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# ALUMNI NEWS

## OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

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### CAP AND DAGGER PRESENT "THE PRODIGAL SON"

Miss Jane Norris, Dayton and Miss Gertrude Williams, Bigler, Pa. will play the roles of Sarah and Rachel in "The Prodigal Son", a four-act religious drama to be presented by Cap and Dagger, Otterbein dramatic society, Thursday evening, March 25. William Bungard, Johnstown, Penna. will play the role of David.

Others in the cast include, Nancy Light, Dayton as the chronicler; Josephine Moomaw, Sugar Creek, as Esther; George Curts, Kansas City, Mo. as Simeon; Betty Bercaw, Westerville as Ruth; Robert Tinnerman, Dayton as Murmex; Leo Wellbaum, Farmersville as Malachi; Frank Jakes, Newark as Jacob; Castro Smith, Afton, Tenn. as Damon; Grace Burdge, Canton as Odaia; Joe Ayer, Branford, Conn. as Memnon; Lloyd Schiering, Parma as Ahab; Lewis Carlock, Greenville as Ob and Katherine Deever, Dayton as Isdra. Mary Beth Cade, Miamisburg; Virginia Cross, Westerville; Thelma Denbrook, Dalton; Meredith Rosensteel, Ambridge, Pa.; Margaret Johnson, Jamestown, N. Y.; and Autumn Morton, Rixford, Pa. are the dancers.

The Girls' Glee Club will broadcast a half hour program from station WLW, Cincinnati, Sunday afternoon, April 11. A definite hour has not yet been set for the Cincinnati broadcast but alumni and friends are asked to watch their daily papers for further announcements.

### TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM LEE RICHER

The January issue of the Alumni News carried the notice of the death of William Lee Richer, '96, Los Angeles, California.

We have just received a memorial booklet compiled by Thomas E. Hughes, '05, and we are passing on to you a brief biographical sketch taken from that booklet.

"William Lee Richer was born at Erie, Indiana, in 1872, where he spent his boyhood days, where he acquired in the country school his elementary education, and where as a growing youth he worked on his father's farm.

"There being no high school in his immediate community, he decided to attend the Academy connected with Manchester College at North Manchester, Indiana, fifty miles from his home. The high standards of this little school and the signal influence of some excellent teachers amply compensated him and furnished a good background for his college courses.

"Mr. Richer entered Otterbein College in the fall of 1892 and was graduated therefrom in 1896. While there he was recognized as an outstanding student, strong scholastically, and popular with his fellow students. He carried the same qualities into his graduate work at Chicago University where he received with honors, his Master's Degree in 1897.

"His long public and private school career as a teacher, principal, and

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R. R. EHRHART, Editor

Issued monthly except July and August.

The following letter regarding the payment of dues has been sent to all alumni. We are putting it here to remind you—just in case you may have forgotten.

Dear Alumnus:

At a recent meeting of Alumni Secretaries of the Ohio College Association one of the problems discussed was, "How to get alumni to pay dues?"

We are fast approaching the close of another college year and so far we have not received your contribution.

Won't you take the time now (before you forget it) to write a check for \$2.00 and send it with the enclosed card properly filled out to R. R. Ehrhart, Alumni Secretary, Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio.

Sincerely yours,

R. R. Ehrhart,  
Alumni Secretary.

P. S. I will be anxiously awaiting a letter containing your check.

The evening choir directed by Prof. L. L. Shackson presented the cantata "Calvary" by Wessel, Sunday morning at 10 o'clock in the college United Brethren Church. The soloists were Helen Dick, Westerville, soprano; Dorothy Allsup, Dayton, soprano; Gladys Grabill, Westerville, alto and Adolphus Pringle, Johnstown, Penna., baritone.

## TUNE IN

Founders Day Radio Broadcast—WBNS (1420), Columbus, Ohio, April 26, 7 to 7:30 p. m.

