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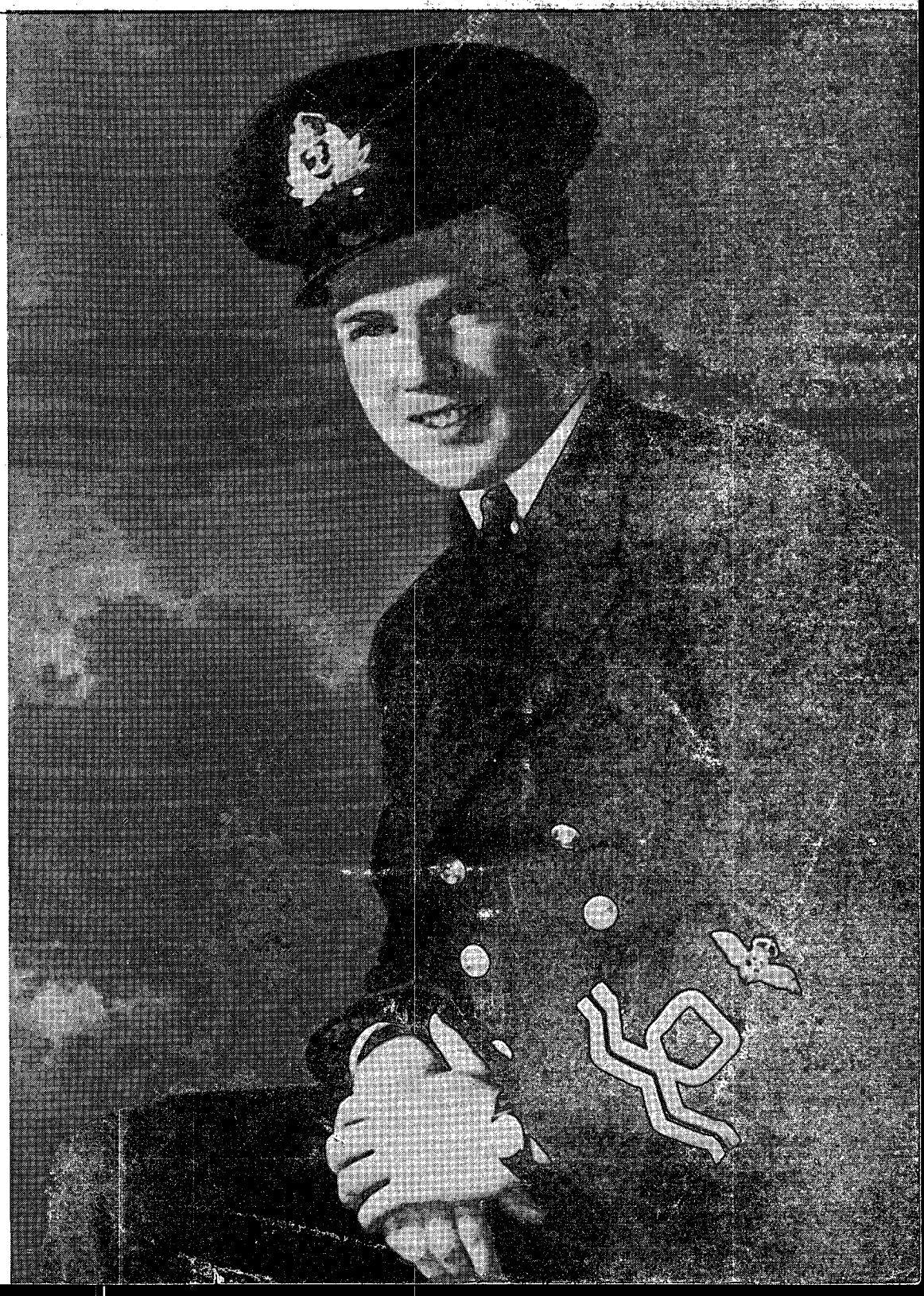

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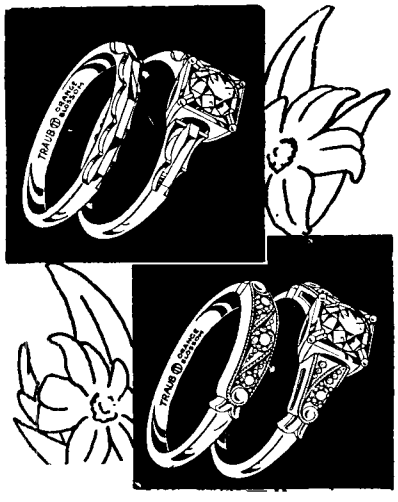

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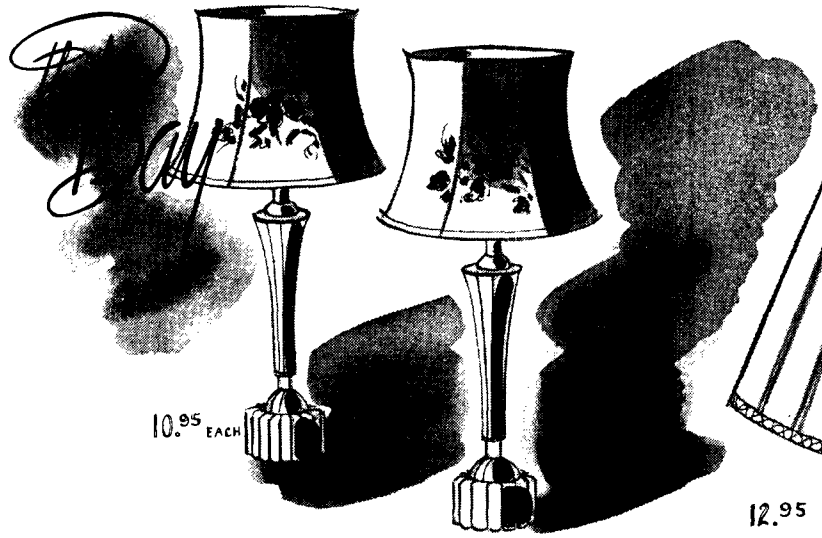

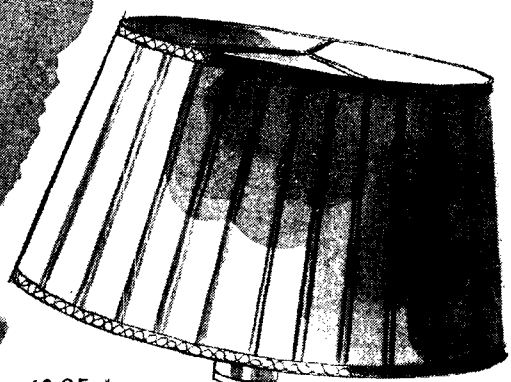

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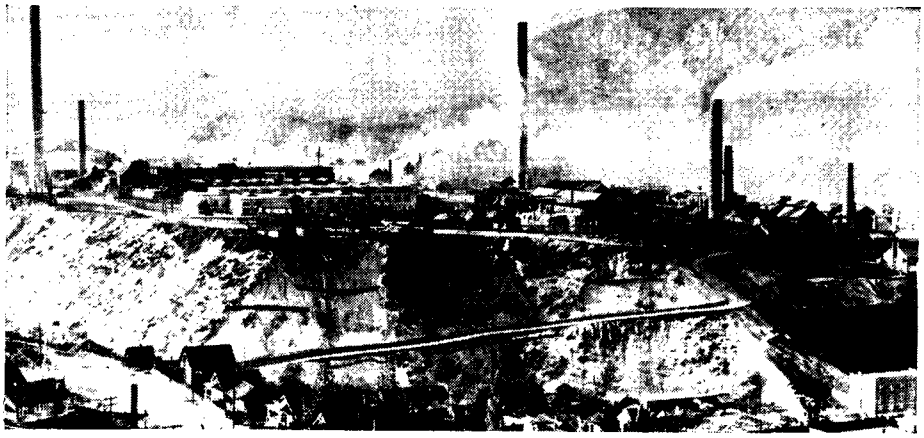

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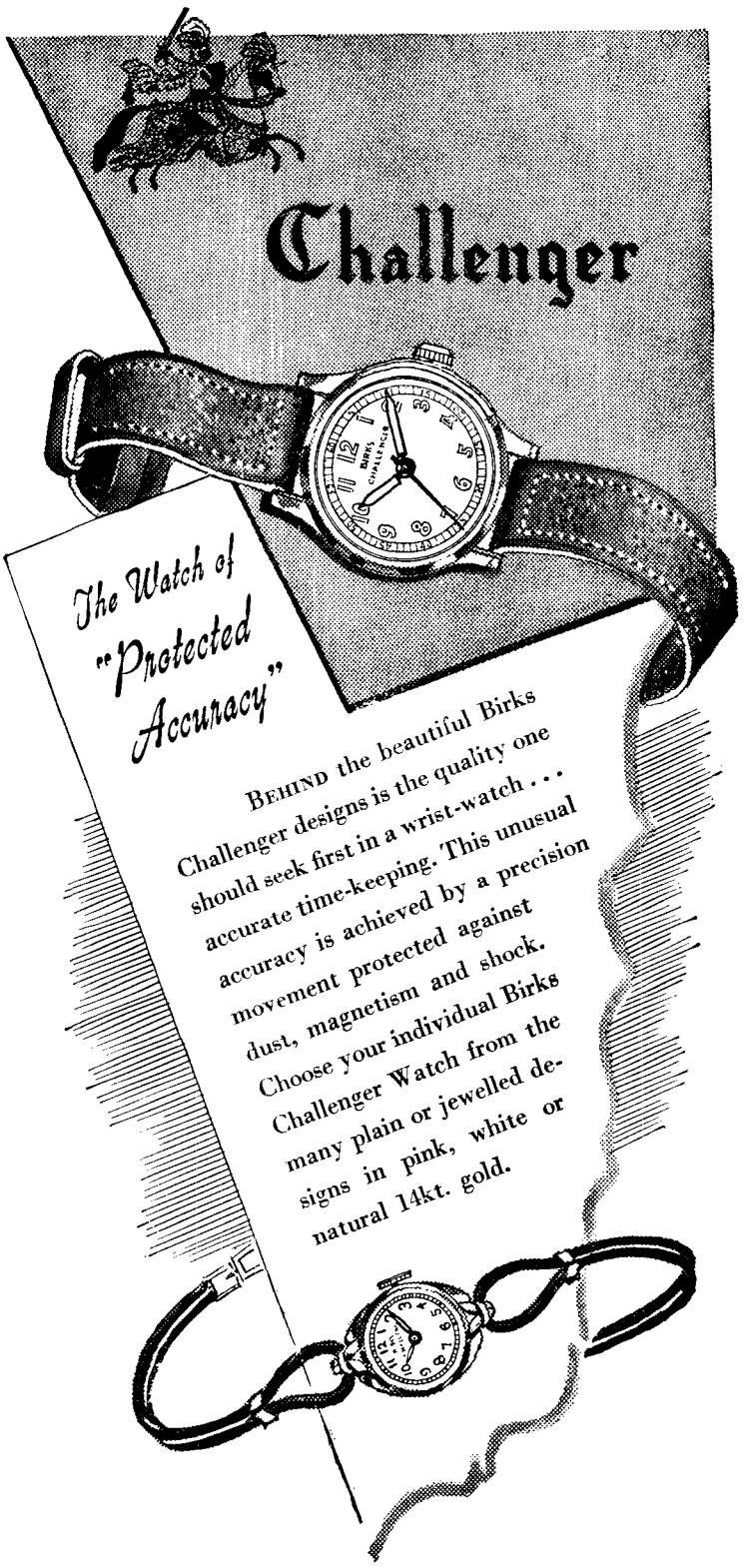

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U. B. C. Honors Her Own Graduates

On October 31st history was made at the University when honorary degrees were conferred on ten graduates of the University. Never before have such degrees been granted to former students. The occasion was also the thirtieth birthday of the University.

