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May Day Activities To Be May 9th

Theme is "Education For Democracy"

THE Queen . . . her court . . . the play . . . the old class-mates . . . May Morning Breakfast . . . we turn our thoughts again to the annual May Day celebration which has been moved up from the customary first week-end in May to May 9 so that the festivities may be held out-of-doors in keeping with the traditions of the day.

Plans are going forward to have the program this year in the band shell at the Municipal Park.

Festivities will be presided over by Helen Boyer, who was chosen to be Queen at the student election held last week. Her Court will be composed of Betty Cook, acting as Maid of Honor, Jewell Turner and Betty Orr, attendants.

Helen, blonde beauty who will succeed Ruthanna Shuck Robertson to the throne, is a Junior majoring in biology and chemistry preparatory to entering the Nursing School of Western Reserve University. A member of Talisman sorority, Helen has been active in campus activities. She is a member of Y.W.C.A., W.R.A., and Sigma Zeta Science Club.

"Cookie," the Maid of Honor, is majoring in English and speech. She is a member of the Student Council, the Campus Council, Cap and Dagger, Women's Glee Club, and president of Y.W.C.A. She is one of "Arbuties," and will be remembered as Rose in the Homecoming play "Abie's Irish Rose."



BETTY COOK
Maid of Honor

HELEN BOYER
Queen



MAYPOLE DANCE

Jewell Turner is a transfer from Shenandoah College and is a member of the Owl sorority. Her campus activities include Choral Union and Y.W.C.A.

Betty Orr is a member of Arcady sorority and has been active in W.R.A., Sigma Zeta, Y.W.C.A., Cochran Hall Board and Inter-sorority Council. She is majoring in physical education and biology.

Activities will get under way at 7:30 a.m. with the May Morning Breakfast in Cochran Hall from 7:30 to 9:30. The Coronation is scheduled for 10:00 a.m. in the Band Shell. The athletic events scheduled for the afternoon hours are track meet, 1:00 p.m., tennis match, 2:00 p.m., baseball game, 3:30 p.m. At 7:30 p.m. Cap and Dagger will present "The Barretts."

Professor J. F. Smith has charge of the 10:00 program and promises a great celebration built around the theme "Education For Democracy." Miss Bryant is working with him on folk dances which emphasize this theme in addition to the traditional May Pole Dance. Professor Shackson and Professor Spessard have charge of the music for the day to be presented by the Band and Glee Clubs and in keeping with the chosen theme.

Plan now to bring your family and friends to participate in a great day of fun and reunion!

Commencement To Be June 1

Dr. Charles Kettering To Be Guest Speaker



DR. C. F. KETTERING

THE 86th annual Commencement of Otterbein College will take place on Monday, June 1. Alumni who are planning to return for this weekend should take special note of the date since it is two weeks earlier than previous years. This arrangement was made in light of the present emergency and the summer session which begins on June 9. Alumni Day, as usual, will be the preceding Saturday, May 30.

Dr. Charles Kettering, Vice-President and Director of General Motors Corporation and General Director of the General Motors Research Laboratory, will be the guest speaker at the Commencement exercises. Dr. Kettering, an inventor and manufacturer, received his early education at Loudenville High School before attending Wooster Ohio Normal School and the Ohio State University. He is recognized for his help in the organization of the Dayton Engineering Laboratories Company (Delco) with headquarters at Dayton, as well as for his many inventions including the Delco starting, lighting and ignition system for automobiles which today is being used all over the world and the Delco Light farm lighting system. Dr. Kettering is associated with many industries and manufacturing concerns and has received a score of honorary titles and degrees.

The senior class this year will number about 52

members despite the heavy toll which was taken from the enrollment of this class by the selective service, defense positions, etc.

MAY DAY PLAY "THE BARRETTS"

Bette Greene Has Lead

The play which Professor Smith has selected for presentation on May Day is "The Barretts," well-known story of the love affair of Elizabeth Barrett and Robert Browning written by Marjorie Carleton. The play, which is taken almost entirely from the letters of the two lovers, at its first performance at the University of Washington ran for 48 consecutive nights.

The leading roles are filled by Bette Greene, a senior of Mansfield, Ohio, as Elizabeth; Ivan Innerst, a sophomore from Dayton, and Irving Brown, a sophomore from Arlington, Massachusetts, as Robert Browning and Mr. Barrett, respectively.

The supporting cast includes Mary Jane Brehm, Muriel Winegardner, Ellsworth Statler, Robert Pollock, John Zezech, Leora Ludwick, Betty Woodworth, Jim Duvall and Henrietta Mayne, all experienced players, having taken part in at least one play this year.

The play promises to be up to the usual high standard of Professor Smith's plays and one of the important events of the May Day festivities.



BETTE GREENE



S. O. S. TO ALL ALUMNI!

OTTERBEIN needs your help! By dint of hard labor and loyal support Otterbein has weathered the critical war situation thus far very well. Whereas, a number of colleges have already lost very heavily in their enrollment. Otterbein has almost maintained its fine record of the last three years. Our total registration for the year stands at 501.

