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Many people know Clemson University, or Clemson College as it once was, but few know how the Class of 1939 came to be known as “The Greatest Class.” This short history of the Class of ’39’s travails and triumphs will enlighten them.

For all of its one hundred and ten years, Clemson has been part of many worlds. Firmly rooted in the clay hills of South Carolina, Clemson has been at home in a military male College, a coed integrated University, and National Champions of the sports world.

It is rather difficult accepting the fact that as members of the Class of 1939 we actually arrived at Clemson in 1935. Graduating in 1939 puts us in the 60th anniversary category.

When we first came to fully understand what effect Clemson College training had on our lives and the world we occupy today, we quickly resolved to relate our sixty-four years experiences as a small gesture of personal appreciation to those who made it possible.

Members of the Class ’39 are really a kind of extended family. It is easy to understand that there was so much to record in the 64-year history. There is still much to tell and we didn’t want to do anything in this book that would not live up to the deeds of the ’39ers.

Many people deserve thanks for helping make this book possible. So many that we cannot mention them all, which in no way lessens our gratitude to them. In the course of gathering this material, interviewing the class members, preparing and mailing the questionnaires, and collecting the photographs, we had invaluable assistance from the best and brightest of a new generation of Clemson women. They became involved and came to care about the Class of ’39 as strongly as we did.

The first of these was Ann Pryor McMahan of Seneca, South Carolina, a graduate student in History and student assistant to Cathy Sturkie of the Faculty Senate office. We thank Ann, who really got this project started before going to Scotland on a one-year study program.

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As always, I am grateful for the love, encouragement, and tolerance of the woman who makes all the difference in my life, my wife Betty. With her enthusiasm for the Class ’39 projects, coolness under deadlines, and keen eye for grammar, she deserves her own section of this history of ’39.
So many ideas came from so many places, but we would be remiss not to single out a few—namely, Jim Sweeney, Walter Cox, Ann Smith, Cathy Sturkie, and Frank O’Neal. In particular, Jim Sweeney spent many hours assisting us in composing, editing, designing, and copying and making computer discs for this project.

This short history of the Class of 1939 is dedicated to James Oliver Sweeney, who led this Class during 1938-1949 and who now leads the Heritage Garden Committee with organizational and mission-oriented skills second to none.

These Heritage Gardens are a celebration of beauty, an affirmation of life, and a testament to the vision, tenacity, and motivations of Class of 1939 alumnus

JAMES OLIVER SWEENY

whose leadership, generosity, and countless hours of volunteer service help make these Gardens a reality.

To those of you whose questionnaires we did not get, we are genuinely sorry; however, we have tried to supplement.

To the families, honorary members, and friends of The Greatest Clemson College Class, we say thanks—we love you.

Tee Senn, President
The Greatest Class—1939

Betty C. Senn
Presidential Advisor
# CLASS OF 1939 OFFICERS THROUGH THE YEARS

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1979-81
President: Wm. B. Zeigler
Vice President: T. L. Senn
Sec.-Treas.: T. L. Senn
Historian: Walter T. Cox

At the 1981 Reunion, the class voted in a slate of permanent officers as follows:
President: T. L. Senn
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Second Vice President: J. O. Sweeny
Secretary-Treasurer: E. M. Ivey
Necrologist: With the death in 1998 of J. W. Kelly, Champ Jones has graciously agreed to take on the duties of Class Necrologist.
CLEMSON COLLEGE CLASS OF 1939
1939—1999

OUR SIXTIETH ANNIVERSARY

The greatest generation any society has ever produced. The greatest class that Clemson College (University) has ever produced.

As one reads The Greatest Generation by Tom Brokaw, one realizes that he especially describes the Great Class of '39. As Brokaw states “they came of age during the Great Depression and the second World War and went on to build modern America.”

The Editor states, “This generation was united not only by a common purpose, but also by common values—duty, honor, economy, courage, service, love of family and country, and, above all, responsibility for oneself. In this book, you will meet people whose everyday lives reveal how a generation persevered through war, and were trained by it, and then went on to create interesting and useful lives and the America we have today.”

Brokaw writes:

“At a time in their lives when their days and nights should have been filled with innocent adventure, love, and the lessons of the workaday world, they were fighting in the most primitive conditions possible across the bloodied landscape of France, Belgium, Italy, Austria, and the coral islands of the Pacific. They answered the call to save the world from the two most powerful and ruthless military machines ever assembled, instruments of conquest in the hands of fascist maniacs. They faced great odds and a late start, but they did not protest. They succeeded on every front. They won the war; they saved the world. They came home to joyous and short-lived celebrations and immediately began rebuilding their lives and the world they wanted. They married in record numbers and gave birth to another distinctive generation, the Baby Boomers ... They gave the world new science, literature, art, industry, and economic strength unparalleled in the long curve of history. As they now reach the twilight of their adventurous and productive lives, they remain, for the most part, exceptionally modest. They have so many stories to tell, stories that in many cases they have never told before, because in a deep sense they didn’t think that what they were doing was that special, because everyone else was doing it too...”

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Who Makes Up The Clemfun Class of 1939?

To this point, you’ve gotten many lists of names and some pictures, but who are the people behind these representations?

The members of the Great Class of 1939 are highly individualized. Each of their lives have taken very different paths; yet throughout all of the different jobs, families and hometowns these men all have one thing in common . . . the time they shared at Clemson College.

What follows is a collection of questionnaires gathered from the class members themselves. Read them and see if you can hear the Tiger roar . . .

WHAT DOES THE “SPIRIT OF CLEMSON” MEAN TO YOU?

“Very strong memories of a formative period of my life.” – R.W. Rivenbark

“It provided a way of life and the means of a livelihood.” – Carl Black

“After five years in army – WW II left service as a Captain – have endeavored to attend various class reunions. Have felt very close to various members – Have lost a number of my best friends.” – Joseph Gordon Smith

“Never met a Clemson man that I disliked.” – John E. Duvall

“Class of ’39 are the ‘ringers’ of the historical bells that once controlled student scheduled activities. ’39ers are a dedicated Clemson support group! It is my wish that we are remembered as the ‘Clemfun Class of 1939’. All of our endeavors have been fun!” – Henry E. Avent

“The class of ’39 is important to me because of the caliber and closeness of the members of this class.” – Guy E. Blackwell

“Clemson College was a good school and affordable. The military discipline was not too strict and most of the activities were pleasant. We enjoyed the parades, the inspections sometimes were not good. Classes were small and most of the professors were friendly and cooperative. During WW II service we met a lot of Clemson graduates and classmates who were doing a great job and made us proud to be from Clemson. We enjoyed the good athletic teams at Clemson, especially the basketball and track teams. ‘Big Thursday’ was always a big event with Carolina. The boxing teams, coached by Bob Jones were enjoyed during the halves of the basketball games.” – L.J. Blakely

“A bond of friendship that words cannot express – A family who gets along with each other.” – William Boyle

“Everything.” – G. Ray Coker

“The class of ’39 is important to me because I was a member of that class. I hope to be able to support Clemson in a small way, as I have done for 58 years.” – J. Doux
“Due to the Clemson experience, I was able to steadily advance my career to VP and General manager of one of the large Textile finishing plants in South Carolina. Later for a different company to a Group Manager position over several finishing operations of according practices.” – Tally D. Fulmer

“We ‘grew up’ here together.” – D. Greg Hughes

“Hard to define in engineering terms. Believe living in barracks – contact with other students in classes, sports, and other activities had long-term effect on my life.” – Donald M. Hutchinson

“The ‘Old Clemson College, it was a hell of a place’ explains it all.” – W. P. Irvin

“Because my Classmates have become my life-long friend. The sense of pride and loyalty the student and alumni have for the school.” – Wister O. Jackson, Jr.

“It was a great collection of young people.” – E. P. Johnstone

“The ‘Spirit of Clemson’ means a great deal to me. At first, I would have thought that the Clemson Spirit was maintained through the football team, but it is much more than that. Clemson students meet each other frequently. It has been stated a Clemson man needs no introduction. This has been changed to a Clemson man or woman needs no introduction.” -- Champ M. Jones

“The class of ’39 were depression teenagers and not really feeling depressed. I feel we loved our country; respected our parents and elders. We felt we lived in a great country and would help build the world. Our love and respect for Clemson was terrific. Our professors, the students, the college staff, athletics were the best.” – James M. Kirk

“Although I dropped out at the end of my sophomore year, I am carried on the rolls as member and I am grateful for that. Sometimes I have thought about ‘what was and what could have been.’ That aside, I am proud of having been a cadet at Clemson and I am able to reflect on experiences that have helped me through the ‘highs’ and ‘lows’ of a wonderfully blessed life. I have a precious wife and family and I feel the Clemson Spirit has helped me greatly attain that.” – Herbert H. Lusk

“My entrance in the class of ’39 marked the beginning of a family tradition. I was followed by an almost continuous stream of family members that continues today and includes a grandson and granddaughter who are students currently – also two sons and a daughter – law previously. There have been cousins, nieces, nephews, etc. Too numerous to mention. Clemson has been a major part of the life of my family since 1935.” – J. Roy Martin

“The spirit of Frank Howard. The mechanization of the farm from the mule plow and satellite operation. From four acres of tobacco per family to one hundred acres. From 20 families of tenants to one. From going to a Clemson football game to flying a flag out of a cadet window.” – Norman McFaddin, Sr.

“The four years that I spent Clemson as the Class of ’39 were the most rewarding years of my life. The spirit of Clemson is like that of the Marine Corps.” – James B. Moore

“The education received. The loyalty of all the tigers. Contributions the men and women have made to keep our country free and strong for our grandchildren.” – Thaddeus Roland Moorer, Jr.

“The class has taken on several ambitious projects: The bell tower and the Caboose Gardens. I left after my junior year but received my diploma after graduation from Emory in medicine. I have returned to 55th reunion and also to give a Surgical lecture at Clemson House several years ago.” – Dr. George D. Page

“An undying love for the school and my classmates.” – W. Bryan Northrup
"Most of us were ripe for WWII and most of us served. The last three years have brought on some 50 year army reunions and we trained and led a bunch of kids (18 and 19 years old) though – they became men in a hurry." – J. H. Radcliffe

"It seems to me to be an outstanding group of students who was interested in everything. The spirit of Clemson is hard to explain, but everyone seems to want to make Clemson outstanding and a place to always be remembered." – Harry G. Salvo

"We have a great spirit of loyalty and unity of spirit that is lacking in most colleges and universities. We are recognized in our giving to the Alumni Association. As it was known when I graduated and now is this: That a Clemson man (and now woman) needs no introduction." – Harry G. Salley

"Friend." – Blynn Scott

"We were a “Great Depression Class” who entered 600-strong, four years later graduated 250; not because of academics, but because of economics. Many of us worked hard to get through Clemson; therefore we are a “Closely Knit” class who reunion every year and who never forget what Clemson did for us in the way of a very good education. Until the last living member drinks the bottle of Cognac now resting in the bank vault, we will be proud we were given the opportunity to attend and graduate from Clemson.” – Elton W. Shepherd, Sr.

"Because I made lasting friendships with classmates and other students and with faculty and administrative personnel during my four years at Clemson. Besides my participation in swimming, I developed my interest in writing and publishing as news editor of The Tiger, as editor of the 1938-1939 MCA Student Handbook and as the first editor of The Agrarian, official quarterly magazine of the school of agriculture. Read “The Spirit of Clemson,” First poem in my bound copy of Clemson Poems.” Thomas Benton Young, Jr.

"The class of ’39 is important to me because it represents what a group of ordinary men can accomplish if they work together and accomplish some extraordinary things. The class of ’39 is an embodiment of the Clemson Spirit which is famous to everyone who has been subject to its power an enthusiasm.” – George M. Williams

"As long as I can remember, O have been and will continue to be a true believer in and strong supporter of Clemson.” – R. H. Burton

"As 1st vice president of the Class, Chairman of the Reunion Committee and member of the Class of ’39 endowment committee, I have held contact with most of the members and many of the wives and widows. Their attitude is – I am your friend, and you are my friend – HOW MAY I HELP YOU?” – Frank W. O’Neal

"Fellowship and so many things in common.” – E. O. Botts

"We were depression era. We all had to work at some job at Clemson. We had a common uniform. Most of us served in WWII. We are a family that maintained connections. We honor our deceased classmates and wives. We make honorary members of wives of deceased classmates. We probably have had more class reunions than any other class. We meet each year. We support scholarships, faculty award of excellence, and we support heritage gardens for the public. Spirit of Clemson: Life-long friends - we received a good education - we respect discipline, the flag, and a love for each other.” – T. L. Senn

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John R. Bailey
Thomas R. Brainbridge
Marion Baldwin
Charles D. Ballenger
Carroll F. Ballentine
Timothy W. Barrineau, Sr.
John S. Baskin
Harris I. Beach, Sr.
R. Harper Blakeney
Furman G. Bobo
Harold W. Boozer
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Fred H. Calhoun, Jr.
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T. Max Champion
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Philip B. Chovan
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Edwin E. Clayton
Chaires S. Cylburn, Sr.
James M. Cole
Alan J. Coleman
Robert W. Coleman, Sr.
W. Deportes Coleman, Jr.
William J. Coleman
William S. Coleman
James C. Cook, Jr.
Otis L. Copeland, Jr.
Harry H. Cosgrove, Jr.
Newell D. Crawford, Sr.
Martin Crook, Jr.
David C. Crosby
George L. Cunningham
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Arthur J. Deloach, Jr.
Chares A. Dewey, Jr.
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Philip N. Drew
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Oscar S. Dukes
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Joseph Walker Everett
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Roy R. Feree
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John William Flowers
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John W. Fortner
Harry E. Foster
Irvin J. Foster
William H. Frazier, Jr.
A. P. Gandy, Jr.
Lawrence Taylor Garick
Arthur R. Garner, Jr.
John Louis Gaskins
William F. Gates, Jr.
James W. Gilbert
Harold C. Gibson
Hugh A. Gilechrist
Backman H. Gymph
C.A. Goins
Clifford James Gormley
Johnnie R. Grantham
Brodus Zack Gray
Willard F. Grayson
Elijah Wardlaw Griffin
Edward P. Guerard
Cecil G. Gunter
Robert A. Guy
Myers T. Hambright
George W. Hance, Sr.
Claude C. Handley
Kennett S. Harmon
Charles B. Hastings
John P. Hayes
W. Thomas Henderson, Jr.
B. L. Hendricks, Jr.
Henry K. Herlong, Sr.
Robert C. Heyward, Jr.
T.C. Heyward, Jr.
Thomas G. Howard
Joe B. Howie
John C. Hubbard, Jr.
William M. Hudson, Sr.
Willard E. Hutchins
Richard F. Jackson, Jr.
Wister O. Jackson, Jr.
Claude E. Johnson
Floyd D. Johnson
M. C. Johnson
David T. Joyce
John M. Kee
Bernard Hardin Keitt
James W. Kelly
Edwin H. Kerrison, Jr.
William J. Kienzle
Francis M. King
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Malcolm McMullan
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Lester L. Miller
P.G. Mims
William R. B. Mitchell, Jr.
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James B. Montgomery
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William C. Newman
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Raymond A. Sloan
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Russell S. Wolfe
Charles Woods, Jr.
Yates W. Wyatt
Loran M. Yelton
Class of '39 Members
Deceased In Service During World War II

These men, trained at Clemson in the art of the Military and in the brotherhood of one another, left their homes and families to go to war. They did not return. Instead, they gave their lives for the country they loved and for a cause they believed in. May their sacrifice be never forgotten.

James Harold Bracey
John Wallace Cathcart
Almo Dewitte Chapman
Martin Crook, Jr.
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John Edward Rowland
Francis Herbert Scarborough
Frank Howard Shirley, Jr.
Raymond Anderson Sloan
Denny Lewis Starr
James Tinsley Whitney
THE GREAT CLASS OF 1939  
CADET LIFE AT CLEMSON

We came to Clemson in September 1935, all 617 of us, we were the largest freshman class in history at the time. Upperclassmen called us new boys "rats." We were subservient to them. We cleaned their rooms and ran their errands. They stripped us of our dignity, cut off our hair and made us play strange games. They beat us with coat hangers, brooms, and paddles. They made us Clemson men.

We were children of the great depression. We came from farms, small towns, and small cities. South Carolina was poor and underdeveloped. All roads were two lanes and many of them were unpaved. There was no rural electricity, no indoor plumbing on most farms.

Clemson College was small but just beginning to grow. Students enrolled were:

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Although we were an agricultural and mechanical college, we had no agriculture building. The main building (Tillman Hall) served as an administrative, classroom, and assembly building. Behind the main building were three barracks for student living quarters. The mess hall was in the basement of first barracks. To the north of first barracks was the textile building and the YMCA. To the south of third barracks was the Calhoun Mansion. The power station and laundry were behind the barracks. The football field was behind the YMCA, and Fike Field House was the center for the basketball and boxing matches.

In front of the main building was Bowman Field and across the road was Hotel Hill where the old wooden frame hotel sat—where the Clemson House sits today. Present day Sikes Hall was the Library. The old dairy building and creamery stood on the west end of the present day Long Hall and was the scene of many a mad rush by the "RATS" on the hoax that free ice cream could be had. Beyond present day Long Hall, stood the old wooden frame building where Dr. Lee W. Milford presided over sick call every day. On the street in front of the present day chemistry building stood the old chemistry building with the post office in the basement. Further on was the engineering building and shop.

In February 1935, the old dairy barn burned at a loss of $30,000 and was replaced at a cost of $35,000. It was very modern for that time, with a milking parlor and spectator window which drew a large number of visitors on weekends to watch cows being milked.
Franklin D. Roosevelt had been elected President in 1933 and his new deal administration was just beginning to provide some relief to education. Clemson had just secured a loan to begin construction of Long Hall for agriculture and four units of new barracks constructed behind the old textile building. Students in the Class of 1939 also witnessed other changes at Clemson. A temporary barracks was built in 1935-36 and continued in use through our senior year. We witnessed construction of another academic building, Sirrine Hall, as well as the outdoor theater. Improvements were also begun on some of the roads and streets on campus.

Students benefited from the new Deal's National Youth Administration program. Many students needed extra work for spending money or to help pay college expenses. Those fortunate enough to get a N. Y. A. job could earn about $100 during a school year. A few jobs were available in the mess hall and other areas.

We lived under the supervision of the commandant and his regular army staff who were responsible for our discipline and military training. We were directly supervised by cadet officers and non-commissioned officers whose rank was based on seniority as students. Seniors were commissioned officers, juniors were sergeants, sophomores were corporals, and freshmen were privates. We lived in barracks by companies. A cadet captain, assisted by an executive officer and two platoon leaders, commanded each company. Non-commissioned officers were headed by a first sergeant, supply sergeant, and platoon sergeants. A corporal headed each squad.

The student body was organized as a regiment for the 1935-36 school year. Colonel R. John West was commandant and Colonel T. S. Moorman was P.M.S. &T. The regiment was organized into three or four battalions of four companies each. Other formal military units included a band, drum and bugle corps, headquarters company, a senior demonstration company, and the senior platoon.

Colonel C. W. Weeks replaced Colonel West as commandant for the 1936-37 school year and the student body was reorganized as a brigade with two regiments, two battalions per regiment, and four companies per battalion.

We were regulated by the guard room bell and the bugle, reveille announced wake-up call. We held formations for meals, drill, and parades. We assembled on the small parade ground in front of second barracks, or on the hall on rainy days, called the roll and marched to whatever function we had assembled for. In the evening, long-roll bell announced study time (no more visiting) and taps was blown for bedtime.

When we first came to Clemson as freshmen, conditions were so crowded that men were housed four to a room. Construction of temporary barracks relieved this situation somewhat until additional permanent barracks could be constructed.
Rooms contained one (two temporarily) double decker iron beds with springs and mattress, and sometimes, an additional single bed when three students were housed per room. In addition, there was a study table with one chair per student and a wooden clothes locker open on the front. Each student was allowed a foot locker. There was a community latrine and shower on each hall, but no plumbing in individual rooms.

Authority was given at the beginning of the school year to use one room as a company store. Candy, peanuts, and crackers were purchased at the Juice Shop, which I always thought it was known as the “Jew Shop” in our politically incorrect time, and sold out of a footlocker to other students in the company for a small profit. Captain J. D. Harcombe, mess officer, provided us with good food. The student body ate each meal together in the mess hall. We marched by companies to the mess hall, sat eight to the table, and when blessing was said, bedlam broke loose. This was when most of us developed the lifelong habit of fast eating. We could always count on grits for breakfast and supper and rice for dinner. Some of our Yankee brothers didn’t know how to appreciate grits. Pineapple pie was a treat. Especially when some of us sweetened it with white cane syrup which was always on the table.

