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# Salem High School Alumni Association

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## Solid backing expands scope of alumni service

These are the first of many words the Salem High School Alumni Association hopes to be sending your way in the upcoming years. This is our first venture into the field of newsletters and although we do not promise literary pearls, we do promise to try to keep you abreast of the Association's activities.

Our publishing schedule is not chiseled in granite, but you should reasonably expect a newsletter every six months or so. We are certain that SHS graduates living in the Salem area are more or less aware of the Association's activities, but we are aiming this newsletter at the ex-grad who lives in Tuscon, Ariz., Rockport, Mass., or Inglewood, Calif., and who may be unaware. Salemites should bear with us if we go over material already well known.

Your recollection of the SHS Alumni Association is probably that of some obscure organization that was run by old fogies who held a dinner every June and gave out a couple hundred dollars in scholarships to the two brightest students. That's about the way it is today, with certain modifications. We found that we are the old fogies now and that the scholarships awarded annually total around \$100,000 — believe it or not. More on that later.

The Association is now housed in a new office at 328 E. State St., which was formally opened in June, 1984. These rooms, extensively remodeled in a Williamsburg decor, were made available by an alumnus on a 15-year rent-free basis. There is an atmosphere of elegance in the rooms that should make any SHS grad proud.

The office is located next door to what used to be the Farmers Bank at the corner of E. State and Broadway. The 1300-square foot office has an 18 x 26 main office room and a large 18 x 48 meeting-exhibit room with skylight, rest room and kitchenette. The office is open every morning and is available at all times for class reunion planning meetings. Bob Dixon ('40), a longtime newspaperman, retired in 1984 and assumed the position of executive coordinator for the office. He is on duty daily.

It is hoped that exhibits of SHS memorabilia will be on display in the office in the near future. As an example, former coach Floyd Stone, now living in Michigan, donated the football used in Ohio's first night game (October, 1929) and it is on display, bearing names of all the team members.

Other material was given to the Association by the family of Laura Mae Whinnery ('30), who died in 1984. She had devoted almost all of her spare time over the years to collecting Salem High records and memorabilia. It is currently being evaluated and prepared for showing. She kept extensive records in bulky ledgers, many dating back to the mid-1800's when the high school first began operations. The ledgers' contents have been re-typed into handy notebooks and are available for perusal by anyone interested. Mrs. Whinnery's contributions over the years cannot be overrated. Her records are priceless.

Who is behind the operations of the Alumni Association? This year's officers are: Dorothy Day Corso ('34), president; Polly Begalla Schaffer ('61), secretary; and Jackie Welsh Hergenrother ('54), treasurer.

The Executive Committee includes: Joyce Cosgrove Ehrhart ('53), Dr. Will Stamp ('50), Paul Harrington ('53), Carolyn Hoopes Harrington ('53), Robert Zimmerman ('51), George Spack ('69), Jeff Strabala ('80) and Pat Schmidt McNicol ('53).

On the Scholarship Committee are: Judge Joel Sharp ('14), chairman emeritus; Daniel E. Smith ('46), chairman; Charles Gibbs ('43), treasurer; Frederick E. Cope ('25); Vivienne Kopp Wilt ('36); Betsy Young Johnson ('59); Atty. Robert C. Roberts ('70); Dr. Gail Herron, Jr. ('62); Dorothy Day Corso ('34) and Robert Delane, current SHS principal.

They administer an organization that now has an asset value of (are you ready for this?) more than \$1,200,000. The Association is a non-profit organization with an IRS tax exempt status. No one has been able to find a similar high school alumni group anywhere that can boast of such funding.

For many, many years the association struggled along, slowly gaining financial ground through modest donations and bequests. The first scholarship awarded was \$60 which went to Walter

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## Class of '16 writer saw 'wireless mirror' in rare look ahead

The Class of 1916, which included Sam Willaman, later to be head football coach at Ohio State, Ella Thea Smith, who was to author a widely used biology textbook, and George (Pie) Baillie, to become a Salem industrialist, was a remarkable group. Its president was Chester L. Smith, later longtime sports writer/columnist for the *Pittsburgh Press*.

Smith authored the class prophesy in the 1916 Quaker annual in which he envisioned life in the year 2016 at Salem High. He made some remarkable predictions.

