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COMMENCEMENT IN RESUMÉ

The campus lies green beneath the golden haze of the summer sun . . . the sombre note of the chapel bell blends with the quietness of the late June afternoon . . . in the distance is heard the tat-tat-tat of busy typewriters carrying on the work of the College . . . forty-three industrious students bend once more over text books and what was the school year 1941-42 fades almost unnoticeably and mingles with the past taking its place among the very memories which are so much a part of Otterbein.

Many will pause at this closing of another College year to sum up the events of the past months—to evaluate them in light of other years and to see in what areas Otterbein progressed—in what areas there is still much building to be done to accomplish the hopes and aspirations held for her.

For those of you who were not able to return to the campus for the Commencement activities your editor takes this opportunity to give in brief resume the events which took place at that time and thus to bring to you a bit of the reunion and homecoming that is a part of

every Otterbein Commencement week-end. Alumni Day brought "Otterbeinites" from near and far to participate in class-reunions and general get-togethers. The five year reunion classes deserve special mention for the number of returning members. Seven from the class of '92 were on hand to help in the celebration of the 50th anniversary. The class of '97 boasted six for their 45th reunion. 1902 celebrated their 40th reunion by a luncheon at the home of Mrs. F. O. Clements. Seven members were in attendance. Six of the 1907 grads answered the roll call; three members of the class of 1912; five from the class of 1917; four 1922 grads; while eight members of the class of 1927 returned to relive the big event of fifteen years ago.

Baccalaureate services on Sunday morning were held in the College Church and friends and families of graduates gathered to hear Dr. B. S. Arnold deliver the baccalaureate address.

On Monday morning sixty-two graduates gathered to form the traditional procession from the As-

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Items from the Editor

Only four this time—brief and to the point. First, don't forget we are relying on you to help direct students to Otterbein's halls for this fall. Don't fail us! Relative to that keep in mind as announced previously that Otterbein is now establishing a complete program of elementary education.

Two sentences of farewell from your editor, who, as he writes this, completes his last issue of the "Towers." First, an expression of my appreciation to Miss Janet Scanland, my secretary for the past two years, who has done so much of the work pertaining to our "Towers" and the alumni program in general. For you as well as myself, I say thanks.

Finally to you all, my good wishes and a last hand shake and a warm word of thanks for your fine cooperation in our endeavor to make Otterbein's alumni program a bigger and better thing. I bespeak for those who will continue with the work the same splendid cooperation.

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ALUMNI NEWS:

● '42 Among the first members of the newest group of alumni to accept positions are Charles Bridwell who is employed as foreman in the Ordnance plant at Joliet, Illinois; and Arthur Secrest who has accepted a position as chemist in the government ordnance plant at Wahoo, Nebraska.

● '37 Denton Elliott is now located at Joliet, Illinois, where he is employed as foreman in the Ordnance plant.

● '32 Carl C. Byers, who has been principal of Gallia Academy High School in Gallipolis since 1936, has been named superintendent of the Parma, Ohio, schools. Mr. Byers has a master's degree from Ohio University and is studying for a doctor of philosophy degree from the Ohio State University.

● '28 Mrs. Earl R. Hoover (Alice L. Propst) is the new president of the Women's Council for Hiram College.

● '27 Evidence of the rapidity with which world affairs are moving at the present time is the fact that the last issue of the "Towers" is already out-of-date, and Perry Laukhuff, who at the time of that issue was reported to have been assigned to an embassy post at Lisbon, is back in the United States. He arrived on the Swedish-American liner Drottningholm on June 1 under a safe conduct exchange arrangement with the Axis.

● ex-'25 John Shank, country circulation manager for the Dayton Daily News since March 1929, has been named circulation man-

ager for the newspaper. Mr. Shank has been employed by the News since October, 1925. At that time he was engaged as a city district manager and later was named to the position from which he has just been promoted.

● '20 At the inauguration of Edwin Edgar Voigt as President of Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa, Otterbein College was represented by Dr. James L. Oppelt who is a member of the faculty of that institution.

● ex-'13 We regret to announce the death of India Katherine Shepherd, the infant daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shepherd of Columbus, Ohio.

● '04 Included in the 1942-43 edition of "Who's Who In California" is the name of Dr. Alfred Henry Weitkamp, physician and surgeon of Los Angeles.

● '90 Dr. E. V. Wilcox of Chevy Chase, Maryland, was recently elected president of the Shakespeare Society of Washington.

