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A MESSAGE FROM DR. ROBBINS

Among the alumni coming to Brandon for the Thanksgiving weekend were a couple of freshmen—more accurately a freshman and a freshette. These were the Robbins, and happily we were allowed to take part in the celebration, in spite of our junior status.

It was a real pleasure to see so many of the students of yesteryear on the campus. It was not a surprise, for I had heard from some of them at the time my appointment was announced, as well as from former professors at the College, and the latter bespoke their continuing interest and loyalty. Stanley Knowles, I imagine, used words that many of you might have used, when he wrote of the "institution that has meant much to a great many of us".

Senior among the former professors from whom I heard was Dr. W. Sherwood Fox, retired president of the University of Western Ontario, who taught Classics here, 1900-09. Next was Dr. D. A. MacGibbon, former head of the Department of Economics, University of Alberta, later member of the Board of Grain Commissioners, now retired and living in Hamilton. He taught Economics at Brandon, 1908-17, and was followed by Dr. W. A. Mackintosh, 1917-19, who wrote from Kingston where he is principal and vice-chancellor of Queen's University: "I have had a long-standing interest in Brandon College and have always had the belief that it had a distinct position in the educational work of the West and a very useful role to fill."

Professor W. C. D. Pacey (English, 1940-44), now head of the Department of English, University of New Brunswick, had a generous word to say of the students of his years in Brandon: "The College was a pleasant place to teach. Most of the students came from small towns or farms, and were genuinely eager to learn. I have never received such an enthusiastic response to my lectures as I had there."

There were messages, too, from Dr. J. H. Aitchison, now professor of Political Science at Dalhousie University, from Dr. L. H. Cragg, vice-president of the University of Alberta, from the Hon. Walter G. Dinsdale, from Heath N. Macquarrie, M.P., and from many others, wishing me well and saying a good word

for the College and the students of their day at Brandon.

Clearly you are members of a respected body—graduates of an institution that holds a place of affection and esteem among those who know it well. It must be my resolve and yours to see that this sound basis of prestige is maintained in the years that lie before us.

ALUMNI HOMECOMING

The first Alumni Homecoming ever organized at Brandon College was attended by more than one hundred graduates and former students. Taking time off from their Thanksgiving week-end, the Alumni spent October 8 touring the new Arts and Library building, watching the traditional College Caps - Notre Dame Hounds football game, and meeting old friends at the Homecoming Dance.



MISS ANNE LANE
Homecoming Queen

Football honours went to the visitors from Saskatchewan, who seem to have a habit of winning the Fall classic. The host Caps scored the first touchdown, however, and despite the fact that most of the players were getting their first taste of college competition, played better than the 31-14 score would indicate.

The only Brandon victory in the seven meetings between the two clubs was an 8-7 verdict in 1959.

Of special interest to Alumni was the opening kick-off, performed by Homecoming Queen, Anne Lane, a fourth year Arts student. Miss Lane had arrived on the field in an open convertible, heading the parade which included the other three queen candidates, the cheerleaders, the Legion majorettes, and the Sea Cadets' Marching Band.

The dance in the Earl Oxford School auditorium was the evening attraction. Two skits, one presented by the Students' Association and the other by the Alumni, featured festivities at intermission. Class yells, some of them rusty but all of them loud, provided a traditional conclusion to the dance and gave friends a chance to congregate for the house-parties to follow.

Sunday morning saw a final gathering of the week-end guests and hosts at the Alumni church service in Knox United Church.

NEW FACULTY MEMBERS FOR 1960-61

Among the members who have joined the Brandon College faculty this year are two alumni. Harvey Young '55, a Master of Science graduate of the University of Alberta, is Instructor in Geology at the College. Barry McLennan '60, is instructor in Junior Physics and Chemistry.

Other new members include: Mr. W. L. Zwerman, a graduate of Cornell University, Instructor in Sociology; Mrs. Lois A. Harvey, instructor in Latin and Junior French, who is a graduate of Manitoba College and the University of Chicago; and Dr. R. Hoare, Provincial Biochemist for Manitoba, who is Honorary Lecturer in Biochemistry at Brandon College.

