such as photographs, childhood toys, baseball cards and individual profiles that were filled out as second graders were shared. It was a very special occasion for our class. Members that had moved away returned that day for the ceremonies. On June 2nd two days before graduation our class again submitted special memento's and profiles for another time capsule that was buried beside the Devil at the high school entrance. We will be unearthing this senior capsule at our 20th high school reunion.

The Class of 2000 enters the new millennium with the following motto: "I will not follow where the path may lead, but I will go where there is no path and I will leave a trail."

As representative for my class, we graciously accept your invitation into the Alumni Association and hope that our future endeavors will make Tallmadge proud and continue its strong traditions.

MEMORIAL

If tomorrow I die and my book of life closes,
I will have missed none of life's rapture and roses,
I may not have done all the things that I should,
But you have to admit, that my average is good.

Since the Alumni Banquet in 1999 we have lost to the great creator

Class	Names	Age	Date of Death
1929	Laura Limbert Jones	88	Nov. 28, 1999
1932	Clifford M. Scherer	85	June 25, 1999
	Lawrence R. Huber	85	Aug. 3, 1999
1934	Wilburn Crites	84	Aug. 8, 1999
	Esther Sackett Weatherford	83	Aug. 14, 1999
1939	Winifred White Powers	77	July 13, 1999
	Melva Hinton Johnson	80	Mar. 28, 2000
1940	Eva Hardy Willgues Williams	77	Aug. 1, 1999
1941	Howard M. Gregory	76	Aug. 4, 1999
	Richard W. Delong	77	Sept. 23, 1999
	David King	76	Oct. 3, 1999
1942	Betty Miller Gearhart	77	Dec. 14, 1999
1943	Viola Beam Chudanov	76	Jan. 29, 2000
	Harriet Schlup Maynard	75	Apr. 4, 2000
	Richard G. Karg	75	Apr. 24, 2000
1948	James E. Dodge	68	Sept. 28, 1999
	Marilyn White Weis	70	Jan. 31, 2000
1949	Patricia Rodgers Odom	68	Dec. 6, 1999
	Lee Taylor	68	Feb. - 2000
	Dorothy Sanderson Bray	68	Apr. 20, 2000
1953	Ann LeBaron Williams	62	Aug. 2, 1998
1954	Marjorie Pfeifle Boden	63	Dec. 4, 1999
	Robert Shultz	64	Mar. 27, 2000
1966	Deborah L. Bruce	51	Feb. 18, 2000
1970	Warren D. Dolly	47	June 29, 1999
	Fred Grant Morton	48	June 6, 2000
1971	Steve Haines	46	Oct. 4, 1999
1972	Gayle Robey Murphy	45	Feb. 13, 2000
1977	Bryan C. Bross	40	Jan. 25, 2000
1982	John M. Turner	35	Dec. 15, 1999
1984	Bradley S. Cox	35	Jan. 6, 2000

Given to me after last year's banquet were

1946	Ron Blair	71	Jan. - 1999
1953	James Gardner		

We also lost to death Oliver Ocasek, principal from 1951 to 1960, age 73 on June 25, 1999; and teacher Leora Howsare, age 91 on Dec. 11, 1999.

TREASURER'S REPORT

1999

Balance brought forward on January 1, 1999 \$2,934.85

Receipts for 1999:

Dinners	\$1,557.00
Dues	1,147.00
Donations	222.00
Interest	29.56
Donation for new book	<u>300.00</u>

\$3,255.56

Expenditures for 1999:

T. H. S. Scholarship	\$500.00
Caterer	\$1,575.00
After Prom Party	100.00
M. Boggess Stamps	
Name tags for	
1999	106.39
Smyth Trophies-50 yr	96.19
Refund-M. Aumont Sr.	9.00
J. Werner-Arrangements	63.34
Talking Blue Devils	<u>100.00</u>

\$2,549.92

Balance on hand December 31, 1999 \$3,640.49

Two outstanding bills for postage for sending out
Alumni books and Secretary fee.

JoAnn M. Wood, Treasurer

There was no unfinished business to report.

New business - Two \$500.00 scholarships were given to the Class of 2,000 recipients were Miss Sarah Davis and Mr. Alexander Ison.

We also gave \$100.00 to After Prom Party

Talking Blue Devils received \$100.00

You will be receiving a request from Harris Publishing for information to update our Alumni Directory. Please fill out information and return to Harris or you will not be included in the new directory.

