

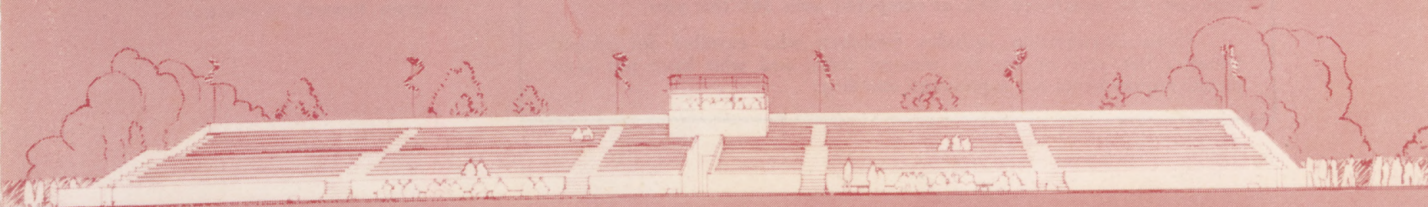
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OTTERBEIN TOWERS

NEW YEAR'S ISSUE

1948



The Year 1947 Is Now History!



The year 1947 has come and gone. It was a year to which we had looked and for which we had planned for many, many months. To some of us the events of the year hold many fond memories. We returned to the campus and re-lived our college days. The year was so significant to others of us that we shall date events in the life of our college as B.C. and A.C. (Before the Centennial and after the Centennial).

The year 1947 marked the hundredth year for Otterbein, but, after all, it's not much just to be around for a hundred years. We know some old oaks and rocks which are much older than that. But to be a hundred years old; to take our experience and possessions and prestige, and to say: "Well, what's the next job?" and then to start off again with vigor and vision and confidence—that really makes a birthday. It makes us all feel good to belong to something like that.

As we begin this second century, let each of us thank God for Otterbein and her past and pledge to her our loyalty and support for the years ahead.

OTTERBEIN'S PRESENT ADMISSIONS POLICY

Paul B. Anderson, Academic Dean

The faculty has approved certain changes in procedures and in standards to speed up the admissions process for applicants who have the strongest claims for enrollment in Otterbein's next freshman class (Group A), and to secure careful and individual consideration of other applicants, some of whom (despite one or two weaknesses which will place them in Group B) will surely make desirable members of the Otterbein student body and some day alumni of whom we shall be proud.

The director of admissions has been authorized to admit applicants in Group A as soon as the applicant has completed the several steps in the admissions procedure outlined in the college catalogue and achieved this record which makes him a Group A applicant:

- (1) Rank in upper half of high school graduating class.
- (2) Rank at 50th percentile or above, A. C. E. psychological test.
- (3) Rank at 35th percentile or above, A. C. E. English test.
- (4) Not more than 2 units of entrance deficiencies. (Failure to take recommended subjects in high school).

(5) Evidence from personal interview, his previous interests and achievements, and his purpose in coming to Otterbein, making it likely that he will be a desirable member of the Otterbein family and good in something.

Any applicant failing to meet any of these five standards will be placed in Group B. The director of admissions will secure all the evidence he can about applicants belonging to this group, and will bring all of these applications deserving further study before the Admissions Committee for careful individual consideration. Applicants who are members of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, or who are sons or daughters of alumni, or who are residents of Westerville, will receive a special consideration.

Accepting some students who have too poor a command of English to be able to work efficiently in college seems to be a necessity of our present times. During the present year two of the ten sections of freshman English are remedial—one devoting major attention to reading difficulties, the other major attention to basic fundamentals of writing which should have been mastered in high school.

When Otterbein can provide additional funds and facilities, and sufficient teaching staff to give an abundance of individual attention to the college freshmen she admits who are poorly prepared for college work, she can perhaps afford to admit more of them. Given more time and more help than the average well-prepared student requires, the poorly-prepared student can overcome his weaknesses.

The Admissions Committee expects to find a good number of applicants in Group B who will merit admission to Otterbein and who will be likely after admission to make satisfactory progress towards graduation.

ENROLLMENT FIGURES FOR 1947 (October 1, 1947)

	Men	Women	Total
Freshmen (new)	185	105	290
Freshmen (old)*	58	12	70
Sophomores	214	72	286
Juniors	98	89	187
Seniors	55	38	93
Total (Four college classes)	610	316	926
Special and music students	18	39	57
Grand Total	628	355	983

The fall issue of the *TOWERS* in 1946 listed a total of 871, of whom 533 were men and 338 women. The freshman class at this time last year numbered 445, as compared with 360 this year.

*This classification includes freshmen who enrolled for second semester last year or for the summer term, and who have not completed requirements for sophomore standing.

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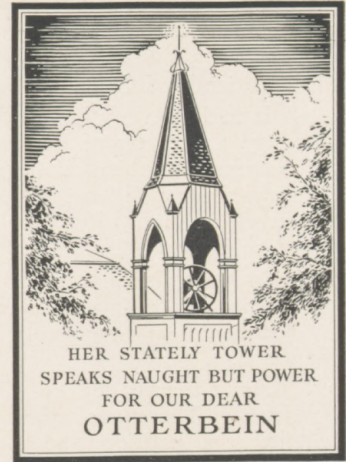
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My Alma Mater

"She is a benign and gracious being toward whom I cherish deep gratitude for her nurture and her continuing good will and affection. She received me in my tender years and led me through wonderful ways of learning and happy comradeships of youth. When I return to her halls or foregather with her sons elsewhere we sing songs in her praise and pledge to her our continuing devotion. She is not a mere imaginary being, but has objective and tangible reality. Part of her is earth, the solid ground she stands on; part of her is gold or bonds in banks; part of her is human—trustees, faculty, alumni, students and supporting friends; part of her is the lore of the world, in her libraries; part of her is a tradition of ideals and memories, an airy thing of song and story. She has a character which is so well defined that we know at once whether certain policies would be in keeping with her spirit. The thought of her comforts and inspires me as it may at times rebuke and challenge me. She reminds me of standards to be maintained and she shares with me, as with all her children, whatever good name or fame she achieves."

Edward Scribner Ames, quoted in *The Christian Standard* January 29, 1947, p.7.

Editor's Note: The above so well expresses our thoughts and feelings about our own alma mater that we have given it this prominent place in TOWERS.



THE COVER PAGE

The gentleman featured on the cover page is Elmer N. Funkhouser, Sr., '13, loyal and generous alumnus and respected member of Otterbein's Board of Trustees. He was elected to head the Otterbein College Second Century Development Fund (see page 6). The background pictures feature the proposed new buildings which will grace the Otterbein campus in the near future. The three featured are (top) The Centennial Library, (middle) Barlow Hall, a girl's dormitory, and (bottom) The Memorial Stadium.

THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Friends of Otterbein:

It had been my hope to make this New Year's message a preview of the bright future which lies ahead for Otterbein College. But unfortunately, it is necessary to use this space to correct some misrepresentations that have been circulated lately concerning social life on the Otterbein campus.

In November a group of five students circulated a petition of complaint about certain alleged evils at Otterbein, all supposedly occurring with official sanction.

