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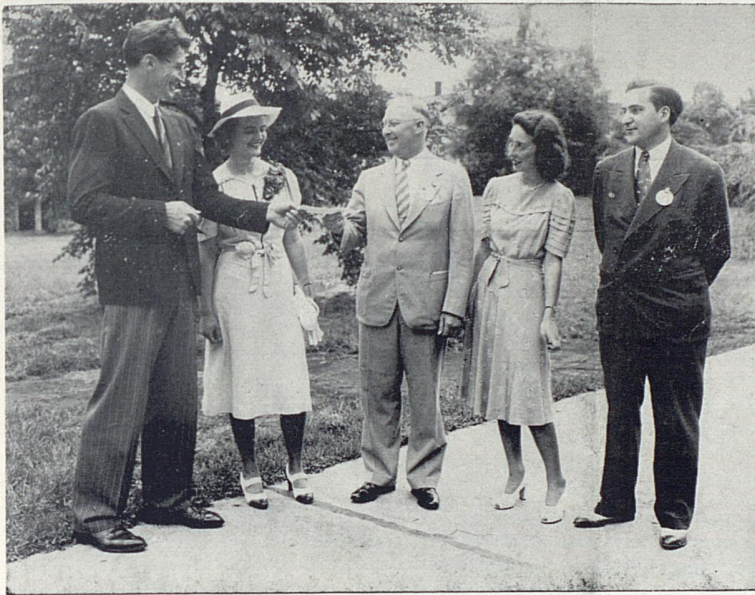
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'4 and '9 Alumni Classes Have Record Reunion

100 Percent Again



The three people who are giving money away in the above picture seem as happy about it as the two who are receiving it. Seriously, Homer Thompson, president of the class of 1939, is presenting a check for 100 percent membership in the Association for his class to Marcus Redwine, retiring president of the Association. On-lookers are, left to right: Runelle Palmore, Horse Cave, vice-president of the class; Grace Silverman, Brooklyn, N. Y., class secretary; and Robert K. Salyers, Lexington, Alumni secretary. Stuart Wahl, Rochester, N. Y., class treasurer, was not present when the picture was taken.

Reunion Review

'79

Charles G. Blakley, of Topeka, Kansas, only living member of the four graduated in 1879, was unable to attend Reunion because of ill health, but sent a message expressing his keen regret and wishing success to graduates, new and old. The message was read by President Marcus Redwine at the annual banquet.

'84

Of six graduated in 1884, only two survive: Russell Thomas Ramsey, of Denver, Colorado, and Clarence Scott Graves, of Lexington. Mr. Ramsey was unable to attend, but Mr. Graves, despite a slight illness, came to the Alumni Office the morning of Alumni day to register and receive a badge.

'89

Messages of regret were received from both living members of the class of '89, Captain Edward Eilershaw, of Northwood, Middlesex, England, and Anna Gist Prewitt, of Lexington. Neither could attend due to previous engagements.

'94

The '94's came through with the largest percentage to return, as six of the ten surviving members of the class were in attendance both at their luncheon and at the banquet. Those who returned: Nathan A. Newton, Oil City, Pa.; James M. Hays, Okmulgee, Oklahoma; John T. Faig, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. Pearl Oots Wells, Lexington, Ky.; Mrs. Lillie Kroesing Kesheimer, Lexington, Ky.; and George D. Bradshaw, Detroit, Michigan. Mrs.

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Back to Alma Mater's lush, rolling Bluegrass campus June 1 and 2 came a near thousand of the University's loyal alumni in the classes ending in 4 and 9, to receive again the benediction of its spreading trees, its ivy-covered buildings, to indulge in gloried reminiscence, to grip the now-shaking hand of many a favorite professor or fellow-alumnus, feel the more firm hand-clasp of a younger one, and to participate in activities of one of the most successful Alumni Reunions in the fifty years of the Association's history.

Events of the Fiftieth Annual Reunion, held in connection with the University's seventy-second annual Commencement, began at 9 o'clock Thursday morning, June 1, with registration in the Alumni Office in the Student Union Building. On hand to greet the returning grads were members of the Alumni Executive committee, officers of the Association, and secretaries of the various reunion classes.

Noontime was the signal for general deployment to downtown hotels, where informal talks and introductions were the order of the day at reunion luncheons.