Inspection was held every Saturday morning. Rooms had to be dust free, clothes and shoes in order; brass shined, and rifles cleaned. Rats had to clean rooms for upper classmen as well as their own. Big inspection was conducted every spring by the Army to evaluate all aspects of the R.O.T.C. Program. Clemson had one of the largest R. O. T. C. Units in the nation and always received good marks at spring inspection.

After inspection Saturday mornings, many upperclassmen left campus for short visits to nearby towns. Since very few cars were on campus, students depended on hitch hiking to get around. The Clemson uniform was the ticket for a ride. Since crime or other bad experiences were unheard of with Clemson Cadets, most travelers were glad to give us a lift. The thumbing line started at the library with late comers going to the foot of the line.

The Cadet Corps was still small enough that each other knew almost everybody. Students generally fell into two classes. One group was highly visible such as athletes, students who exhibited leadership in organizations, and Cadet officers. Other students were lower profile and may or may not have been good students. Some wasted a lot of time shooting bull.

Freshman and varsity teams were fielded in football, basketball, baseball, boxing, track, tennis, golf, swimming, soccer, and rifle. Intramural teams were also organized to encourage the average student to come out of the barracks for some exercise. Clemson participated in the Southern Conference at that time. Our
principal opponents were P.C., V.P.I., Wake Forest, Duke, South Carolina, Citadel, and Furman. We also sometimes played Alabama, Mercer, Georgia Tech, and others.

Then, as now, football was the most enjoyed sport at Clemson. Jess Neeley was Head Coach and Frank Howard, Assistant. The football field was flanked on either side by wooden bleachers and the crowd of fans. Although small by today's standards, we were no less enthusiastic. Another sport enjoyed was boxing. Clemson had a very good boxing team. Double header basketball games and boxing were popular with students.

Publications were the Tiger, published weekly during the school year, Taps, the College Year Book, and the Blue Key Directory, published annually. The Tiger is the campus newspaper. The first publication of the school year came out in August and was mailed to all the prospective new students. It was published every Thursday thereafter during the school year. Taps is the prized possession of every student and is a lifetime reminder of his college experience and those who shared it with him. The Blue Key Directory lists each student, his location and other useful facts. It also contains additional information useful to students and faculty alike. Also of interest to agricultural students and professional workers, the Agrarian magazine has special interest.

Social life and entertainment was limited. Clemson being located in a rural setting and restrictions on time in a military life left little time for social life. The Central Dance Association organized and promoted several dances during the school year when our dates visited on campus. Also, many students dated at Greenville Woman's College, Winthrop, and nearby towns.

The YMCA provided movies at 15 cents admission and a free show on Fridays. Fraternities included Blue Key, Tau Beta Pi (for Engineering students), Scabbard and Blade (Military), Phi Psi (Textiles), Minarets (Architecture), Alpha Zeta (Agriculture), and Tiger Brotherhood (Scholastic and Leadership). In addition, almost every county and study major had clubs for their special interest. Almost every student had the opportunity to associate himself with a special group.

Researched and Written by:
J. W. Kelly (Deceased 1998)
Class '39 Necrologist
The Great Class of 1939

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CLASS OF 1939

ONE bleak September day in 1935, some 600 of us entered Clemson College as freshmen. A lot of water has gone under the bridge since our first year at Clemson, but we will never forget that period in our college career when we were lowly "rats." Those bald heads, the "new boy!" calls, cleaning up rooms for upper-classmen, and running for ice cream that wasn't there will always live in our memory, and we realize that our freshman year, even with its hardships, was one of the happiest periods in our life—a period to be cherished in our storehouse of memories.

IN the fall of '36 we returned to Clemson and jauntily began our sophomore year. Who can forget the pride with which we sewed on our corporal stripes, or the vociferousness of our first "new boy" call? Changes had come. A brigade had taken the place of the regiment and it took us all year to find out which companies occupied the different barracks. This year also saw the erection of the new barracks and agriculture building, but the thing that will live longest in our memory is the midnight "firecracker" hike we took just before Christmas.

When we returned to school after our sophomore year, we were so thrilled at the idea of being lordly juniors that we did not realize that half of our time at Clemson had slipped by, and that only two years were left in which to prepare ourselves for the problems of life after graduation. With our third year came responsibilities. We found ourselves first sergeants, junior ring committeemen, and members of junior publications staffs. The great thrill came with the Junior Ring Dance. No one can describe the feeling that came with wearing our class rings for the first time. We felt unlimited pride, but with this pride came a twinge of sadness as we realized that we had only one more year at Clemson.

After six weeks of Alabama sun, rain, and more rain, we returned to Clemson and found ourselves officers, editors, and fraternity presidents. Our school was still progressing. The new Textile Building was opened for classes, and plans were being made for more barracks. The fall of '38 saw Clemson's football team take high national honors, finishing the season with the best record in years. As we walked off of Riggs field on Thanksgiving, shouting ourselves hoarse because the Furman jinx had been broken, we suddenly realized that we had seen our last football game as cadets. This realization jolted us into facing the fact that almost half of our senior year had slipped away. As we look back over this four-year period of unprecedented progress that has marked our stay at Clemson, we are proud that we were students here during this time. We realize that our presence had little to do with the strides that have been taken, but we hope that we may have, in some way, helped Clemson in its upward climb. All too quickly the days are going by, and it is with sadness in our hearts that we face these last few weeks together. In a very short while we will be marching across the chapel stage to receive our diplomas. It does not seem possible that we will soon be separated, many of us never to see one another again. This is a saddening thought, but we know that the passing of years cannot erase the memory of our relations with one another, and in years to come we will look back with the realization that the happiest days of our lives were those spent in preparing ourselves to be Clemson men.

Reprinted from the 1939 TAPS

—B.O. Cantey, Jr.
Class Historian

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When the members of the Clemson Class of 1939 walked across the stage in the College chapel on June 5, 1939 to receive diplomas, it is probable that not one of us gave any thought to returning fifty years later for our Golden Anniversary Reunion. The thoughts that day were thoughts of embarking on a career and spending the rest of our lives working and raising a family.

It was not to be. Two and a half years after graduation almost all of the class of '39 went off to war. All too many of our classmates made the ultimate sacrifice and were buried in the soil of Europe and in the jungles and atolls of the Pacific.

When the war was over, we returned home to resume our lives. We became architects and engineers, teachers and farmers, doctors and lawyers, clergymen and law enforcement agents, professional soldiers and businessmen. Most of our class have now retired and are enjoying golf, fishing, spectator sports and spoiling our grandchildren.

Looking back on the past fifty years, we see changes in the world that we could not have imagined in 1939. Television, jet planes, men on the moon and great advances in medicine.

Clemson has also changed. The cadet corps are gone. Clemson Agricultural College became Clemson University. Women were admitted and now make up a sizable portion of the student body. The football team won a national championship.

One thing has not changed and never will. That is the affection and pride we have in our school. We feel a part of the advances made by the University. As long as any of us live, we will always stand proudly and say, “We are Clemson men, from the Class of 1939!”

-Benjamin O. Cantey, Jr.

Class Historian
Class of 39 Endowment Fund Committee

Ask any member of the Clemson Faculty what the Award for Excellence is, and he or she can tell you. Ask who created the award, and you will hear the answer to that as well. This award is the highest honor a faculty member can receive, and it is appreciated by all faculty members as a significant contribution by our class.

The award was inaugurated in 1989 as a major part of our class gift to the University. Its purpose is twofold. First, it recognizes outstanding accomplishments by members of the Clemson faculty. Second, it is intended to be an incentive to all faculty members. It has several distinctive features. First, the selection of the Award for Excellence winner is made entirely by the faculty, with no participation by the Class of '39. Thus the winner basks in the warm knowledge that he has been singled out by his peers for this recognition. Second, the award recognizes those contributions to the student body, to the University, and to the outside world, made over a five year period by a faculty member - contributions that are outside his normal work requirements. It does not reward him for doing what he is paid to do, although to qualify for the award, the faculty member must be in the upper fifty percentile in his job performance. It rewards him for giving of himself above and beyond the call of duty, as it were.

The Faculty Senate administers this program. Early in the school year, the call goes out to the entire faculty, asking for nominations for the current year's award. Nominations detail the past five year accomplishments of the nominees. They flow through administrative channels to the Provost, who passes them along to a select faculty committee for assessment. That committee includes the two prior year Award for Excellence winners. The committee studies the nominations and selects a maximum of four for consideration by the entire Faculty Senate, who by secret ballot determine the winner for the year.

At the December graduation exercises, the Provost announces the name of the winner, who is invited to the rostrum to receive a certificate signed by the President of the University, and to be given a monetary award equal to $5000 in 1989 dollars. In addition, the winner receives a gold-plated silver medal signifying his or her award, which thereafter will be worn as part of the academic uniform. Then in January the Faculty Senate holds a ceremony at the Class of '39 Bell Tower near Tillman Hall honoring the current winner. Each winner's name is engraved in granite on the Bell Tower. The Class of '39 has a standing invitation to attend this final recognition of the Award for Excellence winner, who at that time is invited to become an honorary member of the class.

The Class of '39 Award for Excellence Endowment provides the funding for this award. Its value on June 31, 1998 was $297,615, of which $10,526 was budgeted for the 1989-1999 fiscal year. This is sufficient to pay for the monetary award, the medal, the certificates, and the engraving of the names on the Bell Tower. Unused funds are returned to the Endowment, which also provides for any necessary maintenance of the Bell Tower.

All agree that the Class of '39 Award for Excellence is superbly meeting its twin objectives of recognizing outstanding faculty members and being an incentive for greater accomplishments.
Class of 39
Faculty Award of Excellence Recipients

1989 – Dixie Goswami
1990 – Joel V. Brawley
1991 – John L. Idol
1992 – Raymond C. Turner
1993 – Asby B. Bodine
1994 – Cecil O. Huey
1995 – Francis A. McGuire
1996 – Robert L. LaForge
1997 – Charles M. Butler
1998 – Larry L. Bauer

English
Mathematical Sciences
English
Physics and Astronomy
Animal and Veterinary Sciences
Mechanical Engineering
Parks, Recreation and Tourism Management
Management
Electrical and Computer Engineering
Agriculture and Applied Economics
CLASS OF '39 AWARD FOR EXCELLENCE

THE FACULTY OF CLEMSON UNIVERSITY PRESENTS TO
(Engraved name of recipient)

THIS RECOGNITION
ITS HIGHEST HONOR

Medal of the
Class of '39 Award for Excellence
Faculty Senate Resolution in Appreciation of the Class of 1939 Gift

Whereas, the Clemson University alumni from the Class of 1939 have undertaken a project honoring the fiftieth anniversary of their graduation;

Whereas, this project also commemorates the Centennial of the establishment of Clemson University;

Whereas, the project will result in a financial gift recognizing excellence among the Faculty of Clemson University;

Whereas, this recognition includes the annual selection of an outstanding Faculty member; and

Whereas, a permanent memorial will be established on campus by the Class of 1939 listing these Faculty;

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate of Clemson University on behalf of the Faculty express deep appreciation to the alumni of the Class of 1939 for this significant gift;

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate, if requested by the alumni of the Class of 1939, offer support and advice in the development of the selection process for this annual recognition; and,

Resolved, That the Faculty Senate on behalf of the Faculty pledge that the faculty of Clemson University will uphold the standards and expectations associated with this gift to Clemson University.

Passed unanimously by the Faculty Senate
February 14, 1989

Ronald Nowaczyk, President
Faculty Senate

D. York Brannock, Secretary
Faculty Senate
The Class of '39 Scholarships

At the time the Class of '39 Golden Anniversary Endowment Committee began its deliberations back in 1984, it was the firm consensus of all members that one element of the class's gift to the University would have to be a scholarship fund. When our class entered Clemson in 1935, the country was still deep in an economic depression. Money was hard to come by and few scholarship funds were available. Despite it all, we achieved the dream of a college education, many of us by taking part-time jobs during the school years, and by working at menial jobs in the summers. It was an experience that left a lasting impression on us - of the economic hardships we and our families had worked to overcome. We appreciated the chance for an education, and felt we are obligated to help others to get that same chance.

And so, from the income of the $500,000 that initially constituted our class gift to the University, a respectable percentage was earmarked for scholarships. The Golden Anniversary Endowment Committee decided, and the class approved having each scholarship be granted for a full four-year period. We made no stipulations as to the qualifications of the awardees - leaving that entirely up to the University. It was stipulated, however, that, over time, each of the now four colleges share equally in the program. The awards are made to members of the incoming freshman class, and are renewable each year to each awardee, depending on maintenance of satisfactory academic performance.

In 1994, to correct some misinterpretations that had crept into the administration of the Class of '39 Golden Anniversary Endowment Fund, changes were initiated by the committee. That fund was broken into three separate funds: a Scholarships Endowment, an Award for Excellence Endowment, and a Botanical Garden Endowment.

As of June 30, 1998, the Class of '39 Scholarships Endowment had a market value of $345,000, of which $12,420 was budgeted for scholarships in the fiscal year 1998-1999.

The way the system works is this. The Scholarship Endowment Fund is a part of the Clemson Fund, which is administered by the Clemson Foundation. At the close of a fiscal year, the Foundation determines the new balance of each fund, and the percent of that balance that can be allocated to carry out the purpose of the fund. In this case the Treasurer of the Foundation advises the Director of Financial Aid how much will be available for Class of '39 scholarships in the new fiscal year. The Director prepares recommendations for scholarship grants, which are acted on by the University Scholarships and Awards Committee. Before the new school year begins in the fall, those selected for scholarships are so advised. The amount of the award may vary depending on the circumstances of each individual case, but in all cases the award money will be applied as part of the tuition payment of the student.

Whether or not additional gifts are made to the Scholarship Endowment Fund, it will continue to grow under the conservative management of the Foundation, and will provide increasing amounts for scholarships. Recipients are not required to repay the fund, but their voluntary contributions will broaden this base of scholarship money in the years to come.
The Class of 1939 Scholarship Recipients

1989-90
Jill Cabe Brown, Seneca, SC, awarded BS degree in Financial Management 12-20-90

1990-91
Cheryl Ann Stewart, Central, SC, awarded BS degree in Biological Sciences 8-8-92

1991-92
Virginia Elizabeth Moore
Lisa Ann Vanscoy

1992-93
Elvino Manuel Mendonca, Jr.
Virginia Elizabeth Moore
Janet Adele Preston
Lisa Ann Vanscoy

1993-94
Elvino Manuel Mendonca, Jr.
Virginia Elizabeth Moore
Janet Adele Preston
Lisa Ann Vanscoy

1994-95
Elvino Manuel Mendonca, Jr.
Virginia Elizabeth Moore, Cary, NC, awarded BS degree in Mech. Engr. 5-12-95
Janet Adele Preston
Lisa Ann Vanscoy, French Creek, WV, awarded BS degree in Design 5-12-95

1995-96
Melissa Anne Finkle
Elvino Manuel Mendonca, Jr.
Janet Adele Preston

1996-97
Melissa Anne Finkle
Elvino Manuel Mendonca, Jr., Lowell, MA, awarded BS degree in Economics and Political Sciences 5-7-97
Janet Adele Preston

1997-98
Holly L. Bowen, Brentwood, TN, entering Freshman in Physics
Melissa Anne Finkle, Spartanburg, SC, awarded BS degree in Food Science 5-6-98
1997-98 (Continued)
Timothy S. Finnie, Hilton Head, SC, entering Freshman in Computer Science
Janet Adele Preston, Virginia Beach, VA, awarded BS degree in Packaging Science
12-16-97
Marian R. Shuler, Mt. Pleasant, SC, entering Freshman in Animal Science

1998-99
Holly L. Bowen
Timothy S. Finnie
Lindsay T. Sims, Florence, SC, entering Freshman in General Engineering
Marian R. Shuler
Jason A. Brown, Houston, TX, entering Freshman in Architecture
Derek B. Faglier, Martinez, GA, entering Freshman in General Engineering

Note: From 1989-90 through 1998-99, $74,942 has been awarded to Clemson students from the Class of '39 Scholarship Endowment Fund.

July 27, 1998

Dr. Taze L. Senn
201 Strawberry Lane
Clemson, South Carolina 29631

Dear Mr. Senn,

My selection as a recipient of your Class of '39 Scholarship is sincerely appreciated. Your generosity will definitely be of tremendous benefit in helping to defray the costs of my secondary education at Clemson University.

This unexpected surprise has only heightened my anticipation of becoming a “full fledged tiger” and getting started with my new life at Clemson. I am greatly honored by your interest in helping me fund my education and pledge to do my best to make your investment a wise one.

Sincerely,

[Derek B. Faglier]

Derek B. Faglier
Class of ’39 Individual Member Endowments

Mr. And Mrs. Henry E. (Bobby) Avent Class of ’39 Endowment
Established in 1989 by Mr. And Mrs. Avent’s sons in honor of the 50th anniversary of Mr. Avent’s graduation from Clemson. The fund is a Class of ’39 initiative and supports class funding priorities.

Mr. and Mrs. Henry E. (Bobby) Avent Class of ’39 Endowment
Class of 1939 Golden Anniversary Endowment Fund

Class of ’39 Award for Excellence Endowment
Established in 1994 by members of the Class of 1939 with a designated portion of the funds from the Class of ’39 Golden Anniversary Endowment Fund. Provides funding for the Class of ’39 Award for Excellence, an annual award to the member of Clemson University faculty whose contributions over the previous five years are judged by his/her peers to represent the highest achievement of service to the University, the student body and the larger community.

Class of ’39 Scholarships Endowment
Established in 1994 with the remaining balance from the Class of ’39 Golden Anniversary endowment fund. Provides University-wide scholarships, known as Class of ’39 scholarships, for entering freshmen.

Mary Johnson Cox Scholarship Fund

The Walter Cox Endowed Right Guard Position in Football
Established in 1995 by an anonymous donor in honor of Dr. Walter T. Cox ’39. Provides funding through the athletic grant-in-aid account for the right guard position on the Clemson University football team.

Walter T. Cox Presidential Scholarship
Established in 1987 by colleagues and friends of Dr. Cox ’39 upon his retirement from Clemson University. Provides unrestricted four-year undergraduate scholarships.

The Heritage Gardens Maintenance Endowment
Established in 1997 with the absorption of the Class of ’39 Endowment for the South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson University. Provide support for the fund-raising activities of the Garden and funding for the maintenance and improvement of the Clemson Heritage Garden within the South Carolina Botanical Garden at Clemson University.
The Greg Hughes Endowment
Established originally in 1979 as the Greg Hughes Memorial Award and amended in 1987. Provides fellowships for graduate students in career counseling, planning and placement.

Mr. ('39) and Mrs. James M. Kirk and Kathy K. Douglas ('72) Endowment. A Class of '39 Initiative
Established in 1989 to provide University-wide scholarships which are open to all freshmen from Lancaster County high schools (Lancaster High, Andrew Jackson High, Beaufort High, and Indian Land High). Scholarships are renewable when eligibility is maintained.

The Taze Leonard Senn Scholarship
Established in 1981 by colleagues, former students, friends, and corporate donors to honor Dr. Senn '39. Provides undergraduate scholarships in the Department of Horticulture.

The A. Harvey ('39) and Mary E. Snell Scholarships
Established in 1978 to provide scholarships for sophomores, juniors or seniors in Horticulture or Agricultural Engineering.

Deferred Gifts:
Dr. Walter T. Cox, Jr.
Ellis M. Ivey, Jr.
Joseph E. Dixon

Contributions for the last ten years total $2,314,083.76, excluding Deferred Gifts.
The Clemson Heritage Gardens

This project, initiated by the Class of 1939, is our most ambitious project by far. Indeed, it is probably the most ambitious project begun by any class in Clemson’s history. It’s purpose is to present, in the garden setting of the South Carolina Botanical Garden, a visual display of some of the important aspects of Clemson’s history and traditions. To do so, it will be necessary to enlist the support of many groups and organizations, both within and outside the University family.

The plan for the Heritage Gardens contains several discrete elements. It began with the Caboose Garden, which is not only important in the traditions of the Class of ’39, but which provides one of the few areas of interest to the thousands of children who visit the Botanical Garden each year. This garden was completed in 1996 with funds and gifts in kind from class members. The class also provided the funds for the grand entrance to the Heritage Gardens, completed in 1997.

The second major element is the Cadet Life Garden, which will present depictions of those features of Cadet Life, during Clemson’s first sixty years, that were different from student life today here and elsewhere. This garden has been funded by three groups; Clemson’s Golden Tigers (all those alumni who finished fifty or more years ago), the Class of 1942 with its contribution of a class fund established early in this decade, and the Class of ’55. Giving as Golden Tigers, members of the Class of ’39 gave more than any other class except the two sponsoring classes. This garden will be completed in May of 1999.

