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They're getting older but 24 expected

for Laurier founders reunion.

They're getting on--members of the founder's chapter of Wilfrid Laurier University's alumni association. But those who attended the school between its founding in 1911 and 1936 will be back on campus May 29 for a reunion.

Major Earle Shelley, 77, first vice-president of the Laurier Alumni Association, says the day is open to all who attended or graduated from the institution during that first quarter century.

Some will be graduates of the Evangelical Lutheran Seminary, the earliest name for what has become Wilfrid Laurier University. Others will come from Waterloo College, the arts faculty begun in 1924, and others from the old Waterloo College School, a secondary school that operated between 1914 and 1929.

The last reunion of the founders chapter was held in 1969 when graduates came from Canada and neighbouring states. Since then, more than half have died.

Major Shelley, a 1928 graduate, said about 24 are expected to attend this time. Some graduates are too ill or old to travel.

The day will be spent in reminiscing, touring the present campus which many may hardly recognize because of changes over the years, and attending a dinner. Speaker will be Dr. J. Fred Little, director of continuing education and time studies, whose family connections with Laurier go back to the earliest days.

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