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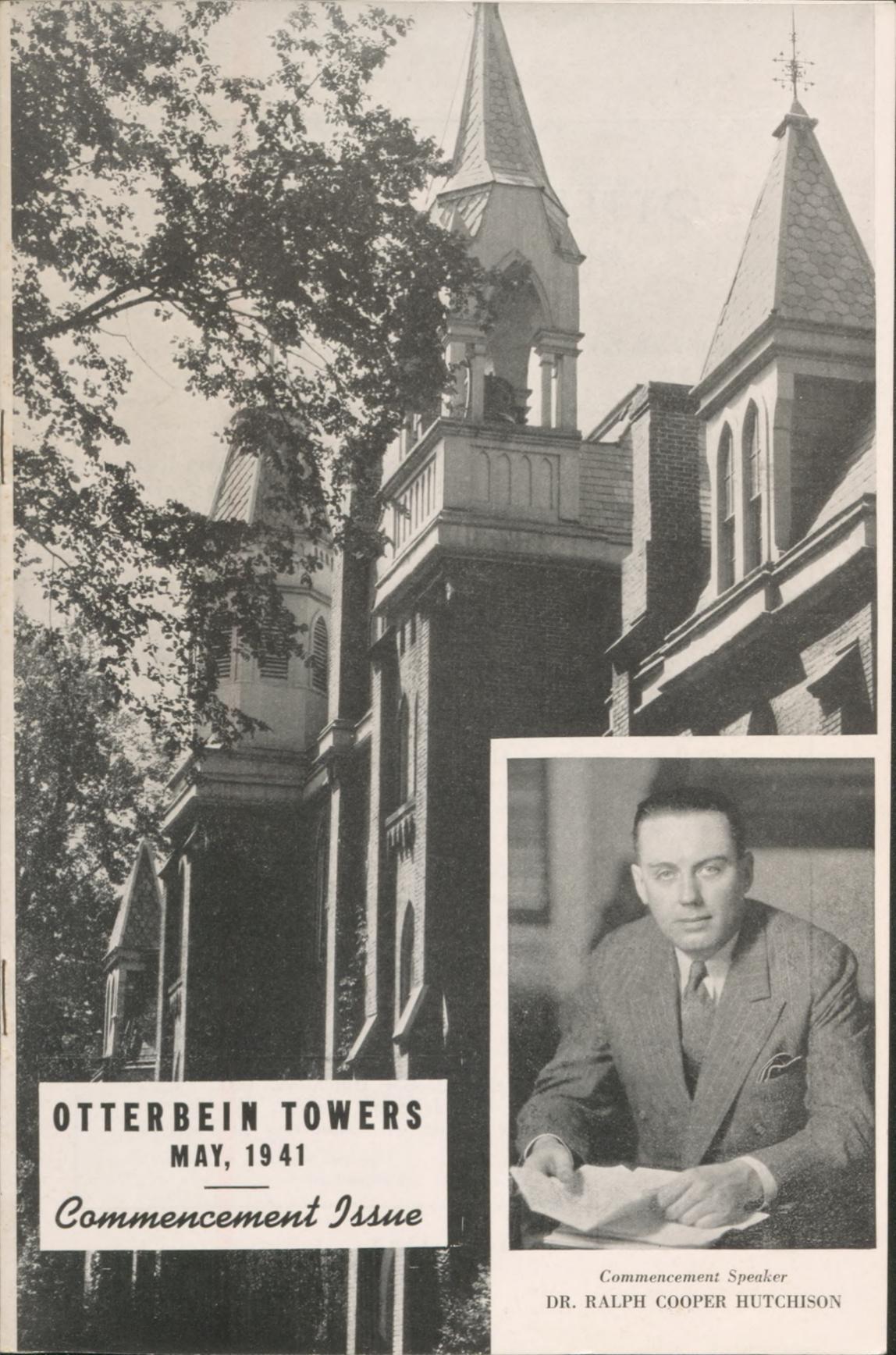
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OTTERBEIN TOWERS
MAY, 1941

