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# ALUMNI NEWS

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### MAY DAY

Miss Rosa Swezey, Canton, Ohio, was crowned May Queen at the usual May Day program held Saturday, May 1. For the entertainment of the Queen and the guests the Freshmen and Sophomore girls presented a very colorful program under the direction of Miss Rachel Bryant, physical education instructor for girls. The program, "A Festival of Nations", was unique and well presented. A crowd of nearly a thousand witnessed the presentation.

The activities of the day began with the May Morning breakfast in Cochran Hall. In the afternoon the tennis team met Marietta and lost to the visitors by a 5-2 score.

The baseball team defeated Kenyon by the score of 5-4.

In the evening at 8:30 Theta Alpha Phi presented the comedy, "The Importance of Being Earnest" by Oscar Wilde, in the Alumni Gym. The cast included Bill Anderson, Lou Rutter, Carol Beachler, Eileen Wilkin, Evelyn Brehm, Robert Hanson, Dorothy Rupp, and Gerald Riley.

A large number of visitors stayed over for the Church services Sunday morning which made a fitting climax for the activities of the week-end.

### PERSONALS

A. L. Mattoon, ('26), Findlay, Ohio has been appointed Dean of Boys in the Findlay High School.

A. P. Rosselot, ('05), was re-elected secretary of the Ohio College Association at the recent meeting.

### DAN HARRIS IN OPERA

Dan Harris, ('23), baritone, New York City, has been given a contract with the Metropolitan Opera company for its spring season with an option on his services for two years. After graduating from Otterbein Dan was a pupil of the late Cecil Fanning and a piano pupil of Frank Murphy, of Columbus.

For a number of years he has been singing in opera in France and Italy. He returned to this country last spring and made his American operatic debut with the Zoo Opera company in Cincinnati.

His Metropolitan debut will be made in the new Walter Damrosch opera, "The Man Without a Country," to be given its world premiere in a few weeks. He will also have a leading role in Raubaud's opera "Marouf" which is to be one of the principal novelties of the Metropolitan spring season and which Mr. Harris has sung numerous times in Europe.

In Italy Mr. Harris studied with Sammarco and in France with Lappierre. He has also coached with Emilio de Gorgorza.

Good luck to you, Dan.

### PERSONALS

Rev. Vernon L. Phillips, ('17), executive secretary of the Connecticut Christian Endeavor Union, has been elected general secretary of the Lord's Day League of New England. He resides in West Haven, Connecticut.



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## ANOTHER PLEA

The college year is fast drawing to a close and there are still a large number of alumni who have not yet made any contribution to the Alumni Fund for this year. I am sure that you have just overlooked this matter and want to make a contribution. If you feel that you cannot send \$2.00 (the regular amount of dues), send \$1.00.

## NEW CHEMISTRY PROFESSOR

Dr. A. A. Alberts, is the successor to Dr. A. D. Boston in the Chemistry Department. Dr. Boston resigned to take a similar position at Antioch College.

Dr. Alberts is a native of South Dakota, having graduated from the University of South Dakota in 1923 with a chemistry major and mathematics minor. He took his master's degree from the University of Oklahoma and his Ph. D. from Ohio State in 1934.

He has held positions of Assistant to the Metallurgist of the State Engineering Experimental Station, instructor in the division of general chemistry, and Assistant Research Engineer at the Experimental Station. He still occupies this position in connection with his work at Otterbein.

Dr. T. E. Newell, ('23), Dayton, Ohio is enjoying a two months cruise to South America.

## SCHOLARSHIP DAY AWARDS

The annual Scholarship Day examinations were held, Friday, April 23 with 78 contestants from 50 high schools participating. The winners in the General Scholarship Examinations were:

First Place—\$200.00 Scholarship—Melvin Nellis, Stivers High School, Dayton, Ohio. (English and Mathematics).

