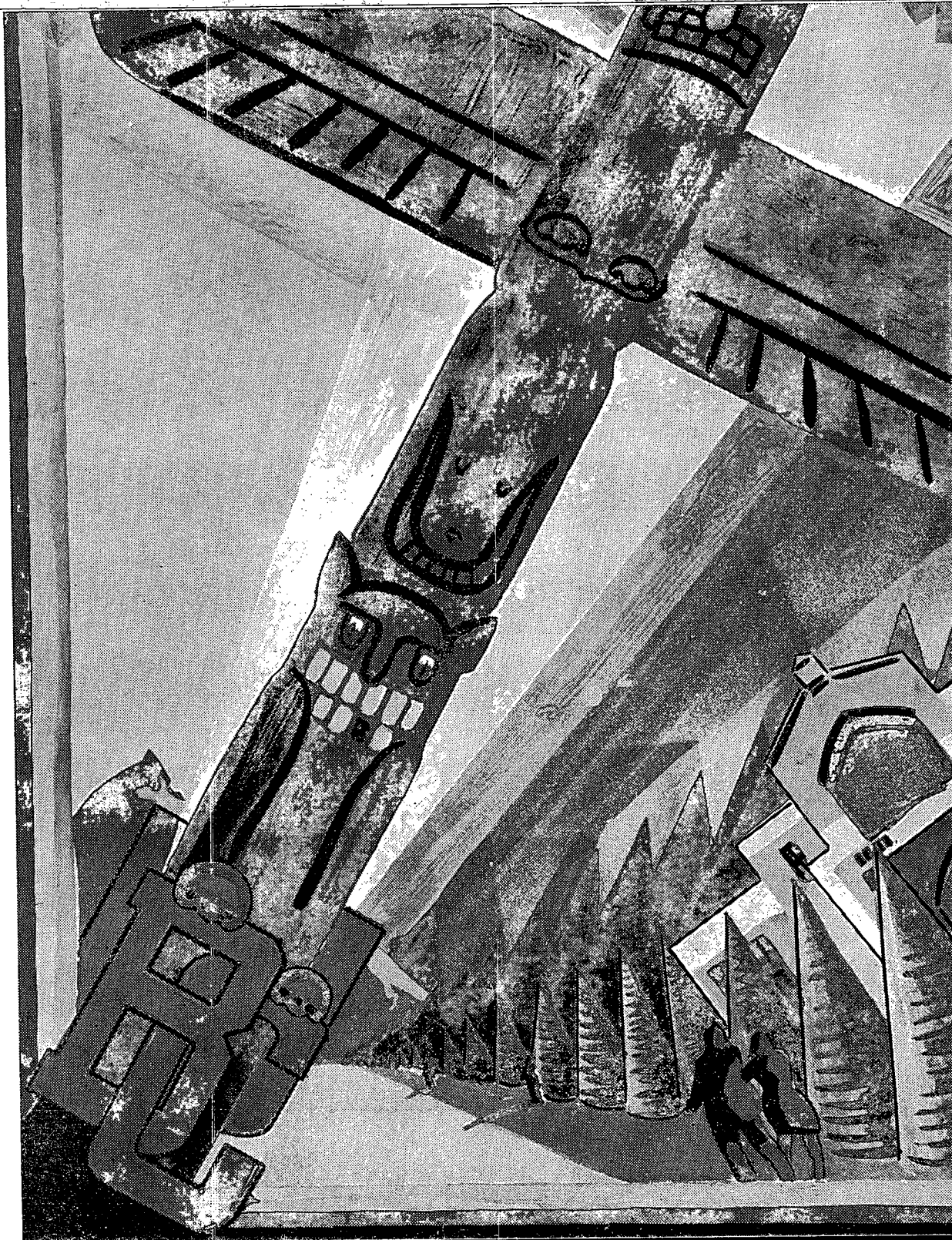


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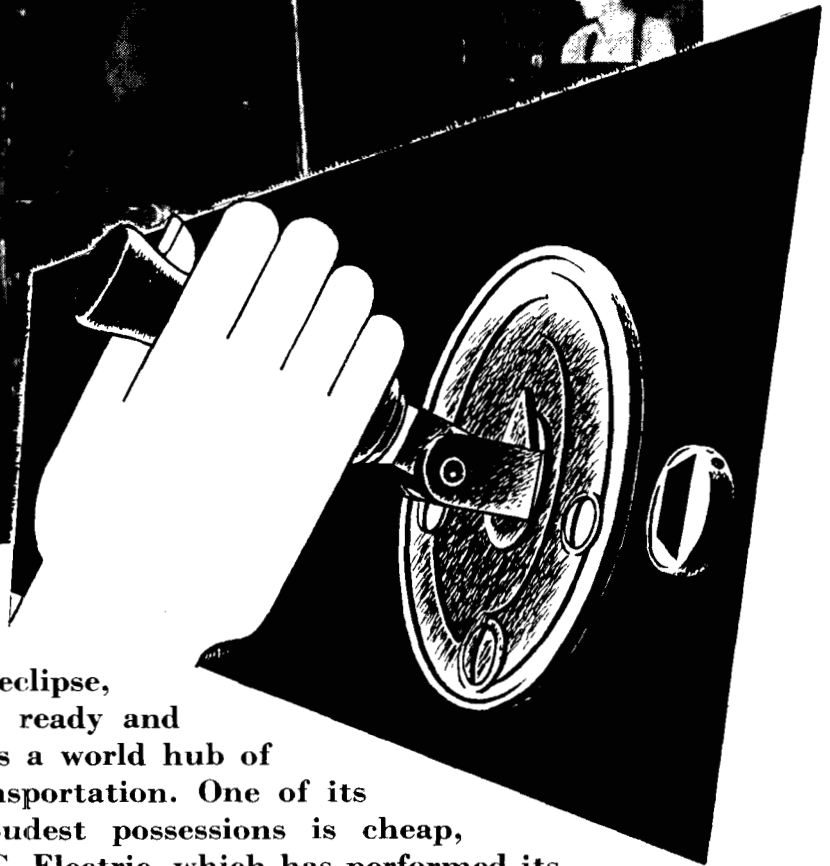
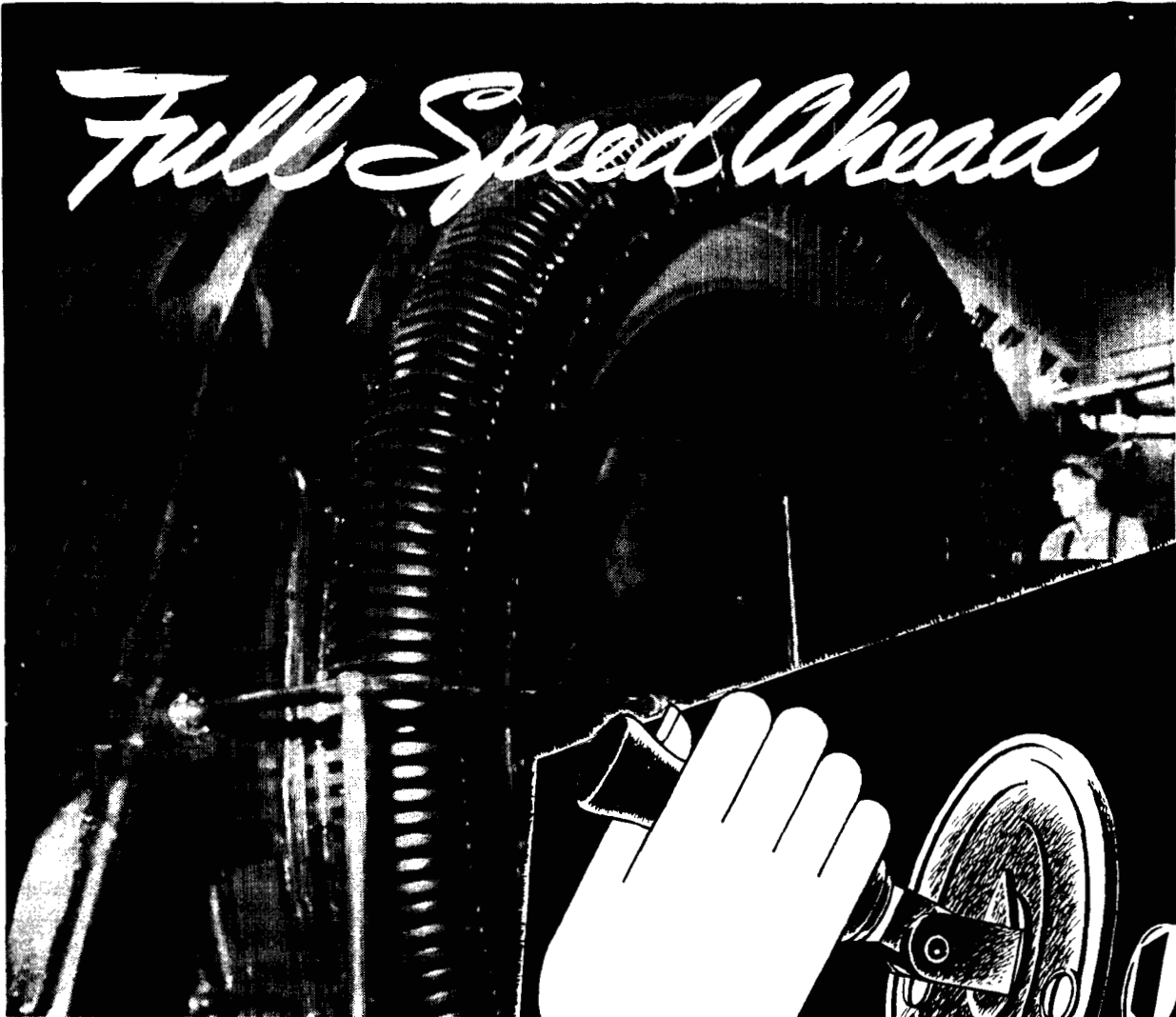
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### THE FRONT COVER

The ingenious Totem poster which is seen on our front cover is the work of F/L Patrick Cowley Brown, an Official War Artist with the Historical Section of the R.C.A.F. F/L Brown was born in Singapore but was brought up in Victoria and Vancouver. His work has appeared in the B. C. Artists' Summer Exhibition of 1945 and the First Exhibition of Canadian War Paintings at the National Gallery, 1945. He is now stationed at Rockcliffe near Ottawa.

