

17 MUSIC PUPILS TAKE EXAMINATION BRANDON COLLEGE

At Ability and Accomplishments of Those Examined—Results Known in Two Weeks

EXPRESSED SATISFACTION

With the concluding of the work in music Tuesday Brandon College closed one of the most successful years in its history. Mr. Viggo Kihl, professor of music in the University of Toronto, and himself an accomplished pianist, conducted the examination of seventeen pupils in the Department of Music, and expressed himself well pleased with the work of the department in all its branches, adding that he hoped it might be his privilege to conduct the examination again next year.

While the results of this examination will not be made known in detail for two weeks, Mr. Kihl informed members of the faculty that they were in general very satisfactory. Standings will be published in this paper as soon as received from Toronto.

The apportionment of students examined is as follows:

- Intermediate Piano — Marguerite Bullock, Aileen Irwin.
- Junior Piano — Gladys Booman, Katherine Cameron, Daisy Fenwick.
- Primary Piano — Evangeline L. Chene, Barbara MacDougall, Marjorie McMillan.
- Elementary Piano — Olive Clark, Lilian Edmond, Orlov Smith.
- Intermediate Singing — Libbie Ross.
- Junior Singing — Katherine Cameron.
- Primary Singing — Reta Bambridge, Ruth Little, Roberta McKay.
- Primary Violin — Clara Hayter.

In addition to these students, the Department of Music has sent two pupils to Toronto for examination in Senior Piano, leading to degree of L.T.C.M., Misses Edith Gerrard and Lina Smith.

Speaking of the examination which these two young ladies would have to take, Mr. Kihl remarked that to pass such an examination one would have to be beyond the class of mere student of music, and must have not only highly trained native ability but maturity of thought and feeling as well. The college authorities anticipate that a still larger number of students will take the Toronto Conservatory examination next year.

Bound Hand And Foot By Hold-ups—Rifle His Pockets

Daring Case of Highway Robbery Reported from Beresford Late Tuesday

VICTIM BLINDFOLDED

To be tied hand and foot to his buggy, blindfolded, and have his pockets rifled was the experience of a young man named Walter Bolton, on the road fourteen miles west of this city Tuesday evening about 6:30. Bolton is a hired man employed by Mr. F. Wallbridge, and according to the story he told the police this morning, he was returning home from a ploughing match at Beresford when he saw two men walking along the road. One was over six feet tall and the other was about five feet two. They asked him to give them a lift and he did so. After he had been driving a short while they suddenly grabbed him and blindfolded him by tying a handkerchief over his eyes. Then they fastened his arms and legs with the halter shank. Going quickly through his pockets they took a dollar watch, a dollar and twenty-five cents in money, a tie-pin and a ring. The total value would be less than twenty dollars.

Bolton was left trussed up, unable to move. The hoboes made a hurried getaway with the team but tied up the horses to a fence post some distance away. Bolton was found by a neighboring farmer some time later. Today Detective Brownlee is working on the case. Two men arrested here last night answered the description regarding height, but they were released after Bolton had seen them.

UNSEASONABLE WEATHER

People going home from down town between half-past nine and ten Tuesday night must have thought they had mistaken the calendar, or that the summer for 1915 had decided not to call at Brandon, for there were snowflakes falling thickly, and a cold wind. The mercury fell to thirty and later in the night went down until four degrees of frost were registered. The ground was almost white in ten minutes, but rain followed on quickly after the snow and by eleven o'clock there was no trace of the white mantle.

PRESENTATION OF GOLD WRIST WATCH TO PTE. CLARK

Mr. W. Clark was the recipient of a handsome gold wrist watch Tuesday evening at a pleasing presentation, which took place at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Middleton, 912 6th street. Mr. Clark was a former member of the Brandon Fire Department, and leaves today for Sewell with four other members of the department, who have enlisted with the 45th battalion. The presentation, with a few well-chosen remarks, was made by President O. Stark on behalf of the Brandon Scottish Society. A most enjoyable evening was spent by all present, refreshments being served by the ladies and dancing indulged in.