"The students in math class," he wrote, "were equipped with electric adding machines. These machines were a great advance over the old-style adding machines. One had merely to press a button and the most difficult problem in algebra or the most puzzling geometrical construction became as clear as day."

He was forecasting hand-held calculators.

Smith also predicted fluorescent lighting, "replacing old-style electric bulbs." He foresaw teachers employing an "automatic grader," which could have been the punch card system. Casually, he mentioned a "wireless mirror," which could only have been television.

It was an unusual look forward in the year 1916.

### 1984 scholarship winners

- \$6,000 — Michael Madison, Mary Mozina, Joy Richesson (two-year)
- \$5,500 — Frederick Schuster, David Moore (two-year)
- \$4,000 — Rocco Mango, Sherry Settle, Marilyn Paparodis, David Ward, Richard Herron, Debra Swartz, Eric Doyle, Marcy Rosar (two-year)
- \$2,500 — Pamela McElwee, Mary Beth Hutton, James Solmen
- \$2,000 — Pamela Evans, Keith Heston, Tammy Meissner, Mark Kowalczyk, Mark Amos, Lori Schnader, Ginda Woods
- \$1,000 — Deborah Shone, Carl Apicilla, Emily Liggett, Melanie Parker, Denise Bellis, Gary Collins, John Miller, Dan Blubaugh, Elizabeth Babb, Michael Reich, Julie Jugenheimer, Leigh Ann Pierce, Beth Paparodis, Brian Toothman.
- \$1,000 — Max Fisher scholarships — Pam Strabala, Brenda Lipp, Tim Harrington, Tom Patterson, James Murray.

## Library has a nifty new look

A gorgeous addition to Salem Public Library was opened in 1984, the result of a \$1.2 million bond issue passed by Salem voters. The addition almost doubles the library's size and includes an elevator and solarium. The original library, built with a \$20,000 grant from steel magnate Andrew Carnegie, opened in September, 1905. Thus, the addition cost 60 times more than the whole original building. Daniel E. Smith ('46) was chairman of the library board during the fund drive.

## Alumni group is top-rated

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French in 1908. In 1911, Charles Burchfield, who became a famous artist, received \$120. Ella Thea Smith Cox ('16) won a \$200 scholarship. She was to author the textbook "Exploring Biology," which has widespread use in high schools.

The big breakthrough in funding came in the 1970's. By that time, the Association was giving about \$6,200 a year in scholarships to top seniors.

In 1972, Max Fisher ('26), the alumnus honored at the spring banquet that year, announced he would donate \$5,000 annually in perpetuity from the Fisher Foundation for scholarships to outstanding athletes.

The Association gained great momentum from a \$600,000 bequest from the late Leon H. Colley, who was associated with the First National Bank of Salem from 1928 until his death in 1977. He was bank president from 1938 to 1967. Oddly, he was not a Salem High graduate, and had no children. Colley Awards pushed the scholarship total in 1980 to \$41,000.

By 1983, total scholarships reached \$73,000 and in 1984 topped out at \$101,500. Forty-two 1984 graduates won scholarships, ranging from \$1,000 to \$6,000.

In 1985, scholarships will reflect the infusion of \$193,000 left the Association by longtime Junior High teacher Doris Tetlow ('22), who died in 1983.

Only interest income is used for scholarships, leaving the Association's principal intact.

Since 1908, when that first \$60 award was made, the Association has awarded 482 students a total of \$528,650 — a truly outstanding record.

Officers of the Association, elected each year, work with a standing committee and the high school to select deserving and qualified students to receive awards each year. It has been said that the scope of the scholarship program is astonishing for a small college, let alone a high school.

The scholarships are distributed at the Association's annual dinner, this year scheduled for June 8 when the 50-year 1935 class will be honored along with one outstanding Alumni member.

From its humble beginning in 1882, the SHS Alumni Association has come a long way.



# Alumni office furnished by donations from grads

In the summer of 1984, after the official opening of the new Alumni Association office at 328 E. State St. in June, the next concern was to provide the proper furniture for the office. It was decided to canvass some of the graduate classes of Salem High, asking for donations.

