



# Alumni News

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## DR. EVANS . . . A TRIBUTE

On Thursday, July 23, 1959, with the passing of Dr. Evans, Brandon College lost its president; the province—one of its leading educators.

For thirty-one years Dr. Evans guided the welfare and development of Brandon College. Starting as an instructor in 1911 he rose to become principal of the academic department, professor of geology, dean, and finally president of the College in 1928. Throughout these years, in whatever capacity, he worked faithfully and untiringly for the betterment of education in this province, and made, by his efforts, an outstanding contribution to education, not only in Manitoba but in the British Commonwealth.

To many people in this province he was the symbol of higher education. To the many students who passed through Brandon College he was always a friend, and to his fellow teachers he was an inspiration and an example to be followed. By all he was highly respected.

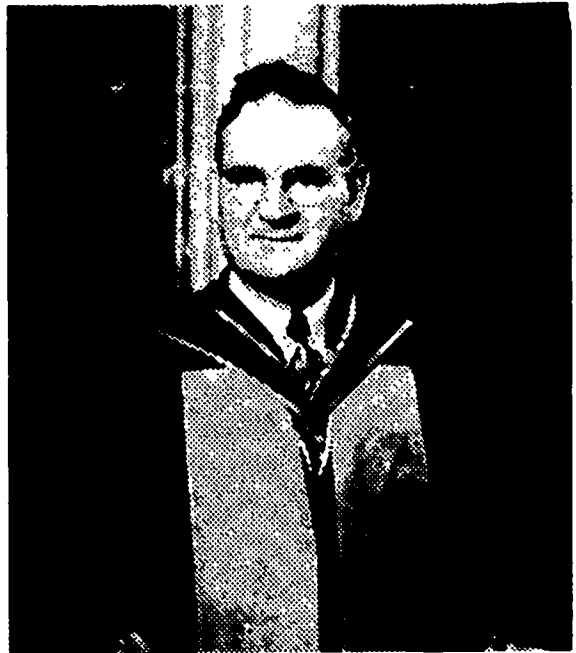
Being a man of vision he had dreams for Brandon College—a dream which at last is to become reality. On the eve of its expansion, Brandon College misses Dr. Evans. Notwithstanding, the new buildings and greater facilities which will be offered to the students of Western Manitoba will remain a reminder of a great public-spirited citizen who devoted his life to the education of our youth.

### SIX APPOINTED TO BRANDON COLLEGE POSTS

Six new faculty members have been appointed to Brandon College for the 1959-60 term, thus bringing to thirty-one the number of full or part time instructors on staff. New appointments are:

- Dr. Richard Laskin of New York City, as head of the Sociology department, which for the first time is offering a full course sequence.

- Miss Helen Kerr Wright of Brandon, junior Latin instructor.



- Miss Eileen McFadden of Rivers, as head librarian.

- Mr. William Peters, Winkler, appointed to the Education faculty.

- Miss Louise Chapman, Brandon, teacher of piano and theory in the Music department.

- Lucien Needham, Winnipeg, vocal instructor in the Music department.

### J. R. C. EVANS LOAN FUND

Loans totalling \$2600 have been granted to deserving students for the current university year. These loans are divided as follows:

In First Year—One of \$300.

In Second Year—One of \$300.

In Third Year—One each of \$300, \$400 and \$600.

In Fourth Year—One each of \$300 and \$400.

Is it not encouraging to realize that the Alumni Association is assisting these students who might otherwise not enjoy the opportunity we have had?

## THE PRESIDENT'S COLUMN

Dear Fellow Alumni,

It is a real pleasure to greet you in this bulletin and to share some musings with you. The days and weeks are flying by and I am sure that your thoughts wander back very often to the days so happily spent at dear old Brandon College.

