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Alumni newsletter reaches 8,000 graduates

(The following story appeared in the first issue of the Salem High School Alumni Association newsletter, distributed in May, 1985. The mailing covered 3,800 graduates, but the current mailing is in excess of 8,000, so the updated story is herewith reprinted for those who did not get the newsletter.)

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), Pat Schmidt McNicol ('53) along with three new members appointed in early 1986, Barbara Beery Lippiatt ('55), Sally Snowball Chappell ('60) and Joe Ciotti ('65).

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Fred Cope honored for service

Fred E. Cope, longtime Salem High teacher-coach-athletic director (1933-1975), was honored last May when he became the first in Ohio history to direct a district track and field meet for 50 consecutive years.

He was presented a plaque by the Ohio High School Athletic Association at the Class AAA district meet at Austintown Fitch High stadium.

Cope, now 78, was graduated from Salem High in 1925, where he competed in the mile run. Later, at Mt. Union College, he ran the mile and two-mile, setting a record in the latter event that stood for 26 years. He was twice captain of the Mt. Union track team.

Fred finished sixth in the NCAA two-mile in 1929 and later just missed gaining a spot on the 1932 Olympic team.

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On the Scholarship Committee are: 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 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. In 1985, because fewer students achieved high grades, the total fell to \$74,500. It is expected to return to the 1984 level in the future. In 1985 the top 22 students won scholarships ranging from

Cope began his coaching career in Bucyrus, but returned to Salem in 1933 where he coached track for 13 seasons. He held the athletic director post for 40 years until his retirement in 1975.

He has received many honors over the years. One came when Salem school officials named the road into the new high school F.E. Cope Drive. In addition, the school conducts the F.E. Cope Relays every year in his honor.

Fred and his wife, Doris, also a former teacher, still reside at 585 N. Howard Ave. in Salem. They have three daughters, Susan, Nancy and Michelle.

Cope's track work isn't confined to area meets. He has been head track inspector at the state meeting in Columbus since 1954 and handles the same job at the famed Mansfield Mehack Relays each year.

He intends to keep going "as long as my present good health holds up."

\$1,000 to \$6,000. The fund reflected the infusion of \$203,000 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 504 students a total of \$603,150 — 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 7 when the 50-year class of 1936 will be honored along with one outstanding Alumni member.

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

1985 Scholarship Winners

(All two-year terms)

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| \$6,000 — | Timothy Herron, J. Steven Julian, Scott Smith |
| \$5,500 — | Nicholas Watkins, Charlotte Johnson |
| \$5,000 — | Diane Burkett, Amy Kendall, Laura Huzyak |
| \$4,000 — | Beth Young, Timothy Scharf |
| \$3,000 — | David A. Edling, Wendy Pizzino |
| \$2,500 — | Drew Goddard, Kerry Morrissey, Denise Tkatch |
| \$2,000 — | Dorothy Clunen, David Milheim |
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| \$1,000 — | Max Fisher Scholarships
Brad Jones, Guy Klosterman, Primo Knight, Tracy Esterly, Joseph Noll |



This 1920 Quaker team played on the old unimproved Reilly Field, going through a 3-3 season that was shortened due to a flu epidemic. It defeated Columbiana, Wellsville and Niles, while losing to Beaver Falls, Youngstown South and Warren. First row (l. to r.) Kay Liber, Lloyd Yoder, Jim Kesselmire, Kenneth Burkaw, Walter O'Neill, Marion Conkle, Paul Rich. Second row: Charles Hassey, Chris Roessler, John Siskowic, Hink Spencer.

Third row: Coach Doug Vivian, Richard Brewer, T. Emerson (Bummy) Smith, James McCleery, Newt Sterling, George Bunn, Clarence Gibbons. Yoder later became an All-American at Carnegie Tech; Roessler, now 82 and living in Florida, is the only 12-letter man in SHS history; Smith was later mayor of Salem; Bunn operated Bunn Shoe Store for many years. They posed here in front of the old high school building.

Reilly Field, only living memorial to general

Reilly Field, Salem High's athletic facility, was described in 1929 as "one of the finest high school athletic fields in the state." That may have been true at the time and the facility is still a good one and entirely adequate for a city of Salem's size.

The proper name is "The General Reilly Athletic Field of the Salem Public Schools," a discouraging title never used. The money to buy the field came from the estate of Civil War General James W. Reilly of Wellsville. Although all the schools in Columbiana County shared in his estate, Salem is the only community to use the money for a permanent memorial to the general.

How the field came about bears retelling. Prior to 1910, the Quakers played football at Evans Grove, now known as Centennial Park. According to Dick Hutcheson, a member of the 1910 team, games moved to the present site that year. The field was then known as the Independent Amusement Park and had earlier been called Pidgeon's Pond and Pidgeon's Brickyard. It was used so for baseball and for circuses, carnivals and medicine shows.

The whole story is perfectly related in the following excerpt from the 1916 Quaker annual, the first ever

printed under that name:

Salem High School rejoices in the possession of an athletic field, recently purchased by the Board of Education with funds made available by the distribution of the estate of the late Gen. James W. Reilly of Wellsville. Since athletic sports have come to be recognized as a legitimate part of the activities of a modern high school this field makes a highly valued addition to our equipment. We feel that the Board of Education made a very wise decision when they determined to make this purchase.