# Editorial

## HOMECOMING, 1945



D. T. BRAIDWOOD

Homecoming Day this year will be the first peacetime Homecoming in seven years. The University was already at war in the Fall term of 1939. Almost from the day of Canada's declaration of war, the University was ready to assist the general effort in every way possible.

Since that time the contributions that have come from the Point Grey campus are too well known to need elaboration. In men, the University has sacrificed some of her finest sons. In the fields of science, the contributions of graduates have been very great. Here at home there has been most material aid to such activities as the Red Cross.

This is not to say that the University has done any more than its job along with the other citizens and institutions of our country but very definitely we may well be proud that the University and its members have done their part.

And now there is a Homecoming—a time of year at which our thoughts turn particularly to the days we spent on the campus. Many of our former students are actually back on the campus—taking up where they left off in the past years. Some cannot return—and for these we pause in silent tribute.

But those who do return will see a new University—vibrant again with new life, with the western spirit of enterprise.

The changes in the past year alone are amazing. We have a new law faculty, our social service course has expanded, the commerce course has been im-

proved, there are new temporary buildings on the campus, and there are plans for many more worthwhile additions to the physical equipment of the University. At long last the University seems to be taking its rightful place of influence in the province. The public is behind it. Bursaries and scholarships are more numerous than ever before and government assistance in large amounts has been promised.

These are good signs. They are the product of years of thought and work by countless people who have been interested in the University. No single group can be set apart and given credit for the accomplishments. Nevertheless it has always been the aim of the Alumni Association to assist in every way possible in furthering the interests of the University. Perhaps, in some small way, the graduates of the University, working through their organization, have helped.

But the job has only started. There is much more to be done and the most serious error of all would be to rest on our oars now. The whole graduate body must get behind the University and put its weight into the fight to make U.B.C. the most progressive and the best University in the Dominion. Such action is the best insurance possible for the success of future generations.

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## *Back to the Campus*

October 27th is Homecoming Day and every former student of the University is invited to return to the campus on that day. The Students' Council has been preparing a real welcome for all the grads who make the trip out to Point Grey. The program is under the direction of energetic Junior Member Ted Kirkpatrick. The Alumni Association, too, is lending a hand with Rosemary Collins and Bernice Williams heading up their effort. The program is on the opposite page, and it's a good one.

The big Alumni Dinner is by reservation only, so phone your reservation in right now to the Alumni Association's Secretary at the Brock, ALma 1231. No reservation, no food!!!

This is to be our day on a campus that has changed very much in the past few years. **Let's all get together on the 27th.**



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# *Homecoming Programme*

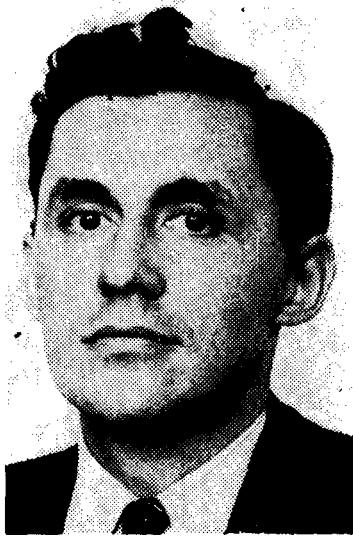
*Saturday, October 27th, 1945*

- 2:30 English Rugby Game at the Stadium.
- 5:00 Annual Meeting of the Alumni Association and Election of Officers—  
Brock Building.
- 6:00 Annual Banquet of the Alumni Association in the Brock Building.
- 7:30 Potlatch in the Auditorium—sponsored by the Students' Council.  
A Basketball Game will take place in the Gymnasium featuring the  
Thunderbird team. The time will be announced during the day.
- 9:00 Homecoming Dance in the University Armories.  
The Students' Council has announced that only a limited number of  
tickets for the Dance will be sold to undergraduates, as accommodation  
is restricted.



THE AUDITORIUM





G. M. VOLKOFF

Probably the most important news story in past years was the atomic bomb story which broke upon an unsuspecting world last summer. "Unsuspecting" is a very apt word, for very few people knew that research had been going on for years to perfect this mighty instrument of war.

The scheme of the work is now general knowledge. Scientists in many hundreds of research laboratories worked, each at his small part of the common objective. When all the research was fused together, the result was one of the greatest contributions ever made to scientific knowledge.

U.B.C. graduates played no small part in the many months of painstaking effort that preceded the actual manufacture of the bomb. The Dominion Government has now released the names of some of the U.B.C. people engaged in the work and they are a credit to the University.

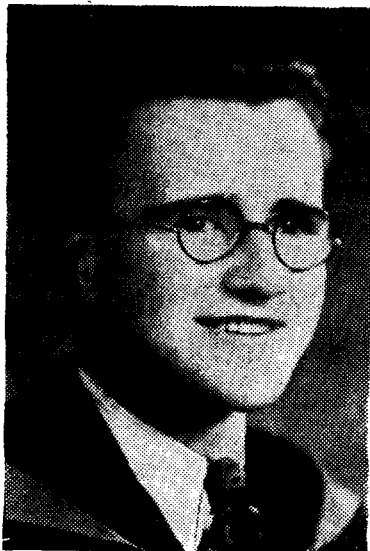
Dr. George Michael Volkoff, 31, one of U.B.C.'s most brilliant graduates, was among scientists who worked on atomic bomb research in Montreal. Dr. Volkoff was born in Moscow, coming to B. C. in 1924. He attended Lord Roberts public school,

# GRADS BRING BY ATOMIC

then returned to Harbin, Manchukuo, where his father was a professor in the Polytechnical Institute. He came back to U.B.C. to lead his class every year, and won the Governor-General's Medal in 1934, with an average of 97.9 per cent. He taught at U.B.C. before going to the University of California at Berkeley on a teaching fellowship in 1936. In 1939 he was awarded a Royal Society of Canada fellowship of \$1500 to work on atomic research at the University of California. His wife is the former Olga Okulitch, also a U.B.C. graduate.

Dr. Volkoff at present is directing the theoretical and mathematical work of the Montreal Laboratory of the National Research Council and is rated one of the top theoretical physicists in Canada.

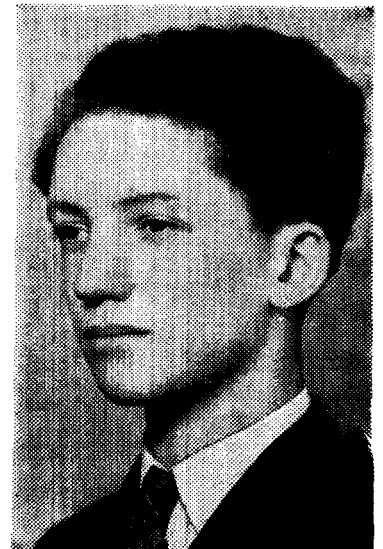
Four women were among the atomic researchers. Anne B. Underhill was one of these. Brilliance has marked the career of Miss Underhill. The daughter of Col. F. Clare Underhill, she attended Prince of Wales School and was graduated from the University of British Columbia in 1942. Last year she was awarded a scholarship of \$850 by the Canadian Federation of University Women, to enable



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MURIEL WALES



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# HONOR TO U.B.C. BOMB RESEARCH



ANNE UNDERHILL

her to take post-graduate work.

Dr. Muriel Wales, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George F. Wales, won her B.A. at the University in 1934, her Master's in 1937, and her Ph.D. from University of Toronto in 1941. She has been engaged in government research work in Toronto.

Mrs. Lillian M. Grassie, daughter of Mrs. L. M. Butler of 2640 West Fourteenth, and the late Albert Butler, was one of four University of British Columbia women graduates whose work contributed to the successful development of the atomic bomb. Mrs. Grassie, whose present home is in Arden, Man., is a graduate of the 1943 class of U.B.C.

Mrs. Joyce Laird, the former Joyce Morris of Penticton, was a member of the class of '41.

All these women were members of a group of scientists which gathered in Montreal to work on the atomic bomb.

Dr. Andrew Guthrie, son of Sam Guthrie, M.L. A., and Mrs. Guthrie of Cedar District, near Ladysmith, is another British Columbia scientist who has been working on the perfection of the atomic bomb.

Dr. Guthrie has been working on the problem of splitting the atom for the past three years, with

headquarters at Berkeley, Cal., but travelling from there to Tennessee and other parts of United States for the Washington government.

Dr. Guthrie was born at Ladysmith 30 years ago. He graduated from U.B.C. with first class honors in 1934, specializing in physics.

He won a scholarship to Perdue University, Indiana, where he received his doctorate three years ago. He was immediately enlisted by the United States Government in the corps of scientists who were planning the atomic bomb.

Denis W. Pearce, son of Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Pearce, 4454 West Fourth, who worked on the development of the atomic bomb, is a graduate of the University of British Columbia. He specialized in inorganic chemistry and it was along these lines that he was engaged when helping to create the world's most destructive force. Dr. Pearce was awarded a fellowship, and received his doctorate at the Illinois University in 1935.

Still others in the groups of researchers were James Michael Fell, B.A., '43; Dr. Fred Troop Fitch, B.A. '38, M.A. '40, Ph.D., and John William Ozeroff.



LILIAN GRASSIE



D. W. PEARCE



JOYCE LAIRD

# STAFF CHANGES AT THE UNIVERSITY

The Board of Governors announced a number of changes in the staff at the start of the fall term. Some of these were new appointments and some were promotions.

