

**2003**

**ALUMNI REPORT**

**124TH  
ALUMNI BANQUET**

**JUNE 7, 2003**

**TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL  
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



June 7, 2003, 210 Alumni and Guests met at Tallmadge High School for the 124th Alumni Banquet Meeting.

We began with a Social Hour at 5:45 P.M. followed by a Baked Chicken and Roast Beef Buffet dinner catered by Horning.

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

The invocation was given by First Vice-President Amy Bauch (class of 2001)

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

President Chris Neitz (1971) called the meeting to order and introduced officers and committees.

A special thanks was given to John and Daisy Ilg Scalia (1960) of A-A Blueprint for donating all our printing services.

The Secretary's Report was read by Secretary Susan Wood Yeager (1978) and was approved.

The Treasurer's Report was given by JoAnn Stem Wood (1948) and was approved.

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

2002

Balance brought forward on January 1, 2002		\$2,112.24
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Receipts for 2002:

Dinners	\$1,863.00	
Dues	1,413.00	
Donations	380.00	
Interest	<u>12.57</u>	
		\$3,668.57

Expenditures for 2002:

T.H.S. Scholarships		
2 -\$600.00	\$1,200.00	
Talking Blue Devils	100.00	
Postage	282.61	
Arrangements Committee	39.09	
Smyth Trophies	121.28	
Catering - Horning	1,845.00	
Refunds	54.00	
Secretary's Fee	50.00	
Secretary's Supplies	<u>53.68</u>	
		<u>\$3,745.66</u>
Balance on hand December 31, 2002		\$2,035.15

JoAnn M. Wood, Treasurer

The Treasurer's Books were audited by Ileana Crites Williams (1944) and found to be in order.

Superintendent of Schools Vincent Frammartino gave us an informative report on the status of the schools. He said that he was glad to be able to come this year and renew friendships and welcomed everyone back. He told us that this was his fourth year as superintendent. He said he was proud of the students and that we are one point away from excellence. The 2002 baseball team were the State Champs last year. He also stated that we are losing three coaches and that a new Athletic Director was hired. Don Seeker the baseball coach took over the job of Athletic Director and that this was his last year as a coach. Last year the district hired 23 new teachers. This year they only have to replace three teachers. They hired a new high school principal and a new elementary school principal.

Financially the district is doing good. The State keeps taking money away and therefore the district must come back to the community for money. A majority of the citizens are on a fixed income. This is not our choice. The state cut \$139,000 from the budget. The next operating levy will be in 2006.

There was a task force set up in March of 2001 and they had 25 meetings until November of 2002. 60 to 80 citizens met twice a month. A bond issue was put on the ballot but it went down. The facilities are one of the biggest needs.

Fifty Year Report – (1953) - The fifty-year report was given by Gale W. Stem, President of the class.

Good Evening Ladies and Gentlemen. For those of you who don't know me, I am Gale Stem, President of the Class of "1953". It is my privilege to address you this evening.

While preparing for this talk I received a note from a dear classmate of mine. It talked about the contents of a good speech and was signed "K.I.S.S." I asked my wife what it meant and she said, "Don't you know that means "Keep it short stupid". I told her my dear classmate wouldn't have meant that. She probably meant "Keep it Simple Stem."

First, I would like to thank the Alumni Association for honoring us, The Class of "53, this evening and for the gifts I understand we will receive. I think the Alumni Association should be congratulated for being able to keep the cost of the dinner and dues in line for another year in today's economy!

A few FACTS about the Class of 1953

1 – The number of students in the graduating class of 1953 was 59. There are fifteen deceased members.

2 – All of us are proud to be Tallmadge Alumni, of the 59 Graduates listed in our 1953 yearbooks:

A – 29 started in the first grade together, so that means we have been friends for at least 62 years.

B – 24 went on to college or a degree of higher learning.

C – 15 became teachers, (or roughly 25 percent)

3 – The Classmates of "1953" have produced approximately three hundred and eighty-five descendants to carry on our traditions.

A – Only 11 had children or grandchildren that attended Tallmadge Schools. That's 19 percent of our class. What happened Tallmadge?



4- Of the 44 surviving graduates 32 have attended at least one "Breakfast Club" with their classmates.

5 - Popular songs introduced in 1953.

- A - The Little White Cloud That Cried
- B - Wheel of Fortune
- C - Glow Worm

Alan Freed debuted "Moon Dog Rock and Roll Party" on Cleveland Radio. Top songs were:

- A - How Much Is That Doggie In The Window
- B - Your Cheatin Heart
- C - Don't Let The Stars Get In Your Eyes
- D - Rags To Riches

We started school in the Fall of 1941. How quickly you made new friends, the teachers, the playground, the Noon Movies, the bus rides and for those of us who walked, it was at least 5 miles each way to and from school.

Grade School was lots of FUN!

In the first grade, I met Ernie Walters, our then future Postmaster of Tallmadge. He introduced me to his right upper cut on the playground. When the bell rang, he and I were in the boys bathroom stuffing paper towels in my mouth, trying to stop the bleeding. I don't think we got into any trouble, but I had a sore tongue.

In the second grade, I had an uncle who was drafted into the U.S. Army Air Force. I was very proud of him. My mother would let me read the letters he sent to her. He told her his rank in the service was a B.A.P. One night after school I was standing with my second grade teacher, Mrs. Warden, I was telling her about my uncle. She asked what is a B.A.P.? I said, "Oh that's a Buck Ass Private." Years later my mother told me about Mrs. Warden telling her what I had said, laughing all the time.

On to Junior High. You could now ask a girl to go to the noon movie and if you were lucky she might say yes and go with you. School started to get harder, and there were a lot of distractions we were not used to.

Next, on to High School. I don't remember much guidance in relation to the subjects we chose. In our Freshman year, our class advisor was Nicholas Trosky. He advised us to work to make money by selling brooms and Christmas wreaths. By Christmas we had a nice treasury.

One day early into the new year, he came to me and said he thought that the class officers should go to a meeting in the gym that night. There was talk about building a football stadium, and because it would affect our high school years, we should be there.

