

BRANDON COLLEGE

ALUMNI BULLETIN

Spring, 1947

ANNOUNCEMENTS

May 17, 12.15 p.m.: Alumni Luncheon—Private Dining Room, Cecil Hotel.

Guest Speaker—Hon. T. C. Douglas, Class '30, Premier of Saskatchewan.

3.00 p.m.: Class Day Exercises—College Chapel.

3.30 p.m.: Class Dedication—Flag Raising ceremony, College lawn.

4.00 p.m.: Alumni Tea for graduating class, parents and friends.

8.00 p.m.: ANNUAL COMMENCEMENT EXERCISES—Dr. A. W. Trueman, President of the University of Manitoba will give the educational address.

May 18, 11.00 a.m.: Alumni Church Service—First Presbyterian Church. Guest preacher, Rev. E. J. Church '24.

1949 FIFTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF BRANDON COLLEGE 1949

Your Alma Mater is preparing for a program of expansion long overdue. She is depending upon her sons and daughters to play a big part in this. To this end, it is proposed to start an Alumni Fund to be used for some suitable Memorial project such as Library extension, establishment of scholarships, etc.

No doubt many of the Alumni will be wondering what happened to the Memorial Gymnasium Fund sponsored some years ago. In this connection, it should be said that the fund was used in an effort to keep the doors of Brandon College open by resolution of the Memorial Gymnasium Fund Committee. Although the present Board of Directors of Brandon College is under no obligation regarding this fund, it is the wish and desire of the Board to restore the Memorial Gymnasium Fund as soon as College finances permit.

Let us have your opinion regarding this project on the enclosed questionnaire.

A FEW ALUMNI LUMINARIES



Mr. Lawrence Skeoch '32



Dr. Edgar Black '31

Following graduation in 1932 Mr. Skeoch taught for two years in Saskatchewan;

1939—M.A. from the University of Toronto;

1939-40—Graduate study at the University of Toronto and then to the University of California as a teaching fellow. He then returned to the University of Manitoba where he lectured in Economics;

1942—Returned to California;

1943—Married Ragnhildur Thorsteinsson of Iceland and returned to Canada as lecturer in Economics for two years at the University of Toronto;

1945—Joined the Canadian Wheat Board as an economist and in 1946 joined the UNRRA Mission to the Ukraine for a six months period, and then spent a month in Iceland;

1947—In February Mr. Skeoch returned to the University of California as a Newton Booth Fellow in Economics.

As a result of his trip to the Ukraine, Mr. Skeoch recommends travel by air as the trains are slow, food is scarce, and linens are not

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Upon graduation from Brandon College in 1931 Edgar Black proceeded to do graduate work:

1935—M.A. degree, University of British Columbia;

1940—Ph.D. degree from the University of Pennsylvania, having transferred to Department of Zoology in 1937. His graduate work was on the respiration of freshwater fishes;

1940—June, he married Virginia Safford (Wellsley College '37).

1940-44—Research associate in the Banting and Best Department of Medical Research, University of Toronto.

At Toronto, Dr. Black collaborated with other well-known scientists in research on human respiration in relation to aviation and the testing of military oxygen equipment for high altitudes. In collaboration with S/Ldr. E. E. J. Fry a brilliant invention of safety equipment for the automatic control of oxygen breathing apparatus was completed.

1946—Dr. Black was appointed to the permanent staff of Dalhousie University with the rank of

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Mr. Skeoch, (continued)

always as clean as they might be. He reports the Ukrainians are a gay, friendly people and on one train trip he found it was not long before their ever-present hospitality made itself very evident, sharing their food and drink with fellow travellers and whiling the time with gay Ukrainian music.

One of the things Mr. Skeoch reports most vividly is the terrible devastation in Europe and the human suffering. Yet through it all is present their friendliness towards Canada and the United States and their deep gratitude for the assistance which has so far been extended and which in reality has barely touched the fringes of the need.