The classes selected were those which had held reunions recently or those which were planning reunions soon since their address lists were considered up-to-date. Those canvassed were: Classes of 1924, 1927, 1929, 1934, 1935, 1938, 1939, 1940, 1941, 1943, 1944, 1946, 1948, 1949, 1954, 1957, 1964 and 1969. Although we lost count, perhaps 2,500 to 3,000 letters were mailed during the early fall months, asking for donations in any amount.

The response was extremely gratifying. Two people generously gave \$500 each, but for the most part the checks were in the \$20 to \$50 range, averaging about \$27. More than 340 donations came in, ensuring a good start on the furniture. They were still arriving two months into 1985 and plans were to send out more mailings to the classes that will be holding 1985 reunions.

The success of the mailings proved that graduates are willing to help the Association without going through the formality of dying and providing something in their wills.

The Class of 1946 was the donation leader with \$1,505, but five others topped the \$500 mark. The Class of 1940 had the most contributors — 34. Some donations were received from graduates who had not even been canvassed, but who had heard about the drive. All were greatly appreciated.

Here is a list of those who sent in donations. Perhaps we omitted your name inadvertently. If so, let us know and it will be reported in the next newsletter.

## CLASS OF 1923

William C. Baker of Salem.

## CLASS OF 1924

Lowell J. Whinnery, Paul Corso, Catherine Shaffer Yeagley of Salem; Michael Schuller, Mapleton, Ill.; Vernetta M. Moore, Poland, Oh.; Fred Bova, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Ruth Kirby Meals, East Palestine, Oh.; Margaret Getz Smith, Lakeland, Fla.

## CLASS OF 1927

Anna P. McLaughlin, Hannah Hagan, Margaret Klose Baker, Leo T. Beall, Homer S. Taylor, Christina Sutter Stapleton, Marjorie Fultz Jensen of Salem; Mabel Cobb Derr and LeMoine Derr, Tuscon, Ariz.; Malcolm W. Rush, Cuyahoga Falls, Oh.; Pauline French, Lakeland, Fla.; Donald H. Matthews, Elyria, Oh.

## CLASS OF 1928

Paul S. Fogg of Salem.

## CLASS OF 1929

Ruth Chappell Fogg, Ada M. Lottman-Talbot, Wade A. Loop, Class of 1929 (Helen W. Henning, treas.) of Salem; Ida Mae Hilliard Koehler, Akron; Dorothy Lieder Curry, Naples, Fla.; Alfred Brantingham, College Place, Wash.; Wilbur L. and Norma Coburn, Chicago, Ill.; Robert VanBlaricom, Kalamazoo, Mich.; Elizabeth Riddle Farrar, Barberton, Oh.; Adele Treat Nicolai, Clearwater, Fla.; Clara Thomas Whitney, Avon, Oh.; Elvira Ressler Bass, Pinellas Park, Fla.

## CLASS OF 1934

Margaret McCulloch Null, Dorothy Day Corso, Oland H. Dilworth, Frederick S. and Betty Jones Barckhoff Jr., the late Robert W. Snyder, Walter F. Hiltbrand of Salem; Harold G. Bush, The Sea Ranch, Calif.; Mary Lou Scheuring, San Diego, Calif.; Robert J. Ketterer, Alliance, Oh.; Stefan Oana Sr., Canton, Oh.; F. M. Frank, Metairie, La.; Helen M. Bender, Weirton, W.Va.; Paul J. Smith, Homestead, Fla.; George Williamson, Columbiana, Oh.; John Varinaitis, Van Nuys, Calif.; Richard M. Carns, Beloit, Oh.; Dr. Walter C. Papesch, Belleair Beach, Fla.

## CLASS OF 1935

William R. Lowry, Kathryn Cape Brantingham of Salem; Harry E. McCarthy, Kirkwood, Mo.; George Brantingham, Winona, Oh.; Alice G. Kendrick, Youngstown, Oh.; Alfred (Bang) Rich, Gettysburg, Pa.; Thomas D. Bennett, Spokane, Wash.; Cora Mae Reich Stone, Traverse City, Mich.; Mary Ellen Holwick Moff, Youngstown, Oh.; in memory of John Steven Solomon, Bay Village, Oh.; Olive B. Christopher, Oxnard, Calif.; Lowell W. Shallenberg, Tullahoma, Ind.; J. A. Knepper, Pittsburgh, Pa.

## CLASS OF 1936

Edna Lesch Brantingham, Winona, Oh.