Commencement Issue



Commencement Speaker
DR. RALPH COOPER HUTCHISON

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

Commencement Program

1941

Ninety-Fourth Year

Eighty-Fifth Commencement

FRIDAY, JUNE 6

- 1:30 P. M.—Meeting of Board of Trustees
- 5:00 P. M.—Phi Sigma Iota Dinner
- 6:30 P. M.—Literary Society Open Session—Philomathean Hall
- 8:00 P. M.—Reception by President and Mrs. Howe to Senior Class and Friends, Cochran Hall

SATURDAY, JUNE 7

ALUMNI DAY

- 8:00 A. M.—Quiz and Quill Breakfast
- 8:00 A. M.—Chaucer Club Breakfast
- 8:00 A. M.—Phi Kappa Delta Breakfast
- 9:00 A. M.—Meeting of Board of Trustees
- 12:00 M.—Class Reunions
- 2:00 P. M.—Senior Class Day Program
- 3:00 P. M.—Meeting of Alumni Council
- 3:00 P. M.—Otterbein Women's Tea
- 5:00 P. M.—Alumni Dinner—United Brethren Church
- 8:00 P. M.—Theta Alpha Phi Play—"The Rivals"

SUNDAY, JUNE 8

- 10:45 A. M.—Baccalaureate Service—Sermon by Bishop A. R. Clippinger, B.D., D.D., LL.D.
- 3:00 P. M.—Exhibit, Department of Fine Arts—Art Laboratory
- 8:30 P. M.—Concert by Department of Music

MONDAY, JUNE 9

- 8:00 A. M.—Theta Alpha Phi Breakfast
- 10:00 A. M.—Eighty-Fifth Annual Commencement. Speaker, President Ralph Cooper Hutchison, D.D., Ph.D., Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pennsylvania Subject — "Democracy in Time of War."

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER—PROGRAM

Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison to Address Seniors

THE speaker for Otterbein's 85th annual Commencement on June 9 will be Dr. Ralph Cooper Hutchison, President of Washington and Jefferson College at Washington, Pa. President Hutchison is not a stranger to our campus. He was with us as guest speaker on Founders' and Senior Recognition Day in 1940, speaking on the subject "Democracy in Peace." Dr. Hutchison returns to us, with the appropriate theme, "Democracy in Time of War."

Ralph Cooper Hutchison was born on February 27, 1898, at Florissant, Colorado, the son of Justice William Easton Hutchison of the Supreme Court, Topeka, Kansas. He achieved the first rung on the ladder of higher education in 1918 when he received the A.B. Degree from Lafayette University. In 1919 Harvard University granted him the degree of Master of Arts and in 1925 he received his Ph.D. Degree from the University of Pennsylvania. After being ordained into the Presbyterian ministry in 1922, Dr. Hutchison served as Director of Religious Education in the First Presbyterian Church at Norristown, Pennsylvania. In 1922 he went to Philadelphia where he was Secretary of Young People's Work for the Presbyterian Board of Christian Education until 1925, then becoming professor of philosophy and education at the American College of Tehran in Persia. In December of 1931 Dr. Hutchison was called to the presidency of Washington and Jefferson College and has served in that capacity ever since.

President Hutchison has received much recognition as a writer. Articles from his pen have appeared in the Atlantic Monthly, Asia, Christian Century, Literary Digest, Readers Digest, International Review of Mission, Moslem World, etc.

We are proud and happy to have such a distinguished man return to the campus to be our Commencement speaker.

Annual Banquet, Reunions Planned

As an annual feature of our Commencement week-end for alumni we are again holding our banquet in the United Brethren Church at 5:30 P.M. on Saturday, June 7. As has been our custom for a number of years, the members of the senior class will be entertained as our guests. Tickets will be 75c and can be purchased in your alumni office at any time on Friday, June 6, or Saturday, June 7.

Your program is being planned by the committee of which Dr. Charles Snively, '94, is chairman. We again assure you of a brief interesting program which can be heard by all in the room. The banquet hall will be laid out so as to place classes and sorority and fraternity groups together. We urge you most heartily to include the alumni banquet in your Commencement week-end plans.

You will note on your program that class reunions are scheduled for Saturday afternoon, June 7, from 12:00 to 2:00 P.M. Some of these will be in the form of luncheons; while others will be just general "get-togethers."