The third element will be the Founders Garden, honoring Clemson’s founder and presenting those major events immediately before and after its founding in 1889. A sponsor for this garden has not yet been found, although promising discussions are underway with a potential sponsor. If these talks come to fruition, it is expected that construction can begin in a year or so. Already, however, the trellised walkways connecting the first three elements are in place, thanks to two generous Class of ’39ers.

Perhaps the centerpiece of the Heritage Gardens will be the Presidents Gardens - an initial group of thirteen interconnected gardens honoring each of Clemson’s presidents and presenting the important events that took place during each of their regencies. Thus a stroll through these Presidents Gardens will present one with a history of the University from its founding to date, and future additions will keep that history current. Plans have not been completed for these gardens - they are promised by the architect for June 1999. As soon as the plans are in hand, the Class of ’39 Heritage Gardens committee will work with the Clemson Foundation to select and approach possible sponsors.

Further in the future will be the addition of a small amphitheater and the upgrading of the picnic grounds that are adjacent to the Heritage Gardens. All of these elements are and will be located in an approximately ten acre tract in the Botanical Gardens. When complete, the Heritage Gardens will be a unique part of the campus scene, and an attraction for visitors from far and wide. And through these gardens, the memory of the Great Class of 1939 will remain alive long after we are gone.
CLASS OF '39 CABOOSE

One beautiful night after Clemson had defeated its opponent in football, George Williams, Assistant Vice President and Treasurer of Southern Railway, and Reet and Tee Senn were talking about Clemson and the Class of '39. Mrs. Senn commented about the Horticultural Gardens and the Senns' ambition to make this a place that Clemson would be proud of. She remarked to George Williams, “Why don’t you give us a little red caboose?” Some months later, George called Mrs. Senn and said, “I have your caboose. What are you going to do with it?” Mrs. Senn remarked, “I think it would make a beautiful addition to the Horticultural Gardens and I know it would make Tee proud.”

Thanks to Southern Railway, the caboose was repainted, transported to Clemson, and installed in its place of honor in the Horticultural Gardens. Friends of the Horticulture Gardens at La France Industries furnished the fabric for the draperies and the seatcovers. The draperies were made by secretaries in the Department of Horticulture, Beth Farmer and Linda Cartee. Jack Crumpton, of the Department of Horticulture, installed the paneling and all other interior finishing. Later, Jim Crawford, also of the Department of Horticulture, obtained various Southern Railway memorabilia to be placed in the caboose.

The caboose was formally donated to the Department of Horticulture at reunion on June 8, 1973. Mrs. Senn officially christened the caboose with a bottle of Southern Comfort during the reunion festivities.

The Class of ’39 is very proud of the Horticulture Gardens and the caboose. Pictures of past reunions are displayed on the walls of the caboose, along with a Scroll of Honor. The Scroll of Honor contains the names of the deceased members of the Class of ’39. The Class of ’39 meets every other year for reunion and a memorial service is held on Friday evening at the caboose. At that time, Rev. Steve Skardon, ’39, conducts the memorial service honoring the deceased members of the class.

Another contribution by the Class of ’39 is the memorial to General William Coleman, a deceased member of the class. Several classmates have contributed to a fund for construction of benches, addition of plant materials, and restoration projects in the Horticultural Gardens. The Department of Horticulture has established a charter membership program for “Friends of the Horticultural Gardens” who donate a minimum of $100 per year for the upkeep and improvement of the area in the vicinity of the ’39 caboose. Donations are all tax deductible.

Adjacent to the caboose is the Guard Room Bell which played a very prominent role in the cadet life of all of the Class of ’39.

The class of ’39 is indeed happy and proud to be part of the development of the Horticulture Gardens.
Garden Trellis

Connecting the Cadet Life Garden with the Class of '39 Caboose Garden on one side, and with the future University Garden on the other, are two elegant paved walkways. Their floors are made of Tennessee Crab Orchard stone, the same as in the connected gardens. The columns supporting the trellis are also made of stone, the same as in the adjoining walls. Between the outer columns are tack swings – to provide visitors with a gracious resting point as they wend their way through the Heritage Gardens. The trellises are made of Western cedar. Various kinds of vines will climb the columns to provide a shade canopy of color and fragrance in season.

Like the Caboose Garden and the Grand Entrance, these walkways reflect generosity of our classmates – but in this case of two individual members of the Great Class of 1939.

The first walkway was begun in 1997 and dedicated at the class reunion in 1998. It was made possibly by a gift from Ben McLeod, given in memory of his wife Carol Marie McLeod, who passed away on March 22"d, 1993.

The second walkway was begun late in 1998 and is being dedicated at the class reunion in 1999. We are indebted to Harry Avinger for this walkway, which was given as a memorials to his wife Jane Morgan Avinger, who dies in 1995.

It is through such gifts such as these, by classmates, other alumni, and friends of the University, that our dreams of the Clemson Heritage Garden will be realized.
Clemson University Bestows Honors on '39ers

Medallion Award

Walter T. Cox 1984
Taze L. Senn 1994

Distinguished Service Award

Walter T. Cox 1965
Taze L. Senn 1974
George M. Williams 1978

Volunteer of the Year

Taze L. Senn 1995
James O. Sweeny 1998
Resolution to Honor

Dean Cox

Whereas, Walter T. Cox is a member of the Clemson University Great Class of 1939, which is special to the Faculty of Clemson University and the Faculty Senate as sponsors of an annual Award for Excellence;

Whereas, Walter Cox has epitomized the most devoted and loyal member of the Clemson Family by serving in many different capacities during his 60 years at Clemson University, most importantly, as Dean of Student for 30 years;

Whereas, an Interim President of Clemson University, Walter Cox worked with Faculty on many important issues; and

Whereas, Dean Cox enhances the image of Clemson University simply by his presence which emits characteristics such as: loyalty, confidence, and leadership;

Resolved, The Faculty Senate appreciates the roles Dean Cox has played to further the educational mission of Clemson University; and

Further Resolved, The 1998-99 Session of the Faculty Senate of Clemson University reaffirms the resolution of the 1985-86 Faculty Senate which commended President (Dean) Cox for his leadership and conveyed its profound and heartfelt thanks for his efforts on behalf of Clemson University throughout his lifetime.
Resolution
to Honor the
Clemson University Class of '39
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Whereas the Class of '39 established the Class of 1939 Award for Excellence "to inspire the greatest possible level of achievement by members of the faculty of Clemson University;" and

Whereas the Award for Excellence is presented annually to one distinguished member of the faculty whose outstanding contributions have been judged by peers to represent the highest achievement of service to the University, the Student Body, and the larger community; and

Whereas Faculty who have received this distinction become members of the Class of '39; and

Whereas the members of the Class of '39 have bestowed the privilege of the Award facilitation to the Faculty Senate; and

Whereas the Class of '39 respects and believes in the important of the faculty and its impact on students and the future of Clemson University;

Resolved that the Faculty Senate does hereby honor and celebrate the members of the Great Class of '39 for its trust and confidence in the recognition of the faculty of Clemson University.

Passed unanimously by the Faculty Senate
November 11, 1997
Unique among Clemson classes is the Class of '39 program of Honorary Memberships. By means of this program, the class recognizes special contributions to the University, it expresses its appreciation for special contributions to the class or to class projects, and it endeavors to maintain contact with the families of departed classmates. The program has been in effect since 1966, when Pappy Hayden became our first honorary member, and it continues to be one of our cherished class activities.

There are three ways of becoming an Honorary Member of the Class of '39, two of which are entirely automatic:

- First, one can get him or herself chosen as the Faculty Award for Excellence winner. Each year the faculty selects from within its own ranks that faculty member whose extracurricular activities over the past five years exemplify an ideal of service to the University and the outside community that is unsurpassed among faculty members. That person receives the faculty’s highest honor - and in addition is entitled to honorary membership in the Great Class of '39.

- Second, when a classmate passes away, his widow automatically becomes entitled to Honorary Membership. It is our way of saying thank you to that special person who has sustained our classmate down through the years. It is also part of our effort to keep in touch with the families of classmates - and to keep the memory alive of those who trod these halls with us so very long ago.

- The third way is far from automatic. Through the years the class has maintained a high profile through its reunions and its extended activities on behalf of the University. In all these things it has enjoyed the help and support of friends, faculty members and other alumni. In more than a few cases that help has been exceptional, to the degree that the class has extended to those persons its own highest honor - that of honorary membership.

When we extend Honorary Membership to someone, it is our way of saying we feel that you are one of us, and we would like you to also feel yourself to be one of us. Honorary Members are granted full privileges as members of our class. They are encouraged to participate fully in all class activities and to share our ideals of excellence for Clemson University.
Honorary Members
Widows of the Deceased Class Members:

Jewel Senn Baskin

Mary Snell

Ruth Coleman

Dot Talbert

Marcie Kelly

Alma Thomas

M.F. Wolfe
CLEMSON UNIVERSITY
Class of 1939

HONORARY MEMBER

For sharing marriage with our dear departed classmate Russell Simmons Wolfe II, we hereby appoint

Mrs. Mary Frances Wolfe

to be an honorary member of the great Class of 1939. We grant her full privileges as a member of our class, and encourage her to participate fully in our society, and to share our ideals of excellence for Clemson University.

Granted this day, June 4, 1999 by the authority vested in me as president of this great class.

Taze L. Senn
President, Class of '39
## Honorary Members

### Recipients of the Class of '39 Faculty Award of Excellence

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DECEMBER 24, 1989

TO THE CLASS OF '39

You have honored me in the most extraordinary way with your 1989 Award for Excellence. The dedication of the Class of '39 to Clemson University—its programs and people—is legendary, which makes being the recipient of the award especially significant. I don't think I could do better than to have as my goal to try to emulate the tradition of service and excellence that your class has established.

The award itself is stunningly generous—in substance and in spirit. I am very grateful for the $5,000, which means a great deal to me and my family, but I am also grateful for the procedure you established for making the award the result of deliberations by the Faculty Senate. I have always loved Clemson, since the day I came on campus for the first time in 1963, when I was admitted to graduate study and given a house to live in and a job. Now I am more than ever closely bound and committed to the institution that has given me so much.

You won't be surprised to learn that I have received many, many calls of congratulations from across the state. I am convinced that your gift to Clemson University and to me has sent a message to the faculty and to other members of the Clemson family about the way members of the faculty are esteemed and recognized.

Being the "first" recipient carries its own special meaning somehow. I hope I will have the opportunity to thank you personally, to try to express my deep appreciation for your gift to me and to Clemson.

I wish for each of you great joy and happiness in the coming year.

Thank you.

Dixie Gooch Goswami
The Class of '39
Appreciates the Contributions of our Honorary Members

Special Friends

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John C. Mann & U.S. Jones  Virginia and David Senn  Whirl Miller

Mark R. Eisengrein  Lolly Tai  Elton W. Shepherd, Jr.
Minutes of Class of 39- 44th Anniversary  
June 11, 1983

Walter Cox discussed the Young Family Award and commented on the Caboose. Cox read a poem entitled "To the Last Man of the '39ers". A copy of the poem is appended to these minutes. Cox made a motion that a bottle of the finest brandy be purchased and kept in a safe place for the last '39er to enjoy on the occasion. The motion was seconded and passed. George Williams made the motion that the Treasurer be authorized to make said expenditure. The motion was seconded and passed.
Class members Tee Senn and Bob Fickling along with honorary class members Whirl Miller and David Senn do a practice run with a substitute Class of 1939 vintage wine.

Compliments of

Newcastle Imports
W. N. "Whirl" Miller
Honorary Member
Class of '39
Thanks to Whirl Miller the last two members of the Class of '39 will have the pleasure of drinking the aromatic spirits of elixir from this bottle of 1939 vintage wine.
To the Last Man of the '39ers

We know you miss us, buddy...
We're sorry you're alone,
But, you know we had to go...
And that, we've always known.

So now, hang loose...
In our caboose,
And get yourself in shape...
For that our friend, you can begin
With nectar of the grape.

From

Your old buddies in the Clemson Class of 1939
June 11, 1983
Class of 1939

Last class of Clemson's Old Era,
We marked the close of her first half-century...
As we left our Alma Mater in 1939,
'Between the Great Depression,
Hardly over,
And the Great War,
Not then begun...
But soon to claim us all...
Some for a few years,
And some forever.
Most of us carried on,
And built careers in chosen fields...
Built families with our chosen partners,
As ever a common bond remained
Between us... and will--
Something we shared, together
For four years,
And still share...always:
The Clemson Spirit.
'There is something unique in this...
For as the years pass on by--

'...then twenty and thirty,
That Spirit--our bond of fellowship--
Grows stronger...
As we know it will continue to
When we come back...
After forty years... and then fifty
For Clemson's Centennial,
And the Golden Reunion for the Class of '39
'Then our spirit will be stronger still...
Though fewer remain,
'They will return
Again... and again
'To be together... at Clemson...
Until, one year in the twenty-first century,
'When our children's grandchildren
Walk in the shadows of Tillman Hall
'The last '39er
Will return...alone,
But he will not be alone...in spirit,
For so long as one '39er remains...
'The spirit of our class lives on.
'T. B. Young
REUNION COMMITTEE

Bob & Rebie Banister

Joel & Fran Brawley

Ellis & Ann Ivey

Champ & Brooksie Jones

Marcy Kelly

Elliot & Greta Loyless

Cathy Sturkie

Frank & Julie O’Neal, Co-Chairman

Tee & Betty Senn (Ex Officio)

James Randall Adkins – Class of '39 Official Bugler

James has played “Taps” at our reunion memorial services for the past 4 years. Activities during his first 3 years at Clemson University consisted of the Clemson Tiger Band, member of the Clemson Concert Band, Pep Band for the Girls’ Basketball Team and member of the Clemson University Entomology Club.
CLASS OF '39

"TEN YEARS AFTER"

1ST REUNION

JUNE 3, 4, 5, 1949

CLEMSON AGRICULTURAL COLLEGE

CLEMSON, S. C.
June 5, 1939 was a big day in our lives—the graduating class of Clemson Agricultural College. As the bugler sounded the last tones of "Tiger," we were extremely happy over the completion of our college work. We also had reason to be a little sad—five years would pass before the first scheduled reunion and a chance to be with our college "family" again. In our minds we had formulated big plans for quick success. It would be great to return for the first reunion and swap tales.

June 1944, the time for our first reunion, approached very rapidly. Many of the 150 graduates were no longer following the daily chores for which college had prepared them. The United States was engaged in World War II and most of the graduates of 1939 were in uniform scattered over all parts of the world. Class reunions at Clemson were suspended during the war years. Many get-together groups of Clemson men were held at the various posts, camps and stations of the armed forces and those get-togethers did a good job of filling in for the reunions.

It was in 1949 when we held our first-class reunion. Fifty-five classmates returned to the campus for the morning business session on June 4, 1949. Ten of the others came from South Carolina, North Carolina, and Georgia. However, R. E. Haynes, Jr., came from Anderson, Ala.; W. E. Dickison came from Alexandria City, Ala.; L. H. Stoneham from Washington, D.C.; E. F. Robinson, Jr., from Jacksonville, Fla.; A. W. DeSal from Elkhart, Ind.; P. D. Canady, Jr., from Cleveland (Ohio); C. E. Stanley came from Middleburg, Ohio; R. A. Peeling from Camp Hill, Ala., and L. G. Wright from Lincoln, Neb.

Those who arrived for the Friday evening social get-together found real joy in reliving past experiences. Some "ball sessions" lasted far into the night.

Each member of the 1939 graduating class shall be given the opportunity to contribute the sum of $1.00 towards the preparation of the Legacy booklet with all money raised to be applied toward a class project in the future.

The sum of $1,600 has collected from the fifty-five classmates present.

26. Announcements.

Adjourn at 10:35 p.m.

Budget: President Congress met his allotted time of three minutes to tell the Clemson Alumni and their families the highlights of the reunion of the members of the class of 1939. Approximately 150 were announced and observed when President Congress stated that we were the first graduating class of Clemson Agricultural College.

OUR NEXT REUNION

Our 50th anniversary will be June 4-6, 1984.

The local committee of classmates is planning a bigger and better reunion. Plans to make the meeting with the 1939s for the second class reunion.

Complete plans and announcements will be forwarded to you from the Alumni Office before April 15, 1984.

LOCAL COMMITTEE OF MEMBERS

The following members of the Class of 1939 are to be congratulated for the part each played in making the first-class reunion a success:

Dr. E. S. Ramsey
Dr. J. F. Cokes, Jr.
Dr. J. C. Colson, Jr.
Dr. W. M. Ensley
Dr. W. M. DeSal
Dr. W. J. Stone

Congratulations are extended to the wives of the local committee members. Also, the ladies gave the annual of all others.

R. E. Ramster
Sec.-Treasurer

Enclosure (1) First reunion list and former class officers.

William
20th Reunion

1959

CLEMSON COLLEGE
Clemson, South Carolina

July 3, 1959

Mr. W. E. Summerville
DaPreo Circle Building
Washington, D. C.

Dear Bill:

It was a real pleasure seeing you at Clemson for our twentieth class reunion. I enjoyed the occasion very much. It was warming to share the fellowship of our classmates, and I am especially pleased that you have been selected as our presider.

I am enclosing a copy of the minutes which I am quite sure are not perfect. Please advise me of any errors I have made, and I shall be glad to correct them now or wait until our next official meeting and correct them at that time, whichever is agreeable. We have gone against old decisions made at our meeting and that was to liquidate our bank account for the Clemson Class of 1939 at the Fort Hill Bank and Trust Company. You will recall that it was decided to pay for our party at the Clemson House and turn over any balance to the Loyalty Fund. However, at our party - at Bob Bankster's suggestion - it was decided by those present that we make a contribution and have a brochure prepared for mailing to all class members. T. Sain and I took the liberty of depositing the $47.95 which was donated that afternoon to our account at the above named bank. The Clemson House bill was $23.35; therefore, we now have an deposit of $23.64. The official class records have been transferred to T. Sain and as soon as possible Bob Bankster and other local members of the class will get together to discuss and do what is possible toward producing the brochure.

I shall be pleased to have your blessing on anything we can do to assist Bill Doyle as class agent. I know that Joe Sherrill will be working closely with Bill and I shall make every effort to coordinate our interest and efforts so that the Class of 1939 will live up to its pledge to become 100% active in the Loyalty Fund. If you still want to have a drop-in for one of our football games this fall, advise me what I can do in the way of helping with arrangements.

With best wishes to you, Dorothy and the boys, I am

Sincerely yours,

WC Dig
cc: Dr. T. L. Sain
Mr. R. C. Bankster
Mr. Joe Sherrill
30th Reunion

1969

CLASS OF 39

30TH REUNION

June 6-7-8

Impossible you say—but we did graduate from Clemson College in 1939. This means that you should make plans now to attend our 30th Reunion.

All plans indicate the best reunion ever. See how your classmates have changed. See how Clemson has grown. See fellows that you haven't seen in 30 years.

Pres. Pick Slatt, T. Pres. Bill Wise, and Sec. Dee Breen are working on a big program and a big attendance. How about Picnic, Social Hour, Dance, Business, Fun, Banquet, and more Fun, for a weekend at Clemson.

We need your participation. Watch for more details later.

'S39

SPECIAL REUNION SCHEDULE

June 6-7-8, 1969

Friday, June 6

9:00 A.M. Registration begins on Student Center Loggia
12:00 Noon University Cafeteria opens for lunch
3:00 P.M. College Movies—continuous showings in the Chemistry Auditorium
4:00 P.M. Picnic - TenBoett's Retreat (39'ers)
6:00 P.M. Alumni Party, informal, for alumni, guests, community
9:00 P.M. Fellowhily and Dance - Clemson House (39'ers)

Saturday, June 7

6:30 A.M. University Cafeteria opens for breakfast
8:00 A.M. Registration resumes on Student Center Loggia
9:00 A.M. Class Business Meeting, Pictures, (39'ers)
9:00 A.M. Supervised recreation for children at YMCA
10:30 A.M. Ladies Reception for wives of alumni and their guests
12:00 Noon University Cafeteria opens for lunch
2:30 P.M. Alumni General Assembly
4:30 P.M. Social Hour - Clemson House (39'ers)
4:30 P.M. Alumni Family Banquet in University Cafeteria and Presentation of Distinguished Alumni Awards
9:00 P.M. Party - Clemson House (39'ers)
40th Reunion
1979

CLASS OF '39 CABOOSE

One beautiful night after Clemson had defeated its opponent in football, George Williams, Assistant Vice President and Treasurer of Southern Railway, and Roy and Toot Senn were talking about Clemson and the Class of '39. Mrs. Senn commented about the Horticultural Gardens and the Senns' ambition to make this a place that Clemson would be proud of. She remarked to George Williams, "Why don't you give us a little red caboose?" Some months later, George called Mrs. Senn and said, "I have your caboose. What are you going to do with it?" Mrs. Senn remarked, "I think it would make a beautiful addition to the Horticultural Gardens and I know it would make Tee proud."

