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# OTTERBEIN TOWERS



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## WELCOME, HOMECOMERS!

Another October and another Homecoming and another welcome to the halls and the campus of Otterbein! With our warmest enthusiasm we invite alumni, old and young, to join the trek from a thousand towns and cities back to the "stately towers" of their happy college days—back to the "quiet peaceful village" where immortal friendships were formed and where together they shared high visions of "hope and truth and love."



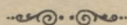
Life is as rich as its friendships, its loyalties and its memories. "Homecoming 1941" beckons you to another brief day or two in which old times, old friendships and old memories may again be renewed and strengthened. Come for the whole long day of festivity, football and fellowship. Marietta, our worthy and ancient foe, will meet the Tan and Cardinal boys on the new athletic field. New and adequate bleachers will assure comfortable seats for all. Our team has plenty of artillery this year. I am going "all out" to prophesy not only that you will see an Otterbein victory but more than that, that you will see one of the best sixty minutes of football that has been witnessed on Otterbein Field in many a year.

Yours for a great Homecoming,

J. RUSKIN HOWE,  
*President.*

# HOMECOMING PROGRAM

Saturday, October 25, 1941



CROWNING OF THE QUEEN . . . . . 10:00 A.M.  
Administration Building

## SORORITY LUNCHEONS

TALISMAN . . . Bliss Tavern . . . . . 12:00  
GREENWICH . . Beechwold . . . . . 12:00  
ARBUTUS . . . Williams Grill . . . . . 12:00  
ONYX . . . Mrs. Short's . . . . . 11:30 A.M.  
Plum Street  
OWL . . . Mrs. Kline's . . . . . 12:00  
48 N. Grove Street

FOOTBALL GAME . . . . . 2:15 P.M.

CLASS REUNIONS . Administration Building . . 4:30 P.M.

ALUMNI BANQUET . Church Basement . . . . . 5:30 P.M.

ZETA PHI . . . (Reunion Table)

COUNTRY CLUB . (Reunion Table)

## FRATERNITY AND SORORITY BANQUETS

SPHINX . . . Williams Grill . . . . . 6:00 P.M.

JONDA . . . Chapter House . . . . . 5:00 P.M.

ARCADY . . . . . 5:00 P.M.

HOMECOMING PLAY—"Abie's Irish Rose" . . 8:00 P.M.  
High School Auditorium





DR. T. E. NEWELL

## *"Keep the Fire Burning"*

Greetings, Alumni:

Crisp, colorful fall days have arrived again to remind us of the end of summer, of harvest fields, and the changing season. Also, we who have once lived at Otterbein are reminded of football games, tan and cardinal ribbons streaming in the wind, and the "cheerio" of old time friends.

Surely, the urge strikes each of you, as it does me. Why not make it a reality and plan the trip for Homecoming right now. Indeed, there isn't a thing more important than old friends of our college days, whether they are those of the gay nineties, the puzzling 20's, the lean 30's, or the recent gay 40's. Every alumnus should keep in touch with the college by returning as often as possible, and thereby keep the fire burning.

Have you thought of writing to the college about any ideas you might have to boost your alma mater? There are many fronts in action now. Scholarships are needed badly, and some folks are carrying a heavy load. The athletic field project isn't paid for as yet, but it will be. Ask Dad Ressler. He is working with all of his might and would welcome your interest.

The Westerville committee will be on hand, on Oct. 25, to welcome you, the banquet will be as snappy as a pair of new suspenders, and the whole day will be yours to enjoy. Just come and see.

DR. T. E. NEWELL,  
*Alumni President.*

# • THE QUEEN • THE



Vivian Peterman

THE Otterbein student body did not have the magic mirror of Snow White to help them choose the "fairest of them all" to reign over the Homecoming activities so they trusted to their own judgment with the result that there was a tie between two of the many pretty sophomore girls for the Homecoming crown.

In the first tally Vivian Peterman, a Dayton beauty, tied with Virginia Andrus, former Westerville High School queen, for top place. On this ballot, Leora Ludwick of Cincinnati, and Helen Lantz, of Greenville, were chosen as the attendants.

But since there is only one throne stored away in the Otterbein attic for the use of our Homecoming royalty, Student-Council President Jim Corbett made his appearance in chapel on the Monday following the dead-lock to ask the student body to choose again. Jim's alternate suggestion was that both girls reign, doing away with the tradition of coronation by the out-going queen in favor of having Virginia and Vivian crown each other. On the second ballot, Vivian Peterman was elected queen and the place of maid-of-honor goes to Virginia Andrus.

Vivian is a black-eyed brunette from the Miami Valley who fills her time at Otterbein with various activities including cheer-leading, W. A. A., and dramatics. She is taking work for a major in sociology, and is a member of Greenwich sorority.

Virginia, a "brownnette," is a home-town girl. She, too, is one of the head cheer-leaders, and is majoring in sociology. Talisman sorority claims her as their own.

