

1909, 1934 Are Relived

You are there.

The time is June, 1909.

Woodwardites are proud that William Howard Taft, a graduate of thirty-five years ago, has recently been inaugurated President of the United States.

Automobiles, rich man's playthings, and still in the experimental stage, are becoming quite popular. Last week, citizens gawked for the first time at an airplane in flight. The ecstasy quickly terminated, however, when the pilot pancaked to a wet landing in the Ohio River.

Cincinnati is expanding in land area. The Metropolitan district is building up with new business concerns. A new five-story brick school is being built to house the increasing number of Woodward students. A new bank called the Fifth Third has recently been formed in Cincinnati. Three months ago the Miami Medical College of Ohio united to form the Medical College of the University of Cincinnati. Carthage, an out lying district, was recently annexed to the city.

The time is now exactly twenty-five years later. The graduates of 1934 have also seen a dynamic year come and go. The world is just coming out of the depression. The Albers' Co. has just opened a new type grocery store, a super market, on Montgomery Rd. in Norwood. The Netherland Plaza is a new, modern hotel. WLW radio recently became the world's most powerful station, and people are dancing the Big Apple to the music of Wayne King.

1909 and 1934 were memorable years, full of great events, and mark the graduation dates of the two classes we are honoring today. Welcome back, graduates!

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AMID THE RUFFLED SKIRTS AND LONG BEARDS, which were fashionable in the late 19th century, are posed the eighteen members of the Woodward High School faculty of 1886. As Woodward has expanded, so has its teaching staff until at present it numbers 125 specialized instructors.

Alumunal Group Boasts History

There are many unusual features about Woodward, but none more worthy of admiration than its Alumunal Association. Colleges and universities all have such associations, but it is extremely unusual for high schools to have the enduring support of loyal alumni.

The history of the Woodward Alumunal Association is an interesting record of the changing times and events that affected the community. For a time, from 1836 until 1851, Woodward operated as a college, and the graduates and members of the school prior to that date, constituted the Old Woodward Club. In 1851, the college became part of the University of Cincinnati, and Woodward once more became a high school.

In January of 1855, a meeting was called to organize an Alumunal Association. To date there had been only three high school graduating classes with a total of seventeen alumni members; yet that first organization meeting was attended by sixteen graduates.

From the very beginning Woodward alumni were to show a remarkable loyalty and interest in their Alma Mater. A constitution was drafted and presented at the second meeting when the first officers were elected, with Fred C. Jones as the Association's president.

The growth of the Alumunal Association was interrupted during the Civil War when members and undergraduates alike were in the service of their country. The

first alumunal reception for a graduating class (in 1872) has since become a yearly practice.

In 1885 the Association was incorporated under the laws of the State of Ohio. Its declared purpose to this day is to "perpetuate the friendship of school life, to promote friendly feelings with those who shall annually come forth as graduates from the Woodward High School of Cincinnati, to advance that social and mental culture so necessary and so ennobling, and to cherish by token of regard and words of love, the memories of departed associates."

The custom of Founder's Day was established in 1893. Each year, on that day, the graduates celebrating their 50th and 25th anniversary are honored at a luncheon, and special Founder's Day assembly programs for seniors and alumni are held at school.

The membership of the Woodward Alumunal Association has grown from sixteen to several thousand. Its continuing influence on our school can hardly be estimated.

Woodward exists today in a new school building in a new community, but its school spirit goes far into the past. For this unusual association we of the present student body are grateful to the loyal alumni of the past and present for what they have done to make the Alumunal Association the active fraternity that it is.