NEXT YEAR OUR BANQUET WILL BE JUNE 9, 2001

THS is preparing an Alumni Hall of Fame and we are to go on line thru High School.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President
First Vice President
Second Vice President
Secretary
Assistant Secretary
Treasurer
Assistant Treasurer
Nominating Committee

Chris Bauch 1971
Pat Bumpas Mahovic 1958
James Werner 1943
Margaret Acken Boggess 1951
Mary Rzewnicki Cushing 1974
JoAnn Stem Wood 1948
Susan Wood Yeager 1978
Faith Wagner Hause 1943
Karl Starks 1944
Richard N. Wood 1948
LaDema Youngen Gatten 1938

Submitted this 10th day of June 2000

R. E. Crislip made motion to accept officers as read, Second Richard N. Wood. Motion carried

President Bauch thanked all for coming and asked them to return next year.

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

Margaret Acken Boggess, Sec.
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ALUMNI MEMBERS PAYING DUES BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

1930 -	Martha A. Lanterman	1948	Richard Vydra
1932 -	Charles W. Edmiston		Vince Hoffman
	William M. Grizer		Jack Cochran
1933 -	Marie Carney DeHart		Alyce Bloom Dunn
1934 -	June King Marsh	1949	Doris Jones Eagon
	Caroline Banks Acken		Carol Burns Rieger
	Myrtle H. Tenney		LaVonne Gomoll Dodge
1935 -	Alice Scherer Crites		Audrey Jones Woerz
1936 -	Richard Emmitt		Lawrence W. Petty
	Rachel Y. Horton		Ethel Fauley Petty
	James M. Stauffer		Carolyn Atwood Mackey
	Jean Uhl Sylvester		Dianne Littrell Williams
1937 -	June Kromer Gulbranson	1950	Virginia B. Kirchbaum
	Minnie Scherer Phoenix		Gerald D. Gelvin
	CHARLES M. Sackett		Lorraine Hobbs Riegler
1938 -	Leora K. Zembrodt		Evelyn Marshall Rupp
	Leona E. Vance	1951	Donna Z. Beard
	Kathryn Emmitt		Sarah Jones Bennett
	Lillian Carter Sackett		Margaret Priest Legg
	Frederick J. Harviatt		Dolores Gusbar Costanzo
1939 -	Ellis W. King	1954	Michael L. Hersek
	Louise L. Cunningham	1955	Shirley Bible Carmack
1940 -	Hilda Crites King		Karl Hershberger
	Sally Yount Emerick	1956	Roger Crislip
1941 -	Marie Windsor Hubbard		Jerry Walters
	Robert E. Ripley	1961	Leslie Sackett
	Irene W. Murphy	1964	Carolyn Patterson Hall
	Betty Thomas Emery	1972	Denise E. McCoy
	Irene Clemmo Gramer		Donna Hope Headrick
1942 -	Robert E. Powers	1974	Mary R. Cushing
	Jean Miller Powers	1975	Tonya Martin Ballard
	Jean Jones Cockrell	1999	Rebekka F. Brazle
	Beatrice Moore		Donald L. Allebach
	Jean Point Call	2000	Jillian L. Alexander
1943 -	William B. Shreve		Tyrand D. Ammons
	Juanita Sanford Mullins		Shawn L. Arnold
1944 -	Ward A. Clemmo		Sabrina D. Barros
	John Sperry Jr.		Paul M. Bartholet
	Marie H. Geisinger		Jeffrey J. Beane
	Richard E. Smith		Russell E. Bell II
	Robert M. Cochran		Brittney Ann S. Benson
	Dolores Coontz Hine		Melissa A. Benson
	Gertrude Webster Scherer		Michael T. Bezbatchenko
	Frances Parks Ripley		Sandra M. Bochert
1945 -	Les Pletcher		Nathan A. Bollman
	Jeanette Mallory Cherry		Christopher M. Bowers
1946 -	Douglas Carmack		Sarah D. Bozzelli
	Paul Haney		Jesse J. Brotje
1947 -	Marian Wolcott Charles		Carrie D. Brown
	Gwendolyn Burks Haralson		Derek M. Brown
	Adam Micheli		Kristen L. Brumit
	Louise Schlup Archer		Tamara E. Buffa
	Melvin W. Woerz		Jessica L. Burr
	Bill Williams		Carrie L. Burton

ALUMNI MEMBERS PAYING DUES BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND (cont)

