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CORRECTION:

Between us (your editor and the printer) we managed to make Earle Birney's seal in the poem "Gulf of Georgia" printed in last issue do the neatest trick of the year. The third line should have read "goes blowing BALLOONS behind him," instead of "goes blowing behind him". . . also Mr. Birney's book is entitled "The Straits of Anian" . . . not "The Straits of Avon" as incorrectly printed . . . our apologies.

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Graduate Chronicle,

Dear Sir,

Your article in the October, 1947 issue of the Graduate Chronicle on the late Dr. S. J. Schofield has prompted me to write this letter of appreciation for the associations and training received as an undergraduate and as a graduate student at U.B.C. U.B.C. was fortunate in having Dean R. W. Brock and Dr. S. J. Schofield in the Dept. of Geology since its inception and they laid the foundation for a course of studies in geology and geological engineering which has since been built upon by them aid their successors as the university grew.

I have had the opportunity recently, while continuing post-graduate work at another Canadian University to compare courses given in geology in other universities and I can safely say that the course in geological engineering is unsurpassed in any other Canadian university.

It was Dean Brock who, while director of the Geological Survey of Canada, started the policy of employing engineering students as student assistants on survey parties. This practice is now followed by many of the provincial government surveys. Our long summer interseasonal period in Canadian universities has lent itself to this policy and, as a result, students have been able to receive practical experience in professional work concurrently with their formal training. Government surveys in Great Britain and the U.S.A. do not follow this policy. Due to this, in the competitive field, geological engineers from Canadian universities enjoy a preference which is not enjoyed to the same extent as American and British geologists. Several years experience in survey work in Central Africa brought this to my attention.

It is gratifying to see the rapid progress the University of B.C. is making towards establishing new departments in all fields of professional endeavour. As a physiographer might put it, the university is now entering early maturity in its growth cycle. We can well be proud to be alumni of so progressive an institution.

Yours truly,

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The Editor,
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Dear Sir,

I was glad to see OLD GRAD'S memories of The Ballet-Who, but sorry he did not try to recall further stanzas about the faculty. I remember quite a few of them, though perhaps not word for word. In those days Dr. Sedgewick wrote a newspaper column two or three times a week, and I remember the Rugby Club celebrating this in song:

Doc Sedgewick writes a column; it is called
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The Daily Sun assures us, it's an intellectual treat.

I haven't got an intellect and so I read it not,
But I admire its modest name implying
Not So Hot.

Yours faithfully,
VERY OLD GRAD.

PERSONALITIES

Rex L. Brown, Sc. '27, after moving about from Petroleum at Talara, Peru and then to Imperial at Sarnia is now with the latter company as Chief Chemist at Regina.

H. E. Bramston-Cook, general manager eastern operations for the Oronite Chemical Company in New York, has just arrived back in the U.S. after a three month tour of Europe. Mr. Bramston-Cook last year assisted Les McLennan and Percy Barr in organizing Alumni activity in the San Francisco Bay area and now that he's back East he's impressed with the possibilities of organizing the New York City region. You can reach him at 30 Rockefeller Plaza, New York 20, New York.

Mrs. Agnes Damer Oram '20, of Menlo Park, California, was pleased to come across the name of Professor J. K. Henry in an American magazine recently. Prof. Henry taught English at U.B.C. during the Fairview era and his avocation was Horticulture. Mrs. Oram comments that the reference to Prof. Henry was in connection with his book published the year U.B.C. was started. He is still considered an authority by writers in the United States.

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COVER PICTURE

Newest completed building on the U.B.C. campus is the \$700,000 Physics building which houses some of the latest nuclear research equipment. Centre pictures show the entrance and the north side of the building and the surrounding shots of the montage reveal the building in various stages of construction.

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So many people were asking for a picture of the new physics building we had to run it on the cover this issue, and to do the job properly we thought ate editor **Bob Bonner**, who is a layout and montage the best thing to do was to ressurect former associ- man from way back.

Don't miss the gentle bit of satire on page 11 . . . it's a well-written piece and contains many a chuckle and if you don't succumb there, turn to page 13 and read **Les Bewley's** stuff on **Jabez** . . . sequel to **Les'** story was that **Jabez** goe tired of his retire- ment in record time and wrote a column two weeks later . . . since then, however, he's buried the **Mum- mery** and **Chang Suey**, **Homer Quincy** and all the rest haven't stirred for weeks . . . on Valentine's day **Bewley** and some others, with tears in their eyes, hung a plaque in memory of **Jabez** in the north hall of **Brock Hall**.

Stu Keate was so nostalgic after reading **Me- moirs** in the last Chronicle that he sat down and in his inimitable light style wrote the amusing article on page 21 . . . Grads of the hungry thirties will be delighted with **Stu's** choice tidbits from these happy- go-lucky undergraduate days when, as he says, he "once hired **Mart Kenney's** orchestra for a New Year's dance for \$30.00."

We are fortunate again this issue to have **Earle Birney** contribute more poetry despite the fact that the printers were cruel to **Earle's** last poem as you'll read on page 5.

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Keyserlingk Globe-Trotting Newsman

By A. T. PATON

One of Canada's leading newspapermen, an authority on world affairs because he has studied them first-hand in many countries, is a 42-year old native of Latvia who graduated in economics from U.B.C. and started his journalistic career in Vancouver some twenty years ago.

He is Robert Henry Wendelin Keyserlingk, managing director of British United Press in Canada since 1938. Last month he revisited his "home town" and found time in his crowded schedule to address a meeting of undergraduates at his old alma mater.

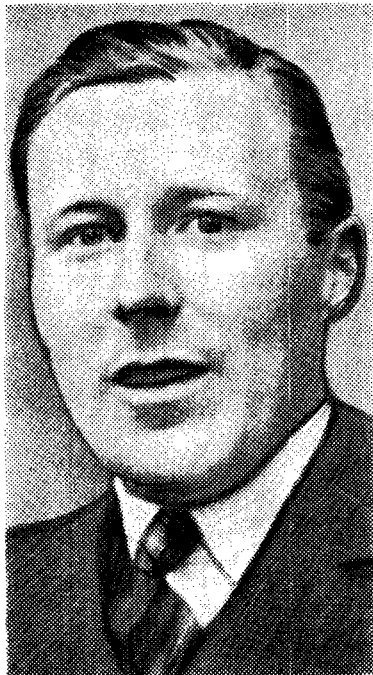
Ordinarily, people who decide to write their memoirs do so when they are nearing the end of their careers. But 'Bob' Keyserlingk is no ordinary person, and he has managed to pack a lot of unusual experiences into a comparatively few years. Therefore, his book "Unfinished History," which should be off the press before Christmas, will make intensely interesting reading for those who like their current history from a personal point of view.

INTERNATIONAL EDUCATION

Bob began early in life gaining the international education which has helped make him tops in his profession. Born in St. Petersburg of Latvian parents, he was still in his teens when the Bolshevik Revolution prompted his father, an officer in the Russian navy, to move his family hurriedly from the country. For the next nine years he lived in the Orient, four in Japan and five in China, and during this period studied the problems and acquainted himself with the thoughts of the people. Later, when he was called upon to analyse and explain certain important developments leading up to World War II, Bob Keyserlingk wrote from the vantage point of personal knowledge in forecasting the Japanese aim for "a new order" in Asia.

Casting his eyes across the Pacific and deciding to explore the land beyond that horizon, Keyserlingk sailed for Vancouver in 1925. Here he became a student at the infant college on Point Grey and after graduation went to work for a local newspaper.

Itchy feet soon got the better of him again, however, and he headed for London, England, where he became a correspondent for United Press. In a remarkably short time he was general manager of that news agency's European department. Dur-



... B. U. P. HEAD

ing the six years he spent roving the countries of Europe he saw a heap of history in the making. Keyserlingk bylines appeared on stories describing the rise to power of National Socialism in Germany (including a personal interview with Hitler), the imposition of sanctions on Italy as viewed from Rome, the creation of the Hoare-Laval plan in Paris, the abdication and coronation in London.

Then Bob Keyserlingk came back to Canada. He took out his naturalization papers in 1937 and temporarily forsook the fourth estate to become manager of the Capilano Estates on the north shore of Burrard Inlet.

But printers' ink was in his blood, and when British United Press offered him the job of organizing its brand-new Canadian service early in 1938 he left Vancouver again to set up shop in Montreal.

A firm believer in the fact that a free press is one important safeguard of civilization ("Every dictatorship first took control of the media of information and then the rest was easy"), Keyserlingk is not only a noted writer, but one of the most highly regarded public speakers in Canada today. Possessing a cheerful disposition, he is a perfect host and brilliant conversationalist and is in constant demand wherever he goes.

He sees Canada as a nation which can, and must, give leadership in building the post-war world.

"Canada's name is her most valued asset," said this U.B.C. alumnus during a recent speech in Vancouver. "Canada is admired and trusted by other nations. She can speak for herself without arousing suspicion and is looked upon to speak for others. Today she must hold high the torch of civilization to give hope to other nations."

A SKIER'S APOLOGY

I could have stood your tears if they

Had not turned winter sportsmen

Glissading through a sunset ray

Of rouge, to slalom short, then

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Senate's approval has been sent to the Board of Governors which will discuss the matter with the provincial government, city council and Vancouver hospital boards.

The approval of Senate was in line with recommendations of a Senate committee headed by Dean J. N. Finlayson.

Costs of establishing a first-class medical school on the campus is estimated at \$6,000,000. The Medical School would cost \$2,000,000 and a teaching hospital with 400 to 500 beds would cost another \$4,000,000. Operating costs would be \$400,000 annually in addition to cost of operating the hospital.

