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Dr. Robbins will be our guest at a General Meeting of the Alumni Association in the John R C. Evans Lecture Theatre on Tuesday, January 31, at 8:00 p.m.

In order to propose certain motions for the action of the Annual Meeting of the Association in May, it has been decided to hold a General Meeting at the College on Tuesday, January 31st.

Included on the agenda will be: Acceptance of the committee report re the honouring of the memory of Miss E. R. Whiteside; consideration of formal Alumni representation on the Brandon College Board of Directors; and any other business which may properly be brought before the meeting.

Our new College President, Dr. John E. Robbins, has accepted our invitation to address the group briefly following the meeting, and has expressed a desire for open discussion. Since this is a "fifth" Tuesday in the month, when regular meetings of different organizations will not be scheduled, we are counting on a very good attendance, and hoping for your interested participation and your suggestions.

PLEDGE CARD REPRESENTS CO-OPERATION WITH EXPANSION OFFICE

The Brandon College Expansion Office has now moved its premises to the main building of Brandon College. Realizing that we would be sending a News issue to our membership this month, Mr. Prugh has asked our co-operation in enclosing a pledge card with the Alumni News of each member who has not yet contributed. Our own executive, knowing that many would wish to contribute to the Expansion Fund, has purposely avoided any fund-raising projects of our own, so we trust that you will agree with this gesture of co-operation on our part. In view of the fine job being carried on by the Expansion Office, we are glad to recommend this enclosure to your attention.

THANK YOU . . .

The request for information enclosed with the November Alumni News met with excellent response. There have been more than 250 replies, with the result that less than 40 persons remain "lost" from our files. The General Secretary gratefully acknowledges the enthusiastic interest shown.

Detailed discussion in Executive meetings has produced a motion that we defer action on the production of a handbook until our budget and staff can manage it. Meantime, our files are in excellent condition and a letter addressed to the General Secretary will give you up-to-date information on your classmates, the Alumni in your city, etc., etc. We are glad to have had so many persons ex-

press interest in a handbook, and will certainly publish one as soon as we can see our way clear to do so.

OFFICIAL OPENING OF NEW BUILDINGS

The official opening of the \$870,000 arts and library building and the J. R. C. Evans lecture theatre on January 6 mark-



ed another phase of the Brandon College expansion program.

Mrs. Olive Freeman Diefenbaker, Class of '23, wife of Canada's prime minister, declared the new buildings officially open in an afternoon ceremony attended by a host of educational and political

dignitaries, alumni, faculty, staff, students, and local visitors.