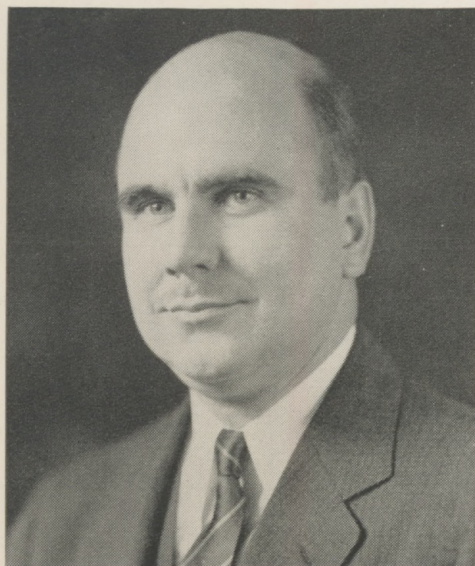
As it turned out, only 41 students signed the petition. Thereupon the complaining students mailed the petition and a circular letter to all pastors in the Otterbein area, and to some beyond our territory. Some pastors not too familiar with true conditions on the campus accepted the complaints at face value and were disturbed by the allegations in the letter.

Among other things the petition complained of obscene movies being shown on the campus. It is true that movies are shown on some Saturday nights during the winter to help students pass the time. No movie which could be called obscene was known to any official of the college. Such pictures as: King of Kings, Song of Bernadette, Young Mr. Pitt, Drums Along the Mohawk, Last Days of Pompeii, are typical of the series this year. When asked to be specific, one of the complaining students declared: "Any movie made in Hollywood is obscene." When questioned concerning each of their other complaints, the petitioners answered mostly in generalities. Finally the complainants stated, "We did not mean all these things were actually happening on the campus; we merely wished to express the hope they would not happen in the future."

However, the petition circulated definitely left the impression in the minds of the general public that certain evils were prevalent at the present time and condoned by the college officials and much damage has been done our public relations. The truth never overtakes rumor and innuendo.

Smoking and dancing were the two items magnified in a front page story of a Columbus newspaper, then picked up by the press service and circulated across the country in something of a humorous vein. The import of the newspaper stories was that, with the opening of the new Student Union Building, smoking and dancing would occur at Otterbein for the first time in history. This brought criticism from those people who regard all smoking and dancing as wrong. It brought expressions of merriment from others who wondered why such things are being argued. Thus we were caught in the middle.

Knowing that a Student Union Building was a possibility, the Board of Trustees last June re-



J. GORDON HOWARD, '22

ferred the matter of the social program in the building to the Campus Social Committee with power to act, with the approval of the Administrative Council of the College and the Executive Committee of the Trustees.

In August, the bodies above-named, according to the procedure authorized by the Trustees, voted to permit social dancing in the new Student Union Building as a part of a larger program of diversified social activities. The matter of smoking was not mentioned in the action of the committees.

For a period of years, dancing has not been permitted on the main campus at Otterbein, but students have been permitted to dance off-campus.

Official social functions for all students have not included dancing, but the personal social life of a student has included dancing in Westerville, Columbus and vicinity. These off-campus dances have been chaperoned by faculty members, and have been scheduled by the Campus Council to prevent conflicts with other school events. Last year forty such dances were held by various student groups. For a number of years the college has taken a "middle ground" position, not embarrassing anyone who did not dance, but allowing those desiring to dance to do so under certain conditions.

The action to permit dancing in the new Student Union was regarded as a continuation of the middle ground position.

As to smoking, there has been no action one way or the other with reference to the Student Union. As is well known, by rule and tradition students have abstained from smoking in the main educational buildings of the college. But in student living quarters, and off the campus, students

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STADIUM CONSTRUCTION TO BEGIN SOON

A historic meeting of the Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees of Otterbein College occurred on December sixth.

At that time action on the building program was taken as follows: (1) that construction begin on the Memorial Stadium as soon as possible, (2) that the architect be instructed to proceed with the preparation of the working drawings for the Barlow Dining Hall and (3) that the Library Committee continue its study of the architectural designs for the building and consider a proposed new site. These actions will be discussed in the order mentioned.

THE MEMORIAL STADIUM

The action authorized the immediate construction of the stadium. Just why this structure should be first is a question many will ask. Does it mean an over-emphasis on sports? The committee deliberated long on these questions and the answers came out as follows: (1) Otterbein has no intention to over-emphasize sports. Its athletic policy is in complete harmony with the regulations of the Ohio Conference Association; (2) the stadium is to be a memorial to the fourteen who gave their lives in the last war. This memorial should be erected while the deceased are fresh in the memory of students, faculty and friends; (3) a stadium will be of simple construction, mostly of re-inforced concrete and therefore will not be subject to scarcities and proportionately high prices; (4) we do have a library and dining rooms, although crowded, but we do not have any kind of a stadium.

For many years Otterbein fans were required to sit on temporary wooden bleachers which were both inadequate and unsafe. A part of these bleachers were owned by the college and the rest were borrowed from the Ohio State University. In recent years it has not been possible to borrow or rent bleachers and there have been none on the market.

With the enlarged student body and greater local interest in football, the games for the last two years were played on the Westerville High School field which has a stadium seating approximately a thousand. Even this seating was inadequate, dressing rooms were not available, a rental had to be paid, and the distance to the field from the college is a good half mile. These factors make the use of the high school field most undesirable. Surely no one will doubt that a stadium is greatly needed.

When plans were first drawn for the stadium

the estimated cost was \$42,000. Alumni and friends gave that amount believing that it would be sufficient. In the meantime, construction costs have doubled and it has been necessary for the Executive Committee to re-study all the proposed new buildings and make revisions in the amount originally designated for each project. The action of the committee was to allocate \$80,000 for the stadium project and to proceed to build as soon as possible.

The trailers now occupying the site of the stadium will be moved to the southwest corner of the athletic field as soon as the weather will permit and construction will begin in time to have the stadium completed for the first game next fall.

BARLOW DINING HALL

The present enrollment is taxing the capacity of King and Cochran dining halls. In fact two shifts are necessary to feed all students.

At the present time a new kitchen is being built east of and adjoining Cochran. It is so built that it will serve both Cochran dining room and the new Barlow dining hall when it is constructed.

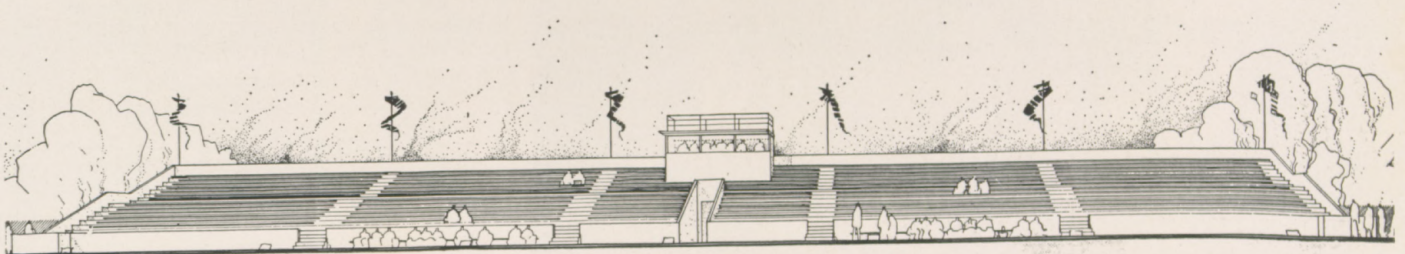
The Executive Committee authorized the college architect to proceed with the working drawings for the new hall and it is hoped that building conditions and prices will warrant the construction of the hall in the near future.

THE CENTENNIAL LIBRARY

Two factors are holding up the building of the new Centennial Library. Originally designed to cost \$100,000, the architect now feels that it cannot be built for less than \$225,000. This means that some provision must be made to secure the difference. The second cause for delay is a proposal to locate the library on the present site of old Saum Hall. This is the most central and from many angles the most desirable site on the campus for a library.

