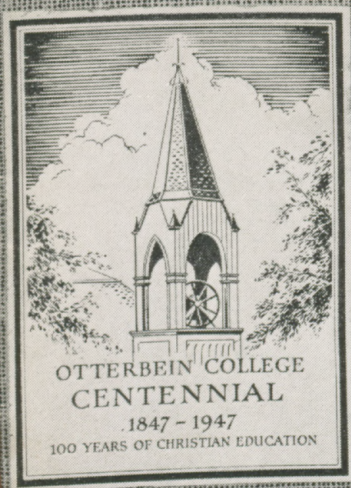
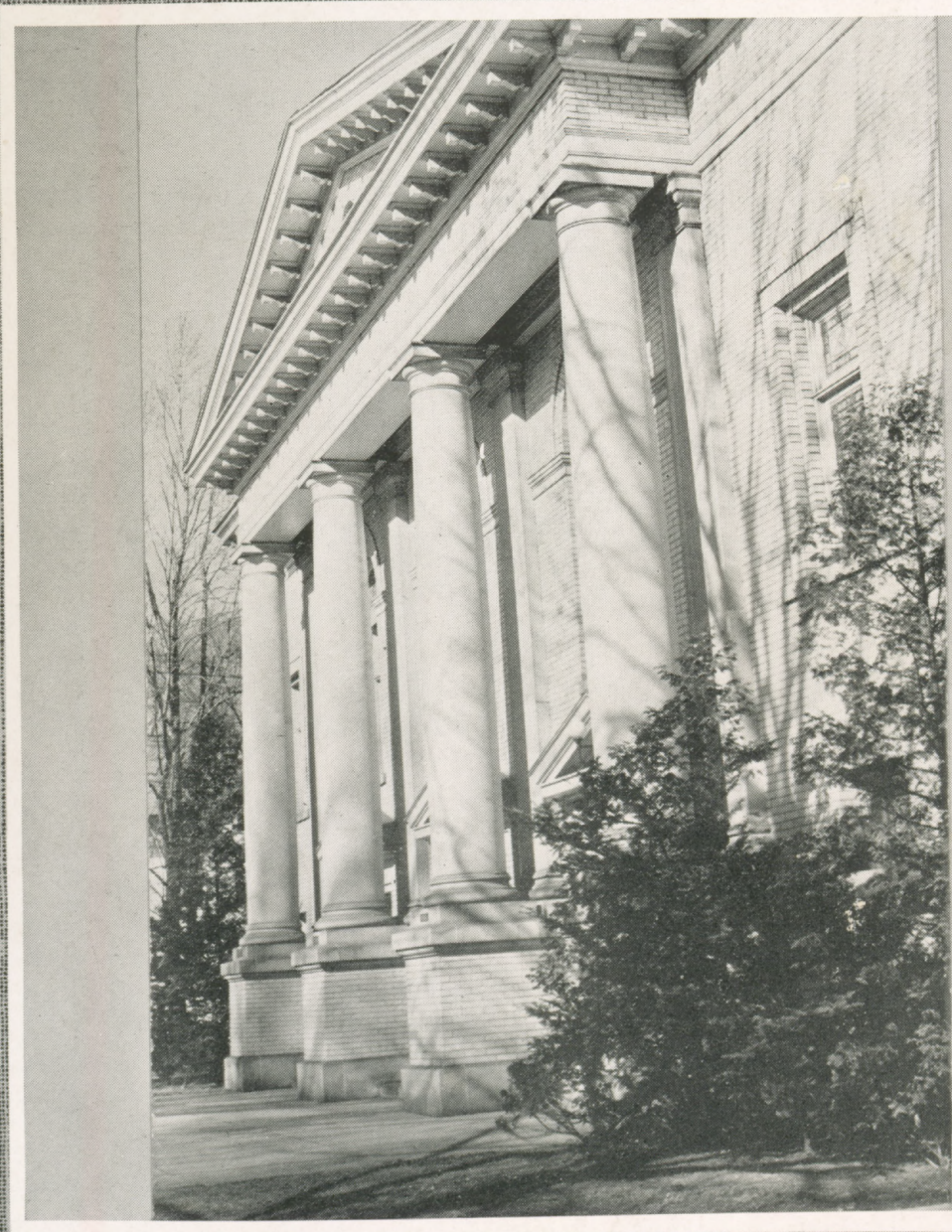
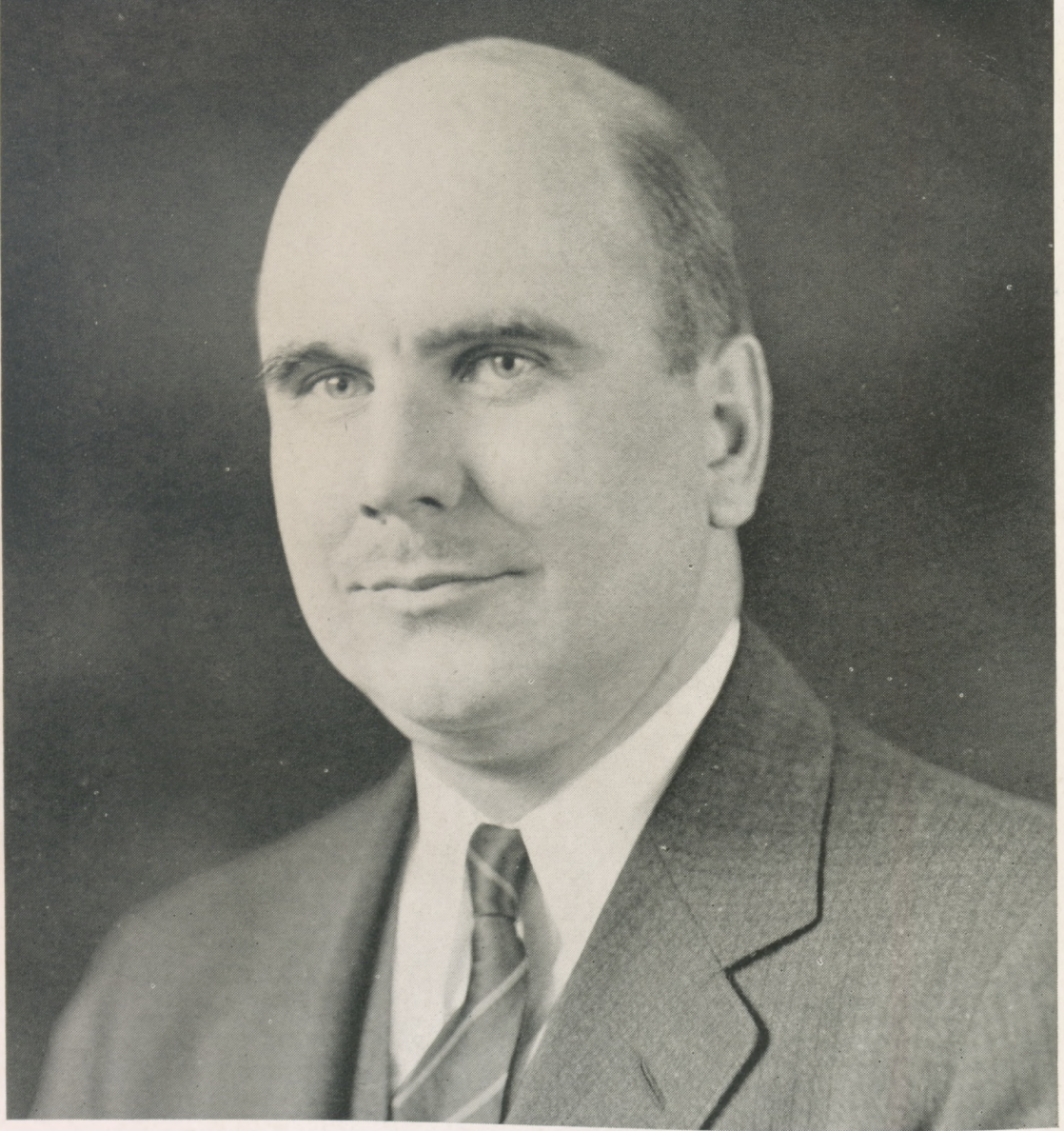


# OTTERBEIN TOWERS





## MEET YOUR NEW PRESIDENT — DR. J. GORDON HOWARD

Doctor J. Gordon Howard is the new president of Otterbein College. He was elected unanimously by the board of trustees on May third and will assume office on July first.