Second Place—\$200.00 Scholarship—Roberta Addleman, Fairview High School, Dayton, O. (English and U. S. History and Civics).

Third Place—\$200.00 Scholarship—George Unterburger, Stivers High School, Dayton, O. (English and Mathematics).

Winners in the Music Contests:

## Voice

First Place—\$100.00 Scholarship—Doris Ebright, Columbus, Ohio.

Second Place—\$50.00 Scholarship—Beth Ellen Bierly, Lewisburg, Ohio.

## Piano

First Place—\$100.00 Scholarship—Robert Rookstool, Lewisburg, Ohio.

Second Place—\$50.00 Scholarship—Doris Blackwood, Freeport, Ohio.

KAMP FOLTZ IN  
BENEFIT RECITAL

Mr. Kamp Foltz, ('13), pianist and teacher in New York City, gave a piano recital in Steinway Hall, 113 West 57th Street, New York City, Saturday evening, May 1st for the benefit of the scholarship fund being raised by the New York City alumni group for a deserving Otterbein student each year.

Mr. Foltz is a pupil of Philipp, Paris, and is also a graduate of the New England Conservatory, Boston, Mass. He is this year's president of the N. Y. C. Otterbein Alumni group.

Charles Sidney Clarke, a lyric concert tenor of New York City, assisted on the program with French and Old English groups.

## COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Dr. Albert W. Palmer, of the University of Chicago and President of the Chicago Theological Seminary (Congregational), will deliver the commencement address, at the eighty-first annual commencement, Monday, June 14. Bishop Ira D. Warner, bishop of the Pacific Coast Area and father of Donald, who graduates this year, will deliver the baccalaureate sermon, Sunday, June 13.

OTTERBEIN AT GENERAL  
CONFERENCE

Otterbein College will be well represented at the General Conference at Chambersburg, Penna. The conference convenes on Tuesday, May 11, at 9:30 a. m. and closes with the afternoon session, Wednesday, May 19.

President Clippinger will give an address, Wednesday evening on the subject, "Trends in Modern Education." R. R. Ehrhart will be in charge of the exhibits and will show moving pictures of college life and activities.

Mrs. E. M. Hursh and Prof. J. F. Smith are also delegates representing the South East Ohio Conference.

Plans are being made for an Otterbein Alumni meeting and banquet during the conference.

## NOTICES OF REUNIONS

Officers of classes planning reunions this year are asked to communicate with R. R. Ehrhart, Alumni Secretary, so that proper announcement and arrangements may be made. These announcements should reach the office before May 25 in order that a complete list can be published in the next issue of Alumni News, which will be out June 1 with a schedule of commencement activities.

Courtland Baker, '32, is supervisor of recreation for the WPA in Chillicothe, Ohio.

## INDIANA ALUMNI MEETING

The Northern Indiana Otterbein Alumni met Friday, April 23 for a six o'clock "Get-to-gether" dinner in the lovely dining rooms of the Calvary U. B. Church in Fort Wayne. Thirty-two attended, coming from all over the northern part of the State.

The Fort Wayne group consisting of six couples acted as hosts and hostesses. They were Mr. and Mrs. Henry Schryver (Ilo DeHoff), Dr. and Mrs. Howard Dill (Dorothy Ertzinger), Mr. and Mrs. Glen Lambert (Mabel Fleming), Rev. and Mrs. Alva Sholty (Ruth Conley), Mr. and Mrs. Glen Kiracoffe and Rev. and Mrs. S. A. Wells.

The dinner was served buffet style and the room was very beautifully decorated in Tan and Cardinal. Following the dinner Harry Richer, ('14) of Peru, led in many old Otterbein songs which was later followed with the reading of original poems and playing many amusing games.

Officers elected for next year were: James Parrish, ('15), Elkhart, president; and Miss Mary Chamberlain, ('23), South Bend, secretary. These succeed Rev. S. A. Wells, ('23), Fort Wayne, president; and Mrs. Alva Sholty, ('18), Fort Wayne, secretary. (Reported by Mrs. Alva Sholty, ('18).

