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**Mrs. Errick F. Willis officially opens
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**Music and Art Building opened by
Sir Ernest MacMillan.
(See story page 2.)**

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“ . . . We have far too few such (buildings) in Canada, and we hail with enthusiasm the hope that this fine structure holds out for the future . . . ” Thus spoke Sir Ernest MacMillan as he officially opened Brandon College's elegant new Music and Art Building. Dubbed 'Canada's patron saint of music' by the Music School's Director Lorne Watson, Sir Ernest snipped the blue and gold ribbon on a bright autumn afternoon, before some 300 spectators.

Among the good wishes received were messages from Dr. W. L. Wright, Professor Emeritus of Music who, for reasons of health had to cancel his plans to travel from Robson, B.C. for the event; Mrs. A. W. Vining, of Victoria; Esther Moore '13 of Vancouver, Edith (Gerrard) McKee '16 of Vancouver and Kathleen (Moffat) Fairbairn '19 of San Carlos, California. Some of the former faculty and students who had come from a distance were Ruth Morgan of Winnipeg, Muriel (McCamis) Hunt '13 of Melville, Sask., Miriam (Hunter) Wilton of Roland, Man., Margaret (Hughes) Leemis of Minneapolis and Ruth (Hughes) Potter of Toronto.

In the evening Sir Ernest and Lady MacMillan were guests of honour at a concert of Chamber Music in the John R. C. Evans Lecture Theatre, and Sir Ernest delivered a short address.

The concert featured guest artists Alan Williams and Christine Mather from Winnipeg and Lorne Watson, David Sublette, June Jones and Lawrence Jones, all members of the faculty of the Brandon College School of Music.

'THE FOURTH DIMENSION'

The first of its kind to be built in Western Canada, the Music and Art Building at Brandon College houses 10 Teaching studios, 10 Practice Studios, two Theory Rooms, a Music Library and Listening Room, an Orff teaching room, a Classroom, a Rehearsal Room and a complete Fine Arts area. There is provision for a future second floor and a future link to a possible recital hall. Special acoustical design has provided a building well suited to the special demands which are made upon it.

The spacious foyer provides a natural setting for gallery displays, and hosted an exhibition of Canadian paintings during the week of the official opening.

The exciting possibilities presented by this inspiring new building are boundless, emphasizing the 'extra dimension' which has made Brandon College unique since the 1906 inception of its Music department.

HOME COMING—1963

Saturday night, October 12 climaxed another successful Brandon College Homecoming, as some two hundred Alumni, faculty and students enjoyed the annual smorgasbord and dance. Guest of honour was Miss Donna Manness, the College's 1963 Homecoming Queen. Donna is a Fourth Year Arts student from Sanford, Manitoba. Runners-up in the contest for Queen were Misses Mickey McGill of Brandon (Arts IV) and Beverley Evers, of Melita (Arts III).



Homecoming Queen Donna Manness is conveyed to the football game, flanked by her Princesses, Mickey McGill and Beverley Evers.

Notre Dame's football team was victorious over the College Caps at the Friday night game. Quite a number of Alumni enjoyed the wiener-roast and sing-song which followed.

Guest book signatures include alumni from Winnipeg, Port Arthur, Lethbridge,

Vancouver, Kamloops, Flin Flon and Esterhazy and from Brandon and Western Manitoba points.

ANNUAL MEETING — BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Brandon College's governing body has set a precedent by naming to its Board a member of the College Faculty—Prof. R. M. Simmons. Prof. Simmons has instructed in Philosophy and Religious Studies at the College since 1947.

Another new departure is the election of two ladies to the Board of Directors. They are Mrs. E. C. Cowan, Dean of the Women's Residence at Brandon College since 1953 and Mrs. F. B. C. Richardson of Portage la Prairie.

At its annual meeting held November 20, the Board heard report of a small budget surplus, in an operation of almost 1 million dollars, nearly 50% higher than the corresponding 1960 figure. This is balanced by an increase in enrolment of full-time students (Arts and Science, Music and Education) from 374 in 1960 to 570 in 1963 and of part-time (Evening, Summer School and Music) from 360 to 684. The resulting increase in teaching staff, library expense, maintenance, etc. are all reflected in the increased operating budget.