LIFE IN RESERVE TRENCHES IS NOT ALL SUNSHINE

Pte. Frank Kellett Describes Experiences—Saw German Aero-planes Wrecked

Life in the dug-outs is aptly described in a letter sent from the front by Pte. Frank Kellett, brother of the late Lieut. Kellett. Pte. Kellett tells how the men have to play the part of rabbits all day while the Germans are watching because of the deadly hail of shrapnel which follows the least sign of activity. In part the letter reads:

You would have been surprised if you had seen the place we had been living in these last few days, though I expect we shall get a move tonight unless the Germans are too active. We are holding reserve trenches and living in dugouts about three feet high on one side and two on the other and about five feet wide. The one I am in is about thirty feet long; quite a crawl for those in the centre. We have a hole at each end of the dugout to get in and out. The worst part of it is that we are not even allowed to put our heads out while there is any daylight, and we turn out after dusk to go to and help build up the trenches in the firing line, but are always back to stand for an hour before daylight, then into our holes for the day. Last night the Germans were attacking nearly all along the line so we could not leave or be outside for more than five minutes owing to the shrapnel, and we had to be ready for a call at any minute. We were not needed, but we still have our equipment on hand inside the dugout.

The last billet we were at was the ruins of a farm about a mile back from here, and there we did nothing all day and could lie around on the grass. If an aeroplane came near, a whistle blew and we had to get under cover, so they would not know that the farm was occupied.

Last Sunday we saw an aeroplane fight that ended in the German plane being brought to the ground. You should have heard our yells of delight. I think the Germans heard us, for not long afterwards they sent nine shrapnel shells that fell very close.

When we left the last town they brought us half of our journey on London motor buses; quite a trip through the country of about twelve miles. Then we marched about the same distance and passed through a large town that has suffered more from bombardment than any we have seen before. The church and all the large buildings are in ruins, and still shells are thrown into it.

CROPS NOT DAMAGED

Oldtime farmers of the district say that Tuesday night's snowfall and cold will not in any way damage the growing crops but that it will do them a world of good, because the moisture has more time to thoroughly soak into the surface soil. From every part of the district the crop reports are excellent. There is no harm from the frost.

DEATH OF PRESCOTT LADY SEVERS LINK WITH PAST

Prescott, June 18.—One of the best known and probably the oldest citizen of this part of the province died on Monday, when Mrs. Catherine Feilde passed away at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Rose, in her 93rd year. The deceased was the widow of the late Fulford B. Feilde, who died thirty years ago, and her life formed a link between two great wars, as her husband served, when a youth, under the Duke of Wellington in the last campaign against Napoleon, his brother, the late Captain Frederick Feilde, who afterwards lived near Hamilton, Ont., being on the field of Waterloo. Fulford B. Feilde came to Canada late in life as Commissary-General of Her Majesty's forces. Mrs. Catherine Feilde was the daughter of the Rev. Robert Blakely, who came out from England early in the last century as first rector of Prescott. He afterwards built the historic Little Blue Church, on the Brockville road, in which picturesque Anglican burying ground stands the tomb of Barbara Heck, the pioneer of Methodism in Canada.

Brothers Meet In Brandon After Lapse of 22 Yrs.

H. E. Higginbotham, of Manila, and T. E. Higginbotham, Maryland, Meet Here

After twenty-two years' separation, Mr. H. E. Higginbotham visited his brother, T. E. Higginbotham, here Wednesday. The latter comes from Maryland, Sask., and is well-known here and often makes the city his headquarters for several days. His brother is accompanied on the trip to his old home in London, Eng., from the Philippine Islands by Mrs. and Miss Higginbotham and they tell a remarkable story of their eventful voyage thus far. They were aboard the steamship Minnesota when that vessel struck a submerged rock on the way from Nagasaki to Kobe, Mr. Higginbotham tells that the passengers were ordered to keep their heavy clothing on for fear they might have to take to the life-boats and how they were transferred to a cargo boat, the Omita, the morning after the accident. While they were waiting for transfer a Japanese cruiser heard their wireless cry for help and was instrumental in sending the cargo boat to their assistance. There were 142 passengers aboard the Minnesota, including forty-two children. All were safely transferred and treated most kindly by the steamship officials.