## CLASS OF 1937

Jean McCarthy Hart, Shaker Heights, Oh.; Robert L. Schwartz, Tarrytown, NY

## CLASS OF 1938

Betty L. Hanzlick, Thelma Swennington, Dr. Harold and Betty Neal Hoprich, Raymond E. Coppock, class members at 1984 picnic, Shirley Davidson, R. Pauline Hildich Birkhimer, Ruth Bowker Hutson of Salem; Thomas M. Beardmore, Hudson, Fla.; Jane Cope Kitzmiller, Fort Worth, Texas; David Hart, Shaker Heights, Oh.; Ward E. Eckstein, Columbiana, Oh.; Charles A. Wentz, Lompoc, Calif.; Sylvia Rutter Swadish, Los Alamitos, Calif.; Ruth Provins Shallenberg, Tullahoma, Ind.; Gladys Whitacre Wooley, Destin, Fla.; Ralston E. Smith, Corvallis, Ore.; Anne Simion, Cuyahoga Falls, Oh.; Mary Helen Daniels, Sun City, Ariz.; Irene Schmidt Beals, Columbus, Oh.; William D. Brooks, Beaufort, S.C.

## CLASS OF 1939

Robert and Margaret Votaw Balslev, Kenneth Hutcheson, Mary Ruth O'Hara Koppenhafer, Gerry Fickes Hammell; George J. Hanson, Fred Kloos, Mary Jane Cope of Salem; Alice Zatkow Dever, North Port, Fla.; Donald A. Sankey, Greenville, S.C.; Wilbur J. Spalding, Alliance, Oh.; Kenneth McConner, San Jose, Calif.; Mary Jane Lora Miller, Jupiter, Fla.; Bettie Sharp Rogers, Charlotte, N.C.; James H. Dickey Jr., Akron, Oh.; Constance Clarke Whitaker, Port Charlotte, Fla.; Earl (Pete) Taflan, Canton, Oh.

## CLASS OF 1940

Robert W. Lieder, Dorothy Young Winter, Jean Stone Piersol, Victoria Oana Kaiser, Betty Kirchgessner Alesi, Robert J. Dixon, Betty Bichsel Lowry, Mary C. McCloskey Detwiler, Jack Doyle, Octavian (Torch) Nedelka, Don Rich, Ralph and Eva Reader Landwert, Teresa Ciricosta Fithian, John S. Myers, Mary Fratila Whinnery, Ann Skorpinski Schmid, the late Alberta Ludwig Hanson, Salem; Betty Abblett Bartha, Inglewood, Calif.; Ralph and Ruth Stoudt Greenisen, Bryan, Oh.; Edward B. Cavanaugh M.D., Upland, Calif.; Mary E. Lentz Hurlford, Fruitland Park, Fla.; William H. Hoch, Columbus, Oh.; Ruth West Spalding, Alliance, Oh.; Michael Nicora, Marysville, Oh.; Lucille Severyn, Phoenix, Ariz.; Eleanor Eberwein Sankey, Greenville, S.C.; Josephine Vender Kaercher Schmidt, Grand Rapids, Mich.; Robert and Twila Ward Loudon, Fredericksburg, Va.; Philip Hurray Sr., Akron, Oh.; Eugene W. McCready, San Diego, Calif.; Sara Wonner Beardmore, Hudson, Fla.; J. Allen Fehr, Simsbury, Conn.; Harry H. Halverstadt, Los Alamitos, CA; Helen Knepper Brooks, Beaufort, S.C.

## CLASS OF 1941

Fred Schmid, Betty Percival Field, Ethel M. Hill Filler, Gayle K. Paxson, Gail Bartchy, Robert L. and Mary K. Ohi Sanders of Salem; James T. Benedict, Marysville, Oh.; James and Nannabel Beardmore Britt, Columbus, Oh.; Joan Loesch Alexander, Geneva, Oh.; William H. Theiss, Midlothian, Texas; William (Bud) Zocolo, Waterloo, N.Y.; Margaret Louise Hannay Thompson, Prospect, Ky.; Ruth Hoobler Sheen, Tampa, Fla.; Karl R. Theiss, New Canaan, Conn.; Walter M. Kinn, Coeymans Hollow, N.Y.; Louise Zeck McConn, San Bernardino, Calif.; Ernest R. Taylor, Fallston, Md.; Vivian Foltz Englebrecht, Princeton, N.J.

