

OTTERBEIN TOWERS





RAYMOND M. VEH



HOWARD L. BEVIS

BACCALAUREATE AND COMMENCEMENT SPEAKERS

In view of the coming merger of the United Brethren and Evangelical Churches, it is eminently fitting that Otterbein should choose as Baccalaureate speaker this year a leader of the Evangelical Church. Dr. Raymond M. Veh, Harrisburg, Pennsylvania, received his B.A. degree from North Central College, his M.A. degree from the University of Illinois, and has had other graduate study at Western Reserve, Cleveland College and Nast Theological Seminary. Western Union College honored him with the D.D. degree.

Doctor Veh is the editor of the *Evangelical Crusader*, young people's journal; adult counselor of the General Evangelical Youth Fellowship; and secretary of the Board of Christian Action. He holds office in many denominational and interdenominational youth groups. He is a well-known speaker at youth conferences, rallies and camps, and was the representative from his church at the First World Conference of Christian Youth at Amsterdam, Holland, in 1939. We welcome him to our campus as an able speaker, youth counselor and editor.

Dr. Howard Landis Bevis, President of the Ohio State University, will deliver the address at Otterbein's eighty-ninth commencement on May 7. A native of Hamilton County, President Bevis received the B.A. and LL.B. degrees from the University of Cincinnati, and the S.J.D. degree from the Harvard Law School. He practiced law for a number of years until World War I, when he served in the Ordnance Department of the Army Air Service. He was appointed professor of law at the University of Cincinnati in 1921 and ten years later became state director of finance under Governor George White. In 1933 he was appointed an associate justice of the Supreme Court of Ohio to fill an unexpired term. In 1935 he was appointed a faculty member at Harvard, where he remained until his appointment to the presidency of the Ohio State University in 1940. Doctor Bevis is the third lawyer to be selected for this position.

From his undergraduate years, President Bevis demonstrated executive ability and intellectual prowess, and he has brought to Ohio State a wealth of experience in law, in teaching, in finance and administration.

THE COVER PAGE

Behold the Queen! Pictured on the cover page is Ruth Ann Masters who will reign over the May Day festivities on Saturday, May 5. Miss Masters, a junior, hails from Zanesville, Ohio. She is a home economics major and a member of the Owl sorority. The queen's attendants are pictured on page six.

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Eighty-Ninth Commencement

MAY DAY AND COMMENCEMENT PROGRAM

WEDNESDAY, MAY 2, THROUGH SUNDAY, MAY 6

Exhibit, Department of Fine Arts — *Association Building*

THURSDAY, MAY 3

1:30 P.M. — Meeting of the Board of Trustees

FRIDAY, MAY 4

9:00 A.M. — Meeting of the Board of Trustees

11:15 A.M. — Senior Class Day Program

5:30 P.M. — Phi Sigma Iota Dinner

8:00 P.M. — Reception by Acting President and Mrs. Martin for Senior Class and Friends — *Cochran Hall*

SATURDAY, MAY 5

8:00 A.M. — Quiz and Quill Breakfast

7:00-9:00 — May Morning Breakfast

10:30 A.M. — Crowning of the May Queen

12:00 M. — Class Reunions

1:30 P.M. — Meeting of the Alumni Council

2:15 P.M. — Baseball Game

3:00-5:00 — Otterbein Woman's Club Tea — *Association Building*

5:30 P.M. — Alumni Dinner — *United Brethren Church*

8:30 P.M. — Commencement Play — "Mr. Pim Passes By"

SUNDAY, MAY 6

10:45 A.M. — Baccalaureate Service. Sermon by Dr. Raymond M. Veh

3:30 P.M. — Annual Concert by Department of Music

MONDAY, MAY 7

8:00 A.M. — Pi Kappa Delta Breakfast

10:00 A.M. — Eighty-Ninth Annual Commencement

Speaker, President Howard L. Bevis, Ohio State University



J. RUSKIN HOWE, '21

PRESIDENT HOWE RESIGNS

Effective January 13, the resignation of Dr. J. Ruskin Howe was accepted by the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees. Announcement was made to the faculty and student body at the chapel service on Monday, January 15, the beginning of the second semester, and to the alumni and friends of the college via the public press on the same day.

Dr. Howe had served as president of Otterbein College since September, 1939. His administration was marked by the reorganization of the curriculum along divisional lines and by the admission of the music department to the National Association of Schools of Music. Campus improvements under his direction included a renovated heating plant and a modernized athletic field with new tennis courts.

The administration of Dr. Howe promised to be long and fruitful and his unexpected departure has been a matter of deep concern to his many personal friends among the alumni as well as to every constituent and friend-at-large of the college. However, the circumstances leading up to his resignation were such that the Executive Committee, after considering every angle of the situation, had no alternative but to accept it. This it did with sincere regret.

HOMER B. KLINE,
Chairman, Board of Trustees

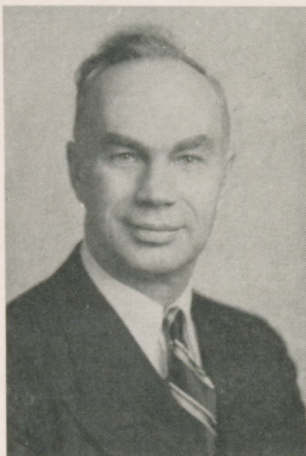
ACTING PRESIDENT

Professor Royal F. Martin, serving as dean of Otterbein College during the absence of Dr. Kenneth Bunce, was elected acting president of Otterbein by the executive committee to serve until a successor to Dr. J. Ruskin Howe is selected.

Mr. Martin has been a member of the faculty since 1913 with the exception of two years from 1917-1919. He received the A.B. degree from Otterbein and the B.P.E. and M.Ed. degrees from Springfield College, Springfield, Massachusetts. Additional graduate work was done at Columbia and Ohio State Universities.

Mr. Martin is well known over the state for his participation and leadership in athletic bodies. At different times he has served as president of the Ohio Athletic Conference, president of the Men's Physical Education section of the Ohio College Association, member of the Inter-collegiate Athletic Committee of the Ohio College Association and president of the Ohio Conference Managers' Association.

ROYAL F. MARTIN, '14



CENTENNIAL DIRECTOR

Dr. Wade S. Miller came to Otterbein in 1942 as Director of Public Relations. When the Centennial program was launched in January, 1944, he was made Assistant Director of the program. In this office he was responsible for the preparation of the printed materials and such other work as was assigned by the Director. On the resignation of Doctor Howe he was made General Director of the Centennial Program.

Dr. Miller is a graduate of Lebanon Valley College and of Bonebrake Seminary. Additional graduate work has been done at Northwestern and Ohio State Universities.

Following his graduation from Bonebrake he went to Shenandoah College, Dayton, Virginia, where he served one year as instructor of Bible and Greek; two years as college pastor, two years as dean and registrar and seven years as president.

At Otterbein he is also director of alumni activities and editor of the TOWERS.

WADE S. MILLER



THE ACTING PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

ROYAL F. MARTIN

Otterbein College is rapidly approaching the 98th anniversary of her founding. During the years there have gone out from her halls young men and women who have rapidly taken their places of leadership in the front ranks of all professions. Otterbeinites have gone to the far corners of the earth making the world a bit better because they have lived in it. More recently it has been true that the sons and daughters of Otterbein have been sent to all the corners of the earth, there to fight for the things they hold most dear.

During these years as we near the close of the first century your College has secured a top-ranking position in the educational world as evidenced by the fact that the accrediting agencies in all the areas in which Otterbein participates have placed her high on their lists. Otterbein graduates have been received without question by the finest graduate and professional schools of the land. Not only have they been accepted but their records have been of such high calibre that her graduates have been sought to enter these schools.

