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# OTTERBEIN TOWERS



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## *Westminster Choir Visits Campus*

John Finley Williamson, '11, Director

The Westminster Choir, composed of graduates and students of the Westminster Choir College of Princeton, N. J., returning from its first transcontinental tour, stopped to pay homage to the Alma Mater of its director, Dr. John Finley Williamson.

The students, faculty, and friends of Otterbein College, as they gathered in a special Chapel Assembly on Monday morning, February 26, were thrilled by the choral singing of this brilliant choir. This is the second time that Dr. Williamson has honored Otterbein by presenting his celebrated organization in a concert within her halls.

Dr. Williamson was born in Canton, Ohio. He attended Otterbein College and was graduated from the College of Music in 1911. Mrs.

Williamson (nee Rhea B. Parlette) also graduated from Otterbein in 1911. An unusually fine baritone voice indicated clearly Dr. Williamson's future career, but a throat operation left his singing so impaired that a vocal career seemed impossible. With rare courage, he turned to choral directing and took charge of the choir of a small church in Dayton, Ohio. Soon he was offered the post of choir director of the Westminster Presbyterian Church in Dayton. The Westminster Choir College of Princeton and the Westminster Choir of today have developed from the Dayton Choir. Of course, the personnel has changed and at present it represents 41 of the best trained a capella singers now before the public. European critics have called them "American symphonic singers."

## SALUTING

Dr. George W. White, professor of Geology and head of the department at the University of New Hampshire, who has been appointed acting dean of the graduate school for the second semester, 1939-40, and for the 1940 summer session during the sabbatical leave of graduate dean H. L. Slobin. Dr. White has been secretary of the graduate faculty.

Dr. White was recently elected a fellow of the Geological Society of America. He is president of the New Hampshire Academy of Science and is the New Hampshire representative of the mineral resources of the New England Council. His research on glacial geology of Ohio, which has been his main research interest during the past few years, has led to his appointment to the new National Research Council Committee on the Glacial map of the U. S.

## Education Day Statistics . . .

Education Day has been observed in our churches for the past several Sundays. The following interesting statistics show the cooperation which the publicity department of the College has given to the churches.

Number of churches visited—38

Professors and special speakers—12.

Number of students participating—31.

Most distant points—Detroit, Mich.; Rixford, Penn.; E. Pittsburgh, Penn.

## NEWS OF THE MONTH

### First Call for Class Reunions . . .

Mr. C. M. (Jack) Arnold, class of 1915, now Scout Executive in Illinois, writes that he is planning to be here on Alumni Day, June 8. We agree with Mr. Arnold that this would be a splendid time for the class of '15 to have a reunion. How about it, "fifteeners," this is your "silver anniversary?"

### Travelogue . . .

Dr. T. E. Newell, '23, took pictures in Honduras while on a cruise through the Carribean.

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Grace Hill Staacke, '23, is making a business trip with her husband through South America for the Goodrich Rubber Company. They will be gone probably six months.

### Stork-o-grams . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Melvin Laub (nee Margaret Widdoes, '26) happily announce the arrival of Bert Allen on January 9.

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Mr. and Mrs. Gordon Shaw announced (via radio) the arrival of Donald Gordon on February 9. Mr. Shaw, a graduate of the class of '35, has just completed his fifth year with WLW.

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Rev. Paul Frees, '35, reports the November 24th arrival of David Paul Frees.

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# "HAVE YOU A JOB"

Of all the things that go a long way around Westerville, a silver quarter is just about "champ." Three of them buy a day's three meals; one of them a day's lodging; four of them a day's tuition. Having or not having eight of them a day means the difference between having and not having a college education.

Parents of many students can supply only a part of the money to finance a college education. These students can enroll or remain in Otterbein only if they have the opportunity through summer work to earn the remainder. Having or not having a summer job means the difference between being and not being in Otterbein.

Here, you can play a life-saving role. Jobs don't grow on trees, but they do grow—in business and industry, and certain people do control their disposition. In two ways you can be the means of giving to an Otterbein student, that vital, career-saving, summer job. *First*, many of you have direct control of jobs because you own businesses and employ people, or because you are business officials, managers, superintendents, foremen, personnel directors of members of boards of directors. *Second*, although many of you are not in direct positions of job control, you do have class friends, relatives, patients, clients, or parishioners who control jobs, and they would make a job or two available to Otterbein students if you asked them.

Your Alumni Association is launching a program to provide summer jobs. Your help is needed. If you are in a direct position of job control, will you write to the Alumni Association now in care of the College, and assure us that you will hire an Otterbein student or two for the coming summer? If you are not in direct control of jobs, will you give us your encouragement by writing now that you will contact your friends, relatives, patients, clients or parishioners who do control jobs, and make an effort through them to secure summer work?

In this you serve Otterbein. You also help to provide a future for some youth who otherwise will not have one. Act now!

EARL R. HOOVER,  
*President, Alumni Assn.*

## WORK NOTES

We wish to thank all of you for your cooperation in tuning-in on our recent broadcast, and especially to thank those of you who wrote us your comments.

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The Alumni Office is happy to announce the purchase of a new addressograph. Please send in your correct address so we can have accurate information before making up the plates.

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The long-promised Special Towers will soon be in your hands. Watch for it!

# **Otterbein Towers**

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## **News of the Month**

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Dr. Francis Bundy, '31, and Mrs. Hazel Forwood Bundy, '34, are proud to present Suzanne Victoria, born November 30, 1939.

## **General Items . . .**

Miss Anna Peters and Miss Dorothy Steiner, both of '39, are doing graduate work at the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing of Western Reserve University, Cleveland.

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Mr. Paul Capehart, class of '34, is now attending the Dallas, Texas Theological Seminary.

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Mr. William B. Cook, '39, now attends the Graduate School in Bacteriology at Ohio State.

## **Best Wishes . . .**

Miss Nina Bartels, class of 1899, became the bride of Mr. Grover W. Lochner of Dayton. The wedding ceremony took place at the Presbyterian Church in Westerville, Ohio, on December 30, 1939.

## **SPRING SPORT SCHEDULE**

### **BASEBALL**

Saturday, April 13—Oberlin  
Thursday, April 18—Capital  
Monday, April 22—at Denison  
Wednesday, April 24—at Wooster  
Friday, April 26—at Kenyon  
Tuesday, April 30—at Capital  
Saturday, May 4—Kenyon  
Thursday, May 9—at Heidelberg  
Saturday, May 11—Marietta  
Friday, May 17—Denison  
Tuesday, May 21—at Oberlin  
Thursday, May 23—Wittenberg  
Tuesday, May 28—at Muskingum  
Friday, May 31—at Ashland

### **TRACK**

Saturday, April 20—Cedarville  
Saturday, April 27—Kenyon  
Tuesday, May 14—at Wittenberg  
Saturday, May 18 — Triangular  
meet — Otterbein, Wittenberg,  
and Findlay at Findlay  
May 24 and 25—Ohio Conference  
Meet at Bowling Green

### **TENNIS**

Friday, April 19—at Denison  
Monday, April 22—at Wittenberg  
Thursday, April 25—Muskingum  
Monday, April 29—at Capital  
Wednesday, May 1—Denison  
Wednesday, May 8—Wittenberg  
Friday, May 17—at Wooster  
Tuesday, May 21—at Muskingum  
Monday, May 27—Wooster

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