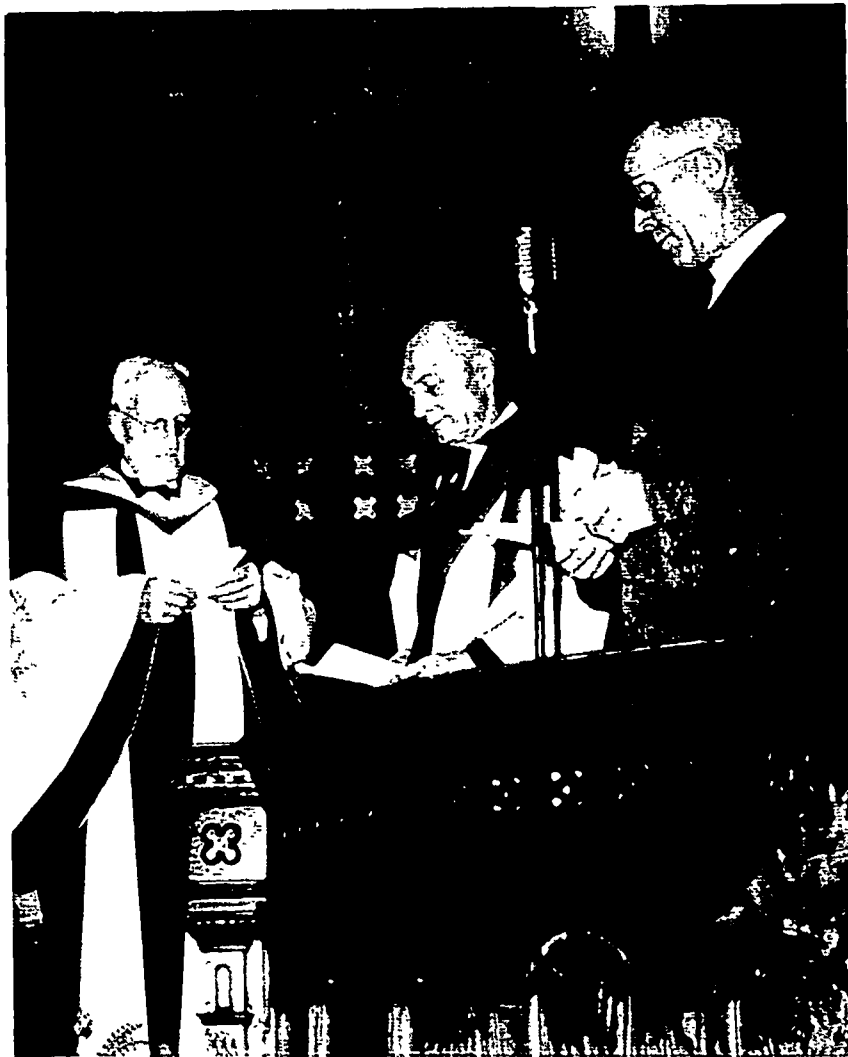
Of special significance to alumni was naming of the lecture theatre after the late president, Dr. J. R. C. Evans. Throughout the day's ceremonies, speaker after speaker paid tribute to the man who died in July, 1959, knowing that his thirty-year dream of Brandon College expansion was finally to be fulfilled.

Greetings were brought from Mayor James A. Creighton, representing the city of Brandon; Hon. Stewart E. McLean,

the Province of Manitoba; Prof. J. A. Russell, Director of the Manitoba School of Architecture, representing the Canada Council.

Acknowledgements were made by W. F. McGregor, Chairman of the Board of Directors; Prof. Norma Walmsley, Chairman of the Faculty Committee on Library; Miss Penny Smith, Lady Stick, representing the Student Association.

Dr. John E. Robbins, later in the day to be installed as the new president of Brandon College, was chairman of the afternoon ceremony.



INSTALLATION OF NEW PRESIDENT

The formal installation of Dr. John E. Robbins as the sixth president of Brandon College was recognized in a very special way by the University of Manitoba. The ceremony held in St. Paul's Church on the evening of January 6 was preceded by a Special Convocation of the University of Manitoba, at which three honorary degrees were conferred.

Recipients of the honorary Doctor of Laws degrees were: Olive Freeman Diefenbaker, presented by President H. H. Saunderson; The Honourable T. C. Douglas, Premier of Saskatchewan, presented by Dean H. S. Perdue; and Kenneth W. Taylor, Deputy Minister, Department of Finance, Ottawa, presented by Dean W. J. Waines. Premier Douglas spoke on

behalf of the honorary degree recipients.