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Mr. Ridington took charge of the U.B.C. Library in 1915 when it consisted of some 20,000 books stored away in packing cases. When he retired in 1942, after a quarter century of service, it consisted of 120,000 volumes housed in a modern steel and granite building. He died in 1945.

The Ridington Room, which will accommodate over 250 readers, will house the Library's Reference Department and will include both a bibliography room and a mezzanine reading room for members of Faculty.

ALUMNI DANCE SUCCESSFUL

The Alumni Association Boxing Day Dance, reputedly the most popular dance of the year in Vancouver, again this season was a smashing financial success.

Chairman of the Dance Committee, Molly Bardsley, reported to the Alumni Executive that the Dance realized a net profit of \$1,258.01.

Appropriately a letter of thanks and commendation has been sent to the entire Dance Committee and a similar letter dispatched to Cart Collard, Bob Morris and Jack Emerson.



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A FAMOUS GRAD RETURNS HOME

A Gentle Bit of Satire

Gorley P. Lopus, colorful graduate, is back in Vancouver after a decade of winning honors for himself and his Alma Mater elsewhere. One day in January his train steamed into Vancouver, and with his usual modesty he slipped quietly off instead of remaining on board. "It is great to be back in Vancouver," he smiled. "How does it feel to be famous?" one of the reporters asked. Gorley protested, "I'm no more famous than you are," at which the other reporters laughed, for the reporter in question is almost as famous as Gorley himself, being none other than Quip Harrigan, another colorful graduate.

Gorley P. Lopus was already pretty famous when he left Varsity. He had appeared in one of the Christmas plays, taking the part of an English butler in "Deep-frozen Hearts." He was also President of the Beauty & Art & Love Society, and wrote occasional poems for the *Ubyyssey*. He was the only undergraduate member of the Canadian Authors' Association. His collection of gramophone records has made him an authority on all branches of music, and as an undergrad he ran a veritable salon each Saturday night at which he played these records to a motley crowd, explaining each record twice, once before playing it and once after. Some of us will never forget those evenings.

HEAVYWEIGHT STYLE

After graduation he studied law and was called to the Bar, but, as he laughingly says, he immediately went on the wagon. "To write my memoirs, you know," he adds. He did write his memoirs, too, and has been polishing them ever since completing them in 1936. They may be published any day now, he hopes. In the intervals between polishings, he tossed off several poems, one of which was published in "Canadian Gropings" and caused quite a sensation. He also began work on three novels at this time, though he modestly claims they were all the same novel really. He spoke over the CBC on cultural topics quite frequently and developed his inborn knack of explaining things to people. "I feel," he often says, "that only a Canadian is capable of developing a really heavyweight explanatory style, for his is the hybrid vigor of the Northern American and the British combined, and these are the two leading strains for that type of work." After hearing even one of Gorley's broadcasts the listener feels that Gorley knows everything and that he himself has learnt something.

In 1937 Gorley decided to go back to school, and in 1941 got his Ph.D. at the University of San Antonio. His thesis was "Smoking and Drinking in Modern Fiction," a highly original subject which he treated with wit, humor, satire, irony, sarcasm, cynicism, and invective, and yet with deeply constructive scholarship. In spite of its title, the thesis deals with the whole theory and practice of the novel, and embraces politics, social service, ethnology, alcoholism, and Karl Marx. To quote Gorley's concluding sentence, "No novel is an exact substitute for the *Encyclopaedia Britannica*, and



GORLEY P. LOPUS

neither is it the Communist Manifesto, but only as it approximates those two works does it really come alive."

In 1941 Gorley felt the war was getting serious and was among the first to enlist after the Russians attacked Germany. He joined the Navy and was a watchkeeper in a corvette, but he frankly says that a poet is not always a sea-going type. "My morale was no good," he says, "so they made me a green-striper and put me in charge of a morale-building unit on the island of Anticosti. At least I could help the morale of others, and in this way I felt useful. I played the gramophone to the men and sometimes asked them about their sex-life."

During his time overseas he finished a volume of poems, "Lethe-wards," and his first complete novel, "Enter a Bleeding Sergeant" (a quotation from "Macbeth"). He saw these through the press in Toronto and has now come to make his home in Vancouver. He plans to live at first in a tiny, tiny shack somewhere between mean high-water and extreme high-water on one of the soggy stretches of the North Shore. "They tell me it gets really wet only in the big tides of December and June," he laughs, "and as these are the exact seasons when my poetry gets pretty wet too we should get along fine. But I may move to Duncan. I understand they are assembling quite an artistic bunch there, and one gets restless at missing that kind of thing."

In connection with his tiny shack, Gorley said he was sorry none of the reporters had asked if he had a pen that would write under water. "We Cana-

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. . . DONOVAN MILLER

R. G. Anderson, '23, has been appointed general manager of West Kooteney Power and Light Company. Mr. Anderson joined the Consolidated Mining and Smelting Company in 1923 and the West Kooteney subsidiary in 1947.

A. B. Recknagel, acting head of U.B.C.'s forestry Dept., has been appointed technical director of forestry for the St. Regis Paper Company.

Arthur Laing, 43-year old U.B.C. graduate rose another notch in the political hierarchy last month when he was elected president of the British Columbia Liberal Association. . . . A strong Anti-Coalitionist, Laing, said he didn't favor breaking up the Coalition right now but hinted he would like nothing but Liberals in the Provincial Cabinet if he could wangle it. . . . An Aggie graduate of '25, Laing has an executive position with Buckerfields and is a past president of the Alumni Association. . . .

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Memorial Raised to Jabez

Some of the freshest writing is being done these days by Les Bewley, an airforce veteran who writes a column in the U.B.C. campus daily called the "Childrens Hour." Recently Les had a natural when Eric Nicol, famous both off and on the U.B.C. campus for his humourous column "The Mummery," written under the pseudonym "Jabez," announced he had retired. Nicol, an English assistant at U.B.C., with a three-year respite in the airforce, had tired of pounding out columns since 1937. Bewley seized the opportunity to give "Jabez" a fittin' burial in print, which appears below as reprinted from the Ubysey.

By LES BEWLEY

"... Bartley will have a fine coffin out of the white boards, and a deep grave surely. What more can we want than that? No man at all can be living forever, and we must be satisfied..."

Hand me down some of them white boards and a passel of finishing nails, kiddies. And quit snivelin' and rubbing your sweater sleeve acrost your eyes that way—there's no shame in honest tears, but you're making us all feel bad.

For your dear old Uncle Jabez, as far as these columns and you kiddies are concerned, is dead. Gone the familiar footsteps, and the merry laugh. Gone the Mummery, gone Homer Quincey, gone Moose Groin, Sask. All all gone; we'll hear them nevermore.

He was just plumb wore out, I guess. Not wrote out. Way back in '38, he found Chang Suey on the streets, adopted him, and did all he could for him until 1940. Chang turned out to be a devil, in spite of it all, and Jabez finally cornered him in the washroom of the Library, and finished him off with a pot of boiling oil, or something, when he learned of Chang's plan to wire every professor (even Walter Gage); and touch the lot off. Then Uncle Jabez built the Mummery, and raised another bunch of kids, including that loveable little dope, Professor Elf Moonglow—remember him? Then your Uncle Jabez went away for his appendix, and came back with your little cousin, Homer Quincey.

THE END

Jabez never seemed to get his strength back after Homer came, though he looked as good as ever. But one day, not long ago, he laid down his typewriter, gave a little sigh, and said: "I think I'll stop now."

And, so help us, he did. We shook him, pressed his hands, took his pulse, tied a tourniquet on his leg and rolled his eyelid back; but it wasn't any of it any use. After nearly ten happy years together, he literally up and died. And straightaway he went to that Westminster Abbey where all the other great writers are buried—the department of English—where he lies today.

Maybe you never knew that "Jabez" is a Hebrew word meaning: "he who gives pain." Well, he nearly killed us with laughing.

Another white board, kiddies. This little old box has got to last him a long time. And a few more nails, boys.

That Jabez. He was no columnist at all, but a vaudevillian of the printed word. And as a vaude-

villian he had the most incredible collection of imaginative pratfalls that ever shook the boards on such an inky stage. And what a low cunning for laughs, that Jabez had. It got so, toward the end, that when he crawled out from under the curtain to come onstage in paragraph one, the audience voluntarily left their seats to lie down in the aisles. They knew he would put them there anyway and they couldn't wait to go.

THE PRINCE OF WHIMSY

We used to call him the Prince of Whimsy, and he was. He was also a tramp on a one-wheeled cycle; and he was a very vulgar fellow indeed, at times. But as the prince, he took good care to see that no one but himself got hurt in print. And to the best of our recollection, he never wrote a column with intent to bruise, though the opportunity was often present, and he had a plentiful supply of lead type at hand.

A good many Ubysey columnists have gone prospecting, in the manner of their trade, for the bright iron pyrite of reader interest, these ten years

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SENATE VOTE — MAY 26

Hon. Eric W. Hamber has been re-elected chancellor of the University of B. C. by acclamation.

Registrar C. B. Wood announced that delegations of alumni and student representatives had pressed the Chancellor to accept the re-nomination in order that the University would benefit by Mr. Hamber's continued leadership. His experience and knowledge of university problems would be a big help during the present critical period in world affairs, it was felt.



... HON. ERIC HAMBER

SENATE NOMINATIONS:

May 26 next members of Convocation will elect 15 of their members to the Senate of the University. Following is a list of the nominations at closing date, March 3.

Bruce A. Robinson, Engineer '36, B.A., B.Sc., Vancouver, Supt. Empress Mfg. Co., past pres. Alumni Association.

Dr. Harry V. Warren, Ph.D. (Oxon), Dept. of Geology, U.B.C., consulting geologist, Rhodes Scholar, Olympic Sprinter.