Mr. and Mrs. Higginbotham called at San Francisco to see the Panama exposition, and on this point Mr. Higginbotham says the Canadian exhibit is a credit to the Dominion and the chrysolite of the eyes of visitors.

Mr. Higginbotham states that the attitude of the people at Manila and the Philippine Islands on the war is generally pro-British. The trade of the islands would be normal save for the fact that the merchants cannot get the tonnage to take their goods away. Mr. Higginbotham has been at Manila in the hemp business since 1893. He has crossed America and the Atlantic several times since he first went to Manila.

BILLY SUNDAY LOSES HIS RIGHT HAND MAN

Philadelphia, June 18.—Bentley Ackley, who became widely known as Billy Sunday's right hand man, secretary and pianist, in the recent revival here, has resigned from the Sunday forces. He gave his reason that other members of the organization, less deserving than he, received vast profits, in one case aggregating \$20,000, from the writing and publication of hymns, the sale of hymn books and the disposition of other privileges connected with the revivals.

Interesting disclosures are promised by Ackley concerning the inside workings of the Billy Sunday system. Ackley declares that many things he had to put up with during the revival "got on his nerves." But his sorest point lies in the way the financial concessions of the campaign were distributed.

Ackley names Homer A. Rodeheaver, choirmaster, and Fred Selbert, tabernacle caretaker, as being the recipients of all the plums.

Council Refuse To Pay Monies Till Collected

Should School Board Insist on \$103,750, They May Have To Wait For It

ECONOMY DEMANDED

Parks Board Only Asked for \$2,300 Though They Could Have Demanded \$7,200

The break between the City Council and the School Board over this year's estimates was the sole topic of conversation in "civic circles" and around the city hall Wednesday. Mayor Carter declared his doubts as to whether the Council has to pay the money over to the School Board until it is collected from the taxpayers.

Other cities in the west have not been so generously treated as Brandon. In some of them the City Council has not paid the money over to the board and taken a chance on collecting it. This is what has been done here and if the money is not collected the Council has borrowed the amount of the deficit from the bank so that the School Board should not suffer. Now, if the Board does not conform to the wish of the council, they may refuse to pay over the money until it has been collected from the taxpayers and this would place the School Board in a very peculiar position.

The Mayor seems determined that the board shall only receive the \$100,000 in the estimates and still thinks the school trustees can come within that figure if they so desire.

The mayor further points out that the Parks Board had power to ask for \$7,200, but had brought their estimate down to less than \$2,300.

BRANDON ROLL OF HONOR



SERGEANT W. BASING
Late of the Eighth Battalion, who was killed during the recent fighting in Flanders. He was in Brandon for four years prior to the time he left for the front with the first Brandon contingent. Sergt. Basing leaves a widow and one child.

BRANDON HONOR ROLL

Corp. Wm. Wallace
On Tuesday the name of Corp. Wm. Wallace appeared in the casualty lists as being wounded. His address was merely given as England, but as he belongs to the Eighth Battalion he is taken to be the Corp. Wm. Wallace who went with the first contingent from Brandon. Wallace is twenty-five years old and worked for Mr. S. Hooper, grocer as a driver for a year prior to the outbreak of war. Wallace belonged to the 99th regiment and while here boarded with Mrs. Wright at 540 Fourth street.

Last Batch of 45th Battalion Now at Sewell

No Affecting Farewells as it is Expected Men will be Here On Leave Frequently

COLONEL CLARK OFF

Band and 99th Regiment Accompany Comrades to Depot for Final Handshake

Waving a cheery acknowledgment of the cheers raised by the crowd as the train drew out from the C. P. R. depot Wednesday morning, Colonel Clark and the 150 men of the 45th Battalion bid goodbye to Brandon as their headquarters until they return from the battlefields of Europe. While the men are only going as far east as Sewell, it is confidently expected among the officers of all the infantry regiments now in training that they will be away some time next month. There were the usual farewell scenes this morning, although the fact that the men will be here again on leave before they undertake their long journey, naturally accounted for the absence of affecting scenes such as have been seen at the depot since the war began.