A reputable moving company has offered to move Saum to the back corner of the lot directly west of the Clippinger Cottage. Many will think that this will be an expensive move; however, the contrary is true and the cost of moving will be no more than the cost of running the heat and water lines to the corner of Grove and Park Streets, the originally proposed site for the library. The library committee is taking the new proposal under advisement.

The Executive Committee wants all alumni and friends to know that it is earnestly trying to plan wisely for the future of Otterbein.



Otterbein Stadium

Arthur J. Kardi & Associates - Architects
1922

THE SECOND CENTURY DEVELOPMENT FUND

Alumni everywhere received recently a copy of the Constitution and By-Laws of the newly organized Otterbein College Second Century Development Fund.

It is appropriate that this organization should be formed as Otterbein begins her second century. The creation of this new board should mean a new day in college financing at Otterbein. Never before has there been a continuing committee whose sole responsibility has been to secure more adequate financial resources for the college.

THE PURPOSE

The purpose of the fund as stated in the constitution shall be "to increase the resources and advance the interests of Otterbein College by encouraging gifts of money, property, annuities, bequests, trusts, and other tangible assets."

It will be noted that there are two major committees of the board—one which shall concern itself with the securing of bequests, annuities and special gifts and the other the Alumni Fund Committee.

THE ALUMNI FUND

Early in the spring all alumni and ex-students will be asked to make contribution to Otterbein. This appeal for a contribution to the Development Fund will be the only appeal during the year. Even the "dues are due" and the "it takes dues to bring news" appeals will be discontinued. Alumni will be asked to make whatever contribution they feel they are able to make in 1948. Instead of sending \$2.00 it is hoped many will send \$5.00, \$10.00, or \$50.00. This does not mean that the \$2.00 will not be acceptable. Indeed any amount will be appreciated and the emphasis will be upon the number contributing rather than the amount of individual donations.

Executive Committee of the Development Fund.

Seated: J. Gordon Howard, '22; E. N. Funkhouser, '13; Homer B. Kline, '15.
Standing: Wade S. Miller; Jerry Spears, '27; Floyd J. Vance, '16.



THE FINANCIAL GOAL

The financial goal for alumni this year shall be \$15,000. It is recognized that this is a small amount but it was felt that we should set a goal the first year that we are reasonably sure of reaching. Please note that this is only the alumni goal. A committee of the Board of Directors of the Fund will carry on a program of solicitation of special gifts from non-alumni.

Money given this year may be designated for scholarships, or Student Union furnishings, or it may be undesignated.

PERSONNEL OF THE DEVELOPMENT FUND BOARD

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JERRY SPEARS, '27, President, Alumni Council;
BYRON HARTER, '34, Vice President, Alumni Council;
HELEN ENSOR SMITH, '18, Secretary, Alumni Council;
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(Elected by Alumni Council)

ELMER N. FUNKHOUSER, SR., '13; VERDA B. EVANS, '28.

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(Elected by Board of Directors)

J. S. GRUVER, '98; IRVIN L. CLYMER, '09; ABEL J. RUFFINI, '25; VERLE MILLER, '35.

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(Elected by Board of Directors)

JERRY SPEARS, '27; HELEN ENSOR SMITH, '18; VERDA B. EVANS, '28; HOMER B. KLINE, '17; VERLE MILLER, '35.



AT THIS PLACE STOOD
THE BETHLEHEM CHURCH
UNITED BRETHREN IN CHRIST
 IN WHICH WAS HELD THE SESSION OF
 THE SCIOTO CONFERENCE, OCT. 28, 1846,
 WHICH FOUNDED OTTERBEIN UNIVERSITY
 (OTTERBEIN COLLEGE)
 WESTERVILLE, OHIO.

OTTERBEIN BIRTHPLACE MARKED

The inscription above appears on a stone marker in a newly dedicated road-side park a few miles from Circleville, Ohio. On August 27, during the Annual Session of the Southeast Ohio Conference, a pilgrimage was made by about a hundred members of the conference and Otterbein people who had come especially for the occasion, and the stone was fittingly dedicated.

The service of dedication was in charge of Dr. E. E. Harris, '21, historian of the conference, who was instrumental in the discovery of the site of the old Bethlehem Church where the historic action took place. Others who participated in the service were Rev. B. C. Rife, '26, Bishop A. R. Clippinger, President J. Gordon Howard, '22, Vice President R. F. Martin, '14, Rev. O. W. Smith, and Dr. C. M. Bowman, '24. The plot of ground was donated jointly to the college and the conference by Mr. and Mrs. Glen Hay, the owners of the land.

The park is in a lovely natural setting, its boundaries marked by a winding stream and a deep ravine. Plans are made to equip the spot with picnic facilities, so that it may become a meeting place for church groups, for picnickers, and for all who meet in the name of Otterbein.

HAVE YOU CARRIED ON GRADUATE OR PROFESSIONAL STUDY SINCE LEAVING OTTERBEIN ?

Then fill in the following blank, clip and mail immediately to the Otterbein Alumni Office. The Graduate Study Committee of the college needs data on all graduate or professional study carried on by Otterbein graduates of the past twenty years.

Name Class

Field of Graduate Study

Schools Attended

Degrees, Licenses, Honors, etc. attained

Ditto in prospect

RELIGION IN LIFE EMPHASIS

During the week of December 7 the students of Otterbein College were challenged to make religion a vital and controlling factor in their lives.

The speaker for the week was the Reverend Mr. W. Maynard Sparks, Superintendent of the Allegheny Conference of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and the occasion was the annual Religion in Life Emphasis sponsored by the Council of Christian Associations.

Dr. Sparks spoke daily in the chapel exercises in the morning and in the college church each evening. He also attended many classes in which he participated, spoke to various organizations on the campus, and conducted personal interviews each afternoon.

The messages of Dr. Sparks dealt with vital religious issues and proved uplifting and helpful. Students found in the guest speaker a warm friend and trusted counselor.

ARTISTS' SERIES

After a lapse of several years, Otterbein is sponsoring this year an artists' series. Partly subsidized by the college, the series is made available to students and friends of Otterbein at very reasonable rates.

The first attraction was the Columbus Philharmonic Orchestra which appeared on November 18 in two concerts. The three remaining recitals are as follows: Joseph Battista, brilliant young pianist, January 12; Bartalini, one-man theatre, February 9; Camilla Williams, young negro soprano, March 8.

CHAMBER MUSIC RECITALS

A series of six chamber recitals will be given by members of the Columbus Philharmonic Orchestra on January 8 and 29, February 12 and 26 and March 11 and 18. These recitals, arranged by Professor William Cramer of the Otterbein faculty, and a member of the Columbus Philharmonic, are free and are open to all students and the general public.

A MODERN HEALTH CENTER

With the increase in enrollment of students at Otterbein, it has become necessary to increase many of the facilities for their welfare, including the Health Center, which is pictured on these two pages. Recent acquisitions of government surplus equipment and the redecorating of the building have made it one of the finest and most modern of infirmaries.

The center is operated on a 24-hour basis, with at least one registered nurse on duty at all hours. Students may visit the center at any time of the day or night. The college doctors hold clinic hours twice daily, from 8:00 to 9:00 and from 2:00 to 3:00, and are called at any time in case of emergency. Twelve beds are available for cases which require hospitalization, one ward being used for isolation purposes.



A COMPETENT STAFF OF

Shown above are the doctors and nurses who make up the staff. (left to right): Miss Helen Yarnell, R. N., Director of Nursing Services; Dr. Walter M. Starnes, Director of Health Center duties; Miss Betty Risinger, R. N., and Miss Mary Ann Smith, R. N., who are enrolled as students and are part-time nurses.

In the other picture are shown (left to right): Walter M. Starnes, Director of the Health Center.