Doctor Howard, editor of Sunday School literature for the past five years, will be remembered best as general director of young people's work in the United Brethren Church, which office he held with distinction for thirteen years.

The new president received the B.A. degree from Otterbein, the B.D. from Bonebrake Theological Seminary and the M.A. from New York University School of Education. Additional graduate work was completed at the Ohio State University. Otterbein College conferred upon him the D.D. degree in 1936.

As an author he has written "The Successful Sunday School," "Catechism for Youth," and "When Youth Worships." He is contributing editor to the *Christian*

*Endeavor World* and a member of the advisory board of the *International Journal of Religious Education*.

Doctor Howard holds office in many denominational and interdenominational bodies. Community civic organizations claim his leadership abilities. He is president of the Dayton Civitan Club, chairman of the Group Work Division of the Dayton Council of Social Agencies, and a member of the program committee of the Dayton Y.M.C.A.

He is a loyal son of Otterbein. His grandfather was a trustee, his father and mother, Dr. and Mrs. Alfred T. Howard, were graduates in the class of '94, and his sister Florence and brother Donald are graduates of Otterbein.

Mrs. Howard, the former Rhea McConaughy, '23, devotes her unusual talents to her local church, the Dayton Church Federation, the Parent-Teachers' Association, the Young Women's Christian Association and the Women's Missionary Association, holding office in each organization. The Howards have two children, Gloria Mae and Sarah Ellen.

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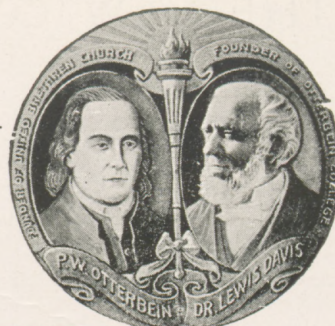
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## *As Others See Him*

“ . . . . . Dr. Howard’s close personal friends in Dayton will be the first to acclaim the wisdom of the college trustees in this choice. He will bring to the responsibility much more than the necessary academic qualifications. These, of course, he has—as an alumnus of the college he will soon head, a graduate of Bonebrake Theological Seminary in Dayton and a postgraduate student in New York University.

“As the son of missionary parents in Japan, Dr. Howard has a “one world” outlook that is now indispensable in the leadership of college youth. He has, too, a youthful spirit himself, having directed the youth program of the denomination for a dozen years before becoming the editor of Sunday School literature.

“Best of all, perhaps, the new Otterbein “prexie” combines the requisite dignity for the position with a personality that inspires affection and trust. There is no “side” to him. Otterbein College students during his administration will find it easy to get close to Dr. Howard as a counselor and a friend.

“Dr Howard has made such a large place for himself in the interdenominational religious life of this community and in its social welfare planning activities that his departure for Westerville will leave a real gap in our civic leadership. It is the price a city must pay for having shared his fine gifts so long.”

—Editorial in the *Dayton Herald*, Tuesday, May 4

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## *About This Issue*

The Church is the mother of Education in this country. America’s first colleges were founded by the church. Otterbein College is no exception, for she is a child of the United Brethren denomination. Over the century this great church nourished her and helped her grow to her present strength.

On the one hundredth anniversary of her conception, the church which gave her birth assembled officially on her beautiful and spacious campus to help do her honor and to appropriately celebrate her Centennial.

Otterbein College was honored by the presence on her campus of the denomination’s leaders as they met in

the thirty-fourth quadrennial session of the General Conference. It is the sincere hope of the college administration that the church leaders went away from Westerville proud of the institution which their forefathers saw fit to bring into being.

In appreciation of the church which gave her birth, and of the present church leaders who by their legislation make possible her continued growth and service, this issue of the *Otterbein Towers* is dedicated.

To make and to keep Otterbein a servant of the church and a benefactor to all mankind her administrative officers and faculty dedicate themselves.

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### THE COVER PAGE

On the cover is pictured the college church where the main sessions of the General Conference were held. The church plays an important part in the life of college students.

### THE ABOVE SEAL

Phillip William Otterbein was the founder of the United Brethren Church. Lewis Davis, the founder of Otterbein College, is called the Father of Education in the United Brethren Church.

# THE NEW OTTERBEIN PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

To All Otterbein Associates:

Sometimes there is something new under the sun. It may be a new book, or a new invention, or a new dandelion in the front yard. Or it may be a new college president. In the present instance it is, of course, the last.

As the new president of Otterbein, I salute the various persons, groups and organizations which compose Otterbein College and her constituency. Great things are under way at Otterbein. Building on a noble past, working unitedly for a worthy present, we are moving toward an even more auspicious future.

It is interesting to consider the various threads of high purpose and sincere effort which daily are being woven into that strong, colorful and useful academic fabric which is Otterbein.

There are the students for whose all-round benefit the college exists.

There are the members of the faculty, without whose unique contribution Otterbein would not be a college.

There are the trustees who carry "in trust" the responsibility of operating the college at a maximum of effectiveness.

There are the alumni and ex-students who are the product of the college and her crowning glory.

There are the churches of the United Brethren in Christ at whose behest the college was founded and with whom the college must always maintain close relationship.

There are the splendid people of Westerville who

have proved their interest and loyalty not only once, but many times, not only with words but with dollars.

There are the other colleges with whom Otterbein is associated—the church-related liberal arts colleges of the denomination and beyond.

There are the many friends—a great host of them—around the world, who wish Otterbein well, who pray for Otterbein and give to her support. These are the main threads in the fabric. And what a strong fabric it is!

Now before us are three immediate matters of importance. First, there is the business of making Otterbein the best college possible, that today's students may have every bit of stimulating and enriching collegiate experience they deserve.

Second, there is the imperative of continuing and bringing to a gloriously successful conclusion the Centennial Campaign and the Centennial Observance in 1947.

Third, there is the obligation to plan wisely and prepare now to receive that considerable number of G.I.'s who will enter Otterbein's halls in the not distant future—many of them ex-students and many more of them probably new to collegiate ways.

Toward the accomplishment of this three-fold immediate task let us dedicate ourselves. We solicit your deep interest in Otterbein, earnestly hope for your support in money and morale, and ask for your earnest prayers.

Most sincerely,

J. GORDON HOWARD

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## COLLEGE CONSTITUENCY PLEDGES SUPPORT

The trustee committee on the Nomination of a President for Otterbein College did its work thoroughly. First it outlined the necessary qualifications for the office. Next it canvassed the field for available candidates. Its unanimous choice for the position was Dr. J. Gordon Howard. The confidence of the trustees in the judgment of the committee was exhibited by their unanimous vote electing Dr. Howard. This was a striking testimony that the board believed Dr. Howard to be eminently fitted for the leadership of the college in this significant period of her history. The trustees pledge their united support to our new president.

—HOMER B. KLINE, *Chairman, Board of Trustees*

The faculty and administrative staff of the college are eagerly looking forward to the administration of Dr. J. Gordon Howard as President. The completion of the Centennial Program will be realized in all of its phases; the financial objectives will be achieved with better facilities to accentuate the social and spiritual aspects of the college; fine advances in scholastic endeavor will be accomplished through the unifying and cooperative labors of the administration and faculty under the leadership of our new president. No more loyal group exists than the teachers and administration at Otterbein. This complete loyalty is assured for our new leader.