Gen. Reilly died in 1905, and in the absence of any known heirs or of a will providing for the division of his estate it escheated to the State of Ohio. After several years of litigation involving the investigation of the claims of possible heirs to share in the estate, the courts decided to apportion the funds remaining among the schools of Columbiana County. On Feb. 5, 1915, the Board of Education in Salem received its apportionment, amounting to \$5,472.69. At the meeting of the Board on March 1, 1915, it was decided to expend this sum in the purchase of the Athletic Field, which was to be known as "The Gen. Reilly Athletic Field of the Salem Public Schools." The purchase was made on April 25, 1915, all of the fund being

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thus invested in the purchase and improvement of this field. This so far as we know was the first use made of any part of the Reilly estate in the erection of a permanent memorial to his memory.

The field is adequate in size and is admirably located being a short distance from the new high school building and very near to the central part of the city. By the older residents it will be remembered as the site of Pidgeon's brick-yard and the once famous Pidgeon's Pond. For many years it was known as the "Independent Amusement Park," from the stockholders of which it was purchased by the Board of Education.

The fact that this field bears the name of Gen. Reilly awakens a natural interest in the life and character of the man whom we thus honor. Gen. James W. Reilly was born in the city of Akron, May 21, 1828. His parents, Thomas and Elizabeth Reilly, came to the United States from Ireland in 1825. The father was a well known contractor for the construction of public works. Reilly was educated at Allegheny College, at Meadville, Penn., and at Mount St. Mary's, at Emmetsburg, Md. In 1848 he located in Wellsville, where he studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1851. In 1861 he was elected to represent Columbiana County in the Ohio legislature.

In July 1862 he was made Colonel of the One Hundred and Fourth Ohio Volunteer Infantry, which was recruited from Summit, Stark, Portage and Columbiana Counties. Practically one whole company, Company G, of this regiment was recruited from Salem and vicinity, a very few of whom are still with us. In August of 1862, Col. Reilly reported with his regiment to Gen. Lew Wallace in Kentucky. (Gen. Wallace later gained undying fame by writing the smash novel "Ben Hur.")

Such was the training and discipline of the regiment, inspired by the high standards of their Colonel and drilled in accordance with his strict and uncompromising ideas of army discipline that it carried off the honors in a review of the whole of Gen. Wallace's command. The next year the regiment was in service in eastern Tennessee in and about Knoxville. In the spring of 1864 they started with Sherman in the famous campaign to Atlanta. On July 30, 1864, Col. Reilly was promoted to the rank of Brigadier General for meritorious service, when he with his brigade joined in the pursuit of Gen. Hood in northern Alabama. He was later with Gen. Thomas at Nashville and participated in the engagements with Hood's forces at Columbia and Franklin. At the latter battle he commanded the 3rd Division of the 23rd Army Corps. He closed his military career at Goldsborough, N.C. at the end of the war.

In 1865 he returned to Wellsville and again resumed the practice of his profession, which he continued until his death in 1905. He was for many years the attorney for the Pennsylvania R.R. Co.

General Reilly was a man of positive character, possessed of rugged honesty, a strong sense of justice, and marked by qualities of deportment and bearing which designated him as a gentleman of the old fashioned type. As a lawyer he was a pronounced success, as a public spirited citizen he was of great value to his community, enjoying the confidence of all with whom he

was associated. As a soldier he stood for the most rigid standards of training and discipline and was held in the highest esteem and respect by the boys whom he led through hardship and danger as they battled for the Nation's life.

It is a matter of pride that we are able to give to our field the name of one who left such a record.

Between 1915 and 1928, only minor improvements were made at Reilly Field. A wooden bleachers was erected (mostly for baseball) in the northeast corner of the field and it was surrounded by a wire fence which was covered by canvas during games "to obstruct the view of non-paying fans."

In the mid-1920s plans were made to vastly improve the facility. One who was anxious to see this come about was Wilbur Springer, who coached football, basketball and track at SHS in 1925 through 1928 before becoming high school principal.

Springer fought for a six or eight-lane track, but was stymied by Supt. John S. Alan, who came to Salem in 1913 from Mount Vernon, Ohio. Alan hated baseball and told planners to "get the new bleachers in close so they can't play baseball here." That's why the track has been inadequate to this day. Up to that time many semi-pro baseball games were played at Reilly Field, including an exhibition game by the Pittsburgh Pirates.

During this period, the Quakers got great support from C.C. Gibson, president of Mullins Mfg. Corp. He bought team blankets and gave emotional speeches at pep rallies. He enthused over the 1926 team, which went undefeated even though the baseball bleachers had been torn down and there was no seating space. Automobiles were drawn up around the field and the fans had to stand to watch the games.

In the fall of 1928, the field was finished, with a 1,500 seat west bleachers in place, a brick wall surrounding the field and the new Reilly grade school opening in October. It was the first football season for Coach Floyd Stone. His teams played a lot of muddy games since the grass was reluctant to grow fast enough. That condition persisted for several years, but the locker rooms in the school building were a big improvement and so was the newly-built cinder track.

When lights were erected in 1929 and Salem High staged the first high school night football game in Ohio's history, local citizens were justly proud of their facility. It didn't hurt, either, when the Quakers went undefeated in 1929.

Then followed the innovative Salem Night Relays for many years and the flow of talented athletes who performed on the track and on the gridiron, ranging up to and including Jesse Owens, Harrison Dillard, Glenn Davis and the unending stream of fine Salem High athletes.

Thank you, General Reilly.

(Sources for this story include Chris Roessler ('20), Fred E. Cope ('25), Bob Campbell ('27), some 1914-15 newspaper clippings, the 1916 Quaker annual, the bicentennial booklet "Spirit of Salem," and a 1981 Salem Board of Education booklet.)