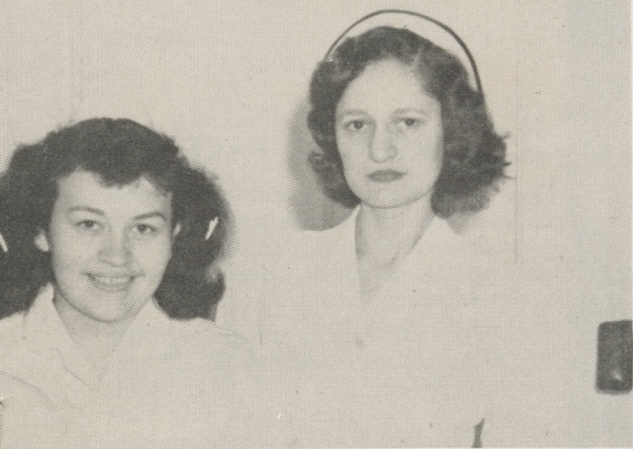
All regularly enrolled students pay a health fee which entitles them to treatment at the Health Center during the first three months of the present school term. A total of 79 students have been treated.

Regular services of the Health Center include the giving of physical examinations, X-ray examinations for tuberculosis, blood tests are given by the Health Center.

The new modern X-Ray equipment makes possible the fast diagnosis of injuries and other accidents. Heat lamp and hydrotherapy treatments are made by the Health Center and the patient is accompanied by a nurse as there is need. Parents are promptly notified in cases of serious illness.

The Blue Cross Hospital plan has officially approved the Otterbein Health Center and who is enrolled in the Blue Cross will be cared for at the Blue Cross Hospital.



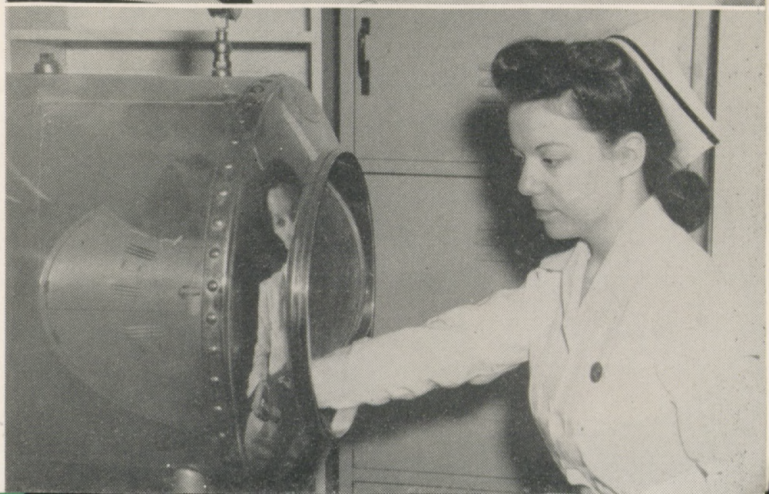
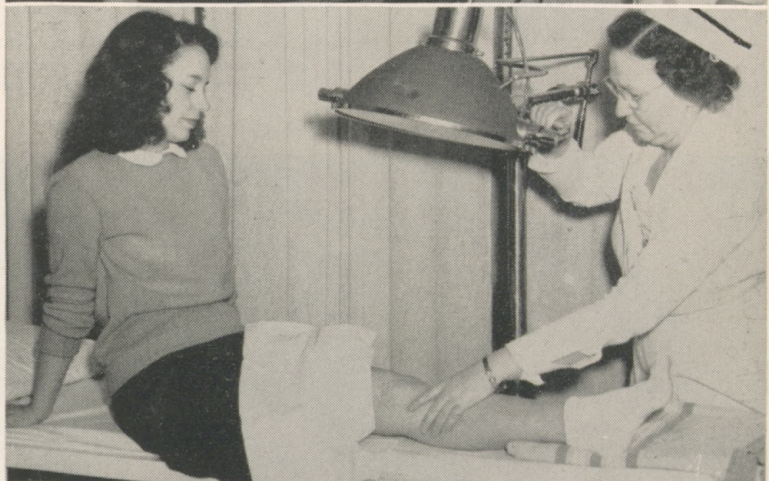
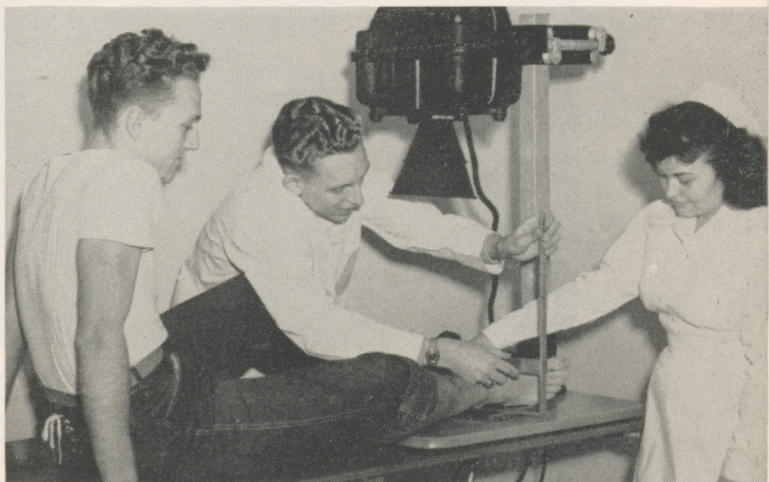


WITH MODERN EQUIPMENT

New operating room equipment includes an operating table and two operating room lamps which can be used on batteries in case of the cessation of electricity. Also included are four new sterilizers, a treatment table, two dressing carts, new instrument cabinets, and an Auto-Clav, which is used for sterilizing dressings and other supplies.

X-Ray equipment has also been secured, as well as sun lamps, heat lamps, and hydrotherapy for arm and leg injuries. The latest acquisition is an oxygen tent.

The hospital rooms are equipped with new bed lamps, tray tables, bed screens, and immersion standards with basins. Walls have been completely re-decorated and the floors waxed to facilitate hospital cleanliness as well as maintain a cheerful atmosphere.

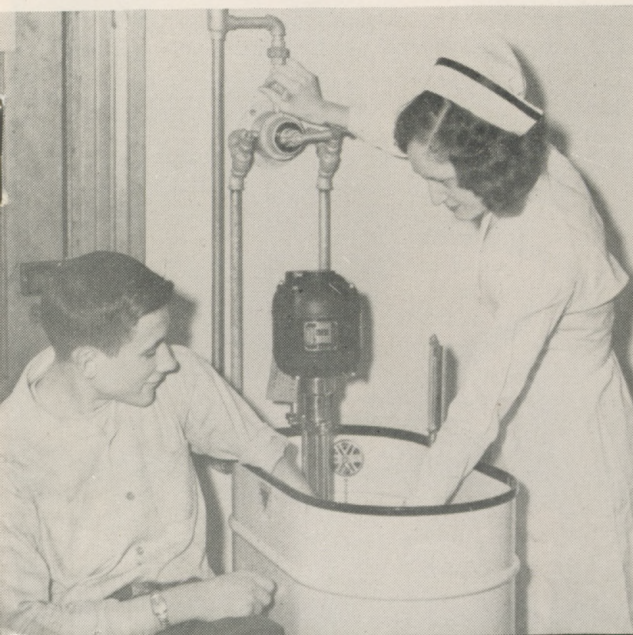


DOCTORS AND NURSES

staff of the Health Center. In the top photograph are (left to right) Mrs. Sibyl Hole, R. N., wife of a student, who devotes part of her time to the Health Center; Miss Mary K. Moran, R. N. Both Miss Risinger and Miss Moran are nurses; Dr. Robert M. D., Miss Yarnell, and Dale E. Putnam, M. D., Medical Director.