At the start of the ceremony, the Hon. Eric W. Hamber was formally installed for his second term as Chancellor of the University. His Honor Lieut.-Governor W. C. Woodward performed the ceremony. In a short speech Chancellor Hamber emphasized the responsibility of graduates in the post-war world.

He urged co-operation not only of the alumni but also of the business interests in the province, individuals and the general public in building up Canada's youngest University.

"But because of our youth, we are happily able to build our structure on modern plans and with up-to-date ideas."

He assured "that not a day will be lost, not an effort overlooked in the erection and addition of faculties, once we obtain the necessary permits and materials."

"There are more than 5600 enrolled now, including 2300 ex-servicemen. It is anticipated that there will be well over 7000 by the first of the year."

He outlined the extension of facilities by the addition of army huts, double classes and faculty increases.

Principal speaker at the Congregation was Dr. H. J. Cody, Chancellor of the University of Toronto, who also received an honorary LL.D. Dr. Cody stressed the need for organization in the new world.

Eight of the U.B.C. grads who received honorary degrees are shown above. Front row, left to right: Brigadier W. C. Murphy; Dr. H. J. Cody, Chancellor of the University of Toronto, who also received a degree; Mrs. Frank Ross, Major-General H. F. G. Letson. Back row, left to right: Col. Percy M. Barr, Air Commodore John L. Plant, Lieut.-Commander Gordon W. Stead, Dr. George M. Volkoff, and Brigadier Sherwood Lett.

"A world unorganized may easily be aroused to war," he said. "The new world, we trust, will be a world that works, with full employment."

He added that university students can contribute to it with a spirit of progress, a spirit of moderation and tolerance, and a love of truth.

Advising graduating students to enter municipality offices, boards of education, the provincial assembly and the dominion legislature, Dr. Cody called for the formation of a strong public opinion which graduates could foster.

The ten graduates are all most distinguished men and women in Canadian life.

Dr. Hugh L. Keenleyside, B.A. (U.B.C., 1920), M.A. (Clark, 1921), Ph.D. (Clark, 1923). Dr. Keenleyside was an instructor of history at American universities and at U.B.C. He was the first Canadian ambassador to Mexico.

Mr. Norman A. Robertson, B.A. (U.B.C., 1923), Rhodes scholar. Formerly an instructor at Harvard, Mr. Robertson is now under secretary of the department of external affairs, the highest ranking officer in the Canadian civil service.

Mrs. Frank M. Ross (nee Phyllis M. Turner), B.A. (U.B.C., 1925), M.A. (Bryn Mawr, 1927), Ph.D. (London). A brilliant economics scholar, Mrs. Ross was formerly the secretary of the Tariff Board, and during the war was the Wartime Prices Board administrator of oils and fats.

Lieut.-Comdr. Gordon Stead, D.S.C., and Bar; B.Comm. (U.B.C., 1933), B.A. (U.B.C., 1934). Lt.-Commander Stead won both awards in connection with daring mine-sweeper operations at Malta and later near Salerno. He was captain of a mine-sweeper and senior officer of a flotilla of ten during the greater part of the North African and Italian campaigns.

Dr. George M. Volkoff, B.A. (U.B.C., 1934), M.A. (U.B.C., 1936), Ph.D. (California). A brilliant honors student of physics, Dr. Volkoff was a former assistant professor of physics at U.B.C. During the war he was head of the Canadian Technical Research Bureau of Atomic Research.

Col. Percy M. Barr, B.A.Sc. (U.B.C., 1924), M.F. (Yale, 1925), Ph.D. (California). Formerly a professor of forestry, University of California, he has, during the war, done work of great scientific importance in the American Army.

Major-General H. F. G. Letson, M.C., B.Sc. (U.B.C., 1919), Ph.D. (London, 1923). Major-General Letson was wounded in action during the last war. In this war he has been adjutant-general at Ottawa, and liason officer at the Canadian embassy in Washington.

Brigadier Sherwood Lett, D.S.O., M.C., B.A. (U.B.C., 1916), Rhodes scholar. Brigadier Lett is a veteran of both wars. He was wounded at Dieppe and was awarded the D.S.O. for gallantry there. He is a member of the University senate ,and a former member of the board of governors.

Brigadier William C. Murphy, D.S.O., B.A. (U. B.C., 1926). He commanded the 1st Canadian Armored Brigade, C.M.F., which campaigned through some of the heaviest fighting in the Italian invasion, and also during the last weeks in Holland.

Air Commodore J. L. Plant, B.A.Sc. (U.B.C., 1931). At the outbreak of war he was director of personnel at R.C.A.F. headquarters. Since then he has commanded squadrons and stations in Ceylon, Bermuda and England. He is now air officer commanding No. 9 Transport Group, Rockcliffe, Ont.

Mr. Robertson was absent in Great Britain with Prime Minister Mackenzie King and accordingly his degree was received by his mother, Mrs. Lemuel Robertson. Dr. Hugh Keenleyside was in Mexico as Canadian attache and his degree was received for him by his mother, Mrs. E. W. Keenleyside.

Long Period In Prison Camp For U.B.C. Grad.

Two-and-a-half years in German prison camps failed to curb the spirits of Ewart Hetherington, '36. On one of his early operational flights over Germany, the motors of Hetherington's plane gave out one by one. The crew were forced to bail out and Hetherington had the ill-luck to land in the middle of a German gun-emplacement. He was immediately captured and started his sojourn in a series of camps.

He underwent many interrogations by German Intelligence officers but on the whole met with little of the extreme brutality so prevalent in many of the camps. One of the most interesting of his experiences was that with brother officers when a secret camp radio was put together. The prisoners listened in to the BBC newscasts and then carried the news by word-of-mouth throughout the camp. If the guards had discovered the radio there would have been very serious trouble for those involved.

Hetherington was liberated by the advancing Allied armies. He boarded a plane to be ferried to England, but the plane struck an obstruction and went up in flames before leaving the ground.

The liberated prisoners escaped from the burning plane but lost all their equipment and souvenirs, the latter including German cameras and field glasses.

Hetherington has now returned to Vancouver and is mighty glad to be home.

Homecoming Biggest In Campus History

By JEAN MacFARLANE

Another Homecoming—and Saturday, October 27th, once again graduates and undergraduates joined hands across the campus to take part in the most colorful and nostalgic affair of the Varsity year. This homecoming was no exception to the tradition of college spirit which is always rampant at this time.

The stadium was crowded to overflowing as students and alumni greeted each other and settled down to watch Chancellor E. W. Hamber kick off the ball at 2.30 at the beginning of a thrill-packed English rugby game.

The crowd was definitely with the Veterans and the field re-echoed with approval as the "Vets" took the lead from the Seniors and kept it throughout the game.

The Varsity Tumbling Club gave an excellent display of precision work at half time, but it was the little fellow on the end of the line who really won the applause.

Another display took place at half time, this one of football "as it should be played," given by several members of the famed "Toilet Bowl" team. The teamwork shown in this exhibition game in such as the "Hidden Ball" play was, to say the least, novel. The crowd roared its approval.

The Mamooks, as usual, worked hard with the cheering section. The Jokers' novel yells were also appreciated.

After the game the Alumni gathered in the Brock for the Alumni meeting and banquet.

Following the banquet, a Potlatch was held in the Auditorium. Ted Kirkpatrick, chairman of the committee in charge of Homecoming, in the opening address, extended a welcome from the 500 undergraduates to the many 'grads who were present.

Arthur Delamont and his band played selections from the music of Stephen Foster to set the mood for the old-time minstrel show following.

The whole affair was interspersed with battles of wit between the end men Jack Hough and Jeff Cory and the interlocutor Gerry Macdonald, in the type of humor which doubtless amused the audiences of the original minstrel shows.

A dance followed immediately in the Armouries. Music was supplied by the Varsity Dance Orchestra.

New Executive Elected at Annual Meeting

The annual meeting of the Alumni Association of the University of B.C. was held in the Brock Building on the campus on Saturday afternoon, October 27th. The meeting followed the Homecoming Game in the Stadium.

Ted Baynes, B.A. Sc. '32, voiced a long-standing Alumni objective when he called for younger and more active men on the Board of Governors and less faculty members on the Senate.

"What is needed is university graduates, young people who know what young people want and need," he said.

Referring to the Senate he said too many faculty members held positions.

"There has been a tendency to centralize and exclude the rest of the province from Senate membership," Baynes declared.

His stand was supported by Dr. Harry Warren, '26, himself a member of faculty on the Senate. Dr. Warren pointed out that then years ago he led a fight for less faculty representation which was defeated.

Darrell Braidwood, '40, gave an encouraging report on the Chronicle. "It is the voice of our organization and one of the most important ways of tying the alumni together," he said. He announced that the Chronicle is being very widely distributed and that even wider circulation is planned.

Lt.-Col. Tom Brown, M.B.E., '32, was elected to fill the post of Alumni President for the coming year. Other members of the new executive elected at the meeting were: First Vice-president, Walter Lind, B.A.Sc. '32, M.A.Sc. '35; Second Vice-president, Betty Buckland, B.A. '31; Third Vice-president, Dr. John Allardyce, B.A. '19, M.A. '21, Ph.D. (McGill) '31; Records Secretary, Margaret Haspel, B.A. '37; Secretary, Bernice Williams, B.A. '44; Treasurer, Dr. Lyle Swain, B.A. '31, M.A. '33, Ph.D. '45; Editor-in-Chief, Darrell T. Braidwood, B.A. '40, M.A. '41; Associate Editor, Robert W. Bonner, B.A. '42; Associate Editor, Ormonde J. Hall, B. Comm. '42; Associate Editor, Mary Fallis, B.A. '32; Members-at-large, Rosemary Collins, B.A. '40; Richard Bibbs, B.A. '45; Peter Grossman, B.A. '30; John Brynelson, B.A.Sc. '43; John Goodlad, '45; Pamela Runkle, B.S.A. '40; Allan Eyre, '45; John Statman; Mark Collins, B.A., B. Comm. '34; Arthur Harper, B.A. '34; Jack E. Macdonald, B.A.Sc. '31, and Frank Turner, B.A., B. Comm. '39.

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U. B. C. Survey of Medical Schools Will Begin In January

The Board of Governors and the Senate of the University of British Columbia have approved the recommendation that a survey be made of Medical Schools in Canada and the United States in preparation for the establishment of a Faculty of Medicine at U.B.C., it has been announced from the President's office. The Medical Association has expressed a desire to co-operate with the University in making this survey. "The University would be delighted to have the benefit of their help and advice," Dr. MacKenzie said.

Dr. C. E. Dolman, Head of the Department of Nursing and Public Health at the University, has been asked to conduct the survey.

"Dr. Dolman will leave as soon as he can get leave of absence from the Connaught Laboratories and the Provincial Board of Health, probably some time in January," Dr. MacKenzie said.

At present there are some 300 Pre-Med. students attending U.B.C. Because of increased enrolments in Medical Schools in other parts of Canada, the entrance quota allowed to British Columbia is very small. A great many students, and students of high standing, will be forced to delay or cancel their courses if a School of Medicine is not established at U.B.C. in the near future.