The meeting was very dry, nobody would make any commitment. After about an hour, Mr. Trosky came to us and said "If you don't do something, nothing is going to get done." The meeting will adjourn and everybody will just go home and forget about it. He said, "You class officers have the power to make a donation on behalf of the Freshman class and get the ball rolling."



We talked it over, and decided to donate the fire \$200.00 to the fund IF they would go ahead and form a Stadium Association that night. The Stadium Association was formed and by spring we were raking and planting grass for our new stadium. Then we helped put the bleachers together, and by the Fall of our Sophomore year, we were marching, cheering and playing football in our new stadium.

Under the direction of Don Owen, our band was the Best Band in the area, winning various awards and performing in Cleveland. They were one of the First to perform the Black Light numbers. We had outstanding majorettes, but I didn't get to watch them as I was in the locker room at halftime. We also had a great group of cheerleaders, as well as the greatest bunch of loyal fans anyone could ask for.

Our football team learned lots of lessons of life winning but 1 game our freshman year. A 5 -4 record our Sophomore year and winning back to back Metro League Championships our Junior and Senior years. I can personally tell you, it is a lot more fun playing on winning team than a losing one.

To quote the words of Jim Tressel, Ohio State Coach, "WE HAD A DAMN GOOD FOOTBALL TEAM AND A DAM GOOD BAND." I believe in the history of Tallmadge Football. No one but us has won back to back outright "Championships" in Football. We were GOOD. We were Lucky, but we were Champions. Lots of credit goes to our coaches: Bill Barton, Ralph Larson, Andy Oris and Dick Schwabe. A lot of people had written us off after our Junior year because we had lost a lot of key players from the Class of 1952., but a lot of people stepped up and filled the gap and helped return another trophy.

My challenge to you is this" Walk the Hallowed halls of Tallmadge High School and find the Trophies we won. Everyone you talk to does not know about them. They can't find them but it would be nice to see them once and be proud of our tradition.

Some of our Good Memories in High School:

- a. TAYO - Tallmadge Area Youth Organization  
We met upstairs Wed. nights in the Olde Town Hall. Music, dancing and Girls.
- b. Friday night games
- c. Saturday night dates to the movies downtown.  
Akron "Lowe's" - "Colonial" - "Palace"
- d. Tallmadge Springs - swimming
- e. Munroe Falls Park - swimming (Renner's)
- f. Pantry on the Circle - hamburgers, cokes and pin ball
- g. Ed's Drive In - Now Michelis Restaurant
- h. Drag Racing
- i. Blue Swede Shoes
- j. White Bucks
- k. Flat Top Haircuts by Chuck the Barber
- l. Poodle skirts and Crinoline slips
- m. Skinny ties
- n. Porkpie Hats and Topcoats

We had a GREAT weekend for our 50th Reunion. Last night we were at the Rustic Hills Country



Club in Medina. Lots of talk about the Old Days. Good food and Lots of Laughs.

This morning we toured the existing JR High School where we received our 12th Grade education. Lots of old memories in those old buildings.

This afternoon we ate a box lunch at the Old Town Hall in the Circle, followed by a tour of the Museum upstairs.

Tonight we are honored by the Alumni Association.

Tomorrow on to John & Linda Doecker's for a picnic and to say our good-byes. We will see you at the next class breakfast or hopefully sooner.

Dorothy Bond Dittmer - I would like to recognize you for the memorable things you have done for our class in our Retirement years. She started five years ago editing and publishing a monthly news letter that we all enjoy. She edited and published (with a lot of good help) our Memory Book. Which we gave to each classmate. On behalf of the class of "53" let me say - Thank You Dorothy! Keep those newsletters coming.....

Our Class will also write a check to the Alumni Association in the amount of \$200.00 for the Scholarship Fund.

We will be giving to the Alumni association a Memory Booklet telling more about who we are and who we were. For those of you who are interested, a book will be donated to the Tallmadge Library. It will be found under the section on Tallmadge Yearbooks and (as a plug for the Library) they are accepting old unwanted Annuals as donations. Thanks again to the Alumni for honoring us here this evening

At this time the Association presented 50 years pins to the women and tie tacs to the men of the class. They were also given Golden Delicious Apples for good health which were furnished by June King Marsh (1934).

All graduates who graduated more than 50 years ago also received Golden Delicious Apples compliments of June King Marsh (1934).

We then heard from the 25 year Class-Class of 1978 which was given by Susan Wood Yeager.

On Sunday, June 4, 1978., 320 students walked across the stage of EJ Thomas Hall to become the 99th class to graduate from Tallmadge High School.

Dr. Pat Crisci was the Superintendent and Dennis Buzzelli was the principal at the High School.

The usual classes were offered, such as Math, Physics, Chemistry, Biology, History, English, Foreign Languages. Also offered was Home Ec for girls or Bachelor Living for the guys. Girls were now al-



lowed to take shop classes.

Art class was another subject offered and two students had their work sent on to the national competition in New York City.

The big event of the year was that on April 10 – 100 kids walked out of the school to protest the attendance policy. No credit for the class if you missed 10 days (for a semester) 19 days for the year. Three tardies equal 1 absence. Tardiness of 20 minutes or more was considered an absence. Students, teachers and administration got together and decided that a 30 minute detention would make up one tardiness.

The weather that year was very snowy. We used 6 snow days this winter so one day had to be made up. You could never tell if it was warmer outside the building than inside the building. We wore sweaters, coats, hats and gloves to keep warm. The average temperature inside the building was 55 to 60 degrees.

We had 2 foreign exchange students. One was from Mexico and the other one was from Japan. Two students place 9th in the state for the debate team.

In sports, the golf, cross country, boys basketball, boys tennis all had winning seasons. The other sports were going through a rebuilding period. The boys baseball team were Metro Champs.

Some popular TV shows were Mork & Mindy, The Ropers and Taxi. Movies showing at that time were The Deer Hunter, Grease, Halloween, Animal House, Superman and The Lord of the Rings.

Popular music groups were, The Bee Gees, Andy Gibb, The Commodores, Anne Murray and Exile.

Jimmy Carter was the President and Walter Mondale was Vice President.