Dr. Black, (continued)

Associate Professor in the Faculty of Medicine.

Honours

In 1943 he was included in the King's birthday Honour Civilian List as an additional Member of the Order of the British Empire (M.B.E.) in recognition of his public service.

VICTOR COEN '16

We are happy to refer in this bulletin to Mr. Victor Coen, a graduate of Class '16 and now a resident of London, England.

Following graduation he took two years graduate work in Semitics at Columbia University. He was in business for several years and then became a member of the Inner Temple and read for the Bar. In his final examinations he was awarded a Certificate of Honour First Class, with a prize of 50 guineas. In 1933 he was called to the Bar and since then has been in practice on the Chancery side.

War Contribution

During the war Mr. Coen visited the U.S. three times and in 1941-

42 spoke in the U.S. under the auspices of the British Ministry of Information on the British war effort. He represented Britain on a number of economic conferences and wrote the reports of these conferences.

In 1942 when he returned to England he served as a volunteer lecturer for the Ministry of Information in furtherance of the effort to promote friendly relations between Britain and the U.S. Subsequently he was appointed extramural lecturer for Oxford and gave a number of courses on the same subject.

Mr. Coen has now resumed his practice at the Bar.

His elder son, Edward, was a student at McMaster University at the time of his enlistment.



Rev. C. G. "Kelly" Stone '21

Upon graduation from Brandon Rev. Stone did graduate work at Rochester Theological Seminary and at the University of Chicago.

He held pastorates at Brandon and Edmonton and is now doing a fine piece of work at Park Road Baptist Church, Toronto, where he has been since 1939.

"Kelly", as so many of his friends and intimates know him, is a member of the Kiwanis Club and has held membership on Baptist Convention Boards in Manitoba, Alberta and Ontario. He was Chairman of the Executive of the Baptist Union of Western Canada

for about three years. He has been Chairman of the University Christian Missions of the Canadian Council of Churches since 1939.

In 1928 Rev. Stone married Christina Turnbull of Class '21. They have two children, David and Barbara Lou.

Although a very busy man, Rev. Stone did find time in 1934 for a European tour and attended the Baptist World Congress in Berlin and was summer supply at the Claremont Street Presbyterian Church, Glasgow, Scotland.



Lenore Gusdal '45

Lady Stick of Brandon College in 1944-45 and now Girls Work Secretary for the Y.W.C.A., Lenore has been and still is making a grand contribution to the life of our young people in Brandon.

Lenore is going to Oslo, Norway this summer to attend a National World Youth Conference as a representative of the Canadian Y.W.C.A.

Our congratulations, Lenore and best wishes for a pleasant voyage.

DR. JAMES MOFFAT '14

Dr. Moffat came to Brandon College from Elgin, Manitoba and took his B.A. degree in 1914. In

the autumn of the same year he enrolled at the University of Chicago for graduate work in Economics. During his work there he held a graduate scholarship the first year and the following year was awarded a fellowship. He received his Master's degree in 1916 and then accepted a teaching position in Economics at Indiana University.

During the academic year 1923-24 he secured a leave of absence and took graduate work at the London School of Economics. In 1924 he received the Ph.D. degree in Economics from Chicago. In 1935 he was appointed head of the Department of Economics at Indiana University and served in that capacity for ten years. In 1945 he resigned the headship in order to give more time to teaching and research. In addition to his regular department duties, he has served since 1939 as Special Administrative Assistant to the President. During the present semester he is enjoying a sabbatical leave. He is, however, busy getting a book through the press and trying to catch up with some other writing and editorial work.

In 1921 he married Miss Marion Gracey Janes of Indianapolis. His daughter Jean, who spent a year at Brandon College, graduated from Indiana in 1942 and has a position in the Law Library at Yale. Douglas, his son, is safely home from military service in India and is now a junior at Indiana.

