

Venture In Education Reaches Goal

MONTREAL (CP)—Phil Lauffer, who has a shaky but determined venture into higher education will reach his goal Wednesday when he receives a doctorate in philosophy from McGill University. The struggle took 11 years.

Among those who will see him receive his long-sought award will be his wife and three daughters. His wife was his first coach in algebra.

Mr. Lauffer served overseas with the RCAF. A year after he returned to his Montreal home he married Edith Fuxman. She suggested he get a university education.

He told her he didn't even get through high school, but under her direction he started a limited program of home study.

Some time later he interviewed entrance officers at McGill. He was told he could try the matriculation tests if he wished but his chances were not good because of his limited preparation.

At Sir George Williams College he was told much the same but was permitted to enter first-year science. He did so well, McGill allowed him to enter there for his second year and take the honors course in mathematics.

He received his bachelor of science degree in mathematics in 1952, when his first daughter was three years old. He continued his studies for a master's degree and was named lecturer in mathematics.

Vocational

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Automotive Mechanics 18 (11); Carpentry 16 (5); Drafting 11 (8); Electricity 7 (6); Plumbing 10 (7); Welding 22 (7); Diesel 15 TOTAL 99 (54).

Altogether there were 99 students enrolled in the day trade courses, approximately 70 per cent of whom were from rural areas and the remainder 30 per cent from Charlottetown and Summerside.

NIGHT COURSES

Night trade courses are intended for those who wish to gain a knowledge of a trade and also for those actually engaged in a particular trade. Our night classes began on October 1, 1957 and continued till April 30, 1958, a period of seven months. During the fall and winter months, the School was in operation five nights each week. The public again showed fine interest in afternoon and evening courses and most of the classes were filled to capacity, the total attendance being 360 students. On April 28 an informal closing was held for night students.

SHORT COURSES

During the winter months two short courses were held—a six-week course in Homemaking in which 8 young women were enrolled, and a three-week course in Egg Grading in which 14 young men were enrolled. In July 1957 a one-week potato roguing course was held in which 11 young men were enrolled. Members of the Federal Department of Agriculture acted as instructors for the Egg Grading and potato roguing courses which were conducted at Birch Court, Experimental Station, Charlottetown.

HOME ECONOMICS

The Home Economics Department under the supervision of Miss Doris M. Anderson, B.Sc., M.S. had another very active year. A total of 210 students were enrolled in the various day and evening classes of this Department.

Beginning October 27, 1958 a two-month course in Home Econ-

omics is being offered for the coming school year. This course plus the six-week short course given in January and February of each year, will be given in place of the full year course in Home Economics previously offered. It is felt that more young women would be able to take advantage of this shorter and more intensive course.

In addition to the courses already referred to, all male students in the day trades classes are required to take a general academic course. In this course instruction is given in English, Science, General Knowledge, and Mathematics.

CHANGES IN STAFF

During the school year 1957-58 there were two changes and one addition to the school staff.

Miss Florence Drake who was employed as stenographer resigned in July, 1957, and was replaced by Miss Marie Kickham of New Haven who is doing satisfactory work.

Miss Jeannie Walker who was employed as secretary resigned in April, 1958, to take a position with Department of Veteran's Affairs. She was replaced by Mrs. Betty MacLean who was previously employed in the same position.

In April 1958, Mr. Floyd Buel was appointed as instructor in Diesel and Heavy Duty Mechanics.

HIGHLIGHTS OF YEAR

Installation of a supplementary power line from Cumberland St. direct to the Welding Shop, making possible for the first time a complete course in electric welding.

All eligible students received two inoculations against polio. Ninety bedside tables were made by the carpentry classes for patients at Beach Cove.

Handsleighs were again made by the carpentry classes and presented to the Infirmary and to each of the Orphanages at Christmas time.

A window display in the show window of the Maritime Electric Co. in January 1958.

Organization and conducting of our Third Annual Ice Sports on January 17th. These sports improve the morale of the school and provide needed funds for student activities.