Leora, of the blonde charms and peaches and cream complexion, besides being an efficient secretary to the registrar, is assistant treasurer of the Y. W. C. A., sings in the Women's Glee Club, and church choir. She is majoring in business administration, and is the Owl's pride and glory.

Helen, a petite blonde who specializes in sports and Y. W. activities, is taking work towards a sociology major, and is another one of "Arbuties."

Vivian will receive the crown from out-going queen, Betty Anglemeyer, of Dayton, at the coronation exercises at 10:00 a. m., Saturday, October 25, and will reign over the day's activities, including the game with Marietta and the Homecoming play.



# GAME • THE PLAY • •

Perhaps it was just coincidence, perhaps a little extra confidence in our boys which caused your editor "?" to hold off until the last minute before writing the Homecoming football article. We started off on the wrong side of the ledger again this year, but we lost to a good club, Heidelberg, by a 13 to 0 score. Next Kenyon stopped us, 12-7 on a muddy field, and that look of resignation began to appear on the faces of alumni and students.

Then, came the Oberlin game, played before their first home crowd to celebrate Oberlin's 50th anniversary of football. It was also High School Day, and prospective students had been invited in from all over the state. Perhaps it was not coincidence that Otterbein, only a fairly strong team in the past, was to be the football competition of the day.

Well—your newspapers carried the story. A fighting Otterbein club came into their own and won 14-12. All is joy and excitement in "Dry Town" now. Alumni who saw the game have sent in expressions of pride and satisfaction in the way our team played. Future opponents of the Alma Mater have learned a new respect for the Cardinals.

We are all looking forward to the Homecoming game. It will not be a set-up, for Marietta has shown considerable strength in winning their one game played to date, from Mount Union 7-6. Win or lose you can count on good football and a good game as part of a happy Homecoming.

Lest alumni arriving on the campus for Homecoming be accosted by some studious-looking under classman laboriously pronouncing every phase in the Jewish lingo of our Hebrew brethren may I forewarn them that this group is not in any way attempting to initiate a new campus past-time. Their accent is for business purposes only—for use in the annual Homecoming play. For since Professor Smith has chosen to present the popular Broadway success "Abie's Irish Rose" by Anne Nichols for the Homecoming entertainment, the popular "mon ami" French accent which was the campus fad of last season now runs only a neglected second to the Jewish mutterings of Ivan Innerst, Don King, Glenn Riley, Mary Learish, and Edgar Daniels.

The play, which has received high ratings in theatre magazines, is an old favorite of theatre goers, having enjoyed a run of over two years in one of New York City's largest theatres. The cast is as follows:

Solomon, (the Orthodox Jew).....	Ivan Innerst
Abie, (his son).....	Don King
Mr. Cohen, (friend of family).....	Glenn Riley
Mrs. Cohen, (friend of family).....	Mary Learish
Mr. Samuels, (Jewish Rabbi).....	Edgar Daniels
Father Whalen, (Catholic Priest).....	John Zezeck
Mr. Murphy, (Irish jester).....	James Grabill
Rose Mary, (his daughter).....	Betty Cook



Betty Cook



## Homecoming Banquet Features

Paul Sprout, '22, Toast Master  
"Pat" John P. Schutz, '23, Speaker  
Brief, Interesting Program

Homecomers may look forward to what is expected to be one of our finest banquets in years when they return to the Alma Mater on October 25. As usual, the program will be celebrated in the dining room of the United Brethren Church and guests will be seated promptly at 5:30 o'clock. Tables will be designated for both class groups and fraternities and sororities so you may rest assured that an informal reunion with old friends awaits you at the table.

Alumni President, T. E. Newell, has worked hard on the program of the evening. His announcement of Paul Sprout, '22, as Toast Master and "Pat" Schutz, '23, as Guest Speaker is a guarantee to all that a program of quality awaits you. "Bob" Holmes, '35, has again been requested to take charge of the music, so bring your vocal cords all tuned up for the serenade and other songs.

We repeat our guarantees of last year concerning the homecoming banquet. You'll be able to hear . . . you'll sit among friends . . . your program will be brief . . . and you'll have a good time. The banquet, 5:30 P. M. promptly in the United Brethren Church . . . tickets on sale in the Alumni Office or at the door.

### ATTENTION ALUMNI

All October items about alumni have been held over for the November "Towers."

## With the Army



Harold Augspurger '41

He's peeling spuds for Uncle Sam now. Last year he was one of Otterbein's campus leaders, an all Ohio Conference forward in basketball, and was looking toward a year of graduate work in physical education or to a good job in his chosen field with one of Ohio's larger municipalities. Then—Uncle Sam called, and the bright dreams for tomorrow became a gray veiled mist. So "Augsy" peels spuds for Uncle Sam.

He's not alone nor is his lot unusually hard. There's a story to be written about every boy whose name was listed in last month's "Towers." Sympathy is neither asked for nor given, for that's not the way of American manhood. But a word of appreciation from warm friends who have not forgotten even though they neglect to write, is much in point. To us you boys have not lost personality because

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you donned the khaki. To us you are still classmates—still All-Ohio.