This did not come about in any haphazard manner. It is the result of the hard labors and sacrifices of many men and women of vision. Through the ninety-eight years to date at various points in the history of the College crises have been met and overcome. Leaders have been raised up to carry on where others have laid down the responsibilities of leadership. So through the years a Doctor Sanders carried on in the face of the greatest financial problems; a Doctor Clippinger gave thirty years of valiant service to the building of endowment

and facilities; and Doctor Howe's administration made further strides of advancement toward educational goals. Now we seek a new President who will give added impetus to our institutional growth. He will be found, our College will progress, our possibilities for the future are unlimited.

The Centennial Program is being pushed forward in all its various aspects. All committees are working to complete their objectives before 1947, the Centennial year.

Our basketball team recently finished the season winning all of its games played with Ohio Conference teams except one and losing only two games in non-Conference competition.

Tournament time is over with both the Franklin County and the District tournaments drawing the largest crowds in their history to Otterbein's campus.

Commencement will soon be here, being scheduled with President Howard Bevis of Ohio State University as the speaker while we will have the great privilege of having Doctor Raymond Veh of the Evangelical Church to address us on Baccalaureate Sunday. We sincerely trust that many of you may be able to be present at Commencement time to participate in the events as enumerated elsewhere in this issue.

While Commencement will officially close the College year, the campus and vicinity will continue to be a very busy place as the United Brethren Church will hold its quadrennial General Conference in the First United Brethren Church, of Westerville. This will bring to the College many distinguished visitors, alumni and friends.

FROM THE CENTENNIAL DIRECTOR

WADE S. MILLER

On the resignation of President J. Ruskin Howe, I was asked to serve as General Director of Otterbein's Centennial Program. I accepted reluctantly for the task of directing a program of such proportions is one which almost overwhelms me.

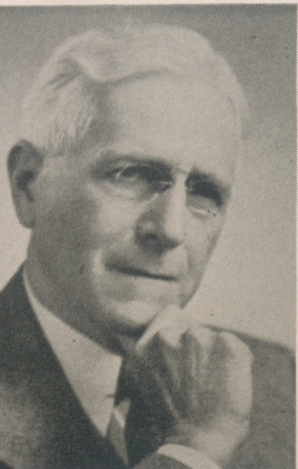
However, since accepting the position, there have come from far and near offers of cooperation and assistance; assurance has been made that conferences will be faithful in the prosecution of their goals; and alumni have responded generously in their giving and in their offers to help in this great undertaking.

I have, therefore, come to look upon this responsibility as a great challenge and one to which I

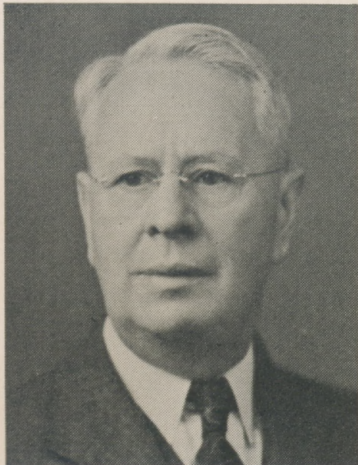
shall give every measure of devotion. It is truly a great honor to be a part of a century-old college like Otterbein, with her time-honored traditions and her glorious record of achievements over the past century. It is a higher honor to be the director of a program which has as its aim the building of a greater Otterbein in the next century.

The going of Doctor Howe has temporarily slowed our progress but the ultimate success of the program is assured. Nothing can defeat us, for Otterbein must go on serving the youth of the world for generations to come. In this program I covet your support, your cooperation, and your prayers that we may realize all our goals and that Otterbein may be prepared for her second century.

You Can't Go Wrong Here



GILBERT McFADDEN, '94



EDGAR L. WEINLAND, '91

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

The nominating committee has selected a strong ticket for alumni officers. It is unfortunate that all cannot be elected. The important thing is for everyone to vote. Our boys are dying on the battlefields of the world to preserve the ballot box and all it stands for. Cast a ballot! Be a part of your alumni association!

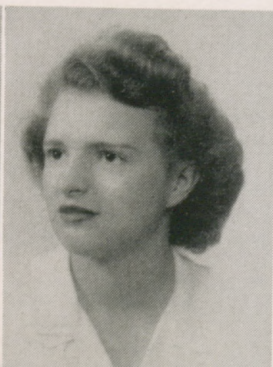
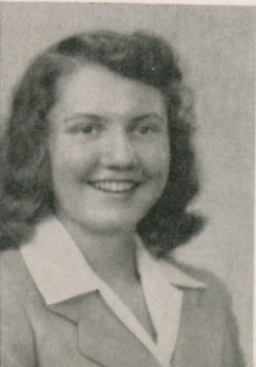
ALUMNI DAY

Saturday, May fifth, is Alumni Day. It is also May Day, since the closing of the college is on May 7. The complete schedule of events appears on page 3. The regularly scheduled events will take place as usual. However, no great effort is being made to encourage a large attendance lest we violate the spirit of the government's regulations on travel. Alumni will let their consciences be their guides, but they may be sure a cordial welcome awaits them.

HELEN HEBBELER

LUCILLE WALTERS

EVALOU STAUFFER



J. Neely Boyer Retires As President

Alumni everywhere and the alumni office are indebted to J. Neely Boyer, '27, for the service he has given to the association as president over the last two years. Mr. Boyer is the only person in recent years to be elected for a second term, which speaks well of the leadership he has given. The alumni office has found him intensely interested in every phase of the college program and cooperative in carrying on the association's activities.

NEXT TOWERS

The June issue of the *Towers* will be a General Conference Issue. It will carry news of Otterbein churchmen who attend the quadrennial meeting of the highest governing body in the United Brethren Church. It will be remembered that the General Conference of 1845 enacted legislation which led to the founding of Otterbein, the first college started by the United Brethren Church. It is for this reason that the conference of 1945 is coming to Westerville.

DUES ARE DUE

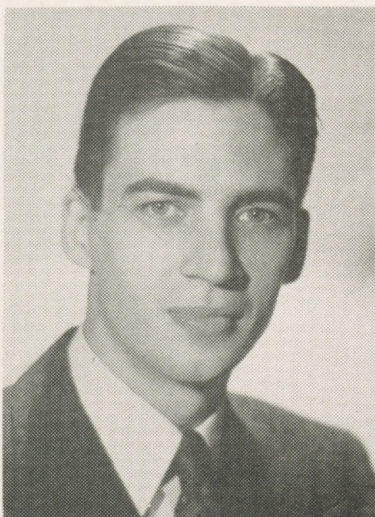
The number of alumni and ex-students paying dues has been increasing over the last few years. The increase has been as follows: 1942-43, 400; 1943-44, 519; 1944-45, 581. This is gratifying but not good enough. Let us reach 650 next year. We send *Towers* to over 2600 graduates and former students. We ought, therefore, to have a larger number paying dues. Remember, IT TAKES DUES TO BRING NEWS.

CLASS REUNIONS

The editor has information that plans are under way for the reunion of members of the classes of 1905 and 1920. It is hoped that presidents of other classes are contacting their members about class meetings. It is the time for meeting of the classes of 1895, '05, '15, '20, '25, and '35.

THE QUEEN'S ATTENDANTS

The May Queen, Ruth Ann Masters, will have as her attendants Lucille Walters (center), Akron, Helen Hebbeler (left), Cincinnati, and Evalou Stauffer, Brookville. Miss Walters will be Maid of Honor. The coronation will take place at 10:30 A.M.



