



# ALUMNI NEWS

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Dr. J. F. Leddy

## DEAN LEDDY COMMENCEMENT SPEAKER

Departing from the usual Thursday date, Commencement Exercises this year will be held on **Friday, May 26th**.

It is anticipated that close to 40 Arts and Science and 10 Education graduates will receive degrees and certificates. Dr. J. F. Leddy, Dean of Arts and Science and Assistant President (Academic) of the University of Saskatchewan, will deliver the Commencement address.

For three years secretary of the National Conference of Canadian Universities, and for three years a member of Canada Council, Dr. Leddy is currently president of the Canadian National Commission for UNESCO. He is a past president of the Classical Association of Canada, of the Canadian Association of Rhodes Scholars, of the Humanities Association of Canada and of the Humanities Research Council of Canada.

## SATURDAY, MAY 27—ALUMNI ASSEMBLE

Already Alumni members are enquiring, "What date is the banquet and dance?" And convener Clare Coburn '59 is basing his estimates on an even larger (could it be more enthusiastic?) attendance than that of last year.

We hope you'll reserve the date, in keeping with these details:

- Prince Edward Hotel, Saturday, May 27
- 5:30, Reception in the Rose Room
- Business of Annual Meeting
- Dancing, Main Dining Room
- Music supplied by Frank Woodmass

Tickets are \$3.50 per person, and may be obtained from the General Secretary, Office of the President, Brandon College or at the door.

**About Reservations:** Please write or phone J. Garnett, General Secretary at Brandon College—PA 6-2120 by May 19 for banquet reservations.

You are cordially invited to bring your friends—Just let us know so that our estimates for catering will be as accurate as possible.

**Harry George '51 says:** "Be sure to come to the reception and get acquainted before dinner."—Harry and Louise (Hoey '52) will be host and hostess for this part of the evening.

**Coming from a Distance?** The farther the better—and let us know if we can make any arrangements for your stay in Brandon, etc.

**Planning a Reunion?** Your General Secretary will be glad to help with contacts and correspondence.

## INSTALLATION BOOKLET AVAILABLE

An attractive souvenir booklet, published following events of January 6 at Brandon College, will doubtless be desired by many Alumni members. It contains Dr. Robbins' address, delivered following his installation as the sixth president of Brandon College. Also included is the speech given by Mrs. Diefenbaker in officially opening the new Library and Arts Building and the Evans Lecture Theatre, together with information relating to the events, and pictures of the occasion.

Rather than mail copies of the booklet to all Alumni (which would involve duplication with Expansion Fund mailing lists, and unnecessary expense with incorrect addresses, etc.), it was decided to inform all members that extra copies of the booklet have been printed with the Alumni in mind, and you may obtain one by writing to the President's Office, Brandon College.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT

President of the Alumni nominating committee, George Strang '55, reports that the following Alumni have agreed to let their names stand for nomination to the 1961-62 executive:

- President.....Gordon Sefton '51
- 1st Vice-President.....George Strang '55
- 2nd Vice-President.....Ron Booth '56
- 3rd Vice-President.....Mike Czuboka '58
- Treasurer.....Eileen McFadden '53
- Bulletin Editor.....Ron Kirbyson '59
- Social Convener....Heather (Stewart) Coates '58
- Representative to the Board of Directors.....J. Irving Bateman '54
- Ways and Means.....Lloyd Henderson '49

These names will stand for election at the annual meeting on May 27, when additional nominations may be made from the floor.

Marg Goodman '49, as Past President, and Joan Garnett '52, General Secretary will automatically be members of the new executive.

## HAVE YOU HOUSECLEANED LATELY?

We are in that process, in an effort to establish complete Brandon College records. And this constitutes a plea to all former Brandon College students—If you are able to help us by supplying Brandon College calendars, Quills, Sickles, banquet programs, or any former College bulletins or "archive" material, please contact us. You may prefer to write and list your submissions (in order to avoid duplication), or else you may send them directly to the Alumni General Secretary, Brandon College. Your co-operation will be a real help in preserving Brandon College history.

## GENERAL MEETING JANUARY 31

The Alumni General Meeting held in the John R. C. Evans Lecture Theatre gave opportunity to bring the membership up to date on Executive action, and brought forth some discussion.

