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ALUMNI RETURN FOR REUNIONS



HONORED AT CONVOCATION—Berkeley Blackman, 1907, Ruth Ford Atkinson, 1907, Ida Missildine, 1890 and Frederick Clark Lyman, son of Frederick Wolcott Lyman, one of the founders of Rollins College, were awarded the Rollins Decoration of Honor by President Hugh F. McKean,

in recognition of distinguished and eminent service to Rollins College. The award was made at the Charter Day Convocation Sunday, April 28. Berkeley Blackman also is the son of Dr. William Blackman who was president of Rollins College from 1902 until 1915.

Herewith is a picture story of the first Charter Day Alumni Reunion at Rollins College. It was a grand weekend.

More than 500 Alumni of Rollins College attended at least one of the various functions during the three day program celebrating the 72nd anniversary of the granting of a charter to Rollins College by the State of Florida.

The classes with numerals ending in two and seven, celebrating quinquennial reunions, were guests of honor and more than 150 members of these classes registered at Alumni house.

Miss Ida May Missildine, the only living member of the first graduating class (1890) flew to Florida from Missouri to be present for the celebration. The two members of the class of 1897 — Ruth Ford Atkinson and Dr. Fred Ensminger, celebrated the sixtieth anniversary of their graduation from Rollins and were honored at the Gay 90s luncheon Saturday at the "Parsonage." Berkeley Blackman and Edith Grace Boone, the only graduates in the class of 1907 were back home to

celebrate their fiftieth anniversary. The class of 1932 celebrated the twenty-fifth anniversary of graduation with eighteen members and wives and husbands registering.

The first activity on the program was the Alumni Workshop in the Morse Gallery of Art. Howard Showalter, 1936, presided at the meeting to which class secretaries had been especially invited. Beginning with breakfast in the Student Center and closing with a luncheon at the Beanery, the morning was given over to a discussion of College — Alumni relations with special emphasis on furthering of Alumni interest and participation in the affairs of Rollins College. This will be an annual feature on all reunion programs in the future.

Registration of Alumni continued all through the day at Alumni House which was the scene of many first meetings of classmates since graduation, with members of the senior class on hand to assist with registration.

The Tars baseball team led off the first day's activities with the first of two wins from Stetson. They repeated

again on Saturday, soon after the Rollins crew added their part to the entertainment of Alumni by winning the Florida State Regatta.

Perhaps the largest crowd to gather on the Rollins Campus in many years turned out for the all college picnic on the lakeshore Friday night. More than 1400, alumni, students, faculty and staff lined up for barbecued chicken and shrimp Creole which the 1917 group gave as their part in the reunion celebration.

Sophomores were hosts and the freshmen provided entertainment for the square dance in the patio of the Student Center which followed the all College Vespers in the Chapel Friday night. Alumni, students, and faculty combined to make this an outstanding feature on the program.

Highlighting the program for Saturday was the Gay 90s luncheon given by the College in the "Parsonage", residence of Dr. Edward Hooker when he was the first president of Rollins College. The "Parsonage" which has for several years housed the Conservatory of Music offices, and which is in the

GAY 90s GROUP MEETS AT PARSONAGE



Members of the Gay 90s group held their annual luncheon in the "Parsonage," home of Dr. Edward Hooker, first president of Rollins. Front row, left to right are: Frank L. Miller, J. Scott Hawley, Mrs. Hawley, Mrs. John Neville, Ida Missildine, Ruth Ford Atkinson, Annie Guffin Ward and Stella Waterhouse. Back row, left to right: Arthur King,

Minnie Moremen, Mrs. Frank Miller, L. Gertrude Wilcox, Mrs. George Gibbs, Frederick Lewton, George Gibbs, Fred Ensminger, Ethel Bender, Arthur Missildine, Thomas W. Lawton, Mrs. Hervey Colvin, Mrs. George Morgan King, George Morgan King.

process of being restored to serve as a guest house, will eventually contain as much of its original furnishings as can be located. The house was given over to the members of this group of Alumni for the day. Dr. Fred Ensminger (1897) who was chairman of this section of the program did a wonderful job in getting this group of Alumni and their wives and husbands back to the Campus for the meeting. Dr. Frederick Lewton, archivist of Rollins College, furnished a large collection of early pictures and souvenirs of the early days. Messages were read from many of those who could not return. Dr. Ensminger presided at the meeting and in addition to introducing each guest with some interesting anecdote about them, he also reported on those who could not return but who had sent him information concerning themselves.

William I. Huffstetler, one of the group who could not be present, sent 30 silver dollars to be placed under the plates at the luncheon. It was

voted to turn the money over to the Book-A-Year Club but since most of them elected to keep the silver a total of \$47.00 was realized for this project.