Dr. R. Earl Foerster, B.A., M.A. (Ph.D. Toronto), Head of Pacific Biological Stn., Nanaimo.

Frank J. E. Turner, B.A., B.Comm., Alumni Association, Secretary, C.O. University Naval Training Detachment.

Harold G. McWilliams, B.A., Reforestation Program Head in B. C. (Victoria).

Dr. F. O. R. Garner, B.A., M.D., Victoria, B. C. **Darrell T. Braidwood**, B.A., M.A., Vancouver, Lawyer, past pres. Alumni Association.

Dr. A. B. Schinbein, Physician and Surgeon, Vancouver, Member of Board of Governors.

Dr. Walter N. Sage, Head of Department of History (U.B.C.).

Dr. R. C. (Dick) Palmer, B.S.A., M.S.A., D.Sc., Head of Experimental Station at Summerland.

Dr. Lawren Harris, LL.D., '46, member advisory council to U.B.C. Faculty of Fine Arts, one of well-known painters of Canada's famous "School of Seven."

Mrs. Howard T. Mitchell (Janet Ruth McDonald, '25), wife of President of Vancouver Board of Trade.

Dr. Mack Whitelaw, B.A. '34, M.D. (McGill), practises as an internal medicine specialist in Vancouver.

Dr. C. A. H. Wright, Ph.D. McGill, Chemical Engineer, The C.M. & S., Trail, B. C.

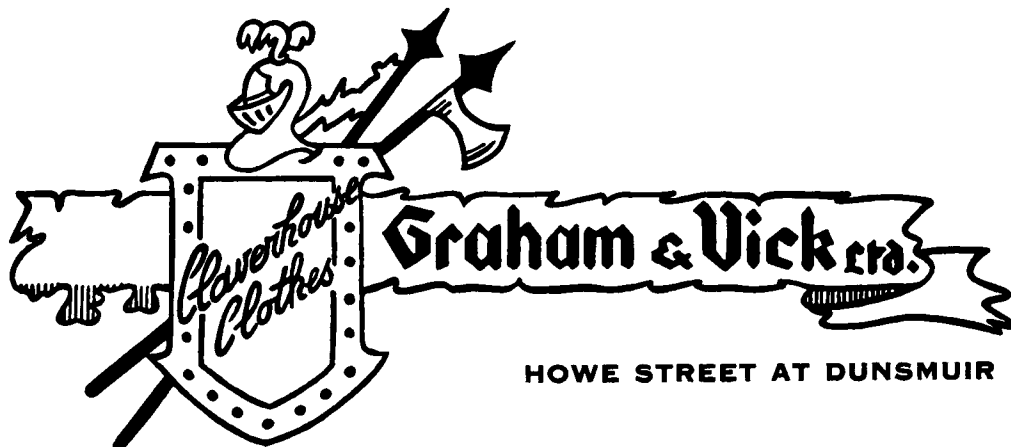
Robert T. Wallace, B.A., M.A., member of staff of Victoria College.

Miss E. C. (Betty) Buckland, B.A., B.Ed., high school teacher Vancouver, Executive of Alumni Association.

Kenneth Caple, B. C. Regional Representative Canadian Broadcasting Corporation in Vancouver.

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HOWE STREET AT DUNSMUIR

Speaking Editorially

SENATE ELECTIONS

Following notice in the last issue of the Chronicle that Senate elections would be coming up this spring, a gratifying revival of interest in University affairs was apparent on the part of alumni throughout the province.

Several branches have indicated they are supporting candidates from their area and more than the usual number of nominations are expected by the Registrar of the University on or before the closing date of March 3.

Later, on May 26, members of Convocation will elect from the nominations a Chancellor and 15 members of Senate. According to the provisions of the University Act a circular of the regulations governing the election will be mailed all members of Convocation. Included will be the Election Register.

In previous years the apathy on the part of graduates has been appalling. In many instances nearly the whole slate of Senators holding office were returned en toto because the names of the office holders were those most familiar to the graduate, and his interest didn't extend past scratching "X" opposite those names.

This year there will be many new candidates among the nominations and graduates are urged to peruse the list carefully and vote for those who will best represent not only all geographical areas of the province but the various professions, industries and cultural groups.

In any case . . . Vote.

ALUMNI FUND

In the University of British Columbia we have a provincial university offering democratic educational facilities to the ultimate benefit of each and every citizen of British Columbia, of Canada, and of the far corners of the world.

Not only is U.B.C. doing a great part in training young citizens to become new leaders in our community, national, and world spheres, but the University is also playing, and will continue to play, a greater part in the general progress made by man within the democracies.

Many times, graduates of U.B.C. have realized and appreciated the great benefits and the heritage endowed to them as a result of their university training. They have been moved by the basic noble desire to encourage and assist other students as well as the University in educational work.

Unfortunately, many of these wellwishers have not had the opportunity of making financial donations to the University because they have not yet made their "First million" as requested by our friend, Dea Buchanan.

Alumni have felt that the establishment of a U.B.C. Alumni Fund would permit the deposit of donations, large and small, from all those Alumni who have in recent years expressed their earnest desire and wish to make financial donations to the University.

Now, as a result of the work done by the Fund Committee of the Alumni Association over a period

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of four years, we are very close to realizing the establishment of "The University of British Columbia Alumni Fund."

The Fund is to be an "All Purpose" Fund. When established, it will fill all future fund-raising needs or purposes. This will be accomplished by establishing or choosing a specific objective such as, memorial bursaries, special building, new department, or library extension, etc. There may be several projects each year, or some special effort may be the goal for several years.

NEWS FLASH: The Income Tax Department has accepted the form of the proposed trust deed for the Alumni fund. This means that donations to the fund would be deductible from income tax returns.

It is intended to organize and operate an income tax exempt fund on a yearly basis similar to the manner in which the Community Chest or Canadian Red Cross funds operate.

This type of Fund will improve administration efficiency and will reduce the number of appeals made to Alumni to one per year. The continuity of an appeal each year convinces the Alumni that he is a graduate of a University that is a "going concern," and which is effectively fulfilling its place in the life of the nation.

FIVE TRUSTEES

The Fund will be administered by five Trustees drawn from the Alumni and University Board of Governors.

A Board of Directors, consisting of fifteen Alumni and University members will determine the specific yearly project or goal, and will lead and direct the Fund operation.

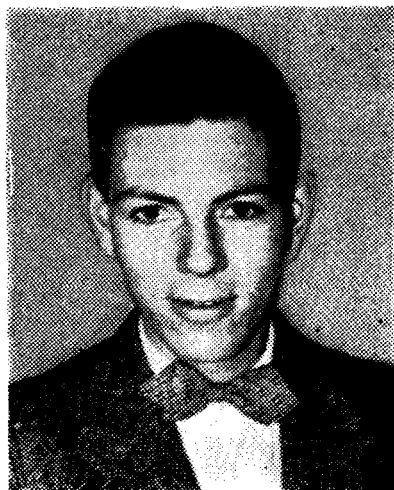
The large and active group of life members of the Association will undoubtedly become the backbone and nucleus around which the Fund is organized and developed. They are the individuals who have in so many ways supported the University and the Association in the past, and many of them have already expressed their desire and intention to assist in the development of the U.B.C. Alumni Fund. Even tho' life members will continue their full membership privileges in the Association, many have already made voluntary additional contributions to the Association and the University, and

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SPORT

By LUKE MOYLS

Now that the snows have left Vancouver for a few months, at least (we hope) athletics at the university are currently hitting their springtime peak before the lull (exams, remember?). Eng-rugby, basketball, ice hockey and soccer are going full blast, and track, tennis, and golf are getting ready for their turn in the sports limelight.



Even the cricketers are sending their "whites" to the laundry in preparation for another gala season. After all, summer isn't so far off at that.

Speaking of cricket reminds us that Basil Robinson is still making news over at Oxford. "Baz" sparked the old school to a hockey victory over the rival Cambridge squad in a game played at Brighton recently. The score was 5-2.

And with the Old Country in the news, grads are reading all about locals who are aspiring to

make the Canadian Olympic Games team which will be invading London this fall.

Among the grads who have high hopes are basketballers Ole Bakken, Ron Weber, Harry Franklin, and Ralph "Hunk" Henderson who are cavorting with the Vancouver Clover Leafs in the Inter-city Senior A Basketball League this season. Sandy Robertson, having played professional baseball, is ineligible.

The Clover Leaf quintet, playing under the name of Canada Red Roses, invaded the Philippines for a seventeen-game tour in January. After chalking up a record of 11 wins and 6 losses, they returned to Vancouver. They'll be shooting for the Dominion title again, but may get competition from the U.B.C. Thunderbirds when the Olympic trials are staged.

Ed Welch, who took over as graduate manager of athletics at University of California after graduating last spring, is playing for the Bears' rugby fifteen again this season. (Grads who continue their studies are allowed to play in minor sports in the Coast Conference.)

His face was rather rosy when thumbed from the first game at U.B.C. on February 19, but he came right back and defeated the Thunderbirds with a penalty kick in the second game on the following Saturday. Incidentally, the Varsity squad will fly to Berkeley to attempt to bring the World Cup back to U.B.C. on March 18 and 20.

With spring training for the U.B.C. gridders due to start any day, now, the old controversy about an American football coach is back in the news. Greg Kabat, who has mentored the 'Birds for two seasons, may be leaving this fall because his contract expires this year.

Former rucker coach Roy Haines has been mentioned for the job, but it is expected that a new addition to the Physical Education staff will be brought in explicitly for the grid coaching position.

Meanwhile, the gridders are girding for the most successful season in school's history this fall. In fact all the U.B.C. athletes hope to better their records during the 1948-49 semester. The saying "Tuum Est" still goes, and student athletes take this motto, "It's up to you," to heart.

