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# OTTERBEIN TOWERS



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## A Joyous Christmastide!

The Christmas faith came to earth in a dark and pagan day. May it not be that the challenge of our troubled and war-torn world this Christmas season will call our hearts back to the central meaning of this holy day,—the cry of the human heart for peace and the yearning of humanity for a brotherhood under God.

Otterbein greets all her friends and sons and daughters and wishes for them a joyous holiday season and a happy 1940. May your new year be glorious in achievement and in service through church and society and through old Otterbein.

J. Ruskin Howe,  
President

# FROM OUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT

Whether we work at it or not, we are ambassadors of Otterbein. Each of us is known as an Otterbein Man or an Otterbein Woman. We can't escape that role. Those whom we meet, judge Otterbein by us. Many of us are the only outposts of Otterbein in our circle or community.

This is addressed to those of you who hold a particular portfolio in Otterbein's diplomatic relations—you who hold credentials to, and work regularly with, young people of high school age. There are hundreds of you . . . high school superintendents, principals, teachers, coaches, athletic directors . . . Y.M.C.A. secretaries . . . Sunday School teachers . . . boy scout masters . . . choir directors . . . summer camp leaders . . . club advisors . . . and others.

You rub elbows regularly with the youth which Otterbein wants and needs, and therefore, you are in a peculiarly strategic position to bring Otterbein to them and thereby to bring them to Otterbein. This we know, for many of you, from the very first, have been sending students to Otterbein regularly. Many of these had never heard of Otterbein until you mentioned it, never thought of going there until you instilled that thought. You who have been sending students, prove that it can be done.

Your Alumni Association now asks you who have not been sending students, to join these others in regularly promoting Otterbein to

those under your tutelage and sending them to your college.

Because Otterbein is your college, you want it to flourish. As it flourishes, it is more of a credit to you. A larger student body will help it flourish. More students mean more life, more talent, more competitive development, more money with which to do, better varsity teams, more future ambassadors.

Beginning today, will you join Otterbein's other special emissaries to the teen age, and make a conscientious effort daily to sell Otterbein to those in your charge? A few words and a show of interest go a long way. They will be interested in Otterbein because they are interested in you. Bring them to Westerville for a visit. The same campus which sold itself to you, will aid in selling to them.

Introduce them to President Howe and Field Secretary Riley. The new, winsome, campus hostess, Virginia Hetzler, will help you see that they see Otterbein at its best.

Will you send Secretary Riley the names of some good prospects? Will you advise him if some profitable field work can be done in your midst? Will you arrange for him to speak to the student body, interview Seniors? He's a clean-cut, well-appearing, capable fellow, a representative of whom you will be proud. If there is need for a speaker at an assembly, a class or club dinner, an athletic banquet or a commencement, will you arrange

to have President Howe, or Secretary Riley or Coach Selby (All-American) or some one else from Otterbein, fill the engagement? There's a new spirit on the Campus—a spirit of "going places." Your college needs this help which you can give. Will you offer it a chance to meet you three-fourths of the way? It will!

EARL R. HOOVER,  
*President of Alumni Assn.*

### Alumni Deaths . . .

We regret to announce the recent passing of:

Peter Wagner, class of '71, who died November 23 at Cedar Rapids, Iowa. Mr. Wagner was ninety-four years of age and one of our oldest alumni.

Edna Wildermuth Seabrook, a graduate in music of the class of '99, who passed away recently at her home in Columbus, Ohio.

Robert Kline, Sr., class of '92, who died in Washington, D. C., on October 20th.

H. H. Haller, '97, who passed away at the home of his daughter in Gridley, California, on August 11. Mr. Haller had devoted his life to the ministry.

Madge Dickinson Mateer, class of '81, who died in Tsingtao, China, on September 12. Mrs. Mateer was an honorably retired medical missionary from the Shantung Mission of the Presbyterian Church.

### Notes of the Month . . .

*The Baby of the Month*—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Holmes announce the arrival of David Glyne Holmes on December 5th. Mr. Holmes and Mrs. Elaine Ashcraft Holmes were both members of the class of '35.

*Congratulations* — To Robert Ryder of the class of '37 and his bride since December 15th, Grace Stoker of Dayton, Ohio. Mr. and Mrs. Ryder will establish their residence at Bonebrake Seminary where Mr. Ryder is studying for the ministry.

Rumor has come to us of the recent marriage of Mr. Fred McLaughlin of the class of '37. Congratulations and best wishes to you both and shame on you, Fred, for not reporting to "Towers."

*Otterbeinites Receive Degrees*—Mr. Everett Whipkey, '32, has received his M.A. degree from Ohio State University.

Miss Christine Wahl of the class of '25, has also been a recent recipient of a master's degree from Ohio State. She obtained her M.A. in history.

The doctor of Divinity degree was conferred upon President Walter N. Roberts of Bonebrake Seminary by Lebanon Valley college this past June.

Professor Walter E. Roush, also of Bonebrake Seminary, received the degree of Doctor of Philosophy from Drew University during this same month.

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## The Work Page . . .

*Inauguration Snapshots*—In order to help preserve the record of this, a highlight in the history of Otterbein College, our office would appreciate a print or the negative of any good snapshots taken by alumni. Please mail them directly to your editor.

*Movies of Inauguration*—Your publicity department, through the cooperation of Mr. Ernest Riegle, '28, had the story of Inauguration - Homecoming taken with the camera. Editing of these reels will soon be completed and they will be available for use by any groups desiring them. The pictures were taken with a 16 mm. camera. If you are interested please get in touch with us in the near future.

*Special January Towers*—Many alumni have contended they would be glad to talk to young people about Otterbein but do not have the proper information at hand to do so. In response to this need we are devoting one-

half of an enlarged January "Towers" to promotional materials.

*Visit and Bring a Student*—We are making a special effort to provide pleasant entertainment for student visitors and the friends who bring them on the several week-ends listed below. Why not visit and bring with you the young friend you are hoping will come to Otterbein next fall? Write to Miss Virginia Hetzler, Campus Hostess, and she will send you further information.

### SPECIAL VISITING DAYS

Jan. 13 — Saturday — Marietta  
Basketball Game\*

Jan. 19—Friday—Oberlin Bas-  
ketball Game\*

Feb. 3 — Saturday — Bowling  
Green Game\* and Winter  
Homecoming

Feb. 10—Saturday—Heidelberg  
Game\*

March 2—Saturday

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\*Other entertainment in addition to the basketball game will be provided.

### WHAT IS CHRISTMAS?

KATHRYN KREHBIEL, '35

Christmas is an old man smiling benignly on a foolish world.

Christmas is a young girl, awed and thrilled at a precious gift.

Christmas is a little child, innocent and trusting, a promise of peace.

Christmas is a spirit, deep in our hearts, drawing us closer.

Christmas is a belief, lovely and undying, come down through the ages.

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Alumni are urged to send items concerning their own activities and those of their friends to OTTERBEIN TOWERS, Westerville, Ohio