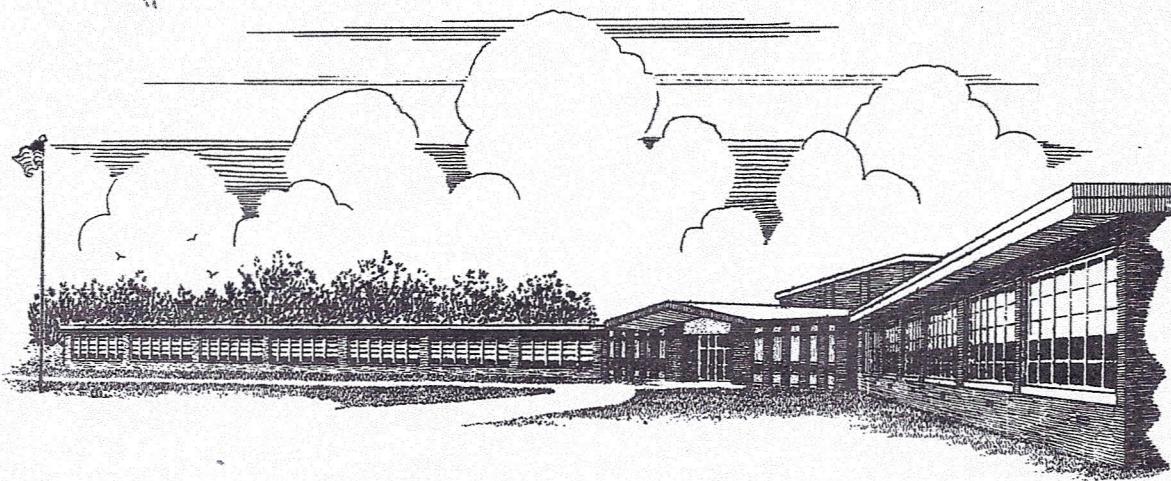


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**TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL
ALUMNI ASSOCIATION**



NINETY SEVENTH ANNUAL MEETING

JUNE 12, 1976

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

The members of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association met at the Tallmadge High School the evening of June 12, 1976, for the 97th Annual Meeting of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association.

The dinner was catered by Altieri's of Stow in the High School cafeteria. The food was good but unfortunately we were a little short on food and service and a cold coffee pot, but every one took it in the "Spirit of 76".

Pastor Jack Canady (1951) gave the invocation.

After dinner we adjourned to the comfortable air conditioned Hexagon Room for our meeting where President Jim Bliss (1951) called the meeting to order at 8:20 P.M.

President Bliss welcomed the Class of 1976. Those attending from the class were Janet Tyndall, Vice President; Karen Noso, Treasurer; and Paul Williams.

Class of 1926

The 50 year class was honored and were represented by Mary Fischer Krutky, Orland C. Spriggle, Ellsworth C. Walters, and Ruth Young.

Golden Agers

Recognition of the Golden Agers was made by Vice President Wally Wood (1948). Golden Agers in attendance were:

Geneva Wright Atwood	1911
Arthur B. Wolcott	1911
Ruth L. King	1912
Frank E. Lawrence	1912
Laura Dermead Lawrence	1912
Clara Hinman Huffman	1914
Robert Wolcott	1916
Gilbert Root	1918
Rosalind Sackett Rothrock	1918

The Arrangements Committee was introduced by member Dolores Neal Radar (1948), Chairman Joanne Stem Wood (1948), Natalie Olesky Rzewnicki (1948), and Elizabeth "Happy" Huffman (1948). The committee provided a Bicentennial theme with Red, White and Blue centerpieces with flags and individual Uncle Sams using painted clothes pins complete with top hats and beards as a remembrance for each person attending.

Beatrice Hawkins, a former THS teacher, was celebrating her birthday and the association sang Happy Birthday.

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

MEMORIAL

Is this world but a resting place?
A brief pause upon a rising plain?
Is it but a second of time, then on we move,
And our march commence again?

Is the whole of life but a step?
A round in the ladder we climb?
We stop to breathe, then do we start again
To the measured beat of time?

For what great end were we begun
By the powers that placed us here?
We may ask, - but we ask in vain, -
No answer greets the ear.

Since our last meeting the following Alumni members have joined the great celestial caravan:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Died</u>	<u>Age</u>
1912 - Stella Phillips Sperry	March 3, 1976	80
1917 - Raymond H. Jones	December 4, 1975	77
1933 - Alfred H. Acken	April 6, 1976	60
1938 - William H. Point	January 13, 1976	55
1952 - Loy K. Booker	June 1, 1976	41
1972 - Timothy C. Cash	August 13, 1975	22
1975 - Debbie Lyn Harless	January 21, 1976	18

So the question of life still remaineth
The strangest of miracles wrought;
The power of all mind transcending,
Even the widest conception of thought.