Advance announcements of reunions have gone out to the Classes of '16, '26, and '31 through the following people: 1916—S. C. Ross of Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, president of the class of '16, has expressed the desire for the reunion of the class at Commencement time. It will be the 25th reunion.

1926—Willard Morris of Westerville is Chairman of the committee in charge of plans for the reunion of the class of '26. The committee, composed of the Westerville members of the class, is making great plans for a banquet and other festivities for the occasion. This class will be 15 years old.

1931—Margaret Anderson of Jamestown, New York, has been thinking of a reunion for the 1931 graduates at Commencement time. It is hoped that this class will have a very successful 10th anniversary, under the leadership of Bob Whipp, chairman of the committee in charge of preparations.

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FROM THE PEN OF DR. HOWE

Dear friends and fellow-alumni:

Another college year draws to its close—a year of progress and achievement for our alma mater. Our student body has shown another splendid increase, numbering at this time 535. Most colleges are counting on a considerable decrease in enrollment next year. I feel safe in predicting that Otterbein will again show an increase, though not so large a one as in the past two years.

Academically we have had a splendid record with a growing number of honor students. We have been holding our admissions, almost without exception, to the upper two-thirds of high school classes. It is our purpose, as Otterbein reaches the 600 or 650 students which it seems should be her maximum, to limit enrollment and select even more discriminately the student group which is admitted to our halls. Otterbein enjoys accreditation by all the highest accrediting agencies of the land. We mean, of course, to keep her standing at that high level.

Musically this has been a year of phenomenal advance. Building on the splendid record of the past and guided by our able advisory committee in this field, we have not only enlarged and improved the various music groups on the campus but we have revised our total curriculum and program to the point where the examiners from the National Association of Music Schools have given practical assurance of our election next year to membership in that exclusive and distinguished group of institutions. This is a great step forward. Through the generous interest of our alumni in California, and with the aid of the Miami Valley group, we are being enabled to add to our musical equipment a superb new Steinway Concert Grand Piano, which has long been needed and which is one of the requirements stipulated by the National Association.

Athletically the year has seen decided gains. The total contests won in inter-collegiate competition for the year will compare with the best years in the history of the school. The new athletic field and tennis courts have enhanced the value of our program greatly. The freshman

class, barring general military mobilization, will bring to our teams next year the finest group of athletes in my knowledge of the school.

The new Health Center with its ample facilities and new equipment and the remodeled Home Economics Department have each been of great value to the work of the year. Add to this a strong continuing religious program, reinforced by our new pastor and student chaplain, Rev. J. Neely Boyer, and a perennially friendly and inspiring campus spirit and you have the spirit of Otterbein in 1940-41.

Come to see us. Attend Commencement if you can. We need your interest and we want your presence whenever you can come.

Cordially yours,

J. RUSKIN HOWE,
President.

PROF. TROOP NEW TREASURER

"JIMMIE" PHILLIPS, '27, TO ASSIST

In the last issue of the "Towers" when announcement was made of the resignation of Mr. W. O. Clark from the office of treasurer of the College to accept the office of treasurer of the United Brethren Church, reports had not been confirmed as to the appointment of the new college treasurer. Since that time Mr. Horace W. Troop has been formally elected treasurer by action of the Executive Committee of the trustees of the College and Mr. J. O. Phillips has been appointed assistant in the office of the treasurer. Mr. Troop, who received his A. B. degree from Otterbein in 1923, has been professor of economics and business administration at the college since 1924, besides carrying on a law practice in Columbus. He will continue several of his courses in the business administration department along with his work as treasurer of the College. Mr. Phillips, who received the A. B. degree in business administration from Otterbein in 1927, is assistant manager of Williams Grill, having been in the employ of C. F. Williams for the past 20 years. His appointment in the treasurer's office will be effective June 1, while Mr. Troop's appointment will be effective on July 1.

OUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT SPEAKS

Dear Alumni and friends:

Another college year nears its end. We have taken great pride in Otterbein's achievements. Progress seems to be the theme song everywhere. Our country is booming, and prosperity has at last come to our door step. Truly, God has blessed our America.