Return of lost class ring delights '29 graduate

A 1929 Salem High School class ring, lost for nearly 55 years, was returned last fall to its original owner, who had no idea when or where she lost it.

The happy recipient was Mrs. Helen Lucille Shelton Wilson, who now lives at 771 Oak St., Apt. B, Lakewood, Colorado 80215.

Her ring was unearthed, literally, by Carl McFeeders, 53, of Route 3, Dover, an amateur treasure hunter who employs a metal detector in pursuing his hobby. He found the ring on October 10 under the sand on the shore of Westville Lake near Salem. The lake had recently been lowered and McFeeders was "sweeping" the area near the shore.

The ring bears the initials "HLS" and is in amazingly good condition for having been buried for 55 years. All inscriptions are clearly legible. McFeeders approached the Alumni Association in trying to find the owner. A quick perusal of the 1929 Quaker annual showed that only one person in that class had those initials.

The Association called Mrs. Wilson, now widowed, and learned that she had no recollection of losing the ring. However, she clearly recalled that she used to borrow her father's Model T Ford and take groups of classmates to swim at Westville in the early 1930's.

She was married in the 1930's to Dr. Edwin Coles, an osteopath who practiced in Salem. They moved in 1937 when Dr. Coles set up practice in Dayton. He died in 1946. Mrs. Wilson has no close relatives, save cousins, living in the Salem area and has not been in Salem since her 45-year class reunion in 1974.

"I will certainly treasure the ring," she told McFeeders over the telephone.

The Dover man sought no reward for finding the ring and went out of his way to drive to Salem twice to find the

owner. He happily mailed Mrs. Wilson the ring.

McFeeders' hobby has enabled him to find hundreds of coins and other items, but nothing so easily traced to its owner as Mrs. Wilson's lost ring.

McFeeders, now retired from the Air Force, is employed by the Superior Dairy of Canton. An avid bowler, he recently chalked up a sensational 804 series in league play.

"Maybe the ring will bring her some happiness," he said.

Later, Mrs. Wilson wrote to the Alumni Association and said, "I have been wearing the ring and showing it to friends. They are always surprised and interested in my story of its history. Most of the reactions I get on telling about the ring are pleasure, surprise and joy about the honesty of the people involved. It's a real 'upper' for everyone."

Dear SHS Alumni Association Contributors:

We, the members of the SHS Alumni Association, wish to take this opportunity to thank every one of you for your generous contributions to our alumni fund. It has been a caring contribution on your part and we want you to know the money has and will be put to use in a way in which you will be extremely proud.

Our new headquarters at 328 E. State St. are now completely furnished in a beautiful Williamsburg decor. Many alumni classes are holding their reunion planning meetings there and we are receiving many favorable responses. So for this purpose alone, our headquarters are being put to excellent use.

We hope if you are an out-of-town alumnus you will feel free to come, visit and browse. The office is open each weekday morning from 9 to noon and our most capable executive coordinator, Bob Dixon ('40), will be there to greet you.

We still have a large amount of material and memorabilia to sort and put on display, but we are hoping to get this accomplished before too long.

Again, thank you for your contributions and your pride in being part of the Salem High School Alumni Association family. If you have not already made your contribution, it isn't too late.

Dorothy Day Corso ('34)
President

Contribution of \$1,945 matches graduation year

The 40th anniversary reunion of the Class of 1945 drew 125 persons, including 85 class members, to Timberlanes in Salem last August 3. Guests at the affair included longtime teachers Ben Barrett, Chester Brautigam, Doris and Fred Cope, Loren Early, A.V. Henning, John Olloman and Harvey Lehman.

Joe Wendel was chairman of the planning committee and Charles (Mutt) Schaeffer served as master of ceremonies. The Rev. James Cope of California, a classmate, gave the keynote speech.

One of the highlights of the program came when George (Socko) Vavrek, now a Los Angeles bail bondsman, presented the Salem High School Alumni Association his check for \$1,945 — an appropriate sum for the Class of 1945 — for use in equipping the Alumni office. It was the largest cash donation ever given by a living graduate. He cited his undying devotion to Salem High and his high school memories.

Mabel Bowman Pistole (4305 Poplar St., San Diego, CA 92105) is trying to locate her sister, Dorothy Bowman Kalak ('32) who lived in Salem until the mid-1950's. Mrs. Kalak would now be 75 years old.

Mrs. Pistole said it is very important that she find her sister.

Anyone with information about Mrs. Kalak should write to her sister.

22 receive scholarships, Dan Smith is honored

Seventeen Salem High School seniors shared \$69,500 in scholarships awarded in June at the annual dinner of the SHS Alumni Association in Timberlanes Restaurant in Salem.

In addition, five others were awarded \$1,000 Max Fisher athletic scholarships.

The top students were given \$6,000 two-year scholarships. They were Timothy Herron, J. Steven Julian and Scott Smith, each with cumulative 4.0 grade averages.

The awards were presented by Daniel E. Smith, chairman of the association's Scholarship Committee. Smith also was honored as the year's outstanding alumnus, earning praise from President Dorothy Day Corso "for the many worthwhile, generous things he has done for Salem."

Smith, a local jeweler, is a 1946 graduate who attended Ohio, Denison and Bradley Universities. A Korean War veteran, he opened his business in Salem in 1956.

Claiming the occasion was "one of the high points of my life," Smith expressed his gratitude to the 284-person throng. He reminded the attending seniors that it costs \$28,625 to educate one child for 12 years in Salem schools and urged them to take a scholarly approach, make wise decisions in the years ahead and asked them to develop a good philosophy toward life.