—ROYAL F. MARTIN, *Vice President*

The news of the appointment of Dr. J. Gordon Howard to the Presidency of Otterbein has brought a thrill of satisfaction to the alumni. To the older ones the very name "Howard" has stood for loyal, efficient leadership in the Church for half a century. To the younger alumni Doctor Howard himself is well known as an outstanding scholar and a man of initiative whose vision can, and

will, plan large things, and whose strength will carry out those plans. The alumni of Otterbein are behind you, Doctor Howard. We have confidence in you. May God's richest blessing guide you and sustain you in the great task that lies ahead.

—T. GILBERT MCFADDEN, *President, Alumni Assn.*

Otterbein has a new president.—For several months the student body awaited eagerly the announcement; now that it has been made we are proud and happy. Doctor Howard has been known by a good many of the student body in his former fields and his coming as the new president of Otterbein is anticipated keenly. We of the student body wish to take this opportunity of welcoming Doctor Howard, wishing him the very best and assuring him that as students we are with him whole-heartedly as he leads our Otterbein into a greater second century of service.

—MAURICE GRIBLER, *President, Student Body*

Dr. J. Gordon Howard takes up his work as President of Otterbein College with the hearty cooperation of faculty, trustees and alumni, also the full confidence of the entire denomination.

He is not a stranger to United Brethren folks and his sphere of influence extends far beyond the bounds of his own denomination. He is an alumnus of the institution which he serves and a product of the United Brethren Church, all of which is to his credit and gives him vantage ground. His Christian ideals and his ability as an educator lead us to say that no more logical nor better choice could have been made.

With implicit faith in his integrity and capability, we believe Otterbein College enters upon a new era of progress.

ARTHUR R. CLIPPINGER, *Senior Bishop*

## FROM YOUR ALUMNI PRESIDENT

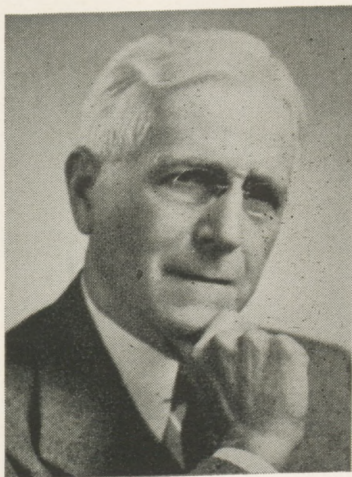
While I express to the Otterbein alumni my great appreciation of the honor you have bestowed upon me in the recent election, I feel more overwhelmed by a feeling of unworthiness and my lack of ability and preparation for the responsibilities of this important office. Not the least of my handicaps is my unfamiliarity with recent graduates caused by my enforced absence, till recently, from all alumni gatherings and commencements for forty years.

But the "die is cast," so I shall endeavor to compensate a little for my shortage in qualifications by an increased application. I pledge you the best endeavor that lies in my power.

The keynote of all Otterbein thinking now centers in our rapidly approaching Centennial. Do you realize what an important part you are of this? You are the "main exhibit,"—you are what justifies Otterbein's existence for a century. Do you realize, too, that this is the only Otterbein Centennial that you will ever be privileged to see?

Enough of this for the present, but many messages to the alumni concerning the Centennial will appear in future issues of the *Towers*. Please give them your close attention. Again I thank you.

—T. GILBERT McFADDEN



T. GILBERT McFADDEN, '94

## ELECTION RETURNS

The results of the election of alumni officers are as follows:

President ..... T. Gilbert McFadden, '94  
 Vice Presidents ..... Franklin M. Young, '26,  
 Louis A. Weinland, '30, Agnes Wright, '19  
 Secretary ..... Mrs. Ralph W. Smith, '18  
 Treasurer ..... Floyd J. Vance, '16  
 Trustees ..... Earl R. Hoover, '26,  
 Howard W. Elliott, '15  
 To fill unexpired term of Dr. F. O. Clements, '96,  
 Mrs. F. O. Clements, '01  
 Member-at-Large ..... Carroll C. Widdoes, '26

## FROM THE EDITOR

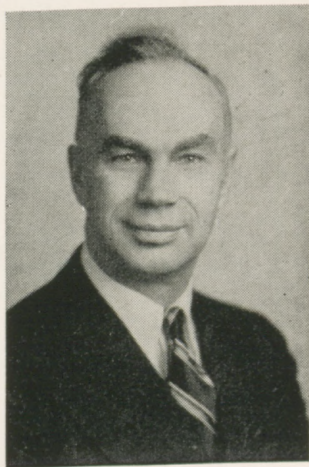
This is the twelfth issue of the *Towers* which it has been my privilege to edit since coming to Otterbein in 1942. No phase of my work have I found more rewarding. Our Otterbein holds an enviable place among colleges and our alumni are achieving distinction in every area of civilian and military life. To bring you news of Otterbein and her sons and daughters is indeed a thrilling experience.

If you have suggestions for improvement of the *Towers* please pass them along. Barring unforeseen circumstances, I shall visit you again in the fall with lots of interesting news.

—THE EDITOR.

## A NEW VICE PRESIDENT

The Board of Trustees of Otterbein College at the meeting on May 5 created the office of Vice President and elected Prof. Royal F. Martin to that office. Mr. Martin has been serving as acting president during the last semester.



ROYAL F. MARTIN, '14

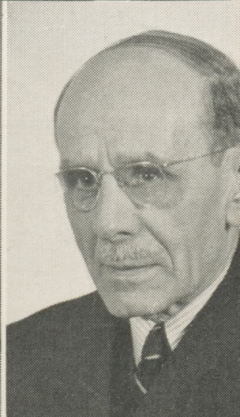
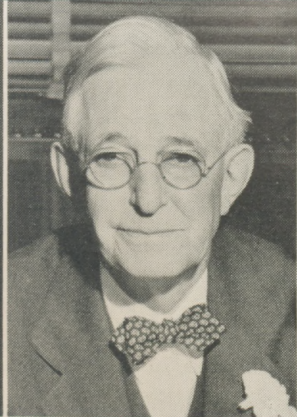


## DOOZERDOO!

Have you paid your dues for 1945-46? \$2.00 if single, \$3.00 if man and wife are Otterbeinites.

## REMEMBER:

It takes dues to bring news!



⊗ THE OTTERBEIN COLLEGE CENTENNIAL LIBRARY ⊗

1847-1947

ERECTED THROUGH THE GENEROSITY OF 100 DONORS OF \$1000 EACH IN HONOR OF OTTERBEIN'S 100 YEARS OF CHRISTIAN LIBERAL ARTS EDUCATION AND IN PREPARATION FOR HER SECOND CENTURY OF CONTINUING SERVICE

MABEL E. GARDNER, '08

ANDREW P. TIMBERMAN, '87

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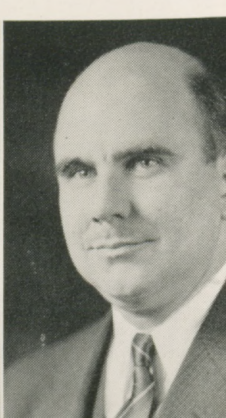
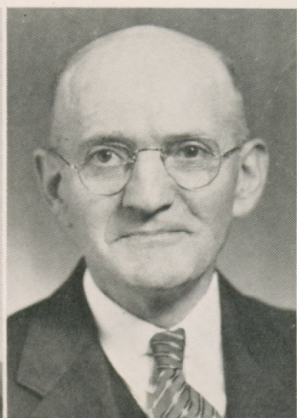
HOMER D. CASSEL, '17

CHESTER G. WISE, '04

J. GORDON HOWARD, '22

This is a picture of the bronze plaque which will hang on the wall in the main foyer of the new Centennial Library. It will contain the names of the one hundred friends of Christian education making possible the library. Ten more names as indicated on the left have been added to the list now numbering thirty-four. A number of our donors are dividing their payments over three or four years.

Opportunity is provided for donors to give their gifts in memory of a friend or loved one. In such cases the name of the donor as well as the name of the one in whose memory the gift is given will appear on the plaque. In some instances several members of a family join in providing a memorial gift. No finer memorial could be conceived in tribute to a loved one or to a family devoted to Christian education.