We realize that there are many other Alumni "luminaries" who should be included in this list, but we are sure everyone will agree that there wouldn't possibly be room to include them all in one bulletin. If you like the idea of what has been presented this time, let us know and we will have more information in our next bulletin.



Robert Hugh Mills '46

Another one of our recent graduates who has won distinction for himself. Last fall Bob went to McMaster to do graduate work in Physics and has now been awarded a National Research Scholarship of \$450.00 with which to carry on his studies. Many of you will remember that Bob won the Silver Medal for General Proficiency at Brandon College when he graduated with the B.Sc. last year.

Here and There in Brief

Helen Mann '28 is studying this year at the University of Chicago School of Social Work Administration. She is on leave of absence from the School of Social work, University of Manitoba.

Bessie Kent '36 is working in Killarney after some time with the Civil Service, Ottawa.

Betty (Burgoyne '43) and Hugh Knowlton '43 are living in Brandon now where Hugh is in business with his father.

Edith Laycock '34 directed the play "A Room in the Tower" which won the Manitoba Drama Festival this year. Edith and the cast hope to go to London for the Dominion competition next May.

Anne J. McLeod '23 recently visited her brother and sister-in-law in Winnipeg. She served with the Royal Canadian Army Medical Corps for five years transporting wounded men and servicemen's dependents across the Atlantic and from Halifax to Vancouver.

Ruth Hunter '41 is engaged to Mr Eric Victor Titheridge of Fernleigh, Shirrell Heath, Southampton, England. The wedding will take place in Knox

United Church, Brandon, on May 3rd, at 1.30.

Edith (Batho '33) Anderson did research in the Banting Institute, Toronto, after leaving Brandon and received her Ph. D. degree from Toronto in 1939. Two years later she married Dr. J. Murray Anderson, Associate Professor of Physics at the University of Toronto. Now Edith is happy in her complete domesticity and in caring for her home and three healthy boys.

Walt Dinsdale '37 and Andy Judson '45 have been working on their M.A. degrees at the University of Toronto this past year.

Louis de Groot '45 was in Brandon the other day on his way to Penhold, Alberta. He plans to return to Knox College next year to complete his B.D. work and then to a foreign Mission Field.

Del (Dunkin '32) Banfield had a grand visit to South America this winter on a visit to her husband who has been stationed there temporarily as a Geologist.

Lucille (Mann '34) Richards is now living in Germany where her husband is with the R.A.F.

Harmona (Jones '42) Ross is doing work in Psychology at the Worcester Hospital, Worcester, Massachusetts.

Cliff Kitson '46 is attending Faculty of Education at the University of Manitoba.

Alice Graham '40 is studying music on a Scholarship at the University of Western Ontario this year. She is working on her L.T.C.M. degree.

Martin Brown '45 was ordained by the Baptist Church in 1946 and is studying for his B.D. degree at McMaster University.

Victor Sharpe '40 is engaged to Miss Phyllis Shannon of Barrie, Ontario, the wedding to take place July 5.

BIRTHS

Born to:

Mr. and Mrs. H. H. Ricketts (Barb Yaeger '35) in January, 1947, a daughter. They have returned from overseas and are now living in Calgary.

Alix (Ferguson '36) and John MacNaughton, February 5, 1947, a daughter, Martha Jane.

Jean (Bradd '37) and Dalton Vernon, June 15, 1946, a son, John Eric. Jean and her husband are living in Wolfville, N.S. where Dalton is on the staff at Acadia University.

Doris (Fraser '37) and Stanley Rands, March 6, 1947, a son, Brian Fraser.

Mr. and Mrs. Ivor Boon (Marjorie Harris ('39) on October 18, 1946, a daughter, Sheila Marlene.

P. K. '33 and Mrs. Klenman on August 22, 1946 in Seattle, Wash., a daughter, Liahna Alexis.

Eldon '41 and Betty '41 Bliss in Edmonton, October 1, 1946, a son, Douglas Walter.