The 99th band headed the procession from the exhibition grounds to the depot and the men of the 99th regiment also turned out to bid their comrades goodbye. Col. Clark was in command and left on the train with his men. He is the only colonel yet taken from Brandon and will go direct to the firing line with his men unless present arrangements are cancelled. Before leaving Sewell, however, Col. Clark will often visit Brandon to oversee the handling of the interned aliens.

BRANDON DISTRICT METHODIST PARSONS

Winnipeg, June 17.—The first draft of pastors for the Brandon district, as presented to the Manitoba Methodist Conference today is:

Brandon (First)—A. E. Smith.
Brandon (Victoria avenue)—S. Wilkinson.
Brandon (Assiniboine avenue)—Summer supply (B.M.T.) J. E. Cooper.
Beresford-Chater—T. Eli Taylor.
Douglas—S. H. Boys.
Forrest—W. R. Donagh.
Rivers—W. E. Rowan.
Harding—S. O. Irvine.
Griswold and Alexander—W. E. Egan.
Oak Lake—T. W. Price.
Virden—W. A. Cooke, J. W. Dickinson.
Elkhorn—D. B. Kennedy.

Fish with any notion of comfort ought to be glad to be caught up out of a cold, wet lake nowadays and placed in a nice, warm frying pan.

Brandon and District News

Mr. R. Wrayling, of Sharon, Ont., is visiting in the city.

Mrs. T. D. Cumberland has left for Delta, where she will spend the summer months.

Hugh Caughey, who drew an eighteen month sentence for his part in a stabbing affair ten months ago, has been paroled.

"There are just six left with the 99th Portage bunch," is the news sent by a soldier in Flanders to a resident of Portage la Prairie, in a recent letter.

The regular meetings of the standing committee of the City Council will be held tonight. Nothing of unusual interest is likely to be discussed and a short session is expected when the council meets on Monday night.

There will be no June flower show this year under the auspices of the Brandon Horticultural and Forestry Society. This step was decided by the society on account of the adverse weather conditions and the slender state of the society's bank balance.

A gum slot machine was installed in a local cafe Friday. The Chief of Police was informed that the owner had secured a license from the provincial authorities. The license cost ten dollars. The chief intends to take the matter up with the chairman of the police committee at once.

The athletes who compete in the big patriotic week sports at Winnipeg will get the advantage of single fare for the round trip from the railway. Word to this effect was received by Magistrate Bates this morning from A. S. Morrison, secretary in Winnipeg for the A. A. U. C.

The Imperial Home Reunion Association has resumed activities in Brandon. Miss M. McQuarrie, trustee-secretary, has again undertaken the work and those interested will be able to find her at the library office in the city hall on Tuesdays and Saturdays.

Mr. and Mrs. R. J. Campbell returned Tuesday from San Francisco, Los Angeles and Hayward, Cal., where they have spent the past year. Miss Roberta Lynch, a niece, returned with them.

The death took place on Friday, June 11th at Elkhorn, of Hilda, wife of R. C. Sutton, and second daughter of Mr. and Mrs. J. S. Freer, formerly of the Brandon district. Mr. and Mrs. Freer are now living in England.

There have been many inquiries as to the various terms used by the militia authorities in describing the wounded. First there is "slightly wounded," "seriously wounded" is the next stage, "dangerously wounded" means that life is despaired of.

Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Shirriff, of Toronto are the guests of Mrs. A. F. Campbell for a few days. They arrived yesterday from a trip to the Panama exposition and Mr. Shirriff intends to visit his farm at Manor, Sask. Mr. Shirriff is a brother of Mr. D. Shirriff, McFavish avenue and Sixteenth street.