## CLASS OF 1942

Mary Lou Cope Doyle, Salem; Betty Allison Hickman, Lockbourne, Oh.

## CLASS OF 1943

Gordon K. Shasteen, Mildred Johnson Loudon, Robert S. Moore, Twila Kille Kloss of Salem; Dorothy Haldi Murphy, Dallas, Tex.; Jeanette R. Hutchison Whyte, La Jolla, Calif.; Debora Gross Moon, Worthington, Oh.; Camille L. Jones, Bradenton, Fla.; Gene McArtor Schiefelbein, Wilmington, Del.; Martha Omaitis Pavsek, Fontana, Calif.; Olive A. Loudon Yarian, Muskegon, Mich.; William J. Haessly, Staunton, Va.; Ann Cosgarea Benedict, Marysville, Oh.; Robert and Margaret Farcus McGhee, Miami, Fla.; Wayne (Kirby) Laughlin, Lyndhurst, Oh.; John and Ruth Fidoie Hart, North Canton, Oh.; Sally Strank, Columbiana, Oh.; Frank F. Snyder M.D., Toledo, Oh.; Marjorie Shallenberg Sabol, Youngstown, Oh.; Edward Saftred, Akron, Oh.; Richard S. Kautz, Columbus, Oh.; Jenevieve Everstine Loewit, McDonald, Oh.; Louise Hanna Scott, Oxford, Miss.; Charles Wiggers, Salem.

## CLASS OF 1944

William Benson, Jack E. Rance, Martha Keyes Lange of Salem; Dominick (Mickey) Alessi, Sappington, Mo.; Jack A. Smith, Delaware, Oh.; Harry R. Shea, Chagrin Falls, Oh.; Dale E. Wykoff, Fredrick, Md.; in memory of John D. Kleon by Arlene Johnson Kleon, Winona, Oh.; Richard Widmyer, Houston, Tex.

## CLASS OF 1945

Walter J. Kastenhuber of Salem; Walter F. Andres, Mountaineide, N.J.

## CLASS OF 1946

Dave Ritchie, Daniel E. Smith, Duane H. Yeagley, Mary Votaw Celin, Morris E. Hollinger, Sara Serbanta Shasteen, Mildred Alek Burger, Jacquie Orr Nedelka, Frank J. Mangus Jr. of Salem; Harvey Walken, Chicago, Ill.; Jack Hernstrom, Tampa, Fla.; Col. John Plegge, Radcliff, Ky.; John P. Sharp, Charlotte, N.C.; Barbara Ann Sanders Andres, Mountaineide, N.J.; Perry Hilliard, Mesa, Ariz.; Fred E. Gaunt, Sebring, Oh.; Lowell Myers, Streetsboro, Oh.; Velma O'Neil Waechter, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Jenell Jewell Greggor, Wickliffe, Oh.; Mary Virginia Baillie McKeown, Damascus, Oh.; in memory of Ray Bush ('38) by Juanita J. Shasteen Bush, Bartow, Fla.; George Ansley Mitchell, Youngstown, Oh.; JoAnn Juergens Dahlquist, Meriden, Conn. in memory of Ann Helm Murakami ('46); Robert L. Musser, Shaker Heights, Oh.; William J. Schmidt, Morristown, N.J.; Rosemary Nicholas Gurba, Cleveland, Oh.; in memory of Ruth Baltorin Vance ('46); Donna Regal Downey, Saratoga, Wyo., in memory of Walter F. Regal, Salem schools music director; Sally Joy Woodson, Los Gatos, Calif.

## CLASS OF 1947

Martin Roth of Salem.

## CLASS OF 1948

Mary Ann Linder Roth, Albert C. Falk, Richard L. Herron, Marguerite Fultz Miller of Salem; Carol Kelley Kerr, Warren, Oh., in memory of Dorothy E. Smith ('21); William A. Urbanowicz Sr., Burton, Oh.; Odessa J. Bohner Landahl, Winter Haven, Fla.; Gloria Vincent Moore, Brookville, Pa.; Carl Hrovatic, Bluefield, Va.; Mary Lippitt Lewis, Akron, Oh.; Raymond L. Pierce, San Antonio, Texas; Barbara Wilson McCorkhill, Akron, Oh.