"We are faced with three major problems," Dr. MacKenzie stated. "First, we must provide proper facilities — buildings, laboratories, equipment and lecture rooms. Unlike Law, a Faculty of Medicine cannot be satisfactorily accommodated in huts or other such quarters.

"Secondly, we must secure sufficient appropriations from the Government to operate the school.

"Thirdly, we must obtain a staff of qualified teachers and instructors. We do not expect to have any difficulty in finding qualified men for the staff of a Medical School at U.B.C. if we can get the facilities or funds.

"Our most difficult problems are the first two—we must have proper facilities and sufficient funds."

Dr. MacKenzie hopes that a Medical School at U.B.C. will become an actuality in 1946 or 1947.

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From the Feminine

B. C. Grads Meet at Northwestern

A school in China and a newspaper in the United States are the respective future destinations of Mary Quan and Jo-ann Price, brilliant ex-U.B.C. students who met recently at Northwestern University, Illinois.

The two girls, good friends since high school days ,are studying in the U. S.—Mary at Columbia and Jo-ann at Northwestern. Jo-ann worked on the Ubyssey when she was here, while busy Mary was president of the Chinese Students Association, secretary of the Letters Club, and vice-president of the honorary sorority, of Delta Sigma Pi.

The meeting at Northwestern occurred when Mary, enroute to Columbia to study comparative English literature, dropped off at the Evanston ,Illinois, campus on the way.

Jo-ann will receive her Master of Science in Journalism this December. She has won numerous prizes and scholarships, including the Sigma Delta Chi Certificate of Award, and is holding an assistantship in photography. After graduation she plans to work on one of the larger U. S. dailies.

Mary, of the scholarship-winning Quan family—they've won seven—will graduate next year, and hopes to teach English literature in China. While at U.B.C. she won a graduate scholarship.

In 1935 Mary went to Cnion high school in Canton with her brothers, Dick and Ben Quan. She thinks the two years of strict study routine in China gave them all good study habits. Dick and Ben are attending U.B.C. in fourth and second year respectively, Applied Science.

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A gift of $1,000 has recently been made to the University for a library for ex-service men and women living in University army camps.

The gift is made by the Lions Ladies' Club of Vancouver.

'One of the most serious problems facing University students is the shortage of books," the President stated. "This very generous gift will help to relieve the situation a great deal."

"The ex-service students in army huts on the campus are living under somewhat difficult conditions, and the setting up of a circulating library between the two camps will be a great boon to all of them."

Dr. Kaye Lambe, University Librarian, will meet with representatives from the camps to decide upon the books to be purchased.

Mrs. Robert Pennington, nee Marion C. Miles, '32, served for a year as Home Sister with the R.C.A.M.C. in Washington. She then was Social Service Officer for a year with the CWAC at M.D. 12, Regina. She left there to join UNRRA. She has been in Germany since August of this year as an Assembly Centre Nurse, first at Karlsruhe and now at Rosenheim.

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Olivia D. Mouat, '29, has moved to Ganges where she is now teaching at Salt Spring Island United School. She has spent two years as W.O.G. (W.D.) in the R.C.A.F. Thomas W. Mouat, '34, is with the National Research Council at Eastview, Ontario.

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Margaret B. Dick, Arts '31, is now at Edmonton where she is Executive Director, Family Welfare Bureau.

For Whom the Bells Toll

Jean Elizabeth McLeery to **Flt. Lt. William Campbell McQueen** at Vancouver in October.

Nursing Sister Gwendolyn A. Newton, R.C.N., of Stamford, Ontario, to **Lt. Hilliard Lyle Jestley, R.C.N.V.R., '31**, at Stamford in September.

Eleanor Wainwright Sinclair, '43 to **Henry Bruce Colquhoun, R.C.A.F.**, at Cloverdale in October.

Margaret Elizabeth Foster to **Frederick Henry Taylor, '40**, at Kelowna on August 29.

Hazel Troup to **Flt. Lt. Jack Scrivener** at Vancouver in October.

Elinor Grace Haggart to **Gordon William Bertram** at Vancouver on October 18.

Teresa Coady, '40, to **Sqdn. Ldr. William Fox** of Toronto at Vancouver on Nov. 10.

Spar Virginia Hammitt, '44, to **Ensign Thurston Merrell, Jr., U.S.N.R.**, at Jacksonville, Florida, on November 7.

Frances Winifred Sandall, '43, to **Capt. Pan H. Nasmyth, '41**, at Vancouver on October 10.

Valerie Jean Robinson to **Flt. Lt. Kingsley Cleveland Neil** at Vancouver in October.

Caroline Belton to **Dr. Edward Stevenson** of London, Ontario, at Vancouver in October.

Margaret Sarah Sargent to **F/O Egfiill C. Sargent** at Vancouver on November 14.

Isabell Stott, '40, to **Stanley Weston, '39**, at Vancouver in October.

Anita Edith Horen to **Leslie Allan Raphael** at Vancouver in October.

Margaret Frances Beale to **Flt. Lt. Trevor Jordan-Knox** at Vancouver on September 22.

Fronia Eva Snyder, '38, to **George Archibald Affleck** at Vancouver on November 3.

Edna Phyllis Edwards of Halifax, to **Flt. Ltd. John Keith Eadie, '40**, at Halifax on September 22.

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Mrs. Jean Salter Sleightholm, '30 (left), is the n ew director of physical education for women at U.B.C. She also graduated in Physical education from McGill and from Teachers' College at Columbia University. Here she is shown with her assistant, Isabel Clay, w ho graduated recently from the Physical Education course at McGill.

From the Feminine

ART LOAN SERVICE FOR STUDENTS A SUCCESS AT U.B.C.

Original paintings by British Columbia and Canadian artists will add a touch of beauty to bare walls of army huts on the University campus this winter, through the services of the Art Loan Collection of the U.B.C. Library.

The Art Loan Service, which was inaugurated at U.B.C. recently, is another effort being made to relieve the monotony and add to the comfort of ex-service students living in army camps.

Already it has proven a tremendous success, and the requests for paintings and etchings show signs of exceeding the supply.

The paintings for this service are contributed by well-known British Columbia artists. At the present time the collection includes only works by British Columbia artists, but it is hoped that it will be increased shortly to include paintings by noted artists from other parts of Canada.

One of the aims of the service is to acquaint students with the work of Canadian artists.

The Art Loan Service is administered by Mrs. Vyner Brooke. On the committee also is Mrs. Norman A. M. MacKenzie.

Lt. Isabel Grace McTavish, '27, has spent two years in the R.C.A. (W.D.). She has been in the C.W.A.C. library at National Defence Headquarters in Ottawa.

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Valerie Kelly, nee Gardiner, '41, is the wife of an officer in the U.S. Marine Corps. Mr. and Mrs. Kelly are the proud parents of a daughter, Judith Lucille, born on May 19, 1945.

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Dorothy Mary Bruce, '31, is a lieutenant, W.R. C.N.S. She joined up in October, 1942, and has served in naval communications in Ottawa, Sydney, and as officer-in-charge of the naval radio station at Gordon Head. She is now in Ottawa in a similar post.

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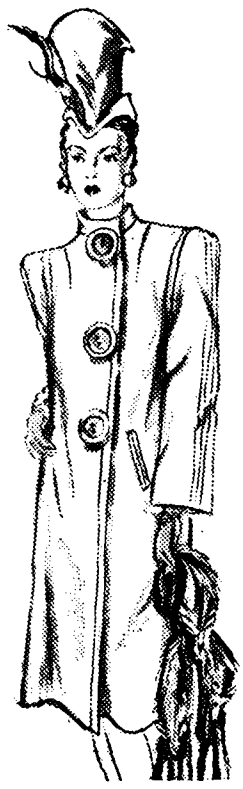

Viewpoint

Kathleen E. Armstrong, '37, has been appointed the first woman truant officer in the history of the City of Vancouver. She is a Social Service graduate and was formerly employed with the Department of Child Welfare. Her duties will deal particularly with the growing problem of juvenile delinquency among young girls. Her official title is "attendance officer."

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Joyce E. Ralph, Arts '40, is an assistant high school teacher at Westbank, B.C.

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U.B.C. LIBRARY REACHES 160,000 VOLUME MARK

The Library of the University of British Columbia is now stocked with well over 160,000 books. This is revealed in the sixteenth annual report of the Library Committee to the Senate.

During the last sixteen months a total of 7,224 volumes have been acquired. This number, however, represents only a fraction of the total number of books received during the past year, as the cataloguing department has been faced with a flood of new material. At least 15,000 items were received during this period.

Circulation for the 1944-45 session increased. Total circulation was 92,470, as compared with 85,749 of the formed year.

Special services given by the Library to various outside groups increased in popularity during the year. Study groups, evening course students, and others registered with the department of University Extension borrowed 4,787 volumes, while 125 drama volumes were loaned.

BOXING DAY DANCE TO BE HELD

The Annual Alumni Reunion Dance will be held on Wednesday, December 26th, at 9:30 p.m. in the Commodore Cabaret in Vancouver. Betty Buckland is in charge of arrangements for the Boxing Day party and it promises to be a good one.

As in former years, it is expected that a great crowd of graduates will attend. The Dance appears to be one of the most popular affairs sponsored by the Alumni and at any of these dances there are bound to be representatives of every class.

Betty Buckland, '31, *is a new member at large on the Alumni Executive. She is also a former member of the R.C.A.F., Women's Division. She has recently been very actively engaged as the Assistant Production Manager of the Alumni Players' Club production of "Heaven Can Wait."*

Honor Roll — UNIVERSITY ALUMNI

Lieut. W. R. Batten received the Military Cross for distinguished service in Holland last April. Joined up in 1941. Overseas, 1943.

EDITOR'S NOTE

We print herewith a further list of former students who have become casualties or who have received decorations. The Chronicle wishes to stress that IT CANNOT VOUCH FOR THE ACCURACY OF THIS LIST. The information is obtained from newspapers and readers. We would appreciate any further information our readers may care to submit.

Captain Frank Ryder Wiggs is listed mentioned in despatches in a recent list of Canadian Army personnel awards and honors.

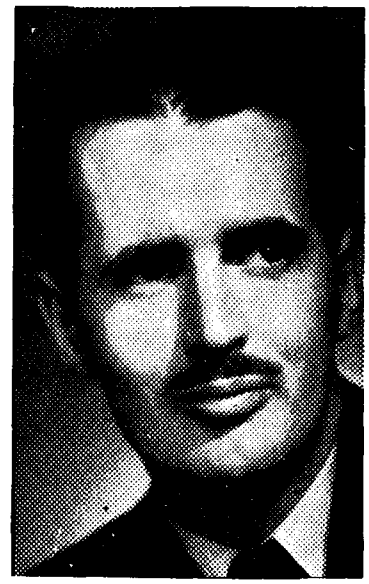
A student in third year at U.B.C. when he enlisted five and one-half years ago, Captain Wiggs was an instructor in the C.O.T.C. and was attached to the 11th Divisional Signals Reserve Unit here for three years.

He is now stationed with 3rd Division headquarters overseas.

Brigadier William Cameron Murphy, D.S.O., E.D., '26, has been made a Commander of the Order of the British Empire (C. B.E.).

He led in the B. C. Regt. (D.C. O.R.) for many years in peacetime, rose to command the 1st Canadian Armored Brigade in war, and was awarded the D.S.O. on recommendation of Gen. Sir Oliver Leese, for daring and leadership in Italy. Recently he was awarded a mention in despatches.