The members of the Junior Class were in charge of Alumni Seminars in which Alumni, students, and faculty joined to discuss matters of general interest.

A special called meeting of Rollins Alumni Inc., was held Saturday morning in the Visitors Lounge at Carnegie Hall. Alice M. Egan presided at the meeting which had been called to amend the by-laws of the Corporation, changing the annual meeting date from February to April, during Charter Day Weekend.

The dedication of the George Morgan Ward Memorial Park in Winter Park, The Florida State Regatta, and the second baseball game with Stetson made up the program for Saturday afternoon.

Saturday night was set aside for individual class reunions. The class of 1952 held its reunion at the Barbizon

Tea Room and the members of the class of 1927 at Imperial House. All other anniversary classes joined together in an all College banquet at the Langford Hotel. Charles Noone, 1910, was toastmaster. He introduced Dale Montgomery, Len Wood, Robert Whitelaw, Pete Adams, Tom DiBacco, and Frank Wolfe, representatives of student groups, and President McKean. The Lambda Chi fraternity serenaded the Alumni and presented an orchid to Miss Missildine.

Saturday night following the dinner two plays were presented at the Annie Russell Theatre and Alumni were again guests of the college.

The Charter Day Convocation Sunday morning closed the eventful weekend. Olcott Deming, 1935, was the speaker and his subject was "A Graduate Looks at His College and the World." At the close of the services the Rollins Decoration of Honor was awarded to three Alumni and the son of one of the founders of Rollins.

It was a grand weekend.

SCENES OF ALUMNI MEETINGS



Above is a recent picture of the Knowles Memorial Chapel and the Annie Russell Theatre, The Charter Day Convocation commemorating the seventy-second anniversary of the granting of a charter to Rollins College by the State of Florida, was held in the beautiful Chapel Sunday, April

28. At the Annie Russell Alumni were guests of honor at a special dress rehearsal of two one act plays: "Thirteen Clocks" and "Trouble in Tahiti." Below is a new picture of Alumni House which was the center of all Alumni Reunion activities.





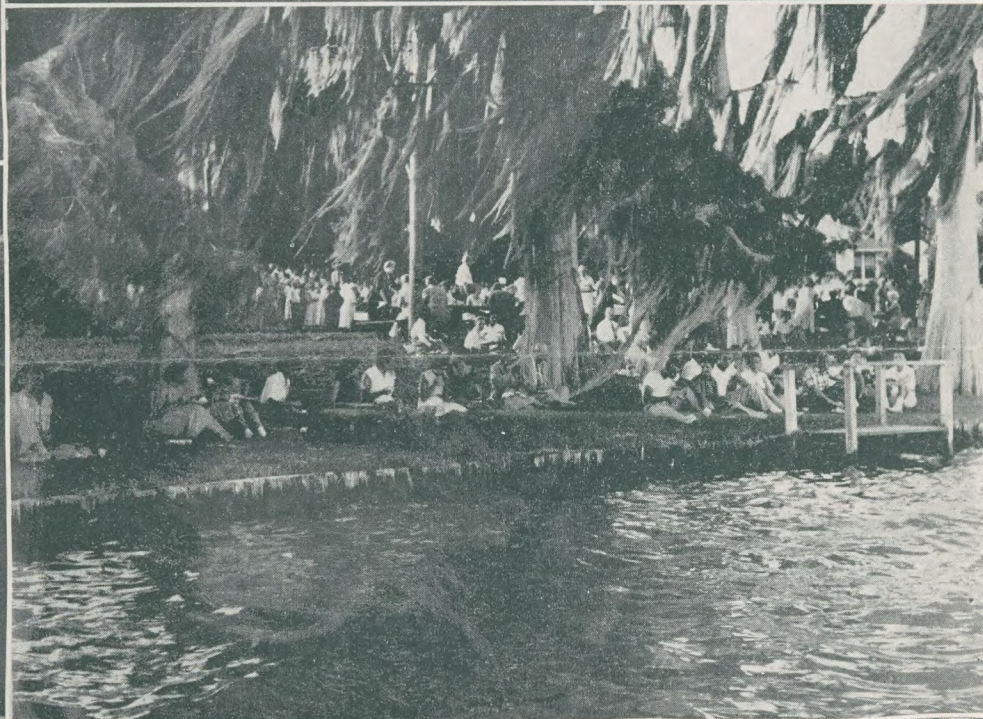
Top left — Miss Ida Missildine, only living member of the first graduating class 1890 of Rollins College, signs in at Alumni House. She flew to the reunion from her home in Kirkwood, Missouri.

