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Commencement Issue



DR. CHARLES F. KETTERING
Commencement Speaker

OTTERBEIN COLLEGE

*Ninety-fifth Anniversary
Eighty-sixth Commencement*

PROGRAM OF EVENTS

1942

FRIDAY, MAY 29

- 11:30 A.M.—Senior Class Day Program
- 1:30 P.M.—Meeting of Board of Trustees
- 5:00 P.M.—Phi Sigma Iota Dinner
- 8:00 P.M.—Reception by President and Mrs. Howe for Senior Class and friends
—Cochran Hall

SATURDAY, MAY 30

ALUMNI DAY

- 8:00 A.M.—Quiz and Quill Breakfast
- 9:00 A.M.—Meeting of Board of Trustees
- 12:00 M. —Class Reunions
- 3:00 P.M.—Women's Tea—Association Building
- 3:00 P.M.—Meeting of Alumni Council
- 5:30 P.M.—Alumni Dinner—United Brethren Church

SUNDAY, MAY 24, THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 31

Exhibit, Department of Fine Arts—Association Building

SUNDAY, MAY 31

- 10:45 A.M.—Baccalaureate Service. Sermon by Rev. B. S. Arnold, D.D. Subject—
“God Within the Shadow”
- 3:00 P.M.—Concert by Department of Music—College Chapel

MONDAY, JUNE 1

- 10:00 A.M.—Eighty-Sixth Annual Commencement. Speaker, Dr. Charles Franklin Kettering, General Manager, Research Laboratories Division of General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan. Subject—“The Value of Education in This Changing World”

COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

Well Known Industrialist to Address Seniors

AS A BUSY year of school activities draws to a close we turn our thoughts again to Commencement week-end, one of the busiest events in the Otterbein school year. This class, the 86th to be graduated from Otterbein since its founding in 1847, goes forth from college to take its place in a world of change and turmoil. In the words of the President of the country, they are going out in a time of which it is said "never before have we had so little time in which to do so much."

The man who will be the Commencement speaker, Dr. Charles Franklin Kettering, is not only one who will bring words of wisdom and advice to the class from a wealth of experience in the industrial world, but he is also one who will inspire all who gather for this event with his ideas on "The Value of Education in This Changing World." Doctor Kettering, as it was announced in the last issue of "Towers" is General Manager of the Research Laboratories Division of General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan. In addition to his duties with this corporation, he is chairman of the National Inventors' Council to Encourage War Time Inventions. Doctor Kettering characterizes himself as a "monkey-wrench" scientist who goes at things in an inquisitive manner to discover the cause of the problem and works from there to a solution. He works with the typical inventive spirit, spending long hours reaching the heart of a problem. In the early days of his career, when

working on such inventions as the delco starting, lighting and ignition system, he was familiarly known to his associates as "boss" Kettering and will long be remembered for the loyalty he inspires in his fellow workers.

A full program of events of the Commencement week-end will be found on page 2 of this issue. We would like to call to your attention here, however, one outstanding event which is anticipated from year to year. We refer to the annual Alumni Banquet which is scheduled for 5:30 p. m. at the United Brethren Church. The program, as it now stands, is planned around the classes that are celebrating five year reunions this year. Short talks will be given by representatives of the classes of 1897, celebrating its 50th anniversary, 1917, observing its silver anniversary, and representatives of other 'five-year' classes. Alumni are requested to gather upstairs in the church at 5:30 p. m. for a half hour of fellowship and singing after which they will go to the banquet room at 6:00 p. m. Tables will be by classes as in other years and special recognition will be given to those returning from the far corners of the globe to join in this time of reunion and fellowship.

The familiar roll call by classes will be especially significant as we welcome such alumni as Dr. F. M. Pottenger of Monrovia, California, Mrs. James A. Brown of Spokane, Washington and others who will be returning to the campus for the first time in many years to join in special class anniversaries.