HAROLD H. PLATZ, '35

FOUNDERS' DAY AT OTTERBEIN

Founders' Day, April 26, will bring to the campus one of Otterbein's promising younger graduates, Prof. Harold H. Platz of Bonebrake Theological Seminary, who will deliver the address at eleven o'clock chapel. Mr. Platz was graduated Magne Cum Laude from Otterbein in 1935, after winning prizes in Greek and short story writing. After graduating from college he served the Sharpsville, Pennsylvania, and Hartfield, New York, United Brethren Churches. In 1938 he and Mrs. Platz entered Bonebrake Seminary, where he again distinguished himself academically and received the B.D. degree in 1941. Granted a fellowship by the University of Chicago Divinity School, he studied there from 1941 to 1944. He is now a professor of Old and New Testaments at the Bonebrake Seminary.

Founders' Day, which is also Senior Recognition Day, takes on added significance in these days of preparation for observance of the Centennial Anniversary. The program for the day is in charge of the Centennial Observance Committee, with Prof. L. L. Shackson serving as sub-committee chairman.

THREE HONORARY DEGREES TO BE CONFERRED

MABEL E. GARDNER

Otterbein College will award an honorary degree this year to Dr. Mabel E. Gardner, '08, loyal Otterbein trustee, distinguished physician, influential citizen and servant of humanity. Doctor Gardner received the M.D. degree from the University of Cincinnati and has studied at Johns Hopkins and Chicago Universities and abroad. She is one of the first Ohio women elected to the American College of Surgeons, is president of the Board of Health of Middletown, and Chief of the Obstetric Staff of the Middletown Hospital. Otterbein is proud to honor her.

CARL VERNON ROOP

Rev. Carl Vernon Roop of Galion, Ohio, will receive the honorary D.D. degree on May 7. A graduate of Otterbein in 1913, he received the B.D. degree from Bonebrake Seminary in 1917. He has

served as evangelist, as field secretary for the college and for the Otterbein Home, and has held pastorates at Sidney, West Mansfield, Southern Hills (Dayton), Marion and Galion where he now serves. He was elected last year as a trustee of Otterbein from Sandusky Conference.

EUGENE R. TURNER

Few graduates have been more faithful in their devotion to Otterbein than Rev. E. R. Turner, '17, pastor of the United Brethren Church of Middletown. For the past fifteen years a trustee of Otterbein, he heads the board's Spiritual and Social Committee, bringing to its work a keen interest and deep understanding of the problems of youth. He and Mrs. Turner (Nell Johnson, ex '18) have three children, Eugene, Jr., ex '46, with the U. S. Navy; Tom, of Middletown's famous basketball team, and Marilyn, aged eleven. Mr. Turner will receive the D.D. degree at commencement.

MABEL E. GARDNER, '08



CARL VERNON ROOP, '13



EUGENE R. TURNER, '17



CENTENNIAL CAMPAIGN MOVES FORWARD

THE Centennial Executive Committee met on March 2 to review the progress made in the first year of the Centennial campaign, or since its inauguration on January 21, 1944. Reports were heard from each of the five general committees. It was the feeling of the Executive Committee that gratifying progress had been made. New solemn pledges were made by committee chairmen to carry through every phase of the program to successful consummation by the time of the Centennial celebration in June, 1947.

The Social and Spiritual Committee

E. R. TURNER, Reporting

Mr. Turner reported that the work of his committee is being carried on by three sub-committees with specific responsibilities as follows: Number I, to secure information on the spiritual and social life of other colleges; Number II, to study the college religious program to discover how it may be strengthened and made more effective in the student life; Number III, to study all organizations on the campus relative to their contribution to the social life and program of Otterbein. Recommendations will be made at a later date.

The Academic Program Committee

PAUL B. ANDERSON, Reporting

Doctor Anderson reported that his committee is studying how to strengthen the faculty and prepare Otterbein for the unprecedented demands following the war. The committee also feels that a more selective and discriminating admission policy should be initiated. Other needs were pointed out as follows: (1) an advisory program to help students solve their personal, vocational, and academic problems, (2) a modern program of tests and examinations, and (3) a full-time and active dean.

The Observance Committee

A. P. ROSSELOT, Reporting

Reporting for the committee, Doctor Rosselot said that plans were under way to observe Founders' Day on April 26 of this year, and to have a special observance in the Southeast Ohio Conference in 1946, for it was the old Scioto Conference (now Southeast Ohio) of 1846 which founded Otterbein. The committee proposed a two-day educational conference beginning on April 26, 1947, composed of outstanding college educators, and a second con-

ference in June, 1947, at which time the guests would be largely from church organizations.

The Publicity Committee

J. GORDON HOWARD, Reporting

Doctor Howard pointed out that the major emphasis of the campaign in its early stages is financial; therefore, the publicity committee has concerned itself with the following publicity media: posters, *Otterbein Towers*, Centennial insignia, church papers, a play for use in local churches, a library brochure, centennial certificates, portfolio for incentive gift donors, and other mailings. The second phase of the Centennial observance will emphasize the historical, educational and inspirational aspects of Otterbein, and the committee will consider use of the radio, another play, and general newspaper and church periodical publicity.

The Financial Committee

Wesley O. Clark, Associate Chairman of the Centennial Certificate Campaign, reported that the conferences had accepted their quotas of \$330,000 and had paid \$68,825 to date.

Horace W. Troop, Chairman of the Library Committee, reported that twenty-one library subscriptions had been secured.

R. F. Martin reported that the faculty had pledged \$10,113; the students, \$13,349; the Westerville business organizations, \$6,434; the Women's Clubs, \$2,150; the general public in Westerville, \$6,444.

In the absence of the chairmen of the State of Ohio and Alumni-at-Large Committees, Treasurer Vance reported that \$11,696 had been pledged by alumni in Ohio and \$18,736 by out-of-state alumni. This makes a total of \$419,922 pledged by alumni and friends or underwritten by the church.

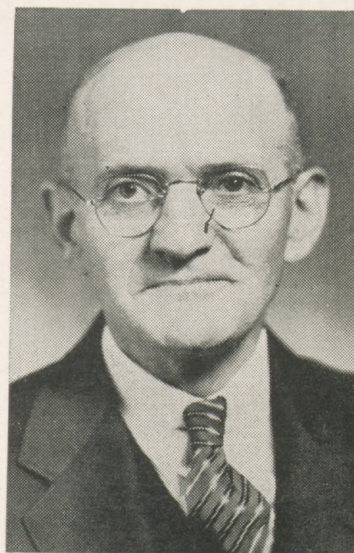
Alumni-At-Large Campaign To Begin Soon

Many of our alumni outside of Ohio are asking when they will be allowed to make their Centennial pledges. Several thousand dollars have been received from individuals who did not want to wait until solicited. A number of boys in service have sent checks unsolicited to apply on the Centennial goal. Others have written asking if they are to be given a chance to contribute. One soldier said, "It is for such institutions as Otterbein that we are fighting. We also want to share in her future."

To these questions the Centennial Advisory Committee now has the answer. It is the plan to devote the month of June or July to a campaign among our alumni outside of Ohio. At the same time boys in the service will be given an opportunity to contribute toward the Centennial goal.

Among the civilians outside Ohio the campaign will be conducted by mail except in those cities where there are a number of alumni. In those places a program of personal solicitation is planned.

Service men will simply be given an opportunity by mail to make a pledge. The college has no disposition to exploit these boys who are already giving so much. It is because some of them have



A. D. COOK, '12
Chairman

asked to have a part in their college program that the opportunity will be provided.

One soldier asked about giving bonds to the college. Series F bonds (\$18.50) may be purchased in the name of the college as may Series G bonds (\$100). The college will be very pleased to accept bonds from civilians or from those in service.

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.

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

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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 ☐ installments, 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

CONGRATULATIONS, TEAM — COACH!

Note that the heading above is the same as that used in the last *Towers*. Also note that the heading above the basketball picture is the same as the last time except for the little word "near"—and we do mean "near." In fact, only one basket kept us from an undefeated basketball season in the Ohio Conference. The lone defeat by Wooster on their court kept us from a tie with Akron University for the conference championship. We closed the season in undisputed possession of second place. Two non-conference games were lost, both to Ohio University.

