



Class of '28 Meets Again



Five years after their last reunion, members of the Class of 1928 reconvened again during Homecoming, staging a banquet, a brunch, a tour of the Library, and sitting together at the Colorado-M. U. game. In picture at right are Hilary Bush, Missouri's lieutenant governor, Mrs. Bush and the class' great booster, C. E. Schooley, who spearheaded arrangements for the reunion. In view at top of page the dinner guests include Clyde Higday, Blanche Jacobs, Helen Gauldin Higday, Robert McLin and Jesse Hoskins.





Some indication of the profuse but colorful and tasteful decorations may be gained from this view of one of the tables; Mrs. John McMullan again was in charge of the decorating. Due to crowded conditions in Columbia at Homecoming, a number of the reunion guests had to take hotel rooms in Jefferson City, commuting to Columbia by special bus. It is understood that the Class of '28 is planning to have another get-together in 1967.

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tees. From the Missouri Legislature, Governor Dalton was backed up personally on the trip by Senator Al Spradling, president pro tem; Representative Thomas Graham, Speaker of the House; Republican State Committee Chairman James Kelly; Senator Jack Jones, chairman, Interim Committee for Industrial Development; and Representative R. J. "Bus" King, long-time legislative leader. The talk is for a one-cent increase in Missouri's sales tax, which would raise \$63,000,000 annually, to be used mostly to finance educational and research expansion. Missouri has learned that industrial expansion follows research.

It was my happy duty, as president of the National Alumni Association, to help alert the Missourians in the New York area (1,700 of them) to attend the Missouri Society's hospitality gathering at the Essex House, Central Park South, on December 10. About 300 attended and it was there (to swell the pride of the visiting Missourians) that it was learned that native Missourians, many of them graduates of the University, are leaders in industry. For example, Governor Dalton was presented a scroll by Missourian Eugene J. McNeely, B.S. in E.E. '22, president of American Telephone & Telegraph Company, while Missourian James Freeman, B.J. '32, a vice-president of the company, saw to it that pictures recorded the occasion. A. T. & T. also was represented by Earl Schooley, chief of the company's "Long Lines" world communications complex and president of the M.U. Class of '28. Another communications scientist, Dr. Mervin Kelly, former president of Bell Laboratories and a graduate of the University's engineering division at Rolla, would have been present except that he was busy (in retirement) serving the NASA space agency. His friend, George Easley, also a School of Mines and Metallurgy graduate and successful mining engineer and New York broker, was on hand. So was Fannie Hurst, the literary personality originally from Missouri. It all served to make the visiting Missourians proud to learn how well the "New York Missourians" are getting along in sophisticated New York City. Miller Moore, New York banker and president of the Missouri Society, and Hal Negbauer, New York realtor and N. Y. area alumni chapter president, presided at the Essex House gathering.

I squeezed in time to visit an old compatriot, H. D. Quigg, M.U. journalism graduate and former Boonville newsman, now a special assignments writer for United Press International.

Lester Cox, Springfield, Mo. industrialist, vice-chairman of the University's Board of Curators and chairman of the Missouri Industry and Commerce Division, and his division's director, Lawrence Schneider, and staff, arranged details of the "industrial impact tour." I am confident the entire operation will prove effective, and I am proud that so many Missouri alumni were enthusiastically involved.