A report from the Evans Loan Fund was given by the General Secretary, and the Treasurer gave an interim report.

**Whiteside Memorial Established—**The report of Mrs. W. G. Nelson and Mrs. A. Yeomans re establishing a memorial for the late Miss E. R. Whiteside, was received. The report concluded with the recommendation that "the Brandon College Alumni Association make available to the Brandon College Library Committee the sum of \$500 over five years, in order that the Encyclopedia of World Art may be purchased and placed in the Brandon College Library as a memorial from the Brandon College Alumni Association to the memory of Miss Ernestine R. Whiteside." Approval of the report was carried.

There was discussion of the possibility that this might set a precedent in the establishing of memorials by the Alumni Association. (As a result of this, the next meeting of the Executive passed a motion to establish future Alumni policy in this regard, viz., a policy of publicizing and encouraging recognition of the need of specific memorials as these needs arise, but not necessarily directly supporting memorials from Alumni funds).

**Board of Directors Representative—**Following the report of the Committee which had been formed to look into this possibility, the following motion was carried:

"That until such time as the by-laws of incorporation of Brandon College make provision for an alumni representative on the Board of Directors, an alumni nominee be elected in the same manner as executive officers; that his

qualifications shall be: a member or associate member in good standing of the B.C.A.A.; a graduate of ten years' standing of a degree course from a recognized university; and that he be a non-voting member of the Executive, with his duty being to officially represent the Alumni Association on the Board of Directors so that the Alumni Association may take a more active part in furthering the interests of Brandon College".

**College President Invites Suggestions—**  
In his address at the conclusion of the business meeting, Dr. John E. Robbins stated that the College depends on strong Alumni interest—made evident not only by financial support, but by good public relations and in interesting students in entering university work. In taking a critical look at the expansion program, Dr. Robbins invited discussion on the proposed order of development of the master plan. There was some response from the group. The hope was expressed that Dr. Robbins' words would stimulate further thinking along these lines, and that Alumni members would feel free to express opinions which might help to guide College administration in future planning.

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

This year has seen a real increase in the number of student loans, as the Evans Loan Fund becomes more widely known. The following gives a picture of its use:

#### 1958-59

8 loans made .....Total \$2,950  
One loan (\$500) is outstanding, and action is being taken to collect it.

#### 1959-60

12 loans made.....Total \$4,450  
(Six loans are partially outstanding and covered by promissory notes \$1,255).

#### 1960-61

32 loans made.....Total \$8,180

#### Status of the Fund, April 1961

Current Account .....\$ 422.99  
Savings Account ..... 6,477.38  
Loans Outstanding ..... 9,935.00

**\$16,835.37**

During the year the Selection Committee of Dr. H. S. Perdue, Mr. D. R. MacKay and Mr. C. Bjarnason have met a number of times to consider loan applications. We should like to thank them for their assistance, and also to express gratitude to our trustees, Mr. J. C. Davidson, Mr. R. A. Clement, and Mr. G. P. Sutherland.

### CALGARY BRANCH HOLDS ANNUAL MEETING

A letter from Donna (Christie) Minions, former secretary of the Calgary Branch of the Brandon College Alumni, tells of the annual meeting and banquet held on March 11th.

Following are members elected to the new executive:

President.....Bill Black '52  
Vice-President.....Dennis Mote '54  
Secretary.....May Burch TTC '56  
Treasurer.....Stewart Hobbs '59

The main item of business was a motion to close out the Living Endowment Fund of the Calgary branch, and contribute the \$381.00 (plus interest) which remains to the Brandon College Expansion Fund.

Guest speaker Bob Smellie, M.L.A. for Russell-Birtle, is a former student of Brandon College. As a member of the

College Board of Directors, he was able to bring first hand news on College progress.

### PRESIDENT'S SCHOLARSHIPS ESTABLISHED

Announcement was made in December of the establishment of a scholarship in each department of Brandon College by the new president, Dr. John E. Robbins. The Arts award and the Science award of \$200 each are available to the students proceeding to Fourth Year in Brandon College with the best academic record in the Second and Third years of Arts or Science, if of scholarship standard.

The Education scholarship of \$200 is to be awarded to the graduate student (of any university) who enters the Faculty of Education at Brandon College with the best academic record in undergraduate work, if of scholarship standard.