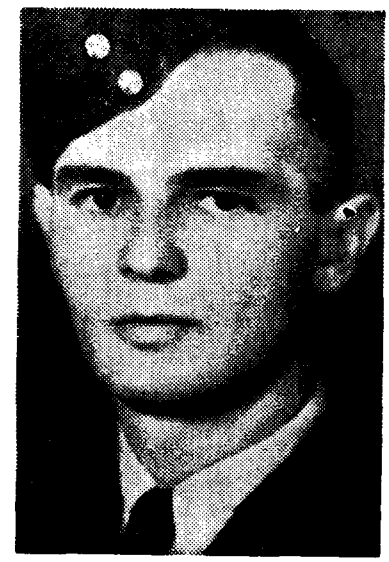
He returned home in August after almost six years in uniform and, now awaiting discharge, has resumed practice with the law firm of Campney, Owen & Murphy, in which he is a partner.



Flying Officer Frank Harry Seaman was killed in a flying accident on October 19 at Sanderstead, Surrey, Eng.

He was born in Cranbrook in 195. He was educated at General Gordon School, Duke of Connaught Junior High and U.B.C. Prior to his enlistment in January, 1941, he was employed with the Bank of Nova Scotia.

He obtained his wings at Claresholm, Alta., from the Duke of Windsor, on October 5, 1941. After serving a year and a half on Atlantic patrol, he took a conversion course to heavy transport at Comox and was posted overseas early this year.



W/O Andre Hisette, B.A. '32, former vice-principal of Courtenay High School, has been presumed dead, for official purposes, after having been missing since January 17. Son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Marry, 4570 West Fourth, he was born in Paris, France, and attended Vancouver College before going to U.B.C. His parents have had word from the only known survivor of his aircraft, that it was shot down by Nazi night fighters while returning from a mission over Germany. W/ Hisette's wife and family live at Courtenay.

Former Student Awarded Victoria Cross Posthumously

On November 13th Ottawa and London announced the posthumous award of the Victoria Cross to Lieut. Robert Hampton Gray, D.S.C., R.C. N.V.R., of Nelson, B.C.

Lieut. Gray was a pilot in the Fleet Air Arm and at the time of the incident which won him the V.C. was a pilot on the British Aircraft Carrier FORMIDABLE, under Vice-Admiral Sir Philip Vian, commander of the British Pacific Fleet. The fleet was cruising near Tokyo when Lieut. Gray led an attacking force of planes from his ship on August 9th, 1945.

Over Onogawa Wan, a gulf outside Tokyo Bay, Gray sighted a number of Japanese ships and dove to the attack. A very heavy fire came from the ships and from nearby ground batteries. Although his plane was badly hit, Lieut. Gray kept on towards his target, a Japanese destroyer. His plane took fire, but Gray kept going until he was over the destroyer. He then released his bombs while only fifty feet from his target. There followed a great explosion and the destroyer sank.

But Lieut. Gray could not save himself. His badly disabled aircraft plunged into the sea beyond the sinking destroyer.

Lieut. Gray had already won the D.S.C. while on service with the FORMIDABLE. He had served with the ship from Norway to the area in which he met his death.

His commanding officer, Sir Philip Vian, said of him:

"I have in mind firstly his brilliant fighting spirit and inspired leadership—an unforgetable example of selfless and sustained devotion to duty without regard to safety of life and limb. The award of this highly-prized and highly regarded recognition of valor may fittingly be conferred on a native of Canada, which Dominion has played so great a part in the training of our airmen."

Robert "Hammy" Gray was a well-known student at the University of British Columbia before his enlistment. In 1940 he was one of 75 UBC students who were selected to go to Britain to train for naval commissions. He trained for awhile at Halifax and then, being selected for the Fleet Air Arm, he went to Collins Bay, Ontario, for his flying training.

He served at various stations and was posted to the FORMIDABLE in August, 1944. He was in action against the TIRPITZ. He was mentioned in dispatches.

Lieut. Gray was educated in Nelson and then spent a year at the University of Alberta. He came to UBC in the fall of 1938. He spent two years on the local campus. He was active in sports and studies. He was majoring in English, economics, and government.

He was associate editor of the 1940 Totem and was appointed Editor-in-chief for the 1941 year book. However, he enlisted before he could fulfil that task. He was very active in Phi Delta Theta and was house manager for that fraternity. He joined the C.O.T.C. in September, 1939.

Gray was a "students' man," according to Dean F. M. Clement, head of the faculty of agriculture at the University of B.C., and also a fraternity brother of Gray's.

"He was a good mixer and was much interested in student activities as in academic work.

He was a very likeable chap and was fond of his fellow students. He was always ready to share his good fortune when he had any."

The award to Lieut. Gray was the highest decoration won by any U.B.C. student in World War II.

Lieut. Gray is survived by his mother and father, Mr. and Mrs. J. B. Gray of Nelson. A brother Jack, a flight-sergeant in the R.C.A.F. was killed over the River Elbe in 1942.

U. B. C. Graduate Receives Praise For Radar Research

One of the "now it can be told" stories of secret wartime research and the part played by a U.B.C. graduate is revealed in a release from the Research Laboratory of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Letters of high praise have been received this term by the Department of Physics of the University of British Columbia for the work in Radar research conducted by Dr. Ronald N. Smith, an outstanding U.B.C. graduate in Physics and Mathematics, who is now an Associate Professor at Purdue University.

Dr. Smith, who obtained his B.A. from U.B.C. in 1931 and his M.A. in 1933, went to Purdue in 1937 to undertake post-graduate studies. He was granted his Doctor's Degree from that University in 1941.

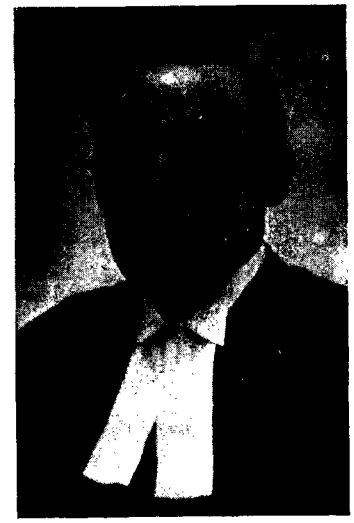
At the outbreak of war, Dr. Smith became engaged in secret fundamental research work in the field of nuclear physics with special application to the development of radar.

The research group at Purdue University was under the direction of Dr. K. Lark-Horovitz and worked in conjunction with the Massachusetts Institute of Technology which became during the war the largest radar laboratory in the world.

This group was concerned chiefly with research connected with radar components. They discovered in the rare element germanium properties which make it valuable alike for radar ,peacetime technology, and pure science.

Editorial

PUBLIC RELATIONS ?



D. T. BRAIDWOOD

There exists at the University a rather strange committee known as the Public Relations Committee. It was conceived, apparently, because many years ago someone thought that efforts should be made to show the public the value of the University. Ostensibly this committee was intended to publicize the contribution of the University to the community in which it exists.

Now the strange fact is that while throughout the years the University has been making a daily, perhaps even an hourly, contribution to the community, the Public Relations Committee has seen fit to meet only a few times in the last four or five years. Nor has the business transacted at those meetings been out of line with the infrequency of the meetings.

Further, the Committee is composed largely of faculty members—men living for the most part in an academic world and somewhat set apart from the normal everyday business community in which the University finds itself. The Alumni group has had a minor representation on this Committee. Late in November, after persistent agitation by Alumni Association representatives, the Association was given the privilege of adding three more members to the committee.

It is high time that this was done. Surely there can be no better group to establish good relations for the University with the public of the province than the graduates who have entered into the business and social world of B.C. Surely the contributions of the graduates to the committee will help to give it a better balance.

It is high time, too, that the committee took a little house-cleaning upon itself. Regular meetings should be held with a well-prepared agenda. A new set-up for its internal organization might be of great benefit to the work of the committee.

The University should become fully aware of the fact that it must "sell" itself to the public. It is a publicly-financed University and it must prove its worth to the citizens who foot the bills. The Public Relations Committee could be one of the University's most powerful aides in that task.

The *Graduate Chronicle* solicits contributions of any nature from its readers. Notes of the current activities of graduates are of particular interest. Contributions should be sent to the Editorial Offices, No. 208, 525 Seymour Street, Vancouver, B.C. Photographs will be returned to the senders.

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Major Jack Duncan, M.B.E., has rejoined the Industrial Division, Apparatus Department, Canadian General Electric Company Limited, after five years as a signals officer with the Canadian Army. Major Duncan will be engaged in industrial applications of motors and controls.

He enlisted September 2nd, 1939, and took part in the Italian campaign as a staff officer, Chief Signals Officer's Branch at 1st Canadian Corps Headquarters, Eighth Army. The award of the M.B.E. was, in Major Duncan's words, "for doing a little extra work." Major Duncan's work consisted in the main of formulating policy, providing equipment and dealing with personnel problems all relative to army communications. He returned to Canada in October, 1944, to take a post with the directing staff of the Canadian War Staff Course at the Royal Military College, Kingston.

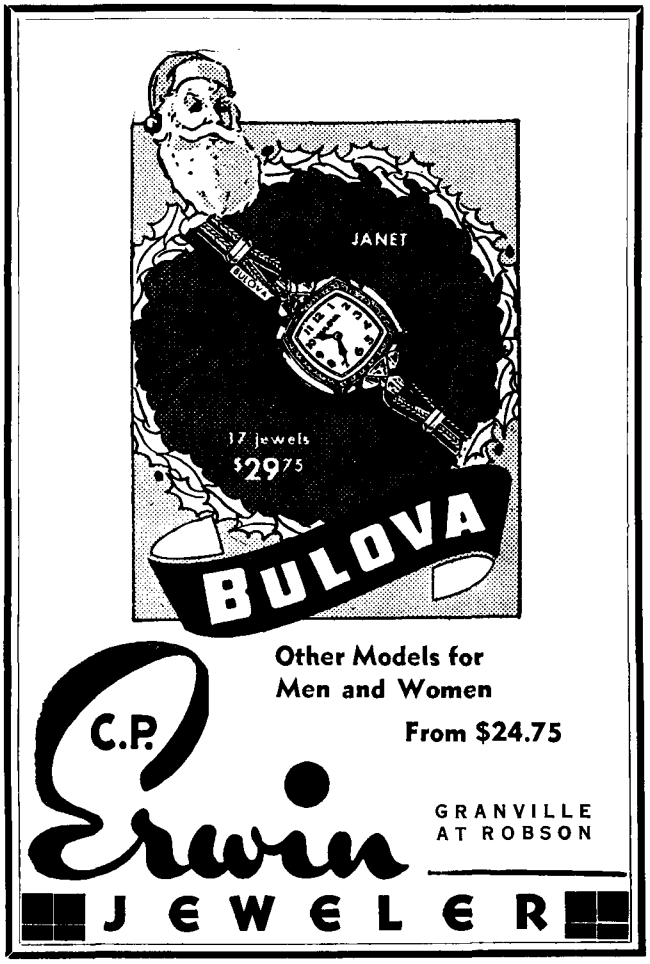
A native of Scotland, Major Duncan was educated in Vancouver and is a graduate in electrical engineering of the University of British Columbia. He joined the staff of the Apparatus Department at C.G.E. head office in 1929.

Gordon Brand, Commerce '34, is sawmill superintendent at Shawnigan Lake Lumber Company. His brother, **Fred Brand, '24,** who was an instructor in mathematics from 1928 to 1939, is a squadron leader in the R.C.A.F. and is on the continent after taking a course in allied government.

The Department of Veterans' Affairs has announced the appointment of **Archie Paton, D.F.C., '42,** Vancouver, as public relations officer for Vancouver and district.