REMEMBER — RESERVE MAY 30-JUNE 1 FOR THE REUNIONS, THE BANQUET, AND COMMENCEMENT.

CLASS REUNIONS

FIVE YEAR ANNIVERSARIES CELEBRATED

In spite of the yellow fever raging to the East and the Hitler plague in Europe, Otterbein will have its finest program of class reunions in years on Commencement weekend, May 30 to June 1. This year we have attempted to especially emphasize five year reunions, and the responses of classes involved have been immediate and enthusiastic. The whole Otterbein family will pause to salute the class of '92, who are assembling this year for their 50th anniversary reunion. Seven of the nine living members have already assured the local committee of their presence, one of whom, Dr. F. M. Pottenger, is coming all the way from California to be present. Two classes are taking this occasion to present substantial gifts to the College, formal announcement of which will be made at a later date. Several classes in addition to the five-year groups are planning special reunions, and of course we will all mingle together in one grand festive program at the alumni banquet on Saturday, May 30. In your letter which you received from this office we urged you to come back for one of Otterbein's finest Commencements. The presence of Dr. Charles F. Kettering as our Commencement speaker and the enthusiasm with which classes have responded to the reunion program assures you that a number of class-mates and Otterbein friends will be here looking for a chance to shake your hand and hash over old times. Don't fail us if you can possibly help it. A statement of reunions for which plans have been made to date and the committees which are working on arrangements follows:

- 1932—Committee: Bob Copeland, Everett Whipkey, Ernestine Little Lenahan; Reunion: Breakfast, Monday, June 1—time and place announced in letter to class members.
- 1927—Committee: Jimmie Phillips, Wayne Harsha, Mary Bennett Green, J. Neely Boyer; Reunion: Luncheon picnic—time and place announced in letter to class.
- 1926—Committee: Don Phillips, Viola Priest Menke; Reunion: Announcement is being made to members of the class by a letter.

- 1907—Committee: Dr. E. W. E. Schear, Mary Weinland, Esther Lambert Hursh will be on hand to greet those who return.
- 1902—Committee: Arrangements are being handled by Mrs. F. O. Clements; Reunion: Luncheon 12:30 p.m. Saturday, May 30 at the home of Mrs. F. O. Clements.
- 1897—Committee: Nellie Snively Mumma, Ada Markley Lutz, Lewis Walter Lutz; Reunion: Luncheon 12:30 p.m., Saturday, May 30—Meet in front of the Administration Building where announcement of the place will be made.
- 1892—Committee: Leona Scott, Mattie Bender Kumler, J. B. Bovey; Reunion: Noon or afternoon get-together, Sunday, May 31—Announcement to the class will be made through a letter.
- 1922—Committee: Benjamin Carlson, Maurice Collins, Harriett Hays, Mrs. R. F. Martin; Reunion: Announcement to class will follow.
- 1917—Committee: Vernon Phillips, Ethel Meyers Gifford, Marion Elliott Barnhart; Reunion: Announcement to class will follow.
- 1912—Committee: Homer Lambert, President of class, Ralph Smith, Beulah Demorest Ernsberger; Reunion: Announcement to class to follow.

Births

- Latest additions to the Otterbein family include Marie Jeanette Shower, born to Mr. and Mrs. Charles G. Shower (Freda Marie Kirts, '27) on January 16; Marilyn Ann and Wayne Elroy Babler, Jr. whose arrival on April 29 is being announced by their parents Mr. and Mrs. Wayne Babler, ex'33; Muriel Lee Markle, whose arrival on February 17 is being announced by her parents Mr. and Mrs. Henry Markle (Ruby Cogan, '36); Albert Lyon Harris, born to Mr. and Mrs. Sol Harris, '28, (Adda Lyon, '26) on April 19; Mr. and Mrs. Harris live in Clarion, Pa., where Mr. Harris practices law; James Altman Oppy, whose arrival on April 13 is being announced by his