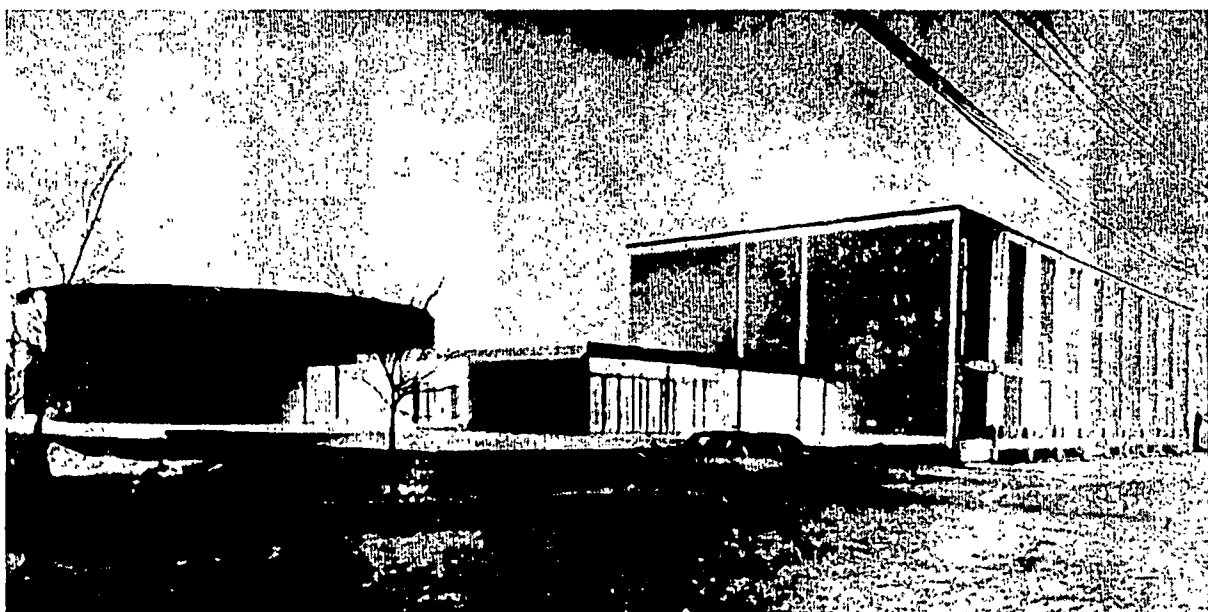
The installation of Dr. Robbins was carried out by Dr. A. E. McKenzie, Honorary Chairman of the Board of Directors.

In his acceptance speech, the President predicted that Brandon will eventually be the home of Manitoba's second university. Pointing to trends in other western provinces, Dr. Robbins explained that Brandon College should grow to university status, though the question of when this would take place could not yet be answered.

Greetings were presented by representatives of a large number of Canadian universities and colleges, and other organizations. Messages of greeting were delivered by Dr. H. H. Saunderson, Pre-

sident of the University of Manitoba, representing the National Conference of Canadian Universities and Colleges; Dr. H. V. Kidd, representing the Brandon College Faculty Association; Miss Margaret E. Goodman, President of the Brandon College Alumni Association; and Gladwyn Scott, Senior Stick of the Students' Association.

Many special guests were present for both the evening and afternoon functions. A booklet is being prepared containing the texts of prominent addresses of the day, in addition to program details and lists of the representatives who brought greetings. It will be a fine memento of an outstanding day in the history of Brandon College.



WANTED—FIRST CLASS STUDENTS

One of the objects of our Alumni Association, as stated in the constitution is "encouraging Alumni to seek out young and worthy students and to acquaint them with the advantages of attending Brandon College". It seems that this is an appropriate time to remind our membership of this obligation—firstly, because our new expansion program depends on an increased enrolment, and secondly, because the Administration has indeed provided superior facilities which make it that much easier for you to emphasize the attraction of Brandon College. And our own "Dr. J. R. C. Evans Memorial Student Loan Fund" stands ready to provide interest-free loans to worthy students in financial difficulty.

If you know of high school scholars who are prospective college students and if you should require any further information about the College, in order to counsel them, be sure to write to the General Secretary of the Alumni Association and you can depend on a prompt reply.

More important, even, than financial contributions is the moral support and favourable public relations which Alumni members can give to an institution—Don't forget what a valuable role you can play in this respect.

PROMINENT ALUMNUS TURNS SOD FOR SECOND STAGE OF EXPANSION

On Wednesday, January 11, the Honourable Walter Dinsdale, Minister of Northern Affairs and National Resources turned the sod for the commencement

of construction of the men's residence and dining hall at Brandon College. Excavation has subsequently begun on these structures, described in the November issue of the Alumni News.