Otterbeinites everywhere will take note that we defeated Capital twice in basketball as we did in football. Capital lost only two games this year and both were to Otterbein.

The basketball record this year is the second best in the history of the sport at Otterbein. Only the undefeated team of 1933 shows a better record. This year's team averaged 53.8 points per game while its opponents averaged 36.6. This represents the best defensive record in the Ohio Conference.

To the eleven boys who gave their best for their alma mater, and to Harry W. Ewing, their able coach, goes the appreciation of students, faculty, and alumni for another magnificent sports record. The year 1944-45 will go down in the record books as the most successful in Otterbein's history.

WINTER HOMECOMING WAS CARROLL WIDDOES DAY



Meet the Near Con



Front row (left to right): Payne, Donelson, Wendt, ...
Back row: Ewing, Stauffer, Wagner, Woods, Evans, V...

SCORES IN OHIO C

Otterbein	..... 48	Heidelberg	..... 38
Otterbein	..... 48	Kenyon	..... 24
Otterbein	..... 42	Capital	..... 38
Otterbein	..... 42	Wooster	..... 43
Otterbein	..... 65	Heidelberg	..... 41
Otterbein	..... 54	Kenyon	..... 22

Carroll Widdoes Honored

Carroll Widdoes, '26, is seen receiving from Acting President R. F. Martin a plaque in recognition of his outstanding football record. Merlin Ditmer, '10, Widdoes' coach at Otterbein, looks on with pride. At the dinner table is Ernie Godfrey, assistant coach at State; Widdoes; Prof. H. W. Troop, toastmaster; and Martin.

KATHRYN BEHM

GLORIA



ference Champions



Bowman, Vonovich, Wood Rich, McCualsky, Daup. Vooley, Showalter, and Schroedel.

ONFERENCE GAMES

Otterbein 59	Ashland 29
Otterbein 63	Wittenberg 44
Otterbein 54	Capital 37
Otterbein 67	Ashland 40
Otterbein 63	Wittenberg 27
Otterbein 56	Wooster 41

The Winter Princess

By vote of the Varsity "O" Association Gloria Server, Dayton, was elected Winter Princess and was crowned with appropriate ceremony preceeding the basketball game with Wittenberg. Geraldine McDonald, Canton, and Kathryn Behm, Dayton, were the attendants. All three are seniors.

SERVER

GERALDINE McDONALD



"GRADS" MAKE GOOD IN SPORTS

HAROLD ANDERSON

Harold Anderson, '24, has established another great record at Bowling Green. During the season his team won 22 and lost only to Great Lakes and Baldwin-Wallace (Baldwin-Wallace is coached by Ray Watts, Otterbein, ex '15). In the National Invitation Basketball Tournament at Madison Square Garden Anderson's team went to the finals, losing to DePaul of Chicago.

ARTHUR FRANCIS

Arthur (Barney) Francis, '33, in his first year at Upper Arlington, has produced a good basketball team, winning the Class A district championship but losing out in the regional tournament. Better luck next time.

ELMO LINGREL

Elmo (Buddy) Lingrel, '17, for 22 years football coach and athletic director at Middletown, Ohio, has resigned as coach to become director of physical education and health for all Middletown public schools.

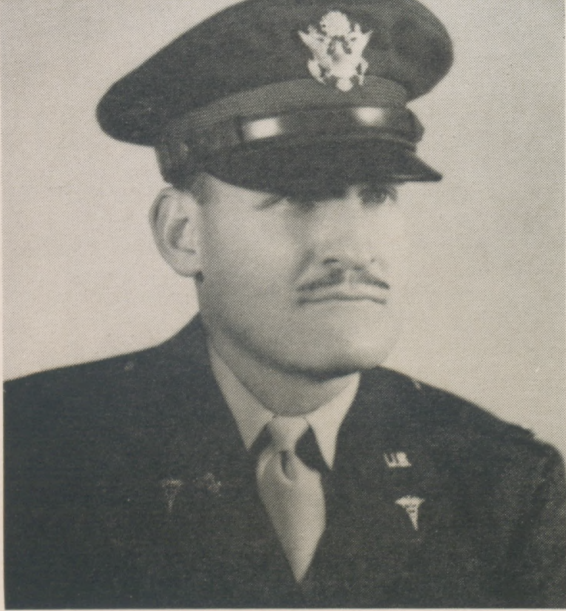
Lingrel, a star fullback at Otterbein, has been coaching for 27 years (one year in France). He has a lifetime coaching record of 250 games played, winning 193, losing 40 and tying 17. His record at Middletown is 200 games played, 153 won, 35 lost and 15 tied.

ARTHUR FRANCIS

HAROLD ANDERSON

ELMO LINGREL





JOHN L. CRAWFORD, '28

COL. JOHN L. CRAWFORD

Heard on the "Army Hour" recently was Colonel John L. Crawford who commands an evacuation hospital in Germany. In the path of the German onslaught in December, Colonel Crawford and part of his outfit remained at the hospital to care for the seriously wounded. When the Americans counterattacked shortly afterward, the Germans retreated, taking hospital equipment and Christmas dinners with them, but fortunately leaving the personnel. The Colonel will be remembered as "Jew" Crawford, '28. His wife is the former Josephine Drury, '28. He has been in the Army Medical Corps for thirteen years and his unit was one of the first in Normandy.

LT. CHARLES W. HARDING

Lt. Charles W. Harding, '38, is junior medical officer aboard the U.S.S. *Dixie*, a repair ship of the U. S. Navy. After his graduation from Otterbein in 1938, he received his medical training at Ohio State University before his enlistment in the Navy. He had his basic training at the Great Lakes Naval Station and left the United States in the fall of 1943 for the Southwest Pacific area, where he is still serving.

CHARLES W. HARDING, '38



JOSEPH P. AYER, '40



MEN IN SERVICE

Otterbein

LT. JOSEPH P. AYER

Both legs severely injured by an exploding mine, Lt. Joseph P. Ayer, '40, is hospitalized at the Tilton General Hospital, Fort Dix, N. J., after several months in an English hospital. He was wounded in France in August and received a special citation along with the Purple Heart and was promoted to first lieutenant at the request of his commanding officer "for superior ability on the battlefield." He was overseas for five months before being wounded. Mrs. Ayer (Ethel Lawyer, ex '40) is a member of the Army Nurse Corps serving at Fort Devens, Massachusetts.

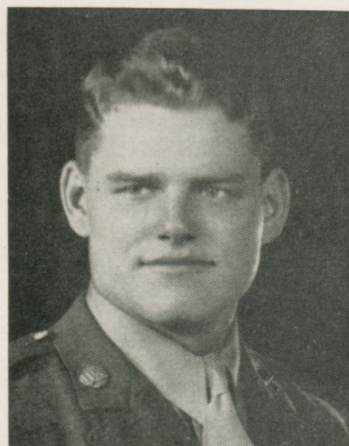
PFC. BRUCE J. HOBBS

Pfc. Bruce J. Hobbs, ex '45, was recently the recipient of the Silver Star Medal, third highest medal awarded by the Army. His citation reads, in part, "The intrepidity and unselfish devotion displayed by Private Hobbs reflect great credit upon himself and the military service." The award was made after he and another soldier stayed under enemy fire to permit successful withdrawal of his squad, and on four occasions he "braved decimating enemy fire while evacuating the wounded." His wife, the former Henrietta Mayne, '44, and baby daughter whom he has never seen, live in Westerville. Bruce is with the Ninth Army in Germany.