# THE CENTENNIAL PROGRAM

For the benefit of our new readers we report that our Centennial program is in five phases—Spiritual and Social, Academic, Financial Observance, and Publicity. Each phase of the program is under the direction of an able committee and all committees have made gratifying progress.

The Centennial program will culminate in June, 1947, the one hundredth year of the college.

The aims of the financial program of \$625,000 are to strengthen the endowment funds, to build and equip a Centennial Library, convert the present Carnegie Library into an efficient administrative center, re-convert the present administrative offices into suitable classrooms, and complete the funds for the Heating Plant and Otterbein Athletic Field renovations.

In the total Centennial goal is \$250,000 for new endowment. When this is raised the total endowment of the college will be just under one and one half million dollars. This new endowment will go far toward helping to keep Otterbein one of America's outstanding Christian liberal arts colleges.

## MAKE YOUR PLEDGE NOW

For the benefit of those who do not wish to wait until solicited to make a pledge, the form to the right may be used.

If you have made up your mind as to how much you can give to the Centennial, why not fill out the blank provided on this page and send it to the Centennial Director, Dr. Wade S. Miller, Westerville, Ohio.

### PROGRESS CHART

#### THE OTTERBEIN CENTENNIAL FINANCIAL PROGRAM

June 1, 1945

Campaign	Goal	% Pledged	Amt. Pledged
Library Gifts .....	\$100,000	34	\$ 34,000
*Incentive Gift .....	100,000	0	
Churches .....	330,000	100	330,000
Westerville .....	15,000	256	38,499
Alumni:			
† Ohio .....	55,000	33.2	18,271
‡ General .....	50,000	37.7	18,851

TOTAL PLEDGED.....\$439,621

\* Special effort will be made in the next several months to secure this gift.

‡ This goal has been revised upward as it seemed to be out of proportion to the others.

† State of Ohio campaign by areas is as follows:

Area	No. of Persons	No. Pledging	Amount Pledged	Average
Akron .....	99	25	\$1,058.50	\$42.34
Canton .....	115	41	1,627.00	39.68
Cleveland .....	130	52	2,872.50	55.24
Columbus .....	264	68	2,817.25	41.13
Dayton .....	364	129	5,304.00	41.11

In order to reach our State-of-Ohio Alumni goal each alumnus should give \$33. It will be noted that the average gift received is \$43.90, but more than half of our alumni in the areas solicited have not made a contribution. This will be corrected without doubt, for every alumnus will want a share in the great Centennial Program. If you have not as yet made your subscription use the handy form below. Mail it today!

\$625,000 — OTTERBEIN COLLEGE CENTENNIAL FUND — \$625,000

....., 19.....

In consideration of the gifts of others, I promise to pay to the Centennial Fund of Otterbein College, Westerville, Ohio, the sum of

..... Dollars

to be paid in monthly , quarterly , semi-annual , or annual  install-

ments, beginning..... or as follows:

Name.....

St. & No.....

City & State.....

TOTAL PLEDGE \$.....

Cash or Check \$.....

Balance \$.....

Installment payment dates should not extend beyond June 1, 1947

# THE UNITED BRETHREN QUADRENNIAL



GRANT D. BATDORF

The General Conference is the highest governing body in the United Brethren Church. It meets quadrennially to elect bishops, general officers and major denominational committees. It enacts church-wide legislation, sets up a benevolence budget, approves or disapproves changes in the discipline, and adopts church emphases for the quadrennium.

The thirty-fourth quadrennial session which met at Westerville from May 15 to 23 was truly a history-making Conference. It convened at Westerville for a specific reason. Just one hundred years ago the General Conference of 1845, meeting close to Westerville, passed the enabling legislation which made it possible for the denomination to found institutions of higher learning. In 1846 Blendon Seminary was purchased and on September 1, 1847, Otterbein University opened her doors.

The Reverend Grant D. Batdorf, Bishop of the eastern area of the United Brethren Church for the past sixteen years, having reached the retirement age of seventy, was automatically retired by the conference. He was granted emeritus relations along with Bishop H. H. Fout, who was retired four years ago.

Bishop Batdorf, a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and of Bonebrake Seminary, received the Ph.D. degree from Illinois Wesleyan University. Otterbein College conferred upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Divinity in 1921, thus making him an honorary alumnus.

The retiring bishop, regarded by many as the ablest preacher in the United Brethren Church, held pastorates in several of the denomination's largest churches before he was elevated to the bishopric. While serving the First United Brethren Church of Dayton, Ohio, he was on the faculty of Bonebrake Theological Seminary as a special lecturer in Pastoral Theology.

Four conferences affiliated with Otterbein are in the area of the eastern bishop, and the retirement of Bishop Batdorf is, therefore, a distinct loss to Otterbein.

## WILLIAM E. SNYDER

Doctor Snyder was re-elected Editor of the "Religious Telescope," an office he has held for nineteen years.

## EVERETT E. HARRIS

Doctor Harris, an Otterbein alumnus, has been Editor of the "Watchword" since 1926 and was re-elected for four more years.

## ORRIE O. ARNOLD

Doctor Arnold was elevated from Associate Editor to Editor of Sunday School literature, the office held by Dr. J. Gordon Howard.

## PAUL R. KOONTZ

Doctor Koontz, pastor at Carlisle, Pennsylvania, was elected Associate Editor of Sunday School literature.

## DAVID T. GREGORY

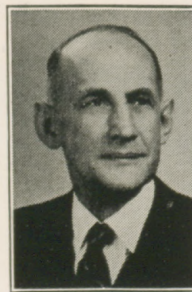
Doctor Gregory was elected for his third successive term as Executive Secretary of the Board of Administration.



W. E. Snyder



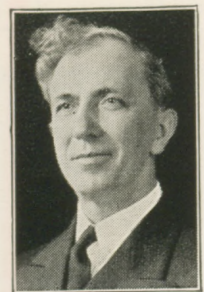
E. E. Harris, '21



O. O. Arnold



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D. T. Gregory

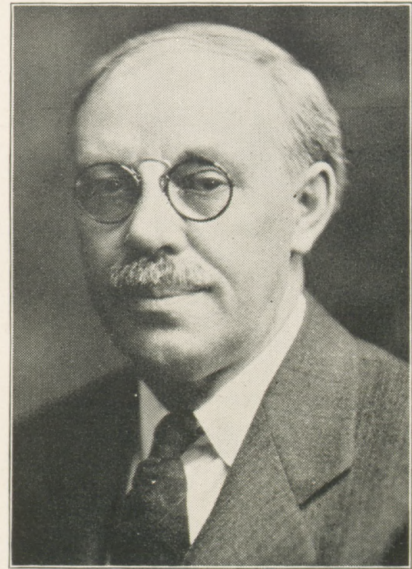


# DENOMINATION HOLDS CONFERENCE

The founding of the College was dramatized in two scenes on the second night of the conference. This General Conference, therefore, commemorated the Centennial of higher education in the United Brethren Church.

The most significant action of the conference was the almost unanimous vote (227-2) to merge the United Brethren and Evangelical denominations. This action will be discussed elsewhere in this bulletin.

The General Conference is composed of an equal number of ministers and laymen elected by the members of each local congregation. The number of delegates from each conference is determined by the number of communicant members in the conference.



J. BALMER SHOWERS

## SAMUEL G. ZIEGLER

Doctor Ziegler, re-elected General Secretary of the Foreign Missionary Society, begins his seventh quadrennium.

## ULSIE P. HOVERMALE

Doctor Hovermale, '21, General Secretary of the Board of Home Missions and Church Erection since 1938, was re-elected.

## WESLEY O. CLARK

Mr. Clark, the General Church Treasurer, and former Otterbein treasurer, was re-elected for his second term of four years.

## OTTERBEIN T. DEEVER

Doctor Deever, re-elected General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education, began general church work in 1913.

## LAWRENCE L. HUFFMAN

Mr. Huffman, a prominent Hammond, Indiana, attorney, was elected Publishing Agent succeeding Dr. J. Balmer Showers.