Our educational system has apparently made great progress too. We think that we are giving our sons and daughters the best education that has ever been offered. Our colleges seem to be keeping pace with the tempo of the 1940's, and we are proud of Otterbein's recent progress.

But what of all this hubub of boom times? How much of this is wheat, and how much is chaff, that one puff of wind will blow away forever? Can it be that all that is dear to us and our generation will be swept into oblivion before our eyes! Geologists tell us that in the formation of the land, with its mountains, deep valleys and plains, from the beginning the only permanent feature of it all was the rivers. Great mountains may crumble, and other mountains appear as erosion goes on, but the rivers are permanent.

Empires have arisen and ruled the world only to fade and, except for a few heaps of stone, are forgotten and unknown. The evolution of civilization represents generations of slavery, the struggling of peoples for many centuries. Now we have reaped the benefit of these ages, and it looks like we may lose it all if we do not tread carefully. The sons of Poland, Greece, Finland, and all the others in slavery today must be praying that we, who are yet free, choose our steps wisely.

The permanent rivers of civilization surely cannot be gold, commerce, or temporal power. They must be represented by something more indestructable. Perhaps it is wisdom given to the world by God-fearing men who are the heart of the Christian college; wisdom, usable in our age.

Truly, we Alumni have been happy to take part in Otterbein's progress. We all have our ideas of how we can best serve the college. Let's all jump into this above mentioned river of civilization and give the best we have. Let's look for every oppor-

tunity to help Otterbein. Scholarships are a very grand way to help worthy students. Endowments give colleges needed security. At any rate, Alumni, get into the spirit of Otterbein, and boost for all you are worth.

Earnestly,

T. E. NEWELL,
Alumni President.

Scholarship Day Results

On April 26, one hundred twenty-five outstanding high school seniors from Ohio and Pennsylvania visited our campus and participated in the General Scholarship Examinations and Music Contests. A special chapel program and campus tour were conducted for the contestants and their friends. Many of the group spent the whole weekend at the College and were honored guests at the Sibyl Jump Week party held in the Armory. The Scholarship Committee wishes to thank those alumni who helped to interest students in these events.

Winners in the general scholarship examinations on April 26 were in order of their rank: John R. Taylor, Akron, Jeanne Ackley, Columbus, R. W. Gifford, Westerville, Dorothy Crabtree, Dayton, Robert Vanderveer, Middletown, John E. Bushong, Troy, Phyllis Koons, Mansfield, Richard C. Himes, Dayton and Ethel Morrissett, Dayton. Six scholarships were awarded to these people, the others receiving honorable mention in the contest. Piano scholarships were won by Janet Dennis, Dayton and Ruth Enright, Toledo, with honorable mention being received by Phyllis Brown, Dayton, Martha Jane Carr, Bellefontaine, Jane Alexander, Newark, Jean Ruse, Pickerington, Virginia Putt, Columbia Station and Elinor Mignerery, Jackson. Second place in the voice contest was achieved by Jean Williams, Cleveland Heights, and honorable mention by Maxine Boarman, LaRue, June Ehrhart, Sylvania, and Dana McFall, Dayton. The instrumental scholarships were awarded to Martha Jane Carr, Bellefontaine, and Danford Hays, Cleveland. Honorable mention was achieved by William Cofman, Canal Winchester, Dana McFall, Dayton, Margaret Russell, Dayton, John Brown, Logan, and Don Johnson, Dayton.

Commencement Play to be "The Rivals"

Our Commencement dramatic production for 1941 will be "The Rivals," a three-act costume play by Richard Brinsley Sheridan, first produced in London in 1775.

Miss Georgia Turner of Geneva, Ohio, will "blunder" through "The Rivals" as Mrs. Malaprop, one who creates difficult situations by saying the wrong word. Co-starring with Miss Turner will be Phil Morgan of Lebanon, Ohio.

Due to the absence from the campus of Professor J. F. Smith, who has been attending the General Conference of the United Brethren Church at South Bend, Indiana, Mrs. Paul Anderson is directing the play.