The new appointments include James C. Taylor, B.A. (Western Ontario), chartered accountant, associate professor, and Arthur M. Schoultz, B.A. (Man.) M.B.A. (Harvard), special lecturer, both in the department of commerce.

Robert A. Hume, LL.B. (Stanford), Ph.D. (Cornell), associate professor, and Mrs. Stella Lewis, M.A. (U.B.C.) '18, lecturer, both in the department of English; Dr. Marianne Lourie, doctor of jurisprudence (Vienna), lecturer in German, department of modern languages.

Promotions from assistant professor to associate professor in the department of physics were announced for Dr. A. M. Crooker, returning from leave of absence with Research Enterprises Ltd., and Dr. K. C. Mann, returning from leave of absence with National Research Council.

Mrs. W. Kaye Lamb, '25, as lecturer in French in the department of modern languages. The former Dr. Wessie Tipping, Mrs. Lamb was an associate professor in the department before her marriage to Dr. W. Kaye Lamb, U.B.C. librarian.

The appointment is to fill a temporary vacancy in the department.

George A. Allen, M.A.Sc. '35, has been appointed associate professor in the department of forestry at the University of British Columbia.

This increase in the staff and facilities is the direct result of the \$22,500 grant to the University by H. R. MacMillan. Silviculture and forest management is Mr. MacMillan's particular interest for B. C., in order to increase the sustained yield from the forests.

Dr. W. S. Hoar, formerly of the University of New Brunswick, as professor of zoology and fisheries.

President N. A. M. MacKenzie announced the appointment was made possible by a grant of \$22,500 from British Columbia Packers Ltd. to be used in yearly instalments of \$7500.

The grant was made for special work in marine fisheries to be carried on at U.B.C.

Dr. Hoar spent several years in the investigation of Atlantic salmon as an assistant with the Fisheries Research Board of Canada.

Margaret C. Johnson, '29, assistant professor, department of social work; S. D. De Jong, associate professor of civil engineering; Sqdn.-Ldr. Wilfred Gibson Heslop, associate professor of civil engineering; William Wolfe, assistant professor of mechanical engineering; C. S. Samis, associate professor of metallurgy; Arthur W. Sager, '38, assistant in the department of university extension.

Promotions are: Frank A. Forward, from professor of metallurgy to professor and head of the department; Dr. Dorothy Blakey Smith, from assistant professor to associate professor of English; Dr. Edmund Morrison, '27, from assistant to associate professor of English; John H. Creighton, from assistant to associate professor of English.

Dr. A. Hrennikoff, '30, from assistant to associate professor of civil engineering; A. Peebles, '29, from assistant to associate professor of civil engineering; E. S. Prettiou, '29, from assistant to associate professor of civil engineering; F. W. Vernon, from professor of mechanical engineering to professor of mechanical engineering and lecturer in aeronautical engineering; Lorne R. Kersey, '36, from instructor to assistant professor in electrical engineering; Miss Myrtle L. Kievell, '24, appointed assistant registrar.

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The CHRONICLE is in receipt of a series of mimeographed publications in French under the title of "La voix d'astude" which are published by the students in French at the University of Idaho at Moscow, Idaho. The editor is Arthur H. Beatty, who took his B.A. in '28 and his M.A. in '31 and is now on the Idaho staff. The publications feature material in French with ingenious illustrations done on a standard typewriter.

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Lieut. Graham E. McCall, B.Comm. '42, is now in Germany with the Canadian Army. He joined up in 1942 and received his training at Three Rivers, later going to Brockville for the officers' course. Later he was instructor at Red Deer for a short period before going overseas to join the Canadian Scottish. In 1942 he married Miss Jean Alexander, R.N., of Victoria.

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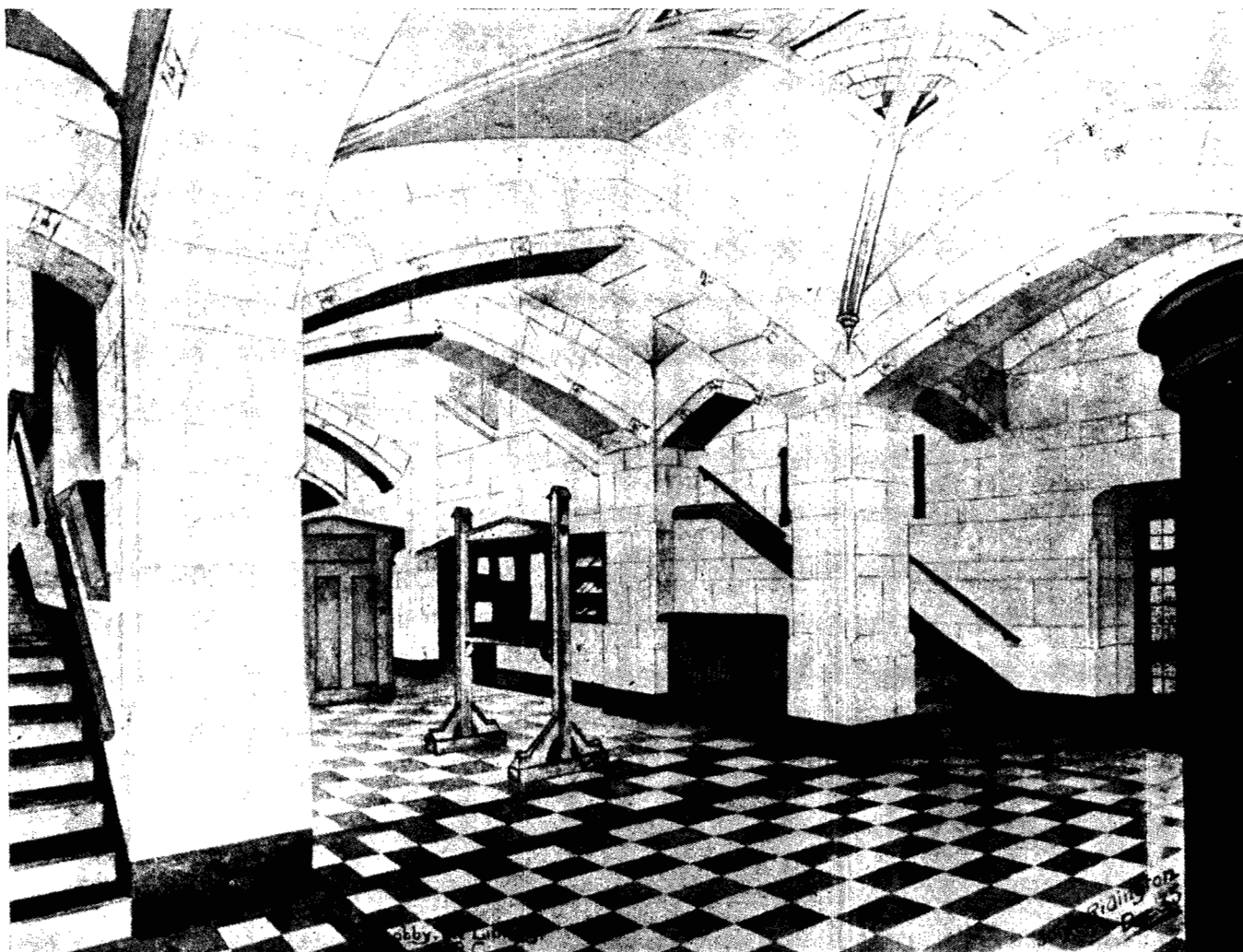
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This view of the Lobby of the University Library done by the late John Ridington, former University Librarian, in December of 1935, will wake memories in many a graduate heart. Mr. Ridington had considerable artistic talent as may be seen from the above. In the background may be seen the celebrated Library of Congress Catalogue obtained by the University a number of years ago.

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# Honor Roll

# UNIVERSITY ALUMNI



G. P. VICKERS

**Sqdn. Ldr. George "Pete" Vickers** — Killed in action. Was a veteran of two operational tours. He had completed 62 operation flights and was with the R.A.F. He was in his second year commerce.

**Lt. Col. William Whelen "Bill" Mathers**—Mentioned in dispatches. Arts '33. Letters Club. C. O.T.C. Phi Kappa Sigma. Was a lieutenant in the permanent army in 1939. Overseas in December, 1939. Wounded at Ortona. Returned to Canada in January, 1945, and became chief instructor of the O.T.C. at Brockville and Acting Commandant until July, 1945. Commanded Royal Canadian Regiment.

**Major John C. Oliver**, well-known Vancouver engineer, has been awarded the M.B.E. Major Oliver joined the Royal Canadian Engineers at the start of war and has been on the Continent since D-Day. Graduate of U.B.C., he was formerly an assistant city engineer and registrar of the Association of Professional Engineers of B. C. He was instructor in civil engineering on the University faculty for two years before joining the city engineer's department.

## 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.*

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LT. JOHN SWAINSON

**Lt. John Swainson**—Killed accidentally in Holland on May 31. Canadian Armoured Corps. Came to Varsity from Victoria College. After he obtained his commission, he instructed at Gordon Head and Camp Borden. Overseas, December, 1943. Served on the continent with the Fort Garry Horse from June, 1944, until the German surrender and commanded the first Canadian Tank to enter Germany. Psi Upsilon.



CAPT. PAUL J. SYKES

**Captain Paul J. Sykes** — U.S. Army Air Forces. Awarded the Air Medal and an oak leaf cluster. Was navigator on the lead plane on a secret bombing mission from Guam to Japan on one of the longest operations ever flown by B-29's. It was his fifth mission over Japan. He received a Presidential Appointment to West Point Military Academy in 1936 and has also been with the U.S. Transport Service in Alaska.

**Lt. Peter John Collins** was awarded the Military Cross for his devotion to duty when a tank force and infantry attempting to gain a position under enemy fire, were held up by a large crater on the route of attack.