Miss Yarnell handles the day-to-day operation of the Health Center. She handles the clinic calls, and that there were 2571 such calls during the year. Miss Yarnell has had 100 patients admitted as bed patients during the same period. She handles the physical examinations to all new students. During the first week of school and influenza vaccines are made available to all students, as well as the Health Center to all who handle food at the college. The Health Center provides the best treatment of injuries without the necessity of taking the student to a hospital. The treatments increase the speed of recovery from football injuries.

When a student is unable to be taken to a hospital for special treatment, the arrangements are made by a member of the staff who remains with him as long as necessary. The Health Center provides the best treatment of injuries without the necessity of taking the student to a hospital. The treatments increase the speed of recovery from football injuries.





Dick Shoemaker, (top, left) student assistant, and Norman Dohn examine the newest piece of equipment acquired for the radio laboratory. It's a portable tape recorder. The recorder is an excellent training device for radio students as well as for students taking courses in speech and foreign languages. Each spool of tape, which resembles a movie film, will record thirty minutes of music or conversation.

Left to right: Malcolm Gressman, Martha Troop, Jeannette Elliott, Joan Moore, Vernon Pack, and Stanley Morris, all members of the radio class, get acquainted with the "mike" as they rehearse for a laboratory broadcast.

KEEPING PACE

To help its students keep pace with the tremendous growth of the radio industry, Otterbein, for the first time, is offering courses in radio broadcasting.

The radio courses are an outgrowth of the college's audio-visual aid program pioneered by Prof. L. L. Shackson. A two-room studio was built on the third floor of the Administration Building, which is well equipped with microphones, recording and playback machines, a record library of 50 recordings, and other equipment.

The radio curriculum is limited to two three-hour courses. The first is an introductory non-professional course in the field of radio broadcasting, including a historical survey of radio with emphasis on governmental control of broadcasting and various types of programming. Classroom work is supplemented with talks and discussions by Columbus radio personalities. Radio production is featured in the second course. Students write and produce radio programs in the form of simulated broadcasts.

Both courses are conducted by Norman Dohn, '43, who recently completed a master's degree in radio-journalism and last summer was assistant news director of radio station WOSU, Columbus.



THE PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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have been free to smoke. Not a large proportion of Otterbein students are regular smokers however.

The official position of the Evangelical United Brethren Church has been to urge abstinence from tobacco, but no prohibition has been laid down for laymen. With reference to dancing, the tradition of the church has been against it in times past, but officially it is left to the individual Christian conscience.

The Otterbein College constituency has two types of people: (1) Those who regard smoking and dancing as sins to be avoided; (2) and those who consider smoking and dancing as matters of individual conscience and personal preference. The college has students from both sides, and it is hoped they can learn to live together harmoniously and with mutual tolerance and respect.

You might be interested in what the students themselves think about these things. In December a poll of student opinion was taken and 621 out of 926 students participated in the poll. Some of the percentages of the 621 votes cast are as follows:

1. Approval of social dancing in Student Union—93%
2. Percentage who danced before coming to college—86%
3. Percentage who now dance on occasions—86%
4. Percentage whose parents would approve of social dancing—93% of those still dependent on parents.
5. Approval of smoking in Student Union—92%. Of this percentage, 51% voted for a non-smoking area to be reserved.
6. Percentage who smoked regularly before coming to college—29%
7. Percentage who now smoke regularly—26%
8. Percentage of occasional smokers—16%
9. Percentage not smoking—58%
10. Percentage whose parents would approve smoking habits—66% of those still dependent on parents.

The votes of Evangelical United Brethren students did not differ materially from the whole student body.

The foregoing facts in this article are not written to approve or disapprove of dancing or smoking. The facts have been presented to indicate what the situation actually is, and to dispel the clouds of misunderstanding which have been prevalent.

It is clear that in Otterbein's constituency are people of vastly different ideas and their differences are reflected in the student body. The problem before us is two-fold: (1) How best to deal with the problems in a way which is best for the students who are here, and keep unity on the campus; (2) How best to deal with the problems in a way which will keep the various elements in the constituency united and cooperative.

If smoking and dancing are wrong, then they are wrong in our whole social order including our churches. The same differences found in the college exist in every local church, every annual conference, and practically every group in any community. Meantime it is unfortunate to expect the college to do with these problems what churches and homes have not been able to do very effectively.

Two criticisms raised by some people should be mentioned. First, that the action to permit dancing in the Student Union Building was taken irregularly. Second, that the action was timed purposely to coincide with the close of the Centennial campaign after most churches had paid their quotas in full. In answer, let it be said, first, that the procedure was outlined by the Trustees in June and all action was taken regularly. Second, as to timing, the question of social life in the Student Union Building had to be decided at this time because it is at this time that the Student Union Building arrived on the campus. It was given to the college by the Federal Housing Administration this year on the basis of the large number of veterans enrolled at the present time.

The Executive Committee of the Board of Trustees that is working on the present program of the college is composed of thirteen persons, every one a member of the Evangelical United Brethren Church. The Board of Trustees, ultimately responsible for the policy and welfare of the college, is composed of 47 people, 40 of whom are members of the Evangelical United Brethren Church, and the other seven have a strong background in the former United Brethren Church and are active church members in other denominations.

It is inconceivable that these men and women—trustees and administration—would do anything to harm the college in any way, and certainly nothing to violate its position as a church-related school.

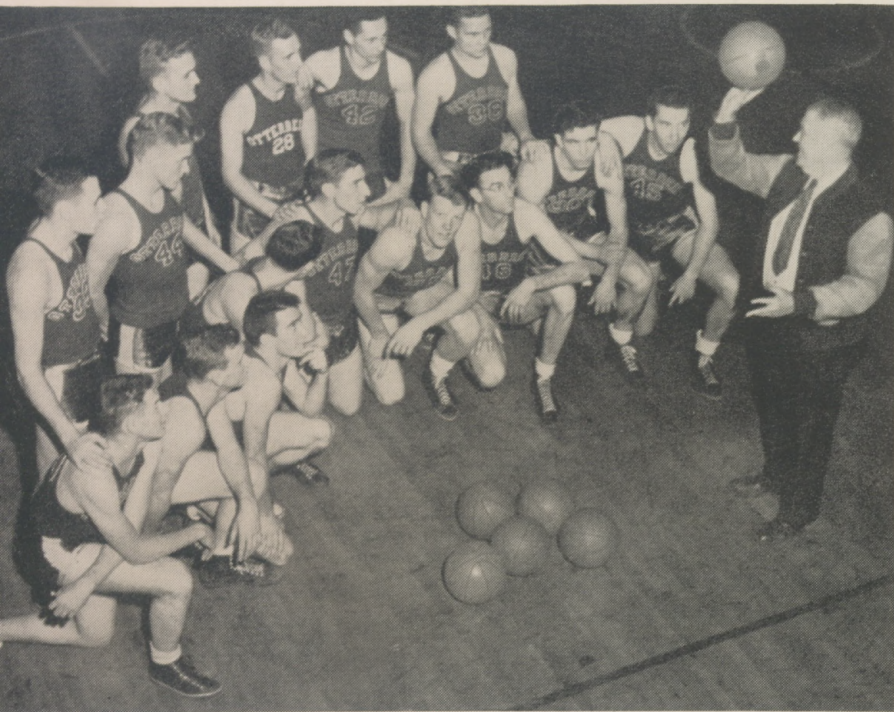
Otterbein College will continue to exalt Christ and the Christian way of life as it has done for one hundred years. Every effort is being made to maintain Otterbein's reputation as an outstanding Christian college.