Life Expectancy was 73.5 years. The price of a movie ticket was \$2.00. Gas was 70 cents a gallon and a postage stamp was 15 cents.

The tuition to Harvard University was \$4,450.00 per year.

Our senior pictures were taken at Carpenters Studio with only one pose and one outfit unlike today's seniors. Our Senior prom was held at the Kent State Ballroom.

These are just a few facts and fun figures about the year 1978. It doesn't seem possible that 25 years have gone by since we graduated from high school. Our children are now graduating from high school and going off to college.

At this time Chris Bauch introduced Julie Donges Oliver (1977) who than welcomed the class of 2003.

I vividly recall, 26 years ago in June of 1977, that I stopped for a moment on my graduation day to think about my future.



Even back then, I knew that I would have a son who everyone would call "MO" and that he would graduate from Tallmadge High School and speak before the Alumni Association. I pictured him with a beautiful girlfriend named Erin who would be just as intelligent, caring, and successful as him.

Okay, actually in my wildest imagination I never dreamed that would happen.

However, here I am today to introduce my son to you. MO has to his credit a number of accomplishments. He was one of ten valedictorians in his class, received the Wesley Woodford Student Athlete Award, served as president of his class for three years and as National Honor Society vice president, played football, soccer, and baseball. Participated in numerous volunteer activities, was honored with the Manhood Award and never once made his bed without being told.

The class of 2003 is well represented here tonight with MO and Erin Duffy.

Erin's laundry list of accomplishments include the Linda Mogart Student Athlete Award, the Womanhood Award, Outstanding Spanish V student, and Outstanding Political Science Student. She played volleyball, basketball and softball while maintaining a 4.0 GPA that made her another of the ten valedictorians, and now to speak on behalf of the Class of 2003 I am very proud to present my son, MO.

Thank you mom, and thanks to everyone here for the opportunity to represent my class of 2003. I cannot believe how quickly my years in the Tallmadge School system have gone by. I still can recall so many memories from Dunbar, Munroe, the Middle School, and finally the High School.

Next year I will be staying close to home by attending The University of Akron where I have received the Scholarship for Excellence and will live on campus. My plan is to study Engineering, and yes mom, I may go to law school afterwards with the intent of becoming a patent attorney.

The class of 2003 is made up of a great group of people, many of whom I have known for years and years.

Probably most amazing to me about this class is the incredible bond between so many of the students. Yet, the class of 2003 has opened up and accepted new members as well. Foreign exchange students easily became part of the group and enjoyed the many activities that most students take for granted.

Transfer students have entered the Tallmadge School District and excelled in sports and academics while forming friendships that will last forever.

What I believe sets our class apart is the school spirit and fun loving nature of the students. Yes, we work very hard to improve in sports, to maintain grade point averages, and give back to the community, but we know how to have a good time.

I'm proud to admit that I was one of the guys who dressed up for sporting events in get ups most people would never consider being seen in. Biker, snowsuits, caveman, clown, nerd, pilgrim, or just covered in blue and gold from head to toe. We were proud to support our teams. Although not everyone dresses in these wild outfits, many students in our class showed support in one way or another.

That pride has nothing to do with the brick that make up the school buildings or the Devil s logo, or



the blue and gold colors. Rather, the Class of 2003 is proud of each and every member who, in his or her own way, contributed something to make this class a special group of diverse people.

I look forward to seeing the accomplishments of my classmates in the future because I have very high expectations for them..

As a representative of the Class of 2003, I honorably accept our admittance into the Alumni Association. Thank you for inviting me to speak before you this evening.

The class of 1929 – 74 year class had 1 member in attendance.

The class of 1933 – 70 year class had 1 member in attendance.

The class of 1938 – 65 year class had 5 members in attendance.

The class of 1940 – had 4 in attendance.

The class of 1941 – had 6 in attendance.

The class of 1942 – had 2 members in attendance.

The class of 1943 – 60 year class had 9 in attendance.

The class of 1944 – had 6 in attendance.

The class of 1945 – had 1 in attendance.

The class of 1946 – had 8 in attendance.

The class of 1947 – had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1948 – 55 year class had 14 in attendance.

The class of 1949 – had 3 in attendance.

The class of 1950 – had 8 in attendance.

The class of 1951 – had 9 in attendance.

The class of 1952 – had 1 in attendance.

The class of 1953 – 50 year class had 24 in attendance.

The class of 1978 – 25 year class had 1 in attendance.

## 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.

Since the Alumni Banquet in 2002 we have lost to the great creator.

Class	Name	Age	Date of Death
1918	Rosalind Sackett Rothrock	102	November 8, 2002
1927	Marian Sackett Emmitt	92	February 20, 2003
1929	Ralph Acken	91	June 16, 2002
1938	Carol Orser Scheeser Coulter	82	June 8, 2002
	Fredrick J. Harvaïtt Sr.	83	October 19, 2002
1939	Leo T. Herman	81	December 6, 2002
1940	Elva Hinton Hay	82	November 24, 2002
	Donald H. Williams	82	March 28, 2003
	Robert Richmond Sr.	82	April 15, 2003
1944	A. Derwin Richards	76	December 12, 2002
	John A. Sperry Jr.	76	January 24, 2003
	Alberta Mosholder Hoisington	76	March 21, 2003
1947	Herbert C. Carmack	75	September 20, 2002
1948	Jack R. Augustine	72	August 27, 2002
1952	Barbara Shackelford King	68	March 16, 2003
1954	Gary Saylor	66	November 20, 2002
1955	Harriet Bierce Perdue	65	December 16, 2002
	James E. Lewis Sr.	67	December 17, 2002
	Richard R. King	66	May 19, 2003
1956	James E. Frank	63	June 9, 2002
	Claudine DeWitt Hoisington	63	July 3, 2002
	Janet Swartz Farkas	64	December 6, 2002
1957	Leslie N. Miller	63	November 12, 2002
1958	William B. Haben	65	July 18, 2002
1960	Barbara Hedrick Williams	59	September 18, 2002
1963	Jean Wilsterman Mathers	57	October 18, 2002
	Alfonzo Menendez Jr.	57	November 30, 2002
1964	Larry L. Neiger	57	April 15, 2003
1965	Mark R. Warner	53	August 5, 2002
	Terry L. Gilmore	55	January 26, 2003



1966	Andrew G. Beresh	56	April 13, 2003
1967	James F. Donston Jr.	54	April 7, 2003
1969	James E. Dague	51	October 20, 2002
1977	Edward B. Dove	44	January 24, 2003
1980	David M. Olds	41	November 24, 2002
1995	Matthew L. Kafka	25	October 3, 2002
2000	Angela D. Kellar	20	February 13, 2003

It has been reported from the Class of 1953 that Constance Callison Buck, Janice Keister Whitmand and Bell Rice Stackpole are deceased in 2002, the others before that.