This is a great year for Brandon, because as many of you know, the long anticipated expansion programme is really under way. Each morning on my way to work I pass the campus and note the machinery, cranes and supplies being accumulated and incorporated into the new Arts building. I try to visualize the completed programme, and then silently pay tribute to the man, whose foresight and force of character laid the foundations upon which we, as alumni, (and our fellow citizens) have the privilege of building the super structure.

The expansion fund, capably chaired by Milt Holden (Managing Director, The Wawanesa Mutual Insurance Co.) is progressing very favorably. Objective set is \$1,000,000, with a government proviso that \$2.00 will be granted for every \$1.00 donated.

More will be said about this from campaign headquarters later. We are happy in the knowledge that the contributions of Alma Mater throughout the years to the academic and cultural life of our community, and indeed the whole of Canada, is being acknowledged and what is more important, encouraged.

In the meantime let us "talk up" the expansion programme, let us get excited about what is happening and will continue to happen in the next five years. Let us be ambassadors for Brandon College, so that the world may know, and so that her influence may continue to increase.

Sincerely,  
Don Simpson,  
President Alumni Assoc.

### SOMETHING NEW

For some years now at the Annual Meeting there has arisen the question of obtaining a General Secretary for the Alumni Association of Brandon College. With the announcement this week of the appointment of Joan Garnett '52 to this position a dream has been realized. Acting in her dual capacity as Secretary to the President of Brandon College and General Secretary of the Alumni Association, Joan will further cement the relationship which exists between the Alumni Association and Brandon College, Inc. The Brandon College Board of Directors will be responsible for the salary of this joint office.

Your Executive hopes that this step

on the part of the Board will act as the stimulus needed to activate the alumni members and to strengthen and consolidate them regardless of where they may be located. The next step it is hoped will be the formation of Alumni branches in some of the larger Canadian centres. The lead has been taken by Calgary. How about it Winnipeg, Vancouver, Toronto, Montreal, et al.

As a result of the expansion program the Alumni Association now has, for the first time, a fairly complete and up-to-date mailing list. The office will in future be able to lend a great deal of assistance and act as a source for those wishing to obtain lists of graduates in various centres. If someone will take the bull by the horns and undertake to organize the alumni members in his vicinity, the office will be pleased to assist by providing the names. Any takers?

Other duties of the General Secretary are at present being formulated but we know that whatever the duties, this post is one the Alumni Association has long needed. To the Board we say thank-you for making this possible.

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### CANCELLATION—CHRISTMAS TEA

The annual Alumni Association Christmas Tea, usually held on Boxing Day, will not be held this year due to circumstances beyond the control of the Alumni Executive. However, if members of graduating classes would like to plan a reunion they are hereby invited to write or phone the General Secretary, Alumni Association, Brandon College and signify their intention of having an Open House for class members visiting or residing in Brandon during the holidays. The Secretary will be glad to pass on this information to other members should they enquire. (The phone number, by the way, is PARKway 6-2120).

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### ANNUAL HOMECOMING??

It has been suggested that the Alumni Association plan for a Homecoming to be held probably around Thanksgiving and that such a Homecoming become an annual affair replacing the Christmas Tea. A Homecoming held at this time would enable alumni to visit the campus, tour the new building, possibly attend a College football game and to generally get with that old College Spirit once again. The Executive welcomes your views on this matter—your approval or disapproval, programme suggestions, etc. Make it a point to write NOW and tell us what you think. Address your letters to the General Secretary, Alumni Association, Brandon College. Remember, DO IT NOW.

**MINISTER BREAKS GROUND**

Two hundred supporters of the college braved 45-degree weather on September 9 to attend the official sod turning ceremony marking the start of construction of a new \$915,000 Arts and Library building on the college campus. Hon. Stewart McLean, minister of education, turned the first sod. The minister told those in attendance at the ceremony that the increase in the number of students attending high schools in Manitoba has made provision of facilities for higher learning increasingly important, and that the government is prepared to make Brandon College the second centre of higher learning in the province. W. F. McGregor, chairman of the College Board presided at the ceremonies. Other speakers were: Dr. A. E. McKenzie, honorary chairman of the board; acting mayor William Boreskie of Brandon; president H. H. Saunderson of the University of Manitoba; Dr. H. S. Perdue, Dean of Arts and Science at Brandon College; and R. O. Lissaman, M.L.A.

