

Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association



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Your association is searching for men or women who have made outstanding contributions to agriculture and Saskatchewan culture for nomination to Saskatchewan's Agriculture Hall of Fame. If you have someone in mind, please send along their name and some details about them to our secretary-treasurer, Bob McKercher, Box 320, Sub P.O. 6, Saskatoon, S7N 0W0.

AGROS HERE AND THERE

Bob Lodge (49), Swift Current Research Station, has been appointed chief of land use services, Prairie Farm Rehabilitation Administration.

Frank Payne (47), director of livestock division of Agriculture Canada, officially opened the sale of performance tested bulls in Saskatoon in April. While in Saskatoon, Frank and **Jock Blacklock** (43) traded hats, however, Frank found Jock's ten gallon hat a little big — it seems that amount of hair made the difference.

Murray Carlson (64), Federated Cooperatives, Saskatoon, has been transferred to Swift Current as area representative in the feed division and mechanics for Federated.

Ab Gorrill (58), is now at the Canada Research, Fredericton, N.B. while on leave from the University of Sydney, Australia from July 72 to July 73. Ab is doing research on the nutritive value of rapeseed protein for lambs and rats.

Hank Friesen (43), Research Scientist at Lacombe, presented a paper at the British Weed Conference in November of 72, while in Europe Hank toured research institutions and chemical company laboratories.

J. B. Harrington (20), one of our distinguished graduates who served the Agricultural faculty of our University for many years, then with the World Food Organization of the United Nations in charge of a wheat breeding program for the United Arab Republic has now retired again and living in Chatham, Ontario.

Geoffrey S. Shepherd (24), professor of economics emeritus, Iowa State University, has been working with the Government of Venezuela on a regional marketing policy study which is coordinated with the Bank for International Development.

G. M. Farrell (59), Extension Division, University of Saskatchewan has been appointed to the board of directors of Saskatchewan Telephones.

Barry Swanson (72), has been appointed assistant Agricultural representative at Moose Jaw.

Roy Blake (34) has taken up permanent residence in Victoria after a very interesting and active career in international service. Roy states that he plays lots of golf, feels if he keeps moving that father time will find it harder to catch up to him. A summer trip to Tanzania under CIDA to help set up foreign trade service with that country is in the offering. Roy passes on the news of visits with Tom Bryden (formerly manager of the University farm), E.E.

Brockelbank (22) and **Bob Glen** (29) all in good health.

Glenn Gutheil (54) is now manager of Case Power and Equipment outlet in Bakersfield, California. Note: be sure Glenn to put air conditioners on the tractors.

Glen Herndier (70) of Saskatoon has joined the farm management branch of the Alberta department of Agriculture as farm planning supervisor. Glen was the first recipient of the Hadley Van Vliet memorial scholarship.

Jim Bole (64) and wife Mary visited at his home in Elfros and in Saskatoon in April.

Stu White (60) and **Stu McBean** (38) of Swift Current are active in the local branch of the University in that city. These Agros served on a committee responsible for staging the annual "Bierstube". Where there is action you will find Agros.

Doug Watson (48) and his wife Shirley were on the winning team in the fourth annual Saskatchewan Sweep Bonspiel sponsored by the Toronto branch of the alumni. Congratulations Doug, how about trying your skill where men are men and curling is a test of endurance at the Ag. Grad Bonspiel.

Tom Rogers of Edgely who recently completed his M.Sc. at Manitoba has accepted an appointment with the Sask. Dept. of Agriculture as a marketing specialist.

Wayne Clews (61) of Pangman was re-elected president of the Sask. Charolais Association at their recent meeting in Regina. **Oliver By** (49) of Kelvington was returned as first vice-president of the Charolais breeders.

Murray Skeates (71) now Technical Sales Representative for Fisons (Canada) Ltd. and is now living in Ottawa. Murray states that he enjoys getting the Newsletter on the whereabouts of Ag. Grads. Note: **The Newsletter is only as good as the news we get — please send information on Ag. Grads to the Newseditor.**

Jim Birch (67) is now living in Prince George, B.C., and is feed plant manager for Federated Cooperative.

Allan McLeod (49) has been appointed research director of Saskatchewan Wheat Pool's Research Division. Al replaces Bob Phillips who now becomes director of the Pool's Printing and Publishing Division upon the retirement of Tom Melville-Ness.

Jack McFaul (44) chairman of the Board of Governors of the University of Saskatchewan was guest speaker at the School of Agriculture Graduation in March. **Glen Jansen** (73) of Watson was named the most distinguished student of this year's class. **Sever Belle** (73) of Coronach achieved the highest academic standing. **Ronald Hundebly** of Elbow received the Smith-Roles prize for highest standing in rural electrification.

Bob Baker (61) is now back in Winnipeg with Canada Research after a year on postdoctoral transfer work at the University of Birmingham, England. Note: Bob sent along a \$30.00 cheque for a life membership, do we have others?

Bob May (49) of Regina, supervisor of livestock specialists, along with a number of breeders from Saskatchewan, recently toured Danish swine facilities and had an overview of marketing techniques in Denmark.

Bill Kennedy (43) is now located in Edmonton as regional agriculturist for Alberta with the Department of Indian Affairs.

Ole Turnbull (43) of Saskatoon has been appointed to the Board of Governors of the University of Saskatchewan.