Re-elected as Chairman of the Board is Mr. Wilfred McGregor who has held this position since 1956.

WITH THE FACULTY

Meetings of national organizations this year saw the election of several Brandon College faculty members as officers. Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Association of University Teachers of Germanics is Dr. W. H. Entz of the Brandon College Department of German. Librarian Eileen M. McFadden '53 is secretary of the newly-formed Canadian Association of College and University Libraries.

World University Service of Canada, at its annual meeting, named Dr. John E. Robbins as an honorary president and elected Prof. Norma Walmsley to its national executive. Prof. Walmsley is also Head of the Social Sciences Advisory Panel for Canada's National Commission for UNESCO.

For the sixth consecutive year, Dr. E. J. Tyler of the College Psychology department conducted the discussion program for the National 4-H Conference week in Toronto this November. Theme of the discussion this year was "4-H and the Community."

PUBLIC LECTURES

Following last year's success in presenting public lectures, Brandon College Extension activities this term included two speakers on International Affairs. From the Lebanese Embassy in Washington, Dr. Hassan Saab, Cultural Counsellor of Lebanon in North America came to speak on the Revolution of Rising Expectations in the Near East. His first-hand discussion of the Near Eastern situation brought about a very lively question period.

Speaking on November 25 will be Prof. D. Colwyn Williams, Professor of Law at the University of Saskatchewan. Vice-chairman of the National Executive of the United Nations Association in Canada, Prof. Williams will discuss Some Aspects of International Peace-Keeping Operations.

TREASURE VAN

Students who have participated in the Treasure Van sales of former years will be especially interested in knowing of its 1963 record. The three-day sale was opened by Mayor S. A. Magnacca and featured an opening tea with students from the West Indies, Africa, Jordan, China and Japan present in native costumes. And when the incense had cleared and the doors were closed on Brandon College's annual "window on the world", World University Service tallied a sales record of over \$2,700 and another highlight week of enthusiasm, co-operation and good spirit.

IN PROSPECT

Activities anticipated for 1964 include organization of Alumni branches in major Canadian cities. The lead taken by Calgary and Ottawa in this respect has proven to be most successful, and we look forward to the improved communication and new activities which will result.

Looking forward to May 23, 1963 we hope that members of the **Class of '39** will plan to celebrate their 25th anniversary by a reunion in Brandon, and that other classes may wish to do the same.

We mention these possibilities so that you may be thinking ahead, and ready to offer suggestions when we write to you early in the New Year.



Pictured above are members of the OTTAWA CHAPTER OF BRANDON COLLEGE ALUMNI ASSOCIATION, gathered to visit with President and Mrs. Robbins this October.

**FRONT ROW: T. C. Douglas '30; Olive (Freeman) Diefenbaker '23; Mrs. Robbins; Dr. Robbins; Walter Dinsdale '37; Del Hewitt-White '36.
SECOND ROW: Mary Ann (Buzinski) Wickens '49; Eleanor McKinnon '33; Mrs. Douglas (hidden behind Dr. Robbins); Willa (Robertson) Davies '31.
BACK ROW: Mr. Wickens; Dan Bjarnason '63; Morris Cohen '34; R. D. Howland '35; J. P. Odin '30; Ernest Criddle '52; Mrs. Criddle; Jack Scott '58;
Miss Poulin; John E. Neelin '47; Dr. James Aitchison (visiting from Dalhousie University); Mr. T. A. Neelin.
Missing from the picture were Lenore (Gusdal) Dinsdale '45; Stanley Knowles '30, Walter Fahrig '47 and Mrs. Fahrig.**

CLASS OF '61 — HEAR YE! HEAR YE!

Class Secretary Carole Griffith asks that the Alumni News relay an invitation to '61 members and their friends to attend a Class Reunion on Thursday, December 26, 1963 in the Rose Room of the Prince Edward Hotel at 8:00 p.m.

