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ALUMNI NEWS

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Greetings and Good Cheer

to alumni and other friends of Otterbein College.

A herald of peace and good will came to the earth on the first Christmas morn. From that day to this it has been sounded by men of good will everywhere.

Sometimes it has been obscured by feelings of hate, fear and selfishness. Today we dwell in a world into which the spirit of peace should come again.

For all of you alike—those who give and those who receive—I wish a full measure of the real Christmas spirit—the spirit of love, of good cheer, and unselfishness.

W. G. Clippinger.

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CONFERENCE ON EDUCATION

The ninth annual Conference on Education sponsored by Otterbein College for leaders of the church in the central district will be held Monday and Tuesday, January 3 and 4.

Dean Dennis D. Brane will preside at the opening session and will outline the purpose of the conference which serves as a clearing house for the church and the college with reference to problems of Christian education and Otterbein College. It is informational and inspirational and not legislative.

President W. G. Clippinger will deliver the opening address. Facts and figures concerning registration and recruiting will be visualized by F. J. Vance, registrar; and R. R. Ehrhart, field secretary. Other speakers on the program include Bishop A. R. Clippinger, Dayton, Bishop of the Central Area; Dr. J. Gordon Howard, Dayton, denominational director of young people's work; and John L. Bjelke, field secretary for Denison University, Granville, Ohio.

Charles Hayman, '25, superintendent of the Racine, Ohio, schools for the past three years has been made supervisor of the district which comprises three townships and 48 teachers.

Miss Charlotte McRill, '27, for the past four years head teacher of the Nursery School and Director of Parent Education activities on the stage of the Gladden Community House in Columbus, has accepted a teaching position for this year in the Chagrin Falls, Ohio, schools near Cleveland.

BASKETBALL FOR 1937-38

For the first time in three years Otterbein has no nucleus around which to build its basketball quintet. At the close of the 1936-37 season the first five men, all seniors, were lost to the squad due to graduation. Those five, Rutter, Loucks, Martin, Lane and Elliott, had played together for three years and had become one of the most consistent threats in the Ohio Conference.

This year, Ballenger, Arnold, McGee, Holzworth, Wolfe, Young, Bremer, Tinnerman and Foss Elliott are back from last year's squad. Kunder and Wilson, both upper classmen, and five sophomores from last year's freshman team, Henry, Hinton, Weston, Dohner, and Beck round out the squad.

Dr. Edler looks forward to a good season in spite of the loss of the five men of last year's team.

The Cards dropped the first contest with the Alumni by the score of 41-37. This was an overtime game with the score standing at 35 all when the gun cracked. In the second game of the season Wilmington came out on the long end of a score of 35-22.

The schedule for the season follows:

- Dec. 4, Sat.—Wilmington at Westerville.
- Dec. 11, Sat.—Cedarville at Westerville.
- Dec. 15, Wed.—Miami at Oxford.
- Jan. 8, Sat.—Denison at Westerville.
- Jan. 14, Fri.—Marietta at Westerville.
- Jan. 20, Thurs.—Heidelberg at Tiffin.
- Jan. 22, Sat.—Capital at Columbus.
- Jan. 29, Sat.—Bowling Green at Westerville.
- Feb. 5, Sat.—Kenyon at Westerville. (Homecoming)
- Feb. 8, Tues.—Mt. Union at Alliance.
- Feb. 11, Fri.—Denison at Granville.
- Feb. 15, Tues.—Wittenberg at Springfield.
- Feb. 19, Sat.—Capital at Westerville.
- Feb. 26, Sat.—Wooster at Wooster.
- Feb. 28, Mon.—Muskingum at Westerville.

John M. Schott, '33, and Charles Stull, '36, are attending the Still College of Osteopathy in Des Moines, Iowa.

ALUMNI AT WORK

Back in about 1919 a young man appeared at Professor Spessard's studio for a try-out in the Otterbein Glee Club. The quality of this young man's voice immediately attracted Professor Spessard who urged the youthful aspirant for the glee club to study voice. This advice heeded, now in 1937 this young man, Daniel Harris, '23, is among the 98 singers in the regular season of the Metropolitan Opera Association.

Mr. Harris, known as "Dan" during his student days at Otterbein, completed his conservatory and college training here with a fine record. After a year of public school music teaching in Colorado, Mr. Harris studied in New York City where he sang in some of the Schubert productions. The next four years he studied in Milano, Italy with Maestro Sammarco until the death of the great artist. During his operatic travels in which he rubbed shoulders with Italians in operatic companies, he was slowly acquiring a knowledge of Italian repertoire, language, and beauty of voice which distinguishes his singing today.

After a brief trip to America, Mr. Harris went back to Europe, to Paris where he determined to learn the French repertoire under Lapierre and deGogorza. He became a member of the Royal Opera of Liege until the War Debt situation caused the dismissal of American singers. While in Paris, Mr. Harris was soloist of the Rockefeller Church. Other engagements at the Embassies, in opera at Nice and Havre and personal acquaintances with such noted composers as Ravel who had Mr. Harris introduce his songs, gave him his beauty of French diction and style. In Paris, Mr. Harris met Miss Aletha Stacey, a graduate of Curtis Institute of Philadelphia, and a beautiful singer, and their marriage occurred at a historic French chateau.

Back in America, Daniel Harris made his American debut at Carnegie Hall, singing three of Ravel's new songs with the National Orchestral Association. This engagement along with an appearance at Town Hall brought favorable press criticism. Mr.