# TRIBUTE TO WILLIAM LEE RICHER

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superintendent began with his first teaching position in Shenandoah Institute, Shenandoah, Virginia, in 1897. Then his eight successful years as principal of Coshocton High School, Coshocton, Ohio, one year as teacher in the State School of Mines, New Mexico, followed by his twenty-eight years with the Los Angeles School System cover a wide range of professional activities and give evidence of unlimited influence exerted by his crossing life lines with veritable thousands of young people.

He married Miss Marguerite Eby in 1898 which marked the beginning of a beautiful home and family companionship. They were blessed with two exceptionally fine children, John and Betty. John, the older, was graduated from Polytechnic High School, Stanford University, and also from the law department of Harvard University. Unfortunately, untimely death removed John two years ago while yet in the prime of life, just as he was establishing himself in an unusually promising law practice. Betty, seventeen, is now a senior in Pasadena High School, an exemplary girl, a successful student, and one who was naturally the pride and joy of her father. But the little family remnant is herodically carrying on without husband and son, father and brother.

Mr. Richer's demise occurred on the 4th of January, 1937, after almost a year of illness. And while his passing was long expected, yet the actual realization that he is gone is felt keenly by his former close associates and by other thousands who loved him devotedly."

Mrs. Roland Mertz (Neva Anderson, '18) Cleveland, Ohio, died Wednesday, March 17.

John H. Baker, '30, attorney-at-law, Columbus, was a visitor to the campus last week.



## CORONATION OF KING

Papers are full of the coming coronation of the King of England but having a King or our own we are not really interested in affairs abroad.

Jump week has become a tradition at Otterbein and we are delighted to present Jump week King, "Denny" Elliott, Canal Winchester, Ohio.

The picture shows King "Denny" Elliott being crowned by Ex-King "Sammy" Loucks while the attendants, Knights Russ Bown and Hugh Kane look on. These boys will reign in all their glory (or something) during the week of April 12 at which

time the girls will ask the boys for "dates" and also pay the bills.

Richard Simmermacher, '32, Lexington, Ohio was a recent visitor on the campus. He is teaching in the Lexington High School.

## COMING EVENTS

Girls' Glee Club Broadcast from WLW, Cincinnati, April 11.

International Goodwill Day April 22. Scholarship Day—April 23.

Founders Day—April 26, broadcast from WBNS, Columbus. May Day, May 1.

**HOW ABOUT YOUR ADDRESS?**

From time to time appeals are made to our alumni for information on changed addresses, occupations, births, deaths, etc.

Printer's Ink, in a three year study of an average one thousand names on a mailing list, issued the following statement: "410 have changed addresses from one to four times, 261 have moved to parts unknown, seven have died, one has gone to jail."

Of the 410 who have changed their addresses from one to four times it is fair to estimate that over 50 per cent forget to notify the alumni office of their from one to four moves in this three year period.

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**BIRTHS**

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Clippinger, Jr., '31-'32, are the proud parents of a daughter, Linda Lenore, born March 7. Walter is teaching in Kiser High School, Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Keyes, ('30-ex '31) announce the birth of a son, Donald Lee, born January 21. They reside in Westerville.

**SCHOLARSHIP DAY**

The annual Scholarship Day will be held Friday, April, 23. On this day, high school seniors from many different communities will meet on the Otterbein campus to participate in the various examinations. Each entrant is required to take two examinations, one in English and the other in any subject chosen from the regular entrance requirements. Alumni are asked to cooperate with the college in directing high school students to the campus for these examinations. There will also be examinations in piano and voice. Three full tuition scholarships (\$200) will be awarded to the winners of the general scholarship examinations and a first of \$100 and second of \$50 for the winners in the piano and voice contests.

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**WEDDING**

Miss Anita Bundy, '36, and Mr. Harold Cheek, '36, both of Westerville, were united in marriage, Saturday, March 20 by Rev. J. S. Innerst in the United Brethren Church. Miss Bundy is employed in the office of Dr. Scatterday and Mr. Cheek in the office of City Manager. They will make their home in Westerville.

**ALUMNI NEWS FLASH**

To the Editor: Here is an item for the Alumni News.

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**R. R. EHRHART, Alumni Secretary**  
**Otterbein College**  
**Westerville, Ohio**