Most of our eligible students (18 yrs. of age or over) gave blood at the Blood Donor's Clinic in April.

New 8 ft. bending brake installed in the Plumbing shop for use in instruction in Sheet Metal Work.

The addition of considerable new equipment in the Automotive Mechanics shop.

Presentation to the school of two excellent pictures of Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II, one by local Earl of Hillsborough Chapter of the I.O.D.E. and the other by Dominion Stores Limited.

The Welding class made playground swings for the Kinsmen's Club to be used in the new Des Brisay Crescent playground.

Formal closing of evening classes held on the evening of April 28th.

The evening classes in English were organized for Hungarian and Dutch immigrants who have recently arrived in the Province.

The big event of the year was the organization and equipping of a new shop for instruction in Diesel and Heavy Duty Mechanics. This new annex to the Vocational School is located in Parkdale.

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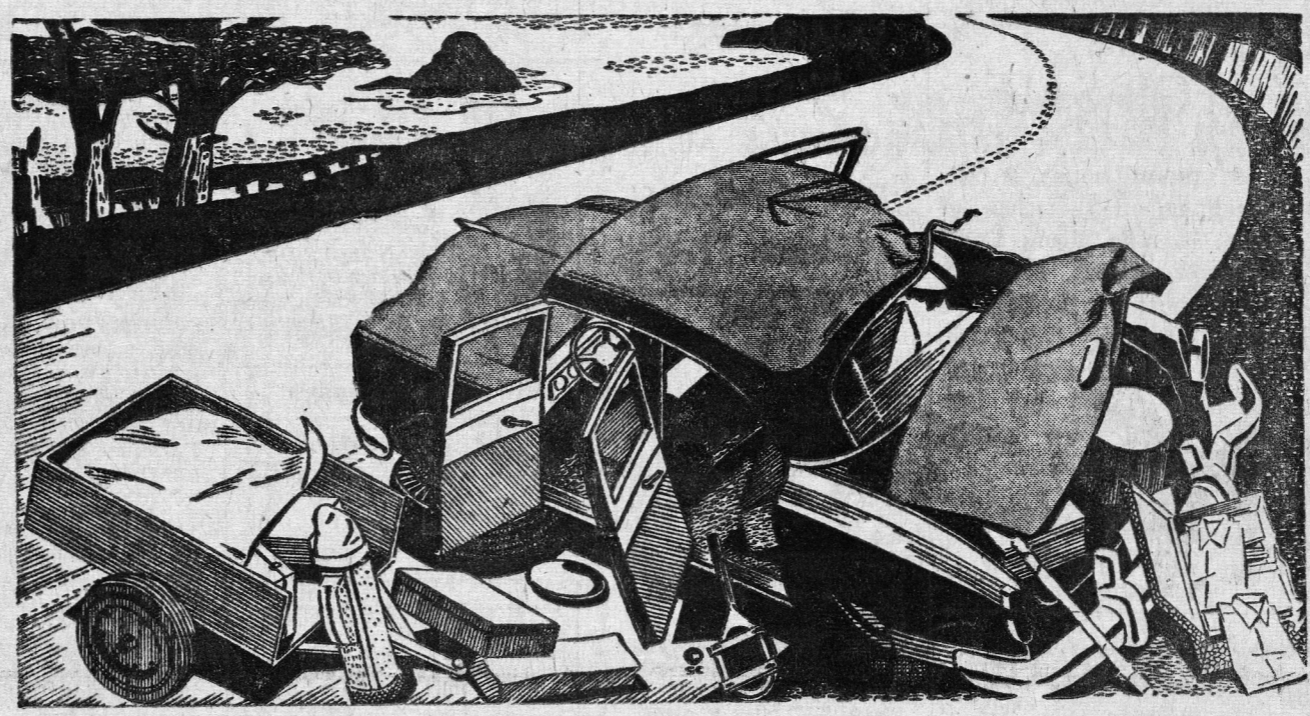
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