Harris made operatic appearances in Birmingham and Washington D. C., and in the summers of 1936 and 1937 his appearance with the Cincinnati Zoo Opera Company where he attracted comment for his ability in learning new roles almost overnight brought his talents to the attention of Edward Johnson of the Metropolitan.

In the spring season of the Metropolitan Opera, Mr. Harris made his debut in "The Man Without a Country" and also sang one of the leading roles in the revival of "Marouf". Recently he was announced as one of the six American singers held over for the regular Metropolitan season which opened on November 29 for sixteen weeks of performances.

WEDDINGS

Miss Releaffa Freeman, '31 and Daniel C. Howell, '33, were united in marriage at 4:30 p. m., Saturday, December 11 in the First Presbyterian Church, Westerville. Miss Freeman is a deputy collector in the office of the collector of internal revenue in Columbus and Mr. Howell is associated with the Frigidaire Corporation in Dayton. While they were students at Otterbein Releaffa was affiliated with Theta Nu Sorority and Dan with Delta Sigma Phi frat. He was selected as guard on the all-Ohio Conference football team during his college career. They will reside in Dayton.

Miss Edith Scheering, '29, and William H. Reh of Mt. Washington, O. were married Saturday afternoon, October 9 at the bride's home in Shandon, O. Rev. Norman D. Bevis, '13, conducted the ceremony. The couple is now at home at Asbury Road, Forrestville, Ohio.

Miss Mildred Forwood, '32, and Mr. Richard Pehlman were united in marriage at the home of the bride's mother in Springfield, Illinois, Saturday, June 19. They are now residing in Quincy, Illinois.

Dr. Harry W. Topolosky, '33, and Miss Skilken of Columbus were recently married. Dr. Topolosky is completing his internship at St. Francis Hospital in Columbus.

PERSONALS

A number of alumni of Otterbein College have recently had articles printed in various national magazines. An article by Lillian Shively Rice, '29, entitled "Somewhere in Shanghai" is printed in the Atlantic Monthly for November. "A Study of Dido and Aeneas" by Verda Evans, '28, is in the November issue of the Classical Journal. Two stories by Brantford Benton, '33, have appeared within a month: "Puchinello Puncher" in Ace Sports, and "Goal Glory" in Blue Ribbon Sports Magazine. Wendell Camp, '25, has written two installments of an article "Winter in Mexico" in the Journal of the New York Botanical Gardens. The November issue of the Phi Delta Gamma Journal, publication of the national fraternity of graduate women, carries an essay by Mary L. Altman, '36, called "Secret Faces". An article by Lucille Shoop, '35, entitled "Canton, Cradle of Chinese Modernism" was carried in the November 15 issue of the News Letter of Phi Sigma Iota, national romance language fraternity.

Mr. Frank D. Wilsey, '76, has recently presented the college with a gift of over forty books, mainly history and biography. Many of the books are autographed copies among which are those by Arley Munson, Carveth Wells and Chappel.

Mr. Wilsey has been consistently loyal to Otterbein. At present he is a member of the Board of Trustees.

After graduation from Otterbein College, Mr. Wilsey entered the field of manufacturing. He became president of the American Boat Oar Company, and was an official in various banks and brokerage companies. Probably the most important position of his career was that of a Commissioner of Education in New York City for a long time after 1902.

L. W. Warson, '05, has been seriously ill in Grant Hospital in Columbus where he underwent an operation. He is now at his home in Westerville.

The Otterbein College archives have recently received an interesting addition in the form of a book of sermons taken in the Pittman system of phonographic notes by Jacob Burgner in 1858. Mr. Burgner, '59, was a phonographic reporter and averaged 100 words a minute in his shorthand note taking. The book was given by Louis E. Burgner, Oberlin, Ohio, son of the writer.

Some of the men whose speeches are recorded are Rev. L. Davis, first president of Otterbein; J. C. Bright, first Secretary of the Board of Foreign Missions of the United Brethren Church; and William Hanby, bishop and father of Benjamin Hanby.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Albright (Marian Kiess, '30) announce the birth of a daughter, Joanne Elizabeth, Saturday, August 7, at Bucyrus City Hospital, Bucyrus, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Bunce (Alice Shively), '30-'33, announce the birth of a daughter, Sylvia Marie, Thursday, October 21 at Kyoto, Japan.

Mr. and Mrs. John Shively (Beulah Feightner), '33, announce the birth of a son, James Franklin, Saturday, October 16 at Yamagata, Japan.

A daughter, Florence Carol, was born to Dr. and Mrs. Norris E. Lenahan (Ernestine Little, '32), Tuesday, November 22 at White Cross Hospital, Columbus.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weinland, '30, announce the birth of a son, Scott Howard, on Saturday, November 27 in Cleveland.

Rev. and Mrs. Glen C. Shaffer (Zelma L. Shauck), '32-'34, announce the birth of a son, Lewis Frank, on October 29 at Altoona, Pa. Rev. Shauck is pastor at the Greenwood U. B. Church, Altoona.

Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Newburn announce the birth of a son, Robert Mendel, Tuesday, December 7 at Indianapolis, Indiana. Mrs. Newburn was formerly Ruth Mendel who taught Classical Languages at Otterbein.

**MERRY CHRISTMAS AND
A HAPPY NEW YEAR!**