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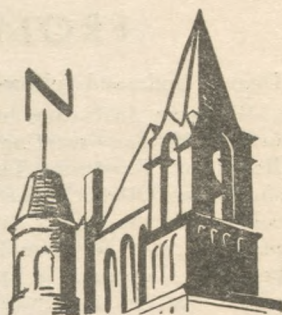
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Otterbein on the Air February 12

Mutual Coast-to-Coast Network Carries Program

Franklin D. Roosevelt doesn't have a thing on J. R. Howe. If the President of the United States can have a fireside chat with his constituency, so can the President of Otterbein College.

On Monday, February 12, from 3:30 to 4:00 p.m., approximately seventy-five to eighty radio stations of the Mutual Broadcasting Company will bring you the voices of "J.R.," Professor Troop, and the united Men and Women's Glee Clubs. They will be singing and speaking from the little chapel beneath the towers—that same little chapel where you met your best girl, wrote your best letter, and listened to some of the best inspirational messages you have ever been privileged to hear.

For a half hour Otterbein alumni all over the country, from Maine to California, will be communing

in spirit through their representatives back in Westerville. You will be shaking hands across the miles with classmates living far and near. Dust mops will be set aside, business matters will be postponed, car radios will be tuned in as all minds focus on the little college we all love.

Try to arrange with other members of your local group to listen to the program together—perhaps in your home, or at some centrally located place. Sit down and write to a few neglected Otterbein friends and tell them you will be thinking of them as the program is presented.

On Monday, February 12, through the medium of the radio, Otterbein and her alumni group will be rededicated to each other. She will be speaking to you. Won't you please listen in?

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear friends and fellow-alumni:

We have just come out of the first mid-year meeting of our Board of Trustees. The reports show that Otterbein leads all the colleges of the Ohio Conference in percentage of increase in student body for the year. In spite of the added cost of a number of new and forward-looking features in our program, the financial figures indicate an improvement of \$2,684.65 over the report of this date last year, with every prospect that the budget will show a surplus in June for the first time in several years.

Judging by present indications, our next year's class will considerably exceed the present record-breaking freshman class. In that case we shall have a major problem in housing girl students. Our dormitory facilities are more than exhausted at the present time with some girls rooming out in town who will not return unless they can have dormitory rooms another year. With only 31 senior girls to graduate in June we shall certainly have more than fifty girls next fall for whom we have no accommodations.

This fact led the Trustees to approve plans for a new girls' dormitory to be erected on the large lot east of Cochran Hall. Mr. W. F. Hutchinson, a member of our Executive Committee, has agreed to give the first \$5,000 and secure the last \$5,000 toward a \$100,000 completely modern dor-

mitory to accommodate about eighty girls and to be ready for occupancy next September. The plans would permit later enlargement into a complete quadrangle if conditions require.

It is the purpose of the Trustees to seek out twenty individuals or groups who can and will give \$5,000 each to consummate this great forward step for the college. There will be no public campaign nor solicitation. We are counting on our friends who have means, to help us mark up this victory in the onward march of our beloved Otterbein. There are wonderful possibilities ahead for our alma mater if we will buy up the opportunity that waits for us in the expanding program that lies ahead.

The Trustees provided for advances in our teaching program, in physical education and athletics, in our college Health Service and in other features of our work. The thing which our budget cannot provide for and which is imperatively needed is dormitory facilities for the growing number of students that are waiting to enroll at Otterbein. I believe we shall have more than five hundred students next year if we can house them. The additional boys can be cared for in nearby homes. For the girls we must have dormitory accommodation. This is my appeal to you as alumni and friends of Otterbein to suggest to us names of those who can be interested in

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NEWS OF THE MONTH

General Items . . .

Dr. Lawrence E. Hicks of the class of '28 was recently elected president of the Wilson Ornithological Society at their 51st annual meeting held in Louisville, Ky.

