

## After Twenty Years



It was a time for glad smiles, warm handclaps and nostalgia when members of the 1937 graduating class of Medford High school met March 23 at Rogue Valley Country club for a reunion dinner. Some greeted classmates they had not seen in the 20 years since graduation night. Many of the graduates still live in the Rogue valley — others are scattered to distant parts of the world. Here W. D. "Dick" Woodcock (at left), Medford, who was class president, talks with Emory Culbertson, class treasurer who came from Beverly Hills, Calif., for the event, and Warren Bayliss, Medford, who had been class vice-president. Grace Turnquist, class secretary, was not present.



It wouldn't be a class reunion without songs and hilarity, and during the 20-year gathering of Medford High school's class of 1937 "the boys" broke out in song every now and then. Sometimes it was "On Medford" and sometimes it was less traditional numbers. Among the vocalists were (left to right) Martin Luther Jr., Floyd Baker and Sam Richardson, all of whom still live in Medford. Each graduate wore a name tag made by the committee and bearing his picture taken from the pages of The Crater, Medford High school annual. Tags for the women were lettered with both their maiden and married names.



Pictures of members of the 1937 class and of teachers and coaches became decorations for the reunion held by the class at Rogue Valley Country club March 23. The face of Head Coach Bill Bowerman, who was forced to decline an invitation to speak for the dinner, because of University of Oregon commitments, is framed here by Mrs. E. Nalan Haugen (at left), the former Betty Mae Childress who came from Portland, and Mrs. Leo Hoag (Edith Whillock), Prospect. Mrs. Hoag was valedictorian of the class. Mrs. Haugen, a nurse, is operating room supervisor for the Veterans' Administration hospital in Vancouver, Wash.



The idea for the reunion started with Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Morris, pictured here with Mr. Woodcock (center), who served as master of ceremonies for the program. Mrs. Morris, the former Janice Shreve, at first thought the party could be held in the Morris home, but it was soon discovered that it would be too large an event. The Morrises served as general chairmen of arrangements, and were assisted by Mrs. Don Whalin, the former Lois Herman, Mrs. John G. Crawford (Janet Mann), and Mr. and Mrs. Don Root.



During the evening Clyde Taylor (at left) Medford, won a prize for the youngest child, a 10-day old infant; the former Ruth True, now Mrs. H. R. Anderson of Imperial Beach, Calif., won a prize for traveling the longest distance; Mrs. John G. Crawford, (Janet Mann), Medford, mother of five children, received a prize for the largest family and Mrs. Milton Sanderson, (Evelyn Alexander) Sams Valley, won prizes for the oldest child and for having been married the longest time.



Just for old times sake, men of the MHS 1937 class who had played football lined up at the reunion — turning out to be an even 11. Kneeling (left to right) are Warren Bayliss, who played a backfield spot for the Tigers; Floyd Baker, a star guard; Ardo Stocks, back in his old position as center; Jim Henry and Ray Offord, the latter a tackle. Standing (left to right) are Don Root, Dick Woodcock, who played end for the Black Tornado in the fall of 1936; Bob Morris; Jim Bayliss, another backfield man; Sam Richardson, who played left end, and Bill Tyler. These men had the honor of playing the first football game on the new turf field and it was also in the school year 1936-1937 that the MHS team became generally known as the "Black Tornado" although retaining their official name of the Tigers.



Paddle in hand, Ardo Stocks who was Medford High school student body president for the year 1936-37, smiles on the friends who served with him 20 years ago. They are (left to right) Don Root, treasurer; R. B. "Bud" Thierolf, business manager; Mrs. Floyd Baker, the former Peggy Reter who was student body secretary; Jim Bayliss, student body vice-president, and Mrs. Don Porterfield, Tulelake, Calif., the former Frankie Rinabarger who was yell leader. The Bakers and Mr. Thierolf decorated the Country club dining room for the reunion, borrowing the stuffed tiger pictured here from the Bayliss children. They even contrived a "tornado" of red and black crepe paper, and the shadow boxes at either side of the orchestra platform held football jerseys, one lettered 1937 and the other 1957. This was the first reunion ever held by a Medford High school class.