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UNIVERSITY EMPLOYMENT BUREAU

Alumni who hold responsible positions in Canadian commerce and industry rate pretty high this spring with a group of more than 800 men and women on the campus.

That figure, 800, represents the number of U.B.C.'s Class of '48 who hope to step into permanent jobs after Graduation. Although, it is expected that the Class will number about 1,300, hundreds of these will continue their studies or retire to housewifely duties.

Aiding the 800 would-be workers is the University's Employment and Placement Bureau, a clearing-house for employer and employee where an attempt is made to guide the right graduate to the right job. And that's where those V.I.P. Alums come into the picture.

It is felt on the campus that many U.B.C. Alumni in all parts of Canada, knowing at first hand the worth of the training at their Alma Mater and wanting to help grads who stand now where they once stood, will want to make use of the services available at the Employment Bureau.

Extent of the work carried on by Major McLean's office is indicated by a report on 1946-47 activities which showed that 1,821 firms or individuals had been contacted in regard to work of all kinds. That figure includes a number of contacts for

summer employment of undergraduates, another important function of the Bureau.

Being compiled at present are files of confidential dockets relating to information on academic standing, reliability, initiative, judgment, tact, etc. of each U.B.C. grad of recent years. And Major McLean, on behalf of at least 800 of the University's newest Alumni who would prefer to work in Canada if a suitable position can be found, has offered an especial welcome to Alumni employers to patronize those facilities.

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The undergraduate produced **Mardi Gras**, sponsored by the Pan-Hellenic Society and the Inter-Fraternity Council captured the social minded for two nights last month and a packed Commodore each evening spelled out another successful contribution to the Community Chest Fund. . . . This year, without the usual blast from Bishop Chalonnier, the main attraction again was the University Chorus and its bevy of beautiful girls including such lovelies as **Willa McKinnon** (below) who was in charge of the Chorines, and also did a solo number. . . . Queen of the Mardi Gras was **Mary Pat Crowe** (see page 27). . . . When the last costume was put away and the students settled down to another academic grind, the Community Chest was found to be \$2500 ahead. . . .

Dr. A. E. "Ab" Richards, U.B.C.'s trek-year President (see cover of October issue) was busy globetrotting for the Canadian Agricultural Department. . . . **Dr. Richards** handled negotiations on the agricultural tariff items for Canada at the World Charter meeting in Geneva and then came back to Ottawa to write up the section on tariff concessions for the press release on the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade. . . . No sooner than this was done when the highly regarded Dr. Richards was off to Havana for another World Agricultural Meeting.

Honors came post-humously to U.B.C.



graduate Prof. **Shuichi Kusaka**, who drowned last summer at Beach Haven, N.J. . . . The Princeton University Library has been presented with a collection of 49 volumes in the field of theoretical physics by Mrs. Kusaka Iwata of Salmon Arm, B.C., in memory of her brother who was internationally known physicist and authority on cosmic ray research. . . .

In keeping with the times, a married man **Harry W. MacDonald**, 25-year old army vet, was chosen as U.B.C.'s 1948 Rhodes Scholar. . . . B.C.'s 41st Rhodes man became a father two weeks after his selection and he will take his wife and child

with him when he goes to Oxford this fall. . . . **MacDonald** wants to be a business executive but some thought he probably would be best in the Diplomatic Corps. . . . asked if he wanted his baby to be a scholar when she grew up, he replied, "All I want is for her to be as beautiful as her mother. . . ."

Dr. Herbert G. Smith, president of the 101-year old Willamette University in Oregon gave the much knocked about fraternities a boost at an Alumni Inter-Fraternity Council banquet attended by 600 fraternity men at Hotel Vancouver in Janu-

ary. . . . He said, as an educator with 25 years experience, he was "sold" on their value to University campuses. . . . He impressed **Dr. N. A. M. MacKenzie**, U.B.C. President to the extent that the usually less-than-warm-to-fraternities Larry, accepted the position as honorary President of the Alumni Inter-Fraternity Council. . . .

The Vancouver Board of Trade transportation and customs bureau will give U.B.C. Commerce students scholarships in transportation courses this year. . . . Awards will go to the best students in subjects of transportation practices and policies of airways, railways, highways and waterways. . . .

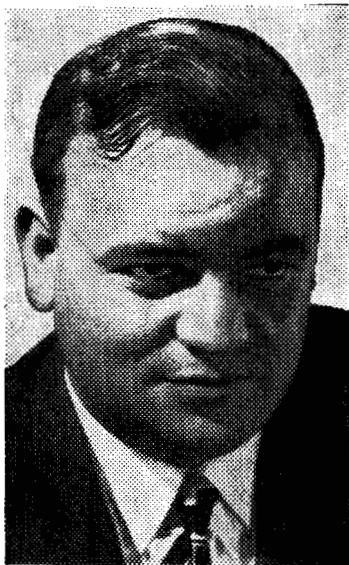


PERSONALITIES



A pair of Bobbsey-twin U. B. C. trained newsmen were climbing to the top of their profession this month . . .

Harold "Hal" Straight, one-time local baseball pitching ace, golfer and University football and basketball star and reformed sportswriter was appointed publisher of the Edmonton Bulletin, after about four successful years as the Managing Editor of the Vancouver Sun. . . . **Straight** joined the Sun in 1933 as a sportswriter and in 1934 took over as sports columnist to replace **Andy Lytle** . . . during the war he was boosted to the Managing Editor's chair and at that time brought over an old friend **Himie Koshevoy** of the Province to become his city editor. . . . They formed a first rate working team and on **Straight's** resignation, the well-liked **Koshevoy** was moved up to take the office of Managing Editor of the Sun. . . . **Koshevoy** was Editor of the Ubssey in 1932. . . .



HAL STRAIGHT

Prof. H. M. King, head of the Department of animal Husbandry at U.B.C. has been elected President of the Pacific National Exhibition Association for 1948. . . . he has been a PNE Director for many years and was exposition manager in 1937. . . . He is a member of the American and Canadian Society of Animal Production, the Agricultural Institute of Canada and the American Dairy Association. . . .



H. M. KING

Editor **Don Ferguson** of the Daily

Ubssey knows now what its like to be on the wrong side of a political wager. . . . **Ferguson** backed law-student **Dave Williams** to win the A.M.S. Presidency this year and lost a bet . . . the winner was 27-year old student-vet-father, **Dave Brousson** who won in a record vote of 2,578 to **Williams** 2,284. . . . **Ferguson**, a good loser, entertained noon-hour crowds in the Brock Lounge by pushing a peanut across the Lounge with his nose.



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Dear Alums,

You Old Boys who hanker for the days when you could roust your retina with a quadful of coeds can fold up that nostalgia and put it away. Things just aren't the same, men. The New Look, as it is called, has cast its shadow over what was once the most scenic campus in Canada. Perhaps it is still the most scenic campus in Canada, if you fancy mountains and inlets and that sort of thing, but gone is that glorious vista of dimpled knee that once gave us strength to carry on.

They have killed the fatted calf. In its place reign yards of material that make a group of coeds look like an encampment of nervous bell-tents. Currently you get a tepee with every squaw. Most disturbing.

Some of the women wear even longer coats with hoods over their heads, restoring to the University the appearance of being populated by Franciscan monks, something we thought we had shaken off seven hundred years ago. The rear view is a total loss. If you're agile and ambitious you can run around the front before you commit yourself to a whistle, but if you're a tired old dog like me you can only take 'em as they come and curse 'em as they go.

The female is reportedly exultant about this opportunity to conceal bow-legs and ingrown knees, not to mention superfluous hair and secondary calves. In an age that cries out for honesty and

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I tell you the wilderness we fell
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from the orange lynx of our flame
and the saw's bright whine,
but the tree resurrected in slum,
in rotograved lie
and a nursery of crosses in Europe.
Not the death of the buffalo grass
in the wheat's monotonous flooding
but that we harvest in doubt
and starve in the hour of hoarding.
Not the rivers we foul but our blood
rushing more devious and colder.

Man is a snow
that cracks the trees red arches.
Man is a snow that winters
his own heart's cabin
where the frosted nail shrinks in the board
and pistols the brittle air
while the ferns of the lost world unfurling
crusten the useless windows.

—Earle Birney.

Dare to be a Daniel

*What tires me most of all
Is having to hold opinions great and small
On every topic underneath the sun
Whether I understand and care or not.
Men won't excuse me from a single one;
Democracy demands it of my education,
The schooling that made me think I knew a lot
Instead of knowing that knowledge is denied
To the weak and lazy. My poor B.A. in Pride,
My Ph.D. in Hubris. . . I've a station
I must keep up in life. I am a judge,
A pundit, moralist, oracle, and seer,
Whose mind is in God's mind's image. This seems queer
To me at times. And tiring. And fudge.
Last night our Discussion Group in Progress Street
Requested me to get up and state (complete)
My criticism of Henri Bergson.
I cleared my throat and quoted Fenelon:
"Jeune, j'étais trop sage
Et voulais trop savior:
Je n'ai plus en partage
Que badinage,
Et touche au dernier age
Sans rien prévoir."*

*And this refreshed me much, this song of mine,
And further rest's in store: they yelled "Resign!"*

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POETRY

Grow Old Along With Me

When I was one-and-twenty
I heard an old man say:
"I envy you your plenty
In many a curious way.
Yet you have fewer damsels,
For yours must ever be
Within that narrow margin,
Sixteen to twenty-three."

When I was two-and-fifty,
'Twas then that I began
To see how truly nifty
The theory of that man,
As large supplies of jorty
An d strapping forty-five
And anything to forty-eight
Grew fresh and came alive.
—Old Grad.

PIES

In winter evenings what I like
to eat the most is hot mince pies;
But even if I have the wit
To only try a little bit
I always find it wasn't wise.