Archie Paton, 25, was born in Vancouver. He served as a navigator with the famous 419th (Moose Fulton) Bomber Squadron, receiving the D.F.C. for outstanding service and bravery.

A former editor of the Ubyssey, he received his education in Vancouver public and secondary schools and at the University of British Columbia. Over a period of years he did free-lance work for The Vancouver Daily Province.



ALUMNI BOOKS

"Public Health and Welfare Reorganization": The post-war problem in the Canadian provinces. By Harry M. Cassidy. Ryerson Press, cloth, $4.50; paper, $3.50.

This is a companion volume to the author's "Social Security and Reconstruction in Canada," published in February, 1943. The first book dealt, in survey fashion, with the historical background and the major problems of building a post-war system of social security in Canada and outlined in some detail a program which foreshadowed the semi-official proposals of the Marsh Report. In this second book the author analyzes the problem of reorganizing and developing the provincial and local health and welfare services so as to fit them into a national plan of social security. The major emphasis is placed upon questions of organizational structure, inter-governmental relations, and administrative practice.

Dr. Cassidy has written extensively on problems of labour and the social services, including: "Social Security and Reconstruction in Canada," 1943; "Unemployment and Relief in Ontario, 1929-1932," the first Canadian book on the subject; "Labour Conditions in the Men's Clothing Industry" (with Professor F. R. Scott of McGill); and many articles in Canadian and American publications.

Dr. Cassidy was born and brought up in British Columbia, served in the Canadian Army during the last war, and received his university training at the University of British Columbia, the University of California, and The Brookings Graduate School of Washington, D.C. From 1929 to 1934 he was assistant Professor of Social Science at the University of Toronto ;and for the next five years he was Director of Social Welfare for the Province of British Columbia. While in this position he was largely responsible for planning the B. C. Health Insurance Act of 1936 and the extensive reorganization of the provincial health and welfare services. Moving to the United States in 1939 he spent the next five years there, first as a travelling Rockefeller fellow to study the American social services, and then as Dean of the School of Social Welfare at the University of California.

In March, 1944, he was called to Washington, D.C. (on leave from the University of California) to become Director of Training for the United Nations Relief and Rehabilitation Administration, in general charge of U.N.R.R.A.'s training activities throughout the world. He left this position at the end of 1944 to return to the University of Toronto as Director of the School of Social Work. In 1938 he was President of the Canadian Conference of Social Work. He is now a member of the Executive Committee of the American National Conference of Social Work.

Major A. Earle Birney, '26, who taught at C.B.C. after his graduation, and is now a well-known Canadian poet, has left Vancouver after a brief visit.

Major Birney will arrive in the east in time to accept the first copy of his new book of wartime verse, "Now It Time." His first book, "David," won the Governor-General's medal for Canada's best book of poetry.

The major, recently invalided home, was in charge of personnel selection for the Canadian forces in the northwest theatre, and in England was senior selection officer at the selection and appraisal centre, Canadian Army.

Before enlisting he was professor of English at the University of Toronto.

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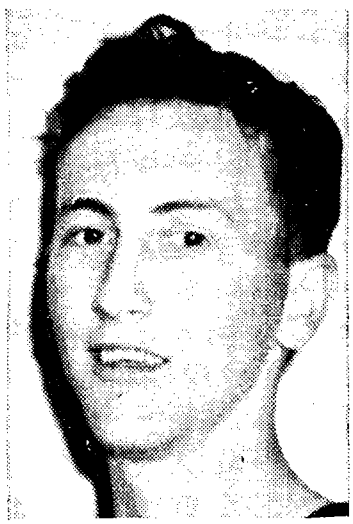
SANDY ROBERTSON—*Big Leaguer*

By O. J. HALL, '42

One day last summer in the baseball park in Bellingham, Washington, Ernie Johnson, talent scout for the Boston Red Sox of the American League, suddenly took a great deal of interest in a Vancouver lad who was listed in the official score sheet as "Sandy Robertson . . . pitcher."

By the end of the game he was willing to wager a $2000 option that the lanky right-hander who was whipping the ball past the Bellingham batters was a more than average bet to make good in the Big Leagues.



Anyhow, Sandy has $2000 in his pocket for signing the option and is guaranteed $400 a month playing for Louisville in the American Association next summer. He needs more seasoning, naturally, but he is stepping into fast company as Louisville last year won the little world series.

Actually Sandy hasn't jumped into baseball prominence as quickly or as easily as it sounds. He has come up through the usual chain of junior league playing and cramped into his contractual 20 years (actually 22) a great deal of experience.

He started with the Kitsilano High School team after a few seasons of the pick-up-on-the-street sort of game and got his first organized start in school under the watchful eye of his teacher, Mr. Livingston.

Eventually he attracted the attention of his brother-in-law, versatile Billy Adshead, who took him under his wing and introduced him into Senior "B" ball at Powell Street, where he pitched for St. Regis. He won 7 and lost but one in 1942 for St. Regis and the next year, switching to Senior "A" ball at Athletic Park, broke even 6-6.

His third year in senior baseball is one Sandy doesn't like to talk about. He says he was pounded from the pitcher's box so often that he wore a trench from the bench to the mound. At that he won two and lost ten.

However, this year he switched to the Arnold & Quigley team and distinguished himself with as good an all-round exhibition of hitting, fielding and pitching as the old park has ever seen. He won nine games and lost six in the pitching column and at the same time doubled in the outfield, where he coupled an almost flawless fielding record with a batting average of .347 for 130 times at bat. All of which is hitting, fielding and pitching in any man's league.

Sandy is just about the right build for baseball with the exception, perhaps, of a few pounds needed to fill out a rather spare frame. He's got wide shoulders, gangly arms and as big a pair of mitts as you'll ever see. He weighs about 175 but it is spread economically over his 6 feet 2½ inches. However, a few seasons will straighten that matter out and he should weigh close to 190 pounds before he's gone much further.

Strangely enough baseball is only second love to this ubiquitous athlete who would "rather play basketball than baseball any day in the week." And should he have to make his living at either game there is evidence to believe that the Robertson boy will never go hungry.

He has played for the Varsity Thunderbirds for the past three seasons and managed to pick up, among other things, the City League rookie award in 1942, the scoring title in 1944 and the Most Valu-

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J. GORDON HILKER

By R. W .BONNER, '42

When the great operatic star, Galli-Curci, left the old Empress Theatre one night after giving a concert early in 1936, the promoter stood in the lobby jauntily flipping a silver coin in the air. That night marked the first venture in big time show business for J. Gordon Hilker with the net profit for his initial effort being twenty-five cents.

It properly began when Gordon Hilker proved to himself that as an actor his contribution was a dull thud. This fact became evident in the Players' Club during a Christmas and two Spring Plays and the logic of the fact drove him backstage where undergrad Hilker gained the early experience, especially on tour which kindled his interest in artistic enterprise and ultimately sent him into his present business.

Gordon candidly admits wasting two years manufacturing women's cotton dresses after graduating in 1934. But fortunately during that period he maintained a sideline interest in theatrical activities and in a modest way undertook some night club bookings.

How different now. Since that casual beginning Gordon Hilker has secured exclusive franchises from National Concerts and Artists' Corporation, Columbia Concerts Inc., United Bookings Office, and a variety of other booking affiliations, which freely interpreted mean each year some sixty or more celebrity events held in Calgary, Vancouver, Victoria and way points.

Lynn Fontann and Alfred Lunt in the Theatre Guild's "There Shall Be No Night."

In all these activities Hilker gives generous credit for his success to the "invaluable advice of my father," and in some particular enterprises to the partnership which exists with Leslie Allan, who was advertising manager of the Players' Club when Gordon was its business manager.

For the past six years the firm Hilker hand has directed the increasing success of the "Theatre Under the Stars." The theatre—and its stars—will move in to a new quarter of a million dollar home by 1947, whereafter the scale of these annual productions is to be greatly increased.

Gordon glows appreciably when he discusses his current pet project, The British Columbia Institute of Music and Drama. A non-profit, publicly-owned organization, under the aegis of the Board of Park

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Commissioners and supported by representatives of various prominent educational organizations, the Institute is gradually developing a conservatory of music and drama.

It aims at establishing sufficiently high standards to encourage eventual affiliation with the University though no move has yet been made along this line.

The Institute already has eight scholarships for distribution to singers and solo instrumentalists. In addition it provides a number of bursaries to train young musicians on the less frequently studied orchestral instruments. In this conection the Institute operates a Youth Symphony Orchestra, with a membership well over sixty. For the time being it does not perform but continues to train.

Certain artists from the Theatre and the Institute are sent to New York for five or six weeks each year to keep abreast of the latest in artistic endeavor.

"It is hoped that this can . . . embrace more of the staff in future," says Gordon Hilker, "as I have found trips to New York and Los Angeles invaluable in maintaining a proper sense of the theatrical standards at which we must aim."

If Western Canada falters in developing its finer theatre-going senses it will be in spite of the best efforts of Gordon Hilker.

Katherine Dunham, glamorous dancer, in one of her primitive routines.

RUGBY STAR WINS PRINGLE BURSARY

Robert John McKercher, well-known University of B.C. rugby player, has been awarded the Flying Officer Rev. George Pringle memorial bursary.

A fifth year forestry student, McKercher graduated in commerce this spring. He is a member of the university Men's Athletic Directorate and last year was captain of the championship rugby team.

He won the Bobby Gaul trophy for athletic distinction last term.

The George Pringle bursary was established by friends of the late FO. George Pringle, '36, outstanding UBC student athlete. It requires "academic ability, sterling unselfish character and active participation in university sport."

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CAIRN TRADITION CONTINUED

The Cairn ceremony this year has been an event of great significance. With an enrolment of almost 5500, the University is again suffering from the "growing pains" so reminiscent of Fairview. A great deal of co-operation is going to be needed to keep things running smoothly. But more than that, the need is urgent for a display of the spirit and initiative by both grads and undergrads which, in the past, has accomplished so much.

The speeches at the Cairn by Dr. MacKenzie, Dr. Allardyce, '31, and Alan Ainsworth were most opportune.

Dr. Allardyce related the history of the University from the Fairview days, with particular reference to the part played by the students. It was an inspiring account, even to those who know the story well.

Dr. MacKenzie, in his speech on "The Present and the Future," once again revealed that he possesses all those qualities of energy and vision necessary for a growing University. "No other University," he said, "owes so much to the students for the measure of success it has a chieved, both physically and intellectually. Now certainly is the time to remind all of you what can be done through your own effort.s"

"A great deal has been said about the overcrowding and the difficulties we've had to overcome this year. I think that all of us should consider ourselves fortunate to be attending U.B.C. at this time. There's a sense of life, and of importance in the expansion of the University."

"U.B.C. is the youngest University in Canada, it has the finest site, and I know of no other University which has as wonderful an opportunity to grow and develop.

"There is no need today, as in 1922, to petition the Provincial Government for financial support. We are most grateful for its recent grant of $5,000,000. The problem now is to translate this money into buildings. Perhaps we, and you the students, may be able to do something to persuade the Federal Government to grant us the necessary permits, and to release supplies of material and labour. In the meantime we must be content with army huts."

GRAD NAMED TO B. C. RESEARCH BUREAU

David F. Manders, '39, M.B.E., former wing commander in the R.C.A.F., has been appointed to the research and development branch of the department of reconstruction in B. C.

He enlisted in 1939 and went overseas in 1940. In 1944 he was promoted to the rank of wing commander, eastern air command.

He was awarded the M.B.E. for outstanding research and invention of the two-channel radio while operating with the R.A.F.

Mrs. Manders, '38, the former Elspeth Lintott, is also a U.B.C. graduate.