A TRIBUTE TO E. J. KING

The July 27 issue (Vol. 89) of the Canadian Medical Association Journal carries the following tribute to Dr. E. J. King, 1923 graduate of Brandon College whose death was reported in the Alumni News last year:

"A detailed account of the activities of the late Earl J. King, Professor at the University of London, Chairman and Director of the Departments of Bacteriol-

ogy, Hematology, Chemical Pathology, and Histology at the Post-graduate Medical School in London, England, is given by H. Gartner and W. Klosterkötter in a recent issue **DEUTSCHE MEDIZINISCHE WOCHENSCHRIFT** (88: 246, 1963). They stress his international reputation as a scientist, his contributions to the study of inhalation diseases and his encouragement of and co-operation with German medicine. The writers recall in particular his experiments with animals, begun in 1938, on silica and other pneumoconiosis-producing dusts. There followed studies of a pharmacological attack on experimental silicosis and efforts to eliminate dusts in industries where workers are unduly exposed to them. It was King who demonstrated that massive pneumoconiotic fibrosis can occur from inhalation of dust that does not contain quartz. It was King also who demonstrated unequivocally in animal experiments that harmless dust (coal) in high concentrations when associated with tubercle bacilli can produce progressive massive fibrosis (ineffective pneumoconiosis). King was one of the first English scientists to re-establish contact with German research workers in the field of inhalation diseases immediately after the war, a fact which earned him the gratitude of German scientists."

"ROVING REPORTER"

The appropriate introduction to the following contribution, received from **Maria Grant Nelson '25** is a warm 'thank you' — We're delighted to publish it in its original form:

"In this day and age when no one talks of a trip unless he has been to Zanzibar, New Zealand, Italy or at least beautiful Edinburgh, it sounds naive to talk of a trip to Toronto, to Montreal or to Detroit. However, when Wesley and I were East in October and early November it was something of a sentimental journey, so it may be of interest to my contemporaries who were young in the gay far off '20's in Brandon College.

Wherever we went, meeting Brandon College friends of other days, I found that I was proud of the impact they were making on the communities in which they live. They are real people. They are busy, happy people. They neither dread — nor long for — retirement. They have enough variety in their interests that, whatever door they open they will find life an exciting learning experience.

In Fort William we visited with Fred and **Flora Irish Smith '25**. Flora combines the roles of wife, mother, grandmother and high school teacher with apparent ease and dexterity. We saw **Gertrude Godly Affleck '26** who teaches on the same staff as Flora. As we enjoyed tea with Gertrude and Bill in their beautiful new home, it was hard for us to believe that her responsibilities ex-

tended beyond that of a gracious hostess.

In Sudbury we were again charmed by the warmth of our welcome at the home of **Bert '25** and **Margaretta McDorman '25**. Bert went to Sudbury in 1932 as a high school teacher — Today he is principal of a Teck High School with 1200 day students and 900 adults attending night classes. He told us that, in 1932, Sudbury had a population of 18,000 and today it has 80,000 people. It is evident that Bert has been able to meet the challenge of such a population explosion. Although he is the same gentle modest fellow that he was at College it is not hard to understand how his efficient, well-organized approach to the task at hand has led him to his present position of responsibility. And now that their two sons are grown and married, Margaretta is teaching once more. She has the same quick mind, the same disarming smile. Where have the years gone! During the holidays Margaretta is a globe trotter and now and then she coaxes Bert away from his duties to go as far as Mexico.

At Sudbury we also met **Don '52** and **Olga '54 Rousell** and their young charmer, Nancy. Don is teaching Geology in the fine new Laurentian University, and

they are finding the life there a nice change of pace from their sojourn in Venezuela.

We visited the uniquely lovely home of **Alme and Howard Umphrey '25**. Situated on the Ile Bizard with its wide windows looking out across the lake on a scene of ever changing beauty and variety, this is indeed a haven from the busy world of downtown Montreal. But haven or not, Howard does not relax and vegetate in this beautiful hideaway. He and Alma, both the soul of hospitality, make guests feel completely at home, and include them in a variety of stimulating interests, not the least of which is Howard's 'language lab'. They have excellent courses in French and Spanish, a tape recorder, a record player and earphone equipment, and they have a well organized program of study. Of course, Howard has been able to communicate in French for years. He has been studying Spanish during the last summer in preparation for a proposed business trip to the Argentine this fall. (Our mail brings word from him in South America this week.)