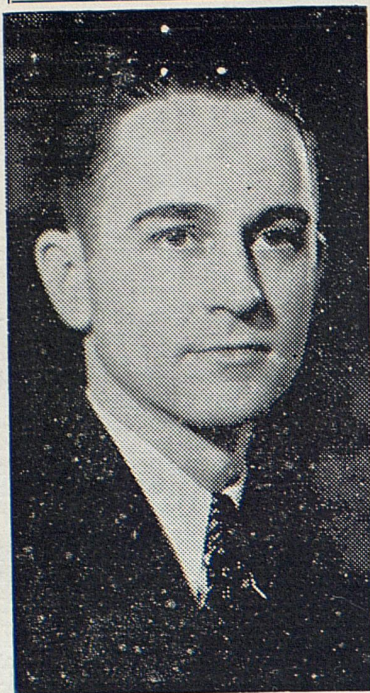
During the afternoon, many alumni attended the Baccalaureate services in Memorial hall, with Bishop William F. Anderson, Methodist Episcopal Church, retired, preaching the sermon. Several reunion class groups spent the afternoon touring Bluegrass horse farms or in special get-togethers.

Climaxing the day's activities, the annual Alumni Banquet was held at 6:30 p. m. in the Bluegrass Room of the Student Union Building. Toastmaster for the affair was Judge James Cammack, '24, of the Kentucky Court of Appeals, who was introduced by Marcus Redwine, '19, President of the Association. Invocation was delivered by Rev. Angus Gordon, '14, of Shelbyville. In the absence of Governor A. B. Chandler, greetings from the Commonwealth were extended by G. Lee McClain, '19, Adjutant General of Kentucky. President Frank L. McVey brought greetings to the Alumni from the University. Major General Allen W. Gullion, '14, Judge Advocate General of the U. S. Army, of Washington, delivered the principal address.

Following his address, Homer Thompson, '39, president of the

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President



Bill Blanton

BLANTON, UNDERWOOD ARE NEW OFFICERS

William W. Blanton, '24, of Paris, Kentucky, was elected president of the Alumni Association for the year 1939-40 as the result of voting by active members of the Association, according to announcement made at the annual banquet June 1.

Mrs. T. R. Underwood (Eliza Piggott), '19, of Lexington, was named vice-president. Robert K. Salyers will continue as Secretary and James S. Shropshire as treasurer. Mr. Blanton is a member of the law firm of Dickson, Bradley, and Blanton in Paris. For the past two years he has been a member of the executive committee and president of the Bourbon County Alumni club.

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Kesheimer, class secretary, received letters of regret from all but one of the other four members.

'99

Although Dr. Sam B. Marks, who acted as chairman, received word from many of his class members, only four of them, all from Lexington, were able to return for Reunion. They were: Carter Coleman Jett, George Roberts, Eugene E. Simpson, and Dr. Marks.

'04

Under the faithful guidance of Professor L. E. Nollau, the '04's had a fine get-together. Some of the

early arrivals met at the Phoenix hotel the night before Alumni Day for an advance "bull-session," and "a goodly crowd was there" at luncheon time on Thursday. After luncheon, the remarkable reunion picture shown below was taken in front of Mechanical hall. It is the returning members of '04 under their class tree, planted at Commencement time 35 years ago.

'09

Informal talks and introductions were the rule as 18 members of the class of '09 gathered at the Lafayette hotel at noon on Alumni Day. With few exceptions, the same group was present at the banquet, after which the members gathered at the home of Mrs. Edith Isaacs Weil, reunion committee member, on Fontaine Road, for their "bull-session," which lasted, according

to Professor J. S. Horine, until the wee small hours.

'14

Not to be outdone by the extensive activities of the Faraday section of their class (see story Page 4), 19 members, together with wives and children, met in conjunction with the 12 Faradays for luncheon in the Thoroughbred room of the Phoenix hotel. About the same group was present at the banquet. E. Tom Proctor, Nashville, Tenn., was chairman, cooperating with Cecil Harp, secretary of the Faradays.