Most sincerely,

J. Gordon Howard

ANOTHER MEMORIAL GIFT

Many months ago announcement was made of the library gift of \$1,000 by the Reverend Mr. William G. Stiverson, '97. In recent months Mr. Stiverson has indicated that he would like to make his gift one of appreciation of, and as a memorial to Dr. Frank E. Miller, beloved mathematics professor from 1890—1919. This is a fine gesture on the part of the donor and it is greatly appreciated by Mrs. Miller who lives at 55 West College Avenue.



Front row, left to right: Jim Gibson, George Harold, Jay Truitt, Perry Reall, Clyde Helsing, Wilbur Woods, Vic Thomas, Ray Chadwell, Don McCualsky. Second row: Dick Housum, George Hagen, Hugh Strider, Walt Wendt, Bob Keller, Ray Bell.

BASKETBALL

It is too early to predict the probable success of the 1947-48 basketball season. Five letter men from last year including three "starters" graduated in June. However, the return of several G.I.'s will make up for the losses and it is confidently expected that Otterbein will win her share of the games.

The schedule is as follows:

Dec. 13	Baldwin Wallace ..	T
Jan. 3	Albion	H
Jan. 10	Kenyon	H
Jan. 14	Heidelberg	T
Jan. 17	Denison	T
Jan. 21	Capital	H
Jan. 24	Oberlin	T
Jan. 31	Game Pending	H
Feb. 5	Denison	H
Feb. 7	Ohio Wesleyan	H
Feb. 14	Heidelberg	
	Homecoming	H
Feb. 19	Capital	T
Feb. 21	Ohio Wesleyan	T
Feb. 24	Wooster	T
Feb. 26	Kenyon	T

H. Denotes home games; T, Games away.

NEW EMPHASIS ON INTRAMURALS

For the first time in Otterbein history an instructor has been employed to devote his time mainly to intramural sports for men. With the large number of men on the campus, and the comparatively few who can participate in intercollegiate sports, this new emphasis on intramurals is most timely.

The program includes touch football, volley ball, basketball, badminton, softball, horse shoes and track. The competition is between fraternity and non-fraternity groups. A trophy is offered to the winner in each sport and a participation trophy will be awarded at the end of the season to the organization amassing the most points.

Richard West, a graduate of Springfield College, who is pictured at the right; is the director of the program. Last fall the Zeta Phi boys won the touch football trophy. Competition was keen and the program has been well received by the student body.

The girls likewise have a good program of intramurals directed by their Physical education instructors, Gerry Arnold and Gerry McDonald. In the Women's Bowling Tournament just completed the Owl sorority team was the winner. Other tournaments will be conducted throughout the year.

RICHARD WEST



FALL SPORTS IN REVIEW

Anyone reading the football scores last fall would be inclined to think Otterbein had a poor team in 1947. On the contrary, Otterbein had a good team despite the record of six losses, two victories, and one tie game.

The homecoming fans who saw the Otters soundly wallop Capital 45-6 will verify that Otterbein had a good team. Without trying to find alibis, consider the fact that the team this year played the most difficult schedule any Otterbein team was ever asked to play. Still in defense of the team, consider that three games were lost by very close margins and that injuries plagued the team all season.

The women did a little better in intercollegiate competition. During the fall they played three hockey games winning one from Capital and losing one each to Capital and Ohio Wesleyan.

H O M E C O M I N G

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Flashes . . . FROM THE CLASSES

1914—The Degree of Chivalry, the highest degree in the Rebekah Lodge, was conferred upon Mary Elkins, '14, in Columbus on November 2. Miss Elkins is a past Noble Grand of the Twilight Rebekah Lodge and also a past deputy president. She is a representative of the 39th district.

Gladys Nichols, '14, is librarian at the Urbana Junior College, Urbana, Ohio. She holds the library science degree from the University of Illinois and has held the positions in libraries at North Carolina College for Women, in Mansfield, Portsmouth, New York City, Detroit, St. Joseph, Michigan, and Orrville, Ohio.

1915—Mr. and Mrs. George Gressman, '15, and son Malcolm who is a senior at Otterbein this year, took the Seventh Degree in the National Grange at Columbus on November 13. Mr. Gressman is Assistant Superintendent of the Westmoreland County Schools, Greensburg, Pennsylvania.

1919—Rev. Ray J. Harmelink, '19, was elected Assistant General Secretary of the Board of Christian Education of the Presbyterian Church at the national Board meeting held in Philadelphia in November. Mr. Harmelink has been affiliated with the Board since 1937 when he became field director in the Presbytery of Pittsburgh. Since 1944 he has served as assistant to the General Secretary. He is a graduate of Biblical Seminary of New York City and received his M.A. degree from Columbia University.

1921—Effective November 1, Dr. D. Spencer Shank, '21, director of the University of Cincinnati veterans education division, became dean of the university's projected summer school. He is in charge of plans for reorganizing the present summer session to the status of a full university unit. In addition to his degree from Otterbein, Dr. Shank is a graduate of Cincinnati and Columbia universities.

1923—Rev. John C. Mayne is doing a good work for the Missouri Council of Churches as head of the Social Action Division. He is located at Jefferson City and brings the influence of the Council on social actions to bear on the state legislature.

1924—Millard S. Hancock, '24, reported an excellent football season at Philipsburg, Pennsylvania, where he is the high school principal. The team lost only to Tyrone, DuBois and Bellefonte,

and won the other seven of their ten-game schedule.

1927—Mrs. Arthur German (Virginia LeMaster, '27) was one of the leaders of the Presbyterian Youth Conference at Lindenwood College, St. Charles Missouri, last summer. Her home is in Webster Groves, Missouri.

1928—Dr. George M. Moore, '28, was recently appointed Acting Head of the Zoology Department at the University of New Hampshire with a staff of eleven people.

1934—Rev. Philip Deever, '34, was one of the speakers on the series of Fall Forums at the college church in Westerville, speaking on the subject of the alcohol problem. Mr. Deever is pastor of the Brookville E. U. B. Church and formerly served as pastor of the Fort McKinley Church, Dayton, for nine years. He holds the B.D. degree from Bonebrake Seminary and the M.A. degree from Union Biblical Seminary at Columbia. Mrs. Deever is the former Josephine Stoner, ex '30.

1935—Rev. Robert E. Airhart, pastor of the Barberton E. U. B. Church, was recently elected chairman of the Red Cross chapter of that city. He is president of the Barberton Ministerial Association and a member of the Otterbein Board of Trustees.

1936—Tarkio, Missouri, is the new home of Rev. John A. Eversole, '36, who is director of religious work in the rural schools of Atchison and Nodaway Counties.

1938—Dr. John R. Wilson, '38, has recently been appointed head of the Department of Periodontology at the Ohio State University College of Dentistry.

1940—Rev. and Mrs. A. W. Pringle, '40, (Gweneth Cousins, '40) are now making their home in Vallecitos, New Mexico, where Mr. Pringle is pastor of the mission church and his wife is a teacher. They formerly served the E. U. B. Church at Sandusky, Ohio.

Clarence Connor, '40, is the new dean and head of the English department at Shenandoah College, Dayton, Virginia. He holds the M.A. degree from the University of Virginia. His wife is the former Anne Vernon Shirley, also of the class of 1940.

1944—Dr. and Mrs. Dean C. Elliott, '44, (Gwendolyn Murphy, '44) are now residents of Dayton. Doctor El-

liott is associated in medical practice with his uncle, Dr. A. D. Cook, '12.