This column is your column. Send us snapshots and write us letters. We'd like to know where you are and what you're doing. "Tan and Cardinals" and "Towers" are being mailed to all of you. Let us know if you don't receive your copy.

Since we printed the list in the September "Towers," we heard from several of the boys telling us of their appointments. John Hendrix is now Lieutenant John Hendrix, a member of the Flying Cadets, and is with the 70th Pursuit Squadron, Hamilton Field, California. We had a card from Paul Fontanelle who tells us that he is now a Sergeant in Co. C, 9th Medical Bn., Ft. Bragg, N.C. He is chief clerk in his company and is kept more than busy. We also have the addresses of Don Courtright, Tom Brady, Harry Williams Fred Nicolle, and Carl Alsberg—source indeterminable—list it as "Otterbein College Grapevine"—Don's address is Hq. Det. 3rd Bn. 166th Inf. A. P. O. No. 37, Camp Shelby, Mississippi. Tom is now at the Naval Training School, Naval Armory, Lake Front at Randolph Street, Chicago, Illinois. Harry Williams can be addressed at Buck Creek Camp, Marion, N.C. Fred Nicolle is found at Co. B, 2nd Platoon, 31st Inf. Batt., Camp Croft, S.C. Carl's address is 3rd Trng. Bn., Co. D, Camp Wheeler, Georgia.

Mr. Vance tells us that "Augsy," George Curry, Bob Penn and Bob Waites are planning to enter the flying cadets after their six months

preliminary training and that Bill Underwood has already been accepted in the flying cadets having passed his physical examination with a perfect rating.

Dr. Howe has been kind enough to let us read some of his personal letters from the boys, and although we were thrown for about a ten yard loss by the "snazzy" army stationery, we were able to recover in time to learn these newsy items. George Curry writes that he "landed in a machine gun outfit" and that this will probably be his vocation as long as he is in the draft as he "shot expert on the doggone things." After thirteen weeks of basic training, George will have the choice of moving into a regular army camp with his group or to remain at Camp Roberts as an instructor. Mel Calihan writes us that he is stationed at Indian-towngap Pa., where he is with the Medical Detachment. At present Mel is on maneuvers in Virginia. Harold Holzworth writes that he is clerk in the 8th Regimental Headquarters at Camp Lee, Virginia, and his work consists primarily of typing during his 40 duty hours a week. We had a letter from Mack Grimes whose address is Hq. and Hq. Sq., 4th Air Depot Group, Jackson Air Base, Jackson, Miss. The group he is in is a non-combatant unit and their work consists mainly of repairing and supplying planes for both sides in the present maneuvers. Incidentally, his tent-mate is Carlton Gamble. He tells us that George Traylor is assistant to the supply sergeant of his Squadron at the Jackson Air

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### *With the Army—Continued*

Base. A letter from Dale Stone tells us that he is now in the personnel office of his squadron which is the beginning of his training for intelligence work in the army. Bob Penn's letter from Tuscon, Arizona, was such a good description of the western part of the country that we have all decided to pack up and leave on the first bus. Bob is with the Intelligence Division Office. A card from Bob Stevens assures us that the Otterbein boys at Camp Roberts see quite a bit of each other and no doubt have many "bull sessions" about their alma mater. Harold Wilson's letter tells us that he is in the Air Corps Technical School taking a course in "Aircraft and Engine Mechanics" and when he finishes this course will return to Bowman Field, Ky. to work on the line. We also heard from Frank Van Sickle who is at the Boeing Air School at Oakland, California. His first quarter of training in airline meteorology is almost completed, and by March of 1942 "Van" expects to be all through and ready to start work with one of the major airlines of the country. Word comes

that Jim Shumaker has passed his examinations and will be leaving soon for the Philippines with the Medical Corps.

Well, this is only a sample of what Otterbein's army men are doing. We are sorry that we cannot print each one of their letters. Write and tell us about your work so that your name may appear in print next month.

### *Stork Notes*

Three football stars and a "Queen" for the 1960 Homecoming are Elmer Newton Funkhouser, III, whose arrival on September 2 is being announced by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Funkhouser, Jr., '38 (Gladys McFeeley, '38); Martha Kay Slack, born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Slack (Helen Van Sickle, '34) on May 14; Thomas Charles Morrison, the new son of Mr. and Mrs. Wilbur Morrison, '34, born on September 25; and John Michael Howell, whose arrival on September 1, is being announced by his parents Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Howell (Releaffa Freeman, '31.)

### *"Wedding Belles"*

While school bells are ringing for many, wedding bells are ringing for the following Otterbein grads: Miss Betty Rosensteel, '42, who became the bride of Mr. Dwight Ballenger, '39, at the College Church in Westerville on September 13; Mr. Charles Harding, '38, who was married to Miss Dorothy Mae Hoxworth in the Presbyterian Church at Worthington on September 17; and Mr. Eugene Schick, '38, who was married to Miss Frances Slate.

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