Left center — Frank Wolfe, president of the Student Council, presents Miss Missildine with an orchid as he welcomes her back to Rollins for the first of the Diamond Jubilee Reunions.

Left — Charles Noone, 1910 of Chattanooga, was a most efficient toastmaster at the Alumni dinner at the Langford Hotel. Seated right is Olcott Deming, 1935. Miss Mabelle O'Neal, 1911 and Tommy DiBacco, editor of the Rollins Sandspur are seated left.

Top center — Miss Ethel Bender, Gay 90's, compares copies of an early Sandspur with Judy Howard who holds the latest issue.

Bottom center — Robin Merrill Hill, 1952, holds the historic carpet bag for which Boston University and Rollins crews race. Mrs. Alice Hansen, Librarian, looks on. This was a part of the interesting exhibit of pictures and mementoes of early days at Rollins.



Top center—Dr. U. T. Bradley, crew coach, talks with Dr. Fred Ensminger, 1897, first crew coach at Rollins, and Berkeley Blackman, 1907, member of the first crew, just before the regatta.

Above center—Olcott Deming, 1935, who addressed Alumni, students and friends of Rollins at the Charter Day Convocation, enters Knowles Memorial Chapel with President Hugh F. McKean, 1930.

Top right — Students lead the way at the square dance in the Student Center Patio following the all college picnic. Members of the Sophomore class were hosts to returning Alumni at this function.

Right center — The all college picnic on the shores of Lake Virginia drew nearly 1500 Alumni, students and faculty. This scene was photographed from a boat in the Lake.

Bottom right — Members of the Senior class were co-hosts at the picnic for homecoming Alumni. The man in the straw hat, back to camera, is Tom Lawton, Jr., 1934, who helped prepare the delicious barbecue.

PICNIC BARBECUE DRAWS HUGE CROWD



At left Fred Hanna, 1917, Leonard Fletcher, 1917 and Bob Hutchinson, 1918, stand beside one of the huge grills on which hundreds of pounds of chicken were barbecued for the more than 1400 Alumni, students, faculty and staff of Rollins at the picnic on Lake Virginia. This was one of the outstanding features of the reunion weekend and other pictures of the event can be found on page five. Leonard Fletcher was chairman of the picnic committee and was assisted by Bob Hutchinson. Fred Hanna was drafted to help with the cooking. Tom Lawton, Jr., 1934, along with Mr. Fletcher's two sons, did much of the actual preparing of the food which also included shrimp Creole, salad and individual cakes with '17 outlined in blue icing.

At right Dr. Frederick Lewton '90s gets a cup of fresh coffee from Pat Tahaney, member of the class of 1957. Senior men manned the four long tables where the food was dispensed to the record breaking crowd attending. Students took an active part in welcoming the homecoming Alumni back to the Campus.

The Junior class was in charge of the seminars, the sophomore class hosts at the square dance in the Patio of the Student Center. The freshmen provided entertainment at the picnic and at the square dance. A committee of women students were on duty at Alumni House to assist in registering returning Alumni, while another group were on hand both days to escort visitors on Campus tours.



TARS WIN REGATTA—BEAT STETSON TWICE



Above, the Rollins crew pulls ahead of Tampa to take the Florida State Championship Regatta on Lake Maitland. The photo, by Sentinel-Star photographer, was taken from the air. Trailing the Tampa crew was Florida Southern College and Jacksonville University.

When Dr. Fred Ensminger invited the gay 90s group back for Charter Day weekend he promised them that the Tars would defeat Stetson for them in both scheduled games. The Tars delivered according to Dr. Ensminger's orders and trounced their traditional rivals by scores of 14 to 3 Friday afternoon and came back Saturday with an 11 to 9 victory. At right Frank Wilson rounds third base in the third inning when Al Fantuzzi slammed out a homer for the Tars.

An exhibition tennis match also was on the program for Saturday morning with outstanding Rollins players performing for the visiting Alumni.

The crew set up a record of eight wins and one one loss for the season.



ALUMNI ATTEND WORKSHOP



Howard Showalter, 1936, presides at the Alumni Workshop Friday morning at the Morse Gallery of Art. Above is a part of the group attending this event. Arthur Landstreet, 1915, presents a point in the program aimed at bringing Alumni and Rollins into closer relationship and

to develop a program for future action. John Tiedtke, Treasurer; Rebecca Coleman Wilson, 1934, Trustee; President McKean, 1930; A. J. Hanna, 1917, and Alice M. Egan, 1952, president of Rollins Alumni Inc., took part in the program.

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