We urge that all alumni plan to "take in" "The Rivals" as part of their Commencement week-end.

"Darling Nellie Gray" Rates National Broadcasts

Through the fine work of a group of alumni and the Advisory Publicity Committee of the College, the following programs used "Darling Nelly Gray" in nation-wide radio broadcasts during the recent Hanby memorial celebration: Fred Waring, NBC (red network); Jack Benny (Phil Harris' orchestra) NBC (red network); George Burns-Gracie Allen (Artie Shaw orchestra), NBC (red network); Bing Crosby (Johnny Trotter's orchestra) NBC (red network); Music and American Youth, NBC (red network); Tapestry Musicale, NBC (blue network); We the People, CBS; Music Scrap Book, CBS; The Southernaires, NBC (blue network); Manhattan Merry-Go-Round, NBC (red network); Battle of the Sexes, NBC (red network).

BUREAU OF MISSING ADDRESSES

Rev. Lehn W. Biddle, '16, 912 Galapago St., Denver, Colo.; Mrs. Henry Folmer (Alvira E. Jones, '71), Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Charles E. VanMason (Miriam George), Cleveland, Ohio; Mrs. Clark Weaver (Leora Gochenour, '20), Phoenix, Arizona; Harold Dwight Halderman, '21, Columbia Station, Ohio; Maude Hansford, '10, LaJunta, Colo.; Mrs. R. C. Harrison (Florence Campbell, '26), Antrim, Ohio; Lillian Kathryn Henry, '09, West Hoboken, N.Y.; Bertha Hinten, '28, Belpre, Ohio; Marion Hite, '24, Detroit, Mich.; Rev. and Mrs. John A. Howell, '92, Balston Spa, N.Y.; Maude John, '09, Dayton, Ohio; Mrs. A. Dean Johnson (LaVaughn Leatherman, '22), Toledo, Ohio; Norma Richardson Kelly, '25, Toledo, Ill.; Frederick Andrew Kline, '09, Dayton, Ohio; Dr. Albert Amos Kummer, '88, Cincinnati, Ohio; Mrs. William Lawson (Martha Ellen Stofer, '21), Grand Rapids, Mich.; Helen Mae Leichty, '33, New Madison, Ohio; Mrs. Chester Lewis (Freda Poulton, '29), Cleveland, Ohio; Keirn Livingstone, '35, Johnstown, Pa.; Mrs. Paul J. Murphy (Mary E. Long, '27), Johnstown, Pa.; Medway DeWitt Long, '97, St. Louis, Mo.; Mrs. R. B. Hinerman (Meda McCoy, '05); Roscoe Briant Sando, '13, New York City; Mrs. C. W. Maggert (Mary Elizabeth Miller, '85), Los Angeles, Calif.; Mrs. Harold Deas (Mearl Martin, '14), Brooklyn,

N.Y.; Andrew J. May, '90, Salina, Kansas; Harold R. Mayberry, '25, Beaverdam, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Charlie Merrill, '17 (Ruth Young, ex-'18), Wooster, Ohio; Lewis K. Miller, '96, Cincinnati, Ohio; Ruth A. Moore, '29, Columbus Grove, Ohio; Mrs. R. L. Mundhenk, '11, East Chicago, Ill.; Marcellus Muskopf, '12, Edgewood, Md.; Mrs. William Orton, '13, Columbus, Ohio; Forest Overholt, '15, Harrison, Ohio.

Mrs. Grant Peters, '28, Sullivan, Ohio; Mrs. Egbert Rattray, '09, Circleville, Ohio; Mrs. Elbert Rhodes, '26, Oxford, N.C.; James Sanders, '01, Sun Oil Company, Philadelphia, Pa.; Mrs. J. B. Cook, '24, Ann Arbor, Michigan; Mr. and Mrs. Fenton Stearns, '21 (Lois Sellers, '22), Newark, Ohio; Tsok Yan Sham, '27, Chicago, Ill.; John William Shanley, '88, Rochelle, Georgia; Florence Shride, '13, Ohio State University, Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Smales, '28, Yuma, Arizona.