It was reported in the obits that Debbie L. Walker graduated from Tallmadge High, but I cannot find what year she graduated in.

We have also lost a number of Teachers: Lee A. Brubaker, age 76;; Gladys Kalbaugh, age 93; Richard D. Burns, age 69; Comford Mallot Tschantz, age 89; James S. Garrison, age 57; Elizabeth "Betty" Knopf; and Secretary Evelyn Knieriem, age 87. Rest in peace.

JoAnn Stem Wood, Class of 1948

Unfinished Business – There was no unfinished business.

New Business – Two \$600.00 scholarships were given to the Class of 2003, recipients were Miss Danielle Merriman and Mr. Dominic Poe.

The Alumni Hall of Fame Committee is looking for some new members. They would like to do a two or three year rotation. Always keeping someone on the committee from the year before. If anyone would like to volunteer to serve on this committee please let me know. We are trying to get together a golf outing to raise money for the scholarships that the Alumni Association gives each year. The date of the outing is July 19, 2003. Anyone can golf does not have to be an alumnus. Cost is \$50.00 for dinner and golf. It will take place at Paradise Lake Country Club. 1900 Randolph Road, Suffield, Oh. 8:00 am Shotgun Start. 4 Man & Lady scramble – 18 Holes. Prizes – longest drive, closest to pin, best ladies team, best men team, last place and hole in one. Lunch at turn. Happy hour at 5:00 p.m. – steak dinner at 6:00 p.m. \$20.00 for dinner only. Silent Auction will also be held. RAIN OR SHINE. If interested contact Sue Wood Yeager 330 633-4526 or mail check made payable to THS Alumni Association to Sue Wood Yeager 551 Bronson Dr. Tallmadge, OH 44278.

We need your support in order to keep the scholarships coming. Ways to help would be by golfing, paying dues or sending a donation to the Alumni Association marked scholarship fund.

We then had our Alumni Hall of Fame inductees presented by Kathleen Bauch Maddox (1965). The first 2003 Hall of Fame inductee is a name that any Tallmadge resident, past or present cannot help but know. The name is as familiar to those in the area as the Tallmadge Circle or the Historic Church in the park. Tonight the Alumni Association is honoring an 1891 graduate of Tallmadge High School, Mr. Henry Bierce.

His nominator, who did not know Henry personally, stated the following: "I feel that I have come to know Henry's good character from countless testimonies of customers who benefited from his generosity. Time after time, I've been told how he supplied coal and feed to those in need, despite their inability to pay." An article, written ten months after Henry's passing in 1955 was submitted with Henry's nomination. It is



his love for aviation and enrolled at Kent State University in the fall of 1941 seeking to be a mechanical engineer in the field of aviation. However, on December 7, 1941, the Japanese changed the lives of many young men and women in the country, including John's.

"John was drafted into the Army Air Corps, the predecessor of today's Air Force. He was assigned to the 494th Bomb Group and stationed in various locations in the South Pacific. As a crew Chief on a B-25 Bomber, he was responsible to ensure the airplane was mechanically ready to fly. During the war, John was fortunate enough to remain involved in the field that he loved. When the war was over, John returned to his hometown, Tallmadge."

"Upon his return, John went to work for the road department for the City of Tallmadge. It was during John's absence in WWII, the David Bierce and a group of men formed the Tallmadge Volunteer Fire Department. Chief Bierce contacted John and he eagerly volunteered his services to the fledgling department. Since this was only a volunteer organization, John later changed jobs and earned his living working for the Mack Truck Company as a mechanic."

John worked hard at his full-time job, volunteered as a firefighter and still found time to give such organizations as the Boy Scouts, where he became a leader and helped many young boys grow into sound young men. His passion, however, became the fire department. Because it was volunteer organization, and essentially unsupported by the City, much of his time and effort, as well as that of his colleagues, was spent training and building equipment for the department.

"In 1970, the City of Tallmadge decided to hire their first full time firefighter. This person was asked to administrate the department, and be the fire safety inspector for the city. John applied and was hired for the position. He accepted this new challenge and began immediately building the department into a cohesive group of trained and organized people never before imagined in this city. Through fire safety inspections and the purchase of updated and modernized equipment, fires soon became fewer and less severe throughout the city."

"In the mid 1970's, John saw a need for better pre-hospital medical care for the citizens of Tallmadge. As always, he accepted this challenge and not only entirely put his efforts into providing the training necessary for the men but also into the acquisition of new equipment necessary to provide this service."

"In November of 1987, John's dreams came to fruition. The success story of the Tallmadge Emergency Medical System is self-evident. The concepts of this system have been copied and used by many surrounding communities. Even now, twenty-five years later, the system he created still receives accolades for its accomplishments."

Although John's career kept very busy, he still found time to share of himself with neighbors and friends. Whenever John was called upon for help in the community or for friends, he was always ready and willing to volunteer his services no matter what the magnitude of the task. Many welcomed his unassuming numerous Fire Department and fire chief associations.

John died in 1999, leaving the Tallmadge Community with a foundation for saving the lives of countless individuals past, present and future. It is my great pleasure and honor to induct Mr. John Cooper Crossen into the Tallmadge Alumni hall of Fame.