Owing to the inclement weather there was not a very large attendance at the patriotic concert held in the city hall Tuesday night. The program was made up of items by local artists and was of a high order. Mayor Carter expressed his appreciation of the efforts of Mr. J. Dorsett, who organized the concert. During an interval Mr. A. C. Fraser outlined the work of the patriotic fund, which is now taking care of over seventy families of men on active service.

Two young Norwegians appeared in police court Wednesday charged with vagrancy. They had walked from Winnipeg in search of work, covering the distance from Friday at noon to Tuesday at one o'clock. On Saturday and Sunday nights they walked all night. Tuesday night they were found by the men on guard at the pumping station asleep in a box car. Magistrate Bates said he could not send such men to jail. The men expressed their thanks on being allowed to go.

47 YEARS ON COMMONS STAFF

Ottawa, June 18.—J. E. Asselin, now a clerk in the Commons post-office, goes out of the service on superannuation next August after a record of forty-seven years on the Commons' staff. Mr. Asselin began as a house messenger when he was thirteen years old and grew up to be messenger and door-keeper for all the Speakers of the House. He was messenger and door-keeper for all the Speakers from Hon. Mr. Cobden to Hon. L. P. Brodeur, after which he was promoted to the post-office.

Miss E. Mackison is spending her holidays with her parents at Hayfield.

Mrs. A. E. Hetherington, of Kerbert, Sask., is visiting friends in the city.

Mrs. Frank Gutteridge, of Sarnia, Ont., is visiting Mrs. Geo. Murray, 241 Princess Ave.

Mrs. W. J. Wilcox and Master Jack, of Winnipeg, are visiting Mrs. W. J. Graves, 441 4th street.

Daniel A. Nicholson, a young man who has been in Brandon for some time, joined the police force Wednesday on a month's probation.

Messrs. F. J. Spring, and T. T. Webster, two local bank employees, left on Wednesday to spend the next two weeks camping at Souris.

Miss Evangeline Cline, of the Brandon College left Thursday to spend her vacation in Hamilton and other Ontario cities.

Mr. P. H. Clark left Wednesday on a three months' visit at Toronto, Berlin and his home at Fergus, Ont.

Nurse Duggan, of the general hospital staff, returned Wednesday evening from Swan Lake, where she has spent the past two weeks with friends.

There was something unusual about a name on the Prince Edward hotel register Thursday. Many were looking it over and asking all kinds of queries about its owner, especially when it was stated that he stood over six feet in his stocking feet. That name was J. C. Willard. The interest subsided when it was stated that the one and only Jess Willard is still touring the big cities of the United States.

Magistrate Bates has been appointed official representative of the A. A. U. for Brandon and will hand out entry forms to athletes desirous of competing at the patriotic meet in Winnipeg on July 2nd and 3rd. His worship also has been asked to examine certificates of those who make application for such entry forms. This is customary in all Canadian cities.

The five firemen and two policemen who are joining the 45th Battalion were the guests at a party held at Chief Estlemon's home Tuesday night. A beautiful supper was put on by Mrs. Estlemon and a good program of vocal and instrumental music furnished. Speeches were made by Magistrate Bates, Chief Estlemon, Chief Estlemon and Police Sergt. Carter.

The carpetball enthusiasts in the city have just concluded a most successful season. On Wednesday night they held a smoking concert at which the shield donated by Sir Jas. Alkins was presented to the Sons of England by Dr. Beer. A bright program of songs and speeches was carried out and votes of thanks were passed to the donors of gifts and the Oddfellows for the loan of the Fraternal hall, where the gathering took place. Carpetball was only started in Brandon last year and it has already become a favorite pastime among the fraternal lodges of the city.

ROBBERY REMAINS MYSTERY

There seems to be a great deal of unexplainable mystery about the story of the man Bolton, who complains that he was held up and robbed while on his way home from a ploughing match at Beresford on Tuesday night. Detective Brownlee worked for many hours on the case yesterday and questioned the man at great length but could make little of his story. Bolton could not give any adequate description of the men or who it was that came to his assistance when he was bound hand and foot and left to his fate by the men who robbed him.