2000 - Mindemoya M. Burton
 Frances J. Campanella
 Anthony F Canda
 Angela M. Cevasco
 Christopher M. Christian
 Rebecca J. Clark
 Kristin R. Clemens
 Richard L. Clester III
 Stephen J. Cochran
 Emily A. Condos
 Justin M. Cook
 Jessica A. Cord
 Holly A. Craft
 Jamie M. Craft
 Andrea M. Crawford
 Keith Cunningham
 Ilario A. Cusaro
 Michael J. Cutright
 Emily R. Davis
 Sarah E. Davis
 Angela L. Decker
 Diana K. Dedinsky
 Anthony J. DeLeone
 Alison L. Dennis
 Erica J. Deyarmin
 Tara D. Dice
 Amy M. Dolman
 Angela M. Dudek
 Catherine M. Dunton
 Katie A. Dyer
 Tiffany M. Edwards
 Jennifer N. Finley
 Mario G. Formisano
 Todd P. Forshaw
 David W. Frisbee
 Elizabeth A. Galambos
 Joshua A. Garretson
 Brandy R. Gary
 David M. Gezzar
 Allison H. Glasgow
 Thomas D. Goodson
 Ronald L. Gould
 Brock H. Graver
 Theodore Greathouse Jr.
 Brittney R. Gustavel
 Cristie M. Gutierrez
 Sara R. Haas
 Monica J. Halter
 Kory Harper
 William D. Haubert III
 Lisa M. Heilmeier
 Patricia Henrique
 Mark W. Henry
 Nicholas L. Hillyard
 Paul J. Hlivko
 Patrick D. Huck
 Richard P. Hurst
 Cody T. Hutchens

Alexander C. Ison
 Jonathan G. Jameson
 Kelli L. Jones
 Miles C. Jung-Kilbreath
 Daniel J. Kadar
 Mohammad R. Kahook
 Malina Kaneas
 Jenifer M. Keen
 Angela Kellar
 Katherine Klimova
 Jason R. Kruger
 David W. Kuchenski
 Samuel C. Lawhorn
 Christine M. Le
 Sarah LeBarre
 Sarah M. Leisinger
 Michael W. Lestingi
 Ryan P. Lloyd
 Chad M. Loughry
 Anne M. Maddox
 Nathan S. Mahovich
 Anthony L. Maione
 MARTIN Martinez
 Thomas M. McAlarney
 Nicholas A. McHenry
 Rory K. McKeever
 Christopher J. McNichol
 Nora A. McSweeney
 Jill Molsner
 Glenn P. Moore
 Timothy K. Myers
 Ryan Nactrab
 Kristen M. Nagle
 Michael Naso
 Kelly R. Nelson
 Kristin M. Norris
 Martin Olson
 Himal P. Patel
 Jason P. Paul
 Matthew J. Phipps
 Donielle M. Porter
 Jeffery M. Prough
 Jamie L. Reardon
 Matthew C. Riddle
 Shane S. Rine
 Christopher D. Ritchey
 Amy M. Robinson
 Gary L. Robinson
 Mike N. Rueschman
 Kara Schenk
 Jason K. Schoenbaechler
 Michelle D. Scott
 Daniel Seone
 Nicholas M. Shaffer
 Brian M. Sheck
 Mark D. Showalter
 Renee L. Sims
 Todd J. Sladzik

ALUMNI MEMBERS PAYING DUES BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND (Cont)

2000-Nicholas W. Slusser
Jennifer N. Smathers
Kristen Ann Smith
Leigh E. Smith
Amber D. Smith
RANDY C. Smith
Jennifer L. Stanley
Christina M. Staszak
Matthew C. Stevens
Gillian M. Stephens
Stephanie N. Stewart
Paul M. Strebler
Jennifer L. Such
Rachel C. Thompson
Tony M. Thompson
Martin Tomaiko
David J. Tomello

Eric M. Towsley
Eric J. Turney
Tricia M. VanCamp
Jarrod W. Vansil
Lindsay A. Wahl
Carrie A. Walter
Brandy L. Warner
Nicole M. Whitworth
Latricia A. Wigington
Jessica D. Williams
Julie R. Williams
Chad A. Willmore
Brenda M. Wilson
Kimberly J. Wilson
Michael A. Wlaszyn
Matthew A. Yelling
Sheena M. Zadal
Amanda L. Zimmerman

COMMUNICATIONS

Sorry we cannot make this year. My wife suffered a stroke in April and recovering very nicely. Say hello to all my friends and classmates. William Grizer Class of 1932

Sorry I cannot make it this year. I have 2 grandchildren graduating from H. S. in south Florida in June and I plan to attend. I can't get to your meeting - but Bill will share the news and the Annual Report will fill me in. Thanks Chas W. Edmiston, Class of 1932.

I'm too old for that hot gym and to drive back across town at night. June King Marsh, 1934

Dear fellow alumni it is with deep regret that I am unable to attend the alumni banquet this year. The vicissitudes of old age prevent me from taking so long a trip for a single occasion. My family is now scattered over the USA and one is even now a resident of Australia. What time and energy now remains is being spent in travel to see each of them. Regretfully Rachel Yount Horton Class of 1936.

Thanks for the many years of hard work holding this group together. Would like to be there to see old friends again. Want you to know Bob Lutz and I are planning on being there next year - our sixty fifth anniversary for the class of 36. Jim Stauffer, 1936.