Here, this evening, to accept this honor on John's behalf is John's oldest son, Mr. Dennis Crossen. Denny, as many know him, also follows his father's example and is currently the Fire Chief for the City of Tallmadge. The Alumni Association is delighted to extend its congratulations to John's family. There will also be an application and the rules for nominating the Hall of Fame members included in the Annual Report.

The journey of our last 2003 Hall of Fame inductee this evening took him from his roots in Tallmadge to countries that extended from Europe, Japan and Russia to Australia, the Far East and many more. His travels allowed him to share his exceptional achievements and accomplishments in his career field. This evening, the Alumni Association honors a 1938 Tallmadge High School graduate, Mr. Edgar Everhart III.

Edgar Everhart's career did not afford him the opportunity to stay in one place. I can only attempt to paint a picture on the canvas of his career endeavors by quoting and paraphrasing his nominator's letter.

The eldest of four children, Edgar Everhart III was born in 1920. Edgar was an A+ students and a member of the Honor Society during his high school years. It was during those years that Edgar earned



from this article, that I would like to highlight the life and character of Mr. Henry Bierce.

"Such citizens as Henry Bierce do not just happen." The youngest of five children, Henry Bierce was born in 1874 at the present Bierce family home. This was to remain Henry's residence all of his life. Although Henry was the youngest of five children, "he was never spoiled by coddling, nor warped by over-severity. He showed his enterprise early. When investigating his surroundings when quite small, he fell and broke his right arm, which caused him to become left-handed. Such was his background. He was a worthy son of his forebearers. The old Book, taken more seriously then, than now, states that if we train up a child in the way he should go, when he is old he will not depart from it. Henry was an example of that truth."

"There were no special incidents of his early years. He attended the wooden Central School that stood where the old brick grade building is now located. He united with the old church in the park and remained a faithful member and officer of that church for sixty-three years."

"In reviewing Henry's life, it should be noted that he was 100% a Tallmadge product. Almost all of his contemporaries drifted away to other places for education and business opportunities. Henry stayed in his old home and made his own opportunities right here in Tallmadge." For example, when he took over the Morgan Thomas coal business, he was advised against the deal because farms were going by the wayside and with them the feed business. Progress, he was advised, would soon find a fuel better than coal. All of the predictions came to pass, except that Henry ignored the advice. "He went ahead, changed with the changing conditions, and built up a business that is a credit to our city this day."

"He grew on people and as his dependability and sound sense came to be more and more appreciated, he was given more and more offices of trust and responsibility. The community felt his wholehearted loyalty and devotion. Educated in Tallmadge, marrying a Tallmadge girl, conducting his business in Tallmadge and leaving two sturdy sons to continue his business, his life was woven into the very warp and woof of the community."

"Besides his long service as Deacon of the church, Henry served as Township Trustee, clerk of the Township, Clerk of the Board of Education for twenty years, and a member of the County Board of Education. He was a long member of the Kiwanis Club at the Falls, but resigned in order to join the Lions Club when that was organized, to help the Tallmadge group. He was President of this society for many years, long a member of the Knights of Pythias, and one of the oldest members of the Grange, in which order he filled all the offices open to men. Besides these public services, he performed a multitude of neighborly good deeds. He was an arbitrator in disputes, a helper in time of trouble, an appraiser in settling in estates and a bearer at many, many funerals. In any time of need, people instinctively turned to him, as a sure help in time of trouble."

"Henry's reliability and sound sense were shown by the way he passed through the social revolution of his years. It was said that the older, independent and self-reliant citizens first objected to change, then accepted government bounty, and finally demanded it. Henry was true to the old doctrine. He paid his way, with no subsidy or government handout to aid him, and yet he was no sour misanthrope. He went along with every good constructive change and supported every good cause. Simple and unassuming, diligent, friendly and reliable, he made a name for himself that Tallmadge delights to honor."

It is my very great pleasure and honor to induct Mr. Henry Bierce into the Tallmadge Alumni Hall of Fame. Here tonight to accept this honor on Henry's behalf is Henry's grandson, Mr. David Bierce, who along with his brother Tom and following their grandfather's example, is still running the Henry Bierce family company. It is with the gratification of the Alumni Association to extend its congratulations to Henry's family.

Our next 2003 Hall of Fame inductee was also a citizen that did not "just happen". With his hard work, loyalty to his community and foresight into the future, his contributions to the Tallmadge community have left a legacy that has and will continue to touch the lives of countless people. Tonight, the Alumni Association is honoring a 1941 graduate of Tallmadge High School, Mr. John Cooper Crossen. I would like to illustrate the highlights of John's life and achievements from some of the materials submitted by his nominator.

John Crossen was born in Tallmadge 1921, where he lived the majority of his life. John was the older of two children. During his early life and school years, John worked for Henry Bierce on the farm, and later worked in the hardware and feed store founded by his then employer. After his graduation, John pursued



money from a paper route and helped with his youngest brother who was handicapped with Cerebral Palsy.

"Edgar graduated from Oberlin College, Phi Beta Kappa and Magna Cum Laude in 1942. He was immediately recruited for the radiation laboratory at Massachusetts Institute of Technology where during WWII he did research in electronics. He "smashed atom" in a huge machine and observed and recorded their movements. In 1948, he earned a PhD in Physics. He later became a physics instructor at Dartmouth College, then a full Professor at the University of Connecticut where he remained until his first retirement in 1969."

During his years of teaching at the University of Connecticut, he developed an interest in astronomy. He became known as a comet-orbit specialist. He used complex mathematics to track and predict their paths. In 1964 and again in 1966, he discovered comets, which now bear his name. This led him, in 1970 from Connecticut to the clear skies of the mountains in Colorado where he and his wife, Libby, built their home at the top of Dick Mountain in Bailey, Co, about an hour SW of Denver.

"With this move, he started a new career as head of the Physics and Astronomy Department at the University of Denver. His students enjoyed his love for and grasp of the subject matter and his sense of humor, which made his class sessions entertaining as well as informative."

"At his mountaintop home, he designed and constructed a "comet finder" where, bundled against the weather, he spent many cold nights watching the skies. He also built at his home, his own private observatory that housed a 16" reflector telescope that he built for himself. He made all the mechanical parts, ground the lens himself and attached it to a timing device which tracked the stars with an accuracy that was within one second per year."