Toby Battista, Tallmadge Circle News paid tribute to Frank E. Lawrence (1912) and his contribution of articles to the Circle News, entitled "Our Goodly Heritage", involving the history of Tallmadge.

Bob George (1965) was thanked for his generosity in printing our last minutes at no cost to the Alumni Association. Mr. George has been most helpful in printing our last meeting notices and our advance thanks for the printing of these minutes. As secretary, I wish to express my thanks for all the help and cooperation Bob has given me as Secretary of the Association.

Count Down 100

Any news for Count Down 100, should be forwarded to Boyd King, 1534 20th Street, Cuyahoga Falls, Ohio, 44221.

- Remember 1979 isn't far off -

Constitution and By Laws

The following members of the Alumni Association were on a committee to revise the Constitution and By Laws of the Tallmadge Alumni Association: Jim Bliss (1951), Wallace Wood (1948), Betty Ralston Kimmel (1950), Mary Cossin Sipe (1950), Barbara Heiser Donovan (1962), Robert Crislip (1948), Paul Hersek (1951), June Marsh King (1934), Frank E. Lawrence (1912), Rick Hughes (1975), Debbie Hughes (1972), Tom Gusbar (1946), Stewart Roberts (1940), Frances Parks Ripley (1944) and Delores Neal Radar (1948).

Copies of the proposed By Laws were sent to members and were available at the meeting. Stewart Roberts (1940) discussed the new Constitution and By Laws. It was suggested that the most recent graduating class not pay dues for that year (this item inserted). Motion was made by Norman Roberts (1938) and seconded by Richard Wood (1948) that the new Constitution and By Laws be accepted. Motion carried. A copy of the new Constitution and By Laws is enclosed.

Dr. Pat E. Crisci, Superintendent of Tallmadge Schools was introduced to the Alumni Association by President Bliss.

Dr. Crisci stated that Tallmadge High School graduated the largest class this year, 324 graduates (170 boys - 154 girls). Thirty-five percent are going to work and the rest will continue their schooling. The Debate Team was District Champs. The Tallmadge High School Band and Choir excelled this year with 23 superior ratings, 18 excellent and 3 good. For the fifth year Tallmadge High School has won Academic Challenge. The Maintenance Levy passed even though only thirty-six percent of the residents of Tallmadge have children in school.

Class of 1951

The 25 year class was honored. Tommy Hudson spoke briefly about the class and introduced the members and their spouses.

Wally Wood incoming president for 1977 closed the meeting.

Meeting adjourned 9:05 P.M.

Betty Rabson Kimmel
Secretary

TALIMADGE HIGH SCHOOL
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TREASURES REPORT FOR: 1976

Balance on hand for 9/29/75-----	\$ 555.32
Credits: (Thru dues & Donations)-----	916.88
Sub Total-----	<u>\$ 1472.20</u>
Disbursements-----	697.50

Balance on hand for 8/17/76----\$ 774.70

Respectfully Submitted:

Bob Crislip

BOB CRISLIP

Francis Parks Ripley, chairperson of the Nominating Committee read the nominations of officers for the coming year. With no nominations from the floor, Francis Parks Ripley (1944) closed, seconded by Marion Parks Schopper (1950), passed unanimous ballot.

REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE
1976

President	Wallace Wood	1948
First Vice President	Robert Crislip	1948
Second Vice President	Cheryl Ripley Rocco	1964
Secretary	Linda Reardon Miller	1972
Assistant Secretary	Barbara Heiser Donovan	1962
Treasurer	Paul Hersek	1951
Assistant Treasurer	Mary Diese Ilg	1941
Nominating Committee	James Bliss	1951
	Carolyn Atwood Mackey	1949

