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#### EDITORIAL

##### A STORY WITH A MORAL (We Hope)

It all started innocently enough, with the best intentions in the world.

The Little Red Hen was rushing around the barnyard trying to carry her share of the load in this troubled world, when suddenly she found a grain of wheat. Naturally she was very excited, and said to herself, "This is wonderful. Now we can become self-supporting. This is the beginning of a new era in the barnyard."

Being a community-minded little hen, she called together the cow and the pig, the goose, and the sheep. She told them about her wonderful discovery. "Now," she said, "If we can all co-operate, we can plant this grain, water it, cut it, thresh it, and grind it into flour and make our own bread. Then we can become independent."

"Sure! Sure! Good idea. Hurray! I'll buy that!", shouted all the animals in excitement.

"All right," said the Little Red Hen. "Who will help me plant the wheat?"

"Not me," said the pig.

"Count me out", said the cow.

"My children are too young", said the goose.

"I'm all tied up with Lodge", said the sheep.

"All right," said the Little Red Hen. "Then I'll plant it myself." And she did.

When the grain was ready to be cut the Little Red Hen called her neighbours and said, "Who will help me cut the wheat?"

"My aching back", said the pig.

"I have a dairy convention", said the cow.

"Can't get a baby sitter", said the goose.

"I'm going on my vacation", said the sheep.

"O.K.", said the Little Red Hen, "I'll cut it myself." And she did.

Let's skip the same routine for the grinding of the wheat and the baking of the bread.

But at last the great day came when the bread, which was to make the barnyard self-supporting, was ready for the table. As the Little Red Hen brought the loaves from the oven, the animals stood around with their tongues hanging out in anticipation of the luscious treat. The Little Red Hen proudly held up the golden loaves, and she asked, "Who will help me eat this bread?"

"Nothing I like better than home-made bread," said the pig.

"Let's have a celebration—I'll bring the milk", said the cow.

"My children love a party", said the goose.

"We will be happy to share in your good fortune", said the sheep.

"Oh, no you won't", said the Little Red Hen triumphantly. "You were not willing to share in the work so you have no claim on the bread. I will share it with my own chickens". And she did.

Now, if you are still with me, and concluding comfortably that virtue is its own reward, you are missing the point of this story. That Little Red Hen started out with the idea of building something worth while, with the co-operation of her fellows, but because no one wanted to take the responsibility, she became more and more self-sufficient, until she ended by being a bit of a dictator.

Comparisons are odious. But since the Nominating Committee couldn't get anyone to consent to replace the present Editor of the Alumni News, you may be developing a little dictator ('little', she says) who never wanted to do any more than get this news sheet on its feet.

Perhaps before she becomes too pompous and self-assured this might be a good time for her to express appreciation for the continued and faithful support she has had during the last two years from her assistant Marjorie McKenzie, and from our Secretary, Val Trent, without whose help these news sheets would never have been printed.

#### THE LETTER BOX

We are very happy to report that at last we have some letters in the Letter Box. It has been very gratifying to get the friendly little letters that have come from near and far. The following are

excerpts from some of the letters that have come in since our last issue.

"May I please be enrolled as a Life Member.

I was glad to notice that the Alumni Association had taken on a new lease in life—and was especially pleased to notice its emphasis on the scholarship contribution. I know what scholarships can mean to students in poorer circumstances.

I wish the Executive every success, and shall be glad to help in any way I can."

Miss Philippa K. Saul ('41),  
555 River Ave.,  
Winnipeg 13, Man.

"The "Alumni News" 'is thoroughly read and much enjoyed here. We haven't been to the College in quite some time, so trust "The News" to keep us in touch. I'm so pleased to hear of the new "H" hut and decorating.

Our oldest boy, Billy, started school this year, and is simply enchanted with it. Murray starts in the fall, and is very anxious for the time to pass till September. We certainly hope their enthusiasm continues. Dickie remains at home for another three years.

My best wishes and thanks to the staff of "Alumni News".

Doreen (Rowse) Pachal '47,  
51 King St.,  
Yorkton, Sask.

"With thanks for a very happy afternoon at the Alumni Reception (December), a report on which I have sent to some of the absent members".

Muriel V. Hunt, '13,  
Melville, Sask.

"We are now residents of this eastern city, where I am employed as Manager of the Automobile Insurance Department of the E. A. Whitehead Co., 276 St. James St., West. So far, though, have not run across any Brandon College folk, but would be interested in knowing if any are here.