In the Education Faculty, Dr. Bernadette Gadzella, a graduate of the University of Ottawa, teaches Arithmetic, Science and History of Education.

JANUARY 6th SET AS DATE FOR OFFICIAL FUNCTIONS

Friday, January 6th, 1961, will be an outstanding date in the history of Brandon College. For on that day an illustrious graduate, Mrs. Olive (Freeman) Diefenbaker '23 will officiate at the opening of the new Arts and Library Building and Lecture Theatre at the College; and that evening will see the official installation of Dr. John E. Robbins as the sixth President of Brandon College.

Alumni members will be informed of program details in a short news bulletin to be mailed to our membership this December.

GRADUATE RECEIVES CABINET POST

Brandon College has recently realized a pride-warming "first" in the appointment of one of her graduates, Walter G. Dinsdale, '37 to a cabinet post in the Federal Government.

Newly appointed Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources, Mr. Dinsdale left his position in the Sociology department of Brandon College to become the member of Parliament for Brandon-Souris in 1952. His wife, Lenore (Gusdal) '45 is also a graduate of Brandon College.

PROFESSOR WALMSLEY MEMBER OF CANADIAN DELEGATION TO UNESCO

Political Science professor Norma E. Walmsley has been appointed by the External Affairs Minister as the Social Science representative on the Canadian Delegation to Unesco, 1960. The delegation will represent Canada at the biennial General Conference of Unesco to be held in Paris from November 14th to December 13th, to determine the program and budget of the Organization for 1961 and 1962.

It is indeed an honour to have a member of the Brandon College faculty representing Canada at this international conference, and we congratulate Miss Walmsley on meriting this appointment.

HISTORY PROFESSOR REPRESENTS MANITOBA

Professor W. D. Smith, of the Brandon College faculty has been appointed Manitoba representative to the Canadian Historic Sites and Monuments Committee, filling the position left vacant by the death of Mgr. D'Eschambault.

IN MEMORY OF MISS E. R. WHITESIDE FIRST PRINCIPAL OF CLARK HALL

"To hundreds of members of the Brandon College Alumni Association across Canada the word of the passing of Ernestine Whiteside in March of this year brought a pang of genuine personal loss.

Miss Whiteside, a graduate of McMaster University who had taken post-graduate study in Berlin, came to Brandon College in 1906 when the girls' residence was not yet completed. She was a mem-

ber of the College faculty, teaching English and German at the university level. Added to this, she was the first Principal of Clark Hall. Hers was the task of setting standards and building traditions. The measure of her success in teaching the art of gracious living may best be estimated by recognizing her imprint on her many devoted students, who learned from her that life should be a road of courage and of beauty.

A true believer in discipline, Miss Whiteside had an iron will where she felt that principle was involved, but she asked of no one else a standard as rigid as that which she set for herself. The whole pattern of her life was an example of devotion to her duty.

To me she was a queen, in her stately walk, in her vision of the dignity and purpose of life and in her Christian character. She made a contribution to the early life of Brandon College which made it a cultural center for the whole community."

The above tribute was written by Maria (Grant) Nelson '25. Mrs. Nelson, and Mrs. Frances (Wolverton) Yeomans '19 have been named by the Alumni executive as a committee of two to suggest a way of honouring the memory of the late Miss Whiteside. The committee's report will be made to the regular November meeting of the executive.

This action was initiated by a letter from Mrs. Vera (Leech) MacNeill '12 who suggested that "in the plans for new buildings some suitable memorial to Miss Whiteside should be incorporated." In making this suggestion, Mrs. MacNeill goes on to say, "The number of graduates and ex-students and faculty members whose lives came under her marvellous influence becomes rapidly smaller with the passing of time, but there are still many who would share my views. I am sure. As the first "Lady Principal" of the College who established the Clark Hall traditions hers was not an easy task. Her standards seemed unattainably high, but admitted no compromise. With growing appreciation of this in after years, her 'old Clark Hall girls' of half a century ago felt no Toronto visit was complete without a visit to her, and none ever found herself forgotten."

EXPANSION PROGRESS

Graduates who have lived in the Brandon College residence will be especially pleased to know that the next building stage will include a new residence and dining hall.