Thanks to Southern Railway, the caboose was repaired, transported to Clemson, and installed in its place of honor in the Horticultural Gardens. Friends of the Horticultural Gardens at La France Industries furnished the fabric for the draperies and the seacovers. The draperies were made by secretaries in the Department of Horticulture, Beth Farmer and Linda Carter. Jack Clumpston, of the Department of Horticulture, installed the paneling and all other interior finishing. Later, Jim Crawford, also of the Department of Horticulture, obtained various Southern Railway memorabilia to be placed in the caboose.

The caboose was formally donated to the Department of Horticulture at reunion on June 8, 1973. Mrs. Senn officially christened the caboose with a bottle of Southern Comfort during the reunion festivities.

The Class of '39 is very proud of the Horticultural Gardens and the caboose. Pictures of past reunions are displayed on the walls of the caboose, along with a Scroll of Honor. The Scroll of Honor contains the names of the deceased members of the Class of '39. The Class of '39 meets every other year for reunion and a memorial service is held on Friday evening at the caboose. At that time, Rev. Steve Skardon, '39, conducts the memorial service honoring the deceased members of the class.

Another contribution by the Class of '39 is the memorial to General William Coleman, a deceased member of the class. Several classmate have contributed to a fund for construction of benches, addition of plant materials, and restoration projects in the Horticultural Gardens. The Department of Horticulture has established a charter membership program for "Friends of the Horticultural Gardens" who donate a maximum of $100 per year for the upkeep and improvement of the area to the vicinity of the '39 caboose. Donations are all tax deductible.

Adjacent to the caboose is the Guard Room bell which played a very prominent role in the cadet life of all of the Class of '39.

The Class of '39 is indeed happy and proud to be part of the development of the Horticultural Gardens.
THE WAY WE WERE

We were before television... before penicillin, the pill, polio shots, antibiotics and frisbees. Before frozen food, nylon, Dacron, and ballpoint pens. For us, time-sharing meant togetherness, not computers; a chip meant a piece of wood; hardware meant hardware; and software wasn't even a word. In those days, bunnies were small rabbits and rabbits were not Volkswagens.

We were before Batman, Rudolph the Red-Nosed Reindeer and Snoopy. Before DDT and vitamin pills, vodka (in the United States) and the white wine craze, disposable diapers, jeeps and the Jefferson nickel. Before Scotch tape, M&M's, the automatic shift and Lincoln Continentals.

When we were in college, pizzas, cheerios, frozen orange juice, instant coffee and McDonald's were unheard of. We thought fast food was what you ate during Lent.

We were before FM radio, tape recorders, electric typewriters, word processors, Muzak, electronic music and disco dancing. We were before pantyhose and drip-dry clothes. Before icemakers and dishwashers, clothes dryers, freezers and electric blankets. Before men wore long hair and earrings and women wore tuxedos. We got married first and then lived together... how quaint can you get?

In our day cigarette smoking was fashionable, grass was mowed, coke was something you drank, and pot was something you cooked in!

We were before coin vending machines, jet planes, helicopters and interstate highways. In 1939 "Made in Japan" meant junk, and the term 'making out' referred to how you did on an exam.

In our time there were five-and-ten-cent stores where you could actually buy things for five and ten cents! For just one nickel you could ride the streetcar, make a phone call, buy a Coke or buy enough stamps to mail one letter and two postcards. You could buy a new Chevy Coupe for $600, but who could afford that in 1939? Nobody! A pity, too, because gasoline was eleven cents a gallon!

We were not before the difference between the sexes was discovered... but we were before sex changes... we just made do with what we had.

And so it was in 1939. This is "the way we were"... and we loved it!
59th Reunion

1998

CLEMSON A&M COLLEGE

Class of 1939

60th Anniversary of the GREAT CLASS of 1939
June 3-5, 1999

Dear Classmates:

It's that time again – a chance for the Great Class to meet and enjoy the fellowship of the ones that walked across the chapel stages all 50 years ago. No one would have ever thought that so many of us would be here for this day. Let's make a special effort to be at Clemson on June 3-5, 1999. Nine members have passed away this past year, including Russell Wolfe, a dedicated member who never missed a reunion, and J. W. Kelly, our historian.

The Hospitality Room (Room 118 at the Holiday Inn) will open Thursday, June 3, for those who check in early. Be sure and stop by.

Our regular golf outing is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. Friday morning, June 4th, at the Clemson Walker Course. Those who have rainchecks from last year can use them this year. Please contact Bob Bannister, P.O. Box 127, Clemson, SC 29633 – telephone 864/854-2596.

The Friday evening class party will be at the Clemson House this year. A special menu is being planned for this special occasion. After the party, shuttles will be available for us to join other reuniting classes at the Owens Pavilion (next to the Madras Center) to enjoy music by the Jangoons.

The Alumni Association will be mailing the Reunion '98 Brochure about the end of March. You should make your reservations with them for all university-wide reunion activities. Some of the activities include campus tours, the dedication of the 1947 Southern Greens, the Golden Tiger Breakfast, dedication of the Cadet Life Gardens and the Alumni Association Banquet. Reservations for our class activities will be handled by Ellen Ivey. These must be paid in advance. You will receive more information later.

If you have any questions, call me at 404/344-0144 or Ellen Ivey 864/444-1423.

As ever,

Nedly

P.S. Enclosed is a list of local hotels. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn. When calling hotels for reservations, please identify yourself as being with the Class of '39.
Name: Charles M. Aull
Address: 3900 Dubose Dr., Columbia, SC 29204
Phone Number: 803-782-4823

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Llewellyn
   Children: Charlotte, Helen, Chas
   Grandchildren: 2

What was your major?: Agricultural Economics

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
1946-1952 Vocational Counselor, Veterans Administration
1952-1962 Counselor, Psychologist
1962-1973 Asst. Director, VARO
1974-1981 Director, SC Federation on Aging
1981 Executive Assistant to Chief Commissioner, SC Department of Highway and Public Transportation
Retired 1981

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
The good friends and good times both on and off campus. Also, the infamous Midnight March in 1937 and roommates Tee Senn, Tuck Anderson, Benton Young, Ben McLeod, and Rock Calhoun.
Name: Henry E. Avent
Address: 207 Katherine St., Bennettsville, SC 29512
Phone Number: 803-479-3405

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Nancy Slade Avent
Years Married: 49 years
Children: 3 sons: Henry E., Jr.; Mark S.; and Barry G.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1940
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Two older brothers were graduates and strongly recommended that I also attended.

What was your major?: Architecture
minor?: Mechanical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
At approximately 8:00p.m (don't recall the day of the week), I arrived at Calhoun Station by rail transportation accompanied by a BHS graduate. Members of the football team met us and provided wherewithal to get our foot lockers and other items and to get us that mile to our quarters. They were fair in their charges for this service; however, they attempted to sell us the steam radiators in our rooms. Naturally, after stowing our belongings, we went for hair cutting which all new boys (rats) experienced. We got to know this crowd better as we both tried out for the freshman ball team. As freshman team members, we were allowed the privilege of sitting on the sidelines during home varsity football games. One memorable event at Clemson happened during one of our home games. As I recall, the varsity team member involved was named Harold Lewis from Mullins. In those days players wore uniform pads and a leather helmet. No face protectors attached to helmets were available then as nowadays - only a leather chin strap to hold the hat part on during the battle. Players at that time played both offense and defense. Offense and defense did not change with ball changes as now, and only a limited number of substitutions was allowed. Harold was playing of defense and during one play, I caught sight of him accidentally getting someone's foot in his mouth. He got up and came running to Coach Jess Neely, his mouth bleeding and several teeth clutched in his left hand. He mumbled to the coach, "Look at what's happened to my teeth." Coach Neely surveyed the situation and exclaimed, "Get the hell back out there and play football, Harold! I'll buy you some more teeth Monday." Harold immediately threw the teeth he was holding down in the grass and returned to the game. Don't you just know that Harold has had many thoughts about playing football every time he has had to adjust that plate of false teeth or possibly in an apple eating attempt!! If that occurred today, there would probably be a law suit. Sorry Harold, the statute of limitations has run out!

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
Many members of the Class became employees of the College and University. They were instrumental in fostering the Class of '39 spirit of Clemson to return to campus often and to make these occasions a fun thing! Fortunately, they and other classmates had the will to establish landmarks that will be enjoyed by all who visit and attend the University, regardless of educational endeavor. Class of '39 are the "ringers" of the historical bells that once controlled student scheduled activities. '39ers are a dedicated Clemson support group! It is my wish that we are remembered as the "Clemfun Class of 1939." All of our endeavors have been fun!
Name: Harry C. Avinger
Address: P.O. Box 404, Orangeburg, SC 29116
Phone Number: 803-534-5079

Family Information:
  Children: Harry Jr.; Marguerite; and James
  Grandchildren: 7

What was your major?: Textile Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
President and owner of Orangeburg Coca-Cola Bottling Co.

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
Senior platoon trips to New Orleans and Knoxville and others with Framp Durban, Bob Fickling, A.P. Gandy, and Drake Watson.
Name: Virgil A. Ballard
Address: 508 Fairway Drive
         Fort Mill, SC 297715

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Barbara Ann Crane
   Children:    Mary Ellen Bates and John Atkins

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your Major?: Textiles

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Worked with Springs Industries until retirement.
Name: Robert A. Banister
Address: 25 Downs Loop (PO Box 127)
         Clemson, SC 29633
Phone Number: 864-654-2596

Family Information:
    Wife's Name: Rebie
    Years Married: Since 1942
    Children: Daughter - Joan

Dates of Attendance at Clemson College: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson College?: I was living in Greenwood and Clemson was nearby.

What was your major?: Industrial Education.

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson College:
    Taught 8th grade in Orangeburg, SC.
    Spent 51 months in WWII as 2nd Lt. to Major to Lt. Col. In Army Reserves.
    Assistant to the dean of Engineering for 1966-1972.
    Director of Industrial and Municipal relations for the College of Engineering.
    Director of Clemson University Co-op Education.
    Retired June 1977.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
I was a clarinet player in the band, and a saxophone and clarinet player in the Clemson Jungaleers Dance Orchestra from 1935-1939. I was the leader of the third 5-piece Jungaleer combo to earn transportation to and from Europe aboard ships in 1938.
Name: Thomas P. Baskin, Jr.
Address: 205 21st Avenue
        Lewiston, ID 83501
Phone Number: 208-743-8178

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Martha Shirley Baskin
Children: Thomas, III and John

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Mechanical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Teacher 1940
Consulting Engineer 1941-1959
Insurance and Investments 1960-date

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:

The Great Midnight Forced March!!
Clemson College had suffered some terrible fires through the years. The three barracks housing and cadets were tinderboxes. The college administration was especially concerned about pranksters setting off firecrackers in the barracks. The cadet leaders were encouraged to do all they could to prevent this dangerous prank. The cadet colonel at that time issued a threatening order over the PA system at the evening mess to the effect that if there was a firecracker discharged in the barracks the entire corps of cadets would be assembled on the small parade ground and forced to march until reveille. Of Course, sometime after midnight, a firecracker was discharged in the hall outside the cadet colonel’s room. True to his order the cadet corps assembled and forced march began . . . around the campus, past the president’s house, out by the mule barn and on by Fort Hill (the battle monument, not the Calhoun House). Fires were started by tossing matches in the dry grass by the roadsides. Had there been a wind the mule barn and the countryside would have gone up in flames. Years later, 1944-45, as an Infantry officer leading my company through five campaigns in Europe, I profited from the experience of that cadet leader, never to issue a threatening order. I trust that he also profited from his youthful mistake and is alive and well.
Name: William Alton Beasley
Address: P.O. Box 377
        Aiken, SC 29802
Phone Number: 803-649-2098

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Mabel McCoy
Children: Daughter—Alton McCoy

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Employed by Clemson Extension Service—retired Aiken County Extension Agent.
Name: Thomas E. Bell
Address: 4425 Columbia Road
Orangeburg, SC 29118
Phone Number: 803-534-2806

Family Information:
- Wife's Name: Mary C. Bell
- Years Married: 57
- Children: Thomas E. Bell, III; Robert L. Bell; Barbara Sue Gibbons

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1936-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: My father graduated from Clemson 1912 - -Was there any other?

What was your major?: Animal Husbandry

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
- School teacher and coach, 1 year
- Live stocking - Plantation
- US Army
- Kleen Leer (Purina)

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
The “oneness” (unity) of all Clemson Folks.
P.S. Dr. Senn and I were roommates at one time -- a great man!
Name: Francis DeWitt Benson
Address: 3508 DeVendel Lane
        Mobile, AL 36608-5803
Phone Number: 334-342-9456

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Elizabeth Hughston Benson
Years Married: 56
Children: Two

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1937-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: The Textile School.

What was your major?: Textile Engineering

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Textiles - Retired from Courtauld North America.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
As a transfer student (a “lo-rat”) I was first impressed with the size of the school and the military discipline. As a transfer student I don’t think that I ever became a ‘full member’ of the ’39 class, but I have many fond memories, of course. My “Ol’ Leaders” in my senior year were “Tee” Senn and “Jeep” Gilbert; both were good.
Name: Carl V. Black
Address: 1133 E. Northfield, Murfreesboro, TN 37130
Phone Number: 615-893-6228

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Wordna Bragg Black
Years Married: 56 years
Children: Patricia Black Leag; Mary B. Lovelace

Dates of Attendance at Clemson College: Sept. 1935- Jan. 1940
Why did you choose Clemson College?: Football Scholarship

What was your major?: Vocational Agriculture
minor?: Horticulture and Soils

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson College:
Jan. '40-June 15 '41 - Taught Voc. Ag. in Woodbury, TN
Army - 1941-1946
Teacher Voc. Ag. Mboro TN
1946-1952 - Veterans Ad. Director Ag. Program then to State Dept. of Voc. Ed. until I retired.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
The announcement of the ice-cream truck at the dairy barn and the students could come, bring bowls and spoons to get all the ice cream they could eat--this was a joke the upper class men played on the freshman.

Nov. 1939. Clemson football team was playing Navy at Annapolis. Banks McFadden was in the hospital at Clemson and the only punter was Aubry Rion. Prior to the game he pulled a muscle in his right side at practice and we had no other punter. Chippy Maniss was playing tailback and with 3rd down and 6, he was called into punt. He had had no experience. I did not hear his foot hit the ball and looked back--he, running around right end, instead of punting, ran eleven yards. In the next huddle, I asked him why he didn’t punt and he said “the wind was blowing in my face too hard”

1940 Cotton Bowl program 25 cents

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you? It provided a way of life and the means of a livelihood.
Name: Joseph William Black
Address: 239 N Catherine Street
          Pickens, SC 29671
Phone Number: 864-878-9397

Family Information:
  Wife’s Name: Frederica Alexander
  Children: Joseph and Margaret

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your Major: SC AG

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Manager- Mail Supply Department
Liberty Life Ins. Co., Greenville, SC
Name: Guy Eugene Blackwell
Address: 16 Brock Street
         Inman, SC 29349
Phone Number: 864-472-0928

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Ruth Hightower
  Children: Ruth Ann

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Horticulture

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
  Peach grower; horticultural teacher;
  Retired as Director of the H. B. Swofford Area Vocational Center
Name: James Roger Blakely
Address: RR 2 Box 346
        Gray Court, SC 29645
Phone Number: 864-682-3327

Family Information:
Wife: Carolyn B.
Children: Dale, Charles, Nancy, and James

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Vocational Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Teacher
Retired from the Laurens County School District 55, Grey Court, SC
Name: L. James Blakely  
Address: 321 Couch Lane, Easley, SC 29642  
Phone Number: 864-859-8728  

Family Information:  
Wife's Name: Frances  
Years Married: 48 years  
Children: James McMahan; William Robert; Susan Frances; David Edward  

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1936-1939  
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Decided to be a teacher and was interested in Agriculture  
What was your major?: Agriculture Education  
minor? Agronomy  

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:  
Taught in Pickens County School District  
Counselor and teacher 1946 Retirement.  
Taught at Hickory Grove, SC  
Entered US Army service 1941-1946.  

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:  
The Commandant called a meeting with all rising seniors to announce that enough funds had been approved to give all seniors who had not qualified for ROTC training to allow them to take Junior and Senior ROTC training their Senior year. I was only at Clemson three years and this allowed me to obtain a commission when I graduated. I entered service later on as a Second Lt. and rose to Major. In December 1936, Cadet Colonel John Dunlap, head of the Corps stated that the next firecracker set off in the barracks would result in a night march. The next night a fire cracker was set off ten feet from the room of Colonel Dunlap. The entire cadet corp was called out and we marched for two or three hours all over the Clemson farm in a drizzling rain. It wasn’t a good night. The great mild shakes and the ice cream offered by the dairy department in their sales shop. Professor always wanted to give the students full value. The Professor was Ben Goodale.  

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?  
The history of the Class of ‘39 was one of hard times. Many of us had very little money and our families sacrificed to send us to Clemson. Hitchhiking was the main means of travel during those days. The cadet uniform was usually a ready ticket to get one somewhere. Even though the times were not good, we went on to obtain jobs and get a start on life. Many of the class were called into service and a large number were killed in action and many of the rest of us were wounded in action. We used the GI Bill to further our education and settled down to raise our families.  
Clemson College was a food school and affordable. The military discipline was not too strict and most of the activities were pleasant. We enjoyed the parades although the inspections sometimes were not too good. Classes were small and most of the professors were friendly and cooperative. During WWII service, we met a lot of Clemson graduates and classmates who were doing a great job and made us proud to be from Clemson. We enjoyed the good athletic teams at Clemson, especially the basketball and track teams. “Big Thursday” was always a big event with Carolina. The boxing teams, coached by Bob Jones were enjoyed during the halves of the basketball games.
Name: Hoyt Ulmer Bookhart, Jr.
Address: 4825 Dobbins Bridge Road
         Anderson, SC 29624
Phone Number: 864-226-6297

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Mary G.
   Children: Butch; Mike; David; and John

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University: The A&M College in SC
What was your major?: Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   Attended George Washington University—MA Degree
   HSMC 21 years.
   Science Teacher in Junior High for 14 years.
Name: Theodore J. Boselli  
1841 Roanoke Avenue  
Tustin, CA 92680  

Family Information:  
Wife’s Name: Helen  

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939  
What was your major?: Mechanical Engineering  

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:  
Rockwell International  
USAF 1940-1967. Colonel (ret.) Navigator for  
Presidents Roosevelt and Truman  

Favorite Memory about Clemson University:  
The southern boys did not like Yankees. However, they beat my butt then took me into  
their homes and showed me good southern hospitality. Glad I went to Clemson.
Name: Earnest O. Botts, Jr. (Beetle)
Address: 2438 Sunset Dr. NE, Atlanta, GA 30345
Phone Number: 404-634-8162

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Helen Jane
Years Married: 53 December 98
Children: 4

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Only College I knew of.

What was your major?: Electrical Engineering
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
38 Years, 8 months with General Co.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
I consider making the senior platoon my greatest accomplishment at Clemson. Getting a degree in electrical engineering was secondary. Well, do I remember the tryout and the elimination night. I was so proud that a little country boy from Abbeville, SC, had made it. My fondest memory is of the two trips we made. One was our trip to New Orleans and the other was standing in the rain in Columbia, SC, as an Honor Guard for President Roosevelt. I well remember marching down Canal Street, beating Tulane 13 to 10, walking down Bourbon Street and being coaxed into the many shows and before departing for Clemson going into a bar I believe in the Roosevelt Hotel and having Planters Punch. This was most exciting for a boy from the country. Every trip we made and performance was exciting. It was always a sigh of relief to get through the Queen Ann salute and the present arms by twisting our rifles over our hand. I am looking at a picture of my platoon that I keep in my office. I believe my position was No. 3 rear rank of the second squad. Clint Cook was on my right and J.C. Smith on my left. A.R. Garner was the fourth member of the rear rank. I was always proud of my uniform. No worry about what to wear with what. To this day, my wife of fifty years this December , selects my clothes. After four years in the Uniform at Clemson as well as many classmates spent four and one half years in the U.S. Army uniform. I enjoyed the senior platoon and the memories will always remain in my heart and mind.