David Edling, 1985 class president, thanked the association for the scholarship grants and presented it with a check for \$275 as a class gift.

Charles Gibbs, the Scholarship Committee treasurer, reported on the association's finances, listed \$1,200,000 in assets, and traced the financial history of the organization. He reported \$110,000 in income for 1984. Gibbs said total scholarships awarded since the association's inception in 1882 now total \$600,000.

Other speakers included: Harry McCarthy of Kirkwood, Mo., president of the 50-year honor class of 1935, who said the \$250 scholarship he won in 1935 paid for two years' tuition at Ohio State University;

Fred E. Cope, former teacher, coach and athletic director at Salem High, who presented the Fisher awards;

Dr. Floyd Stone, football, basketball and track coach here from 1928 to 1933, who presented the association with the ball used in the first night football game in Ohio at Reilly Field in 1929;

Galen Greenisen, who introduced members of the attending 1925 class;

Robert Dixon, executive coordinator for the association, who described activities at the Alumni office and the publishing of a new alumni newsletter.

Cara Mae Reich Stone responded for the Class of '35. Following are her remarks:

It's nice to be here this evening. It's nice to be anyplace this evening. I'll bet you young folks here think those of us in our class are old. We're not old, we're just mature. I was so mature this morning I could hardly get out of bed.

When I was first asked to make this speech, I asked, "What do I talk about?" I was told to compare the old days

with now and mention any class members who became famous, successful, or well-known. Well — I looked through the Quaker annual and I looked through it again — but I decided last night at our reunion dinner that all my classmates are great.

It's true we never had a "Rib" Allen, national champion pole vaulter, nor a Sam Willaman, coach, nor a Sammy Krauss, musician, nor a Charles Burchfield, painter, nor a Max Fisher. We never even had a Kirk Loudermilk, Ohio State football player and now a member of the Minnesota Vikings, nor did we have a Rich Karlis of the Denver Broncos.

We all know that Dick McConnor became a doctor and none of us were surprised when Horace Schwartz went into ladies' underwear. Pardon me, Horace, I meant ladies' ready-to-wear.

We were truly children of the Depression, entering high school in 1931. The fellows didn't have much money, so the girls gave a lot of parties and that was OK since we got to invite the boys we wanted. Everyone went downtown on Saturday nights. The girls walked around and looked in the store windows and the fellows walked around and looked at the girls. Sometimes a boy and his buddy would come down off the postoffice steps and ask to walk you home. Then you would raid the refrigerator.

If you knew someone who worked at the theater, he would invite you to the movies. It was understood that you pay your own way. When he finished work, he would come and sit by you and then walk you home and you would raid the refrigerator. I never did understand why the girls always had food in their refrigerators.

And then there was the prom. We had dinner at the Masonic Temple and went up to the high school for our dance. Afterward, if we had a car, we went to Twee-Crest and danced. Then, if we were really "rich," we went to Youngstown to a night club. Doesn't sound like today, does it? I have my grandmother's 1878 commencement program. There were 15 in that class and everyone had to make a speech. Commencement lasted two nights.

Getting back to a word I used before — success. What is success? Well, in the U.S. it certainly means money. Money, the instrument which buys you everything but happiness and pays your way into any place but Heaven. Is the wealthy man with the ulcers, alcoholic wife and the neglected children successful? I think not. Michael Learned of "The Waltons" once said, "I'd rather be poor and happy than rich and unhappy." However, an old-time entertainer, Sophie Tucker, had a favorite expression, "I've been rich and I've been poor and, believe me, rich is better."

And now in closing I'd like to give some advice to the graduation class. You've had a lot of that lately, haven't you? I have just three short points to make:

- 1. Take care of your body. It's the only one you'll ever have.*
- 2. Work at something you really like and you will be successful.*
- 3. Don't try to live your life without God.*

Newsletter prompts donations from across U.S.

Contributions to the Scholarship Committee of the Alumni Association poured in after the publication of the first newsletter last summer, soaring over \$5,600.

Below is a list of those who sent in contributions, by class. If we have overlooked anyone, please advise and the oversight will be corrected in the next newsletter.

CLASS OF 1916

Charles F. Baker of Salem.

CLASS OF 1919

Nellie Kelley Springer, West Hartford, Conn.; Ethel Coppock Mountz, Cincinnati, OH.

CLASS OF 1924

Mathilda Fernengel Albright, Salem; Isabel Derr Regal, Downers Grove, Ill.

CLASS OF 1927

Leo T. Beall (memory of Ethel Bodo Beall '28), Salem; Catherine Moffett Ward, Salem.

CLASS OF 1928

Geraldine Clay Adam of Chattanooga, TN.

CLASS OF 1929

Myron Bolta, Warren; Mary Margaret McKee Davis, Washington, D.C.; Dorothy Lieder Curry, Naples, FL; Edmund Schilling, Euclid, OH.

CLASS OF 1930

Phillip Lieder of Schwenksville, PA.

CLASS OF 1931

Floyd McQuilken of Salem.

CLASS OF 1932

Raymond Sprowl of Los Angeles, CA.

CLASS OF 1933

Martha Jean Young Parks of Hanoverton, OH.

CLASS OF 1934

Florence Solomon Highison of Youngstown, OH.