Clayton Spring, '13, Toledo, Ohio; Hanby Stahl, '72, Phoenix, Arizona; Kathleen Steele, '25, Columbus, Ohio; Mr. and Mrs. Byron Wilson, '26 (LaVonne Steele, '27), St. David, Arizona; Mrs. David B. Stewart, '25, Erie, Pa.; Mrs. Myrtle Stewart, '15, Louisville, Ky.; John Stringer, '11, St. Petersburg, Fla.; Forrest Supinger, '33, Sand Springs, Okla.; Mrs. Waldo Sutter, '16, Columbus, Ohio; Sam Swartsel, '94, Arvada, Colo.; Kwegyir Aggrey, Farrell, Pa.

ALUMNI ORGANIZATIONS ACTIVE

AKRON

The Akron Alumni Organization met at Kaase's on March 28 for their annual alumni banquet. The master of ceremonies was Rev. Sager Tryon who was assisted by Chester G. Wise as Toastmaster, Rev. O. A. Babler, Paul M. Roby, Margaret Tryon Roby, Margaret Baker Kelley, "Johnnie" Wagner, Norris Titley, Nettie Goodman, Alice Kick and Gerald B. Riley. In addition to the address by Dr. J. R. Howe, the roll call by classes played a prominent part in the evening's entertainment.

DAYTON

When the alumni of the Dayton area held their banquet at the Engineer's Club on April 14, the following officers were elected for the coming year: David Allaman, President; Nathan Roberts, Vice President; Mrs. Joseph Mumma (Roberta Bromeley), Secretary; and Dan Bowell, Treasurer. Committees for the banquet were Opal Cassel, Edw. Shawen and Mildred Roberts on the decorating committee, and T. H. Bradrick, Lucille Peden, and Russell Garrett on the nominating committee. The toastmaster, H. L. Boda, had the assistance of Robert Holmes, Rev. Ralph Tinsley, Paul Jones, I. R. Libecap, Dr. T. E. Newell, Virginia Hetzler, Evelyn Sprout, Lucille Peden and Dr. J. R. Howe in carrying out the program of the evening.

CANTON

The Canton Otterbein Woman's Club, of which Mrs. Elmer Cooper is president, was the sponsor of the annual alumni dinner held on April 26 for the Stark County alumni. The toastmaster for the occasion was Mr. Virgil Hinton, and classes from 1905 to 1940 were represented. Among those present were Jane Burdge, Mrs. E. E. Cooper, Edna Burdge, Mrs. W. R. Stutz, Helen Eldridge, Mr. and Mrs. Sam Andrews, Mr. and Mrs. Harry Simmermacher, Harriet Raymond, Mrs. Leroy Burdge, Mrs. Vina Knauss, Mr. and Mrs. William Holzwarth, Mr. and Mrs. Corwin Miller, Grace Burdge, Catherine Burton, Mrs. Edwin Pinsenschaum and Martha Evans.

NEW YORK

The New York Alumni Association held their annual alumni banquet on April 18 under the leadership of Don Howard, president of the local alumni organization

who was in charge of the program. Elected to succeed Mr. Howard as president for next year was Dr. Sager Tryon, Jr. Among those present at the banquet were Camp W. Foltz, Mr. and Mrs. Donald Howard, Don C. Shumaker, Mrs. M. S. During, Dr. and Mrs. James W. Wright, Rev. and Mrs. Floyd E. McGuire, Prof. and Mrs. Lewis A. Bennert, Mrs. James H. Harnett, Dr. and Mrs. E. C. Worman and Dr. and Mrs. Sager Tryon. This group is looking forward to a great year under their new president and the other new officers elected at this meeting.

Marriages:

The Otterbein "newly weds" to whom we extend congratulations and best wishes this month are Mr. Raymond Lilly, '36, who was married to Miss Mildred Dennison on April 12 at Utica, Ohio; and Mr. W. R. Schrock, '96, who was married to Mrs. Nancy Morgan on November 14 at the home of Dr. T. J. Sanders in Westerville.

Among the June brides will be Miss Sara Jo Curtis, ex-'41, who will become the bride of Mr. Byron James Clark of Kansas City, Mo. Miss Curtis, who is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. L. M. Curtis, '13 and '12, will be graduated from the Kansas City Conservatory of Music this spring.