Howard is interested in biculturalism, in Canadian history, in architecture, in conservation of wild life, in numberless subjects which even include well-catalogued information on Brandon College and the many friends he knew in its halls.

In Toronto we visited with **Kenneth Nelson '39** who was spending an interlude in the Toronto General Hospital where he has come successfully through another major operation. For the present at least, life has waved Ken to the sidelines where he is an observer rather than a player. We were very glad to find that he is so intellectually alert, so interested in the political and economic activities of the world around him. He is very proud of his fine family, and is accepting his situation with high courage. He asks no sympathy — but does love to hear from old Brandon College friends. Ken and Maxine live at 7 Corwin Drive, Galt, Ontario.

Another person who has learned to adjust to the hard realities of life is **Rose Vasey Westcott '26** who has channelled her energy into teaching in Balmoral Girls' School in Toronto. Her son

David is teaching in New York City, and Robert who lives in Toronto, is married and the proud parent of a young son who certainly adds a new dimension to Rose's life. She is enjoying her association with **Eunice Death Couffts '25** who also teaches at Balmoral. We were very sorry to miss seeing Eunice.

This modern Gulliver has just one more Giant to record. In Detroit we visited with Dean and **Aleta Stewart Edmiston '25**. Aleta and Dean have a pleasant home which reflects their tastes and travels. They have interesting hobbies and life moves along with humour and good cheer in spite of the fact that both of them have been plagued by ill health and could, if they cared to, top anyone in a "Speaking of Operations" contest. This, however, they scorn to do and are much more interested in recounting their travels, talking of their grandchildren or extolling the cultural merits of Detroit in the field of Art and Theatre. Aleta's first love is still teaching and she never misses a day (unless she is in the hospital). She is a marvel of energy and enthusiasm.

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I said it was a sentimental journey and so I will close with a note of sentiment. Everyone I have mentioned is, I think, a credit to the Brandon College of an earlier day—the College of Dr. MacNeill, and of Dr. Jane Turnbull and the many others whose philosophy and guidance made Brandon what it was. Every one of them is interested in the Brandon College of today, and we were glad to be able to tell them of the expanding College and of its new status in Western Manitoba, of the new Music Department, our new Library, our ever-increasing faculty, our French lab, and especially of our President Dr. John Robbins whose vision and leadership is largely responsible for the revolution that is taking place on our campus.

We were proud to be able to say that Brandon College is a growing institution which, in keeping with the growing needs of our changing society, has more to offer to the young people of today than our College of yesterday—with all its merits—had to offer us."

WE ARE GRATEFUL TO OUR ADVERTISERS WHOSE CONTRIBUTIONS HAVE MADE POSSIBLE MORE GENERAL USE OF PHOTOGRAPHS IN THIS ISSUE.

WITH THE GRADUATES

— The earliest graduate of Brandon College to be in contact with this office is **Edward Brice '06** who regularly sends his yearly membership from his law office in Edmonton.

— **Ruth (Willey) Gordon '27** who last June retired from Lord Selkirk Collegiate teaching staff, is living in Winnipeg. Her son, **Barry**, is married and studying for his Masters in Electrical Engineering at the University of Manitoba, on a \$3,000 Canadian Research Council bursary.

— **Willa (Robertson) Davies '31** writes of an exciting overseas summer trip for the Davies family, when they attended the marriage of their eldest daughter, **Peggi**, to **Bill Tyson**, a Canadian student taking his Ph.D. at Cambridge University.

— **Ken King '32** has moved from Winnipeg to Sherbrooke, Quebec, where he has been appointed Sales Manager of the Chocolate Division of **Walter M. Lowney Company Limited**.

— A note from **Phillip Klenman '33** contained a newspaper clipping telling of the participation of the Klenman's youngest daughter, **Avalon**, in the November performance of the Bolshoi Ballet in Seattle. **Avalon**, aged 12, is one of the thirty young dancers selected through audition to appear in the ballet, "Ballet School".

— **Alberta (Griggs) Pybus '33** writes of a European jaunt enjoyed by her husband and herself this summer. She's now back to her busy schedule, including teaching at the Technical Vocational High School in Winnipeg.