Harold C. Poole, '40, has returned home after his release from a Japanese prison camp in Malaya in which he had been interned since the fall of Singapore. After graduating in agriculture, he went to work on a rubber plantation in Malaya.

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The Service Man on the Campus

By ROBERT W. BONNER, '42

Veterans are going to College.

That's one answer to the general question of what demobilized service people are doing with their post-war lives. How many and with what effect are two phases of the answer which interest B. C. Alumni, for already it is known that their return has become the most compelling force in bringing about the long-sought-for development of the University's plant.

You will remember that the old campus was designed to accommodate 1500 students, and that long before the war began increasing attendance had strained these limited facilities beyond the point of good humour. But unless you have visited the campus recently you can only imagine the effect that nearly 6000 students have produced.

In particular it is interesting to note that over one-third of the present enrollment is made up of ex-service personnel.

This is how the veterans registered at Oct. 24 this fall (number of women in brackets):

Faculty of Arts and Science		
1st Year Arts and Home Economics	857	(25)
2nd Year Arts, Comm., and Home Ec.	504	(36)
3rd Year Arts, Comm., and Home Ec.	174	(8)
4th Year Arts, Comm., and Home Ec.	70	(5)
Graduates	17	(1)
Teachers Training	15	(1)
Social Service	10	(1)
Directed Reading	1	
	1648	(80)
Faculty of Applied Science		
2nd Year	324	
3rd Year	64	
4th Year	24	
5th Year	13	
Graduates	13	
Nursing	10	(10)
	448	(10)
Faculty of Agriculture		
1st Year	58	(2)
2nd Year	44	(1)
3rd Year	15	
4th Year	8	
Occupational Course	18	(2)
Graduates	3	
	146	(5)
Faculty of Law	58	
Total ex-service enrollment	2300	(95)

Continuing the policy begun last year of offering a Special Winter Session for dischargees who would otherwise have to wait till next summer to enter formal study, university authorities expect a further increase in this total by January. To be specific, they expect between ten and fifteen hundred to attend.

The logical development of events include the establishing of departments of pharmacy and journalism and a chair of medicine. It can be expected that the pressure of the ex-service men's desire to enter into these fields, as much as any other immediate factor, will hasten the development of the U.B.C. campus along the lines of the plan originally conceived for the University.

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Class of Education '33 Reporting

By MARY FALLIS, B.A. '32

I don't know what we called ourselves back in '33. The Registrar's Office limited the Teachers' Training Class to 60 students and we set out most enthusiastically to find out the truth about Education. This involved us in some memorable discussions with Dr. Weir on the Kidd Report (the businessman's depression estimate of education) and in some also memorable essays on Modern Educational Systems (what **we** would do with Russia, Poland, etc.) for Dr. Black (and he can quote from them still!).

On Nov. 10, 1945, Class President Lyle Swain called the roll again and twenty-five members answered while there were messages from across the country—from servicemen, housewives, and a solid backing of teachers. Dinner was at Brock Hall, and later Margaret and Jack Young entertained at their home.

In general the individual history reads something like this:

1. Rural school and/or
2. A "depression" M.A.
3. Physical Ed.
4. "Talked my way out of Physical Ed." quote.
5. Specialized teaching in own field, and member of Salary Committee, or Committee on Course Revision, or School Cadet Corps, or Federation Representative, or a potential Vice-Principal.

And we must also mention that a healthy crop of "the young idea" is being brought up according to the best educational methods. As one of our members put it, "I am now contributing to the school population."

There will be another reunion during the Christmas holidays. For information write to Lyle Swain, c/o 898 Richards St., Vancouver. Any members of the class who did not hear about the November Reunion, please send in their present address and any pertinent information for the class records.

IN MEMORIAM: CLEEVE W. HOOPER

Cleeve W. Hooper, '23, passed away in Los Angeles on July 22nd last. He was born in Calgary in 1898. In April, 1915, he went overseas at the age of 17.

He spent three years in the trenches and was temporarily blinded by a bursting shell near Ypres in 1916. Later he joined the air force.

He graduated from U.B.C. in 1923 with first class honors in Chemical Engineering.

He went to Britannia for a period and then went to Los Angeles to "crack gas" for Standard Oil.

In 1932 he became superintendent of the Dycolite Company in Palos Verdes and became known as one of the authorities on diatomaceous earths and their uses in industry. In 1940 he had a serious attack of tuberculosis, but war conditions and labor troubles at the plant caused him to go back to work too soon and he never fully regained his health. This spring he became weaker and contracted acute bronchitis.

He passed away in Good Samaritan Hospital on July 22.

LEOPOLD JOSEPH MAHRER, 47, Vancouver lawyer, and son of one of British Columbia's pioneer Jewish families, died at Vancouver in October.

Mr. Mahrer was a brilliant honor student at University of British Columbia and in 1919 was one of the first Jewish students to graduate from the university.

A talented pianist, he studied at the New England Conservatory of Music, Boston, and at the Montreal Conservatory of Music.

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President's Report

During the past year the executive of this association has endeavored to improve the relationship between the University and the people of this Province. This work was carried on in the following way:

(1) The Graduate Cchonicle was greatly improved and the circulation was increased to some 5000 people in this Province.

(2) Contact with the President, the Chancellor, and the Students' Council was maintained so that we would be aware of the needs of the University.

(3) We endeavored to meet and entertain as many as possible for our members of parliament and leaders of local organizations so that the University's needs would be known.

(4) Different Alumni organizations throughout the Province played an active part in bringing about a better understanding of our University in their particular districts.

The Following Recommendations Are Respectfully Submitted

(1) That a full-time Secretary or Alumni Director be appointed immediately. That this person should be qualified in Public Relationship work and that this work be done in co-operation with President MacKenzie's office.

(2) That every effort be made to maintain a very high standard in the publication of the Chronicle, in order that this magazine might be well received and carefully read. The Chronicle should contain both news and views of graduates throughout the world. The publication and distribution of this Graduate paper is our most important contact with Graduates and others. Alumni support and interest in our University at home will depend to a great extent on the appeal of this magazine.

(3) That the circulation of the Chronicle should be not less than 5000, and if possible it should be extended so that all graduates and interested parties receive a copy.

(4) That the graduates of this University should endeavor to see that the Board of Governors include younger and more active men on their board, and that the Senate should have fewer faculty members and a better representation of the different industries and districts of this Province.

I wish to take this opportunity of thanking a most loyal executive and also to thank President Norman MacKenzie and Chancellor E. W. Hamber for their interest and co-operation during this past year.

Respectfully submitted,
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Heaven Waited in the University Auditorium

LACEY FISHER, '21
Veteran actor who has had leading roles in many recent Alumni productions. Plays the part of Max Levene, Brooklyn fight manager, the role portrayed in the film version "Here Comes Mr. Jordan," by James Gleason.

By A. H. SAGER, '38

The curtain rose promptly at 8:30 p.m. on December 6th in the University Auditorium on the University Alumni Players' Club presentation of "Heaven Can Wait." If it was late, it was probably because Bill Buckingham was trying to catch the pekinese, or Betty Buckland was still looking for a saxaphone, or Tom Lee was nailing the last piece of canvas to the flats. Anyway, we hope you waited, and we hope you enjoyed the show.

The Club had more than its share of troubles this year in getting its Christmas production on to the boards. First, there was an unfortunate setback on the executive side when Mildred Caple had to relinquish the Presidency because of sickness in her family. Wallace Shore, who was originally cast as "Mr. Jordan," took over the job, but he, too, was frorced to drop out because of ill-health. Beechy Caple was called in to take over as acting president.

Rehearsal on the play stopped momentarily until Jack Nash, recently discharged from the R.C.A.F., was persuaded to play the part of the "chief passenger agent for the place beyond."

Then there was the problem of where to rehearse. The cast moved from the Deveson Studio, to Seaview School, to Service Shows, finally securing the University Auditorium for four nights before dress rehearsal.

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Last year's president, and called back this year as Acting President.

It was difficult, too, to get all the cast together at one time. "I'll consider it very fortunate if you're all here for the final show," Bill Buckingham wryly commented.

Tom Lea ,the stage manager, and Part Larsen, who was in charge of lighting, had designed a handsome set only to find that they couldn't get enough canvas for the flats. If the main scene was done partially in curtains you'll know the reason.

The saxaphone was donated through the courtesy of Alfy Evans. Boxing bag, rowing machine, heavenly music, trained dog, and other properties were conjured up by Joanne Brown, property mistress.

Betsy Ball had the problem of finding suits for ex-service members of the cast who hadn't got civilian clothes and couldn't fit into them if they had. Lorraine Johnson was business manager; Betty Byng-Hall, in charge of the stage crew; Mary Moxon, make-up supervisor; and Dudley Darling handled tickets.

Bill Buckingham was the ever-patient director, and Betty Buckland, as production manager, did the dirty work.

Again, we hope you enjoyed the Alumni play. And if the curtain did go up on time—well, we're very much surprised!

Art Eastham, Arts '37, has left the N.R.C., Ottawa, to go to Polymir Corporation in Sarnia.

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Margot Burgess, Arts '41, is secretary of the Ottawa University Women's Club for the second year.

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Cy Armstrong, Arts '38, who has been in and out of Ottawa frequently in the past four years, is now stationed here with the Air Force, as a Section Officer."

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Only Canadian Soldier to Reach Moscow is U. B. C. Grad

Col. George J. Okulitch, '33, of Abbotsford and Vancouver, has returned to Canada after the unique experience of having paid a visit to Moscow, probably the only Canadian soldier to accomplish that feat in the present war. He also was one of the few Canadians in uniform to reach Vienna.

He went overseas with the British Columbia Regiment and then served in Italy. He was sent to Moscow as assistant military attache. He later went to Vienna as liaison officer to the Russian Army.

Aussian-born Col. Okulitch was a bacteriologist with the Fraser Valley Milk Producers' Association for six years before the war, following a brilliant career at the University of British Columbia.

Twice a scholarship winner, he was graduated with the degree of Bachelor of Science in Agriculture in 1933, at which time he headed his class. He obtained his master's degree in 1935.

He obtained his "A" and "B" wing certificates as a member of the C.O.T.C. at U.B.C., and following graduation enrolled with the B. C. Regiment (D.C.O.R.), in which he was commissioned.

He served with this unit from the outbreak of war, continuing with its 1st Battalion after it was converted to armor.

A brother, Vladimir, also a graduate of U.B.C., later became professor of geology at the University of Toronto. Their sister, Mrs. Olga Volhoff, Vancouver, is a former lecturer at U.B.C.

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A number of other additions have been made to the staff.

Special lecturers in law include Chief Justice Wendell B. Farris and R. H .Tupper.

Dr. M. A. Cameron, professor in the university department of education, is appointed director of the 1945-46 summer session.

In the department of forestry F. M. Knapp is promoted from associate professor to professor.

D. K. Bell, '36, B.Comm., M.A. (Brit. Col.), is promoted to associate professor; John C. Stark, '40, B.Com. (Brit. Col.), M.B.A. (Harvard) appointed lecturer; and Philip Tryon, B.A. (Man.), M.B.A. (Harvard) part-time lecturer in the department of commerce.

Alan A. McLeod, M.A.Sc. (Brit. Col.) is appointed instructor in the department of chemistry, and Stuart Jamieson, '35, B.A. (Brit. Col.), M.A. (McGill), Ph.D. (California) is lecturer in the department of economics, political science and sociology.

In November the following appointments were announced:

Dr. D. J. Wort, associate professor, and Dr. T. M. C. Taylor, '26, professor in the department of biology and botany.

