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ALUMNI NEWS

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TOLEDO MEETING

The Toledo Otterbein alumni met at the First United Brethren Church, corner of Bancroft and Rosedale, Friday, November 13 with twenty-four alumni and friends present. Rev. C. O. Callender, '03, was in charge.

Mrs. C. H. Bowersox, wife of former Judge Bowersox who served as president of Otterbein from 1889-91 was present. Mrs. Bowersox (Laura Jarvis) graduated with the class of '75 and was married to Judge Bowersox the week following commencement.

Mrs. L. H. McFadden, '74, also attended the Toledo meeting. Mrs. McFadden (Harriet Zent) was sixteen when she graduated and there were sixteen in her class. She is the only member of her class living. These two grand old ladies entertained the group with reminiscences of those early days, which brings to mind a bit of history taken from "The Story of Otterbein College" by W. W. Bartlett, page 202.

"Closely associated with Professor Haywood for many years was Thomas McFadden, M. D., who, in 1858 abandoned his profession, in which he was gaining a reputation, and became a professor at the college. His title was Professor of the Natural Sciences, Scientific Agriculture and Horticulture. He labored faithfully in a vain endeavor to make the Manual Labor Movement a success. In 1858 he secured authorization from the trustees to spend \$200 in starting a nursery. The students assisted him in bringing

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BENEFACTOR TAKEN

The friends of Otterbein College will regret to learn of the recent death of Mrs. Sarah B. Cochran, which took place on October 27. President Clippinger represented the college at the funeral service. Mrs. Cochran had reached her eightieth year at the time of her death.

In the various bequests she made to college, church and individual interests Otterbein is to receive a gift of \$25,000. Mrs. Cochran has been one of the largest benefactors of the college. Her gifts include \$30,000 for Cochran Hall as a memorial to her husband, Philip G. Cochran, \$40,000 to endowment, and various amounts at different times to other interests. This bequest brings her total gifts to Otterbein to about \$105,000.

Although she never attended Otterbein, yet it occupied a warm spot in her heart, and she was always interested in the welfare of the school. The faculty and student body feel the loss of an interested friend, and will long remember the fine woman who has done so much for the school, and left such a mark on the life of those connected with Otterbein.

The Findlay Otterbein Alumni, under the leadership of Mr. A. L. Mattoon, '24, met with the alumni secretary, Wednesday, November 11 for a dinner meeting at the Elks Club. The group was enthusiastic in their support of the proposed five-year program.

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PERSONALS

Miss Norma Schuesselin, '36, is teaching in her home town, Piqua, Ohio.

Mr. Carl C. Byers, '32, is principal of Gallia Academy High School, Gallipolis, Ohio.

John Cook, '36, is attending Western Reserve Medical School, Cleveland. He resides at 11004 Wade Park Ave.

Lawrence Boor, '36, is a student at the Cleveland College of Embalming. His address is 3912 Prospect Ave., Cleveland.

Esther Little, '36, is attending the Nurses' Training School at the University Hospitals.

Mrs. Neva Anderson Mertz, '18, Cleveland, is seriously ill at University Hospitals.

W. H. Camp, '25, has an interesting article entitled, "On Appalachian Trails" in the November issue of the Journal of the New York Botanical Garden.

DISTRICT MEETINGS

The Dayton Otterbein Alumni held a dinner meeting at the Homemakers' Institute in the Dayton Industries Building, Thursday, November 19. One hundred and twenty-five alumni were present. The meeting was sponsored by the Otterbein Sorosis.

Mrs. J. R. Howe, '24, and Mr. Gwynne McConaughy, '27, were in charge of the program. The alumni secretary showed several reels of motion pictures of student life and activities and spoke briefly on the proposed five-year-plan of advancement and rehabilitation.

The Sorosis club is studying the cooperative movement and had a representative of the Dayton Consumers Cooperative present some interesting facts concerning the movement.

The alumni secretary met with the Piqua Otterbein Alumni, Wednesday, November 18. A dinner meeting was held at Retters Tea room. The group was not large but very enthusiastic. Rev. C. W. Snyder, '03, was master of ceremonies.

The Newark Otterbein Alumni met at the United Brethren Church, Monday, November 2 at 7:30 p. m. Mr. Lester Cox, '26, was chairman of the group.

Marion District Alumni met at the United Brethren Community House, Friday, November 6. A basket dinner was enjoyed by all those present. Rev. C. V. Roop, '13, pastor of the Marion U. B. Church, presided.

Nineteen Otterbein Alumni and friends at a dinner meeting in the Barr Hotel, Lima, Ohio on Monday evening, November 9, heartily endorsed, approved, and agreed to help Otterbein College in its proposed five-year plan after the alumni secretary, Mr. Ehrhart, explained its needs and purpose.

(Signed)

Bonita Jamison, Chairman.

BIRTHS

Mr. and Mrs. Maurice Mitchell (Gladys Burgert, '32) announce the birth of a daughter, Beverly June on Sept. 2. The Mitchells live at 1782 E. 100th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

Mr. and Mrs. Harlan Rainier (Mary Hummell, '31) announce the birth of a daughter, Merrybird on Sept. 23. Mrs. Rainer is the daughter of Prof. and Mrs. R. C. Hummell, Cleveland. They reside at Groveport, Ohio.