MAJOR HERBERT L. LUST

Veteran of four campaigns, Major Herbert L. Lust, '31, recently returned to the United States after thirty-five months in the Southwest Pacific area, where he participated in the Netherlands East Indies, Papuan, New Guinea and Philippines campaigns. Major Lust was a member of the Ohio National Guard from his high school days and was commissioned in 1938. Called to active duty early in the war, he went overseas with the 135th Medical Detachment in March, 1942. He was a teacher and superintendent of the Orange Township Schools for nine years before his call to service. Mrs. Lust (Mabel Wurm, ex '31) lives in Westerville.

BRUCE J. HOBBS, ex '45



HERBERT L. LUST, '31

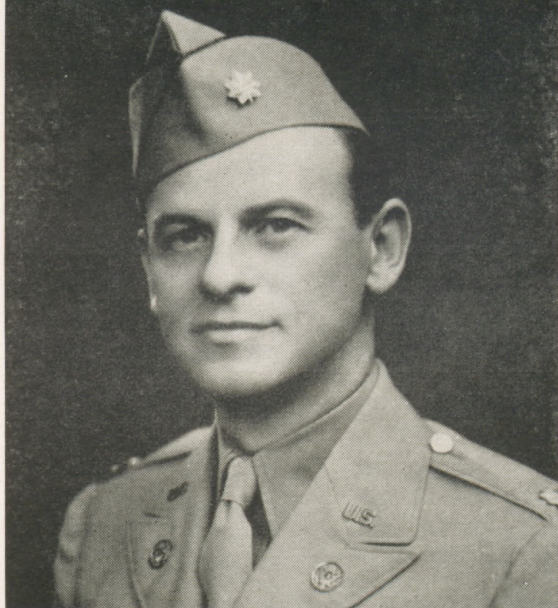


Salutes

SCHOOL EXECUTIVES

D. SPENCER SHANK

Major D. Spencer Shank, '21, until recently the army's chief of the education branch, European theater of operations, has been named director of the veteran's educational program at the University of Cincinnati. Doctor Shank received the A.M. degree from Columbia in 1924 and the Ph.D. from the University of Cincinnati in 1929. He has served on the faculty at the University of Cincinnati, as personnel director of the Cincinnati public schools, and as education officer assigned to the War Department in Washington. Mrs. Shank is the former Marjora Whistler, '23.



D. SPENCER SHANK, '21

WALTER N. ROBERTS

A second distinguished member of the class of '21 is Dr. Walter N. Roberts, President of Bonebrake Theological Seminary. Receiving his B.D. degree from Bonebrake Seminary, he studied at Yale Divinity School and later at the Hartford Seminary where he received the Ph.D. degree. He holds the D.D. degree from Lebanon Valley College. Doctor and Mrs. Roberts (Marjorie Mae Miller, '21) spent five years in the Philippines where he was missionary editor, pastor and professor, and acting secretary of the National Christian Council. He became a professor at Bonebrake in 1935 and its president in 1938.

JOHN FINLEY WILLIAMSON

Bringing distinction to his Alma Mater as he has to himself is Dr. John Finley Williamson who graduated from the department of music in 1911. He is the founder and director of the famous Westminster Choir which has toured the principal cities of the United States and Europe for more than twenty years. With his wife, Rhea Parlette Williamson, he founded the Westminster Choir College in Princeton, New Jersey. He is now president of the college and Mrs. Williamson is the dean. Doctor Williamson received the honorary Mus.D. degree from Wooster and the LL.D. degree from Otterbein.

HARVEY S. GRUVER

Mr. Harvey S. Gruver, '02, will retire in June after a long and distinguished career in public school administration. Beginning as principal of the Worthington schools in 1900, he was for a number of years Superintendent of the Indianapolis Schools and has served in a similar capacity in Lynn, Massachusetts, since 1923. Mr. Gruver received his A.M. degree from Harvard. His wife is the former Mary Oden Kemp, '00, daughter of Samuel Eden Kemp, '70, and granddaughter of Rev. John Kemp of the United Brethren Church.

LOUIS W. NORRIS

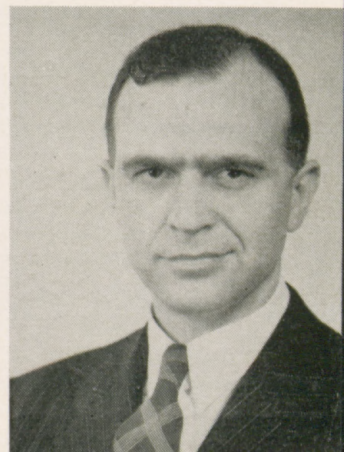
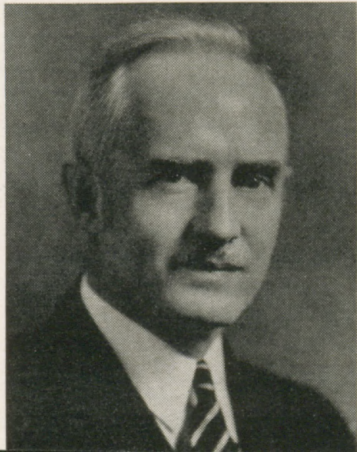
Dr. Louis W. Norris, '28, vice president of Baldwin-Wallace College since 1939, received the S.T.B. Magna Cum Laude from Boston University in 1931. Winning the Roswell R. Robinson Fellowship from the Institute of International Education, he and Mrs. Norris (Florence Howard, '28) traveled and studied for two years in Central Europe, England, and Scotland. Awarded the Borden P. Bowne Fellowship in philosophy at Boston University, he received the Ph.D. degree there in 1937.

WALTER N. ROBERTS, '21

JOHN FINLEY WILLIAMSON, '11

HARVEY S. GRUVER, '02

LOUIS W. NORRIS, '28



Flashes . . . FROM THE CLASSES

OLDEST GRADUATE DIES



MRS. MARY NEASE KEISTER, '78

Mrs. Mary Nease Keister, '78, Otterbein's oldest graduate and one of Westerville's most beloved citizens, died on Sunday morning following the Winter Homecoming on Saturday, February 10, lacking only a couple months of being 95 years old.

Her husband, the late Reverend S. W. Keister, went to his reward on Sunday following the fall Homecoming of 1929. That Mrs. Keister should go also the day after Homecoming is a strange coincidence. Yet, their characters were of such beauty that death could mean only Homecoming for them.

Mrs. Keister is survived by a daughter, Mrs. L. A. Weinland, '04, Westerville, and one son, Dr. Albert S. Keister, '10, professor at North Carolina College for Women.

1881—Rev. Addison E. Davis, '81, is now retired after fifty-eight years of continuous service in the ministry of the United Brethren Church. He is a member of Sandusky Conference.

1900—November 15 was observed at Iowa State College as Coover Recognition Day, honoring Dr. W. F. Coover, '00, who has given forty years of service to the Chemistry Department, thirty-one of them as its head.

1918—Mr. Robert E. Kline, Jr., '18, is now associated with Kirlin, Campbell, Hickox and Keating, in the Washington, D.C., office, as Washington Resident Counsel. Mr. Kline was formerly Assistant General Counsel of The Securities and Exchange Commission, Special Assistant to the Under-Secretary of the Navy, and General Counsel to The Naval Affairs Investigating Committee of the United States House of Representatives.

1923—Rev. Frank S. McEntire, '23, has made an unusual record as a teacher of Leadership Education Courses in the United Brethren Church. He began his teaching at Findley Lake in 1929 while serving as general director of the Erie Conference Board of Christian Education, and since that time he has taught forty-four different courses, most of them several times.

1925—Mr. Emmet F. McCarroll, '25, was originally employed to coach Dennison, Ohio, High School athletics and then successively promoted to High School Principal and to Superintendent of all city schools. Now he is holding down all three jobs.