Births:

The commencement roll twenty years hence will include the names of Richard Craig Hohn, who was born to Mr. and Mrs. Wendell Hohn, '35 (Kathryn Moore, '36) on April 15; John Allen Jordak, whose arrival on December 27 is being announced by his parents, Mr. and Mrs. A. J. Jordak, '30; and the new daughter of Lai, Kwong Tsum, born on October 21.

ATTENTION, CLEIORHETEANS- PHILOMATHEANS

The Association Building will be the scene of the tea which is being planned by the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club for alumnae, mothers, and friends on June 7. The tea will be held from 3:00 p.m. to 5:00 p.m. and will take the place of the Cleiorhetean and Philomathean teas. Officers of the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club are Mrs. W. Morris, president, Mrs. C. C. Cooper, secretary, Mrs. J. P. West, treasurer, and Mrs. Olive Plott, vice president.

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BANQUET REUNIONS

(Continued from page 3)

Your alumni office is making the following preparation for reunions for all classes: The rooms of the Administration Building will be open for meetings and the different classes will be assigned to these respective rooms. You may drop in at your convenience between the hours of 12:00 and 4:00 on Saturday afternoon, June 7, and meet with your classmates who have returned. All alumni will register at their class rooms which will make it possible for you to know who of your classmates and friends are back for Commencement. We hope that all will take advantage of this general opportunity for reunion.

For further information call at your alumni office in the Administration Building.

Alumni News:

● '39 Miss Ruth Ehrlich will receive the M.A. degree in French from Western Reserve University in June. Miss Ehrlich has maintained an all "A" average in her graduate work.

● '37 Donald R. Martin has been elected to membership in the Western Reserve University Chapter of Sigma Xi, a national honorary fraternity encouraging research in science, pure and applied. Mr. Martin was nominated for membership by the chemistry faculty of Western Reserve University.

● John R. Shumaker, music supervisor at Sunbury, Ohio, was chosen as representative for Delaware County for the Ohio Music Educators Association. Mr. Shumaker was chairman of the music commit-

tee for the Delaware County Music Festival which was held in the Ohio Wesleyan Chapel on March 21.

● '32 We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. Daniel H. Charles who died on April 13 in the hospital in Coral Gables, Florida, where he had been confined for a number of months.

● '27 Mrs. Walter Martin sang in the combined Christian choir of 300 voices during the recent Christian Mission in Los Angeles, Calif.

● Ex-'19 We regret to announce the death of Mr. Fred Gray who died on March 20.

● '11 During the National "Christian Preaching Mission" held in Los Angeles, Calif., from March 16-23, Bishop Ira D. Warner of Pomona, Calif., was one of the ministers invited to be present on the platform when E. Stanley Jones, of Lucknow, India, noted missionary and Christian leader, opened the session at the Shrine Auditorium.

General Items:

● Prof. Paul E. Pendleton received his Ph. D. degree in Education at Ohio State University's convocation on March 21. Prof. Pendleton's dissertation was on "The Interdepartmental Teaching of English in College: Its Extent, Its Methods, and Its Possibilities."

● A reunion of Otterbein graduates and friends was held recently at the home of Miss Ila Grindell, '14, in Westerville. Guest of honor was Miss Harriet Raymond, '19, who had spent several terms in missionary work in the Phillipines, and who is to return to the Bible Training School at San Fernando, P. I. in June. Other guests were Dean Charles R. Layton, '13, of Muskingum College and Mrs. Layton, ex-'13; Miss Dale Parsons, '36, Miss Cassie Harris, '15, Mr. and Mrs. Guy McFarland, '12 (Jane Dill, '13). Mrs. C. J. Knauss, ex-'12, Mrs. G. C. Arnold, '09, and Mr. and Mrs. Leonard Hutzleman (Lucinda Snyder, '26). President J. R. Howe met with the group on Sunday afternoon.

● '37 Mr. L. Wm. Steck, instructor in the department of political science at Otterbein, has been initiated into the Ohio State University chapter of Pi Sigma Alpha, national honorary political science fraternity.