CLASS OF 1935

Michael H. Spack, Royal Oak, Mich.; Thomas D. Bennett, Spokane, Wash.; Arnold Nye, Carmichael, Calif.; Horace Schwartz, Sarasota, Fla.; Clara Mae Rich Sprowl, Los Angeles, Calif.; Jack Mullins, Rancho Santa Fe, Calif.; Ben and Emma Jane Lewis Cope, Bellaire, TX; Paul Cleland, Riverside, Ill.; Lucyle Hilliard Lucas, Byesville, OH; Julius Hippley, Windsor, OH.

CLASS OF 1936

Robert Whitehill, Salem; Vera Barber McElhatten, Russell, PA; Vance and Rita McNicol Stewart, Salem; Virginia Young Beckert, Salem; William G. Wagoner, Cleveland, OH; Ed Kamasky, Appleton, WI; Marian Theiss Whipkey, Salem; Mary Baxter Eckstein, Salem; Wesley G. Kille, Palm Bay, FL; Jeanette Flick Olloman, Salem; Michael H. Schuster, St. Clair Shores, MI.

CLASS OF 1937

Robert V. Parks, Hanoverton, OH; Dr. Wade McGhee, Waycross, GA; John Stewart, Greenville, TN.

CLASS OF 1938

E. Jane Smith Yeager, Salem; Margaret Simon Schwartz, Sarasota, FL; Bill Jones, Canyon Country, Calif.

CLASS OF 1939

Polly Silver Riley, Salem; Mary Cosma Whitehill, Salem; Lena Colian Ricci, Youngstown, OH; Mary Ruth O'Hara Koppenhafer, Salem; Quaker Mfg. Corp. in memory of Frank L. Stone Jr.

CLASS OF 1940

Richard E. Beck, Gahanna, OH; Glenn Whinnery, Scottsdale, AZ; Glen Shasteen, Lake Wales, FL; Ellen Monks Nimon, Canton, OH; Dorothy Hinkley Barton, Springfield, OH; Jean Shafer Stewart, Greenville, TN.

CLASS OF 1941

Earl F. McDevitt, Arlington, OH; Bill Theiss, Midlothian, TX; Alice Sabona Oana, Salem; Dorothy Snyder Phillips, Salem.

CLASS OF 1942

Robert R. Ritchie of Fairborn, OH.

CLASS OF 1943

Nada Krepps Beck, Gahanna, OH; Audrey Welsh Wooten, Chino, CA; Eleanor Hilliard Shasteen, Lake Wales, FL; Marjorie McArtor Herder, Canoga Park, CA.

CLASS OF 1944

Velma Deryl Stowe Engel, Kittanning, PA; Betty Lutsch Hinz, Parma, OH; Marion Marshall, Findlay, OH.

CLASS OF 1945

William E. Byers, Newton, Conn.; Lela Abblett Vocation, Folsom, CA; George (Soko) Vavrek, West Los Angeles, CA; Janet Crawford Taylor, Findlay, OH; Henry Sobolewski, Niles, OH.

CLASS OF 1946

Dolores Ferko Cronenwett, Youngstown, OH; Beatrice Taylor, Warsaw, OH; Elsie Omaitis Woldruff, Grand Junction, Colo.; Joanne Butler Carlisle, Chatsworth, CA; Ruth Dales Englert, Salem; Walter C. Ibele, Canfield, OH.

CLASS OF 1948

Donna Roessler Bradt, Sebring, OH; Lee Ward, Woodstock, OH; Walter A. Taylor, Findlay, OH; David P. Miller, Whittier, CA.

CLASS OF 1949

Joseph A. Bachman, Mt. Lebanon, PA; Class of 1949 reunion.

CLASS OF 1950

Wayne T. Darling of Salem.

CLASS OF 1951

Elizabeth Fultz Ward of Woodstock, OH.

CLASS OF 1952

Robert O. Dunn of Bartlesville, OK.

CLASS OF 1953

Teresa Stokovic of Los Angeles, Calif.

CLASS OF 1954

Marilyn Dodge Dunn of Bartlesville, OK.

CLASS OF 1955

Barbara Wright, Edgewater, MD; Victoria Paparodis Nellis, Beaver Falls, PA; Class of 1955 reunion.

CLASS OF 1957

John F. Dotson, Canfield, OH.

CLASS OF 1959

Richard D. Sandrock of Wilmette, Ill.

CLASS OF 1960

Judith Schneider Grossman of Anaheim, Calif.

CLASS OF 1962

Sherry Hixenbaugh Tilley, Salem; Frederick M. Kaiser, Silver Spring, MD.

CLASS OF 1964

Kathryn Adams Fox of Salem.

CLASS OF 1966

Thomas W. Wright of Salem.

CLASS OF 1967

Thomas Vacar of Los Angeles, Calif.

CLASS OF 1969

Lois Kachner Wright of Salem.

10 classes planning 1986 reunions

Ten Salem High School classes are planning reunions during the summer of 1986 at this writing.

The Class of 1936 will be the honored 50-year class at the annual SHS Alumni Association banquet, scheduled for June 7 at Timberlanes in Salem. Other reunions planned are:

1931 — June 14 at Timberlanes; 1941 — July 12 at Salem Golf Club; 1946 — July 12 at Timberlanes; 1951 — July 12 at Salem Elks Lodge; 1956 — July 5 at Elks; 1961 — July 26 at Elks; 1966 — July 19 at Golf Club; 1971 — Aug. 16 at Kent State branch in Salem; 1976 — June 28 at Elks.

Many of the reunion planning meetings have been held at the Alumni office.

Favorable comments heard from graduates on first newsletter

Reaction to the publication of the Alumni Association's first newsletter last year was highly favorable. In addition to the positive comments received, many, many graduates sent in contributions to the scholarship fund totaling more than \$5,600, employing the donation coupon printed in the newsletter.

