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ALUMNI NEWS

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FROM THE DEAN TO THE ALUMNI:

To be a new Dean at an old college is indeed a thrilling experience. He receives charity from all, malice from none, and is compared favorably with great men of history. The prophesy is that as soon as he opens officially his desk on the day of the official opening, "things will happen". The old will be made new, the crooked will be made straight, and the rough places plain. Manna will fall, and as the barren rock is struck with his magic staff, water will gush forth. He is Moses, and the promised land is just around the corner.

As a new Dean at Old Otterbein, I have had the generous welcome usually accorded under such circumstances. From the President to the janitors, I have been made to feel at home at the College. From off the campus too I have had words of well-wishing: letters, telephone calls or telegrams from many places—even Vermont and California. This is cheering, and is deeply appreciated.

Otterbein is really a delightful place—otherwise I should not be here. The problems, however, are perplexing, and the chief request that I make is that Moses be not too harshly censured if copious streams do not gush forth the first time he strikes the rock.

Dennis DeWitt Brane.

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est of her Alumni and Friends.

R. R. EHRHART, Editor

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August.

HOMEcoming OCTOBER 30

Plans are well under way for a
bigger and better Homecoming.

Mary Ellen Kraner, Pickerington,
was elected Queen on the second
ballot. She and Virginia Brown were
tied for the honor on the first vote.

The program of the day, under the
supervision of the Student Council
will get started at 9:00 a. m. with the
Freshmen and Sophomores putting
on some stunts in the chapel; at the
close of this program the Queen will
be presented and crowned.

At 2:00 in the afternoon the Cards
will battle Marietta on the football
field.

The alumni and student body will
be together for the all-campus ban-
quet which will be held in the church
at 6:00 p. m.

The Queen and her retinue will be
entertained at 8:15 in the evening
with the play, "Children of the Moon"
presented by the Junior class under
the direction of Prof. J. F. Smith.

Mr. Donald J. Henry, '33, received
his master's degree at the September
convocation of the Ohio State Uni-
versity. He has accepted a position
on the technical staff in the Research
Division of the General Motors Cor-
poration, Detroit, Michigan.

Mr. Francis P. Bundy, '31, received
the degree of doctor of philosophy at
the end of the summer term at Ohio
State University.

ITEMS OF INTEREST

Mr. and Mrs. O. H. Charles ('07-
'01) are taking work in the post-
graduate department of the Hartford
School of Missions. In a letter to
the Alumni Secretary she writes: "It
is very delightful to be here in this
inter-national atmosphere with others
who have spent years in foreign ser-
vice from all parts of the world." Miss Mary McKenzie, '28, returned
missionary from Africa is also taking
work there.

Miss Hortense Potts, '13, Dean of
Women, Westminster Choir School
writes: "Our school opens at the
Westminster Choir School with a
substantial increase of enrollment, in
fact with an enrollment as large as
our present equipment enables us
conveniently to take care of." Dr.
John Finley Williamson, '11, is presi-
dent of the Westminster Choir School.

Mr. Bertram W. Saul, '09, is
teaching in the John Harris High
School at Harrisburg, Penna. and is
treasurer of the John Harris Athletic
Association. His address is Camp
Hill, Penna.

Mr. Gwynne McConaughy, '27,
director of the Educational Depart-
ment of the Y. M. C. A., Dayton, for
the past ten years was granted an
eight months' leave of absence from
his position at the "Y" to study the
needs of Dayton industry and the ad-
visability of enlarging facilities of
Parker Cooperative high school. Mc-
Conaughy will make monthly reports
to the board on a survey which will
continue through June 30, 1938.

Miss Irene Taylor, '35, is teaching
her second year in the Fort Ashby
Junior High School, Fort Ashby,
West Virginia. She did graduate
work in English in West Virginia
University last summer.

HOMEcoming OCTOBER 30 MARIETTA VS. CARDS

WEDDINGS

Murl C. Houseman, '26, and Miss
Opal J. Snyder, of Medina, Ohio,
were united in marriage in the First
Congregational Church, Medina, Sep-
tember 2. Murl has been director of
physical education in Colorado Springs
public schools for the past nine years.
They will make their home at 610 N.
Cascade Ave., Colorado Springs, Col.

Miss Chi Kwong Leung, '34, was
married in Shanghai, July 31 to Mr.
Y. T. T'aam. Mr. T'aam studied at
Ohio State and also at Michigan.
Their address is care of True Light
Middle School, Canton, China.

Miss Helen Van Sickle, '34, was
united in marriage to Mr. Robert
Slack (ex-'33) at the Van Sickle home
in Fisher, Illinois on June 15. They
will reside at Bellefontaine, Ohio,
where Mr. Slack is manager of an At-
lantic and Pacific Tea Co. Store.