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ITEMS FROM THE EDITOR

AGAIN we take the chance of having you turn the page quickly by inserting the above heading. Everything is hurry and flurry around the campus these days. We are still talking about May Day and the superior program which we had on that occasion. Everybody had a seat this year as the program was held within and adjacent to the shell in the Municipal Park just back of King Hall. The sun shown brightly, the queens were beautiful, and the program was different and excellent. This year the glee clubs both separately and united as a concert choir paid homage to the queen and her court with their music. The folk dances were clever and less numerous and the program was completed within an hour and fifteen minutes. If you were back for May Day we know you will be here again next year. If you weren't, come in '43 and witness for yourself another forward step by the old school in the way of entertainment.

We are all speaking quite proudly of the new honors that have come to our college newspaper the Tan and Cardinal at the annual Ohio College Newspaper Association convention held at the University of Toledo on April 22-24. Our T. and C. was judged the second best bi-weekly college newspaper in the State. A certificate was also awarded to Irving Brown, one of the staff, for the second best feature story appearing in any Ohio college newspaper for the school year 1941-42. Brown's feature was written on Benjamin Hanby.

The Quiz and Quill has just come off the press, and take it from us it is one of the very best. Those of you who are alumni members will of course get your copy, but to the rest of you, less talented in the past, but still interested in good prose and poetry we recommend that you write Professor Altman and make the purchase of a copy.

Don't forget that we are having summer school on the campus beginning June 9. In a recent issue we suggested that there might be a number among our alumni who by taking a few hours could qualify to teach in an additional field in their respective schools. If you are interested in a program such as this, won't you let us know so we can acquaint you with the courses to

be offered. It would be fun studying on the old campus again wouldn't it?

In the last copy of your "Towers" we included an alumni information blank to be filled out by you and returned to us. With your cooperation we can build here a finer and more intelligent program for you. With this information which you can send us we can establish a more efficient and more satisfactory program of student recruiting. From this information we can obtain interesting items about you to be included in the "Towers." Won't you cooperate by mailing the questionnaire filled in to us immediately?

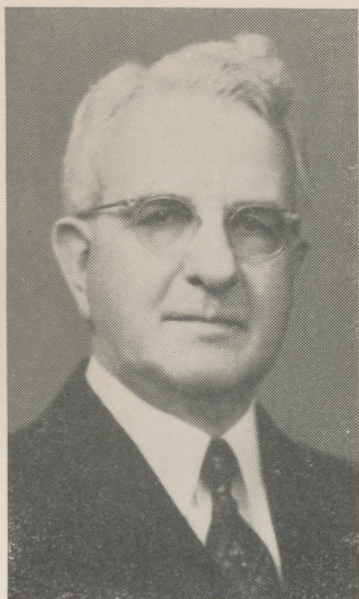
Two things your alumni office is planning to inaugurate in the immediate future. We are having our own Crafts Guild, a student work project, lay out for us alumni sympathy and birth congratulatory cards. These will be sent in the future to our members as coming from the whole Otterbein family of which you are a part. We think you would want us to do this.

We hope you have not forgotten the four things you can do to help our alumni program. Fill out your questionnaire and ballot for alumni officers and trustees and send them in immediately. If you can afford to, support our program by mailing in your alumni dues. Last, and most important, come back for Commencement and every other occasion that you get and visit the little school with the 'stately towers.'

With the Army

● New army men this month include Pvt. Ralph Beiner, a graduate of Otterbein in the class of '41, who is stationed at Camp Forrest, Tennessee; Pvt. William Lefferson ex'43 who is at Jefferson Barracks, Missouri with the Aviation Cadets; and James Demorest, ex'46, who will receive his preliminary training for the aviation cadet work at a Naval Air Training School after which he will be commissioned as Ensign.

● Those in the service whose station or rank has been changed are Monroe Court-right who is now at Chanute Field, Rantoul, Illinois; Pvt. Charles F. Kincaid who is at Ft. Monmouth, New Jersey; Tom Brady, who is an Ensign stationed at Notre Dame, Indiana; James R. Robertson who is now a Sergeant.