A list of those who sent in contributions may be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

Herewith are some of the comments received:

"Congratulations on a real outstanding newsletter! I really enjoyed it and looking to future letters." Myron Bolta ('29) of Warren, Ohio.

"Truly enjoyed the interesting and newsy letter. Appreciate all the work, time and efforts." Mary Cosma Whitehill ('39) of Salem.

"I think it's great that the Alumni Association is so well organized and so well funded for scholarships." Robert W. Whitehill ('36) of Salem.

"Really enjoyed your newsletter — good job. I surely will have something to crow about when I take the letter into work." Earl McDevitt ('41) of Arlington, OH.

"I congratulate you on the remarkable scholarship fund and on a most interesting and well-organized newsletter." Mary Margaret McKee Davies ('29) of Washington, D.C.

"Excellent publication. Keep me on the mailing list." Velma Deryl Stowe Engel ('44) of Kittanning, Pa.

"I enjoyed the newsletter and will appreciate receiving each issue." Donna Roessler Bradt ('48) of Sebring, Ohio.

"The Association has surely done well and I'm proud of our record. I believe that no other high school has done so well. To be able to help many young people go to college is a great thing." Nellie Kelley Springer ('19) of Hartford, Conn.

"I don't ever remember being contacted by the Alumni Association before 1984 following our 40th reunion. The organization has an astonishing history. The newsletter is beautifully done." Betty Lutsch Hinz ('44) of Parma, OH.

"I think this is wonderful. Salem High is really going forward and this will make it a real success. I still love my home town and the school I graduated from." Lena Colian Ricci ('39) of Youngstown, OH.

"Since I return to Salem only once a year, I particularly enjoyed the newsletter." Bill Byers ('45) of Newtown, Conn.

"Sure appreciate the first newsletter — it was great! Sort of gives you a good feeling about Salem and the school and friends — makes you proud. Keep up the good work and keep me on the mailing list." Bill Jones ('38) of Canyon Country, CA.

"Congratulations on putting together an excellent newsletter. I wallowed around in nostalgia as I read it. Why no mention of the Perry Indians?" Bill Theiss ('41) of Midlothian, Texas.

"Never did know they had an Alumni association for the high school. Glad to have received the newsletter." Ed Kamasky ('36) of Appleton, Wis.

"I am very pleased to hear that Salem has this Association. It should keep people more informed of friends back home and help keep our old school spirit." Lela Abblett Vocature ('45) of Folsom, CA.

Donations provide new computer for alumni record-keeping

Through the generous contributions from Salem High graduates, the Alumni Association last fall purchased a new IBM-AT computer-printer for record-keeping purposes. To date, more than 8,000 names and addresses of SHS grads have been entered in the computer.

The listings, which require constant updating, will enable the Association to provide mailing address labels to classes planning reunions. It is expected the project will require another year or two to complete, or until the entire cycle of five-year reunions has transpired.

The label capability also is very important in mailing out this newsletter.

Naturally, it is the responsibility of each class to provide accurate updates as members change their residences.

In submitting address changes to the Alumni office, women graduates should be sure to include their maiden names since that name was the one printed in the Quaker annual.

Classes that have never submitted their address lists are: 1942, 1956, 1961, 1967, 1970, 1973, 1974, and 1975, plus all the newest classes from 1977 through 1985. None of those class members will receive this newsletter.

Old annuals are available

Have you lost your Quaker annual?

The Alumni Association has a number of extra copies of annuals from 1915 through 1981 that are available to alumni.

No charge is made for the yearbooks, but it is requested that you make a contribution to the scholarship fund.

Write to the alumni office and we will try to fill your order.

Apologies to Class of '64

A dropped line of type in our first newsletter caused the heading "Class of 1964" to be missing from the list of those who sent donations to the Alumni Association's furniture fund.

Those '64 contributors were: Richard Vacar, Joyce Calvin Clegg in memory of Perry Calvin, Penny Balan Thomas, Sue Yates Earlaugh in memory of Jean Cameron Love, Bonnie Youtz Verminski and Russell H. Hackett III.

Football was REALLY rough for first SHS team

(The following story was printed in the Intersectional Football Annual in 1926, published by the Salem Hi-Y Club. The author, William H. Dunn ('98), was a coal mine owner in the Salem area, a brother of George Dunn, who played from 1899 to 1902 and later became a local chiropractor.)

By William H. Dunn

Credit for Salem's first football team must be given to the YMCA, at that time active in Salem. It was September, 1893, we find the following players in the YMCA lineup:

D. P. Patterson, Howard Zimmerman, Ed Taylor, James Miggett, Frank Filler, R. W. Thornberry, Roy Cole, George Gee, Ed McKee, Jessie Fagley and Fred Morland.

Almost simultaneously (Ed. note: One month later) the Salem High School team was organized and captained by Constant Southworth, consisting of:

Grant Woodruff, Robert Tampson, Walter Meyerhoffer, Wallace Kirkbride, George Oldham, Carl Bullard, Will McCarty, Dick Harris, Hiram Green, Rufus Southworth, Roll French, with George Cooper and Fred Lawrence as substitutes.

The high school of '93 was not as particular as the school of today in selecting the team, and if any of the 7th or 8th grade lads showed real interest they were permitted to go out for the practice. I, with several other 8th graders, reported the first night with such enthusiasm that the first practice lost the sleeves and front of a new blue shirt, but it won for me a place on the team and I was from that night a full-fledged fullback.