His citation reads:

"Lieut. Collins dismounted, and disregarding the devastating enemy fire personally directed each tank across the narrow causeway."

Born in New Westminster, Lt. Collins attended Magee High School and was a second-year student at the University of B. C. at the time of his enlistment in 1941.

**Capt. Stewart Leslie Chambers**, Canadian Scottish Regiment, won the Military Cross as the result of an action on April 21 last when the company he was commanding attacked the town of Wagenbergen, Holland.

"The leadership, undaunted courage and devotion to duty shown by Capt. Chambers in this difficult battle, which was his first as a company commander, helped to a great extent in the successful capture of Wagenbergen."

Capt. Chambers, who was severely wounded in both arms and both legs on October 13, 1944, while serving in Holland, is a former winner of the U.B.C. Parliamentary Forum bronze medal for public speaking.

Member of the class of arts '43, he was in the C.O.T.C. at the University until he enlisted in October, 1941. He was posted to the Calgary Highlanders overseas in November, 1942, and later transferred to the Canadian Scottish, with whom he landed in Normandy on D-Day.

**Lt. James Edmund Oldfield** has been awarded the Military Cross for his daring and initiative last April 27, when a company of his regiment was ordered to clear an enemy pocket in the Termunton area which was holding up the general advance along the control line.

An enemy outflanking movement and a platoon on the left was cut off on three sides.

"Lieut. Oldfield, commanding No. 1 Platoon carried a machine-gun to a position well forward.

"He was engaged by enemy machine-gun and mortar fire.

"Under cover of his fire and from his directions the trapped platoon was able to disengage and re-form for the ensuing company attack which cleared the enemy position."

Lieut. Oldfield was born in Victoria and was attending the University of B. C. at his enlistment in June, 1942. While at U.B.C. he received the David Thom scholarship for general proficiency.

He was twice wounded in Italy.



F/O D. J. ROBERTSON

**F/O David James Robertson**—Lost in operations over the North Sea on April 16, 1945. Graduated in Commerce in 1941. Joined R. C.A.F. in May, 1942, and received his wings as Navigator-observer. Served in the Bahamas and Great Britain. Psi Upsilon.



GNR. STANLEY WESTON

**Gunner Stanley Weston** — Freed at Singapore after being a prisoner of the Japanese. Went to the Federated Malay States in 1940 as a soil surveyor. Joined the Imperial Reserve Army at Kuala Lumpur two weeks before the attack on Pearl Harbor. B. S.A. '39.

**Captain Kenneth Aylsworth**, R. C.A.M.C.—Awarded the Military Cross in September. Attended U.B.C. and McGill. His citation reads in part:

"On October 9, 1944, in the amphibious operation on the south bank of the Lower Schelde, he landed with the leading troops and set up his regiment aid post with a skeleton staff in a farm in the small bridgehead. While there, the shelling was so severe that the building he occupied was practically destroyed and all other buildings in the area were burned to the ground, and two of his vehicles destroyed.

"In spite of this he carried on and so organized the evacuation by his remaining jeeps and buffaloes that very little delay was experienced."

**Flt. Lt. Bernard "Barnie" Boe**—R.C.A.F. fighter pilot. Killed on a mission over the Nijmegen area on July 25, 1944. Buried at Baberick, Holland. B.A.Sc. '40.

**F/O John Leslie Atkinson** — Killed in action, March 5, 1945. Had 25 operational trips to his credit. B.Comm. '35. Delta Upsilon.

**F/O Arthur B. Paul**—Awarded the D.F.C. in August. At present hospitalized in the T.B. Clinic at Vancouver. B.A. '40.

**W/O Phillip S. Greene** — Presumed dead. Was shot down over France. Overseas in 1943. He was in his first year at U.B.C. when he joined the R.C.A.F.

**Lt. John Walter Young** — Awarded Military Cross. He kept his men at work under intense fire for twenty-four hours building essential boat equipment. B. A.Sc. '39. Overseas in March, 1943.

**Major John Craig Oliver** — Awarded the Order of the British Empire in September. Attended U.B.C., graduating in 1927 with a degree in civil engineering. Before enlisting and proceeding overseas he was with the city engineer's department at Vancouver.

# In Memoriam



## A Dean Among Women Passes

It is with the deepest regret that the CHRONICLE includes this month a memorial to Mary Louise Bollert, first dean of women at the University of B. C. By her sudden death we have lost not only a beloved and respected former member of the faculty but also a woman famous in the field of education, and one who was widely renowned in women's club and social activities.

Born in Guelph, Miss Bollert was the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. E. R. Bollert, the latter a resident of Vancouver for 30 years. She obtained her B.A. from Toronto in 1906 and her A.M. from Columbia University in 1908. Between the years 1910-1914 she was assistant in English, Teachers' College, Columbia, after which time she became dean of women at Regina College until 1921.

In addition to her work in the field of education she became prominent in social welfare. For some time she was director of general educational work and social welfare activities for the Robert Simpson Co. Ltd., and for Sherbourne House Club, Toronto, which she organized as a residence for business women.

Much of her energy and social aptitude went into organizational work. At the time of her death she was president of the Pan Pacific Women's Association, she was a delegate for Canada in 1924 of the International Federation of University Women conferences in Paris, in Geneva in 1929, in Edinburgh in 1932 and a speaker at the International Congress of Women in Chicago in 1933. In 1934 she was one of a party of 12 deans of women of North

America to tour Japan as guest of the Japanese Y. W.C.A., and in 1926 was one of the two women representing Canada at the Institute of Public Relations in Honolulu.

Her many club affiliations included being a charter member of the Soroptomist Club, Georgian Club and Women's Canadian Club, honorary regent of University Chapter, I.O.D.E., and on the executive of the provincial chapter, being a life member of the order. She was also a member of the University of Toronto Alumnae, Faculty Women's Club, League of Nations Society executive, women's regional advisory committee of the Wartime Prices and Trade Board and the B. C. Temperance League.

But most important of all, to U.B.C. alumni and faculty alike, was her position with our university as Dean of Women for twenty years and as professor of English. During her many years of service she proved to be a friend, adviser and mother confessor to thousands of co-eds who enjoyed the privilege of her experience and, in so many instances, her invaluable constructive advice. Indeed it is with profound regret that the CHRONICLE, on behalf of all who knew and loved Mary Louise Bollert, must acknowledge the passing of this dean among women.

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## Death Claims Chinese Lawyer

Inglis Hosang, B.A. '19, LL.B. (Cal.) '31, died suddenly at Vancouver in August. Mr. Hosang studied law at Boalt Hall, University of California Law School. Later he studied at the Inns of Court, London, and was called to the English Bar in 1934. He became a barrister-at-law of the Inner Temple. He also studied at the Sorbonne, Paris.

He later lived for a number of years at Hong-kong where he was a member of the Bar. His practice there was interrupted by the Japanese hostilities in 1937.

He then came to Vancouver, where he was associated with the law firm of A. J. B. Mellish. He was also an accomplished linguist and had travelled widely.

While at U.B.C. he won an oratorical contest in his sophomore year. In his junior year he was a member of a Varsity team which defeated the University of Washington in an international debate.

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James Benjamin Flynn died in August at Vancouver after a long illness arising out of injuries suffered a year ago in Louisiana. Mr. Flynn received his B.A.Sc. with honors in 1932 and his M.A.Sc. in 1933.



# HOME FROM OVERSEAS



LT. NORRIE FINLAYSON

Home again is Lt. Norrie Finlayson, R.C.N.V.R., who skippered a corvette in the North Atlantic. He is the son of Dean Finlayson of the University staff. He has commanded both the "Algoma" and the "North Bay."

Lt. Finlayson was engaged in the advertising business in Vancouver before enlisting early in the war and he has now returned to that field with the firm of Ruddy-Duker.



FLT./LT. LLOYD F.  
DETWILLER

Flt. Lt. Lloyd F. Detwiller, B.A. '39, M.A. '40, has arrived home with "Straddle," the cocker spaniel mascot of R.C.A.F. Squadron 422. "Straddle" has 94 hours operations to his credit in Sunderland flying boats. His master was a well-known basketball star at Varsity. At the time of his enlistment he relinquished a teaching fellowship at the University of California.



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THELMA BEHNSEN

Thelma Behnsen has received the rare honor of being granted a scholarship by the Alphi Phi Women's Fraternity. She went to Washington State College at Pullman in September to take post-graduate work in social service. While there she will become co-organizer of the Fraternity's new chapter to be established at the College. She is a graduate of 1945 and was secretary of the Graduating Class as well as being elected a member of the honorary women's sorority, Delta Sigma Pi.

## From the Feminine

### Grad Goes to Germany . . .

The first B. C. girl to go to Germany with the U.N.R.R.A. for duty as assistant welfare officer in the Department of Displaced Persons, Lt. Claire St. John, '39, social service officer with the R.C.A.M.C., left by plane recently for Washington, D.C., en route to Europe.

Lt. St. John, formerly stationed with the Army Medical Corps at District 11, Little Mountain, is the only daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Charles W. St. John, Holland Street. Vancouver born, she graduated in social service from the University of B. C. in 1940 and held positions with the Provincial Government Social Service in Vancouver and in Penitention Centre.

In April, 1943, she joined the newly-established department of social service conducted with the R. C.A.M.C., Pacific Command, being at that time the youngest of six social service workers appointed to military depots across Canada.

Lt. St. John is affiliated with the Association of Canadian Social Workers, Alpha Phi sorority, the Alpine Club and other organizations.

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### Grad in King's Honor List . . .

LAW Helen Woodcroft, R.C.A.F. (W.D.), '42, has been mentioned in dispatches, a supplementary list released in connection with the King's Birthday honors announces.

Miss Woodcroft, after taking her training at Ottawa, left for overseas service eighteen months ago. For a time she was in "operations" with the fighter command in Norfolk, but for the last year has been on "ops" with the bomber command, stationed in Yorkshire.