'19

Twenty-one members of the class of '19, called the "Victory Class" because of their graduation at the conclusion of the World War, attended their reunion luncheon at

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Under Their Class Tree



The class of '04 under their class tree. Left to right: H. K. Bell, Lexington; C. O. Peratt, Morehead; Homer Puckett, Louisville; W. E. Freeman, Lexington; Mrs. Grace Conn Pride, Lexington; Mrs. O. K. Dyer (Helen Madara), Buffalo, N. Y.; Charles Gilmore, Tulsa, Oklahoma; Ben Hart, Versailles, Ky.; Mary Maguire, Lexington; James H. Gardner, Tulsa, Okla.; Mrs. V. D. Roberts (Mae Thurman), Somerset; and L. E. Nollau, Lexington.

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the Lafayette hotel Alumni Day. The picture shown at right was taken following the luncheon. In the afternoon members were taken on a three-hour tour of Bluegrass horse farms, after which they attended the banquet in a body, donning again their "Victory Class" caps.

'24

The '24's scored one of the best attendance records when 31 members of the class attended the luncheon and a still larger number overflowed several tables at the banquet. Professors W. D. Funkhouser and E. F. Farquhar, favorites of the class, made informal talks at the luncheon.

'29

Squired by D. C. Carpenter, class secretary, and Jim Shropshire, 32 members of '29 gathered at the Lafayette's Colonial room for their luncheon get-together. Short talks by each member and introduction of several visitors constituted the main program. A picture of the group appears below.

'34

Although William H. Nicholls, Ames, Iowa, class secretary, was unable to get to Reunion, about 22 loyal members of the "five-year" class met in the Rose room of the Phoenix, under the leadership of Hazel Nollau, Lexington, for their luncheon, to talk over "not so old" times and renew friendships. The "baby reunion class" also made a good showing at the banquet in the evening.

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graduating class, brought greetings from the "alumni-to-be." Recognition of the various reunion classes, seated at their respective tables at the banquet, was made by President Redwine, who also introduced the new officers of the Alumni Association and presidents of alumni clubs. After a few announcements and recognitions by Secretary Robert K. Salyers, the "meeting was adjourned."

A record number of alumni remained for the Commencement activities on Friday. Features of the day included the annual Alumni Luncheon, with members of the graduating class as guests of honor, the annual meeting of the Alumni Association in the Student Union Building following the luncheon, President and Mrs. McVey's tea in honor of alumni and graduates at Maxwell Place in the afternoon, and Commencement exercises at 3:30 p. m. on Stoll Field.

"Victory Class"



The "Victory Class of '19." Left to right: Bottom row, Marcus C. Redwine, Winchester; Mrs. Allen Cloyd (Louise Turner), Lexington; Margaret Tuttle, Lexington; Miss Austin Lilly, Lexington; Mrs. L. J. Horlacher (Vanita Thomas), Lexington; Dick Duncan, LaGrange; second row, F. Paul Anderson, Versailles; Mrs. Lawrence Jones (Marie Collins), North Middletown; Mrs. William Rodes (Margaret Gore), Lexington; Mrs. Stanley Dickson (Mildred Collins), North Middletown; third row, J. Felix Shouse, Louisville; Mrs. Thomas R. Underwood (Eliza Piggott), Lexington; Mrs. William H. Prewitt (Lillian Haydon), Lexington; Headley Shouse, Lexington; fourth row, E. Terrill Tapscott, Owensboro; Dr. Carsie Hammonds, Lexington; W. S. Baugh, Kirkwood, Mo.; Homer Bell, Atlanta, Ga., and Frederick Jackson, Versailles; top row, Ben Gordon Marsh, Lexington, and Dr. George F. Reddish, Webster Grove, Mo.

'29's



Left to right: outside of table, Irene Brummette Cole, Lexington; Margaret Gooch, Lexington; Mrs. Alex Black (Jesse Clements), State College, Pa.; Alex Black, State College, Pa.; Mrs. Queenie Morrow Grable, Lexington; Mrs. Fred Fischer (Lydia Roberts), Lexington; Mrs. James Farra (Louise Broadus), Lexington; Mrs. W. C. Wilson (Louise Tiley), Lexington; Henrietta Howell, Mt. Sterling; James Shropshire, Lexington; Mrs. Carl Kloecker (Martha Minnihan), Lexington; D. C. Carpenter, Lexington; Tom Boyd, Lexington; Roger Laufer, Louisville; R. D. McIntyre, Lexington; Don Grote, Lexington; Jessie Marie Sun, Lexington; Beecher Adams, Manila, Philippine Islands; J. Rankin Kimbrough, Lexington; Mrs. Roy Robert Ray (Virginia Featherston), Nashville, Tenn.; Mrs. Lewis H. Mills (Mary Prather), Lexington. Inside table, left to right: Mrs. W. S. Kinney, Cleves, Ohio; Robert Alverson, Lexington; Grant Bell, Lexington; W. S. Kinney, Cleves, Ohio; J. C. Lindley, Centertown; Tom Clark, Lexington; John Boone, Lexington; John Ligon, Mayfield; Encil Deen, Mrs. Encil Deen (Utha Blackburn), Lexington.