Planned to accommodate 152 students, the residence will be built on the southwest corner of the campus, connected by underground and over-top link to the new dining hall to the north of it. It will be a three-storey structure, with a basement which can accommodate laundry facilities, recreation rooms, etc. There will be a private suite for the resident master, and an infirmary for residence use.

The dining hall, a square one-storey building, will include an unobstructed

area to accommodate not less than 350 people. The kitchen area will be equipped to serve either cafeteria or dining room style, and will provide very adequate banquet facilities. The basement will house a canteen and will have other available room.

Work is due to commence on these new buildings as soon as possible after tenders are opened in November.

ALWAYS GLAD TO SEE YOU . . .

Brandon College was this summer favoured with a number of callers from former years. Not all of them "checked in" to the Alumni office, but with some omissions, for which the General Secretary apologizes, here is a run-down on our guest list:

Rev. H. E. Nordlund '28 and Mrs. Nordlund of Castlefield Baptist Church in Toronto stopped in Brandon and showed one of his sons the old "haunts" . . . **Dr. Norman Zacour**, formerly of Brandon College faculty, renewed acquaintances in Brandon during the summer. Accompanied by Betty and their three sons and one daughter, he reported a highly enjoyable summer of motoring in Canada. Dr. Zacour is presently Associate Professor of History at Franklin and Marshall College in Lancaster, Pennsylvania. **Phillip W. Oglesby** from Toronto brought his teen-age daughter to look over the campus. He is employed by General Electric Company. **Dr. Craig Ferguson** spent the summer months studying at the Huntingdon Library in California. He returns as English teacher to Kingston, Ontario. **Dr. W. L. Wright**, Professor Emeritus in Music at Brandon College, visited many friends in Brandon en route from Robson, B.C. to the Maritimes. Still very active, Dr. Wright kept up a very busy schedule while in Brandon. **Willa (Robertson) Davies '31** was an Ottawa visitor to Brandon. In addition to her family (one daughter graduated from University and two sons attending University), Mrs. Davies has her own "extra" career of teaching French in Grades I and II in Ottawa. As permanent secretary of the Class of '31, she expressed interest in contacting her classmates to muster up a reunion in 1961. **Agnes (Nicholson) '52** and Bill Aberdeen of Russell, Manitoba called by with the latest pictures of their son, Ian. **Dr. and Mrs. Laurie Cragg** and family visited in Brandon and expressed great pleasure in the progress being made at the College. Assistant President of the University of Alberta. Dr. Cragg was enroute to the Hamilton area for the summer. **Don Dillistone '57** of Winnipeg came in on the last day of his holiday to borrow a chess set. **Andrew Kossak '58** visited from Calgary, where he is stationed with the R.C.A.F. **Jim Donaghy '59** and **Jon Skafel '60** called in prior to leaving for London, Ontario where Jon goes back for his second year toward the Master of Business Administration, and Jim begins his course there. **Mrs. Ralston**, formerly librarian at Brandon College, tells of life