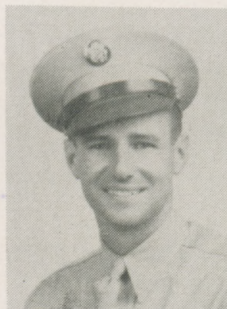
1927—Mr. Perry Laukhuff, '27, was transferred in January from Sweden to London, and is designated as Secretary of Mission at London, attached to the staff of Ambassador Robert Murphy, United States Political Adviser on German Affairs, Supreme Headquarters, Allied Expeditionary Forces.

1934—Mr. Wilbur H. Morrison, '34, has accepted the position of Assistant Secretary of the Allemania Building and Loan Association, of Columbus, Ohio.

Mr. Dean Lawther, '34, was recently promoted to Chief Chemist for the American Steel Company, and transferred from Alliance, Ohio, to East St. Louis, Missouri.

THREE ROBINSON BROTHERS

Three brothers, George, Paul and Thoburn Robinson, are serving in the U. S. Army. S/Sgt. George is in the Netherlands East Indies, serving overseas since November, 1943. T/Sgt. Paul is stationed in the Aleutians with the Signal Corps, and Pvt. Thoburn is with a Tank Destroyer Battalion at Camp Shelby, Mississippi.



THOBURN, ex '35



GEORGE, ex '34



PAUL, ex '45

1935—Mrs. H. C. Brubaker (Irene Coate, '35) is helping the teaching situation in Pueblo, Colorado, by teaching in the high school there.

Dr. Verle A. Miller, '35, is the author of a paper, "Ternary Mixtures of Three Isomeric Hep-tanes" which appeared in the Analytical Edition of Industrial and Engineering Chemistry for January, 1945. Dr. Miller as a chemist in the Research Laboratories Division, General Motors Corporation, De-troit.

1937—Mrs. Grover L. Severs (Carol Beachler, '37) is now doing propaganda analysis in the Latin-American field for the Foreign Agents Registration Section of the Department of Justice in Washington, D. C.

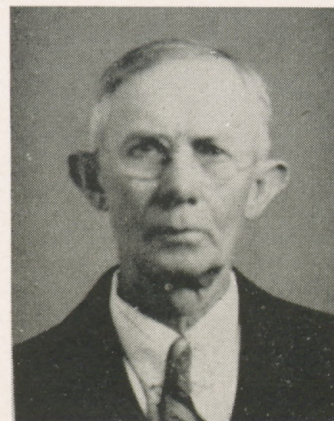
1938—Miss Dorothy Allsup, '38, Education Director of Radio Station WHIO, Dayton, Ohio, has helped the teachers of Dayton and Montgomery County by planning a WHIO Teachers Institute for those interested in making the best use of radio.

1939—Mr. James Carter, '39, was given an Honorable Discharge from the army in December and is now teaching instrumental music at Ports-mouth, Ohio.

1941—Each year the Air Transport Associa-tion of America offers cash awards to pilots, meteor-ologists, dispatchers, and other operations personnel of United States airlines for the best research work having a practical application toward improving weather analysis, weather forecasting, and the dis-patching of aircraft. This year Frank M. VanSic-kle, '41, was awarded second prize of \$150 for his paper on "The Cause and Forecasting of Low Ceilings and Visibilities at Cleveland Municipal Air-port." Mr. VanSickle had been a meteorologist for Pennsylvania Central Airlines since 1942 and in

MR. FRED A. EUVERARD PASSES

The college bells do not seem to ring the same since Mr. Fred Eu-ver-ard went away from his post on Febru-ary 9 after serving the college as care-taker for twenty years. Victim of a heart attack, he died a few hours after being strick-en. The SIBYL staff of 1938, in dedicating the year book to him, had this to say:



FRED A. EUVERARD

"He also serves" who bears upon his shoulders the brunt of our careless progress across the campus and through the corridors of Otterbein. For us, he opens the doors to knowledge early in the morning and closes them behind our heedless steps at night. The junior class dedicates the 1938 SIBYL to him whose unfailing service and care have extended from the classrooms to the Gymnasium. MR. EUVERARD."

the Army Air Corps on inactive duty since April of 1944.

1942—Mr. Roger Reynolds, ex '42, was dis-charged from the army in August, 1943, and is now working for Texas Petroleum Products in the Canal Zone, Central America.

HOW MANY SERVICE MEN WILL RETURN TO OTTERBEIN AFTER THE WAR?

Several hundred boys and girls left Otterbein to enter their country's service before finishing their courses.

It will help the housing committee greatly if they will indicate whether they expect to return to Otterbein after the war. Use the blank at the right to indicate your intentions. Send it to your TOWERS ed-itor, Dr. Wade S. Miller.

I hope to _____ expect to _____ return to Otterbein following my discharge.

I will have had _____ years of college credit when I return.

I will require a dormitory room _____; an apartment _____.

Name _____

Address _____

HERE IS NEWS OF OTTERBEIN SERVICE MEN AND



MACK GRIMES, '41

Lt. Mack Grimes, '41, visited the campus on Winter Homecoming after thirty-five months in the Southwest Pacific area. He went overseas in January, 1942. He graduated from Officers' Training School in Australia in June, 1943, and was adjutant of an Air Service Squadron until his return to the United States. He is now assigned to Wright Field, Dayton.



ROY E. METZ, '43

Pfc. Roy E. Metz, '43, is back in combat after being wounded by shrapnel on February 6 near Manila. A paratrooper of the 11th Airborne Division, he is the recipient of two citations and the Purple Heart, and wears the combat infantryman's and expert infantryman's medals. Roy has spent ten months in New Guinea, Leyte and Luzon.

1934—Lt. Austin Sage, ex '34, is in a hospital in England recovering from serious wounds received in Germany. He was with the Ninth Army when wounded.

Lt. Edward J. Nagel, who for some years had been a missionary in the Philippines, joined the army when the islands were invaded. His wife, Mrs. Leora Nagel, and a friend, found refuge with a native Filipino tribe for a while, but their hideout was discovered by the Japanese and they were interned at Baguio. On her release she learned that Lt. Nagel had been taken from Bilibid Prison in December and sent to Japan. His parents, who live in Canton, Ohio, have had no word from him for three years.

1938—Capt. John H. Hendrix, '38, is now stationed in Denver, Colorado, after having served twenty-two months in the southwest Pacific.

1939—2nd Lt. Carl McVay, ex '39, was recently awarded his silver pilot's wings on completion of his twin-engine advanced training at Enid Army Air Field, Enid, Oklahoma.

1940—Lt. (jg) Paul E. Cheek, '40, is with the Marines on a hospital ship.

1941—In his spare time Pfc. Wallace F. Orlidge, '41, is operating the controls at Radio Station KAVE at Carlsbad, New Mexico. He is doing some announcing and transmitting.

1942—Laying aside his GI uniform temporarily to don track shorts and shoes, Sgt. William D. Noll, ex '42, represented the Tenth Air Force in the shotput and javelin.

GRABILL MAKES PUPPET THEATRE

Pfc. James R. Grabill, '43, is shown explaining to an American Red Cross worker the way his puppet theatre works. James constructed the theatre of salvaged materials while confined to the 114th Station Hospital in Italy. James, son of Prof. Glenn Grant Grabill, has been in the army for 25 months and overseas for 14 months serving with an Armored Infantry Battalion. He has been awarded the Purple Heart, the African-European Theatre of Operations Campaign Ribbon with two Battle Stars, the Combat Infantryman Badge and the Presidential Citation Unit Award.



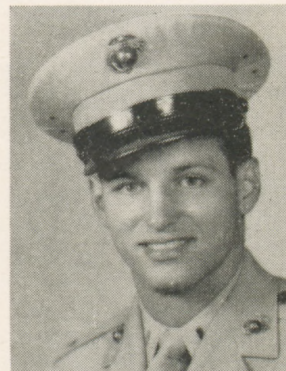
WOMEN FROM THE FAR FLUNG CORNERS OF THE WORLD



DEAN C. KUHN, ex '45

Lt. Dean C. Kuhn, ex '45 is pictured beside one of the B-17 Flying Fortresses of the 15th AAF, in which he flew his fiftieth long-range bombing mission in the Mediterranean area on January 20th from an Italian base. As a bombardier he has ranged over targets in Austria, Italy, Germany, Hungary, Czechoslovakia, Rumania and the Balkans.