I was looking forward to attending this year, particularly to see who graduated in the 30's made it, but my husband is ill so I can't make it. I'm doing fine and will read all about it in your annual report. To THS alumni: Congratulations and best wishes Hope to see you next year June Kromer Gulbranson Class of 1937

Last year wasn't one of our better years - Bob broke his ankle in July AND hobbled around for several months. In November I had triple by-pass surgery and while I'm recovering nicely I find myself being fairly limited in activities. So it goes when you reach the Senior Stage. Can't travel so will remain in Texas and think of my Classmates in Ohio. Leona Parbel Vance Class of 1938.

COMMUNICATIONS (Cont)

In 1997 I retired from my high school library-media position and I've been enjoying life ever since! In 1993 after 21 years of widowhood I remarried. My husband is a retired music teacher. Together we have 4 daughters (3 are mine) and 14 grandchildren (nine are mine)

I look forward to seeing everyone Friday night but then we have to head home, Virginia Ayers Brant Krichbaum 1950.

My wife Theresa and some of our children and I plan to be in Ohio at the end of July and early August this summer. We have some health problems that could change our plans, but if we make it, I would like to see friends from my THS days, Best regards to all Mike Hersek, , Class of 1954

Unable to attend. Please send future correspondence to: 47 E. Main Street Seville, Oh 44273 Roger Crislip Class of 1956

Sorry I missed the Banquet and this is so Late! Donna Hope Headrick Class of 1972

Enclosed is \$5.00 for my annual report When are you going to set up a website. Don Richards, Gene Tisdale Don Dean, Art Schmidt and I regularly communicate via e-mail. I also access the Beacon Journal to keep up with what's going on in Tallmadge. Paul Haney Class of 1946.

Dear Alumni Friends:

I have had the secretary's job since 1984 and feel it is now time to give it up.

I have enjoyed the friends I have made over the years. Most were kind and helpful but once in awhile someone was difficult.

I will complete the 2000-2001 year as it will be my 50th Anniversary.

The school has been very co-operative and I must say John and Daisy Ilg Scalia have been great. Sometimes I WAS LATE GETTING THINGS to them but they always came through and I appreciate that very much.

One of the members of the Class of 1948 made me a beautiful quilt thanking me for all the work. I really appreciate that and it is used everyday.

Thanks to all for their help and understanding. I will be attending the meetings in the future.

Margaret Acken Boggess, Secretary

COMMUNICATIONS (Cont)

I can't believe it's been 60 years since I graduated from THS. I just don't feel old enough for that anniversary. Sorry I can't be there with my friends to celebrate. Sally Yount Emerick Class of 1940.

Unable to attend - Greetings and best of luck to all graduates. Betty Thomas Emery, Class of 1941

Sorry I can't attend. Jean Point Call, Class of 1942.

We are traveling outside the Country and only just received the notice, Hope you had a great meeting and hope to see you next year. Jean Jones Cockrell Class of 1942.

Dear Alumni Friends we were in San Francisco to attend our #1 grandsons graduation. He will be at University of Arizona in Tuscon in the Fall. #2 grandson is still in Hi School. We send our good wishes to the Class of 2000. Our Matt was in a Class of 350. We made two visits to Tallmadge this past year - for loss of THS Alumni Family members Winnie and Betty. We hopee to be in Tallmadge again in 2001 but not sure until closer to the Spring. Thank you for the news we look forward to your communications and minutes of the meeting of 2000. Joy to all Bob & Jean Powers Class of 1942.

Tallmadge Alumni Assn. - The 121st Meeting of the THS Alumni Association brings back memories that we encountered when we attended "Good Old Tallmadge Hi." Each member of our class of 1937 was proud even though there were only 18 of us graduating. Ruth and I are sorry that we can't attend this year. However we will be looking forward to receiving and reading the Annual Report. Charles Sackett 1937

I will not be able to attend but will enclose a check for dues. Best wishes to the Class of 2000 and to all members of the Alumni Association. My thoughtd will be with you on June 10, 2000. Minnie Scherer Phoenix Class of 1937.

Very sorry will be unable to attend but enclosing my dues. Congratulations to the Class of 2000 and my greetings to fellow Alumni. John D. Sperry Jr. Class of 1944.

Not able to come this year other commitments. Dolores Coontz Hine, 1944.

Couldn't make it to Alumni Banquet but would like to receive annual report. Thanks Gertrude Webster Scherer. Class of 1944.

I am not able to attend banquet would like a copy of the annual report. Gwendolyn Burks Haralson Class of 1947

I will pay dues but have a wedding to attend Louise Schlup Archer Class of 1947

I will unable to attend. Doris Jones Eagon Class of 1949.

Sorry I am unable to attend this Year. LaVonne Goma Dodge Class of 1949.

Sorry I cannot attend the Alumni Banquet. I have a conflict with my oldest grandson's graduation from High School.