Respectfully submitted this 12th day of June, 1976

Frances Parks Ripley	1944
Carolyn Atwood Mackey	1949
Dennis Jenkins	1966

ALUMNI MEMBERS PRESENT

1911	Geneva Wright Atwood Arthur B. Wolcott	1944	Frances Parks Ripley Karl Starks Ikana Crites Williams
1912	Ruth L. King Frank E. Lawrence Laura Dermead Lawrence	1945	Ruth Hoesington Louise Witmyer Jones
1914	Clara Hinman Huffman	1946	Tom Gusbar
1916	Robert Wolcott	1947	Bill Witmyer Johnnie Witmyer
1918	Gilbert Root Rosalind Sackett Rothrock	1948	Robert E. Crislip Delores Neal Radar Gene Riddle Natalia Olesky Rzewnicki Donald A. Williams E. Wallace Wood Joanne Stem Wood Richard Wood
1926	Mary Fischer Krutky Orland C. Spriggle Ellsworth C. Walters Ruth Young	1949	Burdell R. Baldwin Carolyn Mackey Marvel Freed Matthews
1928	Pauline Brandau Bierce Kathryn Sackett Harrah	1950	Betty Ralston Kimmel Mary Ledgerwood Riddle Marian Parks Schopper Marcene Riddle Scyoc Jerry J. Taylor
1931	Wanda Crites Pryor	1951	Dolores Seckman Baldwin James L. Bliss Margaret Acken Boggess Jack Canody Norma Lynch Canady Betty Hazelett Colbert Dolores Gusbar Costanzo Thomas Ellis Hutson Gloria Hughes Gooden Paul Hersek Harry E. Hite Richard A. Jones Dolores Wood Kurtz Margaret Priest Legg Jack E. Manis Carl Miller Jack Petty M. Lee Prulhiere Lou Ripley Joan Smith Richard S. Smith
1932	Agnes Bloom Underwood		
1933	Howell Acken Wilma Crites Newlon Virginia Testerman Walters		
1934	Wilburn Crites June King Marsh		
1935	Viola Walters Bartlett		
1938	LaDema Gatten Emma C. Holmes Paul Ragle Norman A. Roberts Phyllis Heyl Roberts		
1940	Stewart A. Roberts		
1941	Mary Diese Ilg Robert Ripley Helen Black Thompson		
1942	Carroll L. Jones		
1943	Jack Ragle Margaret Holt Ragle		

1952	Barbara Briggs Miller	1972	Deborah R. Miller
1953	Donald Freed		Kent A. Roberts
	Jean Seymour		Jeff Seymour
1954	Shirley Freed	1973	Doug Seymour
1963	Mary Black Clark	1976	Paul Williams
1965	Bob George		Janet Tyndall
	Marilyn George		Karen Noso

ALUMNI MEMBERS NOT PRESENT

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

1903	Ellen Fern Waldorf	1939	Richard Everhart
1911	Hazel Smith		Ellis King
	George M. Wright		Naomi B. Poe
1920	Hermina Fischer	1940	Hilda Crites King
1922	Helen T. Mentzer		Donald Patterson
1923	Earl B. Chapman		Josephine Patterson
	Frances Lantz	1941	Phyllis Youngen Croft
1928	Ella Thompson Lockhart		David H. King
	Thelma Underwood	1942	Grace Black Fitzell
1929	Marion Upson Rasp	1946	Robert Booth
1930	Winnifred Sparhawk Whims	1947	Shirley Sanford Booth
1931	Dorothy Stump Maple		Jo Ann Kramer Sudeck
	Charles W. Neubert		Joanne Zurschmit Young
1932	Paul W. Adams	1948	Vince Hoffman
1934	Esther B. Weatherford	1950	Gerald D. Gelvin
1937	Minnie Scherer Phoenix		Boyd King
1938	Margaret Price Etheridge		Barbara Ragle Lucak
	Leora C. Zembrodt		Dolores Zickefoese Nelson
			Paul Wright
			Irma Shepard Zema
			Mary Cossin Sipe

COMMUNICATIONS

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

Greetings were sent from:

Dear Friends: Will be unable to attend Alumni this year, too much to do around home this year. My sister Ruth will be spending a few days with me, in Dayton. I know you will all have a good time and get together. Enclosed are my dues.

Dorothy Stump Maple,
Class of 1931

Please find enclosed \$2.00 for which I will be pleased to receive the Annual Report. My work still keeps me away. I send my best to all.

Paul W. Adams
Class of 1932

Every spring when we receive our announcement of the Tallmadge High Alumni meeting, we talk about the possibility of attending. A busy schedule here keeps us from doing that, but we are always interested in the association and look forward to reading the Annual Report. We congratulate the class of 1976 and send greetings to the other members attending. Our best wishes for the 97th Annual Meeting!

Esther & Arnold Weatherford
Class of 1934

Thank you for the notice of the Alumni meeting and the copy of the proposed constitution. I will be unable to attend this year, but hope to make it next year. My thoughts will be with all of you on June 12.

Minnie Scherer Phoenix
Class of 1937

Enclosed please find my check for \$2.00 to Alumni Association. Am unable to attend this year. Hope the 97th Annual Meeting will have a good turnout and everybody enjoys themselves.