A casualty of the Iwo Jima campaign, Lt. William A. Barr, ex '44, received three bullet wounds on February 28th while serving with the Marine Corps 4th Division. He was taken to Guam by hospital ship and then to Hawaii where he is confined to the U. S. Naval Hospital. He telephoned from there to his wife, Virginia Andrus Barr, ex '43.



WILLIAM A. BARR, ex '44

lin in the All-American track and field meet held in Calcutta, India. More than five hundred American soldiers participated in the meet.

1943—Lt. James Sheridan, ex '43, writes from his Air Base in China that when they are not flying they can enjoy the facilities of an exceptionally well-equipped field—several outdoor basketball courts, softball diamonds, tennis courts, a football field, a wonderful Red Cross library, a large theater, and facilities for hunting and fishing.

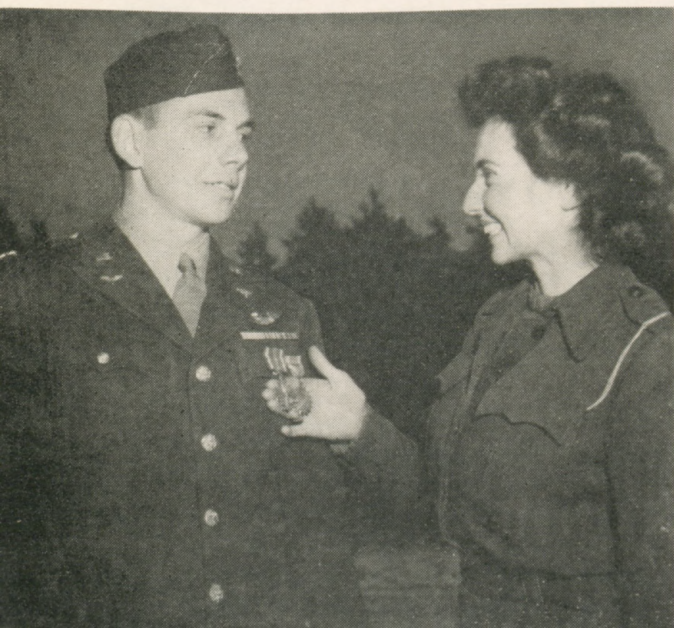
1944—Ens. John Shiffler, ex '44, was lucky enough to be transferred from a cargo transport to a shore base just at the time when the base basketball team needed another player—so Johnny has taken up the game again.

The second WAVE in the world to qualify for an Aviation Radio Technician rating, Dorothy Ober

O'Connell, ex '44, is also one of the first twenty civilian women in the country to learn the integral parts of radar. Dotty is stationed at San Diego, California.

1945—Cpl. Robert Pollock, ex '45, is now a Chaplain's assistant and reports that he has been making communion cups from bamboo trees in Burma. He writes also that, as a part of the Mars Task Force, they have walked some three hundred miles during their last campaign.

Miss Rachel Bryant, former head of physical education for women, and now in Italy doing recreational work with the Red Cross, has already met two of Otterbein's boys overseas. The first night she was at her location in Italy she met Lt. Philip Morgan, '42, now a prisoner of Germany. Robert Penn, ex '43, writes that he had a few minutes' chat with Miss Bryant at an airport.



FANCY MEETING YOU HERE!

To the left is pictured Grace Burge, '39, admiring the Distinguished Flying Cross and Air Medal of Major Harold F. Augspurger, '41. Their chance meeting took place somewhere in France bridging a two-year span since they last saw each other. Grace and her sister Jane, '37, are Red Cross workers and have been in France for several months. Major Augspurger is the commanding officer of a Beaufighter Night Fighter Squadron of the new French-American First Tactical Air Force. "Augzie" was one of the first Otterbein students to enter the armed forces.

TWO MORE BOYS MAKE THE SUPREME SACRIFICE

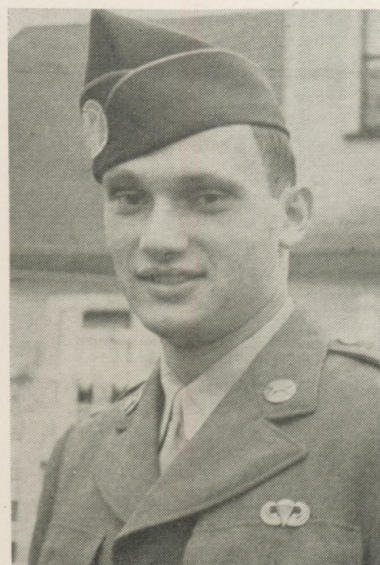


GEORGE M. BISHOP, '42



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



GEORGE C. DAGRES, ex '45



Two more gold stars have appeared on our service flag since the last issue of the TOWERS. The editor takes this means of expressing to the families of George Dagres and George Bishop the heartfelt sympathy of all of us at Otterbein. You and we have suffered a great loss for they too belonged to Otterbein.

LT. GEORGE M. BISHOP

Lt. George M. Bishop, '42, was reported missing in action over Germany on December 23, 1944. George graduated from Otterbein on June 5, 1942, and entered the service thirteen days later. He graduated from the airplane engine mechanic school at Lambert Field, Missouri, in October, 1942. The following February he was re-classified as a pilot and received his commission on March 12, 1944. He was then sent to Barksdale Field, Shreveport, Louisiana, to train with a crew which left the States on July 29. As a pilot he flew a B-26 Marauder which landed in England early in August. He was connected with the Ninth Air Bombardment Group in France when he was reported missing.

CPL. GEORGE C. DAGRES

The parents of George C. Dagres, ex '45, have been informed that their son was killed in action in Belgium on December 31, 1944. Corporal Dagres entered Otterbein in the fall of 1941, enlisted in the Army Reserve Corps December 5, 1942, and was called to active service on May 11, 1943. He qualified for the Paratroops in November, 1943, and went overseas on February 1, 1944. He took part in "D" Day invasion of Normandy as a member of the 101st Airborne Division. He also took part in the invasions of Southern France, Holland, and Belgium. It was his regiment, the 502nd Parachute Infantry, that was surrounded in Bastogne, Belgium, on Christmas Day.

MEMORIAL ALCOVE

The Centennial Executive Committee at its last meeting decided to make one of the two beautiful Window Alcoves in the new library a memorial to our service men who have given their lives in the present war. On one wall of the alcove a bronze plaque will carry the names of Otterbein's heroic dead. It seemed to the committee that this would be an appropriate way to keep before the faculty, alumni and future generations of students the sacred memory of those brave men who died that institutions like Otterbein might live.

Lt. Phil Morgan, '41, reported missing in action in the last "Towers," is later reported a prisoner of war in Germany.

STORK MARKET REPORT

1925—Mr. and Mrs. Henry L. Davidson, '25, (Frances Kennedy, ex '26) announce the arrival of twin daughters, born March 9. Their names are Patricia Ann and Pamela Jean.

1928—Mrs. Viola Taylor (Viola Burke, '28) became the mother of a new baby early in March. The Taylors live in Akron, Ohio.

1931—On December 16 a daughter, Charlotte Sue, was born to Mr. and Mrs. John Carl Barnes, ex '31.

1933—Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Secrest (Elizabeth Fickel, ex '33) announce the birth of a second son on March 25.

1934—Ruth Ellen is the name of the new little daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Barnes, '34. The baby was born February 16.

Mr. and Mrs. J. Warren Dickerson (Ruth Lambert, '34) announce the arrival of a prospective Otterbeinite, Natalie Sue, born on January 28.