Lloyd F. Detwiller, '39, and David A. Harper, '42, lecturers in economics, political science and sociology.

John A. E. Parnall, '35, and Cora Brehault, lecturers in mathematics.

Mrs. Josephine Battle Harris and David Ogilvie, lecturers in modern languages.

Harry H. A. Davidson, '39, lecturer in physics.

SANDY ROBERTSON *Continued from Page Nineteen*

able Player award the same year. And this season he has started off in grand style, at least in the Varsity-Oregon series, when he scored 22 points to lead scorers in the first game and 10 points to pace the U.B.C. team in the second.

In case you're still not convinced that this boy is really a super sort of athlete, it might be appropriate to mention in passing that he also was on the team that won the Provincial fastball title last summer.

Faced with leaving school at the end of this year a graduate in Civil Engineering and also a Boston Red Sox contractee, Sandy had to make a very real decision.

"Believe me, it is quite a problem," says Sandy, "but I think I'll give baseball a real fling for a couple of seasons and see how I make out. If I don't fit into the big leagues, at least I'll have had my chance. In any case I can always go back to my engineering.

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Varsity Sports

By O. J. HALL, '42

Inside sport reports tell of big changes in the athletic situation on the campus before or not later than the New Year. The basketball team promises the biggest blow-up, where rumor has it all is not well with the hoop team after its three-game losing streak to start the season.

Hunk Henderson is reported a trifle restless sitting on the Varsity bench, game after game, and it doesn't take a very sharp eye to see that the Thunderbirds could use a little of Hunk's close defensive checking. . . . Critics are complaining that Weber and Sandy Robertson, the Varsity guards, are scoring too many points and not paying enough attention to down floor checking.

On the golf scene, Jimmy Allan, Dave Dale, Dick Hanley and Bob Plommer are leading the way in the Varsity fall match play tournament with Plommer and Dale expected to end up in the finals. . . . Football enthusiasts are plumping for a big New Year's game with Queen's or Western Ontario, but it looks like only another intercollegiate pipe dream. . . . Gus Carmichael is still cursing a wrenched shoulder that kept him out of the two Alberta games after he had trained for three weeks to work off a three year navy bilge.

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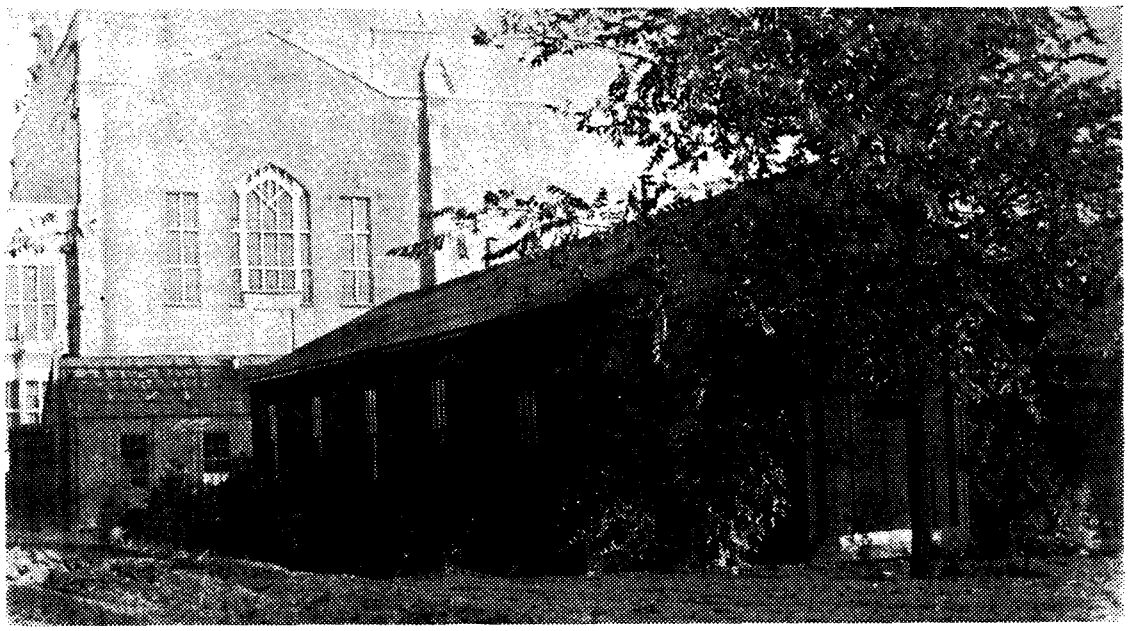

Typical of the Army huts in use on the Point Grey Campus are the above, which are located behind the University Library. Over fifty are in use at the present time. Some are being used as classrooms while others serve as dormitories for former members of the armed services.

John Clayton, Arts '30, is manager of the Canadian General Insurance Company at Vancouver. He was with the R.C.A.F. from September, 1941, to December, 1944, and did a tour of operations with the R.A.F. Coastal Command Squadron in the Mediterranean.

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Don McKinley, '34, is once more practicing law in Vancouver. He was a flight-lieutenant in the R.C.A.F. He served with the Bomber Command operaitng from England and had special duties flying Halifaxes in Italy.

P. D. O'Brian, '36, is practicing law in Penticton. He was a lieutenant in the R.C.N.V.R. In 1942 he engaged in mine-sweeping between Vancouver and Alaska. In 1943 he went to the East Coast. In September of that year he left for England on the PRINCE DAVID. He participated in naval support work covering the troop landings in Normandy on D-Day. He later operated off the coast of Southern France and near Greece.

Lieut.-Commander Russell C. Twining, '35, is engaged in the law practice in Victoria after serving since 1940. From 1941 to 1943 he operated in Atlantic waters. He was in support work on the D-Day landings in Normandy. He also served a period on the staff of the Judge-Advocate-General.

Charles J. S. Farrand, '26, has resumed the practice of law in Vancouver. He was a Lt.-Commander, R.C.N.V.R. In 1940 he went overseas on loan to the Royal Navy and was engaged in escort and mine-sweeper work in the North Sea and English Channel. In 1942 he took over command of a harbor defence station outside Halifax.

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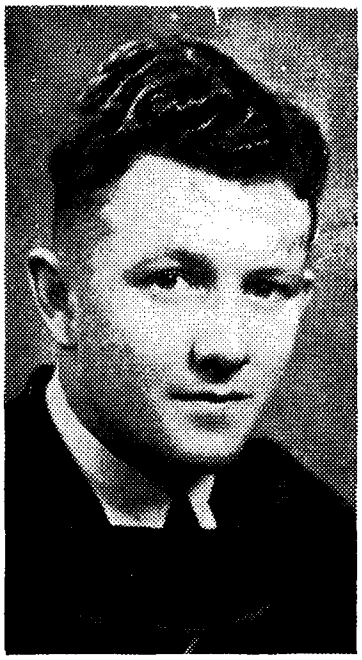

Capt. Robinson has been with the army intelligence corps overseas. He plans to enter the department of external affairs.

Jack Davis, '39, plans to start his scholarship next year. Davis has been engaged in important wartime research for the National Research Council.

Lieut. Brown has been doing research work with the Navy and with the National Research Council. He started at Oxford in October.

Two other U.B.C. winners have found it impossible to continue their studies and have dropped their scholarships. They are David Carey, '39, and Edmund Fulton, '36.

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An Open Letter: to the Committee on Dormitories

Dear Sirs:

Although our days at the University are over, many of us have a very definite interest in the proposed new dormitories. Some of us have had a little experience in University housing and some of the rumors we have heard about just what the new dormitories are to consist of have perturbed us a bit. Accordingly we are writing this letter to present for your consideration a few of our views.

We have been told that the building cost per man in the new dormitories will be $3,000. This seems pretty large. If a man were building a house to provide for his family, he wouldn't set aside $3,000 for each member. The new dormitories are surely not to be any millionaire's club. At McGill the authorities spent $500,000 to house 125 men in Douglas Hall. The building is practically palatial but that is hardly what we want at U.B.C. The operation cost alone prohibits any but the children of the well-to-do from attending. Then too at McGill the money for the building came from a private source. In B.C. we will be spending public money and surely we are not going to spend the people's money to house a privileged few.

Dormitories are needed at the University to democratize education. Rates of $40 to $60 per month will not accomplish this objective. The dormitories must be available to people from all over the province. Their low cost will help compensate for the transportation costs to the University.

And here is another point, students should be made to live in residences during their first or second years so they can learn what University is really about. No student who fails to live in can get the full value out of the University.

Physchiatrists tell us that the ideal situation is to have two people to a room. Lighting can be arranged to have no disturbance in one student's sleep while the other is working. For example, with beds at one end of a room, a partition of shelves across the centre of the room and study tables each diagonally across from its owner's bed, make an ideal set-up.

For girls, adequate washing space and drying lockers must be provided. Numbered storage space —and plenty of it—is essential.

Time switches are really useful in the showers and bathrooms. Above all make the building as soundproof as possible—remember, students aren't the quietest of people. A study roof for sun-bathing studying can be easily made.

One good idea is to have room keys that fit little cupboards in the bathrooms — thus saving much carting of bathroom necessities back and forth. Eliminate wooden floors—they're noisy and hard to keep clean. A buzzer system should be installed for phone-calls. There should be a central phone-board—don't put in pay phones on each floor that will ring uselessly all night.

Why not sacrifice ornamental and costly beauty for the more useful and practical. If the buildings have to be of cement—let them be—but don't speckle them with stone—that's only a useless expense and doesn't get any farmers' sons to U.B.C.

Yes, members of the Dormitory Committee, you have a job. Don't forget that your prime objective is to house great numbers of students and to house them **cheaply.** You can't do that by building imposing and luxurious edifices. Be practical.

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Freddy is a B.Comm. of 1940 and a football man of some note. Married Pauline Scott (B.A. 1940).

He went overseas in October, 1941, and returned in the spring of this year. He flew in 4 Group and 6 (R.C.A.F.) Group, on Whitleys, Halifaxes, and Lancasters. He was Navigation Officer during operational rest and second tour and has made 55 trips, all over Europe. Sqdr. Ldr. Smtih was awarded D.F.C. while in England, and recently the Bar to the D.F.C.

FORMER STUDENT PRESENT AT JAPANESE SURRENDER

A former University student, Albert L. Shoul, is now a seaman first class in the U.S. Naval Reserve. He was a member of the crew of the U.S.S. WASP, an aircraft carrier, which accompanied the famous MISSOURI into Tokyo Bay for the Japanese surrender.

Shoul attended U.B.C. for two years before enlisting in Seattle in 1942. He was born in Vladivostock and has lived the greater part of his life in Shanghai.

Frank R. Barnsley has been appointed manager of the supply division, Vancouver district, Canadian General Electric Co., Ltd. Born in Victoria, Mr. Barnsley graduated in applied science from U.B.C. in 1927. He comes to Vancouver from the Montreal District office where he spent eleven years, latterly as manager of the air-conditioning division. During the past three years Mr. Barnsley has been with Genelco Ltd., a C.G.E. subsidiary of Peterborough, making anti-aircraft guns.

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Mr. Pound was a former Secretary of the Board of Harbour Commissioners and was well known for his interest in community affairs.

The presentation was made by his three daughters, Mrs. Alan B. Plant, of Ottawa; Mrs. Maurice Dockrell of Dublin, Eire, and Lt. Marjorie Pound who is now in the Wrens. Mrs. Plant and Lt. Pound are U.B.C. graduates.