In Music, a \$200 scholarship may be awarded to a senior student of conspicuous promise in the Music Department of Brandon College.

### LORNE WATSON WINS SCHOLARSHIP

Professor Lorne Watson, Director of the Brandon College Music Department since 1948, has received a \$2,000 Canada Council Scholarship for study abroad or in Canada. Mr. Watson will be on leave of absence during the 1961-62 academic year, and will pursue doctorate studies at the University of Indiana.

### HURD MICROFILM ROOM ESTABLISHED

A microfilm room in the new Brandon College library has been endowed by Donald Hurd, to be dedicated to the memory of his father, W. Burton Hurd.

Prof. Burton Hurd will be fondly remembered by many College alumni and former students as the professor of Political Economy from 1921 to 1935, and as Dean of Arts during his last six years at the College.

The microfilm room will make available much valuable material which is out of print. One of the first sets of microfilm received was a donation from the Brandon Daily Sun consisting of issues of the first years of this newspaper.

### EDUCATION FACULTY MEMBER TO WINNIPEG

Miss M. K. Harpley, Instructor in Primary Methods in the Education and Teacher Training Faculty during the past six years, will be leaving Brandon College this year to accept an appointment in Winnipeg. Known throughout Canada for her outstanding work in Primary Methods, Miss Harpley will assume the position of consultant to the Jewish private schools in Winnipeg.

### NEW CHEMISTRY FACILITIES PROVIDED

Recent Alumni visitors to the College have found another new development—A Chemistry lab for senior students now occupies the lower floor of the Science building and features the finest in modern equipment. Dr. H. V. Kidd has planned the lab for maximum convenience, and has selected equipment which can be readily incorporated in the new science building to be constructed in the near future.

### PIANO HONOURS MEMORY OF PROFESSOR VINING

The new John R. C. Evans Lecture Theatre has become the home of an elegant Steinway Concert Grand piano. The piano was donated by its owner, Mrs. A. W. Vining of Victoria, B.C., as a tribute to the active role played by her husband, Dr. Vining in the founding and early years of Brandon College.

Dr. Vining was a member of the first faculty of Brandon College in 1899, and remained as professor of Physics and Mathematics until 1917.

Mrs. Vining, a pianist of outstanding talent, composed the music for which her husband wrote the words of "Hail Our College"—the salute still sung at all Brandon College functions.

### THESE ARE THE FIGURES

The Expansion Fund office have been gratified by a number of Alumni donations in response to the pledge cards which were enclosed with our January issue of The Alumni News.

For your interest, following is a record of the Expansion Fund to date:

Division	No. Contributors	Cash and Pledges to date
Montreal - Toronto	122	160,325
Winnipeg	91	100,042
Brandon	659	170,270
<b>Brandon Alumni</b>	127	32,076
Western Manitoba	161	78,004
Board of Directors	34	52,248
Faculty and Staff	28	20,985
<b>Faculty and Staff (Alumni)</b>	14	11,780
<b>Alumni (non-resident)</b>	157	19,790
Western Canada	13	3,081
Student Activities	5	2,372
Miscellaneous	22	11,549
	<b>1,433</b>	<b>662,522</b>

The fact that the Expansion office classifies as "Alumni" all former students indicates that the percentage of contributing Alumni is still relatively small.

