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Veterans' Training —News and Views

Dr. G. D. Steel, the Principal of Prince of Wales College, was confronted last autumn with a unique and difficult problem. In addition to the regular intake of the college from our public schools, which does not vary much from year to year, the end of the war released scores of Prince Edward Islanders who wished to resume an interrupted education leading to the professions. Others, who had quit school before completing Grade Ten work, now decided to take advantage of the provision made by the Government of Canada for the completion of High School and University training. This problem of how to accommodate and provide instruction for a greatly increased enrolment was common to colleges and universities throughout Canada and the United States in the fall of 1945. It was made more difficult of solution by a shortage of teachers, whose ranks had been greatly depleted by "desertions" to fields of higher salaries, and by a decrease in the number offering themselves for training as teachers.

A number of additions were made to the Prince of Wales College staff, but the pressure of applicants from demobilization in September, October, November and December made it clear that a new class of pre-matriculation students would have to be organized in January 1946 and continued throughout the summer months, so that these ex-service men could be made ready for university by the autumn of 1946. It is here that Canadian Vocational Training entered the picture. As the Province of Prince Edward Island had already added to the staff of the college, the Department of Labour of the Dominion Government agreed to pay the salary of the extra teacher now required in order to begin a new class in January. This was done under the C.V.T. agreement between the Province of Prince Edward Island and the Dominion Government.

Canadian Vocational Training engaged Mr. A. G. Livingstone as its contribution to the solution of the problem in question. Mr. Livingstone had three years in Acadia University prior to enlistment and plans to complete his degree work next college year. This veteran had five and a half years' service with the New Brunswick Hussars and the Sherbrooke Fusiliers, and while in England he taught wireless in a school conducted by the Armoured Corps. He crossed the Channel with the Canadian Army in the autumn of 1944.

Dr. Steel reports that our ex-service students are doing splendid work, showing evidence of maturity of outlook and of having a definite objective. With very few exceptions their application and quality of achievement rate first class, while the value of their participation in sports and other student activities makes this a banner year for P.W.C.

There are nineteen ex-service students in the university years here (in Third and Fourth years) and seventy-nine in the High School or Pre-Matriculation groups. In Fourth Year, the equivalent of Second Year University, are Arnold Hiltz, Sea View; Alphonsus Keefe, Miscouche; Stewart Ross, Charlottetown Three others attended until quite recently when they joined a special class at Queen's University; William Large and Allin Thompson of Charlottetown and Ivan MacArthur of West Royalty.

In the Third Year, or First Year University are Edwin Bagnall, William Brehaut, Stewart Chandler, John Hodgson, Thomas Keefe, Herbert Manuel, Albert Sinclair, John Sweeney, and Leith Tierney, all of Charlottetown; William Burleigh, Ellerslie; Archibald Johnston, Murray River; Percy Lannigan, Souris West; Kenneth Martin, Springton; Deane Reade, Summerside; Wilson Ross, Summerville; Alec Skinner, Cornwall.

Coming now to the ex-service students in the pre-matriculation years, we find in the regular second college year William Bentley, George Bonnell, Drummond Cobb, Robert Forsythe, Douglas Hill, Wade Leightizer, Kenneth MacKenzie, and Ivan Robinson all of Charlottetown; Elwin Burke, West Royalty; J. Ewen Campbell, Graham's Road; Leo Ennis, Greenfield; Philip MacKinnon, Richmond; Vernon MacLean, Stanley Bridge.

In First Year Prince of Wales there is only one student, Davis Murray of Bedeque, who is taking Commerce.

The Special Matriculation Class is somewhat of a shortcut to University. Ordinarily only the students who enter P.W.C. with very high marks are permitted to try this course, which attempts most of the work covered in both the regular First and Second Years of the College course in a limited number of subjects required for matriculation to university.

