

THE BLANK SOCIETY

(Author's note: For reasons of personal safety as well as to protect the integrity of the society and persons connected with it, all names mentioned are fictitious.)

On a recent evening one of the more active societies at U. N. B. (I would say "the most active" but why make others feel badly) held its first meeting of the year. The new president of the group, "Best-we-do-something" Littlehouse occupied the radiator; I realize that presidents commonly occupy the chair but Littlehouse, whose main characteristic is his desire to be radically different from the rest of mankind, spent most of the evening perched atop aforementioned article of furniture. The room was not cold either; doubtless he was trying to get warmed up to his task.

The meeting was called to chaos at seven thirty. Sensing a new element, Littlehouse asked the secretary, Miss Vilkingston for a statement of the average number of members who had formerly attended the Blank Society meetings. Miss Vilkingston stated that approximately ten people were the usual number at such a gathering. After a careful count and recount Mr. Murry George B. (Shaw), it was regretfully announced that the precedent had been broken as there were thirteen members present. Three persons were kindly asked to leave. About five minutes after they had happily departed, there arrived on the scene five more characters seeking admission. At this point Mr. Littlehouse fell prostrate to the floor and had to be revived with smelling salts.

After he had sufficiently recovered from the shock, Mr. Littlehouse proceeded with the business at hand. He stressed the fact that since the society had in recent years been such a thriving one, it would be appropriate if the group, in the near future should hold a "wake". This was understood by those present to be bitter sarcasm and the statement passed unopposed. The President then warmly welcomed the representatives of "the Old Guard", the faithful individuals who had supported the association during its most trying period, this was, by definition, from its beginnings until the present time.

The various matters of business of the meeting were then brought forward. Suggestions for plans of action were offered so readily that Mr. Littlehouse was forced to remind the members of their main purpose: to do nothing.

"Of course we will hold regular meetings," Mr. Littlehouse stated,

"but we shall formulate no active projects. It is enough if we merely talk about such things. Let other societies rush around trying to print histories of New Brunswick etc. We will fare much better if we intelligently discuss matters. In this way, not so much effort is wasted and everyone then knows how intelligent and progressive we are."

The members admitted the rashness of their actions and thanked the President for his wise restraining advice.

The secretary-treasurer was called upon to give the financial report of the society; Miss Vilkingston stated that at present the bank was holding in a special account, the munificent sum of \$6.01. Mr. Littlehouse explained that the .01 was interest.

Since our funds were so low, it was suggested by Mr. U. Arm-of-the-Law that the society establish a printing press and issue its own paper money. Mr. Littlehouse attempted to explain to Mr. Arm-of-the-Law that such a practice would not only be unlawful but unnecessary as the Blank Society had no use for funds of large amounts. Mr. Arm-of-the-Law could not be convinced of the truth of this, and so, shouting dire threats of revenge was forcibly removed from the premises.

When the uproar had subsided, the president lay before the group plans for formation of a film company. The project was to consist of the following phases:

(1) The Society would assume the complete production of six movies a year;

(2) The members of the society would direct, produce and act in these films;

(3) These movies would be presented at the college to a limited select audience, chosen on the basis of their degree of appreciation for the better type of motion picture. If the demand was great, the films would be offered to the general public.

This plan was immediately acclaimed by all. Mr. Littlehouse, in melodious cadences, requested that some one who really felt the urge should move the adoption of the plan.

The following motion was made and passed:

"Moved that the Blank Society adopt the aforementioned plan as their theme of discussion for the year."

Mr. Littlehouse stressed the fact that under no conditions would the plan be carried out. The society would merely talk about it for the remainder of the year.

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CAMPUS PERSONALITIES



HELEN BAXTER

This week the co-eds proudly present the first woman engineer in the history of the University of New Brunswick, Helen Baxter.

Helen came "up the hill" from Fredericton High School and her many activities have made her well-known about the campus. Helen has been president of the Delta Rho for two years and has debated at St. Francis Xavier University.

She is a whizz at badminton and also at bridge; although her courses take up a good deal of time. She occasionally has a moment for a hand or two in the Ladies' Reading Room. In addition, during her sophomore and junior years she was a member of the Chess Club.

Helen has taken an active interest in church work; she has been secretary-treasurer of St. Paul's Young People's Society for the past three years and incidentally is one of the best badminton players in that organization.

During her freshman and sophomore years, Helen worked as an assistant at the University Library; the past summer she was employed with an engineering firm in Saint John.

At present Helen's plans for the immediate future lie in the field of architecture and we know she will be successful in her chosen occupation. Her willingness to work and her carefree manner combine to promise an interesting career.

This week's Short Short Tale:
Sail
Cale
Pale
Rall.

Did You Know?

The history of the University of New Brunswick goes back practically to the beginning of the history of our province. The year 1783 marked the coming of the United Empire Loyalists. In the following year the province of New Brunswick was formed. In the first assembly of a total of twenty-six members, twenty-three were loyalists. Many of these men were graduates of Harvard, Yale and King's College, New York (now Columbia University). They were naturally unwilling that their sons should be denied the advantages of a supervised education; consequently one of their first acts was to set aside certain lands for the support of a public seminary, the nucleus of what is now U. N. B.

In 1806, an effort was made to extend the scope of the seminary and to place it upon a sound financial basis, and the "College of New Brunswick" was duly created. It was not until 1820 however that a course of advanced studies, leading to the degree of Bachelor of Arts was laid down. Eight years later the first degrees ever granted in the province were conferred upon Timothy Wetmore, Daniel Smith and Samuel Street.

In the royal charter granted in 1829, the name of the institution was changed to King's College with Sir Howard Douglas as Chancellor. In the thirty years of its existence a hundred men were graduated.

The institution was made strictly non-denominational and the name changed to "University of New Brunswick" in 1860. From then on there was a marked increase in attendance and a corresponding invigoration of the life of the institution.

JUNIORS

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FROM THE WINDOW-SEAT

We said we would see you in Sackville and we did. Some of you, that is. What a trip! Precisely at seven on a cold, wet Saturday morning the Silver Meteor left the capital city for the hovel on the marches. A sudden gale prevailed throughout the cars.

However a note of dignity and importance was lent to the occasion by the presence of His Honor Quig Clary, Mayor of McGivney Junction, well known among official circles in Sackville as "The Man From McGivney". The fame of the Metropolis of McGivney Junction spread like wildfire as the mayor threw his heart and soul into rousing cheers for said parish. The cheer of the company was momentarily dampened by the passing of "Brother Doorly" and suitable prayers were said by the mayor.

In Moncton, Mayor Clark and his host of aldermen made a brief appearance at a "Bond" Rally; after which they returned to the Silver Meteor with "Brother Bacardie" who brought the spirits of the assembly to a new pitch.

We were welcomed very warmly by the Mounties and their Co-eds. They took us to residences and made us very much at home. Although we lost the game, it was most exciting. We have to keep in mind the fact that if we don't let them win once in a while, they won't play with us any more. After the game we all went to supper as guests of Mt. A. Around eight o'clock we wandered down to their Gym? which was just like the "rat race" (home away from home!)

The house mothers at Mount Allison really do their duty. It seems that while a lonely U. N. B. student stood under a tree in front of the Mother's Residence, waiting for his U. N. B. Co-ed to come out, an eager house mother appeared, tapped on the tree and whispered, "It's getting late, dear, you had better come in now."

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