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## Wins Success in Women's Air Force

Mary Kathleen "Kay" Armstrong, an Arts graduate of 1938, has won much success in the R. C.A.F., Women's Division. After Kay left U.B.C. she went to the Library School at the University of Toronto and after graduating from that institution obtained a position on the Library staff of the University of Western Ontario. Three years ago she donned the air force blue and then commenced periods at a long series of stations including Rockcliffe, Halifax, Dartmouth, Toronto, Florida, Newfoundland, Patricia Bay and Sea Island.

Of all the stations she has been at, Kay likes the Newfoundland one the best. There she was kept very busy, as Newfoundland was the base for aircraft jumping off across the Atlantic. In Toronto she took her commission and gained her present rank, which is that of Section Officer.

At present she is in Ottawa where she holds the very responsible position of Librarian to the Director of Intelligence, R.C.A.F. Kay really set up that particular library and there can be little doubt as to just how important it has been and will be in the future.



KAY ARMSTRONG

## For Whom the Bells Toll

Mary Lilian Mulvin, '43, to Sgt. Donald D. Dennis, R.C.A.F., at Vancouver, on August 29th.

Joan Margaret Straith of Comox to Dr. Donald Andrew Hewitt of Victoria at Comox, August 18th.

Elizabeth Margaret Dunlop, '41, to Charles Anthony Crammond Smith of South Shields, County Durham, England, on July 21st.

Ruth Alice McCallum to Leonard R. McLellan, R.C.N.V.R. '43, at Vancouver on September 8th.

Kathleen Brooke, W.R.N.S., of Bradford, Yorkshire, to Lt. Cmdr. Thomas Graham Darling, '39, at St. Merryn, Cornwall, England, on August 28th.

Geraldine Grace Adams to F/O Philip Arthur Wood, D.F.C., at Vancouver in September.

Betty Helen Morton, '44, to Robert John Mc Kercher at New Westminster on September 15.

Evelyn Fraser "Buddy" Graham '43, to Clay Howard Anderson at Vancouver in August.

Marjorie Eileen MacGregor, to George Norman Crosson, '37, at Vancouver on August 1st.

Patricia Joanne Anderson to Victor Frederick MacLean at Vancouver in September.

Margaret Alice Ball to Lieut. George Gordon Brown at Vancouver on August 3rd.

Evaline Mortin, '44, to Lieut. Stanton H. Small, D.F.C., at Vancouver, August 16th.

Winnifred Con to Quon H. Wong, '38, at Vancouver in August.

Ruth Evelyn Higgins, '44, to Donald Peter Kerr, '41, at Vancouver on July 11th.

Margaret Lavinia Harris to Reginald Gordon Jessup at Vancouver, August 4th.

Dolores Ruth Corey, '46, to Frederick George Wilkins at Vancouver in August.

Blanche Rosalind Fry to Merrill Edwin Wolfe at Vancouver on August 22nd.

Janet Susan Fleck, '40, to Lieut. Thomas Ellis Ladner, '37, at Vancouver in September.

Miss Lila Margaret McNab to Charles Edward Holland, '41, at Vancouver, August 7th.

Margaret (Peggy) Crowe to William Roland Hunt, '42, at Vancouver, August 7th.

Patricia Edith Ball, '43, to Cyrus Graham Pow, at Vancouver on August 2nd.

Constance Rebecca Cook to Capt. John Curran Whittle, at Vancouver in August.

Thona Behan to Paul H. Hookings, '44, at Winnipeg on June 30th.



# PLAYERS' CLUB

Club. Summertime brought Players' Club tours and the Christmas seasons saw periods put in at the make-up bench for nervous young actresses at the Christmas plays.

The Letters Club also was on Mary's list and here she did a paper on the celebrated playwright, Robert Sherwood. Somehow in the busy schedule there was time for the Delta Gamma fraternity. Night hours were taken up at the radio studio and at the Little Theatre where she appeared in "Idiot's Delight" and "Yes, My Darling Daughter." At the latter theatre she also had a feature role in "Paulo and Fransesca," which was done as a command performance for the then Governor-General of Canada.

1940 was graduation year for Mary and she then went into school teaching at Gilmore Junior High School in Burnaby. The stage called too strongly, however, and in 1942 Mary was off to Hollywood and the bright lights of the cinema world.

There Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer gave the young Vancouver actress a featured role in "Keeper of the Flame," which starred Katherine Hepburn and Spencer Tracy. Mary also appeared in "Bataan" and played the role of Mary, Queen of Scots, in a John Nesbitt's "Passing Parade" short subject.

For Republic Pictures, Mary did the lead in "London Blackout" and also was seen in the forthcoming "Brighton Strangler."

At Columbia, Mary made "A Guy, a Gal, and a Pal," which is now being shown throughout British Columbia.

Producers' Releasing Corporation had next call on Mary's services for "Strange Illusion." This film is soon to be released in B. C. Reviews indicate it to be one of the best of the new pictures. In fact it received excellent notices from the highly critical reviewers of "Time" magazine and Mary's picture adorned the movie pages of that well-known magazine.

Mary has also had a part in the million-dollar production of the best-selling novel, "Kitty." She is now busy in the principal role in a technicolor production for Cathedral Films entitled "Festival of Spring." The latter is a musical fantasy in the Disney tradition.

Perhaps the next step is big-time stardom for the pretty Vancouver starlet. In any event she really enjoys the movie life. "I love my work," she says, "and I'm still as ambitious about it as when I left Canada. I share that feeling with a few hundred girls down here who are all waiting as I am for that real break to come along."

Last May, Mary was married to a Vancouver boy, Malcolm Bain, who is now busy in the laboratories of Queen's University. They both hope they will soon be together.

Mary's success may well prove an inspiration for those eager Players' Club aspirants who year after year struggle through the old and familiar Club tryouts.

If you should happen down Hollywood way one of these days and if you should wander out to one of the residential areas where the stars live, namely North Hollywood, and if you should happen to see a very familiar face—it will probably belong to one of the prettier U.B.C. graduates of recent years, Mary McLeod. The fact is that Mary is an established member of the movie colony.

As a matter of fact she has lived in North Hollywood for the past three years, with a very well-known screen lady, Fay Holden, who plays the part of Andy Hardy's mother in that family series and who once thrilled playgoers at the old Empress in Vancouver as Gaby Fay of the British Guild Players.

Not so very many years ago she was born in Vancouver, where she attended Fairview, Lord Tennyson and Kitsilano Junior and Senior High Schools. While still at High School, Mary took a keen interest in dramatics and spent her spare hours at the Canadian Broadcasting Corporation's local studios.

In 1936 U.B.C. beckoned and Mary went to the Point Grey campus but still continued with her work at CBR. The Players' Club was a natural for the young actress and Mary started her career in that group as Portia in Ira Dilworth's production of "The Merchant of Venice." Then came Anne Bronte in "The Brontes."

Leading roles followed in "Playboy of the Western World," "The Curtain Rises" and "Pride and Prejudice," all annual productions of the Players'

# TO HOLLYWOOD

Top, Mary McLeod with John Loder, picture by R.K.O. Radio Pictures.

Centre, Mary with Warren William in P.R.C.'s "Strange Illusion."

Bottom, two studio pictures of Mary at Producers' Releasing Corporation.



# The Place of Liberal Arts

By the RT. REV. WM. P. REMINGTON,  
Bishop of Eastern Oregon

It was Cicero who defined liberal studies as those which liberate the minds of men. It was Jesus who said, "Ye shall know the truth and the truth shall set you free." Never before in human history have the minds of men been concerned so earnestly with the problems of freedom and truth. It is no wonder, since the right to gain freedom from intolerable slavery, through the unfettered pursuit of truth, has been challenged by the might of Germany and Japan. I am convinced that war is necessary sometimes in order to preserve the rights of men, but I feel equally certain that the preoccupation of any nation in fighting a total war, has in it a threat to those very freedoms for which we struggle. That is the reason why intelligent men must concern themselves with problems which have to do with a liberal education.

Frankly, I believe we all should be giving serious thought concerning the place which our institutions of higher learning are going to have in the brave new world now in the making. I cannot speak authoritatively for Colleges or Universities in Canada or any other part of the British Commonwealth, but I do know what is happening to our institutions of higher education in the United States. The President of Johns Hopkins has put it in two sentences. "What colleges and universities now supply need not be called education at all. It is rather the fullest use of plant and funds, knowledge and ideas, students and faculties, to meet the requirements of a war of inhuman intensity."

The Yale Review has just reprinted an article on "American Education After the War" by William Clyde Devane. I take the privilege of quoting some of his most pertinent comments on the present situation—

"A phenomenon new, in size and implication at least, to our universities and colleges has changed the nature of our educational institutions already, and may alter their structures and functions materially and permanently. This is the program of training upon contract which governmental agencies, the army and the navy, and industry have hired the colleges and universities to undertake. In their eagerness to help the nation at war and to keep their treasuries full, the institutions have leapt at the challenge or the bait.

The fact of education (if it may be called such) by contract has for educational institutions many implications which have not yet been fully appre-

ciated. For one thing, there is the exceedingly important question concerning the nature of these institutions after the war. A proper answer to this question is even more important to the country than it is to our colleges and universities."

Mr. Devane believes that neither government nor industry is to be trusted in education. They would inevitably seek their own purposes and they would impose their own mass methods. The government would put our institutions into the hands of politically-minded professors, and educational bureaucrats, and that would reduce education to a mediocrity which it has not yet reached in America.

If governmental control or pressure from industry is to be avoided, then the faculties of our colleges and universities and schools owe it to the nation to give an honest accounting of their achievements in the past and their policies for the future. A candid inspection of recent trends proves rather embarrassing to those in charge of education in America. The elective method of permitting students to choose such subjects as they desire, has steadily grown in favor, while the old system of required studies has declined. Education is fast becoming not a process of culture, but a rung on the ladder of success. Courses in the liberal arts have fewer students, while schools of finance and economy, engineering, chemistry, natural and social sciences are steadily gaining in prestige. The drift in higher education has been passed on to the public schools. One of the results has been that many graduates of high schools are unable to write, read or speak good English, are unable to cope with mathematical problems which require algebra and trigonometry, are ignorant of history or literature, and as for philosophy, they have never heard of it.