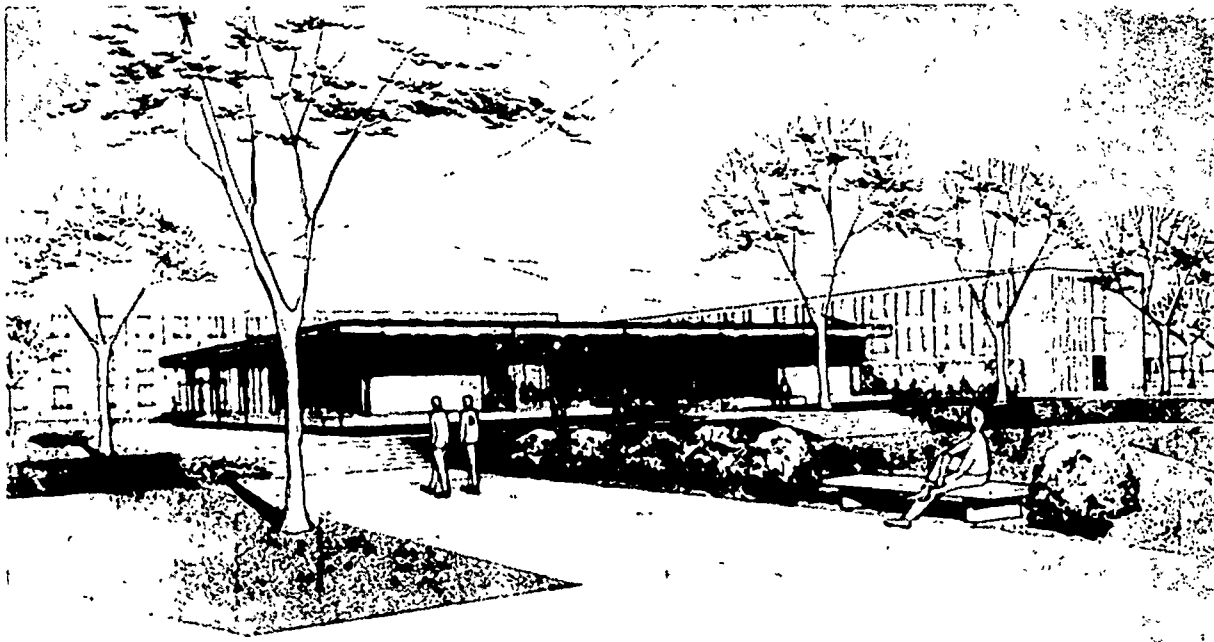
The objective over five years is \$1,000,000—and the provincial government's "two for one" agreement will bring this total up to \$3,000,000. Mr. W. A. Prugh, who now has his Expansion Committee office at the College, is keeping up an active campaign to raise this sum and, at the same time, to publicize the ever-increasing program being carried on at Brandon College.

### PROFESSORS PROBE NEW LEARNING METHODS

The coming year will see application of new instruction methods in languages at Brandon College. The language laboratory included in the new Library contains ten listening booths for students to work with tape recording and listening facilities.

A number of teaching machines are presently in the preparation process. Use of these is not confined to language drill, and they are expected to facilitate the learning of routine subject matter, leaving the instructor more time to teach application of facts and appreciation of the overall subject matter.

These new learning aids are among the first to be made available in Canada, and Brandon College faculty members are contributing to their establishment by preparation of programs, and by experimentation with equipment.



**Men's Residence and Dining Hall now under construction  
(Future Women's Residence, left background)**

### NOW UNDER CONSTRUCTION

The summer, 1961 program at Brandon College includes completion of the new men's residence, the dining hall, and the new heating plant. Construction is reported to be on schedule for the residence and dining hall which are expected to be ready for occupancy in 1961-62.

### ENTRANCE SCHOLARSHIPS ANNOUNCED

In an effort to encourage first-class academic work at Brandon College, the Board of Directors has announced establishment of entrance scholarships in each of the 21 most westerly school divisions in Manitoba. Applications will be invited from students completing Grade XII or Senior Matriculation with an average of 80 per cent or higher. The awards will be made solely on the basis of academic standing.

The scholarships will have a potential value of \$900 each. In the first instance, they will provide free tuition in second year Arts and Science or in Teacher Training, whichever course is chosen by the successful applicant. If a scholarship winner completes second year Arts or Science with an average of 75 percent, his scholarship may be renewed for third year, and if he maintains an average of 75 percent in third year it may be renewed for fourth year. Tuition fees, beginning in 1961-62, are expected to be \$300 per year; hence remission of them for three years would represent a value of \$900 for the student.

### MUSIC DEPARTMENT EXPANDS

1961-62 will see the beginning of woodwind instruction in the Brandon College Music Department. Mr. Franz Zeidler, who has for the past three years been head of the Wind Instrument Department of the University of Saskatchewan Conservatory of Music in Regina, will become the first instructor in this department at Brandon College. At the same time, Mr. Zeidler will give woodwind instruction in Brandon schools, and he hopes to find in Brandon a nucleus for symphony orchestra production.

Also in the Music Department, Mr. Lawrence Jones, of the University of Manitoba will come to Brandon for one year while the Director, Mr. Watson is on leave of absence for further study.