## PERSONALS

Mr. George D. Bender, (ex-'06), certified public accountant, Seattle, Washington was a visitor on the campus, Monday, May 3.

Rev. James Walter, ('29), pastor of the Church of Christ at Orange, Connecticut, has just been elected associate secretary of the Missions Council and will be assigned to the Boston office. In addition to the general promotion of missionary work in New England, he will be active in young people's summer conference work. His new address is 14 Beacon St., Boston, Mass.



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BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. John Cochran (Mary Carter, '31), announce the birth of a son, John Robert, on March 12. Their address is 518 E. Hamtramck, Mt. Vernon, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert Mattoon, (Mary Hummell, '26), announce the birth of a son, Albert Lee, on April 1. Their address is Findlay, Ohio.

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DEATHS

Rev. S. R. Seese, ('00), Scottdale, Penna., passed away at his home Wednesday, April 28 and was buried in the Scottdale cemetery, Saturday, May 1. Rev. Seese died suddenly while attending another funeral.

Mrs. Peter G. Naber (Mary Orthello Grise, '14) passed away at her home in Chicago Saturday, May 1 and the funeral was held Tuesday, May 4. She is survived by her husband and five children.

Clarence Birch Stoner, ('96), secretary and treasurer of Hotels Statler Company, Inc. died April 9, of a heart disease at his home in Short Hills, N. J. after an illness of several months. Mr. Stoner who was sixty-five years of age, had been associated with the Statler Company for the past 22 years.

Surviving are his widow, Mrs. Lucy F. Stoner; a daughter, Mrs. Constance Leggett, Boston, Mass.; and two brothers, W. W. Stoner, ('93), Dayton, Ohio and Frank S. Stoner, Fresno, California.

Duane Mills, '37, West Decatur, Penna. has been accepted as a student at Temple Medical School. Clarence Pope, '37, Zanesville, Ohio has been notified of his acceptance at Western Reserve Medical School. Joseph Fields, '37, Bucyrus, Ohio has been awarded an assistantship in the Ohio State University Chemistry Department. Congratulations to these boys.

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PERSONALS

Lois Sellers Stearns, '22, is engaged in Resettlement work in the Northeast Ohio division with headquarters in Akron.

David Allaman, '30, and Merlin Smelker, '34, have joined the force of the Dayton office of the Retail Credit Company of Atlanta, Georgia.

Ray Harmelink, ('19), assistant pastor of the First Presbyterian Church, Omaha, Nebraska has recently been made Director of Christian Education for the Presbytery of Pittsburg, and will be responsible for the program of Christian Education in 133 Presbyterian Churches in the Pittsburg district.

Dr. John A. Cummins, ('87), on the evening of March 27, participated in the 50th anniversary of the alumni association of the Sycamore, Indiana, high school. He organized this high school in 1887, has taught 52 years, and has been a member of the faculty of Indiana Central College since 1905.

(From the Lancaster, Ohio Eagle Gazette).

The annual district meeting of Otterbein College Alumni was held Thursday evening, April 22, at Mumaugh Memorial.

Officers elected for the ensuing year include Mr. Raymond Axline, ('23), president; Mrs. J. W. Clark, ('24), vice president; and Miss Lucy Seall, ('30), secretary-treasurer.

Retiring officers were Mrs. M. E. Nichols, ('23), president; Mrs. Robert Shaw, ('26), vice president; and Mrs. Paul J. Miller, (ex-'22), secretary-treasurer.

A covered dish supper preceded the business session.

Counties comprising this district include, Fairfield, Hocking, Perry and Pickaway.

Dr. and Mrs. L. J. Newell, ('24), Dayton, Ohio, enjoyed a vacation in the lower Rio Grande Valley of Texas and Mexico during the winter.