

Obituary

R.D. TULLOCH

On his death at 77 in Centerville, King's County, Nova Scotia and Canada lost a chemist who was identified with the practice of science in industry, and its nurturing in various societies and organizations, for over fifty years.

Bob was a native of Cole Harbour, Nova Scotia, and graduated from Dalhousie in 1931. His first job was with Moirs chocolate factory in Halifax, where he was part of the team that developed the renowned XXX brand of dark chocolate. In 1933 he joined Imperial Oil at its refinery in Dartmouth as an analytical chemist, became a process engineer in 1960, and remained at that plant until he retired in 1973. The refinery, and those who operated it, gave notable service throughout the second world war, and during the new technological expansion of the 1960's. The refinery was a most important element of the community on the eastern side of the harbour, and its technical people were deservedly respected.

Bob Tulloch's interests went far beyond his job at the refinery. He was an avid reader and thinker, and devoted a great deal of his time to the organization of causes which he felt were important. He was an active early member of the Chemical Institute of Canada of which he was a Fellow, and held numerous local and national posts. He was a founding member of the Dartmouth Museum Society and its Chairman, a role which stemmed from his family's long association with the Dartmouth area. His sense of community and feeling for people were reflected in his association with Woodlawn United Church, in which he held most of the administrative posts, and in his association with the Russell Credit Union of which he was a founding member.

After retiring to the Valley in 1973, Bob continued his involvement with science, serving on a Provincial Manpower Board studying improvement in technical training in schools, and tutoring in science and mathematics in Centerville.

He is survived by three daughters: Carol Bradley, Windsor; Anne Tulloch-Patrick and Judith, both of Halifax. He was predeceased by his wife, Marion Rood.

Robert Tulloch, member of the Nova Scotian Institute of Science, will be fondly remembered.