The Pound collection includes Canadian fiction, essays and poetry. Mr. Pound's hobby was the collection of autographed copies of works by Canadian writers, and his fine collection of the works of Bliss Carman and Sir Charles G. D. Roberts is unique in that it contains personal comments by these famous Canadian poets. Both Bliss Carman and Charles G. D. Roberts were intimate friends of Mr. Pound.

The Pound collection also includes many works by Annie Charlotte Dalton, Isabel Ecclestone MacKay, Robert Allison Hood and other Vancouver writers.

Previous to the addition of the Pound collection, the University had already established a library of Canadian literature through the bequests of the late Judge F. W. Howay and Dr. Robie Reid. Their joint contributions form a collection of considerable distinction throughout Canada.

"The choice items of the Pound collection will be shelved with the libraries of Dr. Reid and Judge Howay," Dr. William Kaye Lamb, Librarian, stated. "And these three together will form one of the finest collections of Canadiana in existence.

"Many of the books are so rare or unusual as to be beyond evaluation in terms of money."

A special book plate for the new collection is being prepared.

LETSON RETURNS FOR VISIT

Major-General Harry F. G. Letson, C.M.E., M.C., E.D., '19, returned to Vancouver for a brief visit in October to receive the degree of Honorary Doctor of Laws from the University. It was his first visit of any length to the coast in over five years.

Major-General Letson, former officer commanding the B. C. Regiment here, rose to command the 14th Infantry Brigade here in peacetime, was appointed commander of the Vancouver and Fraser Valley defense areas in 1939.

When the permanent Joint Defense Board was set up in 1940 he became Canada's first military attache to Washington, from which post he was called to Ottawa to become adjutant-general.

His appointment as chairman of the joint staff came in 1940. With the navy and air force members of the staff, he represents the Canadian chiefs of staff in Washington.

VARSITY BURSARIES AMOUNT TO $60,000

A total of $60,000 in scholarships is being awarded University of British Columbia students this year, the highest total in the University's history.

The largest number of students (158) are receiving assistance through the Dominion-Provincial Bursary Fund and the Provincial Loan Fund. Under this scheme, students receive 60 per cent. of the award as a bursary and 40 per cent. as a loan. The loan is repayable commencing one year after the applicant enters gainful employment.

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Norman A. Robertson, '23, Under -secretary of the Department of External Affairs, Ottawa, was one of the ten U.B.C. grads receiving honorary degrees in October. He has recently accompanied Prime Minister Mackenzie King on his visits to London and Washington.

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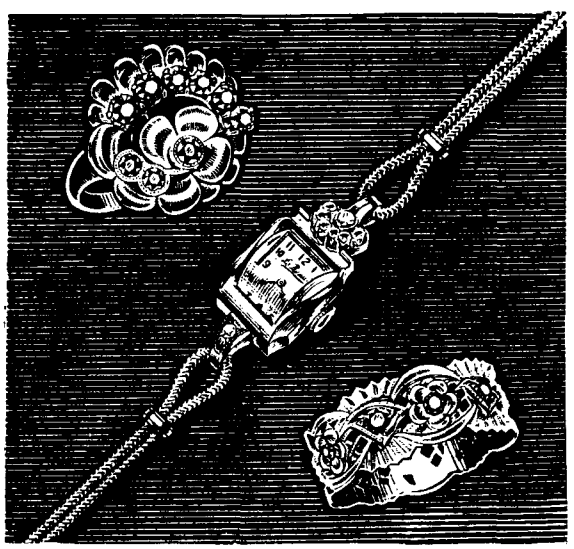
Bruce Woodsworth, '36, is a high school principal at Westbank, B.C. He has returned from three years' service with the Royal Canadian Artillery and the Canadian Intelligence Corps.

Col. John S. Beeman, '35, has been appointed to the post of district engineer of Military District 13. He was educated at the University of British Columbia, where he was enrolled in the C.O.T.C. A member of the 6th Field Co. R.C.E., Col. Beeman later joined the permanent force. He served with the headquarters staff of the 2nd Canadian Division Infantry in England. Later, he commanded the 4th Canadian Field Park Squadron R.C.E. in Italy and northwest Europe.



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OTTAWA NOTES

Don Smith, '31, President of the Ottawa Alumni group, has sent some notes on the grads in Ottawa. Don writes in part:

"It struck me that this would be an opportune time to give an accounting of the U.B.C. grads engaged on Radar work at the National Research Council during the war. They did a very fine job and deserve more than the brief mention they are getting.

"This list was furnished me by C. W. (Bill) McLeish, Sc. '37, who was one of the originals of the group. He was in fact the first 'inhabitant' of the N.R.C. Radio Field Station, a few miles outside Ottawa, where we visited him on New Year's Day, 1940. He was then living in one trailer and working in a second one. If I remember correctly the floor temperature in his "living-room" was 32 degrees and the ceiling temperature about 80! Bill came to N.R.C. in 1938 on a fellowship, and has been on radar and radio development work ever since.

Art Covington, Arts '38, took his M.A. in '40 at U.B.C. and after a year and a half of further post-grad work at Berkley, came to the N.R.C. Radio Branch in 1942, to work on microwave research.

J. J. (Jim) Wighton, Sc. '38, was with the C.B.C. for three years. In 1942 he obtained leave of absence to work with the Radio Research, N.R.C. Jim has been attached to the Air Force group doing radar development work.

Alan Staniforth, Sc. '38, has been on loan from the C.B.C. since 1942, and has been engaged in mechanical design with the Radio Branch.

Jack Breeze, Sc. '39, came to N.R.C. in 1940 and is head of the Army group doing radar research. He received his M.A.Sc. from U.B.C. in 1942.

Harry Davidson, Sc. '39, came to N.R.C. after two years' graduate work at U.B.C. He has been engaged in radar receiver design. Harry recently returned to U.B.C. to take an appointment in the Physics Department.

Gordon Davidson, Sc. '41, was engaged in radar development work on army equipment at N.R.C. from 1942 to 1944. He is now in the Radar Design Branch of the R.C.E.M.E.

Pat Nasmyth, Sc. '41, ditto.

Harold Parsons, Sc. '28, came to N.R.C. in 1940 and has been head of the mechanical engineering section of the Radio Branch.

Bob Bell, Arts '39, got his M.A. in '41 and came to the Radio Branch to do radar antenna design. He has now left N.R.C. on a fellowship to McGill to work towards his Ph.D.

Tom Pepper, Arts '39, obtained his M.A. in '41 at U.B.C. and then came on to the N.R.C. Radio Branch. He has been attached to the antenna group doing radar antenna research, but has now left for McGill on an N.R.C. fellowship.

Gordon Retallack, Arts '37, came to N.R.C. in 1940, and has specialized in microwave radar technique. He recently returned to U.B.C. to take an appointment in the Physics Department.

Fred Sanders, Arts '28, is an old-timer at the N. R.C. He has divided his time recently between the N.R.C. Radio Branch and Research Enterprises Ltd. in Toronto.

The following are in the news:

Jim Macdonald, Arts '38, has returned to Vancouver to practise law after two and a half years in Ottawa.

Betty Muir Meredith, Arts '42, has just left the Wrens and Ottawa to return to Vancouver.

Margaret Rae, Arts '38, who did a good job on German Censorship in Ottawa, has returned to Vancouver on a trip.

Cy Smith, Sc. '37, has returned to Ottawa after five years overseas with the Army. Brother Harold Smith, Sc. '35, has recently moved to Ottawa, too.

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U. B. C. Agreement With Victoria College

The Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia has approved the terms of a new agreement of affiliation with Victoria College.

The Board of School Trustees of Victoria, the Department of Education and the University announced the completion of the new agreement recently.

Victoria College, established in 1920 by the Board of School Trustees in affiliation with the University of British Columbia, shall remain a collegiate institution under the Board of School Trustees but subject to the terms of the new agreement.

The new agreement provides for a Board of Administration to be known as "Victoria College Council" composed of the President of the University of British Columbia, the Principal of Victoria College, the Board of School Trustees, Chief Educational Officer, three members of the Board of School Trustees, two members appointed by the Board of Governors of the University.

The Council shall have charge of the administration of the College and this shall include the curriculum and the appointment of staff. Appointments to the staff must receive the approval of the Board of School Trustees but the Board of School Trustees may not appoint any person to the staff who has not been nominated by the Council.

All courses above junior matriculation in the city of Victoria shall continue to be given only in the college. These courses may include terminal courses as well as those for which credit can be claimed by students continuing their education in the University. In the latter case the courses must be the same as those given by the University of British Columbia and of the same high standard. The Senate of the University shall be the sole judge of the standard of instruction for those courses for which University credit is given.

The existing financial arrangements for the support of the College shall be continued.

In the event of any disagreement arising between the Council and the Board of School Trustees with regard to matters under the control of the Council the same shall be referred to the Chancellor of the University and the Minister of Education and an outstanding citizen of Victoria selected by the Board of School Trustees, who shall be the sole judge of the matter.

The appointment of the Council will be announced at an early date. The two representatives of the Board of Governors of the University of British Columbia are Dean Daniel Buchanan and Mr. J. B. Clearihue of Victoria .

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LETTERS

Dear Mr. Editor:

It might be of interest to some graduates, particularly those from the Department of Chemistry, to know where a few of the fellows are now.

Charles Brewer, '38, and Ken West, '37, both Ph.D. from McGill, are in Sarnia, Ontario, working for Imperial Oil. Frank Stuart, '39, Ph.D. from Iowa, is also there. Fred Fitch, '38, Ph.D., Purdue, is in Ottawa with the National Research Council. Walter Ashford, '39, and Jim Pepper, '39, Ph.D.'s from McGill, are working with the Dominion Rubber Company in Guelph, Ontario. Joe Gardner, '40, Ph.D., McGill, and his wife, are now living in Cornwall. Len Mitchell, '40, also a Ph.D. from McGill, is in Montreal. Joe Morgan, 41; Charles Potter, '38, and Dave Waddell, '39, are at the University of Toronto, proceeding toward the Ph.D. Vernon Grassie, '39, and his wife, are living in Montreal. He is at McGill, working on his Ph.D., as is also Lionel Cox, '41. Also at McGill are Tom Bridge, '43; "Chuck" McLean, '42; Ernest Greene, 42; Dean Kemper, 41, and Archie Cowan, 41, proceeding toward the M.D. I happened to meet Bernard Shipton, '37, on Sherbrooke Street and a day or so later Roy Morrel, 40, on St. Catherine Street in Montreal. I also saw Ivan Brown, '43, and Sandy Lang at the Phi Kappa Pi house in Montreal.

For the last few years my wife (formerly Patricia St. John) and I have been living in Toronto. I received the Ph.D. in Biochemistry from the University of Toronto and then came to Toronto to work with the National Research Council.

While in Toronto I saw several U.B.C. grads, among them George Clayton, 37; Jack Leslie, 40 (now at McGill), and Stan Patterson, '43. John Aldous, '39, and his wife (formerly Eileen Hooly '41) are now in Halifax. John received his Ph.D. from Toronto in June and is now on the staff of Dalhousie University. I have very recently seen Don Stuart and Dave Tonks, '41, in Montreal. Both are working for Defence Industries Limited. Dave Smith, '39, and his wife and child are still in Ajax, Ontario.

These are just some of the people who graduated from U.B.C. in '38 to '41. There are many others but I'm afraid I've lost touch with them. Perhaps someone may know where others are.

Sincerely,

J. A. McCARTER, '39.

Lieut.-Col. Tom Brown, M.B.E., '32, is the newly elected president of the Alumni Association. Tom has returned to Vancouver after a long period of service overseas and has pitched into Alumni work with great vim and vigour.

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