This carries greetings to any of the Alumni who were part of, or who remember, the "famous" days of the class of 1937."

E. G. R. Gardiner, '37,  
1025 Du Ruisseau Blvd.,  
Ville St. Laurent,  
Montreal 9, Que.

"I have been Mrs. A. Price Atkinson for some years now. My husband and I spent several years in San Francisco after our marriage, he with a city newspaper, as that is his line, and I doing research in the Bancroft Historical Library in Berkely and in Pioneer Hall, San Francisco, for a book. Two years ago we came back to Canada and bought the weekly newspaper here in White Rock, a famed summer resort town 25 miles from Vancouver and only two from the International Border and the equally famous Peace Arch. I have been terrifically busy since, and not a minute now for historical research, but I am working on a history of White Rock for the proposed new Canadian Encyclopedia. Editorials, news of every sort, women's page, etc., all keep me on the hop.

Maybe it was in my stars to finally get into the publishing field, for way back in the '20's I was the first woman student editor of the "Quill".

Corday (Mackay) Atkinson '20,  
P. O. Box 30,  
White Rock, B. C.

"Enclosed find cheque for \$10.00 for Membership Fee. Enjoy your paper greatly."

Dr. S. Stein, '34  
Kimberley, B. C.

#### **THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS— BRANDON COLLEGE**

At a Special General Meeting of the Shareholders of Brandon College Inc. held on December 1, 1954, the Board of Directors of Brandon College was increased to 37 members. It was found that the original Board consisting of 22 members, did not cover the whole interest of the community, and the desire of the board was to increase the contact of the College with as many business men of the City and surrounding country as possible.

The new Board is made up of 23 members resident in Brandon proper and 12 members resident in the rural areas. There is now Board representation in Dauphin, Boissevain, Morden, Souris, Wawanese, Winnipeg, Alexander, Virden, Neepawa, Calgary, Alberta; and Robson, B. C. The new Members elected were Mr. W. C. Hughes, real estate agent, Mr. H. M. Hughes, Q.C., lawyer, Dr. W. L. Wright, retired, O. Rost, Manager, General Bakeries, F. J. Barker, Manager, Investors Syndicate, G. M. Cumming, Manager, Cumming & Dobbie, J. C. Donaldson, Manager, Brandon Packers, P. A. McPhail, Manager, Provincial Exhibition Board, R. K. Armstrong, Manager, Royal Bank of Canada, F. C. Courtice, retired, Wilfred McGregor, farmer, J. B. Craig, Manager,

Western Manitoba Broadcasters, M. C. Holden, Manager, Wawanese Mutual, G. H. Grant, merchant, A. G. Cockrill, Manager, Anglo-Canadian Oils Ltd.

With the enlargement of the Board, there has been renewed interest in the work of the College, and it is felt that the wider circle of interest will mean much to the development of the College in the Brandon community.

D. R. MacKay '39

#### **THE CHRISTMAS PARTY**

After two successful Homecoming parties during the last two Christmas holiday seasons, it may be assumed that this event will have an annual place on our calendar.

On Sunday December 26th, 1954, the Homecoming Tea of Brandon College Alumni and ex-students was held in the Clark Hall Reception Room. Alumni President Lloyd Henderson and his wife Irma, assisted by Dr. Evans, received the visitors and tea was served from the gracious candle-lit table, presided over by Mrs. R. Darrach, Mrs. J. R. Evans, Mrs. D. R. McKay, and Miss Val Trent.

Many were the exclamations of surprise and pleasure at the re-decorating of the Reception Room. It was also interesting to get a glimpse of the new Club Room in Clark Hall, as well as the Recreation Hall, which was described in the last Alumni "News". Both of these must add a great deal to the life of the B. C. students.

Those assisting in the serving were Roberta Wilkie, Tena Kettles, Olga Evaskow, Joan Urie, Ivy Robins, Margaret Sanderson, Joyce Marie Thordarson, Catherine Nelson, Donna McPhail, Kathleen Thordarson, Kay Birkinshaw and Maria Nelson.