in Nova Scotia, where she has been for the past few years. Mrs. Ralston longs to have Brandon and Brandon College friends visit her, and informs us that anyone travelling near Oxford, Nova Scotia will receive a royal welcome at her home there. **Dianne (MacDonald) McKinnon '53** was a visitor from Dawson Creek, where Paul is the Presbyterian minister. Dianne was soloist at the wedding of her classmate, Kay Oliver. **Dr. Ken McNeely '52** visited here and in the West prior to leaving for Rome, Italy, where he will do chemical research for a year. **John and Doris (Heath) McLellan '27** from Altadena, California were summer visitors in Brandon. John is Sales Representative for the Hardware Mutual Insurance Company, and Doris is teaching. They proudly reported a total of five grandchildren (including twins—Pat and Mike). Mentioned that they see **Ruth (Clement) Coburn '27** quite often. **Clarence and Harriet (Spackman) Hembling '26** stopped in on their way back to Penticton after visiting Mrs. Hembling's parents in Ninette. **Stan Westaway '21** called in en route home from a wonderful trip to the West where he and Mrs. Westaway visited quite a number of Alumni. They were hurrying back to Winnipeg to move into a house on Riverside Drive. **Garth Bray '57** is on his last year in Medicine at the University of Manitoba, and calls in to the College when ever he has an opportunity to do so. **Steve Symbalisty '49** of Fayetteville, New York was at the College for a very short visit. **Rev. Robert McCaul '09** holds the record for the earliest graduate of Brandon College to visit this year. Rev. McCaul has been minister in the Baptist Tabernacle in Brooklyn for over forty years, and has a remarkable keenness of memory for Brandon College history. **Gladys (Morris) Herbert '15** and Mr. Herbert of Kelowna, B.C. stopped in Brandon on their way home from Stratford, Ontario, where they had been visiting Mr. Herbert's former home. They have sold their business college in Kelowna, and are retired there. Their claim to renown is that they were the first couple married in the Brandon College chapel. **Donna (Christie) and Jim Minions '56** of Regina stopped by with their two sons, Michael and Steven. **Mrs. Anne (MacLeod) Munday '23** visited briefly in Brandon in June. She was attending the Business and Professional Women's Club Biennial Convention in Winnipeg. While attending the Eighth Congress of the B. and P. Club in Paris last year, Mrs. Munday stopped in England and visited **Dr. Earl and Hazel (Keith) King '23**. Among delegates at the Baptist Convention in Brandon this summer we did manage to see a few former College students. **Rev. Martin K. Brown '45** of Prince George, B.C. called in to the College, as did **Rev. W. Potoroka '39** of Winnipeg. **Rev. Bruce Haskins** and **Anne (Russell)** of Regina called to chat, and tell of the activities of their family of two girls and two boys.

Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Chapman '15 of

Santa Barbara, California included Brandon College as a stopping place on a very long motor trip this fall. Mr. Chapman is retired from his church pulpit in Cleveland, Ohio but has been doing some interim work in California. In the course of their travels this far they had seen **Dr. "Scotty" Gordon** in Calgary, and **Rev. Donogh of Alexander**, and they were continuing eastward and as far south as Florida before returning home.

HOMEcomings GUESTS

It was a perfect autumn day, and guests home for the weekend were welcomed in the "outdoor" link (which has since been glassed in) between the Arts and Library Building and the Lecture Theatre. Many were the exclamations of approval of the up-to-date classrooms and the library which, though not entirely finished, was far enough advanced to show its potential as a place of real "inspiration".

Tea was served in the lounge and guests enjoyed an informal visit, highlighted by the presence of our new President of Brandon College, **Dr. J. E. Robbins**, who had just arrived from Ottawa, and **Mr. W. F. McGregor**, chairman of the Brandon College Board of Directors.

There were a number of faculty members, and **Walter Dinsdale '37** was present in the double role of former student and former faculty member. Many were pleased to renew acquaintance, too, with **Mrs. Darrach**, Dean of Women from 1936 to 1953.

Here from the greatest distance were **Lorne Cook '52** and his wife, **Desley**, from Calgary. **Shirley and Ernie Miller '50** had come from Regina for the weekend, as had **Donna Wilkins, John McArthur '57** and **Joyce Thompson, '58**. **Art McMurdo '49** of Wynyard, Saskatchewan, made a round of old friends in Brandon and the College. **Janet (Southern) '58** and **Ken Adams '55** from Saskatoon were among the first to arrive. **Regina Armstrong '60** came in from Yorkton and **Tom Ross '60** was visiting from Saskatoon.

Guests from Winnipeg included **Philippa Saul '41**, **Barbara Mills '57**, **Harold Hutton '58**, **Gladys Coutts '50**, **Laurie Craddock '56** (our capable M.C. at the dance in the evening), **Ruth (Hunter) Titheridge '41**, **Margaret Mackenzie '38**, **Margaret and Murray McPherson '44**, **Margaret (Reid) Fawcett '32**, **Bob Wellwood '26** (with Mrs. Wellwood and their teen-age daughter), **Joan '56** and **Jack Myers '55**, **Ivey Robbins '54**, **Helen Wright '59**, **Garth Bray '57**, **Barry Birch '60**, **Gary Martin '59**, **Carolyn Johnson '59**, **Clark Mitchell '60**, **Jean Hannah '56**, **Betty '28** and **Stanley Westaway '31**, **Elaine (Fraser) '58** and **Carman Rust '59**, **Bill Evans '60** and **Jim Crawford '56**.