Here we find inconsistencies hard to reconcile with the objects of a sound educational policy. In our willingness to give students increasing opportunities for self-expression, we deprive them of the basic elements needed to fit them for earning a living. We can't even turn out competent business men, clerks or mechanics, if they have not acquired the disciplines which come from doing unwanted tasks. Now that the military have taken over, their demands are such that many students find themselves unprepared to meet the new requirements.

I feel certain that the grim lessons of Total War will not be in vain. The old rigors and disciplines of college training will return and when they do the liberal arts will resume its proper place in the curriculum. You will pardon me I am sure, when I discuss with you the effect of the present trend in education, upon the training for the ministry. I do not mean to except the other professions of law, medi-

cine or teaching, since they are almost equally involved. However, I am better acquainted with the ministry.

Time was when the minister was the "parson" or person of the village. He was the man of culture, of wide reading, and the valiant champion of sound learning. He was supposed to know something about nearly everything. Sometimes he preached and talked over the heads of his flock or failed to apply his wordy message to the real needs of his people. Then he became "persona no grata." Nowadays the person is so beset by a multiplicity of new duties and engagements that he is tempted to become the "fill-in man" on every program which interests the community. If he is a good fellow, he will be asked to join many clubs, and there he will spend much of his time, rejoicing in his new found fellowships but rarely leading men to listen to him on Sundays. Again the minister finds himself in a highly competitive field. Magazines, books, the radio and the cinema are now definitely in the field of religion. Then too, the minister has an administrative and financial load to carry which often forces him to face up to his "bread and butter situation."

All this adds up to the fact that more is demanded of the minister than ever before. He is expected to speak with the tongues of men and of angels, to be a pastor like St. Francis of Assisi and to have the grace and charm of a Phillips Brooks and the evangelist fervor of a John Wesley. If at the same time he can put on a good ecclesiastical show, employing everything in his ritual, that a symbol-loving public have learned to enjoy both in their lodges, and at the movies, then John Doe will patronize his church. Our lot is no harder than that of other professional men, particularly college presidents and professors. Our materialistic age has demanded of its thinkers, teachers and men of God, that we become "Go Getters" and then turns upon us and asks, "Where are you going," and "What have you got?"

If the much-needed leadership of the ministry is to be preserved to take its part in the rebuilding of our world, the benefits of a sound education must be afforded him, and the disciplines of a Liberal Arts course guaranteed in his college preparation.

Here are some of the things, which church leaders are asking of the makers of educational policy in our colleges, in preparation for the ministry.

1. Not a mere accumulation of data without order and without significance, but a great curriculum of general education proceeding on the assumption that the sum of the studies shall have meaning.

2. Such a general education to have meaning must be a philosophical synthesis of what we know about nature, man, and history.

3. We ask you to furnish a man with the elements of good literature including both classic and modern writers. He should be taught to think clearly through getting his teeth into hard subjects like

mathematics, logic, and some language particularly Latin or Greek.

4. We would like to have him taught the natural sciences, historical perspective, the social sciences and man and his values. We would ask some acquaintance with psychology, government and world religions.

5. We would urge you to encourage him to acquire some clinical experience of his profession. He should have opportunity while still in college, to study the arts of debate, elocution and public speaking. A purely intellectual knowledge of the humanities, should be reinforced by contacts with **humanity**, both normal and abnormal, with young people, and with the sick in body and mind in slums and hospitals.

6. We would ask for some knowledge of the Greatest Book of all times, the Bible, even if it is taught only as literature.

Total war has revealed the inadequacies of shallow and ready methods, of permitting students to specialize before they have been grounded thoroughly in the basic elements of education. Total war is disciplining young men to fight and die, because the world has not yet learned how to live. Of course our failure in education is only a part of that larger picture of a hopeless and disillusioned age. We can only revive hope by a return to some of those ways, which bred great men, spread culture and taught us a philosophy of life, of freedom and truth worth living for.

It is to this place of influence and power that we trust our educational leaders will restore sound learning and good manners, by giving back to the Liberal Arts College its proper prestige. We plead for a great curriculum of general education which will proceed on the assumption that life must be given purpose and meaning. That will be one of the major problems of our post-war world.

I am deeply conscious of the fact that our whole world is in a vast adjustment period, which has the ominous sound of revolution. All will be well if we recognize our failure, but highly resolve that the death throes of the old, will usher in the renaissance of a finer culture. We should not pray for an age of reason, but an age of faith in God and the high destiny of man as His partner in creative enterprise.

In 1914, Lord Grey, Earl of Falloden, looked out over contemporary events and declared sadly "The lights over Europe are all going out and they will not be relit in my generation." Will the torch be passed to the young hands of our Americas? If we are to bear it faithfully, as guardians of truth for truth's sake our colleges and universities will have to fight valiantly against a materialistic age and the threat of State control.

"He who would enkindle must himself first glow." Mark Hopkins on one end of a log and a farm boy on the other makes a College. The torch can only be passed on in this way.



# New Law Faculty Set Up

The University of British Columbia now has a full time law faculty for the first time in its history. The Board of Governors has been working in co-operation with the Law Society of British Columbia.

The new faculty will be a six-year course leading to the double degree of B.A. and LL.B. It will be headed up by a Dean and one full-time assistant. Qualified members of the present staff will give lectures as will practicing members of the B. C. Bar. The lectures will be held partly at the University and partly in downtown Vancouver.

George F. Curtis, professor of Law at Dalhousie, was named the new Dean in August. He was at Dalhousie for eleven years. In 1927 he received his LL.B. degree from the University of Saskatchewan with "great distinction." He proceeded to Oxford on a Rhodes scholarship and took his B.A. in 1930 and his B.C.L. with first class honours in 1931.

Later he practised law in Regina and in Halifax and is a member of the Bar of Saskatchewan and Nova Scotia. In Halifax he was active in public life, spending a term as president of the Canadian Club and a term as Chairman of the local branch of the Canadian Institute of International Affairs. He was also a major in the Reserve Army.

The new dean has already made a most favorable impression in Vancouver legal and scholastic circles. His quiet manner fails to hide his driving enthusiasm for the new faculty. "We're going to have as high a standard as any law school in Canada," he said on his arrival at the Coast. Already he has taken action to back up that statement and his future plans include the establishment of several new courses not now being taught in other Canadian law schools.

Appointed as Assistant to the Dean was Frederick Read, professor of law at the University of Manitoba for twenty years. He is a graduate of the University of Manitoba and was called to the bar there in 1920. He edited the Manitoba Bar News for some time and from 1935-42 was editor of the



DEAN CURTIS

Manitoba Law Reports. Since 1942 he has been on war work in the office of the Official Custodian at Ottawa. He is also a well-known author in the Canadian legal field.

The new faculty brings British Columbia into line with the other Canadian provinces. Prior to this time, students desiring to enter the law profession were forced to go to one of the eastern law schools or enter a makeshift after-working hours' school at Vancouver. Students will now spend their time in lectures under University supervision and will then be required to put in a period of time under articles before being admitted to the Bar.

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# The Graduates' Responsibilities Increase As the War Ends

By S/L WILLIAM C. GIBSON

The academic year which has just opened at U.B.C. finds the campus and its buildings packed to overflowing with an unprecedented number of students. With the government's farsighted rehabilitation policy of higher education for returned men and women, we have at last some resemblance of equality of educational opportunity in British Columbia. To the **undergraduates** on the campus the opportunity offered is clearly seen. To the **Graduates** of this great university, an even larger opportunity is offered. Do we see it, and will we act on it?

Large numbers of young Canadians will listen to professors and work in laboratories and dig out information in the library for the first time in their lives. In many cases, families who in "normal" times would never have dared hope to give their sons or daughters a university education, will now proudly boast of one or more members at Point Grey. In other words, U.B.C. is about to become known to the people of British Columbia in a totally new and direct way. What impact will this change have on the future of the University?

The University's future will depend upon the impression which the general public gets of the seriousness of the work carried on at U.B.C. Some will erroneously gather that the entire week is given over to football, basketball, and swimming. Others will imagine from little Johnnie's letters that the B.A. course is just four years of A.W.O.L., with dancing, bridge, and the University Forest thrown in. A few will wish for a parent-teacher association of some sort to see that Johnnie does his lessons, and some will rearrange the small town's order of precedence on the basis of Johnnie's success in garnering student offices, titles and headlines. Student democracy will undoubtedly be taxed with such "inescapable responsibilities" as deciding the chlorination issue, by Vancouver's noisy apocalypitics.

But all this will be terribly remote from the real thing. Many will be attending U.B.C. as a result of sacrifices already made. The average age of the returning men will be that of graduates, not of undergraduates. Some may imagine that the men and women who have served in the forces will have separate, not to say separatist, interests, but in this there is no truth. The average man who has done his job in the war asks but one thing,—a chance to become anonymous again, to think and act as he

wishes, and to get on with the business of learning and living. The recently published BARUCH report in the United States on veterans' readjustment has issued a warning that we in Canada should ponder, when it says:—

"One terrible danger of failure may be to set the veteran off from the rest of the nation, cherishing the grievance of having been wronged, at odds with fellow-Americans, his feelings an explosive fuel ready to be ignited by some future demagogue."