### NEWS ITEMS

**Laurie Craddock '56** and Karen have moved to Chicago for two years, while Laurie is on a training program with Great West Life.

**Art McMurdo '49** was appointed Provincial Magistrate at Prince Albert, Saskatchewan, in December of 1960.

**Bob Melvin '60** has been awarded the Rotary International Fellowship to study abroad during 1961-62. Currently taking post-graduate work in Political Science at McGill University, Bob will continue his studies in England.

**Lois (Lamont) '48** and Bob Bridges have moved back to Brandon from Portage la Prairie.

**Bob Simmons '60** is expected back in Brandon in August, from almost a year's tour by automobile through Europe to India and back. Perhaps he may be persuaded to contribute to a later issue of the Alumni News.

A March visitor to the College was Jean (Goodwin) Redgate with the youngest of Jean and George's three sons. They are still living in Calgary, where George is a geophysicist.

Also from Calgary, **John McCamis '55** came by to tour the new buildings and bring us up to date on the "son and heir."

**John McLean, M.P. '52** was elected head of the Young Progressive Conservatives in Canada at the recent party convention in Ottawa.

**Arnold Minish '57**, presently Principal at Binscarth Collegiate, has been awarded a Shell Merit Fellowship for summer study at Berkeley, California.

**Lois (Kennedy) '51** and **Jack Muir '51** have been transferred from Regina back to Calgary.

**Charlotte Finlay '37** has assumed management of the Book Store at Brandon College.

**Mrs. R. D. Chase (Jean Hitchings) '30** of Winnipeg spent one morning visiting at the College.

**Peter and Lorna (Main) Prokaska '52** write from the Montreal area, where

they and their three daughters have moved into their new home in Preville.

**Ariel (Genik) Wadsworth '53** writes from St. Catherines, Ontario where her husband teaches in the Collegiate, and their daughter and son keep Ariel fully employed.

**Rev. James E. Smith '40**, General Secretary of the Christian Education Council of Metropolitan Toronto describes the fine accomplishments which are being realized by this Council.

**George Jakubowski '54** is employed with a geophysical company in the Canary Islands.

**Jane (Wilson) Nelson '58** stopped by to see the new College buildings and exchange news of Alumni in the Edmonton area.

**Donna Wilkins** of the class of '60 has been awarded a Regina Little Theatre scholarship to attend a six-week course in drama at the University of British Columbia during July and August.

**Bruce Harland '56** is among those listed in the National Research studentships for 1961-62. He plans to take further work at the University of Ottawa.

**Bob Stephens '49** and **Rod Alexander '49** spent one Saturday morning visiting at the College. Bob is employed by a pharmaceutical firm in Vancouver. Rod has just recently moved to Winnipeg, where he is a Chemical Sales representative.

**Helen Wright '59** has received renewal of her Pre-Masters Canada Council scholarship, to continue her post-graduate work in History at the University of Manitoba.

### ALUMNUS AND FORMER FACULTY MEMBER DIES

Many alumni will be saddened to know of the sudden death of **Frederick J. Westcott '25** in Toronto on March 10, 1961. Former Political Economy professor and Dean of Brandon College, Mr. Westcott was a director of Harris and Partners Limited in Toronto at the time of his death. He is survived by his wife, Rose (Vasey '26), and two sons.

### MARRIAGES

**Mary Jane McLachlan '53** to **Allan James Murphy**, March 18 in Fontainebleau, France.

**Barry Heselgrave '60** to **Miss Janet Rodway**, April 1, in Winnipeg.

**Joan Curlock '60** to **John Cleave**, April 5, in Brandon. Will reside in Toronto.

**Clark Mitchell '60** to **Miss Elaine Veale TTC '59**, April 1, in Brandon.

**Mary Babiuk '54** to **David N. Cunningham**. Residing in Atikokan, Ontario.

**Jim Callander '58** to **Miss Hull**, residing in Calgary, Alberta.

### BIRTHS

To **Ann (George TTC '56)** and **Charley Bird '56**, of Edmonton, a second son.

To **Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Jerrett '51** of Montreal, a daughter.