John M. Cook, class of '36, has accepted an internship in the University Hospitals, Cleveland, following his graduation from the school of medicine of Western Reserve University.

Miss Alice Carter, '39, has accepted a position of teacher of public school music at Summerfield, Ohio.

A recent word of Robert Hanson, '37, informs us that he is now announcing and doing script writing for radio station WTMJ of Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

Congratulations are again in order to Mr. Earl R. Hoover, our alumni president, on his outstanding accomplishment of securing 1206 applications for membership to the Ohio State Bar Association. Mr. Hoover was commended in the American Bar Association Journal for December.

Miss Dorothy Hanson, '33, has been the recent recipient of a Master's Degree in Speech from Ohio State University.

Mr. Keith Hoover, '33, has received his M.S. degree in Chemical Engineering from Ohio State University.

Dr. Floyd C. Bealman, of the class of '25, who has served for the last three years as health of-

ficer for Sedgwick County, Kansas, recently resigned to accept the position of director of the Division of Tuberculosis Control for the Kansas State Board of Health.

Wedding "Belles" . . .

Miss Doris Blackwood became the December bride of Mr. Ralph Ernsberger of the class of '39. Miss Blackwood had attended Otterbein for the past two years.

The many friends of Miss Esther Nichols, '30, will be happy to hear of her recent marriage to Mr. Patsy Difloure of Dayton, Ohio.

Congratulations and best wishes are in order to Miss Rosa Swezey and Mr. William Holzworth, who exchanged vows at the home of the bride in Canton, Ohio, on December 23. Both Mr. and Mrs. Holzworth are recent students from Otterbein, Mrs. Holzworth being a graduate of the school of music in '38.

A news item from Coshocton announces the marriage of Miss Edna Ione Hothem to Mr. Edwin J. Booth of Newcomerstown. Mr. Booth is an Otterbein graduate of the class of '36.

Stork News . . .

Mr. and Mrs. Paul Eshler announce the arrival of a son on December 10. Mrs. Zuma Heestand Eshler was a member of the class of '30.

Mr. and Mrs. Tim Newell of Kirkwood, Missouri, announce the

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arrival of Jane Marie on December 10. Mr. Newell is a former student of Otterbein.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Morrison of Bonebrake Seminary announce the arrival of Robert Bruce on November 10. Mrs. Gladys Frees Morrison graduated in 1933 and Mr. Morrison in 1939.

Alumni Deaths . . .

William R. Rhoades, '96, passed away at his home at Washington, D. C., on December 22.

Robert E. Kunkle of Piqua, Ohio, a member of the staff of Memorial Hospital, passed away last August 2. Mr. Kunkle attended Otterbein in 1898.

Mrs. William W. Moses, of Westerville, Ohio, who died Wednesday, January 10, in Grant Hospital, Columbus, was a member of Otterbein's class of 1888.

Although she was not a graduate of Otterbein, the many friends of Mrs. Howard Hyde Russell of Westerville, Ohio, will regret to hear of her passing on December 21 at the age of 78 years.

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

From the President

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investing \$5,000 or more in the training of the fine generation of young men and women who are anxious for education at Otterbein. The income from the dormitory is to be used for scholarships to worthy students. May I hear from you soon in this splendid undertaking? Perhaps your church or group of alumni can sponsor a \$5,000 share. We must move rapidly, for our time is short. Your college is counting on your help in this hour of opportunity.

Cordially and sincerely yours,

J. RUSKIN HOWE,

President

Winter Homecoming . . .

The weeks and months have gone quickly and again we are writing to urge that you place the old school on your calendar for a visit. Saturday, February 3, has been designated as winter homecoming for this year. A basketball game with Bowling Green followed by the usual sorority and fraternity sessions will feature the day. This is your personal invitation to be present. We'll be looking for you.

Special Towers . . .

We regret that unusual circumstances have forced us to postpone the publishing of our special Towers until next month.