Why did the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the ‘Spirit of Clemson’ mean to you? Fellowship and so many things in common.
Name: Stanley J. Boyd
Address: 115 Greenwood Avenue
         Hartsville, SC 29550
Phone Number: 843-332-6569

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Helen S.
   Children: Jeff; Tommie; Carole; and Ronnie
   Grandchildren: 3

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Chemistry

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   Union Bleachery, Greenville, SC
   Ecusta Paper Corp., Brevard, NC
   Volunteer Ordinance Works, Chattanooga, TN
   Sonoco Products, Corp., Hartsville, SC
   Retired in 1982

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
The night the radio program "The Mercury Theater" by Orson Welles, entitled "The War
of the Worlds." My "rat" year when I had more fun than the following three, plus my
friends I made there--many who are now deceased.
Name: William B. Boyle
Address: 959 Shadow Trail
         Sumter, SC 29150
Phone Number: 803-469-7228

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Vera Mae Wright Boyle
Years Married: 3 years (second marriage)
Children: 3

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: To study Mechanical Engineering.

What was your major?: Mechanical Engineering
         minor?: Drill

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
General Contracting (Family Co.): roads, water, sewer lines, and plants
Name: Ralph W. Boys
Address: 517 South Congress Street
         Winnsboro, SC 29180
Phone Number: 803-635-4778

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Mary
   Children: John and Joanne
   Grandchildren: 1

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Textile Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   U.S. Rubber Company, Winnsboro

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
   Graduation
In recognition of his many contributions to Clemson University and the Nursery Industry of South Carolina, Tee Senn presents a certificate to "Pappy" Hayden, Class of 1912. "Pappy" was the first Honorory Member of the Class of '39.
Name: John Francis Brailsford
Address: 3030 Charleston Way
         Orangeburg, SC 29115
Phone Number: 803-534-5683
Family Information:
    Wife's Name: Ninkie
    Children: John, Jr.; Marjorie; William; Florence;
              and Elizabeth
    Grandchildren: 6

What was your major?: Horticulture

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Self-employed upon graduation. Started doing business as Shady Grove Plantation and Nursery,
an ornamental and row crop farm; returned to Orangeburg, SC, after separation from army and
resumed former business. Incorporated in 1980 and now serve as President.

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
The fellowship and military.
Name: Thomas William Brice
Address: P. O. Box 854
         Belmont, NC 28012
Phone Number: 704-825-2328

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1940

What was your major?: Textile Engineering
Name: Ralph W. Bridge
Address: 1841 Hwy. 15, South
St. George, SC 29477
Phone Number: 803-563-4303

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Alva Shuler Bridge
Years Married: Since 12-24-37
Children: 3 Daughters: Kay B. McAlhany; Mary B. Keller; and Marcia B. Phillips
Granddaughters: Julie McCraw; Candace Gordon; Amy Phillips; and Gwen M. Sitsen
4 Grandsons: Tracy W. Keller; Jarred R. Keller; Clayton B. Phillips; and Carl Phillips
Great Grandsons: Davis W. Keller; Collins W. McCraw; and Shuler Sitsen
Great Granddaughter: Shannen Gordon
(Twin Grandsons at Clemson University now, both E.E. majors and Juniors: Carl and Clay Phillips. Granddaughter graduated Clemson: Gwen McAlhany.)

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: A College in South Carolina
What was your major?: Voc. Agr. Major BS Degree 1939
minor?: Horticulture
Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Voc. Ag. Teacher for 1 year - 1939-1940.
Soil Conservationist 1940-73 Civil Service (retired 07-27-73).
Real Estate 1974-1984 (retired 01-01-84).

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:

Saw snow on the ground for the first time in December 1935.
Freshman year at Clemson College was the time when I was away from home for the first time.
NYA job at Clemson to help pay expense for college.
One of three married students (1938-39) at Clemson College attending as a day student (01-01-38 thru 06-05-39).
12-24-99 we will be married for 62 years.
Won Trustees Medal - 1936 for public speaking at Clemson College.
We have been active members at Grover Methodist Church since 1944.
Name: George Albert Brodie
Address: 34 Hampton Grove
         Allendale, SC 29810
Phone Number: 803-584-2842

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Grace Blakney
Children: Stevan, Jane, and Susan

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1936

What was your major?: Agricultural Economics

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired from USDA Soil Conservation Service
Name: William Cecil Bryan
Address: RR 2 Box 484
         Barnwell, SC 29812
Phone Number: 803-259-3733

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Eugenia Deas Hunt

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1940

What was your major?: Animal Husbandry

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Owner/Operator of Bryan Metal Services, Greenville, SC.
Name: Dr. Frank J. Bryce
Address: Rt. 4, Box 1269-B
Manning, S. C. 29102
Phone Number: 803-478-4072

Family Information:
- Wife's Name: Rene
- Years Married: 10 years
- Children: From another marriage - 3

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-39
Why did you choose Clemson University?: I had five brothers ahead of me. I did not know there was any other college.

What was your major?: Pre-med.
minor?: English

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Dentist - graduated from Baltimore College of Dental Surgery, U. Of Maryland.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
I was elected Captain of the 1938-39 Basketball team after we beat Maryland in the Championship of the Southern Conference. This was first conference championship for Clemson in Basketball.
I also received an excellent education from Clemson which gave me the background to attend graduate school.
Name: Richard H. Burton
Address: 403 Palmetto Ave
         Winnsboro, SC 29180
Phone Number: 803-635-4378

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Corinne (Cory)
   Years Married: 57
   Children: 1 Daughter, Margaret Richardson

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1934-1939 (Class '38 - 2 yrs stayed out and worked
   one year. Last 2 years - class of '39)
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Born and grew up in Anderson; never considered
   any other school.

What was your major?: Textile Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Uniroyal Textile Plant in Winnsboro, 41 years '39-'80; includes four years of military service
   during WWII.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
I spent much of my summers while in high school at Clemson with the Lindsays --my Aunt and
   Uncle--who had a five boys and we played on Cemetery Hill. I learned to swim in the YMCA
   pool. Two of the boys, Duck and Slack, still live at Clemson. My Uncle Jim was in charge
   (under Capt. Harcomb) of the Kitchen and Dining Room. I waited on tables - three times a day -
   $90/month, and there were probably 30-40 of us waiters. Our pay was $8/month which was all of
   my spending money.

An item of possible interest: It was normal for ROTC cadets to go to F-wk summer camp at
   Anniston, AL, between Jr. and Sr. years. For some reason, I don't remember why, a large group
   of us did not go - about 50 I think. We were scheduled to go after our Sr. year. By graduation,
   many of us had jobs and didn't care about a commission. The word got out that we were not
   going to camp. So at graduation exercises, we were not given a diploma, but a sheet saying that
   upon completion of camp, we would get our degree. A special ceremony was held at Anniston
   where we received our diplomas. Thank Goodness! When the war came along three years later,
   we were all 2nd Lt.'s instead of privates.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
As long as I can remember, I have been and will continue to be a true believer in, and a strong
   supporter of, Clemson.
Name: Benjamin O. Cantey
Address: 11648 SW 54 St., Cooper City, FL 33330
Phone Number: 954-434-5904

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Rae Johnson (deceased)
Years Married: 42
Children: Mary Stark and JeAnne Cantey

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Seven of my H.S. classmates were going to Clemson.

What was your major?: Mathematics
minor?: Economics

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Officer, US Marine Corps 1940-46
Name: William A. Carlisle
Address: 5645 Lakeshore Drive
         Columbia, SC  29206
Phone Number: 803-787-2868

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Ruth
   Children: Tau, Carolyn, Tom, Jim, and Margie
   Grandchildren: 6

What was your major?: Architecture

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
1939-1940  R.R. Markley AIA Durham, NC
1940-1942  Area Eng. Fort Jackson, SC
1946-1977  Lyles, Bissett, Carlisle and Wolff, Columbia, SC
1977      Carlisle Associates, Columbia, SC
Name: John Franklin Chandler
Address: 4406 Cary Street Road
        Richmond, VA 23221
Phone Number: 804-359-2672

Family Information:
    Wife’s Name: Virginia F.
    Children: Janice and Donna

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
What was your major?: Civil Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
    Senior Engineer in design and construction, Seaboard Coastline Railroad.
Name: A. Hugh Chapman, Jr.
Address: 115 Oakhurst Drive
         Madison, AL 35758
Phone Number: 205-837-1413

Family Information:
Children: John
Grandchildren: 2

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Architecture

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Self employed - Architectural Practice
Ten years in partnership with W.M. Hudson
Thirty years in practice as sole proprietor or senior partner in firm

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
A whole series of great teachers.
Name: William O. Cofer
Address: P.O. Box 525
         North, SC 29112
Phone Number: 803-247-2052

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Rachel
  Children: William Augustus and George Patterson
  Grandchildren: 2

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Vocational Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
  Owned and operated grocery store for sixteen and one-half years
  I.D.S: American Express Rep for twenty-one years

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
  Bull sessions
Name: G. Ray Coker
Address: Box 147, S. Main Street
         Turbeville, SC 29162
Phone Number: 803-659-2325

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Frances Green Coker
Years Married: 5
Children: 5 - Mary Jean, Helen, Margaret Anne, Cindy, and Ray, Jr.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 35-39
Why did you choose Clemson University?: No other consideration

What was your major?: Architecture - forestry
minor?: Graduated GS

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Taught and coached Kingstree, SC '40
US Army '41-'46
Gen Contractor '47-'88; Golf.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Blind loyalty or mindless loyalty, but wonderful acceptance of a Clemson Man anywhere in the world.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
Everything!
Name: James F. Copeland, Jr.
Address: 5080 Hillside Road
         Columbia, SC, 29206
Home Phone: 803-787-3470

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Jeannett
  Children: Barbara Ann Copeland Suddeth
  Grandchildren: 2

What was your major?: General Science
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
  Teacher in high school – 1 ½ years
  Active duty – military service approximately 5 years
  Federal Service – Veterans Administration – 35 ½ years

Favorite memory about Clemson College:
  Vespers at YMCA; Free movies at YMCA; camaraderie in Cadet Corps; classes in Tillman Hall;
  Military parades on special occasion.
Name: Henry M. Covington
Address: 614 W. Chatham Street
          Apex, NC 27502
Phone Number: 919- 362-6160

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Elizabeth Rogers Covington
Years Married: 38
Children: Kemper, Mike, Kathleen, and Susan

Dates of attendance at Clemson University: September 1935
Why did you choose Clemson University?: To get a good education (I already knew what I wanted - I was 20+ years old)

What was your major? Horticulture

Occupation(s) after Graduation from Clemson University:
M.S. at LSU
4+ years in World War II
Promotion and Development, Missouri
Pacific Rail Road
Grooming citrus in Florida
Prof. of Horticulture, N.C. State University for 26 years.

Describe a Particular Memory of Clemson That Stands out in Your Mind:
I was a waiter in the Mess Hall. It was amazing to watch one of the students at each table pour chocolate milk from a pitcher to fill six glasses (six men to each table). Most would line up the glasses side by side, and pouring the milk was a continuous thing, thus chocolate milk spilled all over the table cloth. All this was done so I, as a waiter, could rush back to the kitchen and get in line to get seconds on milk - possibly!!! Need I say that chocolate milk was a delicacy?
Name: James Coxe Covington, Jr.
Address: 813 Fariwood Drive
Columbia, SC 29209-2114
Phone Number: 803-776-3532

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Julie Covington
Years Married: 57 years
Children: (2) Children; (4) Grandchildren

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: Sept. '35 - June '39

Why did you choose Clemson University?: Father Graduated in 1909 as well as other members of family. It was always Clemson.

What was your major?: Graduated with a BS in General Science
minor?: ROTC

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Entered US Army in 1939 (2nd Lt.), Retiring from active duty after Korea.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Many friends made in the four years. The military, freshman "Rat Sergeant", Corporal, First Sergeant, and 1st Lt. Company Executive officer. Advertising manager of our annual "Taps". ROTC camp at Fort McClellan AL. Four years of marching and drilling on Bowman field, the Senior Platoon at football games. Memory of Honor Guard at the capitol stationed around President Franklin D. Roosevelt in his limo. Dances at the field house. Each time I return to Clemson, my spirit is renewed with these and many other wonderful memories.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
Graduating on the eve of WWII, the great class of 1939 did their duty as they saw it in making the world safe for democracy.
The importance of the class of '39 to me is beyond description as is the spirit of Clemson and can only be experienced by a member of the great Class of 1939.
Name: Walter T. Cox, Jr.
Address: 105 Folger Street
Clemson, SC 29631
Phone Number: 864-654-4611

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Jenelle Garrett Cox -- Mary Johnson (Married 9-29-40; Deceased 4-26-85)

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: Sept. 1935-1939 & 1940 Post Grad.
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Chosen over Presbyterian College and Furman by preference of program – Also partial athletic scholarship.

What was your major?: Gen. Science – BS June 1939
minor??: Economics and Mathematics

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Clemson University 1940-April 1987 Retirement
1987-Currently Volunteer Development
This Heritage Gardens entrance is given by the Class of 1959 in honor of their classmate WALTER T. COX, SR., whose lifetime of dedication to Clemson included serving as President from July 1935 to March 1986.
Name: Henry M. Crouch, Jr.
Address: P.O. Box 703
Barmwell, SC 29812
Phone Number: 803-259-5617

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Ruth
Children: Cynthia and King
Grandchildren: 2

What was your major?: Agronomy

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired from Soil Conservation Service in 1977

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
Athletics
Name: Fred E. Culvern, Jr.
Address: 4818 Kilbourne Road
         Columbia, SC 29206
Phone Number: 803-782-3816

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Doris Duffie Culvern
Years Married: 56 years
Children: Fred, III; Anne; Doris; and Christopher

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Military School.

What was your major?: Textile Eng.

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Pres., Motor Supply Co., Columbia, SC.

(Mr. Culvern is quite ill in a nursing home.)
Name: N. Rhett Davis
Address Rt. 2, Box 141
Denmark, SC 29042
Phone Number: 803-793-3755

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Emma G. Davis
  Years Married: 6
  Children: 3 boys

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?:
  Had relatives who attended.

What was your major?: Agricultural Economics.

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
  Clemson Extension Service, Farming and Dairy Plant Field man.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
  The Clemson Military.
Name: W. Cantey Davis, Jr.
Address: 517 Dellwood Drive, Greenville, SC 29609
Phone Number: 864-244-5363

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Helen T. Davis
Years Married: 56
Children: Two boys, both attended Clemson

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1938 (Did not graduate)
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Textile School

What was your major?: Textile Chemistry
minor?: Textile Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Pilot US Air Force—May 1941-May 1946—Major
Worked for Cotton Farm. Bought cotton for Regil Textile and was a cotton broker for 20 years.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Before leaving home for Christmas our freshman year, the commandant issued an order that any fireworks were shot off, we would march for two hours upon our return to campus. About midnight on our return, you would have thought a war had started. The entire cadet Corp gathered on the parade ground. We marched for two hours. Fireworks went off while we were marching. It was hilarious.
Name: Patrick Dennis
Address: P.O. Box 55
         Rembert, SC  29218
Phone Number:  803-432-3867

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Martha Moore
   Children:    Patsy, Jane, Tommy, and Renee

Dates of attendance at Clemson University:  1935-

What was your major?:  Agriculture

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Farming
Name: Joseph Edward Dixon
Address: 5031 Radcliffe Road
         Columbia, SC 29206
Phone Number: 803-787-2745

What was your major?: General Science
Name: Jules T. Doux (Deceased)
Address: 129 Fair Street
        Chattanooga, TN 37415
Phone Number: 423-875-2539

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Houseal
  Years Married: 44
  Children: Son--Jules, Jr.
  Grandson: Logan Doux, age 10

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: I was from New York and wanted to study textiles. Picked Clemson.

What was your major?: Textile Chemistry

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
In textiles 15 years; group insurance underwriter 30 years.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
I had a limp in my left leg due to an injury at birth. This made it difficult for me to stay in step when the cadet corps was marching. Of course I was called down many times, which was embarrassing, but there was nothing that I could do about the problem.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
The Class of '39 is important to me because I was a member of that Class. I hope to be able to support Clemson in a small way, as I have done for 58 years.
Name: Frampton Wyman Durban
Address: 1261 Dibble Road, SW
         Aiken, SC 29801
Phone Number: 803-648-4344
What was your major?: General Science
Name: John E. Duvall
Address: 1900 SE Coffee Street
        Miami, FL 33133
Phone Number: 305-854-7534

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Charlotte
   Years Married: 55
   Children: Mary Aileen, Denise, and Walker

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 36, 37, 38, 39 - also 1 summer school

Why did you choose Clemson University?: My father drove me to Clemson and said if they won't take you, we will go on to P.C. - they will!

What was your major?: Mech. Engineering

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   Worked for Eastern Airlines 8 years (39-46) "escaped" from there and opened my own business-Hardware, etc.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
I failed to Graduate.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
Never met a Clemson Man that I disliked.
Name: Andrew Moffat Evans
Address: 1009 Belmar Lane
         Rock Hill, SC 29732

What was your major?: Textile Engineering
Name: Harry Feinstein
Address: 8471 Cliffridge Lane
LaJolla, CA 92037
Phone Number: 619-452-0256

What was your major?: Electrical Engineering
Name: Robert Bruce Fickling
Address: P.O. Box 158 – 3609 Bay Point Drive
        Edisto Island, SC 29438
Phone Number: 843-869-3346

What was your major?: Agronomy
Name: Frank M. Fleming
Address: P.O. Box 601
Pickens, SC 29671
Phone Number: 864-878-4058

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1940

What was your major?: Agronomy
Name: William T. Foster
Address: 766 Storm Branch Road
          North Augusta, SC 29844
Phone Number: 803-827-0747

Family Information:
    Wife's name: Virginia
    Children: Scott R, Linda, and Thomas
    Grandchildren: 8

What was your major?: Dairying
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
    Self-employed

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
    Eating ice cream with my brother, Irvin, and T. L. Senn.
Name: James B. Frazier, III
Address: P. O. Box 156, Winnsboro, SC 29180
Phone Number: 803-635-4803

Family Information:
    Years Married: Married 1942
    Children: 4

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Better than USC

What was your major?: Textile Eng.
    minor?: Weaving and Designing

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
    Land and Timber purchases

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
    Too many to write.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
    Very Important.
Name: Talley D. Fulmer
Address: 306 Wenwood Towns
          Greenville, SC 29607
Phone Number: 864-297-5377

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Nadine S. Fulmer
  Years Married: 51
  Children: 1 son

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Father and Uncle had graduated there.

What was your major?: Textile Chemistry and Dying

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Textile Finishing - 43 years

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Freshman year - "Rat" "Pep" marching for ROTC. Broomer, paddles

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?:
As to the Clemson Experience, I was able to steadily advance in my career to VP and General Manager of one of the largest Textile Finishing Plants in SC. Later, at a different company, to a group manager positioned over several finishing operations.
Name: Pickens A. Gantt
Address: Stouall Road/Box 206
        Greenville, GA 30222
Phone Number: 404-672-4486

Family Information:
    Wife’s Name: Bunny
    Children: Kay, Sue, and Pickens A.
    Grandchildren: 15

What was your major?: Agriculture Education
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
1946-1973 U.S.D.A. Soil Conservation Service

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
Close relations with fellow students, many dedicated faculty members--several taught my father in 1905 and all three Gantt sons.
Name: Robert Moorehead Geer

What was your major?: Architecture
Name: Fred Guerry
Address: RFD 3, Box 214
         Kingstree, SC 29556
Phone Number: 382-2841

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Anna Ulmer Guerry (Dot)
Years Married: 45
Children: None

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1936-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?:
Clemson offered what I wanted to Major in.