I'm apt to think "Now just this once
I'm sure that I can manage ONE,"
And though they look a harmless kind
The dawn n'eer breaks but what I find
The awful mischief has been done.

I'll lie upon my bed engulfed
In softest comfort, while I doze,
And though I doubtless look quite dead
I suddenly perceive a dread
Conviction of approaching woes.

And so at last I mumble, moan,
And tie myself into a knot
While wondering what horrid thing
the evil fates will shortly bring
And if I'm going to die, or what.

'Then suddenly I fall a mile;
'Tis almost more than I can bear
And while through space I'm plunging fast
Some fiend presents me with a vast
Examination questionnaire.
I dream it is the end of term;
The shock is fearful, and I wake,
Determined to be more discreet
At night-time when I want to eat
However many pies they bake.

The Anarchists

*Michael and Gabriel, as Archangels should,
Told Satan they considered him no good.
This, said the Fiend, was merely Dogmatism.
In Hell they like Constructive Criticism.*

D.H.B.

MEMOIRS



By
**STUART
KEATE**

One hesitates to quibble with the author of that excellent and gently humorous slash of memorabilia printed in the last issue, under the heading of "Memoirs." The "Ballet-Who," as the writer correctly states, was an urbane and light-hearted contribution to campus vaudeville. But certain of "Old Grad's" statements must be challenged before the December number of the **Chronicle** is committed to a time capsule and buried beneath the Cairn, along with a lock of Marjorie Agnew's hair.

To begin with: this revue, it seems to me, was always referred to by the **Ubyyssey** as "The Ballet Who-ers," and not "The Ballet-Who." Thus, as the depression years rolled dismally by, the stalwart members of the male chorus (who wore fruity white shirts, like adagio dancers, and cumberbunds) came to be known as "The Ballet Who-ers of '33,' '34, '35, and so on. "Old Grad" is incorrect in saying that there were no pep talks at these meetings. There was invariably an appeal to "Back the pack" at Brockton Point. On one notable occasion, Prof. Thorleif Larsen was induced to make this appeal, and spoke so stirringly that 125 persons turned up for the following Saturday's game, headed by a shrieking British female who cried "Come on THE VARSITY" in such piercing tones that two Victoria steamers reversed their courses and headed back out the Narrows.

At any rate, these shows reached a high level of topical satire, and the brilliant lyrics were much funnier as sung, than they appear in the cold type of **The Chronicle**. If memory serves, the limericks quoted by "Old Grad" were sung to the tune of "Turkish Delight," with plenty of the old oom-pah-pah, or vamp-'til-ready, between the verses. In one of these, a jingle about the class draw and the late beloved Dean Mary Bollert, the author achieved

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★ W O M E N ★



Over a cup of tea, Esther Harrop, Evelyn Robinson and Chronicle Associate Editor Mary Fallis, talk over plans for a series of Lucky Seven teas, the University Women's Club, Book Group II, will sponsor. A total of 105 teas will be held in the homes of members and the proceeds will go towards the clubhouse building fund.

RESIDENCES:

With this issue we are introducing the question of university residences to the readers of this column. It is our intention to keep the subject of residences before the Alumnae of the University until there are at last some results to show upon the campus.

At present some 600 out-of-town women are in attendance at U.B.C. Of these 88 qualify, as ex-servicewomen, for accommodation in hutments at Acadia Camp. The others fare as well as they can in the overcrowded condition which they find in Vancouver today, and many of them must accept accommodation both unsuitable and unsatisfactory for their needs as students.

The Alumni Association is setting up a Women's Committee to assist in carrying forward a Residence Program. To organize this committee they have appointed **BARBARA KELSBERG '47**, **MARGARET FINLAY PARKER '31**, and **MARY FALLIS '32**. Although the committee will begin its work in Vancouver the help of out-of-town alumnae will be essential, and it is our hope that they will find ways through the Chronicle, the Alumni Office, or members of the committee, of expressing their opinions.

HONOURS:

To **PHYLLIS GREGORY ROSS, I.L.D.**, has come the signal honour of the award of Commander of the British Empire, in recognition of her services during the war years when she was Administrator of Fats and Oils under the War Time Prices and Trade Board. The award was made recently at Ottawa at an investiture at Government House.

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TRAVELLERS:

There is nothing more gratifying to the editors of this magazine than to hear from grads or of grads long since out of our range—we do like to get copy—but we especially like to hear by whatever roundabout means of the whereabouts of our university friends.

So it was good to hear from **KAETE THIESSEN POOLE '32**, Chapman Camp, B.C., that on her trip to Australia last year she had met **GWEN HUTTON HALLIDAY '32**, in Sydney. In 1939 Gwen left Vancouver on a three months tour of Japan, North China, Manchuria, and Korea. She joined the staff of Seoul Foreign School, Korea, and spent her holidays in Peking. The next summer by way of convalescing from a broken leg she took a long sea trip to Australia. On her return trip she met **George Halliday**, Master Mariner. Going back to Korea she found that all Americans were being evacuated. The personnel of the school was reduced to a few pupils, French, German, Turkish, Russian, and Eurasian. At Christmas she embarked on the T.S.S. Nankin to return to Australia to be married in Sydney. Later she volunteered for war time employment, joined the teaching service of New South Wales and taught in various Sydney High Schools. Last year she enrolled as a graduate student in Australian history at Sydney University. She was delighted to renew Canadian contacts through **Kaete Poole** and sent her greetings to '32.

ANNA FULTON '33, of whom we last heard as a V.A.D. in the services, has won a \$1,400 scholarship from the British Education Council which has taken her to the University of London for a year's graduate study.

From **CAROL COATES CASSIDY '30**, has come word of her work in England. She is training in Steiner methods of education at the Steiner school at Michael Hall in Sussex. Her field of study is English and the History of Art. Michael Hall, founded in 1925, is one of eight schools in Great Britain devoted to working out the ideals of Rudolph Steiner in educating young people "to bring their human powers, their innate humanity, to fuller self-expression."

MILDRED OSTERHOUT FAHRNI '23, spent several months last fall travelling through Mexico and Guatemala, her destination Guatemala City where she attended the first International Congress of American Women as one of three Canadian women delegates. She represented the Vancouver branch of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom. She travelled by bus to California, across Arizona, New Mexico, and south to Mexico City where she spent a month. A further month was spent in other parts of Mexico and then she travelled on to Guatemala City. In the far south she journeyed by train as there were no through roads. She attended a summer school at the University of Guatemala which has been established for American students who wish to learn Spanish in a native setting.

At the conference there were 69 delegates from 17 different countries with Spanish the official

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B R A N C H E S

Summerland

The Summerland branch of the U.B.C. Alumni has nominated Dr. R. C. Palmer (B.A.) (M.A.) as a candidate for the Senate. Letters have gone out to the other branches in the Valley informing them of our decision.

Dr. Palmer is well known throughout the province in the field of agriculture as he is the superintendent of the Dominion Experimental Station here. He was first to receive an honorary doctorate of science in agriculture from U.B.C.



. . . DR. PALMER

Kamloops

One of the Executive members of the Kamloops Branch has recently received an important appointment. He is Tom Willis (M.S.A. '47), Vice-President of the Branch.

Tom is now Superintendent of the new Dominion Range Experimental Station at Kamloops.

Although there have been no major Branch activities lately, graduate members are keenly interested in the forthcoming Senate elections and also in the repeat possibility of having the opportunity of sponsoring the U.B.C. Players on their annual tour.

Kamloops Alumni are wondering if New York music lovers are aware of their debt to Kamloops. The grads from the Dry Belt (Department of Education, please copy) have persuaded Harry Adaskin and Frances Marr to play in Kamloops in the near future. Having consented to come to Kamloops, the congenial couple decided that it may as well stop off at New York for a similar recital. It's really surprising how few people realize the way these things come about.

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Dear Alums:

February 7, our Alumni Branch held a very successful film showing and tea at B.C. House with about 25 present. President **Dr. Roy L. Vollum** ('19) couldn't attend but **Colonel Harry Smith** and I "managed" the afternoon. The two films shown were "**Vancouver Island**" and "**The Road to Romance**" (The Cariboo).

Among those present were **Mrs. D. Geddes (Audrey Phillips)**, **Joan Wharton**, **Nancy MacDonald**, **Jane McIntosh**, **Patricia Mitchell**, **Mr. and Mrs. Jack Whaites (Nellie Mellish)**, **Dr. and Mr. Louis F. Smith**, **Mr. and Mrs. Philip Brown**, **Shirley Kerr**, **Colonel and Mrs. Harry Smith**, **Mr. and Mrs. Clifford Brown (Elinor Bossy)**.

The films were so well received that we plan another showing in March. And we wonder if any one has a coloured sound track film of the U.B.C. campus and if not is there any chance any of the campus organizations would be interested in making one for our use and that of B.C. House?

Patricia Chutter Russell (Mrs. W. L. Russell) and her husband **F/Lt. Russell** are now stationed in Cheltenham, Gloucester. **Margaret** and **Jack Davis** spent the first two weeks of January touring Czechoslovakia with the Oxford Basketball team of which Jack was the Captain.

All for now.

Sincerely,
Elinor B. Brown.

Vernon

The population of the Vernon Branch has been decreased by two and the potential population has diminished by a round half-dozen—with the leaving of the Leech family!

Frances (nec Quail, B.A. '33) and **Hugh B. (B.S.A. '33)**, together with their four children (potential alumni) are now living in Mill Valley, a few miles north of San Francisco. Hugh is Curator of Coleoptera (beetles) at the California Academy of Science in Golden Gate Park, San Francisco.

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Northern California

The completion of examinations, the prospective visit of the UBC Rugby team to Berkeley, and the advent of Spring (official), all serve to stimulate renewed alumni activity in these parts.