# Computerized addresses to aid reunion planners

A fully computerized list of names and addresses of all Salem High School graduates is the ultimate goal of the Alumni Association. A computer was leased in early 1985 and work is progressing on entering class lists, using only "reliable" addresses from classes that had 1984 or 1985 reunions.

When the project is completed, probably over a five-year period, the Association will be able to provide reunion planners with mailing labels for each member of their class. It will be the responsibility, however, of each class to provide the association with updates on those who change addresses.

The mailing label capability will be a tremendous asset in mailing out copies of this newsletter. Recipients are requested to advise the office of any address changes as they occur.

It is important that women furnish the office with their maiden names, too, since that name was the one printed in each Quaker annual and will make it easier to locate the person.

## Grads back their association

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### CLASS OF 1949

Richard G. Dougherty, Betty Hergenrother Gano, Kenneth H. Schrom of Salem; Frances Kline Campana, Herndon, Va.; Marjorie Kelly Willer, Fremont, Oh.

### CLASS OF 1951

Clifford James Callahan, W. Lafayette, Ind.; Robert E. Campbell, Haverford, Pa.

### CLASS OF 1952

Mary Ellen Alesi Falk of Salem.

### CLASS OF 1953

Joan Schuller Pollitz, Mapleton, Ill.; Patricia H. Wilson Pierce, San Antonio, Texas.

### CLASS OF 1954

Marjorie Jensen Potts, Kay Johnston Temple in memory of Laura Mae Whinnery, Charles R. Jones, Doris McNamee Stephenson of Salem; Timothy J. Kennedy, Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; Sandy Hansell, Birmingham, Mich.; Donna Cocca Callahan, West Lafayette, Ind.; Wendell Dunn, Canton, Mich.; Barbara Patterson Howland, Ann Arbor, Mich.

### CLASS OF 1957

Grace DelFavero Finch, Nancy Swartz Gagnon, Brooke Anderson in memory of Richard Aubill, John Stephenson of Salem; Carolyn Lewis Souza, Romona, Calif.; Richard R. Buta, McLean, Va.; Marilyn J. Kloos Walters, Lompoc, Calif.; Carolyn Paxon Core, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Fred and Mary Lukanus Stewart, Chuckey, Tenn.; Joan M. Strojek Clarke, Mission Hills, Calif.

### CLASS OF 1959

Reed A. Harvey, Anderson, Ind.; Ray Gottschling, Whitehouse, Oh.; Carol Hasson Hilliard, Jonesborough, Tenn.

Richard Vacar, Sherman Oaks, Calif.; Joyce Calvin Clegg, Lincoln, Va., in memory of Quaker Sam artist Perry Calvin; Penny Balan Thomas, Aurora, Colo.; Sue Yates Earlabough, Huntington Beach, Calif., in memory of Jean Cameron Love ('52); Bonnie Youtz Verminski, Pittsfield, Mass.; Russell H. Hackett III M.D., Xenia, Oh.

### CLASS OF 1968

Greg Cline, Montgomery, Ala.

### CLASS OF 1969

Barbara Klein Cline, Montgomery, Ala.; Cecil Chamberlain, Carlsbad, Calif.; Nancy Prychodzenko Tiedeman, Boardman, Ohio; Sally McGaffic Wiedeman, Bradenton, Fla.; Mark C. Equizi, Ocala, Fla.; John Fithian Jr., Navarre, Oh.; Alden E. Gross III, Toledo, Oh., in memory of Mary Hannon Gross ('69).

### CLASS OF 1984

Mary Jane Bergman Lull, Phoenix, Ariz.

### LATER CONTRIBUTIONS

Frances Juergens Pettay ('35), Cheshire, Conn.; Thomas Chappell Smith ('57), Huber Heights, Oh.

## Quakers were up, down

Salem High's athletic success in 1984-85 was mixed. The football Quakers, under first year coach Joe Rottenborn, won only two games out of 10. The shining light on the team was running back/receiver/punter Bob Magyaros, who did everything but line the field before games. His talents earned him an athletic scholarship to the U.S. Air Force Academy.