Announcement has been received of
the marriage of Miss Evelyn Richer,
'33 to Mr. Paul S. Pontius of Peru,
Indiana. The wedding was perform-
ed in the Garfield Park, Evangelical
Church, Indianapolis, Indiana, Janu-
ary 3. They are residing in Arcadia,
Indiana.

Mr. Don Warner, '37 and Miss
Thelma Grace Johnson, ex-'39, were
married September 6 in Dayton.
The ceremony was performed by
Dean C. E. Ashcraft of Bonebrake
Seminary and took place at the dean's
residence. They are attending Bone-
brake Theological Seminary.

Mr. Fred Cheek, ex-'34 and Miss
Mary Susan Weekly, ex-'36, were
united in marriage Sunday, May 24,
1936 in the Centennial United Breth-
ren Church in Frederick, Maryland.
Mr. Cheek is a Civil Engineer em-
ployed by the United States Bureau
of Agricultural Engineering and is
stationed at Elyria, Ohio, where they
will make their home.

WEDDINGS

Miss Bonne Gillespie, ex-'39 and
Mr. Roger McDannald, ex-'40, were
married in the Westerville United
Brethren Church, Sunday, October 10
by President W. G. Clipinger. The
couple are residing on a farm on the
Sunbury Road.

Miss Esther Hursh, '35 and Mr.
Paul Dipert, Vanlue, Ohio, were
united in marriage, Saturday, Septem-
ber 25, by the bride's uncle, Professor
E. M. Hursh at the bride's home in
Mansfield, Ohio. The couple will re-
side in Vanlue where Mr. Dipert
operates a general store with his
father.

Miss Sally Roby, '35 and Mr. Mel-
vin Moody, '36, were married on
June 5 in New Philadelphia, Ohio at
the home of the bride. They are now
attending Bonebrake Theological
Seminary, Dayton, O.

Mr. Ethan Leslie, class of 1939 and
Miss Darline Bowman were married
June 19 and are now living at North
East, Penna. They expect to return
to Otterbein for work the second
semester.

PERSONALS

Mr. R. E. Offenbauer, '05, Super-
intendent of Lima Schools for the
past ten years is the new Prexy of
Bowling Green University. Again
Otterbein leadership in the field of
Education is recognized and Mr. Of-
fenbauer's many friends wish him much
success in this new venture.

Richard Caulker, '33, received his
M. A. degree at Oberlin Theological
Seminary this year. In October he
returned to his home in Sierra Leone,
West Africa.

Misses Marian Snavelly, '26, and
Virginia Snavelly, '23, spent two weeks
on an Atlantic Ocean cruise this
summer.

DEATHS

Dr. J. P. Landis, '69, died in Dayton, Ohio, Sunday, October 17. Dr. Landis was born October 27, 1843 and would have been 94 years old had he lived ten days longer. He received his A.B. from Otterbein in 1869; A.M. in 1872; D.D. in 1882 and Ph.D. (cum laude) from Wooster in 1889. He served in the Union Army from 1862 to 1865. Dr. Landis was an ordained minister and spent a number of years in the pastorate and in 1880 became connected with Bonebrake Theological Seminary as Professor of Hebrew exegesis and Old Testament Theology. He was known as a Hebrew scholar, a writer of note and a great churchman. He was the oldest living alumnus and has had possession of the Alumni Cane for the past five years. Among the many honors conferred upon him during his lifetime was his recognition in Who's Who in America (1936-37). Thousands of people have lost a friend, the Seminary has lost a beloved professor, the College has lost a noble alumnus and the United Brethren denomination has lost a great churchman. Truly Dr. Landis lived a great life.

DEATHS

Miss Sarah Mauger, '95, died Wednesday, September 29 at the home of her sister, Mrs. Stephen C. Markley, '95, Richmond, Ind. Funeral services were held in the United Brethren Church at Richmond and burial was in the Otterbein cemetery, Westerville, Friday, October 1.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. James Edwin McNeer (Dorothy Grabill, '35) announce the birth of a son, James Edwin, Jr., Saturday, October 16 at Radium Hospital, Columbus. Mr. McNeer is a fruit farmer and their address is R. R. No. 1, Jackson, O.

Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Wertz, '28-'26, Cleveland, announce the birth of a daughter, Judith Ann, Wednesday, October 13 in Western Reserve Hospital, Cleveland. Mrs. Wertz is the twin sister of Miss Frances Harris. Mr. Wertz is a teacher in the Bay Village high school.

Dr. and Mrs. Ruth Owens Rhodes, ('35), announce the birth of a son, William (Billy) Keet, born July 13, 1937. Dr. Rhodes is city veterinarian in Kansas City, Missouri.

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To the Editor: Here is an item for the Alumni News.

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Westerville, Ohio