

# Otterbein to Induct President Saturday

Dr. Howe to Be Installed Formally As  
14th Head of College at Westerville

Otterbein College at Westerville will hold its first presidential inauguration in 35 years Saturday morning with Dr. John Ruskin Howe becoming the 14th head of the United Brethren Church school. Dr. Arthur H. Compton of Chicago will be the inaugural speaker.

Dr. Walter G. Clippinger, who on Aug. 31 completed 30 years as president of Otterbein, had no formal inauguration, but there was an elaborate program for his predecessor, Dr. Lewis Bookwalter.

Saturday also will be homecoming, with hundreds of alumni and ex-students returning to the campus to participate in the joint celebration. Marietta College will furnish the opposition for the football game Saturday afternoon. A play, alumni banquet and reunion of members of the now defunct literary societies also are scheduled.

Mary Alice Kissling, blonde Westerville sophomore, will be crowned homecoming queen at ceremonies in the college chapel Friday night, followed by the traditional freshman bonfire and pep rally near Otterbein field. Her attendants are Jane Gallagher of Akron, Ruthanna Shuck of Findlay and Mary Jane Kline of Edgewood, Pa.

More than 125 colleges of the United States will send official delegates to the inauguration Saturday. The representatives will march in the academic procession from the administration building across the campus to the college church. First United Brethren of Westerville, where the services will be held. Acceptances have been received from colleges from Maine to California and Minnesota to Florida.

## COLLEGES REPRESENTED

Prominent alumni living in Columbus will represent many of the institutions in other states. The list includes Henry Dugger, University of Alabama; Burley Frank Lamb, Albion College; Helen Ronalds West, Beloit College; Ralph G. Elam, Beron College; Lawrie C. Battle, Birmingham-Southern College; Milo Kimball, Boston University; Otto Mees, Capital University president; Benjamin W. Ward, University of Delaware; Delos Wickens, Center College; Berton C. Dickinson, University of Connecticut; Lee Johnson Clinton, Drake University; Roy F. Nilson, Gallaudet College; Ralph H. Garner, Grinnell College; Rev. Frank H. Throop of Central Presbyterian Church, Macalester College; Judge Roy H. Williams of the Supreme Court, University of Michigan; Rev. Clinton Swengel of the Wesley Foundation, Nebraska Wesleyan University; William McPherson, acting president of Ohio State University.

Miss Grace S. M. Zorbaugh, associate dean of women at Ohio State University, will represent the American Academy of Political and Social Sciences; Avery Albert Shaw, president of Denison University, the Association of American Colleges; Dr. McPherson of Ohio State, the Association of American Universities; B. L. Stradley of Ohio State, the North Central Association of Colleges and Secondary Schools; Benjamin T. Spencer of Ohio Wesleyan, the Ohio College Association, and E. N. Dietrich, the State Department of Education.

## PROGRAM ON AIR

The academic procession is to start at 10 a. m. from the front of the administration building. Dr. A. T. Howard of Dayton, lifelong friend of Dr. Howe and president of Bonebrake Theological Seminary for a portion of the 13 years he was a professor at the Dayton school, will present the new president to Homer B. Kline of Edgewood, Pa., chairman of the board of trustees, following the inaugural address by Dr. Compton. The University of Chicago professor and Nobel prize winner is famous for his cosmic ray research.

The inauguration program will be broadcast over Station WHKC from 10:30 to 11:30 a. m.

At the inaugural luncheon in the alumni gymnasium greetings from the church will be extended by

Bishop A. R. Clippinger of Dayton, bishop of the central area. Following the football game, President and Mrs. Howe will hold a reception at the president's house.

The annual alumni banquet will be held in the college church dining room at 6:30 p. m., Earl R. Hoover presiding at the informal program. The homecoming play, "Peg 'O My Heart," will be presented at 8:30 p. m. in the Westerville High School auditorium by students of the speech department, Professor J. F. Smith, director.

Dr. Lyle J. Michael is chairman of the committee arranging for a reunion of the literary societies in Philomathean Hall at 10:30 p. m. A typical program of days before fraternities were organized on the Otterbein campus will be presented.

## ENROLLMENT UP

Otterbein, under the new administration, has shown an increase in enrollment over recent years. The freshman class of 171 is the largest in 15 years.

Dr. Howe's, the 14th president since Otterbein was founded in 1847 by the Rev. Mr. Lewis Davis, D. D., who served two terms as president, 1850 to 1857 and again from 1860 to 1871.

The record of Dr. Clippinger, who became president emeritus when he turned over the office to Dr. Howe, is unequalled in the history of the college. He served as president of the Ohio Council of Religious Education for more than 20 years and has been president of the Ohio Anti-Saloon League since 1923, and in addition has served on many national education and religious education committees.

## SERVED IN FRANCE

Otterbein's new president is the son of the late Dr. D. N. Howe, who founded Manchester College at North Manchester, Ind. The Howe family moved to Northern Ohio and John Ruskin was graduated from Weston High School. He taught country classes four years, then enrolled at Otterbein.

His studies at Otterbein were interrupted by the World War and he served as a sergeant in the 83rd Division ammunition train in France, returning to Westerville to graduate in 1921. He later studied at Bonebrake Theological Seminary and Yale University, receiving his B. D. degree from the latter in 1924. Both Dr. Howe and his wife studied at Yale University, and in 1926 he received his doctor of philosophy degree and she her master's. In 1935 Otterbein conferred the honorary doctor of divinity degree on the new president.

While in Yale, Dr. Howe served four years as assistant pastor of the First Congregational Church at Danbury, Conn. In Dayton he served two years as acting pastor of Ohmer Park Reformed Church while professor of theology and philosophy of religion at Bonebrake.

Mrs. Howe is the former Mary Elizabeth Brewbaker, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. C. W. Brewbaker of Dayton. She directed children's work in the denomination for a number of years. They have two sons, Charles W., 8, and John R., 4.

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the welfare of mankind, Dr. Arthur E. Campson, University of Chicago, declared in the inaugural address.

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## Welfare of All Mankind

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Following the ceremonies a luncheon was held in the gymnasium. In the afternoon the official party attended the homecoming football game between Otterbein and Marietta college.

Dr. and Mrs. Howe will be hosts at a reception at the president's house following the football game. The annual alumni banquet will be held in the church dining room at 6:30 p. m.