Ivan Innerst, ex '44, was one of the graduates at the August commencement of Northwestern University. Ivan received his degree in journalism.

1945—A recent letter from Rev. Joe D. Keller, '45, states that he is serving as minister of the Lyons, Colorado, Methodist Church while he is in attendance at the Iliff School of Theology in Denver.

Another minister of the class of '45 is Ira L. Shanafelt, now pastor of the Havens Corners Community Church, who recently conducted a series of meetings at the Wesleyan Methodist Church in Westerville. Present pastor of the church is Arthur Koons, '34.

Andrew Vonovich, '45, former Otterbein athlete, is now playing professional basketball with the Kautzkys of Indianapolis.

1947—Mr. and Mrs. Lee Franks, '47, (Mattie Ellen Turner, '44) are now located at Fremont, Texas. It is Lee's job to organize a complete music program for the Fremont Independent School District, which covers about a hundred square miles.

Mrs. Guy LeMaster (Ruth Ridenour, '47) is teaching second grade at the Ocean View School in San Diego. Her husband Guy, '47, is employed as the accountant for a builder's supply firm in Chula Vista where they make their home.

As proof of the fact that the Centennial class has quickly become scattered in widely separated areas, there is also David Gill, '47, whose teaching position took him to Maiden Rock, Wisconsin, where his duties include speech work and glee club direction.

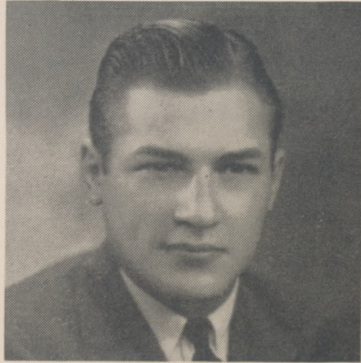
Another member of the class residing in California is Ruth Wolfe, '47, who is working in the department of visual aids of the board of education of Oakland.

Jeanne Bilger Gross, '47, is a teacher of vocal music in the Worthington Public Schools.

Ruth Hockett, '47, is also close to Westerville, for she serves as secretary at the Central Community Church where Rudy Thomas, '43, is the pastor.

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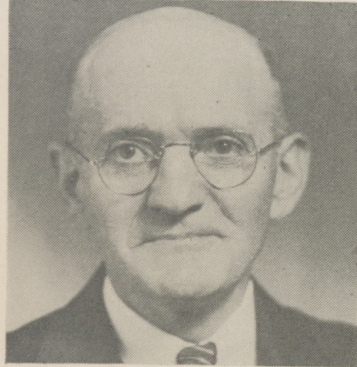
Alumni ON THREE CONTINENTS



Elmer Funkhouser, Jr., '38

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer N. Funkhouser, Jr., '38, (Gladys McFeeley, '38) returned on Christmas Eve from a four-month trip through Europe, in which Elmer was engaged in sales development for the Dewey and Almy Chemical Company of Cambridge, Massachusetts. Following are excerpts from his letter to your *TOWERS* editor:

"We flew non-stop to London. Austerity here is grim and yet it is self-induced and well borne by the English. . . After three weeks we flew to Oslo and I got my first glass of milk and some butter. . . The Norwegians are building everywhere. . . Sweden has all the luxuries of life but no coal or bread. . . Denmark was the quaintest place in Euronepe. . . We flew low across western Germany—very little still standing. . . later to Belgium with Brussels as gay and as expensive as New York. . . In France one eats, sleeps, relaxes or starves and freezes in terms of the money he has. . . on two days each week there is no electricity in Paris. . . Switzerland must surely be the garden spot of all Europe. . . Rome—the ancient part and the modern are worth months of study. . . We managed to see most of the Vatican. . . Naples and Capri are still fresh in our minds. . . Another week in Switzerland. . . then Paris and London before sailing on the Queen Mary."



A. Dean Cook, '12

Members of the general practice section of the Montgomery County Medical Society have named Dr. Alva Dean Cook, '12, as their candidate for the first gold medal award by the American Medical Association to the outstanding general practitioner in the United States. Mrs. Cook (Alwida Dick, '13) was presented with a bouquet of roses in recognition of her thirty years of service as secretary and "office staff" to the doctor.

In naming Doctor Cook as their candidate, the members chose a man whose practice both in the United States and in the Philippines and China as a missionary exemplify the esteem with which the "family doctor" is held, not only in his home city of Dayton but in the entire world.

The resolution cited Doctor Cook as one who served his community as a "friend, advisor and family physician to countless thousands of persons and officially in active participation and leadership in various civic improvement associations, the Y.M.C.A., the Red Cross, Community Chest, Metropolitan Health Council, as a Sunday School Superintendent, as a member of the Dayton Board of Education," and stated that he "has served his profession unofficially as a standard bearer for the highest ideals of the practice of medicine."

Otterbein friends of Dr. Cook will rejoice in this selection and heartily endorse him for this honor. It could not have happened to a grander man.



John R. Shively, '33

On the other side of the world Otterbein has been represented for the past several months by John R. Shively, '33. John is on a mission for the Library of Congress and also represents about forty other libraries in the United States which have Oriental departments.

It is his task to re-establish relationships with the publishing interests of Japan, including the Imperial University, in order that Japanese publications may be made available to American libraries.

Mr. Shively is the son of Dr. and Mrs. B. F. Shively, '05 (Grace Ressler, '06) who served for many years as missionaries in Japan. After his graduation from Otterbein, John and his wife (Beulah Feightner, '33) went to Japan where he taught in a government school for four years. He was then awarded a fellowship at the University of Hawaii, where he studied while serving as instructor and received the M.A. degree.

Further graduate study at Columbia University was interrupted by his entrance into the Intelligence Service of the U. S. Marines. He served in this capacity in the South Pacific Area during the war and was discharged with the rank of lieutenant colonel. He is now in his second year in his present position as Acting Chief of the Japanese Section of the Orientalia Division of the Library of Congress.

FLASHES FROM THE CLASSES (CONTINUED)

Mary Hennon, '47, Janet R. Roberts, '47, and Lloyd Gensemer, ex '47, are among Cleveland alumni. All are enrolled at Western Reserve, Janet in the School of Library Science, and Mary in the Frances Payne Bolton School of Nursing.

Elizabeth Speckman, '47, is a kindergarten teacher at John Burroughs School, Columbus.

Kathleen Auxier, '47, works as office assistant to a physician in Ashland, Kentucky.

We apologize for the error in the last *TOWERS* concerning the work of James Hodgden, '47. James is teaching and coaching at McKinley Junior High School, Portsmouth. Mrs. Hodgden (Betty Shumway, '45) is also teaching. Both attended Marshall College during

the summer session, working toward their master's degrees in education.

Margaret Robson, '47, who is engaged in graduate study at the University of Texas, was the Thanksgiving week-end guest of Mrs. A. M. Warner (Margaret Brown, ex '47) at Fort Worth. Both Mrs. Warner and her husband are attending Texas Christian University.



TOLL OF THE YEARS

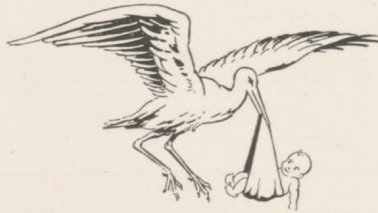
Members of two families well known in Otterbein history passed away during the month of November. They are Mrs. Rufus P. Miller (Lydia Keister Resler, '82) and Mr. Frederick H. Rike, '88.

1882—Mrs. Rufus P. Miller passed away on November 17 at the home of her daughter, Mrs. H. D. Everett (Alice Miller, '13), in Clarks Summit, Pennsylvania. She was the daughter of Rev. J. B. Resler, one of the college's most successful soliciting agents and a member of the Board of Trustees for more than thirty years.