The Special Matriculation Class which began in September, 1945: consists of: Allan Andrew, Harold Bernard, Douglas Forsythe, Maurice Goodwin, Richard Howatt, Ian MacDonald, Stanley McInnis, Charles McLennan, Donald McLennan, Ivan Reddin, Michael Reddin, Arthur Stewart and Leigh Stewart, all of Charlottetown; Ernest Annear, Montague; Ralph Carr, Charlottetown, R.R. 6; Denton Clark, North Bedeque; Millard Coles, Milton; Bruce Coulson, Northam; Joseph Gallant, New Acadia; Friend S. Herring, Murray River; Hubert Herring, Murray River; John Herring, Murray River; Albert Ings, Mount Herbert; Vernon Sobey, Searletown; and John Stewart, Malpeque Road.

The following students make up the Special Matriculation Class which began in January, 1946: George Anderson, William Andrews, Arthur Ballem, Philip Barlow, William Beer, William Bonnell, Crilly Burke, Frederick Bradley, Percy Cameron, Vernon Donnelly, Frank Gallant, John W. Haggerty, Ernest Howatt, Lloyd Howatt, Herbert Hughes, Ralph Jenkins, Henry Larter, David Livingstone, Angus MacEachern, Earl Nicholson, Russell Peppin, Samuel Robison, and Harold Trainor, of Charlottetown; Harold Bell, Carleton; Waldo Dingwell, Morell; Francis Evans St. Teresa; Garfield Gillis, Point Prim; John Jay, Borden; Charles Kelly, Bear River; John Larkin, Richmond; Robert MacLaughlan, Stanhope; Norman MacLean, Little Sands; Oliver MacLeod, Hartsville; Hubert MacNeill, Summerside; John Moynagh, Emerald; Clifford Murphy, Bradalbane; Orville Phillips, Mount Royal; Gordon Purdy, Alberton; John Richard, St. Avard's; John Riley, Belle River.

A number of ex-service men and women are attending Private Schools in this Province, all of whom are being trained in Bookkeeping and or Stenography. Two schools, the Union Commercial College of Charlottetown and the Central Business College of Summerside, have special contracts with Canadian Vocational Training for the training of ex-service students.

Attending Union Commercial College are: Cecil Bernard, Joan-of-Arc Bernard, Eileen M. Chaisson, Herbert McCoubrey, Olive MacKay, William MacLeod, John Weatherbie, of Charlottetown; Regina E. Bears, Murray River; Catherine MacDonald, Bristol; Glen Jenkins, Murray River; Blair MacLaren, Brudenell; Janet Miller, Ellerslie; Irene MacPherson, Bellevue; Olga Watts, Grand Tracadie. Charles Crawford, Charlottetown and Daniel MacDonald, South Lake, have just recently graduated and taken positions.

Attending Central Business College are Ernest G. MacPhee, Summerside; Everett Rodgerson, Tignish; John A. Sharp, Summerside.

It should be mentioned right here that these long lists of students do not by any means contain all the names of ex-service men and women who are now attending Technical Schools, Colleges and Universities. Former articles under this heading have stated that many of our vets are getting their Vocational Training in Vocational or Technical Schools in other Provinces, for which arrangements have been made by C.V.T. here. Then again, veterans who are ready to go direct to university without any pre-matriculation training do not come under the care of C.V.T., but are "routed" straight to university by the Department of Veterans' Affairs. Many universities throughout the eastern half of Canada, including our own St. Dunstan's Unnversity, have Prince Edward Islanders attending right now.

When an ex-service man or woman applies for aid in education to the Counsellor at the Department of Veterans' Affairs, the application goes before a Board for approval. If approved, the applicant receives what is called Benefit No. 5 during the time he attends college. This amounts to sixty dollars a month for single persons and eighty dollars per month for a married man, with additional grants for dependents. These amounts are exactly the same as for Benefit No. 2, which is the one designed for Vocational Training. However, the Department of Veterans' Affairs pays to all universities and private schools the registration and tuition fees, in addition to the payment of benefits to the student. In many cities the veterans are having a difficult time trying to get along on benefit cheques, and veteran organizations are striving to get these increased, particularly for attendance at Institutions located in the most crowded of our cities where rentals and board rates are higher than average.