Margaret Price Etheridge
Class of 1938

We can't make it this year, Al is in Italy and has been delayed due to experiments at a valve factory. Have a nice meeting and love from both of us. Enclosed find a check to help on the countdown to 100.

Naomi Beam Poe
Class of 1939

I am looking forward to the year I can attend your wonderful banquet again, but this year I'll have to miss it again. We are planning on a winter vacation because we miss your beautiful winters up there so we will probably be up there around Christmas. I am sure my two sisters, Mrs. Helen Black Thompson and Mary Black Clark, will enjoy your wonderful gathering.

Grace Black Fitzell
Class of 1942

We had planned on being with you this year, but will be out of state attending a funeral so hope to see you next year.

Bob and Shirley Booth
Class of 1946 and 1947

Dear Alumni: I regret I can not attend the 1976 Alumni Association dinner & meeting this year as my son, Gary, will graduate at this time. It was well worth while flying home for my 25th class reunion last year. It was wonderful to see classmates and Alumni before and after 1950. My husband (from Barberton High) and I feel homesick and very proud to see how so many have stayed close to home and see how they keep close contact. A job "well done" for all those who have helped our once "little town" of Tallmadge to grow into a more prosperous city. To those who make up the board for the Alumni Association, congratulations for keeping those of us who can not be home, well informed. My best wishes to the class of 1976! (We now have foster child #42. Hope to see you all next year.

Irma Shephard Zema
Class of 1950

CONSTITUTION FOR THE TALLMADGE HIGH SCHOOL ASSOCIATION

Article I - Name and organization

The name of this organization shall be The Tallmadge High School Alumni Association, the organization being the same association as formed in June 1879, two (2) weeks after graduation by the first graduating class from Tallmadge High School.

Article II - Statement of Purpose

The purpose of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association shall be to organize and unite in fellowship Alumni of the Tallmadge High School, Tallmadge, Ohio;

- to arrange for an annual meeting of members
- to foster fellowship among former classmates
- to provide a vehicle for recalling old high school days
- to offer a special occasion for reports by the 25 year and 50 year classes
- to memorialize those alumni who have died in the past year
- to learn of the progress and aspirations of the current Public School System
- to promote the education of youth through studies, reports, scholarships, etc.
- to keep a running account and history of proceedings by publishing an annual report

Article III - Membership

All persons who have completed the course of study prescribed in the Tallmadge High School and received their diplomas are members of the Tallmadge High School Alumni Association. Husbands and wives of Alumni members, Superintendents, Principals, Senior Class Advisors and High School teachers are honorary members.

Article IV- Officers

The following officers shall be elected at the annual business meeting;

President, First Vice President, Second Vice President, Secretary, Assistant Secretary, Treasurer and Assistant Treasurer.

Article V - Meetings

There shall be an annual business meeting held on the Saturday following High School graduation, unless otherwise agreed upon by a majority vote at a prior meeting.

Article VI - Committees

A. Executive Committee - Shall be composed of the above elected officers and shall be responsible for the conduct and action of the Association. They shall be responsible to plan the annual business meeting and to appoint such committees as may be necessary to plan, arrange and hold the annual meeting, and to accomplish the statement of purpose.

B. Nominating Committee - Shall be composed of four members in good standing, two (2) of which shall be appointed by the Executive Committee, but need not be Executive Committee members, and two (2) elected by the membership at the annual business meeting. The President shall appoint the chairman of this Committee.

a. The Nominating Committee shall present at the annual business meeting a slate of candidates for each office as prescribed in Article IV, along with two (2) recommendations for the next Nominating Committee.

Article VII - Dues

The annual dues shall be \$2.00/person or couple if both husband and wife are Tallmadge High School graduates. The dues shall be paid prior to or at the annual meeting.

Incoming graduating class shall pay no dues the first year.

Article VIII - Records and Reports

Realizing the extra amount of time required to perform the regular continuing duties of the Secretary of the Association, as directed by the Executive Committee, it is hereby deemed appropriate to show our appreciation in the form of a \$50.00 donation to the person of that office.

Article IX - Vacancies

Any vacancy occurring in any office or committee shall be filled by action of the executive committee.

Article X - Duties

A. Officers - The duties and responsibilities of each officer are those normally implied for said office. Each officer shall submit a list of recommended procedures for his or her successor.

B. First Vice President - Shall be the Program Committee Chairman.

C. Second Vice President - Shall be the Arrangement Committee Chairman.

Article XI - Amendments

This constitution may be amended by a majority vote of members present at an annual business meeting, providing any proposals must first be submitted in writing to the executive committee, who shall continue to act in the capacity to review this constitution any may recommend amendments, such recommendations to be mailed with annual notices.