Our practice ground was in the Bullard field just west of Highland Avenue (Ed. note: Actual games were played at Evans Grove, later to become Centennial Park.) and we were a picturesque group. Only two members of the team had enough financial backing to buy football suits, and the rest of the players, while waiting for their mothers to make them suits, appeared in very unique outfits. Padding in those days was most essential, and when a player was set to go his own family could not recognize him for the quantity he had used. We finally acquired suits for our first game, but when a player was taken out time was called to dress up the substitute in the retiring member's suit. It made little difference how far from Salem the game was played, the team dressed in uniform before leaving and if the suits were not torn off, the players returned to Salem before changing. A shower was then unknown.

(Ed. note: The team probably traveled to out-of-town games by horse and wagon, although Bob Campbell clearly recalled walking to the county fairgrounds in Lisbon to compete in the county track meet and he was in the Class of '27.)

The first Salem High team played three games in '93. The first, we victoriously played the YMCA team, heavier than the High team, but we learned in the first game that weight was not the most essential quality. (Ed. note: SHS won, 8-4.)

The second game was played at Massillon. Of course, we had no coach and therefore had many difficulties to overcome. There was not much sportsmanship or knowledge of the game.

We used the old flying wedge to put the ball in play. With this form of play it was a question of how many were left after this first down, and not at the end of the first half. If we ran out of substitutes, the captain would call some favored son from the sidelines. I recall one game when this emergency arose that Chauncy Older (father of the present 1926 Captain Les Older) was invited in and answered the call with no preparation other than taking off his stiff white collar.

We lost this second game, 16-6, but that was not all; we had been promised 50 percent of the gate receipts, but there was no gate and we returned to Salem hungry but undaunted.

We had attracted enough attention by this time that Mount Union College challenged us, and although they were from four to six years older and much heavier we played our third and last game of the season with the college team, being defeated by them, 10-4. (Ed. note: Other records show a 20-6 score.)

A few quotations from the press of that day will give a little idea of the brutality of the early game:

"Football is all right, when played right, but few people who saw Saturday's game in this city with Mt. Union college students could endorse it, for it was a bloody and inhuman fight with plenty of profane language thrown in. One man had his nose broken and mashed down and will probably be disfigured for life. The bottle was used on the field, but it was only done to brace up the boys and put more spirit in them."

"During the game one of the Lisbon curs who was acting as substitute walked in and deliberately struck a Salem player on the chin with a large club. It was useless for Salem to offer resistance as they were amongst the enemy and doubtless would have been mobbed."

"The crowd had surged in on the field and was interfering with the playing in the second half, when Salem formed a line that reached half-way across the field by catching hands. They started after the crowd. The field was swept clean, but not before a number of people had been knocked down and some of the urchins had been trampled upon."

The fall of '94 brought many new faces in the lineup — Wilbur Best, Howard Bently, Seward Howard, Warren Evans, Ralph Campbell and others.

It was this year that brought out C. C. Gibson, who, from that day to this, has been a loyal supporter of the Salem teams.

The teams available for us to play were Mt. Union, Canfield Normal, Salem YMCA, Massillon and others were most of them too heavy, which often spelled defeat but never once daunted our courage.

The changes from time to time in the rules of the game were all in our favor, especially so the change made

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in 1905 has done much to make the game more popular and give the lighter teams a better show. I refer to the rule eliminating all mass play, which was brought about by public demand when Theodore Roosevelt in 1905 summoned representatives of the leading colleges and impressed upon them the necessity of doing something to lessen the dangers and general roughness of the game. So today we have a game for open play where a light team with the proper coaching can hold its own.

Salem High can point with pride to her teams that followed more modern football rules. From material developed in the Salem High teams came that famous aggregation that played together for four years — only defeated once in this time and not scored against in two years. From 1899 to 1902 this team scored 531 points to their opponents' 29, defeating during this time such teams as Canton Professionals, Akron, Wooster, Youngstown, Warren, Pittsburgh Athletic Club and Niles.

The lineup covering the four years included: McNabb, Hillis, Farmer, Bert Couburn, Will Lambert, Harry Boyle, Charles Ortell, Oesch, N.Y. Howell, Horney En-triken, Brown, Nelson, Shives, Callahan, Dillard, Clark, Fitzpatrick, Hester, Sheean, Vaughn, Grove, Monk Kessel-mire, Tom Boyle, Gus Harris, Wilber Baillie, George Dunn and Frank Harris.

The later teams bring us the names of the two Southworth and Willaman brothers, R. Schiller, Brooke Anderson, Mart Allen, Carl Whinery, Russell Myers, Ramsden Deming, Ralph Linn, Arthur Leonard, Russell Gwinner, Ralph Linn, Joe Kelley, Lloyd Yoder, Ed Read, Ralston Jones, George Konnert, John Siskowic, Arthur Yengling, Harry Houser and Bob Wilson.

Constant Southworth, now a leading attorney in Akron, in bringing football to Salem High, must be looked upon as the father of Salem's real high school spirit. The football season of '93 closed, leaving ambition for fine football, which has since developed some wonderful talent in Salem.

The high school also learned for the first time that the citizens of Salem were willing to back and be interested in High School athletics, and as I look back over the press clippings of the early games and read the comments of the character of the Salem teams I cannot help feeling that the reputation Salem has today as square shooters, for cleanness of play and general sportsmanship dates back to the games of the first Salem High team.