Doctor J. Balmer Showers is the new bishop of the United Brethren Church elected to fill the vacancy created by the retirement of Bishop Grant D. Batdorf.

Doctor Showers, a native of Paris, Ontario, is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and of Bonebrake Theological Seminary. He was a graduate student at the Universities of Chicago and of Berlin and did research work in Egypt and the Holy Land.

After serving several pastorates he was called to the chair of New Testament Literature and Interpretation at Bonebrake Seminary, which position he filled for sixteen years. From 1926 to 1933 he was Associate Editor of the *Religious Telescope*.

For the past twelve years Doctor Showers has been Publishing Agent of the church, a position which he has filled with distinction and profit to the church and with great honor to himself.

Bishop Showers is stationed in the eastern area of the denomination and will preside over four of the church conferences affiliated with Otterbein. The college welcomes the new bishop and pledges to him her support.



S. G. Ziegler



U. P. Hovermale, '21



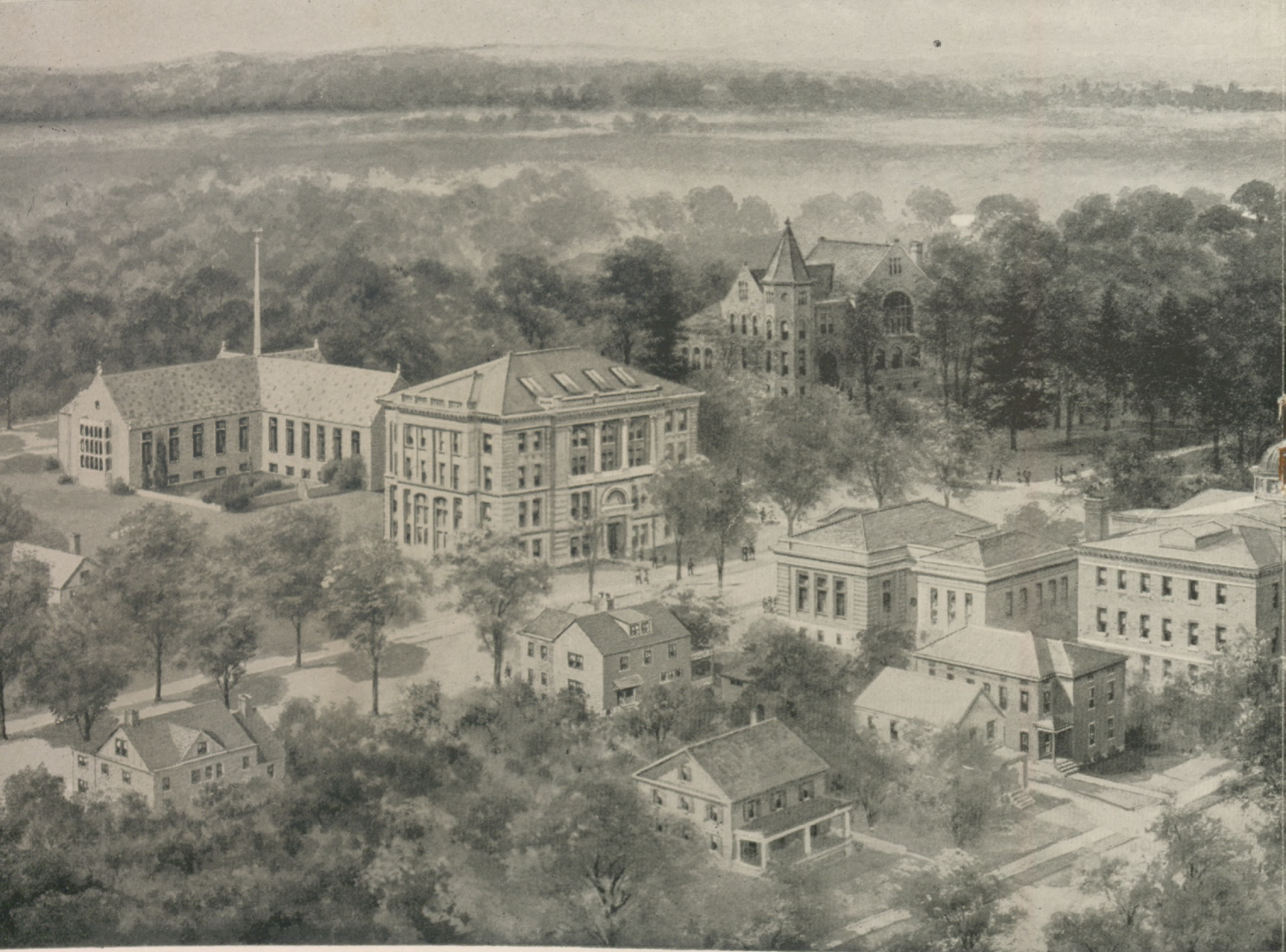
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THE OTTERBEIN COLLEGE CAMPUS

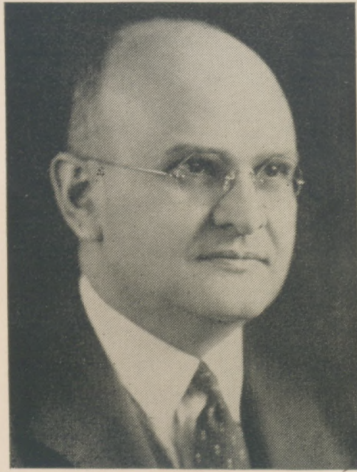




## THE THIRTY-FOURTH GENERAL CONFERENCE



# THE EDUCATIONAL WORK OF THE CHURCH



WALTER N. ROBERTS, '21

The United Brethren Church believes in higher education. It has believed in it now for one hundred years. In 1845 the church voted to establish a college or colleges and Otterbein came into being two years later. Since then approximately thirty institutions came under the influence of the church, but all have died or merged with other institutions except six—one theological seminary, four senior colleges and one junior college.

The Church believes in her institutions enough to support them generously. Over the century thousands of dollars have been invested in these institutions by the church. For years each institution has had an annual allocation from the general church benevolence budget. During the next quadrennium these six institutions will receive annually \$119,000, of which \$12,500 will come to Otterbein.

At the present time our five colleges are engaged in financial campaigns in which they are asking the church to contribute over \$1,000,000 and the church will do it, for she believes in higher education. The total assets of the six institutions are \$6,072,830.76, of which \$2,035,513.34 is in Otterbein assets.

## BONEBRAKE SEMINARY—1871

Bonebrake Theological Seminary, formerly Union Biblical Seminary, Dayton, Ohio, was founded in 1871. Its purpose is to train ministers for the entire denomination. Dr. Walter N. Roberts, '21, is the president. Its enrollment is slightly over one hundred.

## YORK—1890

York College, York, Nebraska, the only United Brethren college west of the Mississippi, serves the church in the Southwest and Pacific areas. Vast distances make United Brethren enrollment problems acute. Dr. D. E. Weidler is the president.

## OTTERBEIN—1847

Otterbein College, the oldest and largest of the church institutions, is located at Westerville, Ohio. It serves the central and part of the eastern area of the denomination. Dr. J. Gordon Howard, '22, is the new president.

## INDIANA CENTRAL—1905

Indiana Central, the youngest of the colleges, is located at Indianapolis, Indiana, and serves the Northwest area of the church. It has made good gains for so young an institution. Dr. I. Lynd Esch is the new president.

## LEBANON VALLEY—1866

Lebanon Valley, located at Annville, Pennsylvania, serves the Pennsylvania and East Pennsylvania conferences, the largest in the denomination. Dr. Clyde Lynch, the president, is the dean of United Brethren college presidents.

## SHENANDOAH—1875

Shenandoah, located at Dayton, Virginia, is a junior college with a four-year school of music affiliated. It became a junior college in 1922. It is supported only by the Virginia Conference. L. P. Hill is the acting president.