F. J. RESLER

OTTERBEIN LOSES THREE GREAT FRIENDS



JAMES H. WEAVER

THE "Towers" has tried to keep you informed on the changes made in our Otterbein family circle. New young friends have joined us; old friends have passed on. Many times we have wanted to make more than a passing notice of our births and deaths, but as a matter of policy we refrained. We know you would want an exception made to that policy in light of our loss of three great friends these recent weeks.

You all knew "Dad" Resler. You knew him because of the contributions he has made to our Otterbein and for the man that he was. It was "Dad's" promotional genius combined with other fine leadership that gave Otterbein the Alumni Gymnasium. It was "Dad's" voice that rang clear above the confusion as Otterbein faced other financial problems. But best of all we like to pay passing tribute to "Dad" the man. He was typical Otterbein. He was one of our first athletes, he was one of our good teachers, and he was one of our finest alumni.

One of Otterbein's most honored graduates and finest friends was taken from among us in the tragic death of Dr. James H. Weaver who was instantly killed when his automobile was struck by a train near his Hilliards home on the evening of April 7. In addition to ranking as one of the most brilliant mathematics students ever to graduate from Otterbein, "Jimmie" Weaver was universally beloved for his forthright friendliness and his wholesome enthusiasm and for his unselfish interest in every good cause.

He graduated from Otterbein in the class of 1908, received his Ph. D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania and after several rapid promotions in his chosen field of mathematics came to Ohio State University where he was soon made head of the department of mathematics in the school of engineering, a position which he held at the time of his death.

Doctor Weaver's long and distinguished service in the university was

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OTTERBEIN CARDINALS FLYING HIGH

Spring Athletic Program Successful

OTTERBEIN alumni may follow with pride the records of her teams and squads in spring athletics. The baseball team, after a slow start, has come back within the last several weeks to take Oberlin, Capital and Kenyon into camp. Capital was edged by a count of nine to eight while Oberlin went down to the count of six to two. Kenyon which had dropped us earlier in the season was taken into camp next by a score of seven to two. Two defeats have been chalked up against us since the Kenyon game. Our boys went into the seventh inning leading Wooster by a score of two to one, but a barrage of hits by the "Scouts" in that inning left us with a final score of Wooster seven—Otterbein two. May Day was a dark day for the baseball team as Muskingum enjoyed one big inning and came out on the long end of a six to two count.

Otterbein netters made up at least partially for the baseball loss on May Day by taking Muskingum into camp by a score of five to two. This brings their record for the season to 500, having won four and lost four matches.

The high light of spring athletics has been the splendid showing of our track team. After opening impressively with a 74-57 win over Kenyon, Coach Ewing's sophomore studded track team captured their second victory at Springfield over Wittenberg by the authoritative score of 84-47. The outstanding performances were turned in by Jim Eby, who tossed the javelin a distance of 183 feet 3 inches for a new Wittenberg field record and by sophomore Jim Welbaum, who accounted for fifteen points including firsts in the 220 and 440. Eby has now broken on two occasions the former Otterbein record of 177 feet 4 inches established by Paul Schott. He threw for 178 feet in the Kenyon meet and for the 183 feet 3 inches mentioned in the Wittenberg meet and is approaching the Ohio Conference record of 191 feet. The one snag struck by our track team was in the hotly contested meet with Baldwin-Wallace on May Day in which we were defeated by the score of 66 to 61. The final contest of the day, the mile relay, was the deciding event.

Speaking for all of you I know we can say to these boys who are representing us so splendidly 'nice going, congratulations, and keep up the good work.'

OTTERBEIN LOSES THREE GREAT FRIENDS—(Continued from page 6)

marked by many honors and by the publication of numerous text books and lesser brochures in his chosen field. Yet his busy career never interfered with a constant interest in and service to his alma mater. He was for many years a trustee of the college and a member of its Executive Committee as well as being active on many alumni and advisory groups. Otterbein is sad at his passing but grateful for the inspiration of his life.