He took photographs of the stars and developed them in his own darkroom. He developed a system of coating the developing film with hydrogen, which greatly increased the detail in the pictures. They were so clear; no one could believe they were taken from the relatively small telescope at his home. Some of his best known photos were taken of the "Orion Nebula," "Horsehead Nebula," "Rosetta Nebula," "Spiral Nebula," "Andromeda Galaxy," "The Pleiades," "Comet West," and the last visit of "Halley's Comet." He also photographed the entire Milky Way in a complete series of pictures. These photos were published worldwide in astronomical magazines such as "sky and Telescope", along with his articles on astro-photography, telescope construction and comet-tracking."

Edgar spoke almost yearly at scientific and astronomy conferences around the world. He published 74 scientific papers in professional journals. Upon his death in 1999, Edgar was praised for his work and the generous ways he shared his knowledge, discoveries and techniques with anyone who might benefit from them. He never looked for financial gain for himself.

"His other interests included hiking with his wife in the mountains and following the back roads to ghost towns in Colorado. He collected and learned to play various types of stringed instruments. He also designed and constructed a mandolin flat enough to fit into a suitcase. He would take it with him on trips entertaining himself and others."

"Additionally, Edgar made good use of computers to calculate the movements and anticipated movements of celestial bodies. Only his scientific colleagues could understand the depth of his genius in mathematics, physics and astronomy and the importance of his contributions to knowledge in these fields. However, in spite of his genius, all his students, friends and family enjoyed his sense of humor, his penchant for gentle practical jokes, his enthusiasm for learning and his enjoyment of life in general."

Tallmadge is indeed fortunate to boast Edgar Everhart III as one of its sons. It is again this evening, my pleasure and honor to induct Mr. Edgar Everhart III into the Alumni Association's Hall of Fame. Here to accept this honor on Edgar's behalf is Mr. Everhart's sister, Mrs. Lois Schuld. The Alumni Association extends their congratulations to all of Edgar's family.

NEXT YEAR OUR BANQUET WILL BE JUNE 12, 2004.

Chris Bauch (1971) stated that there was no nominating report this year because all the officers serve for two years. Next year we will have a nominating report.



Submitted this 7th day of June 2003.

We then sang the Alma Mater led by the Class of 1952 who wrote it.

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

As there was no further business the meeting was adjourned.

#### 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.  
Our school days we hold dear and years  
At Tallmadge High  
Tallmadge Devotion is our pledge

#### ALUMNI MEMBERS PRESENT

1929 - William Edmiston	1944 - Karl Starks
1933 - Katherine Huber Cannizzaro	Dolores Coontz Hine
1938 - Beatrice Watts Acken	Margaret Orr Bumpas
Adria Hoisington Saxe	Ileana Crites Williams
Emma C. Holmes	Frances Parks Ripley
Paul Ragle	Dorothy Senglar Schroedel-Wilson
Helen Wade Knowles	1945 - Donald A. Williams
1940 - Francis Cooper	1946 - Wilma Shephard Beatty
Josephine Ilg Patterson	William Everhart
H.A. (Chuck) Steiner	Donald Cully
Mary Haney Wilson	Jean Atwood Cully
1941 - Alberta Crossen Bauch	James D. Kinney
Harry Bost	Shirley LeCount Kalbaugh
Julius W. Gearhart	Theodora Scott Urban
Dorothy Metcalf Garritano	Margaret Ilg Mitran
Helen Black Thompson	1947 - Shirley Sanford Booth
Robert E. Ripley	C. Robert Alexander
1942 - Jean Point Call	Melvin R. Metcalf
Lois Everhart Schuld	1948 - Dick Wood
1943 - James Henninge	JoAnn Stem Wood
Marjorie Lawrence Henninge	John F. Cochran
Billie Orr Hart	Don Wade
James M. Werner	June Garrett Wade
Donald A. Jones	Beryl Vandersall
Kay Holt Ragle	Maxine Hoke Metcalf
Dorothy Wells Ross	Alvin E. Sayre
Faith Wagner Hause	Helen Reznik Butler
Jane Shuman Huth	Dorothy Atwood Alexander

- 1948 - Mike DeChant  
Richard A. Hughes  
Ellen Baker Hughes  
Brian Detweiler
- 1949 - Jerry Smith  
Carolyn Atwood Mackey
- 1950 - Marcene Riddle Scyoc  
Marian Parks Schopper  
Mary Ledgerwood Riddle  
James C. Wharton  
Violet Kerns Gerken  
Joan Carmack Morgan  
Norma Oxford Shaffer  
Elizabeth Jacobs Griffith
- 1951 - Fay SeEVERS Wharton  
Sarah Jones Bennett  
Louise Ledgerwood Rainbolt  
Dolores Seckman Baldwin  
Joan Smith  
Mary Metcalf Bennett  
Margaret Acken Boggess  
Richard S. Smith  
Carl Miller
- 1952 - James E. McGuire
- 1953 - Mary Louise Smith Allsion  
David Canady  
Lois Symons Crossen  
Shirley Miller Clark  
Dorothy Bond Dittmer  
John Doecker  
Don Faught  
Rosemarie Mittiga Filing  
Donald Freed  
Dorothy Acken Hicks  
Donald Howard  
June Sheppard Huck  
Janet Wheatley Lawley  
Patricia Lezak Ranta  
Nancy Cain Schertzinger  
Don Scherer  
Evelyn Keck Scott  
Helen Sokol  
Gale W. Stem  
Doris Swartz  
Ruth Wolcott Weaver  
John Williamson  
Keith Yoho  
Shirley Bishop Yoho
- 1954 - Kenneth Riley  
Elsie Joanne Hershberger Lewis  
Ronald W. Frase  
Clint Robbins
- 1954 - Betty Hahns Millsaps  
Eugene "Pete" Ilg  
Shirley Criss Freed  
Charles McGall
- 1955 - JoAnn Aber Stem  
James Johnson  
Nancy Heaton Johnson  
Joanna Wolf Cassandra  
Pat Booker Keener  
Kenneth EC Keck  
Barbara Scherer Horvath  
Dorothy Fike Ilg
- 1956 - Patricia King McGall  
Roger A. Crislip
- 1957 - Bonnie Fordham Rutledge  
Deanna Burger Hood  
Judith Sylvester Avila  
Sandra Norton Taylor  
Margaret (Peg) Young Deemer
- 1958 - Ina Oxford Paulus  
Alice Stephen Jacobsen  
Charlotte Doecker Stock
- 1960 - Daisy Ilg Scalia  
John Scalia
- 1963 - Sandy Hertisch Williams  
Mary Black Overholt
- 1964 - Carolyn Patterson Hall
- 1965 - Kathleen Bauch Maddox
- 1967 - Mary Olesky
- 1971 - Chris Bauch  
John Wray  
Denise Franks Wray  
Bill Neitz
- 1972 - Dennis M. Crossen  
Robert A. Yeager III
- 1973 - Suzanne Naso Bauch  
Julia K. Longstreth  
Lyle J. Bittner  
Cheryl Cully Wade  
Dennis Wade
- 1975 - Pete Webb  
Cliff Yeager
- 1976 - Dave Bierce
- 1977 - Julie Dongs Oliver  
Vickie Westfall Webb
- 1978 - Susan Wood Yeager
- 1983 - Eileen Morgan Arrington
- 2000 - Anne Maddox
- 2001 - Amy Elizabeth Bauch
- 2003 - MO  
Erin Duffy  
Laura Ward