The ever-loyal graduates of U.B.C., resident in the Province, can make the problems of the university understood in their own community this year better than previously, for every hamlet and islet will be represented on the campus. Many veterans from other parts of Canada have taken their discharges in our Province, and they in turn will make U.B.C. known in the remotest parts. We must, then, work incessantly for a greater university, with more public and private support, with adequate facilities in brains and buildings to provide well-rounded and liberal education for the present and coming generations. Graduates can never repay the debt they owe to their university, but they can stand up for it when abuse is heaped on it by the stupid and cupid. Only as we take the universality of interests at the core of any university to the people, wherever they live and whatever they do, will we ensure the support necessary for its development and productivity.

It should be recognized now that there will be some returned students who will fall by the wayside, for lack of ability to handle the volume of work demanded of them, or through instability of temperament or of domestic arrangements. There must be no stigma attached to these people, and they must rather be helped, or they will remember U.B.C. only with bitterness. An effort must be made by the Alumni Association to bring the University to the people throughout the province in order that they may better evaluate the accounts of its work which they receive through other channels. The Alumni have an opportunity to act as catalysts in a great transformation of public opinion and support for a great institution. The status of U.B.C. in this province, and among the universities of the world, twenty years from now will depend upon the effort which you make today to interpret it to your fellow citizens.

# U. B. C. Scientist Develops Miracle Wood

(From the Vancouver "Sun," July 31, 1945)

A burning cigarette or an upset cocktail glass won't mar the tables of the post-war B. C. housewife's "dream home," thanks to a Vancouver scientist.

Donald Baker, an unassuming young man of 33, who learned his profession as a student of chemical engineering at U.B.C., has evolved the "miracle" wood product that makes this possible.

Soft woods, such as fir, hemlock and balsam, harden as hard as the hardest oak by a process of saturation with plastic resins composed of formaldehyde and other chemicals.

The evolution of this process means that British Columbia's stands of soft woods, much of which is of little commercial value, assume vast potentialities.

Baker heads the new company which has opened here what is believed to be the first commercial plant of its kind in the world.

The treated wood is impervious to fire and its impregnated, closely-knit structure does not permit penetration of staining chemicals as do other soft and some hard woods.

Known commercially as "permalite" this transformed wood is capable of being worked by ordinary woodworking methods.

Baker was for some years in the technical department of the B. C. Pulp and Paper Company, and subsequently in the Nitrocellulose division of Defense Industries Ltd. But it was while he was with the Sloan Forestry Commission that his thoughts were directed to perfecting a process by which the province's soft woods could be put to greater use.

Since the end of September, 1944, after leaving the Sloan Commission, he has been conducting research on his new product which has won the approval of the B. C. Federation of Trade and Industry.

Tests have been made in the forest laboratories of U.B.C. and have won the approval of chemistry instructors.

The new wood product can be colored in the treatment to any shade in the rainbow. Its colors

are soaked through the structure of the wood itself so that they never will wear or need retouching.

Multicolored square and diamond blocks of wood, fitted with tongues and grooves, may be used to form whatever pattern suits the whim of the purchaser.

The new product, it is claimed, can be used to advantage in doors, windows and drawers, since it is not subject to swelling or contraction from change in weather as are natural woods.

Work was originally started on the wood-hardening process by the U.S. government in 1940 in its forest laboratories at Madison, Wisconsin, and later expanded by the E. I. Dupont de Nemours Ltd.

It was from this point that the young Vancouver chemist developed his new and distinctive commercial process, now patented in Canada.

Shortly to begin production is a processing unit capable of handling 4000 lumber feet of wood per day.

This new wood product, born of chemistry, means a valuable contribution to the B. C. lumber industry.

**Kelvin Arthur** and his pretty wife stepped off the train on Monday, Sept. 24th. Kelvin has completed a tour of operations with the R.C.A.F. over Germany.

Do you remember when big **Jack McDonald** led the college songs away back in the thirties? Jack is now with the B. C. Electric Engineering Dept. after five years with the air force.

**Nelson Allan** is back teaching high school. He was a navigator in the R.C.A.F.

**Mansfield Beach**, D.F.C. and Bar, and with 94 flights to his record, is starting his medical course at McGill this fall.

**Col. Tom Brown** has returned from overseas. Tom was a U.B.C. Rhodes Scholar in 1932.

**Mark Collins** is back in the fishing business, after several years with the R.C.A.F.

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# LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Summerland, B. C.,  
September 11, 1945.

Dear Mr. Editor:

You will be pleased to learn that our local scholarship fund has now gone over the \$5,000 mark and we are hopeful that eventually we will collect \$10,000, which should make it possible to award an annual \$250 scholarship.

Here's wishing you the best of luck.

RICHARD C. PALMER, '21.

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Dear Mr. Editor:

I had forgotten that I had already paid by 1945 subscription to the CHRONICLE. Thank you for letting me know. Keep the cheque I sent you as payment for 1946.

We are very sorry to hear that Maury Van Vliet is leaving the U.B.C. for Edmonton. He has done splendid and greatly needed work at our University. Of course, he will render the same fine service in Alberta but I wish he wasn't leaving us. We enjoyed reading his article in the April CHRONICLE. In it he refers to our son.

But I mustn't bother you with a long letter. You know what we PREACHERS are! Once we get started we find it hard to stop, even though we see a number of people asleep in our congregation!

Sincerely,

GEORGE C. F. PRINGLE.

Dear Mr. Editor:

A sudden qualm of conscience plus your own delicate reminders scattered through the August CHRONICLE reminded me I was still receiving your magazine free and had as yet contributed nothing to the Alumni Association besides good wishes. The enclosed cheque should correct matters.

The Editorial Board is doing a fine job with the CHRONICLE. It has improved steadily over the past two years. Certainly the amount and variety of the information in recent issues makes it well worth the modest three dollars asked.

I was in the A.M.S. office on Monday when Ted Baynes' secretary was mailing copies. She thought the annual fee was, belatedly, due for a boost. If that is the case, I hope I have got in under the deadline.

Yours Sincerely,

DICK BIBBS.

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Four scholarships are to be awarded annually by the Western Canadian Daily Newspaper Advertising Managers' Association. The awards will allow students to enter the commerce faculties at any of the four western universities.

## Information Wanted



YOUR EXECUTIVE SEEKS YOUR CO-OPERATION IN OBTAINING INFORMATION OF FORMER U.B.C. STUDENTS WHOSE WARTIME ACTIVITIES HAVE NOT YET BEEN RECOGNIZED IN "THE CHRONICLE." MATERIAL SHOULD BE SENT TO THE EDITORIAL OFFICES, ROOM 208, YORKSHIRE BUILDING, VANCOUVER, B. C. ITEMS OF ALL TYPES WILL BE WELCOMED.

## Former Student Saved From Sea



CHARLES "CHUCK" WILLIS

Wing Cmdr. Charles "Chuck" Willis, who spent some time at U.B.C. before his enlistment in the R.C.A.F. in 1938, owes his life to a rescue by German airmen when he was in the sea off the rocky shore of Norway. Willis was in command of a unit of Beaufighters of the Buffalo Squadron in an attack on merchant shipping off Stavanger, Norway. While pulling away, Willis' plane was hit by flack and despite his efforts to save the craft, the Vancouver airman was forced to bail out.

His parachute started to pull him into the rocky shore. A German plane landed on the water and its occupants, with much difficulty, managed to catch Willis and cut the parachute lines. Willis was taken aboard the aircraft and given clothing and stimulants. Later an ambulance picked him up and took him to hospital.

He spent about a year in a prison camp run by the Luftwaffe. His camp was fairly well run but he later learned that not far away was one of the infamous concentration camps.

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A \$200 annual scholarship has been presented to the University by the Ocean Falls Local 312 of the International Brotherhood of Pulp, Sulphite and Paper Mill Workers. The Scholarship is open to any student in the five paper towns of Ocean Falls, Powell River, Port Alice, Port Mellon and Woodfibre and will be awarded on the basis of standing in the written examinations for University entrance in scholarship subjects.

## Bob Osborne Replaces Van Vliet



BOB OSBORNE

Bob Osborne, well-known local athlete, was appointed as head of the physical education staff at the University of British Columbia to replace Maury Van Vliet who is taking a similar position with the University of Alberta. Van Vliet's resignation was announced earlier in the summer.

Osborne is one of the most outstanding athletic grads of U.B.C., being captain of the basketball team in 1934 and going to the Berlin Olympics with Canada's hoop squad in 1936.

Prior to three years in the armed services, the new athletic coach was in a similar position at Lord Byng High School for six years.

He will be assisted by Douglas Whittle, University of Toronto man who has considerable Canadian football coaching experience.

Two instructors were also named by the Board of Governors. They are Miss Isabel Clay of Victoria and McGill, and Mrs. Jean Salter Sleightholm, '30, who graduated from U.B.C. and received her diploma in physical education from McGill.

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John Dean Whittaker, '34, is a captain in the R. C.E. and has been overseas since 1940. William Rostron Whittaker, '30, is at Castlegar, B. C., and has been working on a research project at Trail for over a year.

Arthur E. Ross, B.A. '21, M.A. '23, Ph.D. (Ill.) '27, is with the Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co., but has been on loan to the Rubber Reserve Company at Washington, D.C., as manager of Research and Development on Synthetic Rubber.