Dean Cora A. McFadden, honored and beloved by a great host of Otterbein boys and girls of an earlier generation, passed away at her Westerville home on March 1st after a lingering illness of several months. She had recently celebrated her 86th birthday and the story of her years was one of scholarly culture and unselfish devotion to the church and the college she loved.

The father of Dean McFadden was Dr. Thomas McFadden, the first head of Otterbein's science department and the man for whom McFadden Science Hall was named. Growing up under the shadow of the college towers Dean McFadden never lost her love for Otterbein and served her alma mater as Dean of Women for many years. It was in this capacity that she endeared herself to generations of college youth whose lives will forever bear something of the gracious influence of her character. Dean McFadden was laid to rest in the family lot in the Otterbein Cemetery. She will always live in the hearts and lives of those who called her friend.

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Alumni News

● '38 Lloyd Schiering was recently promoted to head of the Metallurgical Department of Yellow Coach and Truck Company, Pontiac, Michigan, a subsidiary of General Motors. Lloyd, who received his training in metallurgy at the defense school at Wayne University, was also recently elected to membership in the American Society for Metals. Congratulations "Smuck!"

● '27 Perry E. Laukhuff, third secretary of the American embassy at Berlin until the outbreak of the war, has been assigned to an embassy post at Lisbon, his mother, Mrs. F. E. Laukhuff, was informed today. Laukhuff was interned in Germany until the recent transfer of Allied and Axis diplomats. He has served in consulates at Milan, Italy, and in Central America, having been away from the United States for four years.

● '20 Charles E. Mullin is now located in Edgewood Arsenal, Md., where he is an instructor in the Chemical Warfare School, a member of the faculty in the Protection Department.

● '14 An interesting sports article from the Coshocton paper on April 29 reveals that Caryol Jean Sherrets, daughter of Mrs. Karl K. Sherrets (Mae Tish) is making her mark as one of the outstanding junior golf players in the State. She was a member of the Coshocton High team that defeated the Dover team for their third consecutive victory.

● '04 Mrs. Robert Wilson has received notification that she has been appointed a member of the Ohioana Library board.

● ex'03 We extend sympathy to the family of Mr. J. F. Nave of Westerville who passed away at his home on April 24.

● '93 We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Martha Newcomb Thomas who died at the home of her daughter in Kansas City, Missouri.

● '96 We learned recently of the death of M. Maurice Martin who passed away at his home in Garrettsville, Ohio, on April 3 following a cerebral hemorrhage.

● ex'85 Harvey L. Oldham, formerly a resident of Westerville, died of a heart attack at his home in Perrysburg, N.Y.

● '85 We recently received word from St. Petersburg, Florida, that Mrs. Minnie Beard Kinkaid passed away at her home.

● ex'85 We regret to announce the death of Mrs. Katherine Shepherd who died at the home of her son Frank Shepherd, ex'13, as a result of a stroke of apoplexy suffered three and a half weeks ago.

● '78 William Warren Ferrier has sent to the College Library a copy of his recent book, a life of Henry Durant, the first president of the University of California. Dr. Ferrier lives in Berkeley, California.

● We regret to announce the death of Judge James A. Meredith of Fairmont, West Virginia on May 20. Judge Meredith was a Trustee of the College.

● Miss Rachel Bryant, director of girls' physical education at the College, was elected vice-president of the Midwest Association of College Teachers of Physical Education at their recent meeting in Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

BIRTHS—(Continued from page 4)

parents Mr. and Mrs. Gene Oppy (Mary Altman, '36). James is the grandson of Prof. and Mrs. C. O. Altman; Jocelyn Ann Hague, whose arrival on April 4 is being announced by her parents, Rev. and Mrs. Virgil Hague (Rosemary Dehus, ex'38); and Sandra Kay Shaw, the new daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Norman K. Shaw (Evelyn Carter '35) who was born on April 24.