It was he who in 1857 negotiated and carried through the union of Otterbein and Mt. Pleasant Colleges, bringing to Otterbein the support of five new conferences. It is probable that had not the union taken place, both colleges would have failed.

While at Otterbein Miss Resler met Rufus P. Miller, '83, whom she married several years after her graduation. He served as a Presbyterian minister until his death in 1935. At the time of his death they were serving as co-superintendents of the Presbyterian Home at Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania. Mrs. Miller continued in her duties as superintendent until failing health caused her resignation in 1938.

1888—Mr. Frederick H. Rike was the son of D. L. Rike, great benefactor (Continued in third column)



STORK MARKET REPORT

1933—Mr. and Mrs. Zeller B. Henry, '33, son, James Russell, July 2.

1934—Mr. and Mrs. Frederick E. Bale, ex '34, son, Frederick Manuel, November 30.

1935—Mr. and Mrs. Howard Clapper (Gertrude Van Sickle, '55), daughter, Pamela, August 19.

1937 and 1938—Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Arnold, '38, (Ruth Cook, '37), son, Terry Vincent, October 19.

1939 and 1941—Mr. and Mrs. Harold Augspurger, '41 (Grace Burdge, '39), son, Richard Roy, October 23.

1940—Mr. and Mrs. Glen E. Poff (Mary Ellen Kraner, '40) daughter, Jane Ellen, March 23.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Bates (Matty Locke, ex '40), twin daughters, Pamela Dyanne and Beverly Margo, November 1. (The Bateses are also the parents of three-year-old twin sons, Pat and Mike, and have two other children; Larry aged six, and Karen, aged four.)

1942 and 1943—Rev. and Mrs. Rudy H. Thomas, '43 (Reta J. LaVine, '42) daughter, Trudy Jean, August 23.

1944—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Heischman, ex '44, daughter, Linda Sue, November 28.

1945—Mr. and Mrs. Raymond J. Clerc (Helen Rosensteele, ex '45), daughter, Susan Elizabeth, June 16.

1946—Mr. and Mrs. Ralph Watrous (Esther Learish, '46), daughter, Ellen Jean, October 23.



CUPID'S CAPERS

1907—Mrs. Frances Barnett Hughes, '07, and Carl Firman, in July in Los Angeles.

1915—Mrs. Olive McFarland Plott, '15, and Earl N. Johnston, December 21.

1931—Nola V. Samson, ex '31, and Alton J. King, ex '31, November 25 in Westerville.

1947—Jane Miller and James Wallace Ferrall, '47, October 19 in Des Moines.

Jeanne Bilger, '47, and V. Dean Gross, December 21 in Arcanum.

Emily Clark, '47, and Gardner Posey Brown, '47, December 26 in Glens Falls, New York.

1947 and 1949—Leorra Schmucker, ex '49, and Robert H. Wagoner, '47, October 25 in Canton.

TOLL OF THE YEARS (Cont'd)

of Otterbein and a trustee from 1880 to 1895. Mr. Fred followed in his father's footsteps and became a trustee in 1907. He served for thirty-nine consecutive years until his retirement when he was voted an honorary trustee.

After his graduation from Otterbein in 1888, Mr. Rike became an associate in the Rike-Kumler Company in Dayton, owned by his father and Mr. Samuel Kumler. The younger Mr. Rike was responsible for enlarging and relocating the department store after the flood of 1913, and spent the rest of his life in the business, serving for many years as its president. He was a well-known civic leader in Dayton, being credited with the introduction of the city manager system in that city and with the vast flood control program there.

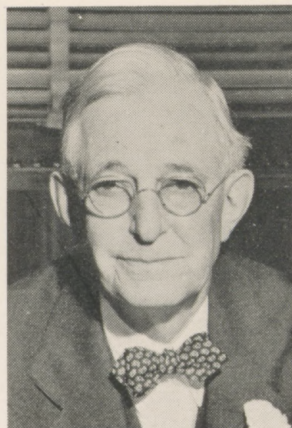
He died on November 19th after many months of failing health.

Academy '97—Services were held in Westerville for Mr. Tom Dempsey, A '97, who died on November 3 after suffering a heart attack. He was a nationally-known authority on pure-bred Jersey cattle and a prominent cattle judge at state fairs. Mr. Dempsey was honored at the Centennial Homecoming celebration last year as a member of the All-Otterbein football team selected in 1900.

DEATH CLAIMS HONORED GRADUATES



Mrs. Rufus P. Miller, '82



Fred H. Rike, '88

May 1948 Be
Good To You!

BULLETIN BOARD

NEW STUDENTS

Alumni who have sons and daughters desiring to be admitted to Otterbein next fall should see that applications are sent without delay. Read the article on page two by Dean Anderson.

HOMECOMING

Winter Homecoming this year falls on St. Valentine's Day—February 14. This should be a grand time to return to Alma Mater. Bring your Valentine, or shall we find one for you?

QUESTIONNAIRE

If you have done graduate work since leaving Otterbein, be sure to fill out the questionnaire on page seven.

COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

President Howard has just announced that Grove Patterson, Editor of the *TOLEDO BLADE*, will be the commencement speaker on June seventh.

CLASS REUNIONS

Begin planning now for your class reunions next Alumni Day, June fifth. If the year of your graduation had a 3 or an 8 for its final figure, begin planning now for a big reunion. Members of classes which observe their fifth, tenth, twenty-fifth anniversaries should make extra special efforts to come to their reunions. Members of the class of 1898 should make a super-human effort to attend their fiftieth anniversary reunion.

THE DEVELOPMENT FUND

Be sure to read "A New Program of College Financing" in the last issue of *TOWERS* and the article on page six of this issue on the Second Century Development Fund. You will be hearing from Chairman Funkhouser soon about the new program.

ON THE AIR

Remember, the first Sunday evening of each month Otterbein will be on the air from 5:00 to 5:30. Tune in Station WOSU, 820 on your dial.

LAST CALL FOR SOUVENIRS

A few Centennial souvenirs are left. Get your paper weight, letter opener, picture of the Science Building or picture of the towers of the Ad Building. The price of each is \$1.50.

The home basketball games with Capital, Denison, and Ohio Wesleyan, will be broadcast over station WCOL FM, 92.3 Megacycles on your dial.

FLORIDA ALUMNI MEETING

On Saturday evening November 22, thirty-five loyal Otterbeinites in Florida gathered in the Angebilt Hotel in Orlando for an alumni meeting. The dinner had been arranged by Mrs. C. Wendell King (Marjorie Bartholomew, '40). Miss Una Karg, '09, was in charge of dinner tickets. Representatives from Otterbein were your *TOWERS* Editor who served as toastmaster, Dr. and Mrs. Lyle Michael, '19 (Gladys Lake, '19), and Mr. and Mrs. Morris E. Allton, '36.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Hoover, '26 (Alice Propst, '28) from Cleveland and Mr. and Mrs. Henry C. Ochs from Dayton vacationing in Florida attended the dinner. Messrs. Hoover and Ochs are college trustees. Trustee George Cavanaugh, A '23, from Florida and Mrs. Cavanaugh were in attendance.

The group assembled heard transcribed greetings from President Howard and recorded college songs by the Men's Glee Club.

No organization was formed, but hope was expressed that other athletic events would be arranged which would serve to bring alumni together. The group adjourned early to attend the Otterbein-Rollins game played that night in Orlando. Otterbein lost to the tune of 40-0—too much trip, too soft a turf, and first game under the lights proved their undoing. It was a pleasure for the editor to greet in person the fine and loyal Florida alumni.