Unanticipated complexities in making suitable arrangements for a dinner in late November suggested the desirability of postponing the dinner meeting to an early spring date. Plans are now being completed for a gathering in early March in Berkeley.

Percy Barr paid a flying trip to Vancouver in February and reported that the California drought did not extend as far North as UBC. Harold Offord is starting his 1948 campaign with a current quick trip to Washington.



Nanaimo

Dr. Earl R. Foerster, head of the Pacific Biological Station at Nanaimo, has been nominated as a candidate for the forthcoming Senate elections.

VICTORIA

William Veitch '37 was elected president of the Victoria Branch of the Alumni Association of the University of British Columbia at the annual meeting held recently at the Provincial Normal School.

Willard E. Ireland '33 was chosen vice-president. Other officers are Charles Swannell, treasurer; Mary Young, secretary; David Turner, John Parnall and Arthur Waldie, committee members.



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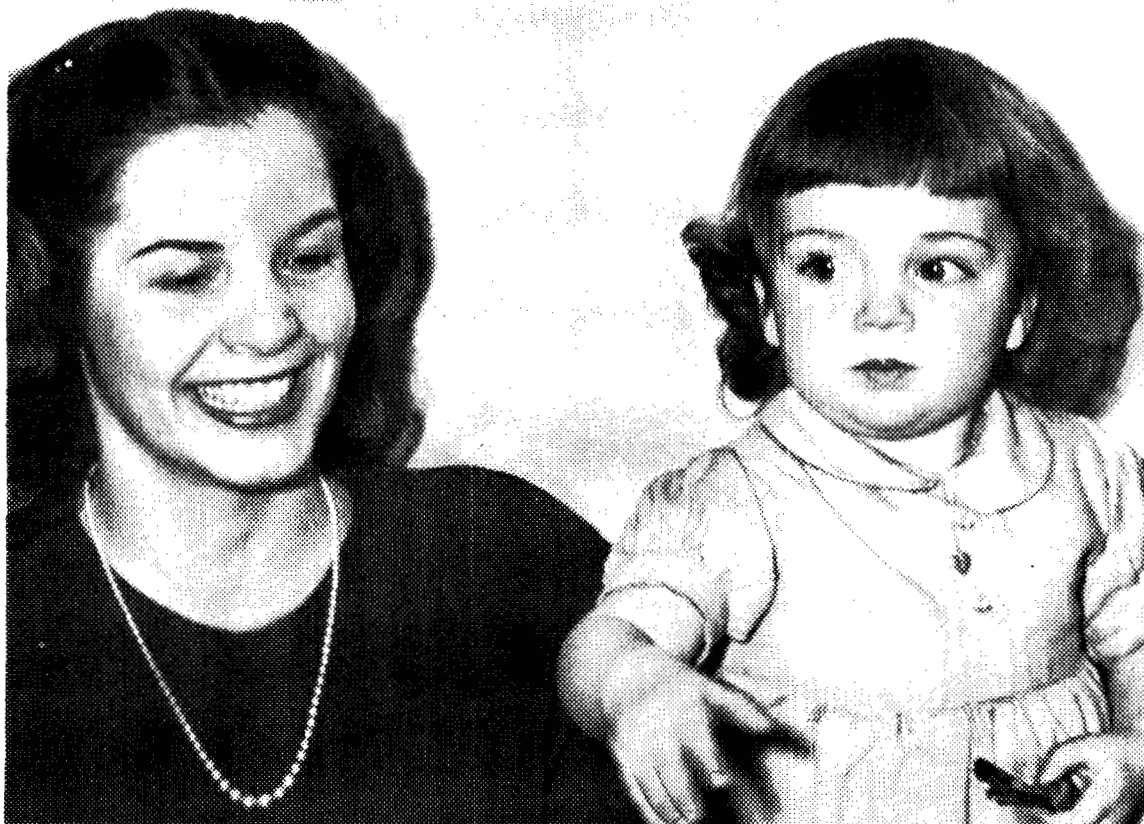
The gaily costumed lads on the right are the Arts '23 (freshman) relay team which won the inter class race from the old Fairview site to the Point Grey campus. The date of the picture is February 14, 1920. Their winning time was 37 minutes 30 seconds—Distance: eight miles minus.



In the picture art: Back row—1. Walker 2.—3. Cameron, 4.—5. McLean, 6. Arnott.

Front row—1. Heily Arkley, 2. Rear, 3. Saunders, 4. Wilson, 5. Cassidy.

The other picture shows the boys lined up at the starting line. If you recognize any of the runners not named, drop us a line.



Beautiful Babes acclaimed at U.B.C. "Diaper Derby" dance at Brock Hall last month were 23-month old Susan Joy Thorneycorst and 20-year old Mary Pat Crowe, "Mardi Gras Queen . . . Mary Pat Crowe was one of the judges who chose Susan as the prettiest baby of a student vet at a dance held to benefit a proposed Little Mountain nursery school and kindergarten . . . The Baby Derby business threatens to grow to national stature as other Universities across Canada claim to have prettier babes and a national challenge contest is underway with John Bracken, Federal Opposition Leader already on the roster as one of the judges.



TREASURER'S REPORT

Your Alumni Association is GROWING! Last year it spent ten thousand dollars; this year it spent fifteen thousand. In 1946 \$750 was collected in annual dues, this year \$2,660 was collected.

The biggest single item of expense was the "Graduate Chronicle," of which 5,000 copies were distributed each issue. The greater portion of this expense was covered by advertising income. Most of the remaining expense occurred in your office of the campus by way of salaries, office supplies, membership drives, postage and mailing, demonstrating the activity of that office.

The Boxing Day Dance was a source of material income. The grant from the Board of Governors was necessary for our activities this year. Services rendered by your Association to the University have repaid this grant, measurably or intangibly. Its necessity should progressively decrease in succeeding years.

New developments this year have included the formation of a Finance Committee in your Executive to watch expenditures through the maintenance of a budget, whose development was reported upon monthly. Financial control of the "Graduate Chronicle" is now to be handled through your Alumni Office, relieving the Editor of this arduous duty involved in its production.

Your Association is approaching a size which will enable it to be a financially independent body, capable of maximum service to your University.

Respectfully submitted,

LYLE A. SWAIN, Treasurer.

ALUMNI SECRETARY TO VICTORIA

Frank J. E. Turner, the U.B.C. Alumni Association's popular and capable Secretary-Manager, has accepted an invitation from the Lion's Club of Victoria to address them at noon on March 5th.

In the evening of the same day, the Secretary-Manager will be meeting with President Bill Veitch and members of the Victoria Alumni group to discuss Alumni and University problems, giving particular attention to operation and scope of the U.B.C. Alumni Fund.

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At an organizing meeting last month, Joe Brown, Jr., was chosen Chairman of the '23 Silver Anniversary Reunion Committee, and preliminary plans were made to contact all Class members re suitable time and place for the historic reunion some time this spring. It was hoped that many out-of-town class members would arrange their vacations so that they might be on hand on June 12th, the tentative date for this memorable occasion.

Among those present at the initial meeting were Mel Wallace, now Principal of John Oliver High School in Vancouver, R. E. (Bob) Walker of B. C. Packers, Aubrey Roberts, Braun & Co., and Secretary of the Vancouver Canadian Club, and Mrs. Sally (Murphy) Creighton, a member of the U.B.C. Senate and on the staff of the English Department.

Present plans call for a second meeting of the Committee on March 11th in the Faculty Club at U.B.C. starting at 6.30 p.m. All interested are asked to contact Alumni Secretary-Manager.

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FRANKLY SPEAKING

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Too few of us realize just how extremely important a person our University's Chanellor is; nor do we appreciate fully the tremendous burden carried by the Chanellor whilst acting in that capacity.

We would do well to be deeply grateful for the leadership and untiring efforts of Chanellor, the Hon. Eric W. Hamber. Chanellor Hamber's experience and counsel has had a great deal to do with our Alma Mater enjoying the biggest building boom in her history.

The Chanellor and his charming wife have given most generously of their time, as patrons, in attending numerous official functions as well as many student and Alumni functions. Even when the Hambers have found that prior engagements prevented their attending, they have always taken the time to reply to any invitation sent by any group connected with the University. Not many of us do that.

Mr. Hamber has always been ready to receive Alumni delegations desirous of discussing University problems. It should be known too, that he has voiced his belief on more than one occasion that a strong, organized Alumni body is the best guarantee of a strong and healthy University.

One such delegation, having what was considered an urgent problem, was directed to come immediately to the Hamber residence even though the Chanellor was in bed with a bad attack of the flu at the time. The Chanellor volunteered immediately to support this drive himself and then outlined a logical course to follow. Yes and he was concerned about the delegates catching flu too — they didn't.

Being U.B.C.'s Chanellor is a demanding job. It takes a big man to handle it. Let's realize that in voicing our sincere appreciation . . . just by saying:

"Thank you Eric Hamber!"