ALUMNI MEMBERS PAYING DUES  
BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

- |        |                           |        |                                |
|--------|---------------------------|--------|--------------------------------|
| 1933 - | Wilma Crites Newlon       | 1948 - | Edgar Wallace Wood             |
| 1934 - | June King Marsh           | 1949 - | Lawrence W. Petty              |
|        | Caroline Banks Acken      |        | Ethel Fauley Petty             |
|        | Myrtle Smith Tenney       |        | Diane Littrell Williams        |
| 1936 - | Robert B Lutz             |        | Doris Jones Eagon              |
|        | Jean Uhl Sylvester        |        | LaVonne Gomoll Dodge           |
|        | James Stauffer            |        | Lois Fenning Shephard          |
|        | Rachel Yount Horton       | 1950 - | Gerald D. Gelvin               |
|        | Charles M Sackett         |        | Barbara Ragle Lucak            |
|        | Richard Emmit             |        | Irma Shephard Zema             |
| 1937 - | Minnie Scherer Phoenix    |        | Virginia Ayers Brant-Krichbaum |
| 1938 - | Kathryn Eickleberry Emmit | 1951 - | Lowell Ripley                  |
| 1939 - | Ellis W King              |        | Paul G. Hersek                 |
| 1940 - | Bonnie McDowell Williams  |        | Janet Witter Tomasin           |
|        | Sally Yount Emerick       |        | Dolores Gusbar Costanzo        |
|        | Hilda Crites King         |        | Margaret Priest Legg           |
| 1941 - | Robert L. Richards        |        | Donna Zurschmit Beard          |
|        | Betty Thomas Emery        |        | Jean Kovarik Welch             |
|        | Arlene Patterson McDowell | 1952 - | Della Teague Lucius            |
|        | Irene Clemmo Grames       |        | Nancy Anderson Pancoast        |
| 1942 - | Jean Jones Cockrell       |        | Mary Ann Bailey Anzallo        |
|        | Robert Powers             |        | Anthony D. DeOrio              |
|        | Jeanne Miller Powers      | 1953 - | Loretta Spriggel Seymour       |
|        | Beatrice King Moore       |        | Austin Cippant                 |
| 1943 - | William B. Shreve         |        | Calvin Fleming                 |
|        | Juanita McMillan Donald   |        | Barbara Huber Dearie           |
|        | Dorothy Persons Bohley    |        | Charles Jackson                |
|        | John D. Knight Jr.        |        | Fay Jones Hood                 |
| 1944 - | Robert M. Cochran         | 1955 - | Karl K. Hershberger            |
|        | Marie Harmon Geisinger    |        | Jean Jackson Whitlock          |
|        | Donald Dean               | 1956 - | Martha Stephens Gabrosek       |
|        | Richard E. Smith          | 1957 - | Lynn Fernella Eldridge         |
| 1945 - | Jeanette Mallory Cherry   | 1961 - | Leslie Charles Sackett         |
|        | Betty Heiser Dean         | 1968 - | James P. Henderson             |
|        | Leslie E. Pletcher        | 1969 - | Janet Hope Braman              |
| 1946 - | Arthur W. Schmidt         | 1971 - | Grace E. Cochran               |
|        | Paul Haney                | 1972 - | Donna Hope Headrick            |
|        | Donald B. Richards        | 1974 - | Mary Rzewnicki Cushing         |
| 1947 - | Norma Smith Richards      | 1977 - | Frances Lomelo                 |
|        | Marian Wolcott Charles    | 1980 - | Sherri L. Jacobsen             |
|        | Bill Williams             | 1988 - | Anna Jacobsen McCumbers        |
|        | Roy A. Henninge           | 1989 - | Clifford Horvath               |
|        | Gwendolyn Burks Haralson  | 1999 - | Stephanie Braman               |
| 1948 - | Conrad Renner             | 2001 - | John Maddox                    |
|        | Ruth Davis Schmidt        |        |                                |
|        | Emylie Fohner Odom        | 1943 - | Juanita Sanford Mullins        |
|        | Richard Vydra             | 1946 - | Stanley Bruce Detweiler        |
|        | Natalia Olesky Rzewnicki  | 1948 - | Catherine Cate Detweiler       |
|        | Vince Hoffman             | 2003 - | All Seniors                    |

## PAID FOR DINNER BUT UNABLE TO ATTEND

1946 - Alice Wade Gallo  
1947 - Louise Schlup Archer  
1953 - Lynn "Tiny" Burks  
1956 - Margaret Simpson Linnen  
1963 - Michael Mahaney