Too much cannot be said in appreciation of the splendid leadership of Coach Wilbur Springer and the results he has obtained with this year's team (1926), which promised from the beginning to be light material. It shows what proper coaching, right living, discipline, good sportsmanship and upbuilding of character can accomplish. This year's team will go down in the annals of Salem's football history second to none in the many fine teams of the past 33 years, and as a fine exponent of the game that does more than any other to upbuild character, aggressiveness, courage and intelligence.

(Ed. note: The 1926 Quaker team was undefeated and outscored its opponents, 239-25. SHS defeated Louisville, Akron Garfield, Akron West, Struthers, Wells-ville, Alliance, East Liverpool, Leetonia, East Palestine and Lisbon.)

Etceteras and sundries from the Salem scene

Salem will celebrate its 180th birthday at the annual Jubilee observance July 16-19 with the theme "The Homecoming." Attention will be given to the restoration of the Statue of Liberty and to life in the 1920s.

The Jubilee yearly sees many former Salemites return for visits and the celebration which includes a large parade, displays and concessions. It is sponsored by the Salem Area Chamber of Commerce in cooperation with many clubs and organizations.

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Friends and business associates of three prominent and popular Salem High graduates who died over the past year contributed generously to the Alumni Association scholarship fund in their names. More than \$10,600 was given in the names of Judge Joel H. Sharp ('14), Robert Campbell ('27) and Robert Snyder ('34). Judge Sharp, 89, who served 30 years on the Columbiana County Common Pleas Court bench, remembered the association with a bequest in his will.

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Betty Jones Kennedy Barkhoff ('26), who died in January, was the first Salem High "football girl" to be voted that honor by the student body. Dr. Henry Yaggi gave gold footballs to the SHS varsity in the fall of 1925 and, having one left over, decided to award it to the "most enthusiastic football girl." Betty won the election and the ball was presented to her at an assembly.

At the time of her death, Mrs. Barkhoff was enthusiastically working on a projected reunion of the 1926 class.

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Harvey Walken ('46), Chicago real estate developer, is a member of a public-private coalition that purchased the Pittsburgh Pirates baseball team last fall. The coalition paid \$22 million, plus assuming \$7 million in debts owed by the club. The Pirates have struggled on the field and at the box office since winning their last World Series in 1979.

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The Class of 1963 was one of the early contributors toward the financing of the Alumni Association's new headquarters. At the class reunion in 1983 members collected \$300 to help build the rooms and their efforts have not been recognized until now. It was a timely gift when it was needed the most.

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The Class of 1924 was the oldest to have a class reunion in 1985. Thirteen class members and six guests enjoyed a 61-year reunion luncheon at Timberlanes. Attending were: George Fronk, Matilda Fernengel Albright, Olive Stratton Bates, Harold Harmon, Ruth Kirby Meals, Vernetta Moores Moore, Esther Hoopes Weingart, Lowell Whinery, Catherine Shaffer Yeagley, Margaret Getz Smith of Lakeland, Fla., Mike Schuller of Mapleton Ill., and Helen Flick Chalfant and Fred Bova of Pittsburgh. The group toured the Salem High Alumni Asso. office and the Salem Historical Society museum.

Andrew Joseph Parlontieri ('47), who was a member of some of Ben Barrett's better football teams at Salem High, was honored by Duquesne University on November 1, 1985. Andy was inducted into the Duquesne Hall of Fame in recognition of his football feats from 1947 to 1950. Among others also honored by induction was venerable Art Rooney, owner of the Pittsburgh Steelers.

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Certainly one of the most prestigious trips taken by SHS grads in 1985 was a junket to the Orient by Horace ('35) and Marge ('38) Schwartz of Sarasota, Fla. During November they joined a tour group and visited Tokyo, Shanghai, Hong Kong, Bangkok and Singapore over a 24-day period.

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A series of vicious tornadoes swept through northeastern Ohio on May 31, 1985, raking Newton Falls, Niles and other communities. A separate twister blasted through Franklin Square, only five miles south of Salem, reducing several buildings to kindling. New Waterford also was hit. In all, 88 people were killed in Ohio and western Pennsylvania that day.

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Downtown Salem suffered two severe blows around Nov. 1, 1985 when doors were closed on both Strouss Department Store and G.C. Murphy Store. The latter had been a downtown fixture for many years. Who doesn't remember, as a kid, doing his Christmas shopping at Murphy's? At this writing, no new tenants for those two buildings have come forward.

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Bob Hiltbrand ('35) hit the jackpot last summer. He attended his class reunion (the 50th) in June, but the real action took place July 6. On that date his three daughters came to Salem. Marge Woerner ('60) of Potomac, Md., Barbara Watson ('65) of Hartsville, S.C., and Michele Miller ('75) of Loveland, OH all dropped in on the Hiltbrands as their reunions were held on the same day. It was a great family reunion.

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A good turnout of 21 of the 58 living members of the Class of '27 attended a reunion on June 22 at the Salem Golf Club. There were 114 in the graduating class.

Ann McLaughlin, Bob Campbell and Fred Limestahl comprised the reunion committee. Limestahl said the class voted to observe its 60th year with another reunion in 1987.

Highlight of the luncheon meeting came when it was announced that the entire affair was being underwritten by Campbell and Max Caplan of New York City.

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Many old timers will remember Sam Drakulich ('30) for his football exploits on the undefeated 1929 Quaker eleven as well as at Ohio State. Sammy, who was an excellent baseball player, too, now lives at 12233 N. 111th Ave., Sun City, AZ 85351. He is listed as treasurer for the Ohio State Alumni Asso. in his locale. Sam played halfback for OSU at about 135 pounds which gives some idea of his courage.

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