HIS WIFE OPENS HIS MAIL, TOO

DES MOINES, Ia April 17 An unidentified man who forgot to mail in his state income tax return a year ago, can quit worrying about his wife learning of his lapse of memory

The state tax commission received a letter from the man with a check for the tax payment—plus one year's penalty.

"If this is correct, please do not write about it," he wrote the commission. "My wife would never forget it."

Commission officials said the check was correct to the penny and the sender could quit fretting. They said nobody is going to write him about his late payment.

LONDON —(CP) Sausages and onions is a favorite dish of Mrs. Sarah Murray, 100 years old.

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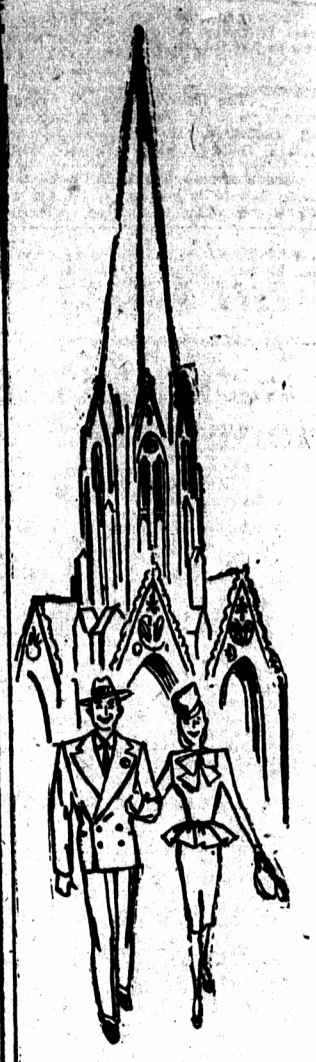

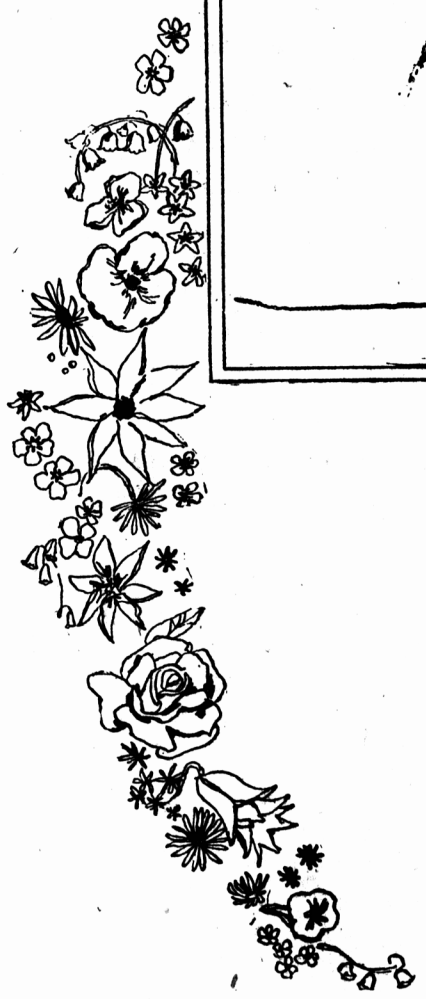

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Honorary Degree For Princess Elizabeth

LONDON, April 17—(CP Cable)—Princess Elizabeth will receive the honorary degree of Bachelor of Music of the University of London at the Senate House on July 10. Her great-uncle, the Earl of Athlone, former Governor-General of Canada and chancellor of the University, will preside at the ceremony.

Music long has been one of the chief interests of the 19-year-old Princess and it is said she sings and plays the piano well. The first official post she accepted after her 18th birthday was that of president of the Royal College of Music.

RIPON, England —(CP)— Capt. W.J. Coates, Britain's oldest scout commissioner, has retired at 90.

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