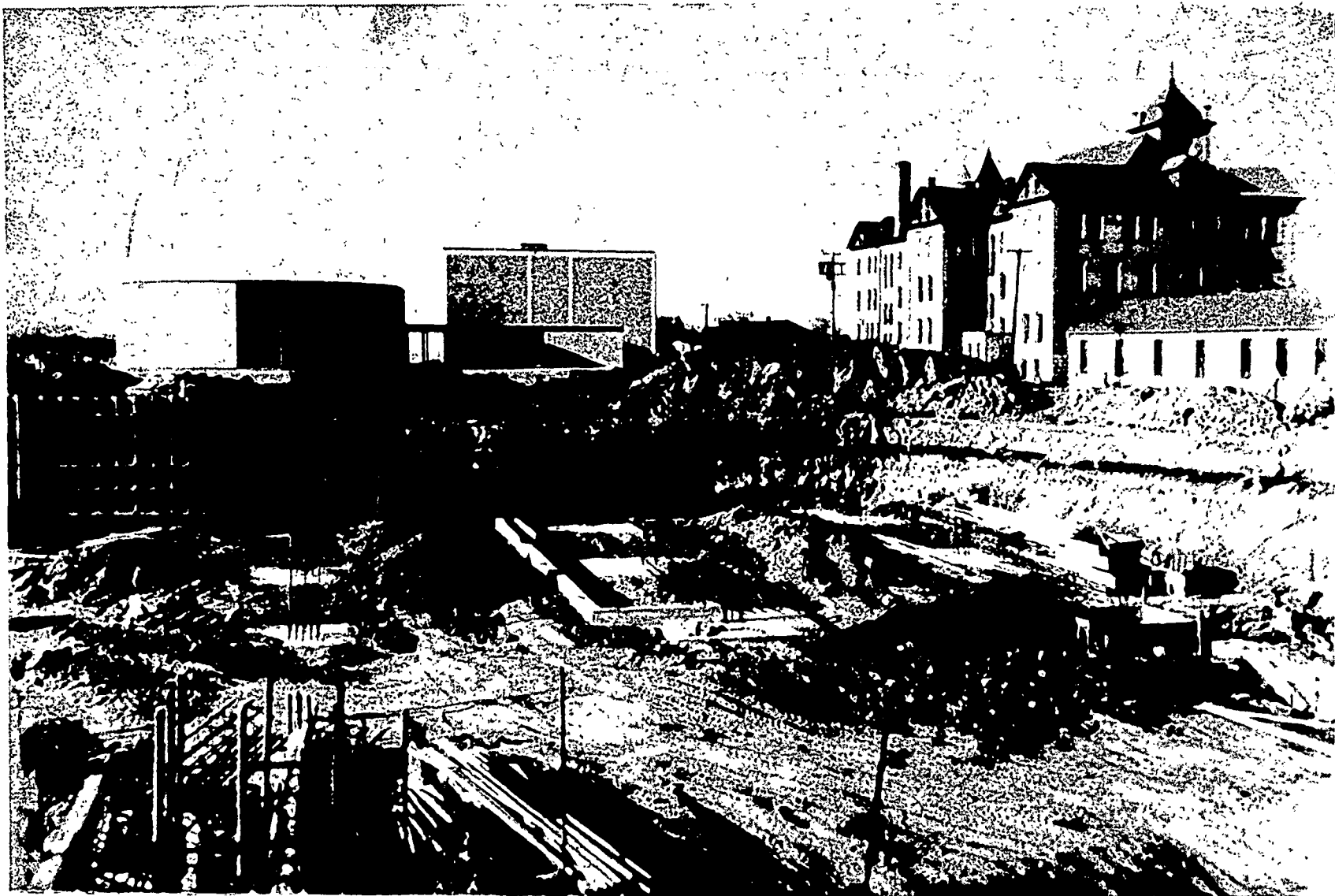
To **Lois (Lamont) '48** and **Bob Bridges**, a second son.

To **Verda (Peden) '55** and **Dick McDonald '60**, a son.

To **Shirley (Faggetter) '49** and **Ian Brown**, a son.

To **Mr. and Mrs. John Glazebrook (nee Treva Taylor)**, a son.

To **Isabel (Lyon '52)** and **Ed. Sokol**, a daughter.



. . . . From the south-west corner of the campus, one can see work proceeding on the new residence and dining hall while the present buildings, new and old, complete the picture of progress.

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