During the past three years Otterbein has made great strides in every department of her program. I know you have rejoiced with us in the splendid achievements recorded. But Otterbein, along with all church colleges, faces perilous days. I have never been one to shout calamity. I have had and still have great faith in our college and its future. The splendid recent record has justified that faith. Nevertheless I say frankly to you that these good things cannot continue amid the conditions we shall face the coming year unless *each one of you* is willing to go enthusiastically with us in our hard job.

In spite of the fact that about forty boys who normally would be in Otterbein today are serving with the armed forces, we have been able to keep our enrollment fairly stable. From now on we cannot do that unless you, personally, will help us to interest more young people than ever before in coming to Otterbein. All our boys from twenty years are registered for military service. We shall lose scores of them during the spring and summer. If Otterbein's fine record is to be continued we must have your enthusiastic help *now*.

For the first time in the history of any of our church colleges, we face today at one and the same time a three-fold hazard,—a decreasing student income, deflated interest returns on our endowment and rising prices for all our materials. I am beseeching you, in the interest of our alma mater, to constitute yourself an "emergency committee of one" to do a real job for Otterbein today and in the days ahead.

Will you fill the blank below with names of prospects you know we should get for next September and then help us get them to Otterbein? I believe you will. *It means Otterbein's destiny!* Please be one of those who make a difference for Otterbein in the record of the hard days ahead.

Gratefully yours,

J. RUSKIN HOWE, *President.*

OTTERBEIN PROSPECTS

Recommended by.....

Name..... Address.....

Graduation Date..... H. S. Relationship to you.....

Special Interest (Study).....

Remarks.....

Name..... Address.....

Graduation Date..... H. S. Relationship to you.....

Special Interest (Study).....

Remarks.....

ITEMS FROM THE EDITOR

For lack of a better way of tying together a number of tid-bits of news which you will want to know about, we choose to use the heading above. As a means of breathing into your rooms or office a little of the atmosphere from your College, may we mention some of the things we are doing and saying here on the campus.

One item of great interest to all of us, regretfully accepted by the Otterbein family, was the announcement of the leave of absence granted to Sam Selby, our Athletic Director and Head Coach of football, basketball, and baseball. Uncle Sam called Sam on April 20 to serve as a lieutenant in the Navy's physical training program. We will miss a fine coach and a splendid leader of young men, one who is completing his third and one of Otterbein's most successful seasons in the history of the school. Coach Harry Ewing will assume the position of acting Director of Athletics, and it is understood a new Head Coach of football will be named.

Dr. James H. Weaver, '08 was instantly killed in an automobile accident on April 7. Additional comment on his passing will be carried in the next "Towers."

A din of voices machine-gunning away up in the old literary halls in the evening no longer disturb Mr. Euverard for he, along with the rest of us, has discovered the cause—Otterbein students preparing for the Russell Oratorical Contest, to come off in the near future.

We are still talking about Jump Week, that hectic period on the Otterbein campus when the coeds reverse the order of social practice and ask the boys for dates and pay the bills. Reigning monarch of 1942 was Glenn Riley, blonde stubble-haired sophomore from Springfield, Ohio, who was the lasses choice over "Dimples" Duvall, chubby Middletown freshman.

Scholarship Day came off on April 25 in fine style. We had a fine group of young people with us, probably some from your community, and speaking for the College as a whole, I should like to express our thanks for your cooperation in sending or bringing outstanding high school seniors to our campus on that day. Won't you follow-up with us and see that the interest of those who attended is maintained.



SAM SELBY

One last item we must mention. Otterbein's alumni program is based on democratic principles. You may vote for the officers of your organization if you like; you may pay your dues if you wish. However, no democracy runs efficiently unless those who have the right to vote exercise that right, and no enterprise calling for an expenditure of money can continue unless those who are invited to share in that program contribute their financial support. In the near future, you will receive from this office your ballot for alumni officers and trustees for next year. In the same envelope you will find a statement for your dues for this past and coming year. We earnestly solicit your participation in this our common program. To those of you who cannot or do not care to take a part, remember that this is a democratic program. You are still a part of that democracy and that alumni program should you not care to vote or should you not be able to pay your dues.

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GERALD B. RILEY, *Editor.*

» » » ALUMNI NEWS « « «

•'41 Frank Van Sickle is now working as meteorologist with the Pennsylvania Central Airline at Washington National Airport. He completed the course in meteorology at Boeing School of Aeronautics at Oakland, California, in March.

•'39 Perry Wysong now has a position with the Research Department of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, Columbus, Ohio.

•ex'37 Bradford O. Blair graduated from the State of Ohio Highway Patrol School on April 1 and is now stationed at Findlay, Ohio.

•'36 John Eversole will graduate from the Evangelical Theological Seminary, Naperville, Illinois, on May 4.

•ex'16 Dr. F. A. McClure was one of two educators, formerly of China, now living in Washington, who were awarded John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Foundation Fellowships. He is on leave from the University of Lingnan, Canton, China, and will prepare a series of articles on various kinds of Chinese bamboo of which he made a study while in China. While in China he was an "agricultural explorer" of the Division of Plant Exploration and Introduction of the United States Department of Agriculture.