BRANDON MEN NOW IN DIFFERENT REGIMENTS

Word received in the city Thursday from Pte. J. G. Bertrand states that the men who went from Brandon with the 32nd have been in the trenches several times, having been drafted into other regiments as reinforcements. Pte. Bertrand wrote on May 25th and at that time was quite well. The other Brandon boys who went with him had not met with any mishap up to that date so far as he knew.

PASS CIVIL SERVICE EXAM.

The following Brandon men have been successful in passing the civil service examination held recently at the Brandon College. This is in the outside division of the postal service. Barr, Harvey Wilmore; Cope, John William; Longmore, Alfred Edward; Mercer, David C.; Moore, Frank Ronald; Moxley; Carman Edward; Quinn, William Joseph.

The Knox Tennis Club is trying to arrange a tournament for Dominion Day.

Mr. Percy Unwin of Medicine Hat, is visiting his aunt, Miss G. Edwards, 146 14th St.

Mrs. J. M. Dawson of Hamilton, Ont., is the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Jos. Cornell, Victoria Ave.

Miss Clara Yall and Miss J. Meslon left Wednesday for Ontario cities to spend their vacation.

Twenty-four married men began work on the street railway extensions on Wednesday afternoon.

Pte. Wm. Clark, who was presented with a watch on Tuesday night, did not belong to the Brandon fire department as has been previously stated.

HORSE AND SHIRT MISSING

An Indian named Grisdale was charged in the Portage la Prairie police court on Tuesday morning with stealing a horse and shirt, the property of Thos. Robson, of the rural municipality of North Norfolk, on June 12th. The accused could hardly understand the charge or the question as to his plea, but when the magistrate asked if he did it, the accused guiltily replied "I did it." He was remanded for one week.

BASEBALL AT OAKVILLE.

A large crowd gathered on Saturday evening on the Oakville diamond to witness a league game between the Elm River and Oakville baseball clubs. Elm River outplayed the home team at every turn and won easily by a score of seven to one. Sheritt certainly had the Oakville batters at his mercy by fanning even their best. The colliding of these two teams had aroused much interest and new great enthusiasm will be shown as Elm River stands foremost in the league.

ROB BIRD'S NESTS.

Many complaints are heard of the robbing of bird's nests by the boys of Neepawa. From all accounts it would appear that we have the worst state of affairs in this respect that exists in the province. Neither parents nor those in public positions seem to care anything about the preservation of bird life but they will while, like swine about the destruction of gardens and crops by cutworms and the depredations of insect pests on trees and shrubs. If severe punishment were meted out to the robbers of bird's nests there would not be so much destruction of vegetation by insects.

SOLD OVER THEIR HEADS

The Neepawa Liberal club building sold under mortgage on Saturday, was purchased for what was against it by one of the original owners.

SPORTS AT VIRDEN.

Thursday, June 24th, is the date selected for Virden's annual Sports Day, when the feature attraction will be a big baseball tournament for local players, in which all paid men will be absolutely barred. For this event a purse of \$250.00 has been donated by the business men of the town to be divided into four prizes of \$100, \$75, \$50 and \$25. There will be no entrance fee for competing clubs. Two splendid diamonds will be available for the tournament, which will commence promptly at 10.30 a.m. The proceeds will go to the patriotic fund. Fort la Besse Chapter, I.O.O.F., will have the refreshment privileges and will donate the net proceeds to the patriotic fund. The Rest Room committee will serve meals and the W.H.A.S. will conduct a flag day for the patriotic fund. The Virden band will contribute plenty of music.

WOMEN BATHE IN LAKE

The bathing season was opened at Oak Lake Sunday when a party of twenty-three of the young women of that village dispersed themselves in the clear water of the lake for half an hour. As an inducement to city patronage, Captain Johnson has been engaged to give free swimming lessons to women during the summer.

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