Basketball was another story under Coach George Spack ('69). His well-coached team went 18-2 in the regular season, won its first tournament game, then bowed to Warren Harding, concluding a 19-3 campaign. En route, the Quakers won their first ever Mahoning Valley Conference championship.

## Salem odds and ends

A most severe winter in Salem went into the record books on Super Bowl Sunday (Jan. 20) when the mercury dropped to 22 degrees below zero, giving local plumbers a bonanza repairing frozen water pipes. Subsequent heavy snows piled up and the snow hung on until late February. The venerable McCulloch's store on E. State St., vacant at the time, caved in under the weight of snow and was then razed.

Jack Rance ('44), a Salem city councilman for the past 24 years, will retire from council at the end of 1985. An OSU grad, he is northeastern Ohio's foremost Buckeye rooter, still angry because Ohio State lost to Michigan in the Snow Bowl of 1950.

John Cabas, who coached SHS to its greatest basketball glories, retired from the school system on Jan. 1, 1985. He had been serving as assistant principal, having retired from coaching in 1972. He took the 1959 Quakers to the state final game, losing to Cleveland East Tech.

The average teacher's salary in the Salem school district for 1983-84 was \$20,811. Herb Brown quit teaching/coaching in the early 1940's because he couldn't get along on \$2,000 a year. That represents a 10-fold increase in 40 years.

Pat Schmidt McNicol ('53), a member of the Executive Committee of the Salem High School Alumni Association, and Paul Shivers ('75), local dentist, were sworn in as board of education members in 1984.

Superintendent Robert E. Pond was given a new four-year contract in 1984, with an annual salary of \$47,000. He has served since 1967.

Salem High graduated 232 seniors in June, 1984. Enrollment is diminishing, however, and is expected to drop for several years. Overall, average daily school attendance in the system was 3,030 last fall, down from 3,100 in 1983.



## Etceteras and sundries

Salem Mayor Robert Sell ('43): "I think the opening of the new Salem High School Alumni Association office is one of the best things that has happened in Salem in recent years. It is a fine addition that will perform a great service to SHS graduates. Few, if any, other cities can boast of a facility like this one, nor an alumni group that does as much good as ours."

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Eleven Salem High classes planned reunions for the summer of 1985, including the 50-year 1935 honor class, due to be saluted at the annual Alumni banquet on June 8. The 55-year Class of 1930 is also planning a reunion, but its plans are incomplete.

Other reunions planned: 1940 — August 10 at Timberlanes; 1945 — August 3 at Timberlanes; 1949 — July 27 at Timberlanes; 1950 — August 3 at Guilford Lake; 1955 — July 6 at Timberlanes; 1960 — July 6 at Timberlanes; 1965 — July 6 at Elks Lodge; 1970 — July 13 at Saxon Country Club; 1975 — July 6 at Saxon Country Club.

The world premier of a movie on Charles Burchfield ('11), famous artist, was shown at the high school in February. He won the third scholarship ever given by the SHS Alumni Association.

Kirk Lowdermilk ('81) was a starter for Ohio State's Rose Bowl team and was selected All-Big 10 center last season, despite suffering a leg fracture late in the season.

The Salem High band made a five-day trip to Orlando, Fla., in late March at a cost of \$51,500. The bulk of the money was earned by the 190-member band from tag days and from sales of calendars, fruit and candies. It was the fifth out-of-state excursion for the band in the last 10 years. The band competed in the Florida World Music Festival and made an appearance at Disneyworld.

Attending a class reunion? Before you go, leaf through those old photo albums and pick out some high school pictures to show your classmates. Maybe some old clippings or dance programs, too.

How does one become a member of the SHS Alumni Association? Nothing is required, other than that you be a Salem High graduate.

Your comments on this newsletter or any contributions you may want included in the next edition are welcomed. Send them to the SHS Alumni office, 328 E. State St., Salem, OH 44460.

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**Salem High School Alumni Association Scholarship Committee**  
328 E. State St.  
Salem, OH 44460

I enclose a check for \$\_\_\_\_\_, payable to the Salem High School Alumni Association Scholarship Committee (write SHSAASC on your check) for the furniture fund. Any excess money will be channeled into the scholarship fund.

\$\_\_\_\_\_ In memory of

Your name: (women include maiden name)

Address:

City, state, zip code:

Class year:

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