Others who signed the Register were Mary Jane McLaughlin, Joan McLaughlin, Frank McKinnon, Paul McKinnon, Mary M. MacDonald, Jackie Fleming, Craig Ferguson, Bill Eames, Kenneth McNeely, Florence Lyon, Isabel Lyon, D. R. Doig, Marion Doig, Milton McCamis, Muriel McCamis Hunt, Bob Blair, Bob Wellwood, Mrs. R. Wellwood, E. A. Birkinshaw, Don MacKay, Glen Sutherland, Gwen Sutherland, Willa Hunt, Anna Hughes, R. B. Alexander, Dick Patmore, Mr. and Mrs. Stan Westaway, Dorine Dennison, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Keller, John Blackwood, Mr. and Mrs. Ted Cantwell, Mac Andrews, Edith Laycock, Mr. and Mrs. S. McDowell, Clive Bate, Gordon Bradley, Jack Purvis, Jean Downing, Doreen Fedoruk, Art Mantell, Marg. Crosby, Wesley Nelson, Walter Loos, Barney Thordarson, Walter Dinsdale, Wesley Wong, Margaret McCamis.

A word of appreciation is in order for Anne Dunfield who, although she was not able to attend, did a splendid job of organizing the gathering.

#### **BRANDON COLLEGE WOMEN'S AUXILIARY**

On the afternoon of Thursday, February 17th, in the Club Room of Clark Hall Brandon College Women's Auxiliary

came into being. This organization, established at the call of the College President, Dr. J. R. C. Evans, has for its three-fold purpose the gaining of a better knowledge of the College, the fostering of good relations between College and Community and the making of surroundings more pleasant for student and Faculty.

It has been proposed that three meetings and one money-making project be held each year. At present a membership drive is under way which is to culminate in a huge public tea to be held June 2nd, in Clark Hall.

In glancing over the personnel of the Executive it may be noted that the Alumni is well represented:

Honorary Presidents:

Mrs. J. R. Evans '21

Mrs. A. R. McDiarmid '23

President:

Mrs. R. B. Alexander (Wife of Chairman of the College Board)

Vice Presidents:

Mrs. G. M. Cummings '36

Mrs. R. O. McDiarmid

Secretary: Mrs. R. K. Armstrong

Treasurer: Mrs. Edson Boyd

Councillors:

Mesdames R. P. Cromarty '16, R. C. Jones, W. A. Prugh, A. B. Knowlton, E. C. Cowan, A. G. Cockrill, T. J. Craddock, J. Lasby Lowes, W. R. Coleman '51, Doug. Lee, Eldon Hannah and Miss Marjorie McKenzie '24

#### **OUT OF THE WASTE BASKET**

In winter's cold,  
My bones feel old,  
And squeak,  
And creak,  
And the wind cuts my withered cheek.  
And I say,  
"I've had my day,  
Ring down the curtain,  
Dim the stage,  
Enough of this poor play called "age".  
Then in comes spring,  
Like sweet new wine,  
My pulses sing.  
I can't define  
This sudden urge to climb a hill,  
To plant a tree, the ground to till,  
To tell the world I'm young and strong.  
Roll up the curtain,  
Light the stage,  
What fool is talking now of age?  
Bring on the music, laughter, cheer,  
I think I'll live another year.

Maria C. Nelson

(Now, Mary, it's your turn.)

#### **REPORT OF NOMINATING COMMITTEE**

The Nominating Committee, composed of the following members, Wesley Wong, (Chairman), Mrs. Lois (Lamont) Bridges and Bill Clement, has submitted the fol-

lowing slate of officers for the year 1955-56:

**President** ..... **Ted Cantwell '50**  
**First Vice-President, Craig Ferguson '50**  
**Second Vice-President:**  
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**Treasurer** ..... **Murray Coulthard '51**  
**Secretary** ..... **Mrs. Ian Brown '49**

If there are any members whose names you wish to propose for addition to the above slate, kindly inform the Alumni Secretary, Brandon College, without delay, as elections will take place at the Annual Meeting on May 18.

### LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

The following are the new Life Members, and some whose names were omitted in earlier issues:

Philippa K. Saul '41 ✓  
Dr. Sam Stein '34 ✓  
Mrs. Dorothy (Dagg) Semple '49 ✓  
Jean Bennest '34 ✓  
Esther M. Moore '12 ✓  
E. G. R. Gardiner '37 ✓  
Mrs. Doreen (Rowse) Pachal '47 ✓  
Mrs. Alberta (Griggs) Pybus '33 ✓  
Mrs. Maria (Grant) Nelson '25 ✓

This brings our total to 57 Life Members.

You will all remember that the Annual Meeting is the best time to pay your fees to the Association—and I will just remind those who have forgotten that the annual membership fee is \$2.00, and that a Life Membership may be purchased in the Association by sending the sum of \$10.00 to the Treasurer. It is from our Membership fees that we provide the money for our scholarships. All other projects must be financed out of separate donations.