•ex'77 We extend deepest sympathy to the family of Mr. John Zuber who passed away on Feb. 2.

It was with deep regret that we learned of the death of Mrs. C. E. Ashcraft on March 23. Although Mrs. Ashcraft was an alumna of York College, she has always been closely associated with the Otterbein family through her children Dwight and Elaine (Mrs. Robert Holmes, '35). Doctor Ashcraft is Dean of Bonebrake Theological Seminary in Dayton.

MARRIAGES

Graduates who have chosen the Spring months for their weddings are Nathalie Noyes, '41, who became the bride of William Thomas of Dayton on April 11. The wedding took place at the First U. B. Church of that city and assisting in the ceremony was Rudy Thomas, '43, a brother of the groom; Edward Newton, '40, son of Dr. and Mrs. H. M. Newton (Anna Baker, '98) who was married to Dorothy Messmer of Westerville on March 28. Mr. Newton is associated with the Carbide Carbon Chemical Corporation, Charleston, West

Virginia; Rita Kohlepp, '41, who became the bride of Donald Hanawalt, '40, on March 21. They were married by Rev. J. Stuart Innerst, Dayton, Ohio; Sara Kathryn Kelser, '37, whose marriage to L. William Steck, '37, was an event of Easter Sunday at the Presbyterian Church, Westerville; Charles Bridwell, '42, who was married to Roberta Burger on Easter Sunday in the Willow Presbyterian Church, Joliet, Illinois; Leonard R. Griffith, '38, announces that he was married to Harriet F. Amberman of Freeport, New York on November 29.

"OTTERBABIES"

Newcomers to the Otterbein family are John Stephen Robv, who was born to Rev. and Mrs. Paul M. Roby, '27 (Margaret Tryon, '27) on March 28, and Freda Mae Bundy, whose arrival on April 2 is being announced by her parents Dr. and Mrs. Francis Bundy, '31, (Hazel Forewood, '34).

WITH THE ARMY

With 62 Otterbein fellows now serving in the armed forces, this column becomes increasingly important as we try to let the alumni know the whereabouts of these boys so that they may keep in touch with them. This month we find Bill Johns '42, stationed at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas. John Ruyan, ex '44, is another new private, stationed at Fort Bragg, North Carolina. Bob Cornell, ex'42, is at Camp Blanding, Florida. When John McGee, '38, was inducted, "Marta" returned to Dayton where she is accountant with the Aero Tool Company. John is stationed at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri. Harold McBride, ex'43, was sent to Camp Barkeley, Texas after his induction. Charles F. Kincaid, ex'43, is now a corporal stationed at Fort Monmouth, Red Bank, New Jersey. Bob Waites, '41, has been transferred again; this time from Dorr Field, Arcadia, Florida, to Shaw Field, Sumter, S. C. Bob, as you know, is an Aviation Cadet. We had a card from Bill Underwood's mother this week and she tells us that Bill has been transferred from Maxwell Field, Alabama, to Carlstrom Field, Arcadia, Florida. Harry O. Weaston, Jr., ex'35, is a "commuter" between Fort Knox, Kentucky, and Westerville, Ohio. Fred Long, ex'42 has completed his officer's training course and is now a Second Lieutenant stationed at Fort Benning, Georgia.

ALUMNI RECORD

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

WESTERVILLE, OHIO

Name _____
(Last) (First) (Middle)

If Married Woman Give Also
Maiden Name in Full _____

Residence Address _____

Present Occupation or Profession _____
(Title If Any)

Business Address _____
(Firm's Name—Street and Number)

(Please check address to which you want your Otterbein mail sent) Res _____ Office _____

Names and Addresses of Two Persons Who
Will Always Have Your Correct Address _____

FAMILY RECORD

Wife's Maiden Name in Full _____ Yr. _____
(If she attended Otterbein, give year of graduation or withdrawal)

or
Husband's Name in Full _____ Yr. _____
(If he attended Otterbein, give year of graduation or withdrawal)

Names of Relatives Who Have Attended or Who Are Attending Otterbein _____

Children _____
(Names and Dates of Birth)

Would You Be Willing to Be Named to Prospective
Students as an Otterbein Representative? Yes _____ No _____

Fill Out and Return to: ALUMNI RECORDS OFFICE,
OTTERBEIN COLLEGE,
WESTERVILLE, OHIO.

EDUCATIONAL RECORD

Degree(s) from Otterbein _____ Year(s) _____
(If former student, give year you would have graduated)

Degree(s) from Other Colleges _____
or Universities _____ (Institution) _____ (Year) _____ (Degree) _____

If no Degree, List Work Done in Other Colleges _____

Graduate Honors and Honorary Degree(s) _____
(Institution) _____ (Honor or Degree) _____

PUBLIC RECORD

Public Appointments or Official Positions Held _____

Inventions, Books, Monographs, or Scholarly Publications _____
(Date, Title, and Publication) _____

Membership and Services in Educational, Social, Religious, Political or Business
Organizations (Mention Offices Held) _____

MISCELLANEOUS