NOTES:

Past-Treasurer, Dr. Lyle Swain (B.A. '32) met still another "Trekker" in his travels to Ottawa this winter. K. B. Gillie (B.Sc. '21; M.A. Sc. '23) is the name; he's now Chief Steward and Purchasing Agent at Fort Sand, Sask. . . . Best wishes to Joy-Marie (Boo) Hutchinson (B.S.A. '45), immediate-past Alumni Office second-in-command. She's off to Ohio and a Medical Assistant's degree. . . . One of the most illustrious U.B.C. alumni to return to Vancouver and a Medical practice is Dr. Mack Whitelaw, F.R.C.P. Mack was Holmes Gold Medalist at McGill as a medical undergrad and topped his class some five straight years. Took his post-grad work at Harvard and held an important Cana-

dian Navy post during the war as Surgeon Commander. . . . Alumni Office visitors included Arthur P. (Art) Dawe, originally with '23. Art brought along some interesting action shots of "pavement pounders" in the '23 Relay Race—taken (before the trek) in 1920; Art wondered if these pre-trek trekkers could qualify for those Cairn pins. Can't see why not unless someone wants 'em to run it again now! . . . "Busy as a beaver" could be the term for Victor Thorson (B.A.Sc. '42), who's heading his own business as Structural Engineer. Associated with Vic is last year's Thunderbird rugby and cricket star Andy Johnston. . . . Enjoying a peak at the campus was Frank F. Smith (B.A. Sc. '43) who was visiting his Windermere home on vacation from Montreal. . . . Alumni Executive member Barbara Kelsberg (B.A. '47) has made A.M.S. President ('46-'47) Ted Kirkpatrick a happy chap. They'll be tying the knot in May. Ted's back from his stint in the East and is now associated with Alumnus Fred D. Bolton (B.A. '34, B.A.Sc. '36) in the Company of the same. . . . Congratulations to Jim Ferris (Com. '38). Jim's been promoted to Assistant District Manager for Ford and Monarch. . . . Good luck to Dave Brousson, 27-year old veteran and family man upon his election to President of the Alma Mater Society. No,

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JABEZ

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clear presentation of the facts, womankind resorts to this hip-padded hanky-panky, to this ironed curtain. It is unsportsmanlike, nay Un-Canadian, for a woman with bad legs to try to skirt the problem. Better far that we should be confronted with her booted length of water-pipe than that we should be deprived of the shapely curve of nylon.

Of cheesecake we now have only an occasional crumb. Indeed, when I see a young lady courageous enough to defy fashion and display a well-turned tibia, I feel bound to go up and wring her hand, commend her for her independent spirit, and perhaps ask her for her phone number. In a democracy no effort should be spared to encourage those who oppose conformism, especially if they have a private apartment.

But their numbers decrease daily, whittled down by the sawtoothed glares of the majority, those whose legs look as if they originally supported a billiard table, or were assembled by a plumber's helper who hated his work. Soon even the last rebels will be hemmed in. Already the result is some of the sloppiest dressing I've seen since I served as a marker in the C.O.T.C.

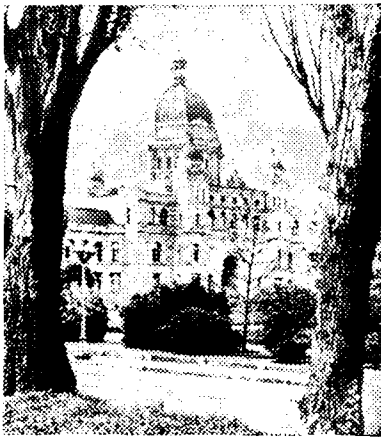
So far the University authorities have failed to take action against those responsible for thus disfiguring the campus. That puts it square up to us, gentlemen. If it's a return to the habiliments of Grandma's day that our women want, let us complete the period picture by sprouting soupy beards and bowlers. And there'll be none of this new-

FRANKLY SPEAKING

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Dave's not the oldest Student President in Canada; seems Alberta has a 35-year old youngster! . . . **Erm Fiorillo (B.A., B. Comm. '39)**, after a turn with the R.C.A.F. has settled right down. Erm, who is associated with one-time Soccer Manager **Aldo Stradiotti (B.A. '35)** in the Fishing business down North-Fraser way, has three children and a newly-completed house. Definitely domesticated! . . . Congratulations to **Win (1st Vice-President) Shilvock (B.A. '31, B. Comm. '32)** and to **Darrell (Immediate Past-President) Braidwood (B.A. '40, M.A. '41)**, upon re-election and election, respectively, to Ad & Sales Bureau, Vancouver Board of Trade. . . . More of the same to **Dr. Willard (Bill) Ireland (B.A. '33)** Victoria Vice-President, upon his election to Presidency of the B.C. Historical Society. . . . Welcome back to B.C. to **Dave Waddell (B.A. '39, M.A. '43)**. Summerland Branch please note . . . Another who worked his way through College was **Bay Carter (B.Sc. '21)**, Advertising Manager of the Vancouver Daily Province. His under grad occupation? Professional lacrosse! . . . Best wishes to **Philip Kitley (B.A. '37)** now Director of School Broadcasts, c/o C.B.R.

fangled talk of mother or daughter **buying** her clothes, not while there's a needle in the house. After dinner, we'll take our port alone in the library, and damned be the first hussy that dares to ask for the vote!



EASTER GREETINGS

to the graduates of the University of British Columbia, and cordial good wishes for 1948, which is filled with promise for this and the years to come.

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JABEZ MEMORIAL

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and more past. Many of them went up into the high hills of philosophy and culture, armed with pick-axes rifled from the toolboxes of Plato, Socrates, Winchell, Lippman and Lardner. Old Jabez got himself a pie pan, squatted down on a sandbar by the backwaters of human interest, and with his varicose veins aching, panned away steadily on the same spot. He came out with more gold than most; enough to retire on, anyway.

Vaudevillian and prospector, he had still another role; and it is in this that we remember him best:

Self-appointed warrior in our happy, foolish, nostalgic little game of inter-faculty battle (at once a bow to tradition and an antidote to boredom). Jabez stood alone as the Artsmen's David, confronting the horrid Goliath of Science. It was his sling alone, at times, that separated his hapless, culture-weakened, efete Artsmen brethren from the snorting, stomping, red-shirted colossus of brute force, with its liver-shaking cries of "fee-fie-foh-fum." But when the battle raged most fiercely, he no longer resembled David, but rather Horatious at the bridge, shouting: "Scienceman—the cauliflower of modern education" while the bodies piled up in front of him.

THE REDSHIRTS LOVED HIM

Well, because the Sciencemen love a fight (and because Jabez immortalized them as the great lovers they in truth are, in "Her Scienceman Lover") they forgave him his cuts, his gibes, and took him to their rough-hewn hearts. Jabez could walk through a Science pep-meet, trailing a red sweater in the dust behind him, and emerge unharmed, if not unshaken.

Yes, we're burying your old Uncle Jabez today, kiddies. As Mr. Syngé suggests, there's no man at all can be living or writing forever, and we must be satisfied, though it hurts. So we'll knock him together this white board coffin, you and I, and we'll bury him in a deep grave surely—for there's no grave deeper than the heart.

He was a good man, that Jabez. To the best of our knowledge, his near-decade of service to the student body brought him, by way of material reward, one bronze L.S.E. button, one gold L.S.E. button, one large box of nuts, twenty-one Valentines, and a seat of honour at a Publications Board Banquet. That was all he wanted, really. It was his pleasure, he said, and he had had fun.

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WOMEN

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language. The delegates formed a Federation of American Women with the purpose of studying how women can work together to promote peace. Some of their resolutions were sent direct to the United Nations; others were prepared for home governments and community groups.

SENATE NOMINATIONS

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Dr. Frank Turnbull, B.A., M.D., Physician and Surgeon in Vancouver.

Miss Dorothy Mawdsley, B.A., M.A., Ph.D., Dean of Women, U.B.C.

Mrs. J. H. (Sally) Creighton, B.A., M.A., Department of English, U.B.C.

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G. E. (Ted) Baynes, B.A.Sc., Vancouver, Past Pres. Alumni Association, contracting engineer.

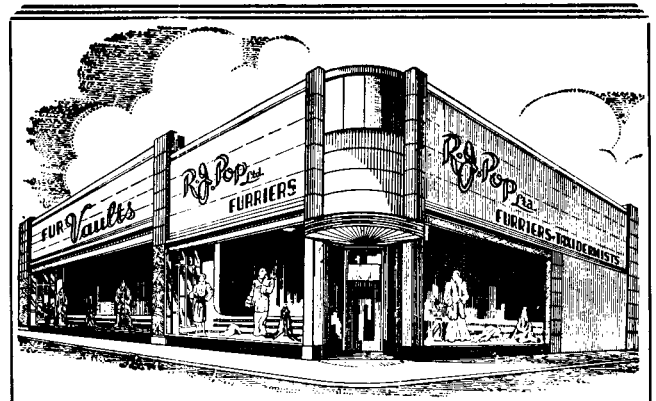
Dr. David E. Steele, B.A., M.D., Vancouver.

E. D. Fulton, B.A., Rhodes Scholar, Conservative Member of Dominion Parliament from Kamloops.

Margaret T. Gourlay, B.A., M.A., Vancouver (Margaret Isabella Riggs).

Walter F. Gage, B.A., M.A., Department of Mathematics, U.B.C.

William Kaye Lamb, B.A., M.A., Ph.D. (London), Librarian at U.B.C.



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MEMOIRS

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the staggering feat of rhyming "lad-you-get" with "undergraduate." In the preface to **Crambambuli**, too, a nice Gilbert-&-Sullivan note, sung at the double, was achieved:

*"They say that a stimulant helps you to think,
Vive la compagnie.*

*Bring Ridington in and we'll buy him a drink,
Vive la compagnie. . . ."*

In spite of the excellence of these lusty, gusty, shows, one must question "Old Grad's" inference that the other noon-hour revues were bad. Specifically, one challenges his lament about the "importation of doleful professional orchestras from downtown." Most of these were anything but doleful. One recalls particularly the 15-piece orchestra which descended one fine noon-hour on the campus gymnasium, prepared to play for some obscure campaign. It was led by a toothsome, curly-haired cherub named Bob Lyons, then intendant at the Commodore Cabaret. Mr. Lyons and his boys had been up late the night before, and needed stimulation. This was provided by a thoughtful theology student who nipped over to the cafeteria, secured several of Mr. Frank Underhill's crockery coffee beakers, and proceeded to lace them with stiff jolts of gin which a chemical friend had prepared in idle moments at the nearby laboratory. This orchestra was enlivened by a whimsical saxophone player named Claude Hill, who had an interesting habit: after taking his chorus (and very well, too) he would sit back and bark while his colleagues carried on.