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wagon loads of trees from the woods west of the village and in planting them in various parts of the campus. Some of the boys claimed individual trees as their own. The college is indebted to him for much of its beauty today. He enlisted in 1862 and served as an army surgeon during the Civil War. On his return in 1865 he was re-elected to the faculty, this time simply as Professor of the Natural Sciences. He did effective work in building up this department which he served until his death in 1883. His son Louis H. McFadden had been elected adjunct professor of science in 1882, and on the death of his father succeeded to the headship of the department. He served until 1907 when he resigned to become chief chemist of a manufacturing concern in Dayton. Another son, Thomas G. McFadden, taught science for the two years between 1898 and 1900. A daughter, Miss Cora A. McFadden taught English for a year during the eighties, and beginning in 1916, was dean of women, for twelve years. The family served Otterbein for a total of sixty-two years. The Science building which was erected in 1919 was named McFadden Science Hall in honor of the many years of service given to the college by this family."

Have you paid your Alumni Dues?

WEDDING BELLS

On October 15, Mary Grace Shively, '33, daughter of Rev. and Mrs. B. F. Shively of Kyoto, Japan, was married to Mr. Louis W. Pursel. The couple will make their home in Hollywood, California.

Mary Alice Ryder, '35, sends the announcement that she is to be married to Kenneth Booher of Vandalia, Ohio on December 12.

Adda Lyon, '26, formerly a teacher of home economics in Cleveland, Ohio, is now married to Sol B. Harris, '28, and lives in Clarion, Pa.

Miss Evelyn Pifer, '20, recently announced her marriage to Mr. George L. Reinhardt. Their new address is 1210 East 126th St., Cleveland, Ohio.

PERSONALS

Donald R. Clippinger, '25, assistant professor of Chemistry at Ohio University received his Ph. D. from Ohio State in June.

Mrs. Earnest S. Barnard, Cleveland, Ohio, widow of the late "Red" Barnard, '95, father of athletics at Otterbein, recently visited President Clippinger.

Rev. C. P. Smales, '28, is preaching for the Church of the Nazarene in Toledo and is expecting to go to Arizona next month because of ill health. Rev. Smales is married to Helen Kinneer, ex-'27.

Miss Helen Offenbauer, '33, is teaching in the High School at Alliance, Ohio.

Miss Ruth Shatzer, '36, is teaching English, Public Speaking and Music at Clinton, Ohio.

Miss Alberta Kleinhenn, '35, is teaching English and Physical Education at Centerville, Ohio.

Walter Schutz, '21, and wife (Edna Hooper, '21), have returned from Africa on furlough and will spend some time at Pandora, Ohio.

Melvin Moody, '36, has entered Bonebrake Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio.

IN MEMORIAM

Otterbein College lost a staunch friend with the passing of Mr. J. P. West on Friday, November 6, after several months of illness. The following account of his life is from the obituary read by President W. G. Clipper at the funeral services in the Westerville United Brethren Church on Sunday, November 8.

"James Porter West was born on October 10, 1869, in a two-room log house overlooking the present village of New Straitsville, Ohio. The next year the faculty purchased a farm south of Logan in Hocking County. The father of this family was already qualified to teach in a country school, so the family of four children were given good advantages in common school education. They, likewise, had the great advantage of moral and religious instruction for their parents were very active in the life of the local church and community.

"Mr. West early gave diligent attention to acquiring a higher education. At the age of twenty he began teaching in the country school. Two years later, at the age of 22, he began his studies at the Martin Boehm Academy and graduated from Otterbein College in the class of 1897. Later in 1905, he received his master's degree from Otterbein.

"In 1897, immediately after graduating, he was elected to the superintendency of the Middleport Public schools at Middleport, Ohio, where he served with great credit for a period of five years. In 1898, he married Miss Minnie S. Shoemaker of Dayton. He was then called to fill the position of superintendent of the Westerville public schools, in which capacity he served until 1908. During this period Mr. West held various important offices among which were Franklin County school examiner, and superintendent of the Blendon Township public schools. In 1908 he became assistant professor in the Martin Boehm Academy, the preparatory department of

Otterbein College. Since that time until the time of his death—a period of 28 years—he has never ceased to serve the college efficiently, the last 19 years from 1917 to 1936 as treasurer.

"However, Mr. West's activities were not limited to the educational world. He served as treasurer of the local United Brethren Church for a period of 28 or 29 years, as delegate to the U. B. General Conference in three different sessions, as a long-time member of the Council of Administration of the Southeast Ohio Conference, and as a member of the Village Council from 1908-1912. He was a thirty-second degree Mason, and a member of all Westerville Masonic bodies.

"Mr. West is survived by his wife; a daughter, Mrs. R. R. Shaw of Lancaster; a son, Robert; and a sister, Mrs. Daisy Ferguson of the college staff."

 PERSONALS

Dr. Joseph Eschbach, '24, Dearborn, Mich., was granted the F. A. C. S. degree from the American College of Surgeons when they convened in Philadelphia in October.

Dr. A. J. May, '90, is in the hospital at Ottawa, Kan., recuperating from a severe injury from an automobile accident. His home is in Salina, Kan.

Dr. Floyd Beelman, '25, is now health officer for the schools at Wichita, Kan. Dr. Beelman received his M. D. from Ohio State in 1935.

William K. Messmer, '36, has entered Bonebrake Theological Seminary, Dayton, Ohio.

Mr. Edwin Gearhart, '28, has been elected assistant principal of the Bucyrus High School.

Rev. Raymond N. Shaffer, '26, Clarksburg, W. Va., was elected Superintendent of the West Virginia Conference.

Donald Euverard, '31, is teaching Music at Marysville, Ohio.

Anita Bundy, '36, is working in the office for Dr. Scatterday, Westerville.

Don't forget your Alumni Dues!