The new building will be situated west of the present structure which will be demolished in the later stages of the expansion programme. It includes space for a 60,000 volume library, ten arts classrooms, eight staff offices and a lecture theatre seating 250 students. It will be used for the first time at the opening of the 1960 fall term.

**MRS. W. L. WRIGHT DIES AT ROBSON**

Many friends were saddened by the passing this fall of Annie (Evans) Wright at Robson, British Columbia.

A sister to Dr. J. R. Evans, Mrs. Wright came to Canada from Devonshire in 1888. Her first contact with Brandon College was as an instructor in the Commercial Department. Consequent to this she received the Bachelor of Arts Degree from Brandon College and the Master of Arts from Chicago University.

She returned to Brandon College as professor of English for some years, later to become Dean of Women in Clark Hall.

Mrs. Wright is survived by her husband, Dr. W. L. Wright, Professor Emeritus of Brandon College, Music Department, who resides in Robson.

**DR. EVANS STUDENT LOAN FUND**

**Statement of Receipts and Disbursements from March 1958 to 19th November 1959**

**Receipts:**

|                               |             |
|-------------------------------|-------------|
| Total contributions—less      |             |
| exchange .....                | \$14,267.48 |
| Interest—Savings bank account | 147.90      |
| Student Loans repaid.....     | 1,550.00    |
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|                               | 15,965.38   |

**Disbursement**

|                                       |             |
|---------------------------------------|-------------|
| Campaign and Operating Expenses ..... | \$ 494.48   |
| Loans to Students....                 | 3,250.00    |
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|                                       | 3,744.48    |
| Bal. on hand 19th Nov., 1959 ..       | \$12,220.90 |
| Bank—Current Acct.                    | 4,873.00    |
| Savings Acct.                         | 7,347.90    |
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|                                       | \$12,220.90 |
| Student Loans Outstanding.....        | 1,700.00    |
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| Total amount of Fund as at            |             |
| 19th November, 1959.....              | \$13,920.90 |

**PORTRAIT FUND**

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| Total Receipts as recorded to      |           |
| 30th November, 1959.....           | \$ 513.00 |
| Disbursements for Portrait.....    | 325.00    |
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| Bal. of Fund as at Nov. 30, 1959.. | \$ 188.00 |

The above Financial Statements were prepared by Donovan, Stone & Co., Chartered Accountants.

**FINANCIAL STATEMENT  
GENERAL FUND**

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|-----------------------------|----------------|
| Cash on hand, May 20.....   | .....\$ 156.61 |
| Receipts to date.....       | \$ 227.61      |
| Disbursements to date       | 170.91         |
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|                             | 56.70          |
| Cash on hand, December..... | \$ 213.31      |

**MORE SERVICES**

It is exciting, these days, to be involved in the work of Brandon College at a stage when it is growing in resources, growing in the numbers of its student body and growing, very obviously, in the extent of its importance to the people of Western Manitoba, indeed, even of Canada.

Having a share in Alumni work, one becomes tremendously enthusiastic about the achievements of the Association in developing the present loan scheme, keenly interested in the progress and in the personalities of the individual students who have been helped. It is not easy, however, to convey this interest and excitement to the Alumni, on whose shoulders the continued success of the scheme must rest.

Again, it is difficult to convey to individual Alumni the importance of their support of the Association and of the College, through the Association—both moral support and financial. We have come to this work recently enough to remember that when we received a copy of the Alumni News—with an appeal for dues—we indeed intended to send a cheque. But, frequently, like the majority of Alumni, we let the year slip by without doing so.