"The time has come," the walrus said "to talk of many things". And one of the things we must talk of, (even though Craig Ferguson assures me he is sick of hearing about the subject) is the Fund for our beautiful new kitchen in Clark Hall.

The College Board took us at our word when the Alumni promised to pay for having this excellent work-shop installed. Now surely we are not going to be like the dishonest folk of Harlem who refused to pay the Piper after the work was done.

With a commitment of \$376.90 outstanding for over a year, so far we have received only \$34.00 towards the Clark Hall Kitchen Fund.

This means that even very few of our local graduates have as yet contributed. We love the dear hearts and gentle people that live in our home town — but

someone else will have to take it from there. Because at the moment it would seem that those gentle people have really let us down.

A mere \$ .50 from each member of the Association would give the amount required. Won't you mail your contribution to the Secretary before it slips your mind again?

Her many friends everywhere will be glad to hear cheering news of Mrs. W. L. Wright. After a serious operation she is, we understand, well on the road to re-establishing her normal life of interest in church and community.

### THE HOPE OF THE FUTURE

Born to Molly and Jim Nelson '42 on March 4th, their third child, James Robert in Washington, D.C.

Born to Dorothy (Dagg) '49 and Don Semple on September 4th, 1954, a daughter, Jean. The Semples are living at Flin Flon.

Born to Alice and Jack Scott '51 in Werl, Germany, on April 24th, a son, Richard Eric John.

### THE ALUMNI AND FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE

A survey of the last ten years indicates that the College has averaged through Scholarships over \$30,000.00 to her students. Since 1944, Scholarships offered to students, either as a bursary or won through academic records, has meant that approximately ten per cent of student fees has been paid through Scholarship donations. In addition, a number of service bursaries have been offered to the students, and a calculation of this form of assistance indicates that approximately seven per cent of the student fees each year are returned in the form of bursary grants. For the academic year 1955, 17 per cent of the fees collected were supplied by the College, either as grants, scholarships, or service bursary work.

The history of Brandon College has been one of assistance to students who require financial help in order to gain their degree. A large number of graduates of Brandon College recognize that the assistance offered to them by the College was the means that helped them through to graduation.

Colleges and universities generally are finding the increased costs of operation a heavy burden, and it has become a common practice for the Alumni of the various institutions to lend some assistance on general account. The Alumni donations to Queens University in 1953 for the maintenance fund was \$53,887.61. Alumni of Queens gifts to other funds was \$59,848.08, for a total donation to all funds of \$113,735.69. The University of Manitoba Alumni group have organized their Alumni effort along several projects being direct assistance to such faculties as Physics, Chemistry, School of

Art, Library, Students' Common Room, etc.

The Alumni of Brandon College have made a start in that at the present time a \$100.00 Scholarship is made available to the College as an Entrance Scholarship, and during 1954 a kitchen was built adjacent to the Clark Hall reception room and has been of valuable assistance. From an examination of the direct assistance that the College has made to students who have now graduated and "The Alumni must lead the way." Brandon College is in the same position and is looking to the Alumni for a well organized public relations job in informing their membership of the way in which they can repay their Alma Mater for a job well done.

D. R. MacKay '39

### Brandon College Commencement

Commencement time is here again, providing an excellent opportunity for you to pay a visit to your Alma Mater, and to see your former class-mates once again.

We are delighted at the prospect of having Hon. Douglas L. Campbell Premier of Manitoba, and former student of Brandon College, deliver the educational address at the formal Commencement ceremony.

### PROGRAM OF EVENTS

Wednesday, May 18th, 6:30 p.m.

Brandon College Alumni Assoc. Annual Banquet - Brandon College Dining Room.

Thursday, May 19th, 2:30 p.m.

Class Day Exercises - College Chapel  
Class Dedication Service - College Campus

4.00 p.m. Alumni Tea - Clark Hall Reception Room

8.00 p.m. Formal Commencement - St. Paul's United Church

Reception - Prince Edward Hotel

Do plan to attend the Alumni banquet on Wednesday, May 18th, and as many of the other functions as you can manage. have won a place for themselves in the field of education, commerce, and industry, it is apparent that the College has not been adequately repaid for the efforts that she has made on behalf of her students. The Alumni of Brandon College must accept the responsibility of supporting the College to continue its work in Western Manitoba. The Queen's appeal from the Alumni states, "Queens needs your help." The Alumni bulletin from the University of Manitoba says,