1948 - Gene Riddle  
1949 - Norma Stallings Greenwood  
1953 - Bob Smith  
1957 - Bonnie Fordham Rutledge  
1977 - Betty McQuillen Barton

## COMMUNICATIONS

Sorry, could not attend. Same night as my son's graduation party. All 3 THS grads now too!!  
Tom 1996, Mike 1999 & Joe 2003. Donna Hope Headrick (1972)

I am enclosing my dues. I will look forward to next years invitation. Sorry, I won't be able to attend, but I will look forward to receiving the report. Thanks for sending it to me. My husband and I expect to be in Pennsylvania later in the summer for a family reunion, but unable to come to Ohio now. Greetings to my classmates of 1941. Irene Clemmo Grames (1941)

Thank you for sending the notice for the annual meeting of the Alumni. I will be unable to attend, but will enclose my check for dues. I enjoyed last year's report, it was very well done. To all Alumni members with special good wishes to the Class of 2003, and to the members of my Class of 1937. I am unable to attend, but all of you will be in my thoughts and prayers. Minnie Scherer Phoenix (1937)

Sorry to miss this year. Best Wishes and Congratulations to graduating class. Leslie E. Pletcher (1945)

Sorry that I will not be able to attend the meeting this year. Maybe next year will be better. Roy Henninge (1947)

Blame another cherry crop for our not being there. This year the festival runs June 14-15. Paul Haney (1946)

Sorry I can't be with you this year. My 50th was last year and we had such a grand time. Mary Ann Bailey Anzallo (1952)

Sorry, I am unable to make it this year! See everyone next year God willing. Clifford Horvath (1989)

My 81st birthday is on the 7th of June. Coming to the alumni dinner would have been a wonderful way to celebrate. However, my sister, Rachel Yount Hoton (class of 1936) and I will be going on a cruise to Alaska, so we will be unable to attend. Sally Yount Emerick (1940)

Enclosed is a check for our Alumni Dues for the year. We regret we are unable to make it to the Alumni Banquet this year as Betty just had major surgery and is unable to make the trip. Please give our best to all of our classmates and others of the Association. Don Dean (1944) and Betty Heiser Dean (1945)

We will be unable to attend this year, but wish you all the best. Charles M. Sackett (1936)

Unable to attend this year's banquet. Enclosing dues for annual report and invitation to next years meeting. Nancy Anderson Pancoast (1952)

Sorry, cannot attend this year. Richard Vydra (1948)

Regret that I cannot attend the meeting. Martha Stephens Gabrosek (1956)



Enclosed check for \$5.00 for Annual report. Have a heart problem and will be unable to attend. Bonnie McDowell Williams (1940)

Bill and I are both well. Not as spry as we used to be, but still keeping active and traveling in the RV every chance we get. Don't plan to be in Ohio until late July, so won't be able to make the dinner. Wish we could. Diane Littrell Williams (1949) and Bill Williams (1947)

Dear classmates, It's that time of year when I take a few extra moments to reflect on all of the wonderful memories of my days with you as we prepared for our journey through adulthood. Life at THS was good – we were so fortunate to have lived in a more simple time. For most of us money was scarce – but oh my gosh – we were rich. Even though maybe at the time we did not realize it. Do you remember using a big piece of cardboard for a sled because there weren't enough sleds for everyone? Compare that to some teenagers of today packing their brand new SUV's with top notch ski equipment, designer ski outfits and heading for a weekend on the slopes... As for me – I'll take the piece of cardboard. Keep yourselves safe and healthy and let the good times roll. Love Ruthie (1948)

Sorry can't get up for the event. Tony DeOrio (1952)

Unable to attend. Recovering from broken hip, 3 operations and now hip replacement. Hope I can attend next years. Hello to everyone. All my classmates. Dorothy Persons Bohley (1943)

Jean Uhl Sylvester (1936) is still doing very well at Rockynol and I am sure would like to hear from other classmates at 330-867-9143 Don Avila

Greetings to all of Class of 1942. Beatrice King Moore

I'm sorry to miss attending again this year, but hope to make it next year for our class's 60th reunion. Marie Harmon Geisinger (1944)

Sorry, I won't be able to attend the Alumni Banquet this year. Phyllis and I will be in Cumberland, Maine to attend the high school graduation of our grandsons. Would like to hear from my classmates we can start to plan our 70th anniversary in 2006. E-mail – Phylbertlu@aol.com Bob Lutz (1936)

Can't come. My granddaughter will be graduating in Westerville that day and twin grandsons will be graduating the following day. Virginia Ayers Brant-Krichbaum (1950)

Sorry we can't attend, but hope you have a great event. Les Sackett (1961)

Best regards to the Class of 2003. I cannot attend due to other commitments. Irma Shephard Zema (1950)

Oh, if only Wolcott reunions and alumni meetings would coordinate their annual events I'd see you more often. Marian Wolcott Charles (1947)

Thank you for the invitation to attend the 124th annual meeting of Tallmadge Alumni Association. We will not be travelling back to Ohio this year, so will miss being with so many long time friends. We so enjoyed our visit last year, but the calendar is full at this busy time of year. We are enclosing our dues and look forward to the news of the annual meeting of 2003. Robert E. and Jean Miller Powers (1942)

NOMINATION FORM FOR THE  
TALLMADGE ALUMNI HALL OF FAME

If you know of a deserving nominee for the Tallmadge High School Alumni Hall of Fame please complete this form and return to the address given.

CRITERIA FOR ENSHRINEMENT

- \* Must be a Tallmadge High School graduate or someone recognized for special contributions and service to the Tallmadge city Schools and to the community although not necessarily a graduate (honorary achievement)
- \* Ten years must have passed between high school graduation and induction
- \* Exceptional achievements in their field and/or career accomplishments or unique contributions to their community
- \* Must have demonstrated good citizenship both in and out of school

Name of Nominee \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of Graduation from Tallmadge High School \_\_\_\_\_

Activities participated in while attending Tallmadge High School:

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Please indicate why you feel this person should be inducted into the Hall of Fame:

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Please use additional pages if necessary.

Nominator's name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Date of your graduation \_\_\_\_\_

Please return no later than February 1st to :

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