— **Keith McKinnon '35** of Toronto was a weekend visitor to Brandon in October.

— Guests of **Gordon '35** and **Muriel (Bell) Cumming '36** at Homecoming time were **Lloyd Bell '37** and **Mrs. Bell** of Fort William, Ontario, and **Molly (Bell) Vance '35** of Kenton, Manitoba.

Michael G. Lysenko '39, Associate Professor of parasitology in the Department of Microbiology of the University of Wisconsin, spent two months this summer in Costa Rica, El Salvador and Guatemala, getting first-hand experience in tropical parasitic diseases. The trip was sponsored by a Louisiana University Tropical Medicine Fellowship.

Lewis E. Bridge '42, formerly of Winnipeg, is now living in Montreal, where he is Regional Personnel Superintendent for the Hudson's Bay Company, Quebec Region.

Ron Bell '51, a Calgary lawyer, was a College visitor on the occasion of the recent official opening of the Music and Art Building.

Gordon Bradley '51 of Ottawa has moved to Winnipeg, where he is now Executive Assistant to the provincial Minister of Public Works.

Marion (Simmons) Whittenburg '52 has just taken up residence in Hudson, New York, where her husband has been called to the pastorate of the Community Church of Hudson.

Dahl Harvey '53 recently joined the Physics Department of Lethbridge Junior College, moving there from Mount Royal College in Calgary.

David Shaw '55 is teaching in Europe, attached to the Department of National Defence.

Gordon Williams '55 of the University of Alberta has accepted a position in the Geology Department of the University of Queensland at Brisbane, Australia.

Norma (Macdonald) Zukerman '56 and family have taken up residence in Ottawa, having moved this summer from Frobisher Bay, N.W.T.

Norman Chapman, a Music graduate from the College, formerly head of the piano department of Youngstown University has joined the faculty of the University of Kentucky.

Rev. Donald Kemble '56 was inducted as Minister of St. Andrew's Church, Corunna, Ontario, in June of this year. His letter tells of an anticipated 1964 event when he will be Baccalaureate speaker at the Federated College service in Guelph next spring, and his eldest daughter will be among the graduands of Macdonald Institute in Guelph.

Neil Robertson '59 is instructing in Mathematics at Waterloo University, while working on doctoral studies in Mathematics.

Nadine (Daniels) Vester '56 and her husband were Homecoming visitors from Kamloops, B.C.

Donna Wilkins '60 is assistant in the Kipling teen-age section of Toronto's Central Library. Toronto drama groups lay claim to Donna's 'spare' time.

Bob Simmons '61 is attending the University of British Columbia, taking advantage this year of a teaching fellowship in the Faculty of Physical Education.

Jim Bund '61, taking Education at the University of Manitoba this year, writes that his classmates include **Barry Heselgrave '60**, **Rosalie Yauck '61** and **Nola McBurney '63**.

Ruth Brown '61 is currently enrolled in Honours Chemistry at the University of Saskatchewan.

MARRIAGES

Janice Johnston '62 to **Elwyn McFeetors**, October 12, 1963 in Rosburn, Man. Residing in Winnipeg where Janice is still chief research chemist with the Dairy Branch of the Department of Agriculture.

Regina Armstrong '60 to **Constable Edward Wingerter**, November 9, 1963. Residing in Yorkton, Saskatchewan.

Lillian Rose Zander TTC '63 to **Victor C. Logeot**, Class '64, August 3, 1963. Residing in Rapid City.

Joyce Adair TTC '62 to **Preston Davey**, September 27, 1963. Residing at Sinclair, Man.

Miss Jean Wright to **Larrie Seeback '62**, August 17, 1963. Residing in Portage la Prairie.

Sharon Gail Demain to **George W. Peary '61**, October, 1963. Residing in Saskatoon.

BIRTHS

To **Del** and **Gordon Williams '55** a son, **Bryce**, June 24, 1963 at Edmonton. A brother for **Joanne** and **Garth**.

To **Norma (Macdonald) Zukerman '56** and **Harold** a daughter, **Jane**, November, 1963 in Ottawa.

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