Births:

You are now listening to Station S-T-O-R-K . . . New Babies' Hour. We take pleasure in introducing David Francis Burch, whose arrival on June 3 is being announced by Mr. and Mrs. Wm. Burch (Catherine Burton, '39); John Charles Ryder, born to Mr. and Mrs. Robert Ryder, '37, on May 25; Charles Curtis Moore, whose arrival on May 21 is being announced by Mr. and Mrs. George Moore, '28; and Todd Chilton Gould, born to Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Gould, ex-'42 (Jane Gallagher, ex-'42), on June 1.

Marriages:

Among the Otterbein graduates who have chosen traditional "month of brides" for the announcement of their marriage are Jessie McCrary, '40, who became the bride of Merritt Briggs, '39, on June 3 in Jamestown, New York; Vivian Peterman, ex-'43, who became the bride of Robert Smith on June 5 at the Euclid Avenue United Brethren Church, Dayton; Ruth Hunt, '36, who was married to Arthur O. Gefvert; Marjorie Bartholomew, '40, who became the bride of Wendell King on May 30 at Branford, Connecticut; Rev. Robert Evans, '34, who was married to Edith Rae Brown on May 26th at the First Church, Buckhannon, West Virginia; Jean McCloy, '41, who became the bride of Robert Needham at First United Brethren Church, Westerville, on June 13; Zeller Henry, '32, who was married to Frances Edison of Athens, Georgia; and Betty Wood, ex-'43, who became the bride of Ross Calvertin at the Worthington Presbyterian Church, Worthington, Ohio.

With the Army:

The alumni office continues to receive letters and cards from the four corners of the globe as Otterbein boys become members of the army, the navy and the marines in the united effort of the country.

Bill Johns, '42, is at Sheppard Field, Wichita Falls, Texas.

New draftees from Westerville include Henry Karg, ex-'42; Henry Furniss, '34; Al Detrick, ex-'32, and Austin Sage, ex-'32.

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sociation Building to the College Church. Of this number forty-three received the degree of bachelor of arts, twelve received the degree of bachelor of science, six received the degree of bachelor of music education, and one the degree of bachelor of fine arts. In addition to the under-graduates receiving degrees, honorary degrees were conferred on the Reverend Mr. J. Stuart Innerst, pastor of the Fairview United Brethren Church of Dayton; Mr. Frank H. Remaley, Assistant Superintendent of the Allegheny County Schools, Pittsburgh, Pa.; Mr. Elmer N. Funkhouser, Vice-President, The Funkhouser Company, Hagerstown, Md.; and Mr. Charles Franklin Kettering, Vice-President, The General Motors Corporation, Detroit, Michigan. Dr. Kettering's address, "The Value of Education in This Changing World," was challenging and profitable to the members of the graduating class as well as to the friends and families who gathered for the Commencement exercises. The singing of the "Love Song" and playing of "Taps" brought Commencement activities and the 1942 school year officially to a close.

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Carl Alsberg, '41, has been a corporal for several months now, but this is the first opportunity that the alumni office has had to announce the raise in rank.

The science department of the Colleges loses a valuable instructor as Prof. Charles W. Botts, instructor of bacteriology, who has been commissioned first lieutenant in the Sanitary Corps of the army, leaves to report for duty at the Billings General Hospital, Indianapolis, Indiana.

While Lois Arnold Wagner, '42, was receiving the A.B. degree in Otterbein's Commencement exercises, husband Marvin, ex-'44, was busy learning the work of the United States Coast Guards. He is stationed at Harbor Beach, Michigan.

Private Harold Joseph Anness, ex-'44, better known to the Otterbein campus as "Hody Joe," is stationed at Fort Knox, Kentucky.

Joe Papp, ex-'43, feels right at home in the army with the title "Student." He is stationed in New Orleans.

Fred Nicolle's last letter came on impressive War Department letter head—maybe it's because he's now a Corporal at Camp Croft, South Carolina.

A new army camp was added to the Otterbein list when William Spitler, '34, was sent to Fort Logan, Colorado.

Pvt. Harold McBride is no longer "deep in the heart of Texas," but has transferred his affections to the "Georgia peaches," Ft. Benning, Georgia.

Alumni are urged to send items concerning their own activities and those of their friends to OTTERBEIN TOWERS, Westerville, Ohio