MARRIAGES

Jean Donovan '43 and Murray James McLeod '44 were married in Brandon, July 18, 1946. They are now living in Hawkesbury, Ontario.

Marion Epton '44 married Ben Lepkin of Winnipeg the fall of 1946. They are residing in Winnipeg.

Pat Frith '45 and Bill Chefurka '46 were married at Wasagaming, Man., on August 29, 1946. Pat has been teaching at The Pas while Bill has been doing graduate work at the U of Minnesota. They both plan to work for the Entomology Dept. out west this summer.

Marion Caldwell '45 and Charles Manson Martin took the big step at Rounthwaite on June 15, 1946. They are now residing in St. Vital, Man.

Joyce Braithwaite '44 and Garth Chalmers '42 were married in Brandon, September 21, 1946, and are now living in Winnipeg.

Gwen Dobbie '40 and Don MacKay '40 were united in marriage in Brandon, August 3rd, 1946 and are living in Calgary.

Betty Harwood '39 and Arthur Waldron of Brandon were married on September 7, 1946.

Alumni Chapter Organized In Regina

On Saturday evening, February 22nd, some forty members of the Alumni and guests met in the private dining room of the Drake Hotel, Regina, to honor Dr. J. R. C. Evans, President of Brandon College.

Speaking briefly, Hon. T. C. Douglas, Premier of Saskatchewan,

welcomed Dr. Evans to Regina and expressed the pleasure of those present in having the opportunity to meet with him again. He stated that the extent of Dr. Evans' influence on the lives of those who had passed through the halls of Brandon College during his presidency could not be over-estimated and said that those privileged to come within his influence owed him a debt of gratitude which could never be repaid.

Tribute to the spirit of self-sacrifice of those who helped Brandon College through her darkest days was voiced by Dr. Evans whose address was the highlight of the evening. Tracing the history of Brandon College from her infancy to the present, and outlining briefly plans for the future, Dr. Evans expressed his gratitude to those men and women whose faith and courage kept her doors open in spite of almost insurmountable financial difficulties, and pride in the many graduates who have gone out to fill positions of responsibility in Canada and throughout the world.

Hail our College and Hippie Skippi brought the meeting to a close whereupon the members adjourned to Regina College Gym to cheer the Brandon College basketball team.

The temporary executive set up includes: President — Mr. Fred Howard, Vice-President—Mrs. R. J. Brandon, Secretary—Miss Eleanor McKinnon.

The committee in charge of arrangements were: E. W. (Wally) Stinson, Mr. and Mrs. Fred Howard.

We are glad to report that Dr. Evans, our President, is recovering satisfactorily from the heart condition which has kept him confined to bed for the past few weeks.



**Professor W. L. Wright,
Director of Music,
Brandon College.**

After forty years as Director of Music at Brandon College, Professor Wright is now planning to

retire to that "little grey home in the West."

As a tribute to Professor Wright and his many long years of service, the eight students who completed their graduate work under Mr. Wright are appearing in recital in First Church United, Brandon, on Tuesday, May 6th. Those who plan to be here to take part in the recital are: Magdalene Moore, Vancouver; Kathleen Mofat Fairbairn, Chicago; Edith Gerrand McKee, Winnipeg; Mathilda Dallas, Winnipeg and Adeline Bailey Evans, Mary Henderson Smart, Shirley Riesberry Dilley and Peggy Sharpe of Brandon.

We will miss both Mr. and Mrs. Wright, but we wish them many long years of health and happiness at Robson and hope that they will return to Brandon often.



DON'T FORGET, to answer the questionnaire;
to send in your ballot;
to remit your Alumni dues;
and most important of all—

DON'T FORGET the Alumni LUNCHEON Saturday,
May 17, 12.15 p.m., Cecil Hotel.

Mr. Murray McPherson,
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Brandon, Man.