On many occasions Mart Kenney and His Western Gentlemen, who had recently graduated from the Alexandra ballroom and a Walkathon at the old Auditorium, came out to play. I remember hiring the pleasant and mild-mannered Mr. Kenney and his entire ensemble for a New Year's Eve fraternity dance, for the exorbitant fee of \$30—which is what he charges you today to look at the reed on his clarinet.

There were other excellent bands in attendance. The great recruiting ground was the Beacon Theatre, whose manager reasoned, somewhat improbably, that if students could hear them for nothing on the campus, they would pay to see them later at the Beacon—where, of course, you got three features, a newsreel, and an Edgar Kennedy comedy thrown in for your fifteen cents. From the admirable Hastings street *boite* came such distinguished music makers as Gus Arnheim, Jimmy Grier, and Charles "Buddy" Rogers, and they gave fine professional shows. The wonder was why. They were invariably paid off in a cup of Mr. Underhill's coffee and a dejected ham salad.

In this era, "swing" was considered way up town. It was brought to the campus in pure form by small Negro combinations, also from The Beacon, who played this strange and exciting new music with the elaborate boredom of their craft. It was also the age of great ballads: songs like Irving Berlin's "How Deep Is The Ocean?" and "Time on My Hand"; Jerome Kern's "Smoke Gets In Your Eyes"; and Ray Noble's "Goodnight, Sweetheart," all of which have become modern classics.

The importation of "name" bands from downtown did not mean that there was a dearth of talent on the campus. Far from it. Many first-class pep shows were presented, all of them featuring Harold King, Keith and Bernie Jackson, Sonny Richardson and Jack Emerson. Indeed, the handsome Mr. Richardson, whose lugubrious violin was the delight of sorority girls throughout the '30s, contrived one of the most hilarious bits of stage business within memory, at one such meeting. En route to the University theatre, Mr. Richardson tarried over-long at a downtown bistro and arrived onstage as if walking on a mattress. This fractured the red-shirts in the front rows, who began to heckle him. Richardson stood this as long as he could, then jumped to his feet, wagged his bow at them menacingly, and bellowed into the microphone: "I know you Science bastards!" The climax to these good-natured shenanigans came when an impish divinity student unracked a fire hose backstage and played it lovingly in the faces of the engineers.

Jack Emerson, the immensely talented pianist, came to the university as a well-educated young man and after a few illogical tilts with trigonometry and other unlikely theories being expounded in the grey stucco buildings over yonder, resigned himself to the entertainment of a few cronies. These sessions, in which his short, stubby fingers worked delightful magic on the keyboard, took place in the theatre pit, and were usually attended by the late Sholto ("Hob") Marlatt, Jack Turvey, Donald MacDonald and Christie Fletcher, all of whom subsequently required a full week's study to pass the year-end examinations. Fletcher, an insouciant cove who later disappeared into Australia, was a great admirer of Emerson's and a bit of a pianist himself, but unhappily limited to one number. This was a tune of the times called "I Guess I'll Have to Change My Plans," which began with the immortal lines:

*"I guess I'll have to change my plans,
I should have realized there'd be another man;
Why did I buy those blue pyjamas,
Before the Big Affair began. . . .?"*

There was another notable defection in the recollections of "Old Grad." He neglected to identify the author-producer-star of "The Ballet Who-ers." His name was David Brock. He was the "Jabez" of his day, wired for sound, and one of the greatest wits—if not the greatest—the campus ever produced.

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FAMOUS GRAD

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dians must keep our sense of humor," he twinkled. "And not just keep it, either, but build it up, up, up. We've got to laugh ourselves black in the face. Ho, ho, ho," he began, and one or two of the porters on the platform joined in. Gorley is going to devote a series of broadcasts to the sense of humor.

Asked if he detected any difference between Canadian poetry and straight poetry, Gorley said he thought he could. "Mind you, it is very subtle and it is just beginning. We must keep it subtle but we must get it past the beginning. It is sometimes rather difficult. For example, in a poem I began on the train, I wanted to get all the smells of Burrard Inlet into it . . . water that is partly salty, copper-paint, creosote, tidal mud, and the rest . . . yet I had to make it smell different from Seattle or Bremerton. The C.A.A. is all for One World, but not in creative writing. I wish the Americans didn't have totem poles too. That is the only fault in Emily Carr."

—H. J. Y.

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many more have expressed their intention of doing so in the near future, not the least of which are the members of the Class of 1922.

Undoubtedly the establishment of a U.B.C. Alumni Fund will fill a long required need. It is considered that the sponsoring of the Fund is a worthwhile project for the Alumni who will be joining that large and allied group of some 250

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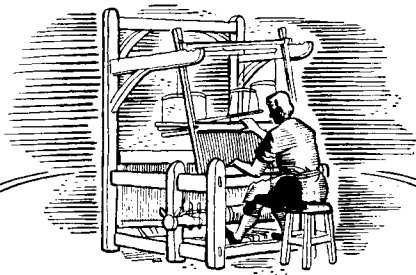


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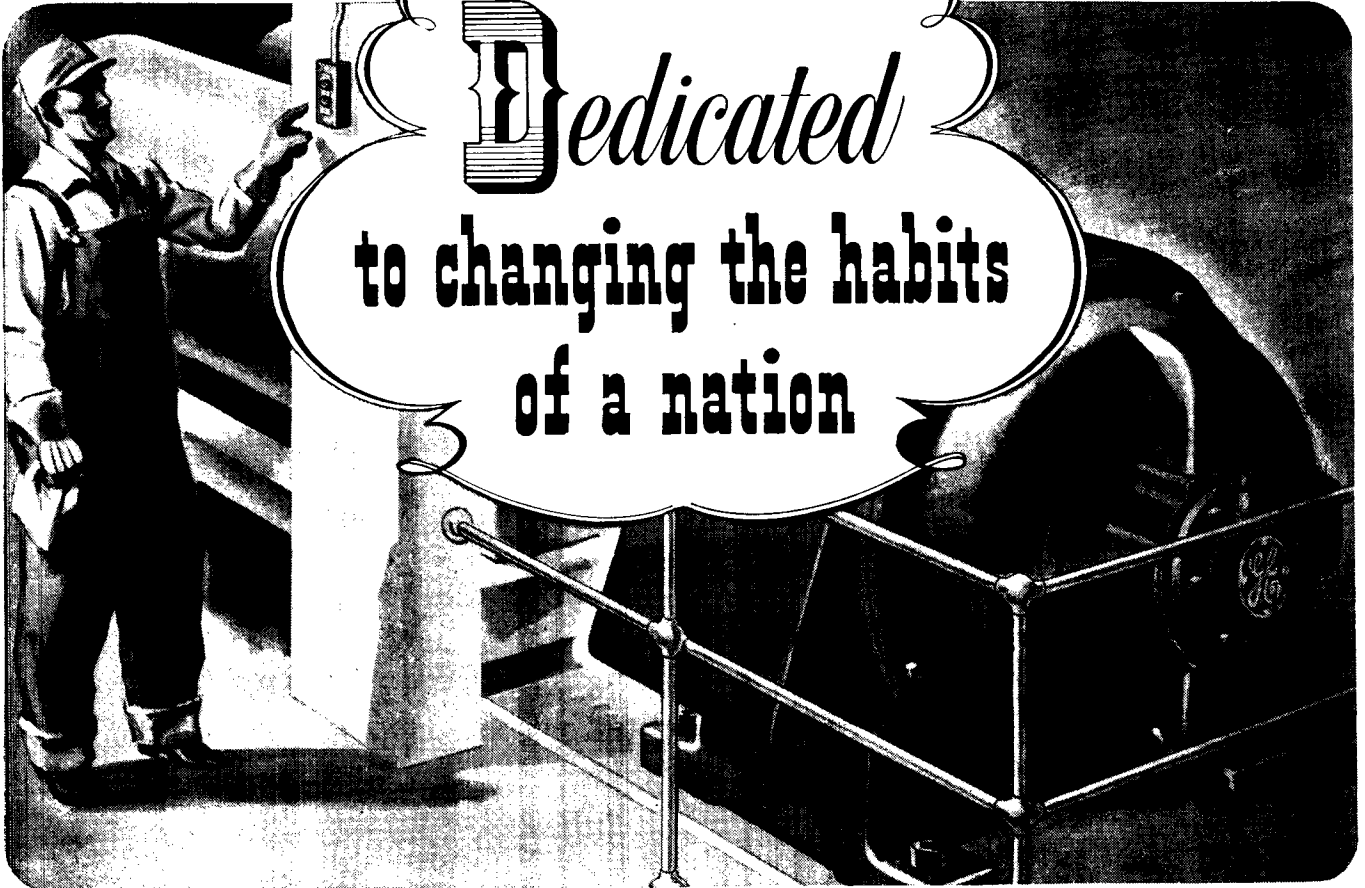
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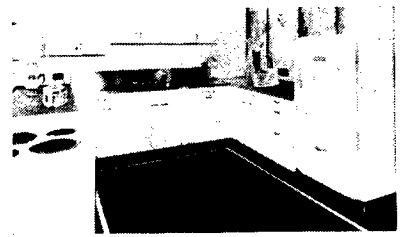


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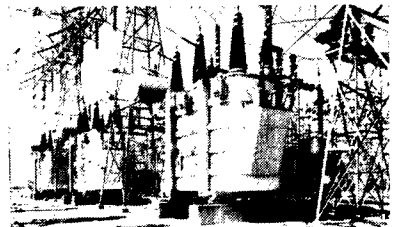


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