The Alumni Association, with the support of Brandon College, plans to increase its services. But, if the support of the College is to be justified—and continued in the future—there must be participation indicating interest by a greater number of Alumni. Take the matter of payment of dues—modest enough at two dollars a year. Of about 2000 graduates on our mailing list, only fifty are paid-up life members and only eighteen have paid dues for the current fiscal year. If the Association is to continue to go ahead (which it must do—or fall back), there must be an increase in material Alumni support.

We believe that the majority of Alumni have every intention of paying dues—and of contributing to the Loan fund. We appeal to you to DO IT NOW! Please don't let it slide.

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### CHANGE OF MAILING ADDRESS

All mail designed for Alumni committees is in future to be sent to a new address: General Secretary, Alumni Association, Brandon College

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### FROM HERE AND THERE

—Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Glendinning (Joyce Marie Thordarson '53) are presently in Freiburg, Germany, where Mr. Glendinning is pursuing his post-graduate studies.

—Mary Jane McLachlan '53 has accepted a two year teaching position with the Department of National Defence at Fontainebleu, France. While in France, Miss McLachlan will be instructing in English.

—Home on furlough this summer from the oil fields of Venezuela were Mr. Don Rousell '52 and his wife Olga (Evaskow) '55. While here they spent some time visiting Mrs. Rousell's parents in Brandon and Mr. Rousell's parents in Rapid City.

—Mac Andrews '52 returned recently to Teheran, Iran after spending three weeks at his home in Brandon. Mr. Andrews is a seismologist with United Geophysical in Iran.

—Dr. John M. Brown '33 has succeeded Dr. M. E. LaZerte as Dean of the Faculty of Education, University of Manitoba. He assumed his new duties September 1.

—Word received from Rev. James E. Smith '40 tells us he is now serving as General Secretary to the Toronto Religious Education Council.

—Charles H. Kester ' , formerly with the Indian Affairs Department at Edmonton is now residing in Rossburn, Manitoba.

—Visiting Brandon for the first time in forty-eight years were Cecil Carrick '11 and his wife. Mr. Carrick has recently retired as Legal Advisor to the Ontario Hydro Commission. He was very interested in viewing the College again, and brought with him many interesting stories of its earlier years.

—Mr. and Mrs. Clarence Hembling '26 were visitors in Brandon during the summer months. Mr. Hembling is field secretary at Penticton, B.C., for the Canadian National Institute for the Blind.

—Marion Simmons '52 has returned from the Belgian Congo where she has spent the past three years. As the only Canadian missionary with the American Baptist Foreign Mission Society in that vicinity, she was in charge of the French department of the secondary school. Marion will spend this year in Boston, prior to returning to Africa.

—Visiting classmate Hazel Dunseith this summer was Miss Beatrice Clendenning '21 of Oakville, Ontario.

—Eileen McFadden '53 has been appointed to the post of Librarian at Brandon College, a post she formerly held at the University of Manitoba.

—Rev. Paul McKinnon '52 and Mrs. McKinnon (Diane Macdonald '53) have taken up residence in Dawson Creek, B.C.

—Carl Bachinski '43 and Bertha (Davis '40), accompanied by their two children, were visitors in Brandon this summer, from Hope, B.C., where Carl is teaching high school.

—Recent newlyweds Garth and Edna Kidd, who were married in Brandon in August, have left to reside in London, England, where Garth is working towards his Ph.D. in Chemistry. Mrs. Kidd is the former Edna Engen, Class of '56.

—Don and Olga Rousell ('52 and '55) have been transferred from Venezuela to Sudbury, Ontario.

—Home from Ponta Grossa, Brazil for an extended winter visit is Mr. Walter Loss (Cathy Nelson '53).

—Married—Helen Batho '55 and Ken Mitchell of Harte, Manitoba. The Mitchells are making their home at Harte.

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## A Merry Christmas