Twenty-five Years After—



Left to right: front row, Cottrell, Watts, Cross, Johnson, Hedges, Strong; back row, Carrithers, Blaker, Hayden, Harp, and Thornton. Positions of men, picture of Faraday, and slide rule are as near as possible the same as in the first picture of the Society taken in 1914.

Faraday Reunion

"Bang-up" is about as good a word as we can think of to describe the reunion held by the Faradays. The '14 Faraday Society is made up of mechanical engineers of this class and is named after a famous one. Its original membership was nineteen, of whom sixteen are still living. The enthusiastic presence of the Faradays, with Cecil Harp as "major-domo," helped greatly to make the '4 and '9 Reunion a success. The following brief resume of their get-together has been penned by Mr. Harp:

"Twelve of the possible sixteen '14 Faradays, or senior engineers of twenty-five years ago, gathered in a suite of rooms at the old Phoenix hotel for three days and nights during the Reunion. The rooms were equipped with an old organ and an ancient drawing desk piled high with food and "refreshments." In the center of the floor was the old familiar saw dust box, "Gaboan."

With this atmosphere there poured forth from good and cracked voices old melodies, such as "On the Old Fall River Line," and "Oh, Miss McGilroy." There was also much "fancy stepping" until one of the sons told his father, "Don't forget mother told you to have a good time but be your age."

"Ty" Watts has mastered the art of bringing forth beautiful strains of music from the carpenter's saw. While visiting Man-'O-War in his

stable, "Ty" played "My Old Kentucky Home" with such feeling that both horse and colored attendant were greatly touched. The attendant said, "Man-'O-War has greeted kings and princes, but he never saw or heard nothin' like that before."

After the Saturday luncheon at the home of the only Lexington member (Mr. Harp) "Butch" Nollau duplicated the picture with the big slide rule and Faraday's photo (see cut above), also a snap while "Berk" sang "Good Night Ladies" accompanied by "Ty" and "Glover" while big salty tears made rust spots on a good \$3.40 saw (see cut, column 3).

But, twenty-five years cannot go by without Father Time taking his toll, so in memory of the three departed classmates and the beloved Dean, they stood around the old Senior table in the Dean's office in silent prayer and gave spoken tribute to the others who could not attend.

Those present were: Ellis B. Hayden, Detroit, Michigan; W. S. Carrithers, Carbondale, Pa.; R. T. Thornton, Buffalo, N. Y.; Edgar E. Johnson, Buffalo, N. Y.; H. Berkley Hedges, Wyncote, Pa.; Edward T. Blaker, Chicago, Ill.; Robert Boyd Cottrell, Chicago, Ill.; George E. Kelly, Lebanon, Ky.; William C. Cross, Louisville; H. Glover Strong, Evanston, Ill.; Henry T. Watts, Gadsden, Ala.; and Cecil Harp, Lexington."

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SUCCESSFUL SEASON

Chalking up six wins against three losses and one tie in a ten-game schedule, the University's tennis team finished a very successful season May 16 with a 9-0 win over Berea College. This season was the 18th for Dr. H. H. Downing, '08, who has brought the tennis team through a remarkable string of victories and given it a high ranking throughout the South as well as in northern and eastern conferences.

Coach Downing built his team around only two returning lettermen, Dave Ragland and Buddy Boone, and Lee Huber, outstanding state amateur, who moved up from freshman ranks.

Trio



Berk Hedges singing "Good Night Ladies," accompanied by "Ty" Watts, left, and "Glover" Strong, right. This picture was taken at "Harp House," home of Cecil Harp. In the background, left to right, are Dean W. E. Freeman, '04, W. C. Cross, Mr. Harp, Mrs. Harp, and W. S. Carrithers.