At the same time, Mr. Dinsdale gave official announcement of the granting of a federal government loan for this phase of construction, under the Central Mortgage and Housing Corporation. This makes Brandon College the first to take advantage of recent legislation which extended these benefits to universities and colleges, and makes possible an acceleration in plans for further building on our campus.

In his address following the ceremony, Mr. Dinsdale stressed the adversities which Brandon College has surmounted in fulfilling the Air Force "through adversity to the stars" motto. In so doing, he took many minds back to former days at the College and pointed up that purpose and spirit of oneness which has characterized Brandon College, and which must continue to exist between former and present students, faculty and administrative personnel.

SUMMER SCHOOL ANTICIPATED

It is expected that courses will be available at Brandon College this summer, following arrangements being worked out with the University of Manitoba. The subjects most likely to be offered here are English, History, French, Mathematics and Psychology, all at the Second Year level.

The new buildings recently opened are air conditioned, providing a natural set-

ting for summer classes. We would be glad to see that further information is sent to people who indicate an interest in these courses.

THE LATEST

After publishing a note on the graduates who visited the College last summer, we were reminded of an incident which we had overlooked — Evidently **Glen Clark '24**, of Winnipeg, signed the Clark Hall register during a visit to Brandon last summer.

Dr. J. L. Gayton '26 has recently been appointed Senior Medical Health Officer for the Vancouver Metro Area.

George Leask '53 is still with the R.C. A.F. and called in to the College on his way to his new posting in Comox, British Columbia.

Frank McKinnon '55, principal of Hamiota Collegiate, accompanied the Winnipeg Maroons on their exhibition hockey tour to Czechoslovakia. Frank represented the Manitoba Amateur Hockey Association, of which he is the President.

Bob Lane '57 was home for the Christmas vacation from Wellington, British Columbia, where he is employed in oceanography.

Kay (Campbell) Gardner '34 writes from Monterey, California, as follows: ". . . we will always be glad to see any of the Alumni who come this way. Monterey is only 20 miles from Salinas, which is on highway 101—the main north and south highway in California. The Monterey Peninsula is one of the leading vacation spots in the U.S. Perhaps Carmel is a more popular name as far as the peninsula is concerned . . . We are only about three miles from Carmel . . . would love to see anyone from Brandon College."

Mary Evelyn (Bowes) Yall '28 of Winnipeg writes that she has one married son, two granddaughters, and one son attending Churchill High School in Winnipeg.

Muriel Bedford '54 is taking post-graduate work at Queen's University in Kingston this year.

Gordon Williams '55 has recently received his Ph.D. from the University of Alberta. He has the additional honour of being the first recipient of a Doctorate in Geology at the University of Alberta.

Joan (Evans) Nuttall '59 and her husband visited the College in November. Joan is working for the National Research Council in Saskatoon, and was most impressed with the new buildings at Brandon College.

BIRTHS

To **Marlene** (Amy T.T.C. '53) and **George Willis '57**, a son.

To **Norma (McDonald) '56** and **Harold Zukerman**, a son.

To **Del** and **Gordon Williams '55**, a daughter.

To **Dorothy** and **John McCamis '56**, a son.

MARRIAGES

Barry McLeod '56 to Miss **Phyllis Cullen**, North Bay, Ontario, July 1959.

Joan Evans '59 to **Wesley Nuttall**, residing in Saskatoon.

Marion Simmons '52 to **Vernon Whittenburg** in Newton Centre, Massachusetts, December, 1960.

OBITUARIES

We regret to announce the deaths of the following Alumni members:

Leslie G. Dorrett '24, July, 1959 in Saskatoon.

Dr. Campbell M. McIntyre '19 in Selkirk, Manitoba.

Paul Hoglin '37, supervisor of manpower development for British American Oil Company, December, 1960 at Toronto.

Dr. A. L. Jacobs '23 at Flin Flon.