J. G. Howard, '22



C. A. Lynch



D. E. Weidler



I. L. Esch



L. P. Hill



### THE BOARD OF BISHOPS ON THE OPENING DAY OF THE CONFERENCE

Left to Right: Warner, Weidler, Batdorf, Clippinger, Dennis, and Fout.

### THE BOARD OF BISHOPS

The United Brethren denomination is composed of five districts, each with a bishop as the chief executive officer. According to the discipline of the church, bishops must be elected each four years although they may succeed themselves.

In the recent conference Bishops A. R. Clippinger, V. O. Weidler, I. D. Warner, and F. L. Dennis were re-elected on the first ballot. Bishop G. D. Batdorf was not eligible for re-election due to the retirement age limit and was given Emeritus relations by the conference. Bishop Emeritus H. H. Fout was continued in the same relationship.

The vacancy on the board of bishops was filled by the election of Dr. J. B. Showers, publishing agent for the past twelve years, who was sent to the eastern area in Bishop Batdorf's place. All other bishops returned to their same areas—central, Bishop Clippinger; northwest, Bishop Dennis; southwest, Bishop Weidler; Pacific, Bishop Warner.

### A NEW DENOMINATION

The Evangelical and United Brethren denominations will cease to be in November, 1946, if plans approved by the General Conference are carried out. The two communions will be merged and the name of the new denomination will be the Evangelical United Brethren Church.

However, before the merger can take place the General Conference action must be approved by three fourths of the twenty-eight annual conferences, and by a majority of the members voting in each local church. The annual conferences of the Evangelical Church must also approve the action of their General Conference. From all indications the constituency of both communions will approve and a new denomination will come into being.

The proposals have not been drawn hastily. In fact, negotiations date back to 1937 and committees have labored long and hard to perfect a new church embodying all points of strength in each denomination.



L. L. HUFFMAN READS CHURCH UNION REPORT TO THE DELEGATES

# OTTERBEIN GRADS IN FOREIGN FIELDS

The first local foreign missionary society in the United Brethren Church was organized by students of Otterbein in 1852. Since then scores of graduates have gone into the five foreign mission fields of the church. Pictured below are the Otterbein graduates now in the field or on furlough.

Our "grads" in the Philippines were interned but all have been released except Edward Nagel, who was taken to Japan and has not been heard from. The Eschbachs and Harriet Raymond are at home, but Myrtle Metzger is still in the Philippines; the Shivelys are at home; Frank Oldt is in Chungking; Charles Ashley is in Yale studying Chinese; the Schutzes, Youngs, Mary MacKenzie and Mrs. Harry Zech are in their respective fields.

## PHILIPPINE ISLANDS



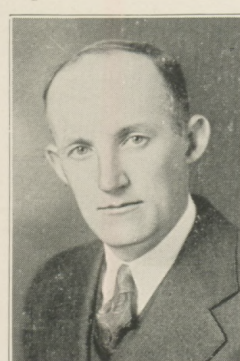
Carl Eschbach, '26



Harriet Raymond, '19



Myrtle Metzger, '14



Edward Nagel, '34

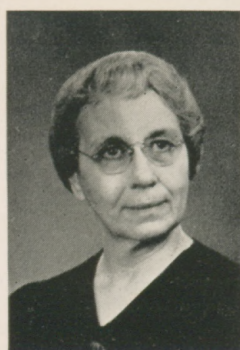
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## CHINA



B. F. Shively, '05



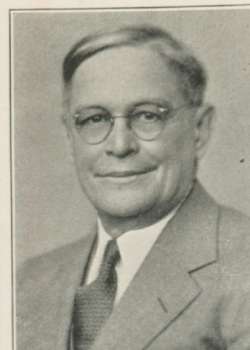
Mrs. B. F. Shively, '06



Mrs. Harry Zech, '33



Charles Ashley, '42



Frank Oldt, '01

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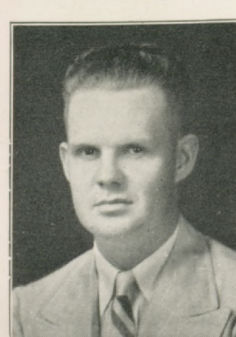
Walter Schutz, '21

Mrs. Walter Schutz, '21

Mary MacKenzie, '28

Mrs. Parker Young, '31

Parker Young, '34



# THEY ALSO SERVE ON THE HOME FRONT

## OUR HOME

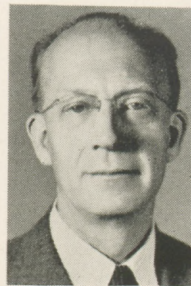
The United Brethren Church maintains home mission work in New Mexico and Kentucky. The more extensive program is carried on in New Mexico where the church maintains schools and hospitals as well as places of worship. Irene Cole and L. H. Morton are



Irene Cole, '44



Helen Ball, ex-'44



L. H. Morton, '28

## MISSIONARIES

in Santa Cruz and Helen Ball has been at Velarde.

The church also supports eight mission conferences in building projects and in support of workers. During the last quadrennium the Home Mission department spent \$1,128,355.02 for all projects.

## OUR TEN CONFERENCE SUPERINTENDENTS

Ten church conferences are affiliated with Otterbein College. Each of these conferences has a superintendent who is the chief executive officer. Six of the ten conference superintendents received part of their college training at Otterbein. Two others have received honorary degrees from Otterbein, making eight of the ten either graduates or honorary alumni of the college.

Through the leadership of these superintendents the ten conferences accepted Centennial quotas totaling \$330,000, and already have paid \$115,103.24. This leaves no doubt as to the loyalty of our superintendents and their constituency. Pictures of our ten superintendents appear below.



N. H. McAllister,  
Florida



S. P. Weaver, ex-'22  
Erie



V. H. Allman,  
Sandusky



T. L. Miles,  
West Virginia



V. C. Adcock,  
Tennessee



E. B. Learish, '15,  
Allegheny



J. F. Hatton, '11,  
Michigan



C. M. Bowman, '24,  
Southeast Ohio



L. M. Hohn, '15,  
Miami



B. S. Arnold, ex-'12,  
East Ohio

# OTTERBEIN



**BRIGADIER GENERAL LUTHER D. MILLER**  
Acting Chief of Chaplains  
Army Service Forces

## IN TRIBUTE

Chaplains serve the men and women of the army in every area of deployment. From the induction center to the foxholes and beachheads the chaplain acts as a minister of God's grace and an interpreter of His laws. We have chaplains on the landing barges; chaplains jumping with the paratroopers; front line chaplains; chaplains with the men who march and fly; and chaplains with the men who suffer and die.

More than six hundred chaplains have been awarded some seven hundred decorations. There is a tribute and a saga of heroism for the Corps of Chaplains in the list of decorations and casualties. Here is history! Battle casualties, fifty-two; died in service from causes other than wounds, fifty-two; wounded in action, one hundred eighty; died of disease while detained by the enemy, three; detained by the enemy, thirty-four; missing in action, seven.

Chaplains have received the following awards: Distinguished Service Cross, fifteen; Distinguished Service Medal, one; Legion of Merit, forty-four; Silver Star, one hundred four; Oak Leaf Cluster, Silver Star, three; Soldier's Medal, nine; Bronze Star, three hundred fourteen; Oak Leaf Cluster, Bronze Star, twelve; Air Medal, one; Purple Heart, two hundred thirty-four; Oak Leaf Cluster, Purple Heart, ten; Foreign Decorations, seven.

There is the unrecorded service of chaplains in influence and uplift in contacts with millions in our army. The Cross and the Tablets have been reminders of the dignity of man and the love of God in every situation confronting our soldiers. A spiritual ministry to the souls of men is the Crown of Glory for the Corps of Chaplains.

May God hasten the day when peace will come to our land and to the world. When men in those days of peace recount the experiences of this war they will tell again and again the story of God's ministers who "were there."