What was your major?: Ag Education

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Taught High School Agriculture

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind: Being in the band, I was given the job of blowing all the military calls--Taps, Drill, etc. I enjoyed blowing drill call when troops were marching in front of the chapel building on the parade ground. I enjoyed making trips with band to football games. I was overjoyed when I was accepted to remain in ROTC. As a member of the Glee Club, I enjoyed visiting other college campuses. As the top Methodist at college, I enjoyed my work with Rev. Clyburn at the campus Methodist Church. Getting my diploma was the greatest thrill.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
When you spend four years with people, they become a part of your life. I was very close to the other members of the band. We enjoyed each other at our class reunions.
Name: Joseph H. Guess
Address: 114 Park Drive
         Union, SC  29379
Phone Number: 864-427-6165

Family Information:
  Wife’s Name: Julia
  Children:   J.H., Jr.; Mac C.; and J.
  Decherd
  Grandchildren: 5

What was your major?: Pre-medicine

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Family Practice of Medicine (self-employed)

Favorite memory about Clemson:
Many, but probably the late night march.
Name:  Edmund B. Hammond, Jr.
Address:  12013 Rockcliff Drive
           Huntsville, AL 35810
Phone Number:  205-859-2783
Name: Mayo Narvin Harmon
Address: P.O. Box 367
        Lexington, S. C. 29071
Phone Number: 803-359-4075

What was your major?: Vocational Agricultural Education
Name: Jacob Roland Harrison
Address: 114 Club Drive
        Carrollton, GA 30117
Phone Number: 404-832-3168

Family Information:
  Wife’s Name: Mary
  Children: J.R., Jr. and Lucy
  Grandchildren: 5

What was your major?: Civil Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
  Owner and President of Harrison Engineering Assoc, Inc.
Name: James Hughey Harrison
Address: 333 Molasses Lane
         Mount Pleasant, SC 29464
Phone Number: 904-328-6896; 704-885-2801

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Theo Wells Harrison
   Years Married: 45 years
   Children: Dr. James H. Harrison, Jr., and Elizabeth W. Harrison

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: To study Engineering

What was your major?: Mechanical Engineering

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Engineer for Southern Friction Materials Co., Charlotte, NC
Aircraft inspector for Glenn Martin Co., Baltimore, MD
Flight instructor for Air Force - Pilot and Celestial Navigator for a Transport Command
Airline Pilot and Captain.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Engineering courses including Aerodynamics by Dr. Sams.
Learning to Fly and being a member of a flying club at Clemson - as a freshman I was know as “Rat Lindbergh”

NOTE: As a flight instructor, pilot, and celestial navigator during World War II, I trained pilots - navigated and flew flights across the Atlantic to Europe, Africa, and India. My flying career included some exciting experiences too numerous to mention here.
Name: Thomas Homes Heatwole
Address: HCR 72 Box 536B
Locust Grove, VA 22508
Phone Number: 804-972-1655

What was your major?: Textile Chemistry
Name: Carroll Eugene Hendrix
Address: P.O. Box 348
Dillon, S. C. 29536
Phone Number: 843-774-8339

What was your major?: Agricultural Engineering
Name: Robert Hester
Address: 2100 Montrose Avenue
         Kingsport, TN 37664
Phone Number: 423-246-9318

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Marie Elizabeth
   Children: David, Robert, and Betty

What was your major?: Chemical Engineering
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Devel. Assoc./Chemical Engineer - Tennessee
Name: Maurice Dowling Hiers
Address: 3045 Beuna Vida Circle
         Apt. 115-E
         Las Cruces, NM 88011
Phone Number: 505-521-3061

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Jean
   Children: Jeanine; Maurice D. Jr.; Cynthia; and Richard E.
   Grandchildren: 8

What was your major?: Electrical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   Teacher, Glynn Academy, Brunswick, GA (1940-1941)
   Military Service 1941-1968 – Army Ordinance
   Math teacher, Las Cruces Public Schools 1969-1977

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
The time the seniors put the COW on the stage in the auditorium
Name: E. Julian Hinson, Jr.  
Address: 3020 Trenholm Road  
Columbia, SC 29204  
Phone Number: 803-787-5263

Family Information:  
Wife’s Name: Nancy Hopkins  
Children: Ed, Robin, Rebecca, and Ann

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Textiles

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:  
Plant manager of Springs Mills, Lancaster, SC
Name: D. Greg Hughes
Address: 308 Princess Grace Avenue
         Clemson, SC  29631
Phone Number: 864-654-5908

Family Information:
Wife's Name:  Evie / Jan (Deceased)
Years Married: 49 / 6
Children: son - Greg Kemp '64

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: ‘35-’39
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Influence of teacher (Alumnus)

What was your major?: Industrial Education

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
WW II - 6 years
Teacher - 10 years

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Rat year
Night forced march for firecracker violation.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you?  What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
We “Grew Up” here together.
Name: Frederick Hughes
Address: 43 Boardman Road
Phone Number: 843-556-2288

Family Information:
Wife: Mildred
Children: Mary K., Louanne, Frederick, Jr., and Melanie
Grandchildren: 4

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
What was your major?: General Science

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Spent 54 months active duty in WWII; thirty years Reservist.
Thirty-seven years at Raybestos Manhattan, Inc., Charleston, S. C.
Owned and operated Kelles Dress Shop for eight years.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Lazing about Bowman Field on a warm Sunday afternoon.
Name: Donald M. Hutchinson
Address: 6010 Tanglewood Circle
         Cumming, GA 30041-4682
Phone Number: 770-887-6736

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Ruth Benson Hutchinson
Years Married: 55
Children: Patricia H. Stafford, Thomas M. Hutchinson, and Jane H. Adams

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: Sept. '35- June '39

Why did you choose Clemson University?: Engineering school in the state.

What was your major?: Mechanical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Sales Engineering

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
No single item, all pleasant.
Life in Barracks; contact and friendship with other young men; military atmosphere; almost all classes; YMCA activities; swimming team; and dance weekends. Summer ROTC camp at Ft. McClellan. Memorable even though sometimes they were somewhat unpleasant.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
Hard to define in engineering terms. I believe living in the barracks--contact with other students in classes, sports, and other activities had a long term favorable effect on my life.
Name: W. P. Irwin
Address: 1075 Andrews Farm Road
         Spartanburg, SC 29302
Phone Number: 864-583-2874

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Virginia (2nd), Ellen (1st)
Years Married: 12 Years (first wife deceased 1985)
Children: 3

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: '37, '38, '39.

Why did you choose Clemson University?: For Engineering degree in textiles. Freshman year was at Wofford College.

What was your major?: Textile Eng.

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Textile Manufacturing Division President of large company at time of retirement.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Hitchhiking home every possible week to see the girl I married soon after graduation.
Dances with some of the best big bands in the country.
Lasting friendships with classmates.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
The book “Old Clemson College: It was one hell of a place” explains it all.
Name: Ellis M. Ivey, Jr.
Address: 3 Phain Sail Court
         Salem, SC 29679
Phone Number: 864-944-1423

Family Information:
    Wife's Name: Mary Ann
    Years Married: 52
    Children: Ellis III, Joanne, Martha, and Christie

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Low cost good School

What was your major?: Textile Engineering
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
General Motors (Saginaw Div. 42 years 6 months- now called Delphi)

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Getting chewed out by Col. Weeks for chewing gum in Ranks. Joones
Name: E. P. Johnstone
Address: 4212 Blacktree Lane
         Charlotte, NC 28226
Phone Number: 542-9367

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Tilly
Years Married: 58
Children: 4 (3 girls and 1 boy)

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: My family has been very close to Clemson. Our grandfather was Chairman of the Board of Trustees. My two older brothers preceded me in the class of '32 and '35. Dr. Senn and I grew up together.

What was your major?: General Science - English
minor?: Math

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
As one of the waiters, it was always annoying to me to see that horde of humanity march into the mess hall, be seated, eat their meal in a total of 30 minutes, then leave.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you? It was a great collection of young people.
Name: Champ M. Jones
Address: 247 Riggs Drive
Clemson, SC 29631
Phone Number: 864-654-2550

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Alma Brooks Young Jones (Brooksie)
Years Married: Jan. 5, 1946, to Present
Children: 3 boys: Champ M., Jr.; Henry B.; and John B.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: August 1935-June 1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?
Close to my home at Dacusville, SC, and I could major in Agriculture. I lived on a small farm.

What was your major?: Agronomy (After starting in Vocational Ag. Ed.)
Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University: Masters degree from Cornell U. September 1940; Farmers Home Adm.; Soil conservation service; Feb. 1942-March 1945 US Army in Hawaii, Guadalecanal and many states; Sept ‘45- Aug ‘50 instructor at Clemson U.; Aug ‘50-Sept ‘52 Ph.D. from Michigan State U.; Sept ‘52-July ‘81 Professor at Clemson U.; Retired July ‘81 to present.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
As a freshman at Clemson--I had to “beat out” so that I could have more time to study. On my company hall, when some upperclassman hollered “new boy”, one had to run down the hall and report, unless you were in an upperclassman’s room. Therefore, I stayed many hours in the room ready for inspection. When I was away from my company for class, I would take many books with me and stay in the library, or in my brothers room in a different company, and just return to my company when I had to report to Long Roll (about 8 p.m.) I was paddled hard on the night the company would have a “pep meeting”. That night you had to go by each upperclassman’s room and bend over for a paddling. Of course, they would say to me, “Rat” Jones I haven’t been seeing you much lately, and they would paddle you extra!

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
Because the Leaders, with helpers, have gradually taken over the project of developing plans for the recognition of Clemson during its military history, of course, asking other classes to help with the projects. Also the ‘39 award for excellence, which is the award given to faculty. Also, the leaders in the class have been able to acquire the guard room bell, etc., for use in the Heritage Gardens.

The “Spirit of Clemson” means a great deal to me. At first, I would have thought that the Clemson Spirit was maintained through the football team--but it is much more than that. Clemson graduates stick together thru thick and thin. Originating in a small area, no town or a small town, Clemson students meet with each other frequently. It had been stated that a Clemson man needs no introduction. This has been changed to a Clemson man or woman needs no introduction.
Name: Edwin M. Jones
Address: RR 1, Box 1710
         Tiptonville, TN 38079
Phone Number: 901-253-8128

What was your major?: Textile Engineering
Name: Elder Hill Jones
Address: Route 4, Box 340, Nichols, SC 29581
Phone Number: 803-526-2298

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Catherine Jones
  Year's Married: 57
  Children: 3

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: I was interested in Agriculture.

What was your major?: Agriculture Education
  minor?: Horticulture
Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
  Teaching Agriculture

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
We all seemed like one bug family. We know each other personally.
Name: James S. Jones, Sr.
Address: 1294 Saint Matthews Road, NE
Orangeburg, SC 29115
Name: Leonard Franklin Jones
Address: 210 Presque Isle Place
         Seneca, SC 29672
Phone Number: 864-653-5943

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Maxine S. Jones
  Years Married: 57
  Children: L.F., Jr.; Marilyn; and Patsy

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: For an Engineering Degree

What was your major?: Civil Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Owner and manager of construction firm in NC for 40 years.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
The faculty and their willingness to help you get a good education and the military training. The comradeship of classmates.
Name: Malcolm Henry Jones
Address: 246 Mahaffey Street
         Belton, SC 29627
Phone Number: 864-338-7376

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: G. Yvonne
   Children: Grace

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Dairy Science
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Mobile Agent; Seaboard Coastline Railway
Name: James M. Kirk
Address: 516 W. Barr Street
         Lancaster, SC 29720
Phone Number: 803-283-3051

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Ruth P. Kirk
Years Married: 57
Children: James B. Kirk and M. Kathryn K. Douglass

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: Good education and to teach Agriculture and advance in knowledge and status.

What was your major?: Vocation Agriculture
minor?: Math

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Taught agriculture 3 years
WWII 2nd Lt. to a Captain 4 years
Taught agriculture 6 months
Bought feed and seed store--developed to hardware, plumbing--38 years.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Very smart and knowledgeable professors. Work had to produce and develop future leaders. ROTC train us to walk erect--stand tall, and taught us how to defend our nation in war. We developed a love for country and Clemson. I liked Clemson's good food--just 17 cents per meal; you could drink all the good milk you wanted. One chemistry professor taught us about life and love and rules to live a great life.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
The Class of '39 were depression teenagers and not really feeling depressed. I feel we loved our country; respected our parents and elders; we felt we lived in a great country and would help build the world. Our love and respect for Clemson was terrific. Our professors, the students, the college staff, athletics were the best.
pName: Thomas Orgeon Lawton, Jr.
Address: 1426 S Riverside Drive
Indialantic, FL 32903
Phone Number: 407-727-1568

What was your major?: General Science
Name: Elliott M. Loyless, Jr.
Address: P. O. Box 237
        East Ninan, GA 31023
Phone Number: 912-374-3660

Family Information:
    Wife's Name: Greta P. Loyless -- Sue G. Loyless
    Years Married: 27 -- 28
    Children: 3
    Grandchildren: 5
    Great grandchildren: 6

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1934-1939 (stayed out one year)
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Never wanted to attend another school

What was your major?: Textile Eng.
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Textile Manufacturing
Name: Herbert H. Lusk, Lt. Col. USAF Ret.
Address: 426 N. Old Pendleton Road
Liberty, SC 29657
Phone Number: 843-9551

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Mayme
Years Married: 56 years
Children: 2 living: Janet and Scott; 1 deceased: Herbert;
Grandchildren: 6
Great grandchildren: 1

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-36, 1936-37
Why did you choose Clemson University?: The uniform; cadet life; and ROTC. I admired men who had attended Clemson and I felt that college was necessary to succeed in life.

What was your major?: General Science

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
I remember vividly “hiding out” from “Rat Call” on the second floor of my company in barracks number 2. I was discovered by a sophomore and had to “take my medicine”, which was bending over and holding my ankles while two sophomores each gave me two whacks with a broom. Well, I didn’t hide out anymore. This, and all the hazing and horse play of cadet life, was done in rough fun and are really pleasant memories.

A more important and treasured memory is my participating in regimental parades. I can still hear the bugle call for assembly; the commands “Fall In”, “Dress Right...Dress”, “Ready, Front”, “Right...Face”, “Squads...Left”, etc. Standing at attention on the parade ground, seeing the company, battalion and regimental colors “dipped” and presented with the American Flag while the National Anthem was played, and then “passing in review” while the band played “Stars and Stripes Forever” is indelibly imprinted in my fondest memories of Clemson.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
A group of high-spirited young men, whose lives were shaped forever by the high standards of Clemson College, and at the same time helped shape and pass on the Clemson Spirit that is the embodiment of a sense of duty with the highest ideals of loyalty and patriotism. And this was a time when terrible war clouds were gathering that would bring WWII. Although I dropped out at the end of my sophomore year, I am carried on the rolls as a member and I am grateful for that. Sometimes I have thought about “what was and what could have been”. That aside, I am proud of having been a cadet a Clemson and I am able to reflect on experiences that have helped me through the “highs” and “lows” of a wonderfully blessed life. I have a precious wife and family and I feel the Clemson Spirit has helped me greatly attain that.
Name: Richard M. Lynes
Address: P.O. Box 866
         Easley, SC  29641
Phone Number: 864-859-9080

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: General Science

CLEMSON WORLD
'39 Ceremony

The original Guard Room Bell of Clemson College was enshrined at the Clemson Horticultural Gardens on campus, along with a railway caboose, by members of the Class of '39 at a special ceremony during Reunion Weekend of 1975. The caboose serves as a visitor's information center.

The bell which originally beckoned Clemson College cadets from 1899 to 1945 to classes, meals and formations, was discovered by Tee Senn, a '39 class member, when the old barracks were torn down and has since preserved for installation at its new site.

At the ceremonies, a special plaque was also unveiled bearing the names of deceased members of the class. Names of the deceased were read and a minute of silent prayer was observed. Among other items of business during the '39 Class Meeting, class members named John C. Mann, alumni editor148, as an honorary member of the class.
Name: J. D. Mackintosh, Jr.
2906 Amherst Avenue
Burlington, NC  27215
Phone Number: 910-584-7677

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Eleanor
Children: Charlotte and Mic
Grandchildren: 6

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?:

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
City Manager of Lancaster, SC for four years (1949-53); City Manager of Burlington, NC for thirty-two years (1953-85) Served in the Infantry with service in Panama and as a Pilot in the Air Corps in ETO.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Becoming a “rat” and finding the true spirit of Clemson. Also, for four years being with the finest group of young men that I have ever known—The Class of 1939!
Name: Peter Mattison Mahon
Address: 1731 Bayshore Drive
         Cocoa Beach FL 32931
Phone Number: 407-784-3423

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Bonnie Elle
   Children: Anne and Peter

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Electrical Engineering
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Missile Engineer - Boeing Aircraft – Retired

THE SPIRIT OF CLEMSON

O’er Bowman Field the clock tower stands,
Ancient and serene,
And from its focal point commands
The full-moon campus scene;
The clock strikes six and day begins
As light comes to the sky,
One wonders why old Clemson friends
Love her until they die;
It may be that air they breathe,
So mountain fresh and pure,
But the real reason, I believe
Their love will yet endure
Is not just nature’s atmosphere
Which here for man awaits . . .
Rather, it is the spirit here
That man himself creates.

TBY Jr. ’39
Clemson House Porch
6:00 A.M.
3-25-70
Name: J. Roy Martin, Jr.
Address: 2525 Providence Church Road
          Anderson, SC 29624
Phone Number: 864-224-1025

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Alma M. Martin
  Years Married: 56 Years
  Children: 4 (1 Deceased)

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: It was close, cheap, and good.

What was your major?: Mechanical Engineering
Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Self-employed: Construction/Industrial Roofing

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
As a band freshman, I lived in the "pig" wing of old no. 1 Barracks—Just down the hall from the Guard Room. Quite a unique experience with much history.
I will always remember the "Spring Parades". They were impressive and inspiring.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
My entrance in the Class of '39 marked the beginning of a family tradition. I was followed by an almost continuous stream of family members that continues today and includes a grandson and granddaughter who are students currently. Also two sons and a daughter-in-law previously attended Clemson. There have been cousins, nieces, nephews, etc., too numerous to mention. Clemson has been a major part of the life of my family since 1935.
Name: Ladson M. Massey
Address: 322 Hempstead Place
         Charlotte, NC 28207
Phone Number: 704-333-9321

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Ethel Adair Evans
   Children: Ladson and Helen

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your Major?: Electrical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University: Vice President C. Alley Associates (retired), Charlotte, NC
Name: Elliot Laurens McAlpine
Address: 307 N Broad Street, Apt. A204
        Clinton, SC 29325
Phone Number: 864-352-6447

Family Information:
    Wife’s Name: Mary Flowers
    Children: John and Laurie

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1940

What was your major?: Electrical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University: Manager of DP Support
Name: George H. McCarley
Address: 8209 Highway 81
         Starr, SC 29684
Phone Number: 864-352-6447

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Animal Husbandry

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Farming; Owner, Sauer Company Farms
Name: Phillip H. McCorkle
Address: 101 Ashford Avenue
        Spartanburg, SC  29307
Phone Number: 864-583-2625

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Mary
Children: Phillip H., Jr. and Cavert K.
Grandchildren: 2

What was your major?: General Science

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University
Southern Bell Telephone Company before entering military service on June 2, 1941

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
Clemson Spirit
Name: James G. McCully
Address: 7895 SW 122nd Street
         Miami, FL 33156
Phone Number: 305-235-0277

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Jean Cole
Children: Patti and James

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
What was your major?: General Science
Name: Norman J. McFaddin, Sr.
Address: General Delivery
          Sardinia, SC 29143
Phone Number: 803-473-2643

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Berness Mann McFaddin
  Years Married: 56 - Nov. 4, 1942
  Children: 4 Children; 9 grandchildren; 1 great-grandchild.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939 and 1950

Why did you choose Clemson University?: It was and is the best.
What was your major?: Agronomy (with Lord Collins)
  minor?: Agri. Educ.

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
  Assistant in Botany Dept., 1940
  Adj. Act., '41-'42
  US Army, '42-'46; Agri. Teacher, '48-'73
  Cobar. Co. Civil Defense and Vet. Affairs Officer, '73-'80
  Heart Operation-retired. Farmer.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
The 1941 Cotton Bowl Game in Texas. Banks McFaddin, etc., with Coach Frank Howard.
  Being in the Drill Platoon.
  The student body having to fall out and march due to someone firing a firecracker.
  A freshman - new boy ‘fall out’
  The ice cream plant broke -- “Run for Ice Cream”.
  Big “Ben” Goodale and his Dairy Classes.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the ‘Spirit of Clemson’ mean to you?
There will never be another class that started in the depression, went to Camp McClellon, became
  2nd Lt.’s, went to WWII, Korea, and Vietnam and came home to a better life. From the A-model
  Ford to Life in Space.
  The Spirit of Frank Howard. The mechanization of the farm from the mule plow to Satellite
  operation. From four acres of tobacco per family to 100 acres. From 20 families of tenants to one.
Name: Benjamin F. McLeod
Address: 3722 Torrey Pines Boulevard
         Sarasota, FL 34238
Phone Number: 941-922-6480

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Carol Marie (Deceased)
   Years Married: 45
   Children: Benjamin, III; Thomas; and Scot

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Good Electrical Engineering Department.

What was your major?: Electrical Engineering.