1936—Rev. and Mrs. Richard Mitchell, '36, are the proud parents of a baby girl born March 7. They have named her Susanne Kay.

On February 28 a daughter was born to Mr. and Mrs. Dean Lawther, '36, (Helen Ludwick, ex '36). The baby's name is Ann Elizabeth.

1937—A daughter, Lynn Blair, was born December 11 to Lt. (jg) and Mrs. William Anderson, '37.

To Mr. and Mrs. Marshall Spangler, ex '37 and ex '47, was born a son on January 7.

On December 4, little Jane Ellen arrived at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Arnold, '37, (Ruth Cook, '38).

1939—Only recently we received word of the birth on September 29 of Susan Eileen Scarberry, daughter of Rd.M 2/c and Mrs. Everett Scarberry, ex '39.

1940—M.M. 3/c and Mrs. Joseph Hendrix, ex '40, announce the birth of a daughter on February 3.

1941—A son, Lawrence Calihan, was born to Sgt. and Mrs. Mellinger Calihan, ex '41, on December 24. Sgt. Calihan is now in France.

1942—On February 22 a daughter, Pamela Kay, was born to Cpl. and Mrs. Charles W. Jackson, '42.

Lt. and Mrs. Ross J. Wilhelm, ex '42, announce the arrival of Peter Bradbury on February 17.

A boy, Sandy Charles, was born to Mr. and Mrs. S. N. Hallock II (Clarine Moore, '42) on March 4.

1944—A son, James Raymond, was born on December 19 to S/Sgt. and Mrs. James T Patton, ex '44.

Pfc. and Mrs. Bruce Hobbs, ex '44, (Henrietta Mayne, '44) are the proud parents of a daughter, Martha Jean, born on February 12. The baby's father is with the Ninth Army in Germany.

1945—Mr. and Mrs. Dewey Long, both ex '45, announce the birth of a son on February 2.

CUPID'S CAPERS

1906—The marriage of Mrs. Dell P. Harris, of Savannah, Georgia, and Mr. Edgar J. Leshner, '06, was solemnized on December 26 in Savannah.

1912—On January 31, in Westerville, Mrs. Beulah L. Ernsberger, '12, and Mr. Howard C. Lawrence were united in marriage.

1935—Miss Joan Hohenstein, of Columbus, Ohio, became the bride of Lt. Stewart Cox, '35, on February 17. Lt. Cox recently returned from thirty-two months of service overseas.

1941—On March 18, at King Avenue Church, Columbus, Ohio, Miss Mary A. Piper and Dr. Clarence R. Cole, '41, took their marriage vows.

1942—Miss Donna Louise Kelley, ex '42, and Lt. Herman O. Wine, USMCR, were married recently at a ceremony performed in the post chapel at Wright Field, Dayton, Ohio.

1943—In the Methodist Church at Croton, Ohio, on February 11, Miss Margaret E. Pickering, ex '48, became the bride of Lt. Joseph L. Dixon, '43.

First Community Church, Columbus, Ohio, was the scene of the marriage of Miss Catherine Louise MacDonald and Pfc. William Burkhardt, '43. The father of the groom, Dr. Roy Burkhardt, '27, performed the ceremony.

TOLL OF THE YEARS

1897—Mrs. J. B. Gilbert (Edith Sherrick), '97, passed away at her home in Dayton, Ohio, on March 6. She was the wife of Mr. Jesse Gilbert, '97, and the niece of Dr. Sarah M. Sherrick, '89.

1908—Dr. I. J. Good, ex '08, former president of Indiana Central College died February 26 in Warsaw, Indiana. Known widely as a champion of Christian education, Dr. Good also was a leader of dry forces and had gone to Warsaw with other leaders to address a religious meeting.

1915—To Mr. and Mrs. Charles R. Bennett, '15, we extend our deep sympathy at the death of their younger daughter, Jane, who passed away February 16 following an illness of several months.

1924—Mrs. Otto Struben (Vergyl Drayer), '24, died on December 12 in Chicago, Illinois. Mrs. Struben was formerly of West Alexandria, Ohio.

1930—We wish to express our sympathy to Mr. and Mrs. Edgar Bagley, '30, (Jessie Clymer, ex '36) whose three-year old daughter, Martha Sue, died on February 12.

On December 23, in East Cleveland, Ohio, Pfc. and Mrs. Thomas Wells, ex '44, (Betty Orr, '43) became man and wife.

1944—At a military wedding in Grace Lutheran Church, Los Angeles, California, Dorothy Ober, ART 3/c, and Chief Petty Officer William D. O'Connell, Jr., were wed.

1946—Miss Thelma M. Benadum, of Columbus, Ohio, and Ens. Paul R. Weisenstein, ex '46, took their wedding vows on January 24.

On March 7, in Cleveland, Ohio, Miss Ruth Fletcher, ex '46, became the bride of S/Sgt. Victor Glenn.

Flash! As the TOWERS goes to press word is received of the death of J. Raymond Schutz, '14. Space does not permit details.

Coming to the Alumni Banquet?

PLEASE, PLEASE, PLEASE

SEND YOUR RESERVATION!!!

Congratulations Seniors! *The Very Best of Luck!*

"WHO OWNS OTTERBEIN?"

I heard this question asked by a prominent educator with respect to his own institution recently, and it set me thinking:

The government does not own it, nor does any political subdivision.

The students do not own it, although they will in years to come.

The faculty does not own it.

The president does not own it, and is probably glad of it—having enough worries on his mind as it is.

The trustees do not own it. Proof is in the very nature of the capacity in which they serve. Their relationship to the college is defined in the word "trustee"—a person to whom property or the management of property is committed for the benefit of others, according to Mrs. Webster's boy, Noah.

Well, who does own it?

Sticking this unworthy neck out a long way, after having made a lot of people mad by telling them their claims to ownership are no good, I will say that I believe the Alumni of Otterbein own the college.

And I believe I can get quite a lot of outside support for the idea—names at hand if you are interested.

Now don't get me wrong. I don't think any alumnus has a right of ownership which entitles him to go out to the campus and stake out a site for his own personal bomb proof; nor to acquire a vested interest in any requirements of material or services the college may buy; nor to presume in any way upon the relationship between "well loved mother" and "loyal son."

No, there is another side to this "ownership" idea, and I ask you to look at it with me in this way.

When a mother has raised a family of sons to maturity, and given them training which has brought them some measure of prosperity; and when the mother, whose wisdom and experience have increased with age,

finds that a toll has been taken of her strength, and needs support; and when that mother faces changed conditions which make the estate the "founding father" left for her independence yield an income short of her needs in raising the younger kids of the family; on whom should she lean? To whom should she look for support?

Why, you're darned well right! Her own sons, of course!

So, here we have an "alma mater" with a great capacity for service, and we have a world in which never was there greater need for sons with training she gives.

And we find her with a lowered income and a bigger flock of "toddlers" to raise than ever before.

What are we going to do about it? If we "own" a college we have to assume the responsibilities of ownership, whether we feel any filial obligation or not, don't we?

Can't let the old girl slip, or fall down on the job; nor can we take the attitude "I got what I could out of the old lady—now let her worry!"

We must admit we owe much to Otterbein and if we are fair with ourselves we will want to help her in the great Centennial program which she has just launched. Indeed we must help if she is to reach her \$625,000 Centennial goal.

Over the past century others contributed generously of time and money to make possible the Otterbein which gave us our start in life. Surely we will now come to her rescue with a generous contribution to her Centennial fund so that those who attend Otterbein in the future may be just as proud of her as we have been through the years.

Otterbein should be on every Otterbeiner's list for a Centennial gift.

Don't forget! You own a college! What you do has a bearing on your property! Who owns Otterbein?

Otterbeiners—everywhere!

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