Evidence that the beneficial influence of our Education faculty is extending northward was provided by the presence of teachers **Alf Brooks '59** (Grandview), **Del Kitch '59** (Bowsman), **Mike Yaki-mishyn '59** (Roblin) and **Fred McIntosh**

'60 (Gilbert Plains). Other teachers from Manitoba areas were **Lorne Day (McAuley)**, **Wally Jasper (Miami)**, **Jim Melvin (Pierson)**, **Ben Ward (Erickson)**, **David Shaw (Roland)**, **Bill Grant (Viriden)**, **Geri and Alden Slawson (Viriden)**, **Arnold Tweed (Rosburn)**, **Glenyce Currie (Viriden)** and **Russell Roney (Souris)**. **Mrs. Molly (Bell) Vance**, who is Principal at Kenton School, came at the insistence of her sons, who wanted to see the football game.

From **Russell, Agnes (Nicholson) '52** Aberdeen, drove down for a visit and from **Neepawa Rev. and Mrs. David Smith '52** came for the afternoon and evening. **Bill Friesen, '59** came from Flin Flon, where he is employed by Hudson Bay Mining Company.

There was a fair representation of alumni from the city of Brandon. We feel it will be even greater next year (for we are already looking forward with anticipation to "Homecoming, 1961"!)

IN THE NEWS

Two Class of '32 members, **Ernestine Hudson** and **Jessie Warden** returned in August from a "round the world" tour. Ernestine Hudson mentions that while in Singapore she was speaking on the phone to **Dorothy Bridges '33**.

Gary McMahan '52 gained international recognition this year as the Canadian entrant in the hand gun competition in the Olympic Games at Rome.

Lois Hunter '49 has assumed a new position as Speech Pathologist at the University of Saskatchewan in Saskatoon.

George Heywood '31 has been transferred by **James A. Richardson and Sons** from Calgary to Winnipeg.

Carl Wicklund '30 of Fillmore, Saskatchewan has assumed the position of Librarian at the Brandon public library.

Ron Booth and family have taken up residence in Brandon, where Ron is practicing law with **Kerr, Heighen and Haddad**.

Louise Chapman '58 is doing post-graduate work in Music at Bloomington, Indiana.

Howard Dunfield '31, who has been Inspector of Schools for Brandon for the past few years, has been transferred to Winnipeg.

Charles Bird '56 and **Anne (George) TTC '56** write from the University of Alberta. Charlie received his Ph.D. from Oklahoma State University in May and is taking advantage of a National Research Fellowship to do research on the Mosses of the Prairies and Adjoining Parklands of Canada.

Trevor McNeely '55 is presently employed by an oil company in Madrid, Spain.

Professor and Mrs. **Thordarson** visited with **Joyce Marie Glendinning '53** and **Bob** in Germany this summer and brought back glowing reports of their two granddaughters.

Jean L. Varcoe '38 recently was transferred to Montreal, where she has assumed the duties of Secretary to the Director of Personnel of T.C.A.

Norma (McDonald) '56 and **Harold Zukorman** are with the Department of Northern Affairs in Frobisher Bay, N.W.T.

Alumni members overseas this summer included: **Eleanor Bryan '58**, **Joan McLachlan '56**, **Mary Jane McLachlan '53**, **Dilys Pearce '58**, **Mrs. Eleanor Richardson '60**, **Joan Urie '52**.

Iva (Delamater) '44 and **Jack Wood** have returned to Canada from Trinidad. During this year Iva and family will be in Oak River while her husband is taking Theology at United College in Winnipeg.

Dahl Harvey '53 is now an instructor in Physics at Mount Royal College in Calgary.

We note from correspondence that **Jacqueline Fleming '48** has moved from Calgary to Edmonton.

Betty and Eldon Bliss '41 are spending this year in Edmonton. Eldon has a fellowship at the University of Alberta, where he will be completing his Masters degree in Education this winter. He is on a year's leave of absence from his position as Superintendent of Schools of Three Hills School Division.

