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Music Department to Present Concert Series

To meet the increasing demand to hear especially talented musicians perform, Otterbein is inaugurating a series of concerts which will extend over a period of six months and which will make available to the students of our college both the talent of our own professors and that of musicians outside our campus.

The series will be initiated on December 8 with an organ recital by Miss Frances Harris, teacher of piano at Otterbein; and on January 6, Prof. A. R. Spessard, head of the voice department, will present a voice recital.

The presentation of Otto and Ethel Leuning from February 3 to 5 will bring outside musical artists to our campus. Otto Leuning is Head of Music at Bennington College. Born in Wisconsin 40 years ago, educated in Europe, he is a musician of wide attainments—conductor of the American Opera Company and more recently of the New York Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra; composer of the opera

“Evangeline” (while under a Guggenheim fellowship); and of many songs and instrumental pieces; writer on musical subjects, etc. Mr. Leuning is a pianist and flutist, prominent among contemporary American musicians. Ethel Leuning, his wife, who teaches singing at Bennington, is a Canadian lyric soprano. During the past 11 years she has played leading roles with the American Opera, the Cincinnati Opera; has appeared as soloist with Pro Musica, and the League of Composers; has broadcast often over the NBC networks and toured in concert and light opera throughout the United States and Canada. Together Otto and Ethel have given many concerts here and abroad.

On March 13, Prof. L. L. Shackson, director of the public school music work of the college, will present a lecture recital. The final concert will be a violin recital by Mrs. Mabel Dunn Hopkins, head of the violin department and Miss Esther Forristall, director of the new music school preparatory course.

NEWS OF THE MONTH

Stanley Ross, '16, who is completing his 24th year as president of Wayland Junior College at Beaver Dam, Wisconsin, visited our campus on October 17, and was guest chapel speaker for that day. Mr. Ross, who was president of the class of 1916 wishes to remind the members of that class that they will be celebrating their 25th reunion at commencement time this year.

Mr. Kenneth M. Holland, '35, was appointed director of the Orpheus Club of Toledo at the annual dinner and election meeting of the musical organization on June 12. Mr. Holland, director of music at Plymouth Congregational Church, has been musical director at Libbey High School since 1937.

Miss Marian Trevor, '37, is now attending Carnegie Tech Library School at Pittsburg, Pennsylvania.

Otterbein was well represented at the Willkie notification ceremonies at Elwood, Indiana by Robert Lane, '33, Byron Harter, '34, Norma E. Schuesselin, '36, and Dr. Conrad Clippinger.

Miss Maxine French, *ex*'36, is now substituting for Dr. Nelson, critic teacher at the State Normal School, Oneonta, N. Y., and has fourth grade and student teachers. She is also helping to teach an extension course in reading problems.

Mrs. Millard F. Fuller (Cleora Christopher *ex*'26) is now living in Lakewood, Ohio. The Fullers came to Cleveland from Chicago a little over three and a half years ago.

Mr. Earl R. Hoover, '26, managed the Cleveland Campaign of Gilbert Bettman who was elected a Judge of the Ohio Supreme Court. Mr. Bettman is the former Attorney General of Ohio under whom Mr. Hoover served as Assistant Attorney General.

Preceding the conference on November 12, the Columbus Academy of Medicine elevated nine members to honorary membership to succeed the only three late members who ever held the posts. All of the Columbus men honored were cited for outstanding accomplishments in the field of medicine. Dr. Andrew J. Timberman, '87, was one of the nine men elevated.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Samuels, '33, (Olive Shisler, '31) are now living in West Jefferson. Mr. Samuels, who formerly taught at Croton High School, is teaching at Lilly Chapel High School.

Although the news did not reach our office in time to be included with the other new positions of the class of '40, we were glad to hear of William "Sticks" Henry's new position with Republic Steel Company in Canton.

LARGE HOMECOMING CROWD WITNESSES DEDICATION

On October 12, the campus of Otterbein was a scene of festivity as new and old grads alike gathered to celebrate one of the finest Homecomings in the history of the college.

In addition to the traditional coronation ceremonies, luncheons, and banquets, there was also the dedication of our new athletic field by Dr. J. R. Howe, Mr. Homer

Kline, Dr. T. E. Newell, and representatives of the Varsity O Association. The dedication was climaxed by the burying of a strong box containing the contracts for the work on the new field, the program of events of the dedication, etc. With this dedication, Otterbein looks forward to that day when she will have her own stadium as was expressed in Dr. Howe's dedicatory remarks.



PICTURE OF THE DEDICATION

Left to right:—Dr. J. R. Howe, President; Mr. Homer B. Kline, Chairman of the Board of Trustees; Dr. T. E. Newell, Alumni President; Queen Betty Anglemeyer and her court (Miss Anglemeyer holding flowers) and Mr. Harold Augspurgen, President of Varsity O.

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Little Otterbeiners

The class of 1960 boasts five new members to date. They are Robert Franklin Zech, born to Rev. and Mrs. Harry Zech (Edna Smith, '33) at Chambersburg, Pa., on October 29; Ellen Margaret Kemp, whose arrival on October 2 is being announced by her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Kemp (Margaret Norris, '26); the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. Louis Weinland, Jr., '30, in Dayton on Sept. 25; Gordon Elliott Wolfe, born to Prof. and Mrs. R. M. Wolfe in Columbus on November 3; Jerry Eldon Reitz, the new son born to Mr. and Mrs. C. E. Reitz (Frances Riegle, '35) on October 12 at Arcanum; and Virginia Anne Kane, who arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Hugh Kane, Jr., '40, Avon Lake, Ohio, on October 7. Mr. Kane recently had a promotion and is now District Supervisor of Circulation for *The Cleveland Plain Dealer*.

Are you directing some student to Otterbein for his higher education?

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

Cupid's Column

Although the marriage department of the "Towers" was not quite as busy this month as usual, news has come of the marriage of Wilbur Morrison; '34, to Miss Jeanne Thompson of Columbus on July 20 in the West Park Church, Columbus; of Jessie Clymer, ex-'34, and Edgar Bagley, '30, Mr. Bagley is teaching in Orange High School; and of Miss Virginia Brown, '40, of Centerville to Mr. Harley Learish, '39, of Johnstown, Pa., at the home of President Emeritus W. G. Clippinger, on October 11.

Enrollment Statistics

The enrollment of Otterbein continues to be far in advance of last year's as the fall program gets under way. The enrollment figure as recorded on October 30 was 499 as compared to 438 last fall. Of this number 249 are boys and 205 are girls. The balance of the Freshman class is not quite as close as that of the rest of the college; for here there are 110 boys as compared to 58 girls.

There has also been a striking increase in the membership of the music department of the college which boasts an enrollment of 152. This is approximately 25 over last year.

From all appearances, the year of 1940-41 seems to be one of the best Otterbein has ever experienced, and with the continued improvements which are going forward the College is looking toward a great future.