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   From Junior Engineer to Vice President of Communication at Pan Am Airways.
   6 years Chairman of Radio Technical Communication for Aeronautics.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Coming from a very small country High School (only 4 boys in my senior class) to being
inducted into Tau Beta Phi honorary Fraternity my Senior Year.
Name: William Folk Miley (Shine)
Address 964 Hickory Ridge Drive
        Macon, Georgia 31204
Phone Number: 912-474-8095

Wife's Name: Elizabeth Moore
Children: William F., Jr. and Farnum

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-39

What was your major?: Vocational Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired Sales Manager, Martin-Marietta Cement Company, Macon, GA
Name: Charles Cleon Moon
Address: 16 Valley Road
         Travelers Rest, SC 29690
Phone Number: 864-836-3395

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Mildred Abigail Pettit
Children: Patricia and Cleon

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University?: 1935-1940
What was your major?: Weaving and Designing

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired Salesman, Louis P. Batson and Company
Name: James B. Moore
Address: 1 Towers Park Lane, 1714
         San Antonio, TX 78209
Phone Number: 210-930-2778

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Frances Forum Moore
Years Married: 56
Children: Benjamin Moore, Jr., and Susannah Moore Griffin

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Followed two brothers class of 1933

What was your major?: Civil Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Marine Corps Officer (Naval Aviator) 26 years
Decoration Silver Star, Dist. Flying Cross, Bronze Star with Combat II
1965 Retired as Col.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Senior Platoon trip to Columbia to see President Roosevelt.
Some other memories that stand out are: Member of the Best Drilled Platoon in the Brigade. Best Drilled Corporal, Second Battalion, Second Regiment; selection as Lt. Col. to command 1st Battalion. 2nd Regiment, and Assistant Leader of the Senior Platoon.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
The Four Years that I spent at Clemson as the Class of 1939 were the most rewarding years of my life. The spirit of Clemson is like that of the Marine Corps.
Name: George Marshall Newman
Address: 7200 Meeting Street
        Charlotte, NC 28210
Phone Number: 704-552-9285

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Mary A. Payne
Children: George, Carolyn, and Bill

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: General Science

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired, retail furniture, Boyles Furniture Company
Name: Paul Willard Nichols
Address: Rt 5, Box 906
         Prosperity, SC 29127

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Elsie
   Children: David Bennet and Karen Nichols
   Grandchildren: 3

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   Self-employed dairy farmer
Name: W. Bryan Northrup
Address: 4830 Kennett Pike #228
         Wilmington, DE 19807-1899
Phone Number: 302-426-8582

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Julia M.
   Years Married: 57
   Children: 3

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: Location and availability of a job to help defray expenses.

What was your major?: Industrial Education

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   Industrial Arts teacher
   Army officer WWII
   Supervisor Veterans Education
   Personnel Contractor (DuPont)
   Industrial Engineer (DuPont)
   Sr. Equipment Expediter (DuPont).

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
I was filling in as officer of the guard in Spring of '38 when a group of cadets fired the old cannon that sat on campus--causing quite an uproar.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
An undying love for the school and my classmates.
Name: Frank Watkins O'Neal
Address: 2839 The Fontainbleau SW
         Atlanta, GA 30331
Phone Number: 404-344-0344

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Julie Montgomery O’Neal
   Years Married: 16
   Children: Frank W., Jr.; Andrea W. Spear; and Sam Williams, III

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose to Clemson University?: I loved Clemson. I was born 18 miles away. At age 14, I began selling cokes at football games. Two uncles preceded me.

What was your major?: Agriculture
   minor?: Horticulture

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   US Army 23 years in uniform, 20 years as civilian

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
The ‘Rat’, New Boy calls from upper classmen
The first hair cut
Bowman field and parades
‘Holtzy’ at the YMCA
Football games in Greenville and Columbia
Riding in Drake Watson’s Model ‘T’ Ford

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the ‘Spirit of Clemson’ mean to you?
Being one of the last depression classes most of us felt lucky to be there, so a closeness and camaraderie developed; this meant sharing and cooperation in all phases of cadet life, the core of our education. We all knew that we were in the same boat--financially and socially. The percentage of successful members--doctors, lawyers, professors, businessmen, farmers, military officers, and others is not surpassed by many other classes. As 1st vice president of the class, chairman of the reunion committee, and member of the Class of ’39 endowment committee, I have had contact with most of the members and many of the wives and widows. Their attitude is – I am your friend – and you are my friend – how may I help?!!
Name: J. Walker Owens
Address: 44190 Tahoe Circle
         Indian Wells, CA 92210
Phone Number: 760-341-7933

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Dorie
Children: J. Terell, Timothy, Richard, and J. Randall
Grandchildren: 10

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Chief Executive Officer: Chambers of Commerce--Myrtle Beach, SC; Salisbury, NC; Charleston, SC; Lake Charles, LA; Odessa, TX; Elmira, NY; and Torrance, CA.

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
Had a great time traveling with the college orchestra (The Jungaleers) and managing the business affairs for the “Tiger.”
Name: George D. Page
Address: 2128 Green's Road
         Charlotte, NC 28207
Phone Number: 704-377-9788

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Sarah C. Page
   Years Married: 55 Years
   Children: Two Sons

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1938
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Affordable, offered needed courses.

What was your major Chemistry
   minor?: Math

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   Physician 1942 Graduated from Emory University; Retired 1985.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
   Very Happy Years.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
The Class of '39 played a great part in the development of the State and the south. Also played a
great role in WWII where I ran into many Clemson officers. (I served in the medical Corps).
The class has taken on several ambitious projects: the Bell tower, the Caboose and Gardens. I
left after my junior year, but received my diploma after graduation from Emory in Medicine. I
have returned to 55th reunion and also to give a Surgical Lecture at the Clemson House several
years ago.
Name: Norwood R. Page
Address: 106 Calhoun Street
         Clemson, SC 29631
Phone Number: 864-654-5082

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Evelyn Warner Page
Years Married: 48 Years
Children: Russell N., Mary E. Parliman, Forrest W., and Peter J.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: Aug. 1935 - June 1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: The only school that I could afford to attend that had an excellent program.

What was your major?: Two Degrees: BS in Chemistry and a BS in General Science with majors in Mathematics and History.

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Started to work at Clemson College in June 1935 and retired from Clemson University in July 1979. Retired as Professor of Agronomy and Soils and Head, Dept. Of Agricultural Chemical Services. Have MS degree in Soil Chemistry, NC State and Ph. D., U. of Georgia. Five years in Army Air Forces. Retired as Lt. Col. After retiring from Clemson, I worked as a soil scientist with the environmental laboratory, Corps of Engineers, Vicksburg, Mississippi on an intermittent basis for eight years with a home station at Clemson, SC.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
No particular memory. Came to Clemson in spite of the military system. Later and now appreciate that through the system I came to know many of the students at Clemson and made more friends than I would have with the current system.
Name: Ben Franklin Pearson
Address: 2016 Walthour Road
         Savannah, GA 31410
Phone: 912-897-2469

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Regina H.
Years Married: 51
Children: Charles, Laurene, and Durhan

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Football Scholarship

What was your major?: Textile Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
World War II
Wesson Oil Company—Retired 1970
Was medically retired from Army para troopers in December 1946.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
As we sat out in a lovely court garden in Spanish Oak Retreat, Savannah, (A retreat for Alzheimer patients) I asked Ben his “favorite Memory of Clemson Days...” His answer—FOOTBALL. He loved Clemson...that I know! This sounds like I am quoting a person who is no longer with us—not so—He was in a good state—with help of good, dedicated doctors, (and I might add the new medications are so helpful. These medicines will not cure this monstrous sickness, but does calm the patients so that they can enjoy others) and marvelous staff and caretakers. He is at peace with himself and everyone around him. Still looks so young and his hair...still my beautiful red head!
Name: Francis Edwin Peebles
Address: 1515 Shadylawn Drive
         Burlington, NC 27215
Phone Number: 910-227-4675

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Pearl E. Turner
   Children: Henry, Robert, Joseph, and Charles

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Vocational Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired, North Carolina Extension Service
Name: Bruce A. Peeling
Address: 14304 Parkvale Road
         Rockville, MD 20853
Phone Number: 301-460-9079

Family Information:
  Wife’s Name: Libby
  Children: Bruce, Jr., and Terry
  Grandchildren: 1

What was your major?: Horticulture

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Self employed - Retail Plants and Garden Supplies
Name: Curtis William Pennington
Address: Box 56
        Starr, SC 29684
Phone Number: 864-352-6345

Family Information:
    Wife’s Name: Anna Dean Jones
    Children: Curtis, Jr.; Deanna; and Elizabeth

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Vocational Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
    Retired, Supt. Anderson County School District 3
Name: Mitchell R. Powers, Sr.
Address: 4729 Fernwood Road
         Columbia, SC 29206
Phone Number: 803-787-1834

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Burtte A. Kempson
   Children: Mitchell R. Powers, Jr.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Agricultural Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Military Service (1939-1941), Fort Knox Replacement Center, 12th Armored Division
Camp Campbell, Camp Barkley, 7th Army Europe Rank—Major.; International Harvester
(1946-1948), Clemson Agr. Eng. Edisto Exp. Station (1948-1954); President, Palmetto
Equipment Company (1955-1975); Governmental Sales, Manager C.E.S. and Bruce
Construction machinery company (1975-Pres.).

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Graduation and the famous midnight march.
Name: Jacob Ralph Pritcher
Address: 2107 Jasmine Street
         Monroe, LA 71201
Phone Number: 318-325-6243

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Iva
   Children: Jacob, Iva, and Sylvia

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Vocational Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Owner-Broker, Pritcher Realty Company
Name: Joel H. Radcliffe
Address: 5406 Foxwood Drive,
Greensboro, NC 27410
Phone Number: 910-299-7670

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Alice
Years Married: 58
Children: Mary R. Welch and Joel H., Jr.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: Cost ( $350.00/yr.) Alternate to older brothers' "Citadel"

What was your major?: Forestry/ Textile Eng.

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
38 years Burlington Ind. R+D
Less than 4 years active Army
Retired for 20 years - Volunteer IESC to Dev. Countries.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Two professors knew my father, whom I never knew, from first class records that were destroyed in main building: Prof. Little Joe Hunter and Prof. Wee Willy Klew.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
Most of us were ripe for WWII and most of us served. The last three years have brought on some 50-year Army Unit reunions and we trained and led a bunch of kids (18 and 19 year olds) through--they became men in a hurry.
Name: Clarence W. Rainey
Address: 120 Ridgeway Road
Spartanburg, SC 29301
Phone Number: 864-576-4366

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Juanita H. Rainey
Years Married: 51 years
Children: John W. and Perry R. Rainey

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1936-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: Wanted to be an Agriculture teacher.

What was your major?: Voc. Agriculture

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Taught Agriculture for 2 years.
Worked for Farmers Home Adm. for 38 years.
Clemson for 7 years.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
The Sunday Parades.
The night march through the bottoms because of someone using fireworks in the barracks.
The friends made at Clemson.
Name: Francis Lesly Rawl
Address: 1146 Old Hopkins Road
        Columbia, SC  29209
Phone Number: 803-776-2037

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name:  Miriam Violet
   Children:     Penelope, Lane, and Francis, Jr.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Vocational Agricultural Education
Name: Luther McGruder Rhodes, Jr.
Address: 588 Azalea Street, NE
Orangeburg, SC 29115
Phone Number: 803-534-0817

Family Information:
Children: William and Betty

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Dairying
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired Dairy Farmer
Name: R.W. Rivenbark
Address: 8540 SW 116th Street
        Miami, FL 33156
Phone Number: 305-253-7284

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Mary S.
Years Married: 40
Children: Pete, Bill, David, Mary Carol, and Westray

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-39
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Interested in Science Related Studies

What was your major?: General Science

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Eastern Air Lines/Pilot, VP
Florida Bar Assoc./ Attorney

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
Very strong memories of a formative period of my life.
Name: Alfred D. Rivers
Address: 207 Ivy Avenue
Chesterfield, SC 29709
Phone Number: 843-623-2276

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Carolyn Gunter
   Children: Donnie, Jr.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-?

What was your major?: Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired Funeral Director – Miller Rivers Funeral Home

Do you remember?

Remember the old No. 1 barracks? Remember hanging out on the parade field?
Remember the Guardroom bell — the one that told us when to do whatever we did?
That very bell will be the centerpiece of the Cadet Life Garden, initially on a
stand-alone structure being sponsored by the Class of ’55 – the last class of
Clemson’s military period.
Name: William A. "Dan" Rouse, Sr.
Address: P. O. Box 166
         Luray, SC 29932
Phone Number: 803-625-2202

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Pearlie Sturkie
   Years Married: 47
   Children: W.A., Jr.; Virginia; Emmett; and Susan

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Dairying

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Farming.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Freshman hazing.
All of my children finished Clemson:
   W.A., Jr.  1974
   Virginia  1975
   Emmett    1976
   Susan     1978
Name: Harry G. Salley
Address: 1414 Thor Drive
         Columbia, SC 29210-7737
Phone Number: 803-772-8947

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Helen Wilkerson Salley
   Years Married: 57
   Children: Marcella McDaniel

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: One of my High School teachers lived at Clemson.

What was your major?: Textile Engineering

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Riverside and Dan River Mills before War and Ind. Sales after.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Camaraderie - the best of the big bands of the era - drilling with senior Platoon during the football season - Capt. Harcombe's delicious pastry topped with "Zip" - Our uniform which was a "free ticket" to any destination in the USA -- The above fringe benefits complement our dedicated faculty who prepared us for living then and up to now!

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
We have a great spirit of loyalty and unity of spirit that is lacking in most colleges and universities. We are recognized in our giving to the Alumni Association and to IPTAY. As it was known when I graduated and now is this: that a Clemson man (and now woman) needs no introduction.
Name: Lt. Col. George C. Salvo (Ret.)
Address: 2230 Nela Avenue
         Orlando, FL 32809
Phone Number: 407-857-1916

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Aimee C. Salvo
Years Married: 30
Children: Two

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University? Because it was a military school that had my Major.

What was your major: Horticulture

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Military service - Retired
Teaching Orange Co. Public Schools - Retired.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Four years with the Senior Drill Platoon and four years on the Rifle Team.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
It seems to me to be an outstanding group of students who was interested in everything. The spirit of Clemson is hard to explain, but everyone seems to want to make Clemson outstanding and a place to always be remembered.
Name: Melvin E. Sammons
Address: 313 Bridgewater Drive
         Greenville, SC 29615
Phone Number: 864-244-3052

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Muriel Todd
   Children: Melvin, Jr.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Electrical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired from Southern Railway
Name: Frederick E. Schroder, Sr  
Address: 18 Round Pond Road  
Greenville, SC 29607  
Phone Number: 864-242-8565  

Family Information:  
Wife’s Name: Rose Moore  
Children: Ricky, Sandy, and Billy  

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939  

What was your major?: Textile Engineering  

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:  
Senator James F. Byrnes “addressed” the matriculating Class of 1939 in 1935 at the School Auditorium and someone sitting in the middle of the group of 600 brought three dozen eggs. As Byrnes was telling us to “look Right and Left, and we would not see those individuals in 1939” the cadet started “tossing” an egg high in the air above all portions of the group. If an egg was coming at you and you did not catch it softly and toss it back in the air, you would have broken egg all over you. At one time, all 36 eggs were rising and falling over the heads of the assemblage. Byrnes continued his speech WITHOUT HAVING ACKNOWLEDGED THE INTERRUPTION, and FDR made him Vice President right after that.  

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the ‘Spirit of Clemson’ mean to you?  
When I went to Clemson, it was very definitely a “Military College”. Not long before this the US Army was only 50,000 men strong. The Navy and Marines were approximate, so America’s ROTC Colleges were the first line of defense and Clemson was a major one of these colleges. The Second World War started in Dec. 1941 and by early 1942, Clemson men were stationed around the world as a FIRST LINE OF DEFENSE. We lost a lot of them. Among them My Era President of the Central Dance Association and our Professor of Military Science and Tactics. God Rest their souls. In 1935, Franklin D. Roosevelt “loaned” every farmer in South Carolina $500.00 secured by the farmers’ future cotton crop. Every one of those farmers sent their son to Clemson that year. The first semester included Full Room and Board AND Clothes for around $300.00 and the second semester was not much more than $200.00. 600 of us showed up AND THE REST OF THE STUDENT BODY WAS ONLY 600. Memories include - Approx. 500 of the 600 had never seen an airplane. You could empty the barracks by “hollering” AIR PLANE! They would all run outside to see one. The ROTC staged a “Mock War” and nobody fired a shot. Everybody saved the blank cartridges to fire at night after Taps. Sunday nights were a real “fire cracker war”. You would load the end wall up with “Dago Bombs” FUSED with cigarettes hidden under paper set to “go off” aimed down the hall and scatter the assembled cadets at “Nite Roll Call”. At mess Hall the Central Dance Association would announce that Kay Kiser, Fred Waring or the like had called in that they had a “Free Nite” on Wednesday, or Thurs. And we could have them “Cheap” if we could get up a dance. Someone hung black paper all over the seats in the Gym and we called Winthrop or Converse and got up a cheap middle of the week dance.
Name: Carl L. Schroeder
Address: 44 Farmfield Avenue
        Charleston, SC 29407
Phone Number: 843-556-0595

Family Information:
  Wife’s Name: Dorothy Marie
  Children: Nancy and Sue

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935 .

What was your major?: Engineering

Occupation(s) after Graduation from Clemson University:
Retired Manager of the Hagood Station, South Carolina Electric & Gas Co.
Name: Blynn E. Scott
Address: 605 Otis Boulevard
Spartanburg, SC 29302
Phone Number: 864-583-8967

Family Information:
- Wife's Name: Sara Boyd Scott
- Years Married: 57
- Children: Boyd (54) and Richard (51)

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1936-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: Close to Spartanburg where I moved in 1936.

What was your major?: Agriculture Engineering
minor?: Military (ROTC)

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
- Milliken and Co., 1950-1982 (Retired)
- US Army, 1940-1945
- Business for self, 1945-1950

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Comradeship; spoke to everyone; could not tell men with money and those without; great professors; desire to achieve.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
Outstanding Class:
- Success wise
- Military wise
- Friends
Name: Taze (Tee) L. Senn, President, Class of ’39
Address: 201 Strawberry Lane
Clemson, SC 29631
Phone Number: 864-654-5322

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Betty C. Senn (Marguerite B. Senn, Deceased)
Years Married: 2
Children: Richard A. Senn (deceased), Thomas L. Senn, and David L. Senn

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: Good school of Agriculture. I had a work scholarship. Clemson graduates got jobs.

What was your major?: Horticulture
minor?: Botany

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Graduate school - University of Tenn. - Harvard - Univ. MD - US Navy
USDA - Duke Univ. - U. of Tenn. - U. MD - Clemson Univ.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
I had been promised a working scholarship in the Dairy Dept. On arrival at Clemson, I was told that my scholarship had been given to someone else. My father informed President Sikes and Dr. Sikes called A.M. Musser, Head of Horticulture, requesting that Mr. Musser give me a working scholarship in Horticulture. Mr. Musser did so, requesting that I start to work at 1 p.m. that day. I did report for work, but never having heard of “Horticulture” I didn’t know what to expect. That start changed my entire life. I changed from Dairy major to Horticulture and retired as Professor and Head of the Dept. of Horticulture at Clemson. Thanks Sikes, Musser, and God—and, of course, my father.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
We were depression era. We all had to work at some job at Clemson. We had a common uniform. Most of us served in WWII. We are a family that maintained connections. We honor our deceased classmates and wives. We make honorary members of wives of deceased classmates. We probably have had more class reunions than any other class. We meet each year. We support scholarships, faculty award of excellence, and we support heritage gardens for the public.

Spirit of Clemson: Life-long friends - we received a good education - we respect discipline, the flag, and a love for each other.
Happiness is – Tee Senn with his favorite graduate students

Jake Harrison and Tee Senn recall those first inscribed in the Scroll of Honor

Bobby Avent’s Pepsis have a prominent place in the ‘39 Caboose
Name:        Carroll Durham Shealy
Address:     511 Highway 187 S
            Anderson, SC  29626
Phone Number: 864-225-1305

Family Information:
    Wife' Name:   Laura P.
    Children:    Charles R.

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University:  1935-1939

What was your major?:  Industrial Education

Occupation(s) after graduating from Clemson University:
    U. S. Army
Name: Joseph Lowman Shealy
Address: 332 Shealy Road
         Batesburg, SC 29006
Phone Number: 803-532-4620

Family Information:
   Children: Jerry, Jean, Patricia, Jo-Jo, and Walter

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Agronomy

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   Farmer—SAZ Twin-City Farms (owner)
Name: Elton W. Shepherd, Sr.
Address: 1170 Lanier Blvd, NE, Atlanta, GA 30306
Phone Number: 404-847-7112

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Valerie Wilk
Years Married: 55
Children: Elton W. Shepherd, Jr. and Valerie Elaine (unmarried)

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: Recommended by friends.