—GENERAL MILLER

Otterbein College is happy to salute and pay tribute to her sons who minister to the spiritual needs of our fighting men. We like to believe that they represent the true spirit of Otterbein—the spirit of unselfish service and of devotion to all high and holy causes. We believe that our chaplains caught this spirit as students and we know that they stand ready to expend themselves for the cause they serve.

We join General Miller in his hope that the day of peace may soon come to the world and we know that when that day comes our chaplains will then devote themselves with equal fervor to help build a lasting peace. Otterbein is proud of her soldiers of God and of good will.

JOHN J. WEAVER, '34



GLEN C. SHAFFER, '32



JAMES R. LOVE, '21



CHARLES R. COOLEY, '31





# SALUTES

## CAPTAIN JOHN J. WEAVER

Formerly located at Staten Island, New York, and now in London, England.

## MAJOR GLEN C. SHAFFER

Conducts conferences and field inspections at air bases throughout thirty-four states. Directed the coordinating chaplain plan for Air Corps Trainees at more than two hundred colleges and universities prior to the termination of the college training phase, June 30, 1944.

## CAPTAIN JAMES R. LOVE

Post Chaplain at Fort Crockett, Texas, since November, 1943.

## LIEUTENANT CHARLES R. COOLEY, U.S.N.R.

Since September, 1944, on duty with the U.S. Coast Guard Training Station, Brooklyn, New York.

## CAPTAIN CHARLES B. PRISK

Serving with the 8th Air Force in the European Theatre.

## CAPTAIN ORR A. JAYNES

Since May, 1943, has served army air fields in Oklahoma, Nebraska, and Texas.

## CAPTAIN ARTHUR L. DUHL

With Headquarters Detachment, 467th Bomb Group, overseas.

## MAJOR LLOYD B. MIGNERY

Buckingham Army Air Field, Fort Myers, Florida.

## LIEUTENANT DARWIN D. CLUPPER, U.S.N.R.

On the U.S.S. *Attu*.

## CAPTAIN KENNETH K. SHOOK

With the 47th Ordnance Battalion, overseas.

## CAPTAIN WILLIAM I. COMFORT

Entered army in November, 1942. With the 98th Replacement Battalion in England since June, 1944.

# H E R C H A P L A I N S



DARWIN D. CLUPPER, '36



KENNETH K. SHOOK, '39



WILLIAM I. COMFORT, '18

CHARLES B. PRISK, '31

ORR A. JAYNES, '21

ARTHUR L. DUHL, '39

LLOYD B. MIGNERY, '17



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# Flashes . . . FROM THE CLASSES

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## OTTERBEIN MEN IN YMCA WORK

Otterbein College and the Y.M.C.A. have grown up together. The Y.M.C.A. is just three years older than the college; however, Otterbein may be called the father of the college Y.M.C.A. in Ohio, for the first organization in the state was formed on the Otterbein campus. Furthermore, the first college Christian Association Building in Ohio, and one of the first in America, was built on the Otterbein campus, and this building was erected largely by student labor and by funds raised by students.

Over the century scores of men from Otterbein have gone into Y.M.C.A. work. At present Otterbein men are holding positions of trust in Y.M.C.A. work in many states, as is indicated below.

John S. (Jack) Appleton, '33, General Program Secretary, Massillon, Ohio.

Orville W. Briner, '14, Executive Secretary, Town and Country Branch, Canton, Ohio.

Arthur Brubaker, '31, General Secretary, Alton, Ill.

William S. Bungard, '37, Boys' Secretary and Physical Director, Piqua, Ohio.

E. H. Cavanagh, '26, Business and Dormitory Secretary, Wilmington, Del.

Paul T. Hughes, '31, Metropolitan Business Secretary, Baltimore, Md.

Waldo M. Keck, '28, Executive Secretary, West Lake Branch, Minneapolis, Minn.

Merl W. Killinger, '25, General Secretary, Newark, Ohio.

Ralph C. Knight, '24, General Secretary, Massillon, Ohio.

J. Robert Knight, '28, Executive Secretary, Central Branch, Toledo, Ohio.

C. O. Lambert, '27, Executive Secretary, Columbia Parkway Branch, Cincinnati, Ohio.

John H. Lehman, '27, Boys' Work Secretary, State Committee of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Lawrence H. Marsh, '31, Membership and Program Secretary, Central Y.M.C.A., Cleveland, Ohio.

V. M. Robertson, '31, Executive Secretary, Peninsula Branch, Burlingame, California.

Rudy Thomas, '43, Assistant General Program Secretary, Central Y.M.C.A., Dayton, Ohio.

Ferron Troxel, '28, Assistant Director of Education, Tucson, Arizona.

E. Clark Worman, '07, Director Industrial Program Services, National Council of Y.M.C.A., New York City.

## NEWS OF SERVICE MEN AND WOMEN

1932—When Sgt. Theodore Yantis, ex-'32, was in Rome, he was chosen to make a record, which was heard in a servicemen's program broadcast over station WOSU on June 1. Sgt. Yantis is at a rest camp in Egypt, after 30 months overseas.

1935—Gertrude A. VanSickle, '35, has been promoted in rank from lieutenant (junior grade) to lieutenant in the WAVES.

1937—Sgt. L. William Steck, '37, has been transferred from Indianapolis, Indiana, to Camp Ritchie, Maryland, where he is taking further training.

1938—Paul Freeman, ex-'38, is attending radio school in Los Angeles, California.

William Calihan, '38, is a member of the Blue-jackets Choir at Great Lakes and sang two solos on their broadcast on May 27.

1940—Robert Weaston, holder of the Bronze Star Medal, has been promoted to second lieutenant. He is with the Third Army attached to the Sixth Armored division and has been overseas for the past year. His wife, (Mary Anderson, '40) has joined the Red Cross and has been assigned to the Army Air Forces Convalescent Hospital, Plattsburg, New York, as Staff Aid Assistant.

1941—Lt. Phillip Morgan, '41, has been liberated from a prison camp in Germany.

On March 19, Howard William Elliott was promoted to the rank of captain at his post in Germany, where he is in charge of an ambulance unit with the Seventh Army.

1942—Pfc. William Morgan, '42, is safe in a rest hospital in France after having been a prisoner of the Germans. His outfit was the 78th Division with the First Army.

Pfc. Donald Cheek, ex-'42, has completed a special course in electrical engineering at Chanute Field, Illinois, and has reported at San Antonio, Texas, for further orders.

Elizabeth Foster, ex-'42, is with the Red Cross serving somewhere in the southwest Pacific.

1943—Lt. Norman Dohn, '43, is Medical Administrative Officer with the Sixth Army Air Force, stationed in Honolulu, Hawaii.

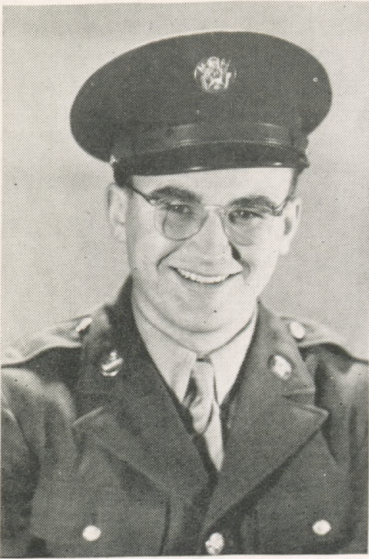
Jeanne Roberts, ex-'43, is with the Red Cross, stationed just outside London with a bomber group, in the capacity of staff assistant.

Pvt. Melvin C. Clapham is now stationed on Okinawa. He is with the Marines assigned to a ground service squadron of the Air Force.

1944—Lt. Ed Flash, ex-'44, is in Newton D. Baker General Hospital, Martinsburg, West Virginia, recovering from wounds of the left arm received on February 16.