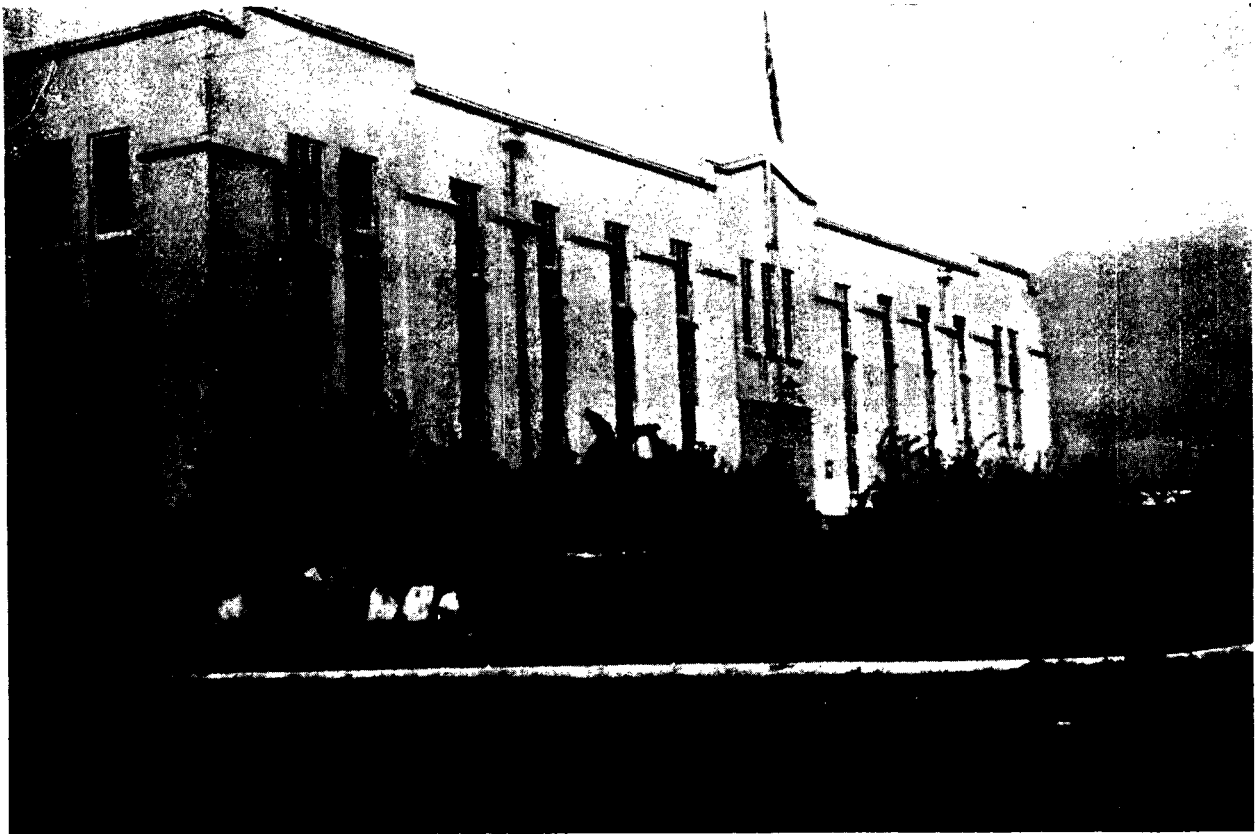
ARTHUR RENNIE

Arthur Rennie, graduate of 1936, has been appointed assistant professor of Agriculture at U.B.C. He obtained his master's degree from the University of California. He has done a good deal of field work in practical farm organization. Latterly he has been agriculture instructor at Chilliwack High School. In his new work he will be in charge of the extension department's agricultural program.



P. A. FRATTINGER

Peter A. Frattinger, B.Comm., B.A. Sc. '33, has been appointed plant engineer at the Ocean Falls plant of Pacific Mills Limited. He was in charge of the material inspection in New York for the British Purchasing Commission from 1940 to 1942. He completed other engineering assignments with American and Canadian war plants and then became plant engineer of Howard Smith Paper Mills.



THE ARMOURY

# Social Work Expanded

## ---Thanks to Club Grant

The Department of Social Work has been expanded as a result of a \$9000 grant from the Vancouver Junior League as reported in the July CHRONICLE. Miss Elizabeth V. Thomas, a graduate of Wesleyan College, and the New York School of Special Work at Columbia, will give a special course in group social service work. She has recently been engaged as group work consultant for the Colorado government.

The new course deals with prevention of social evils such as juvenile delinquency and has never been taught before at U.B.C.



MARGARET JOHNSON

Another new course will be in the field of medical social work. This will be taken by Margaret Johnson, a graduate of '29, who later took her master's degree from Washington University, St. Louis.

It is hoped eventually to offer a degree in the social work field. At present, however, only a diploma is given.



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## \$1000 Fellowship for Forestry

J. A. Young, executive committee chairman of the western branch, Canadian Pulp & Paper Association, has turned over a cheque for \$1000 to Dr. J. E. Liersch, head of the forestry department, University of B. C., for a graduate fellowship in forestry at U.B.C.

The award, renewable annually, will be available at U.B.C. to students who are graduates in forestry of any approved university.

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Dr. and Mrs. Charles E. Clark (nee Gwendolyn Armstrong, '34, of New Westminster) are in Atlanta, Georgia, where Dr. Clark is a professor of Mathematics at Emory University. In June they had a son, Charles Erwin Clark, Jr.

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Stanley L. Harris, '41, who has been chief chemist for Lauck's Ltd., will go to Australia in the near future to take charge of the laboratories in the company's Brisbane plant.

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*Annual Meeting*

The Annual Meeting of the Association will be held in the Men's  
Smoking Room of the Brock Building at the University on  
Saturday, October 27th, at 4:30 in the afternoon.

Agenda:

Annual Report

Financial Statements

Election of Officers

G. E. BAYNES, President.



THE GYMNASIUM



# Let Us Be Interested!

By G. E. (TED) BAYNES

The University today is badly overcrowded. There are 5300 young men and women of this Province endeavoring to obtain an education in some very adverse conditions. Over one-half of these students have just returned from the Services. Some of these men and women have never had even average opportunities to obtain an education. Some have never attended a high school but have just passed their matriculation after a little coaching and a lot of hard slugging.

The reason that we have this serious overcrowded condition today is that the Board of Governors and the Graduates failed to see the necessary additions were built ten years ago. The need for Dormitories, Medical School and other things was felt in 1935 but the necessary effort wasn't made to get these things.

If our university is going to serve this Province today and tomorrow and ten years from now, and if our youth are to have a fair opportunity of a University education, it will be necessary for the Graduates to be interested. We should have some direct representation on the Board of Governors. At least one-half of the members on this Board should be under the age of forty years.

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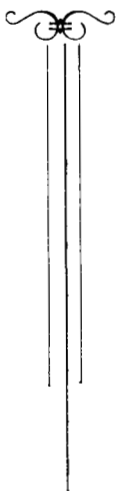
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## **ALUMNI SECRETARY**

In order to give returning service men who are graduates of the University an opportunity to apply for the above position, the Alumni Association is again publishing this advertisement. The position is that of a permanent secretary whose principal duties will be to act as public relations officer for the Association. The Secretary will be in charge of all administrative operations of the Association. Further he must have an ability to meet Grads and the public generally and in every way attempt to further the interests of the University. He will have his office at the Brock Building on the campus.



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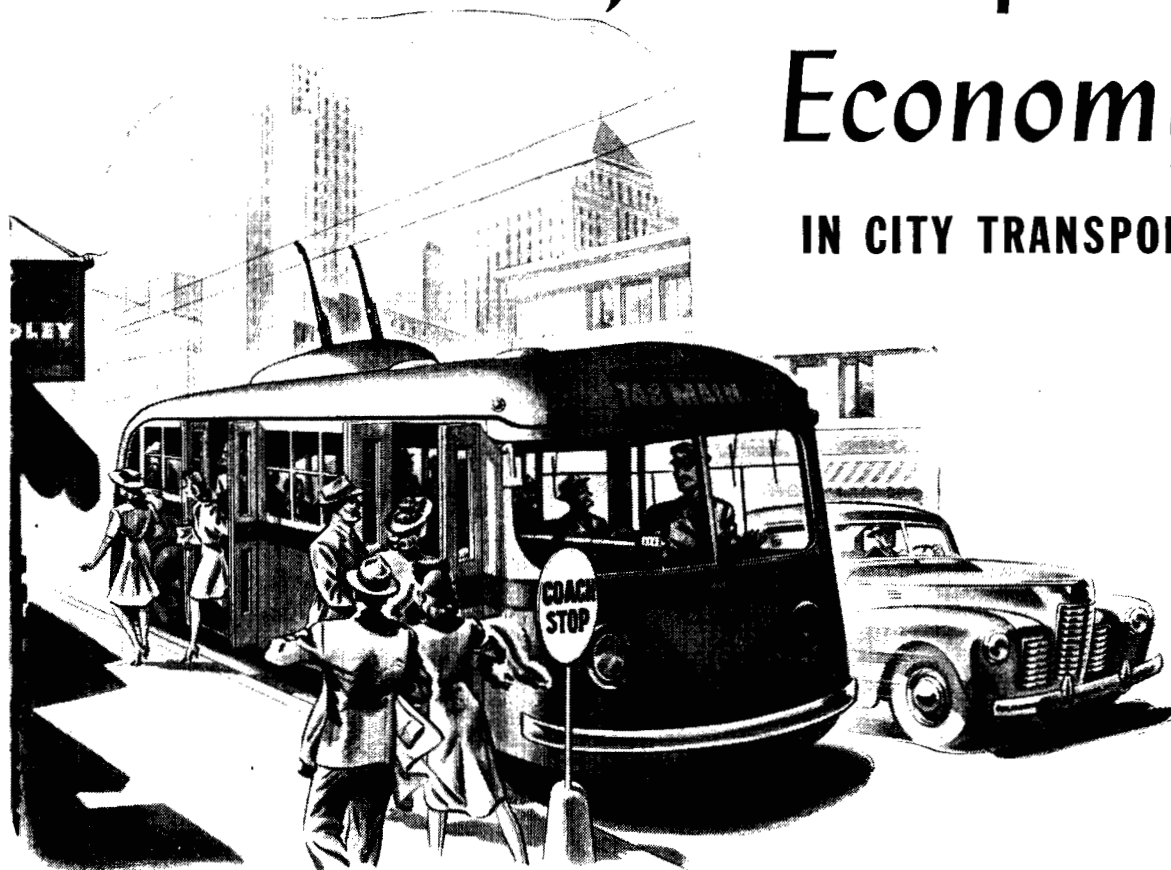
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