What was your major?: General Science

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
45 years in the Transportation Industry.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
The day I graduated.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
We were a “Great Depression Class” who entered 600-strong, four years later graduated 250; not because of academics, but because of economics. Many of us worked hard to get through Clemson; therefore we are a “Closely Knit” class who reunion every year and who never forget what Clemson did for us in the way of a very good education. Until the last living member drinks the bottle of Cognac now resting in the bank vault, we will be proud we were given the opportunity to attend and graduate from Clemson.
Name: Jacob K. Smith
Address: 11932 Bayonet Lane
          New Port Richey, FL 34654
Phone Number: 813-856-4777

Family Information:
  Wife’s Name: Anne Gorman
  Children:    Arthur, Margaret, and Robert

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Textile Chemistry

Occupation(s) after graduating from Clemson University:
Retired-Textiles
Name: Joseph Gordon Smith
Address: 529 Hedrick Drive
         Statesville, NC 28677
Phone Number: 704-873-7374

Family Information:
  Wife’s Name: Violet M. Smith
  Years Married: (2-28-42) 57 Years
  Children: 4 (2 boys; 2 girls)
  Grandchildren: 8
  Great-Grandchildren: 4

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?:
Selected the best school (lived in SC at the time.

What was your major?: Textile Engineering
Minor?: Weave Design

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Assist. Designer, Ind. Eng. For Ruth Mills of UM+Mine

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
1. Inducted in Phi Psi
2. Member Senior Platoon which was honorary guard for President Roosevelt on stop in Columbia
3. Received Cotton Management Award

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the ‘Spirit of Clemson’ mean to you?
After five years in the ARMY - WWII (Left service as a captain). Have endeavored to attend various class reunions. Have felt very close to various members. Have lost a number of my best friends.
Name: Alexander G. Speer
Address: 944 Tamworth Rd.
Asheboro, NC 27203
Phone Number: 919-625-8334

Family Information:
Children: Alex, Jr. and David

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired Plant Mangr. – Ramsuer Plt.
Name: George Cooper Staley, Jr.
Address: 13165 State Route 122
         Somerville, OH 45064
Phone Number: 513-787-4228

What was your major?: Mechanical Engineering

Pat Smart, President
Faculty Senate

Kathy Sturkie, Honorary Member, Class of '39
Name: Thomas F. Stanfield
Address: 1525 Marlin Drive
         Naples, FL 33962
Phone Number: 775-6401

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Patricia Wilson
   Children: Marilyn, Susan, Thomas, Mary, and Patricia
   Grandchildren: 16

Date of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Pre-medicine

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Self employed - Anderson Eye and Ear Assoc.

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
Wonderful friends.
Name: Gaston William Stanford
Address: 5450 Morton Road
Katy, TX 77493

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Civil Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Teaching Civil Engineering at University of Texas
Name: W. Harold Stokes
Address: 619 Williams Street
         Lake City, SC  29563
Phone Number: 843-394-8950

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Lillian Myres
   Children:    Harolyn, and Warren M.

Dates Attended Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?:  Vocational Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University?:
   Masters VAE
   Retired Assistant Principal, Lake City Junior High School
Name: Richard Lee Stone
Address: 5737 Colonial Drive
Savannah, GA 31406
Phone Number: 912-355-5344

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Amy Ruth Elmore
Children: Mark, John, Susan, and Amy

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Pre-medicine

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
MD Med. College of Georgia – MED Physician

**Highest faculty award**

Clemson professor Chalmers Butler, internationally known for his research in the field of computational electromagnetics, has received the Class of 1939 Award for Excellence, the highest honor bestowed by the Clemson faculty.

Pictured here are Butler and Tee Senn, president of the Class of ’39, with previous awardees (from left): Cecil Huey, Senn, Budd Bodine, Larry LaForge, Joel Brawley, John Idol, Butler, Fran McGuire and Ray Turner.

Butler, an Alumni Distinguished Professor of Electrical and Computer Engineering, has won four departmental teaching awards. Since 1970, he has been a principal investigator on 36 different research projects, with research funding exceeding $3.4 million.

The award is presented annually by a vote of the Faculty Senate to a faculty member whose accomplishments over a five-year period have demonstrated the highest achievement of service. The award carries a $5,000 stipend.
Name: John Edgar Sullivan
Address: 126 Woodland Terrace
         Winnsboro, SC 29180
Phone Number: 803-635-4302

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Meta (Deceased)
   Children: John

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Textile Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
   USAC
   Retired – Uniroyal

An up close view of the Scroll of Honor
Name: William Edward Summerbell
Address: 3025 N Oakland St.
        Arlington, VA 22207
Phone Number: 703-528-2862

Family Information:
- Wife's Name: Dorothy (Deceased)
- Children: Ronald (Deceased), and William

What was your major?: Mechanical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
President, William E. Summerbell Co.

Scroll of Honor transported to the Caboose Garden
Name: James O. Sweeny
Address: 299 Foreman Road, Highlands, NC 28741
Phone Number: 704-526-5337

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Virginia B. Sweeny
Children: James, Jr. - Grand Rapids, MI; Robert M. - Charleston, SC; Kee S. Howles - Schenectady, NY

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: Sept. 1935 to June 1939
Why did you choose Clemson University?: It was nearby (I lived in Anderson), had the curriculum I wanted, and was the school of choice of my father and older brother.

What was your major?: Electrical Engineering
minor?: Mechanical Engineering
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University: Entire career was with General Electric Company, successively in Design Engineering, Marketing, General Business Management, and Strategic Planning.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind: Giving an impromptu talk in D.W. Daniel's class; blowing a pop quiz in John Lane's class; visiting GWC with a roommate - who introduced me to the special girl in my life (now my wife); two idiots (myself and another senior) vainly trying to remove the clapper from the guardroom bell atop No. 1 Barrack late one dark night; and above all, the camaraderie of classmates and the unceasing dedication of those professors whose classes I attended - even though some of their subjects and I didn’t get along that well together.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
First, the friendships-- some of which go back to our student days, but more of which have developed over the years. Partly because of that, and partly because of who they are, there has come about a common interest among classmates to give of their time and talent to advance the best interests of the school.

'Spirit of Clemson': It's like love - something one can't see or feel, but it's a force nevertheless that exhibits itself in a variety of ways. Those who have the Clemson Spirit share a sense of attachment of the school - they take pride in its accomplishments, whether academic or athletic. They hurt when Clemson stumbles - but their loyalty never wavers. They want Clemson to be the best in all things and are willing to help make that happen. The feel a bond with Clemsonians everywhere, those they know as well as those they don’t know – but who are not strangers.
Name: John Nixon Talbert
Address: P.O. Box 4
McCormick, SC 29835
Phone Number: 864-465-2319

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Elizabeth Brown
Children: Elizabeth, Edgar, and John

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939
What was your major?: Textile Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired – US Army

The production of the Scroll of Honor
Name: William Mole Terry
Address: RR 1, Box 194
         Martin, SC 29836
Phone Number: 803-584-3323

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Maner Rice
   Children: Robert and Willie

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Entomology

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired – Terry Farms Inc.

Installing the Scroll of Honor
Name: Roy Claude Thomas
Address: 105 Fenwick Road
         Walterboro, SC  29488
Phone Number: 843-549-5259

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Virginia Garven
   Children:    Carl, Jimmy, and Randy

What was your major?: Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired – Territory manager – Spartan Grain and Mill Co.

Covered Scroll of Honor
Name: Barham F. Thomson
Address: P. O. Box 247
Landrum, SC 29356
Phone Number: 864-457-4240

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Delphene Broome Thomson
  Years married: 58
  Children: 3

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: General Science
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Business owner/operator Ice and Fuel Business
Name: Heber V. Traywick
Address: 2964 Rivermont Avenue
P.O. Box 3092
Lynchburg, VA 24503
Phone Number: 804-845-0845

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Flo
Children: H.V., Jr.; Robin; and Crisman
Grandchildren: 4

What was your major?: Industrial Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Air Pollution Control Prod., In. – Chairman
Valley Incinerators – President

Favorite Memory about Clemson University:
Graduation

Finishing touches for the unveiled Scroll
Name: Hiram Philip Troy, Jr.
Address: 6531 Chestnut Grove Lane
        Charlotte, NC 28210

Family Information:
  Wife’s Name: Christine Riley
  Children: Phillip, Christain, and Michael

What was your major?: General Science

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired – Chief Appraisal at United States Corp of Engineers

The finished product -- Scroll of Honor
Name: Claude Lawrence Vaughan
Address: 5335 SE Miles Grant Road
Stuart, FL 34997
Phone Number: 561-283-3864

Family Information:
Wife’s Name: Francanna
Children: Larry, Grady, Anna, and Bruce
Grandchildren: 6

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Architecture

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Self-employed architect

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
Graduation

Class of ’39 says thanks to Elton W. Shepherd, Sr.
for the design, workmanship and installation
of this beautiful Scroll of Honor.

"The work is finished, the job is done, a ‘Name Plaque’ with 385 ‘Class Names’ will
never be forgotten. I and the members dedicate this beautiful piece to the ‘Great Class of
1939’ as a part of the ‘Caboose Garden’ and the ‘Heritage Gardens’” – a 39 Initiative
June 7, 1996
Name: Victor Van Vickery
Address: 315 Lincoln Road
Forest City, NC 28043

Family Information:
  Wife’s Name: Edna Freeman
  Children: Timothy, Sylvia, Langland, Steven, and Charles

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Agricultural Education

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired – Owner of Vickery Farms Center

Reunion 1973
Name: Carl T. Warner
Address: 112 Pine View Drive
         Pickens, SC 29671
Phone Number: 803-878-6484

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Lorena
   Children: Carol, Lee, Martha, Nancy, and Alan
   Grandchildren: 4

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Mechanical Engineering
Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Worked three and one-half years with the Singer Company, Pickens, SC, plant.

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
“Professor Fernow,” a great fellow!
Name: George C. Waters, Jr.
Address: 431 E 52nd Street
          Savannah, GA 31405
Phone Number: 912-234-2987

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Jannelle
  Children: Jannelle and Kathy
  Grandchildren: 2

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Weaving and Design

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
  1965 Commissioner, Nassau County, New York
  1970 Purchase Director
  1978 Navy Resale System Office

Favorite memory about Clemson University:
The friendships I made there.

Clemson A&M College
Class of 1939

60th Anniversary of the GREAT CLASS of 1939
June 3-5, 1999

Dear Classmates:

It's that time again — a chance for the Great Class to meet and enjoy the fellowship of the ones that walked across the chapel stage with us 60 years ago. I never thought that so many of us would be here for this day. Let's make a special effort to be at Clemson on June 3-5, 1999. Nine members have passed away this past year, including Russell Wolfe, a dedicated member who never missed a reunion, and J. W. Kelly, our neurologist.

The Hospitality Room (Room 118 at the Holiday Inn) will open Thursday, June 3, for those who check in early. Be sure and stop by.

Our regular golf outing is scheduled for 8:00 a.m. Friday morning, June 4th, at the Clemson Walker Course. Those who have raffle tickets from last year can use them this year. Please contact Bob Buntzer, P.O. Box 127, Clemson, SC 29633 - telephone 864/854-2556.

The Friday evening class party will be at the Clemson House this year. A special menu is being planned for this special occasion. After the party, shuttles will be available for us to join other reunion classes at the Owen Pavilion (next to the Modern Center) to enjoy music by the Jugalairs.

The Alumni Association will be mailing the Reunion '99 Brochure about the end of March. You should make your reservations with them for all university-wide reunion activities. Some of the activities include campus tours, the dedication of the 1947 Southern Green, the Golden Tiger Breakfast, dedication of the Cadet Life Gardens and the Alumni Association Banquet. Reservations for our class activities will be handled by Ellis Ivey. These must be paid in advance. You will receive more information later.

If you have any questions, call me at 404/344-0344 or Ellis Ivey 864/944-1423.

As ever,

Nelly

P.S. Enclosed is a list of local hotels. A block of rooms has been reserved at the Holiday Inn. When calling hotels for reservations, please identify yourself as being with the Class of '39.
Name: J. Drake Watson
Address: 1025 Wallace Dr.
         Newberry, SC 29108
Phone Number: 803-276-6498

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Dorothy
   Years Married: 44
   Children: 1 boy

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: Father graduated Clemson 1908

What was your major?: Agronomy

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Agricultural Experiment stations in VA and SC
Name: Jack L. Wilks, Sr.
Address: 17 Palmetto Road, Charleston, SC 29407
Phone Number: 803-266-0394

Family Information:
   Wife's Name: Beulah
   Years Married: 11
   Children: 3

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1936 (35?)-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: Wanted Engineering and Friend was there.
What was your major?: Chemical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University: Manufacturing Chemist—Road Materials and Construction to Group President Kopper Co., Pittsburg.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
My two roommates and I handled and sorted the mail for all the students at the post office.

REUNION

Our Clemson Class of '39
Today is back again
To renew as classmates do
Friendships begun when
As rats with our heads bald
We ran when upper classmen called:
"Newboy, turn out!" they would shout,
The last rat got detailed.

We are not so many now,
Most have now passed on,
Yet we still recall them all —
All who now have gone,
It is well we return here
Once, each and every year,
To greet again each old friend
As each adds to our cheer,
So it is good to see and be
With friends who are our age,
For in truth we have proof
Our spirits now revive
And we feel more alive.

TBY Jr.
June 6, 1996

Clemson, South Carolina
Name: George Middleton Williams
Address: 507 Canterbury Lane, Alexandria, VA 22314
Phone Number: 703-370-1904

Family Information:
Wife's Name: Ernestine Barnes Williams
Years Married: Since December 29, 1942 (about 56 years)
Children: 3 (George, Jr., Marsha, Leslie)

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1937-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: (1) Clemson was a popular school in Savannah, GA; (2) Clemson Graduate of the Class of ’19 urged me.

What was your major?: Chemistry (later - 1949-51 - obtained MBA in Finance from Harvard
minor?: Math Business School

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
(1) Chemist - 1 yr.
(2) Naval Officer - 6 yrs.
(3) Field Director Red Cross - 3.5 yrs.
(4) Financial Officer for several corporations - 33 yrs.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stand out in your mind:
I still have many memories of my days at Clemson. The long line of hitch hikers on Saturday morning. The “Big Thursday” games with USC, the big band weekends, the Mother’s Day parades on Bowman Field, the poker games in the Senior Barracks.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you? The Class of ’39 in many ways represents the coming of age of the United States. Struggling through the Depression, looking for a job, then being given a job by the US government to fight a world war. Readjusting and reeducating after the war, becoming successful in our chosen fields, then banding together to serve our class, our school, and our country.
The Class of ’39 is important to me because it represents what a group of ordinary men can accomplish if they work together and accomplish some extraordinary things. The Class of ’39 is an embodiment of the Clemson spirit which is famous to everyone who has been subject to its power and enthusiasm.
Name: Leon Crouch Wright
Address: 411 Lakeshore Drive
         Hartsville, SC 29550
Phone Number: 843-332-8773

Family Information:
   Wife’s Name: Jennie
   Children: Jennifer and Sally

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Mechanical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired – Mechanical Engineer w/ Sonoco Products Co.
Name: Ernest Leroy Young, Jr.
Address: 5301 Addison Dr.
         Charlotte, NC 28211
Phone Number: 704-366-3133

Dates Attended Clemson University: 1935-1939

What was your major?: Electrical Engineering

Occupation(s) after graduation from Clemson University:
Retired Production Manager, Bouligny Company, Division of R. H. Bouligny, Inc,
Charlotte, NC
Name: Thomas Benton Young, Jr.
Address: 732 Tara Trail
          Columbia, SC 29210;
          PO BOX 210944
          Columbia, SC 29221
Phone Number: 803-772-8607

Family Information:
  Wife's Name: Sarah Moye (of Bamberg, SC)
  Years Married: Oct. 11, 1941
  Children: T.B. Young, III (6-4-44) and Susan B. (4-13-48)

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: My father was a graduate of the Clemson Class of 1903.

What was your major?: Agricultural Economics

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
T.B. Young and Co. - Florence, SC - President and Manager.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
I was captain of Clemson’s 1939 Southern Conference Champion swimming team. That year the Southern Conference swimming meet was held at NC State in Raleigh, NC. During the meet, a Clemson friend of my father’s, Dr. Frank Poole, a professor at NC State in Agriculture (a graduate of Clemson in 1916) came and sat with me telling me he was a friend of my father, but I did not know him. When the swimming meet was over, I was called to receive the winning team’s trophy cup. The next year, Dr. Poole became the President of Clemson, chosen by a committee of three trustees of which my father was chairman.

Why is the Class of 1939 important to you? What does the 'Spirit of Clemson' mean to you?
Because I made lasting friendships with classmates and other students and with faculty and administrative personnel during my four years at Clemson. Besides my participation in swimming, I developed my interest in writing and publishing as news editor of The Tiger, as editor of the 1938-1939 MCA Student Handbook, and as the first editor of The Agrarian, official quarterly magazine of the school of agriculture.
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  Wife's Name: Margaret Gandy Zeigler
  Years Married: 55
  Children: 4 (2 girls; 2 boys)

Dates of Attendance at Clemson University: 1935-1939

Why did you choose Clemson University?: State School - Several High School friends chose Clemson. Also, I was to room with three of them. The Military Training was also a factor.

What was your major?: Industrial Education

Occupation (s) after graduation from Clemson University:
  2 years Florence Evening Star Newspaper
  4.5 years Army Air Corps
  1.5 years Veterans Adm.
  3 years Inspection and Rating Bureau
  30 years Marketing with Home Insurance Co.
Remained in Army Reserves attaining rank of Col and Last Assignment in Reserves was Commandant of Res. School in Columbia.

Describe a particular memory of Clemson that stands out in your mind:
Moving from 4 in a room in 2nd Barracks to 2 in a room in the new tin roof “barn” Barracks located between 1st, 2nd and 3rd Barracks and things thrown from the other Barracks onto our tin roof.
1st Day - 1st time I had ever seen Clemson. Hair cut, etc.
Equal opportunity for all freshman when they had their hair cut and put in uniform and under the same discipline.
Big Band dances.
Senior Platoon.
Professor Marshall in Wood Working Class.
Height of Depression - thumbing rides home.
Colleges, like people, prosper only when they are loved. Loving alumni are thus the lifeblood of colleges and universities. They provide the energy, commitment and resources to help their alma maters improve and flourish. They also nurture a "class consciousness" that is healthy rather than snobbish.

The Class of 1939 at Clemson is a wonderful example of such alumni loyalty. For almost 60 years, its members, including my father-in-law, B.F. Thomson Jr., have sustained a remarkable degree of cohesion, communication and commitment. Indeed, earlier this year the Clemson Faculty Senate hosted a reception in honor of the 385 members of the Class of '39 to recognize their distinctive contributions. This is the first time the Senate has so recognized an alumni class.

Over the years the Class of '39 has regularly led the way in the percentage of members who attend yearly reunions and contribute to the University's annual fund. The class has also established three handsome endowments that total over $1 million. One honors a deserving faculty member with a $7,000 award. Another provides four full-tuition scholarships to freshmen each year. And the third supports the Heritage Garden within the South Carolina Botanical Garden.

What explains the unusual bonding of this class? I suspect it has something to do with the two major events that these men (Clemson College was then all male — which explains why so many of them are married to Furman and Winthrop grads) experienced: the Great
Depression and the Second World War. As class member Pick Gantt from Gainesville, Ga., explains, “The fact that the Class of '39 came along during the Depression made us closer. We were the poor boys.”

They were also the “boys” who wore military uniforms to class and soon after graduation went overseas to fight for their country. They endured experiences that further strengthened the bonds among them and helped instill such a fierce loyalty to alma mater.

We have all sorts of loyalties — to our friends and families, to our churches, cities, athletic teams, region and country. But why are we loyal to a college?

In talking with the 80-year-old members of this distinguished class, I was struck by how many of them viewed their time at Clemson as the turning point in their lives. Although subjected to a lifetime’s weathering, their recollections of shared friendships, classes, professors, military drills, parties and football games are remarkably fresh and precise. Clemson remains a continuing presence in their lives.

To be sure, class members wax nostalgic about bygone days, and, like all of us, they remember some things as they wish they had been. But their mooring to alma mater extends beyond mere sentiment and myth. They return to the campus so often because they find there something very important about themselves. Like so many alumni, they find their strength renewed and their faith revitalized when they attend reunions. Their student days gave them a common identity and a lifetime bond. Clemson endowed them with a sense of place and shared history that is embedded in their consciousness as a memory but protrudes into their present outlook like an exposed piece of granite. At Clemson they were given a chance to surmount the economic distress of their time and broaden their provincial outlook.

The root meaning of the word “educate” is to lead out, and in this sense Clemson led these students out into a wider, more complicated and even tragic world, all the while providing a comforting tether of support. In this regard, the Class of '39 provides living testimony to what the poet Robert Frost once said: “If you have to fall in love with something, you can do a lot worse than a college.”

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