Rev. Delmar M. Gusdal '55 is now pastor of Brooklyn Park Lutheran Church in Minneapolis, Minnesota.

Ivey (Graham) '51 McNeill writes of their transfer from Aylsham, Saskatchewan to Tofield, Alberta. Ivey's husband will be the United Church minister there. They have three children: **Glenda Margaret**, 5 years; **Mary Jane**, 3 years; and **Daniel Douglas** born in March of this year.

Dr. T. H. McLeod has returned recently to the University of Saskatchewan after having spent some months in Turkey, where he was commissioned by the Ford Foundation to serve as Economic Advisor to the Turkish Government.

The spring Convocation list from the University of Manitoba includes **Louis M. Lenz '57** as winner of the University Gold Medal in Agriculture.

Ted Speers '44 has moved from Vancouver to Winnipeg to become General Manager of Nuclear Enterprises Limited.

Margaret MacDonald '59 is spending this year at the Colorado Medical Research Centre in Denver, Colorado.

A newsy note from **Harold P. Clark '27** at Clacton-on-Sea, England, tells of their family—**Judith**, married with one son; **Andrew**, aged 20 in the Royal Marines, and **Mary**, 13, at Felixstowe School.

Martin Johns, well-remembered as a student and as Physics professor at Brandon, writes of a busy but richly rewarding year spent in England. While overseas he spent six weeks in Pakistan and India in an advisory capacity for the Canadian Colombo plan and in the course of his travel at that time he lectured at six of the universities in these countries.

Alan Johnson '56 and **Maureen** with daughter, **Cathy**, are still in Addis Abbaba, Ethiopia, where Alan is teaching school.

Catherine (Nelson) Loss '53 and family have returned to Brazil, where Walter is employed in oil exploration.

Alumni members taking the Faculty of Education course at the College this year are: **Warda (Meadows) Fraser '41**, **Hilton Stewart '56**, **Alan Wells '59**, **Shirley Young '60**, and **Bill Bridgett '62**.

CONGRATULATIONS

to recently married Alumni members:

Jack Fotheringham '57 who married Miss Diane Styles and is now teaching at Bentley, Alberta.

Ernest Criddle '52 married to Miss Bertha E. Lawton, residing in Ottawa, Ontario.

Jane (Wilson) '59 and **Bob Nelson '58** living in Edmonton.

D'Arcy (Bell) '49 to Harold Grassie of Calgary.

Janet (Southern) '58 who married **Ken Adams '55**. Ken is taking further work in Chemistry at the University of Saskatchewan.

Mike Czuboka '58 married Miss Carol Magaffin. They are residing in Brandon, where Mike is a member of the Brandon teaching staff.

George DeMare '60 to Miss Margaret Zimmerman, residing in Edmonton, where George is taking post-graduate work in Chemistry.

Mervyn Brandon '59 to Miss Beverley Quinn. Mervyn is teaching at Bentley, Alberta.

Verna A. Brown '50 to L. J. Averill, residing near Minnedosa.

Kay Oliver '53 who married Robert Smith and is residing in Fort Churchill.

James B. Trotter '46 to Miss Grace B. Huffman, residing in Toronto, where Mr. Trotter is a member of the Ontario provincial parliament for Parkdale.

Keith Harrison '59 and **Lorraine (Pottinger)**. Keith is teaching at Black Falls, Alberta.

to these proud parents:

Joan (Cressey) '55 and **Jack Meyers '55** a second son, Christopher James.

Helen (Batho) '55 and **Ken Mitchell's** first baby—a daughter, Betty Louise.

Hazel (Turnbull) and David Smith '53 who had one daughter, announce the birth of **John David Andrew** in September.

We report, with regret, that the following Alumni members have passed away recently:

Edith (Irish) Laing, a 1927 graduate of the College.

Samuel Howard Potter, '12 who had resided with his son in Toronto, Ontario.

Herbert A. Robertson, a graduate of 1924, formerly postmaster at Berwick, Ontario.

Many friends of the late **Terrence Dechka '58** were grieved to hear of Terry's untimely death in an automobile collision this July. Our sympathy goes to his wife, **Louise (Borodi)** and family.



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