Pfc. John A. Smith, '44, has been assigned to temporary duty in the Seventh Army Headquarters with the

# WAR CLAIMS TWO MORE OTTERBEIN VICTIMS



JAMES R. CHRISMAN, ex-'42

## *Our Honored Dead*

1. C. DWIGHT ASHCRAFT
2. RALPH N. CASPER
3. GEORGE D. METZGER
4. JOHN A. WAGNER, JR.
5. J. CHARLES HOPPER
6. D. RICHARD LeBLANC
7. GEORGE C. DAGRES
8. GEORGE M. BISHOP
9. JAMES R. CHRISMAN
10. D. JANE BURDGE



D. JANE BURDGE, '37

The ninth and tenth gold stars were added to our honor roll since the last issue of the *Towers*. This issue is a grim reminder that war is no respecter of persons or sexes. Dorothy Jane Burdge becomes the first of our alumnae to give her life in service. The editor, joined by the college administration, faculty, students and hosts of alumni, send to the families of James R. Chrisman and Dorothy Jane Burdge our sincere regrets and our deepest sympathy.

### S/SGT. JAMES R. CHRISMAN

S/Sgt. James R. Chrisman was killed in action in France on March 7, 1945. He enlisted in the army in August, 1942, and was assigned to a military police unit at a Japanese concentration camp in California before his transfer to the infantry. At his death he was with the 276th Infantry of the seventh army. He was buried in Alsace-Lorraine with full military honors. His mother, Mrs. Susie Touvell, has since received the Purple Heart, awarded posthumously.

### DOROTHY JANE BURDGE

Word has been received of the death of Dorothy Jane Burdge, American Red Cross Clubmobile worker, who was killed in a plane crash in Germany on May first.

Miss Burdge, the daughter of Leroy Burdge, '05, Canton, graduated from Otterbein in 1937. She was a teacher in the Canton schools until 1943, when she and her sister Grace, '39, joined the Red Cross and were sent overseas. She was stationed in London for several months before being sent to France and later to Germany.

**Flash!** As the TOWERS goes to press notice is received of the death of Sgt. Donald B. Johnson, ex-'45, on May 25 in the Hawaiian Islands.

Adjutant General as a translator and interpreter. He had served 150 days in continuous action.

Lt. Robert E. Arn, ex-'44, has been awarded the Distinguished Flying Cross upon completion of 300 hours of operational flight, by day and night, in transport aircraft over the Hump, famed route through the towering peaks of the Himalaya Mountains.

Cpl. Richard Sowers, ex-'44, is now stationed in Manila. He has been in the Pacific area for 24 months with an engineering unit.

1945—Cpl. Robert J. Wilcox, ex-'45, has completed his final training at Pyote Army Air Field, Pyote, Texas. He is radio operator on a B-29 Superfortress.

1946—Vinton C. Young, H.A. 1/c, is a registered laboratory technician in the Navy and in March was given charge of the laboratory in connection with the Naval Hospital Unit at Wesley Memorial Hospital in Chicago.

Cpl. James Gordon Conklin, ex-'46, is a specialist weather observer, whose work involves gathering and interpreting meteorological data for Allied fighting forces in Italy.

1947—Pvt. John Regenos, ex-'47, is in Fletcher General Hospital, Cambridge, Ohio, where he is recovering from shrapnel wounds.

# Welcome to Otterbein President J. Gordon!

## STORK MARKET REPORT

1929—Mr. and Mrs. Kail Bunce (Louise Secrest, ex-'29), a son, April 21.

1933 and 1938—Mr. and Mrs. Keith Hoover, '33, (Evelyn Tussey, ex-'38), a son, Dennis Keith, May 18.

1934—Mr. and Mrs. Guy F. Windley, Jr., (Dorothea Rohrer, '34), a son, Stuart Gaylord, March 26.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivan Miller, ex-'34, a daughter, April 28.

1935—Dr. and Mrs. Verle Miller, '35, (Margaret Priest, '35), a daughter, Sandra Lou, May 3.

Mr. and Mrs. W. A. Drury (Dorothy Steiner, '35), a son, May 12.

1937 and 1939—Mr. and Mrs. Paul Dean Cooley, '39, (Jane Wagner, '37), a daughter, Anne Elizabeth, February 14.

Pvt. and Mrs. Ralph Lohr, '37, (Nancy Light, '39), a son, John Merriam, May 15.

S/Sgt. and Mrs. Robert E. Wagner, '41, a son, Chris Andrew, May 1.

1941—Mr. and Mrs. Oliver O. Osterwise, Jr., '41, (Janet Woolery, ex-'41) a daughter, Diane Joy, April 9.

1942 and 1944—Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cornell, ex-'42, (June Joyce, '44), a son, Robert Peter, March 9.

1944—Fred Noel R.M. 3/c, ex-'44, and Mrs. Noel, (Mary Workman, ex-'44), a daughter, Kathy, May 24.

Ens. and Mrs. James A. Demorest, ex-'44, a son, Thomas James, May 19.

## CUPID'S CAPERS

1916—Pearl McCauley and Cloyce D. LaRue, '16, on August 29, 1944.

1923—Lillian Elsie Carlson, '23, and Dr. Elbridge Gerry Stamper, on April 1, at Alamo, Tennessee.

1929—Helena Baer, '29, and Dr. R. F. Machamer, on March 29, in Toledo, Ohio.

1939—Evelyn Marie Arthur and Paul F. Ziegler, '39, on April 7, in Dayton, Ohio.

1941—Kathryn B. Porch and Pfc. Wallace F. Orlidge, '41, on May 12, in Johnstown, Pennsylvania.

1943—Janet Holzworth, '43, and Lt. Keith J. Henton, '43, on June 2, in Dover, Ohio.

Ruth Wolfe, '43, and S/Sgt. Donald R. Hogan, on June 16, Punxsutawney, Pennsylvania.

Margaret Biehn, '43, and Chester Turner, '43, on May 26, in Kenton, Ohio.

Genevieve Bendick and Lt. William Burk, ex-'43, on November 7, 1944.

Lucy Grier, ex-'43, and Ens. Keith E. Johnson, USNR, on May 5, in Norfolk, Virginia.

1944—Dorothy Jean Hilliard, '44, and Capt. Dana McFall, on June 17, in Dayton, Ohio.

1944 and 1945—Mary Jane Kern, '45, and Donald E. King, ex-'44, on May 8, in Westerville, Ohio.

Janet Shipley, '45, and Richard Hartzell, USNR, ex-'44, on June 2, in Dayton, Ohio.

## TOLL OF THE YEARS

1885—On January 13, in Paola, Kansas, Mr. Jabez O. Rankin, '85, passed away. Mr. Rankin took his law degree at Kansas University.

1892—Following an illness of seven weeks, Rev. J. Bren Bovey, '92, aged 80, died May 12 in Richmond, Indiana. Mr. Bovey served in the active ministry of the United Brethren Church for 32 years.

1894—Miss Lucia Riebel, '94, died April 11, at the home of her sister, Mrs. Clayton Judy (Iva Jean Riebel, ex-'04) at Walla Walla, Washington.

Mr. Irvin O. Horine, '94, passed away on May 10. Burial was in Frankfort, Indiana.

1901—Mr. George B. Kirk, ex-'01, passed away April 9 in Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania after a long illness. Mr. Kirk was a teacher of English in Peabody High School, Pittsburgh, for 29 years, until he retired because of illness.

1906—Word has just reached us of the death last August 27 of Mr. Robert Cooper Anderson, ex-'06.

Mrs. D. C. Bryant, wife of Professor Bryant, Otterbein, died suddenly in Columbus on May 18. Their daughter, Rachel Bryant, former head of physical education for women at Otterbein, is with the Red Cross in Italy.

## REV. LAWRENCE KEISTER DIES

Reverend Lawrence Keister, pastor, educator, author, and humanitarian, died at his home in Scottsdale on March 9. He was a graduate of Otterbein and of Boston University School of Theology.

He began his ministry in 1885 and served a number of churches in the Allegheny Conference. From 1907-12 he was president of Lebanon Valley College. Since 1912 he had spent much time in writing both prose and poetry.

Years ago he gave to Otterbein the sum of \$1,500, the income from which provides prizes in Classical and New Testament Greek.