Art Sumner (47) College of Home Economics, University of Saskatchewan, was elected president of Saskatchewan Resources Development Association.

Harvey Whitney (56) now living in Victoria, is presently working with the Canadian Foreign Service Environment Canada.

Stewart Given (50) was recently named Ontario Branch Manager of Farm Credit Corporation.

Don Blackburn (53) professor, University of Guelph, has been appointed to a three-year term as editor of research brief for the Journal of Extension.

Glen Flaten (56) of Regina, was recently elected Vice-President of the Canadian Pork Council's Board of Directors.

Akos Pungor (61) is now head, Conservation and Development Branch, Irrigation Division, Alberta Department of Agriculture, Lethbridge.

Ken Best (50), of C.D.A., Regina, and **Jack Braidek** (51) of Sask. Pool, Regina, were elected chairman and vice-chairman respectively of Canada Weed Committee's Western Section.

In order to make the records straight, **Grant Kowalenko** (68) writes to clear up some misunderstanding in our last letter. **E. A. (Ed) Kowalenko** (52) is with Cominco in Calgary, and **A. E. (Al) Kowalenko** (66) is with Federated Cooperatives in Winnipeg. Grant plans to complete his Ph.D. at U.B.C. this spring. Thanks Grant!

Cliff Trowell (73) is another Ag. Grad off to Ghana with C.U.S.O. Cliff will leave in August for a two-year stint. He will be stationed in the upper region of Ghana near another Grad, **John Buswell** (72).

R. E. Atkinson (67) has been appointed Feed Plant Manager in Edmonton with Federated Cooperatives. **W. C. Burrell** (72) is Livestock Equipment Specialist, Feed Division, Federated Cooperatives, Edmonton.

Vick Beck (50) Director, Plant Industry Branch, S.D.A. Regina, recently received a certificate of honorary membership in the North Central Weed Control Conference.

Dave Robinson (28) horticulturist in the Extension Division, University of Saskatchewan, retires June 30 after nearly 40 years of association with the University. Dave, along with eight other staff members, were honored at a faculty recognition night. Dave received one of our honorary life membership this past January.

Ron Schmidt (39) has been appointed Credit Agent under the Manitoba Farm Diversification Program.

Bill Miner (52) of Ottawa dropped in to visit Grads in Regina and Saskatoon while on a recent business trip to Western Canada.

Ron Gallaway (48) of Estevan, President of the Saskatchewan Agricultural Societies Association reports that he enjoys reading the Newsletter. Ron is completing a second year on the Surface Rights Board of Arbitration. The chairman of the Board is **Bob Bewes** (49) of Eaton. Ron mentions that he meets many Ag. Grads who are working with Agricultural Societies.

Tom Homersham (28) of Saskatoon who was made an Honorary Life member at our annual meeting, is in circulation again after a session in the hospital.

Jack Art (54) of Saskatoon, writer and journalist had a most interesting article in the Western Producer on

Zero Tillage. The research for the article was conducted by **Marvin Nyborg** (55) Professor of Soils, University of Alberta, Edmonton.

Roger K. DeMong (66) has been appointed district agriculturist with the B.C. Department of Agriculture, headquarters to be at Courtenay.

Art Sawatsky (47) of Saskatoon was reappointed Secretary-Treasurer of the Canadian Holstein Association, Sask. Branch at their Annual meeting and convention in Regina.

Steve Burkell (49) of Saskatoon has resigned as registrar of the Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists.

Rod Weber (65) of Saskatoon has accepted a position with Federated Cooperatives in Saskatoon.

Bill Cooper (52) of Westbend and Saskatoon was named Saskatoon's bachelor of the year on March 3. Guess there are advantages to the statehood of being single.

Phil Robinson (69) of Saskatoon who has been with the Horticulture Department since 1970 has accepted a position with the Agricultural Division of Niagara Chemicals in Lethbridge.

W. J. (Billy) Small (48) of Craven was recently elected to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Shorthorn Association at their annual meeting in Winnipeg.

Ben Blacklock (46) of Grandora was elected to the Board of Directors of the Canadian Aberdeen Angus Association at their annual meeting in Winnipeg.

John Singer (63) is with the Marketing Department of Imperial Oil Ltd. in Edmonton.

Don Westlund (63) has accepted a position as technical service supervisor with Chipman Chemicals for Western Canada. Don will live in Winnipeg.

Bob Kohlert (63) who is now living in Victoria, is program officer with the special A.R.D.A. program on Regional and Economic Expansion.

Don Roy (65) formerly with Sask. Farm Credit Corporation in Regina, has recently been appointed district supervisor for F.C.C. at Yorkton.

Patrick Clift (67) is with Can. Farm Data System at Guelph.

Bob Zentner (72) is now with the economics branch C.D.A. Research Station at Lethbridge.

Art Bonstrom (63) is now teaching school in the Saskatoon West School Unit. Art also finds time to farm a section of land.

Lloyd Darwent (63) is with the Beaverlodge Research Station as a weeds specialist. Since graduation Lloyd has taken his M.Sc. from the University of Saskatchewan and his Ph.D. from the University of Minnesota, St. Paul.

Gerald Dennison (63) is presently in Germany as a teacher for the Department of National Defense. Gerald teaches science to grades 6 and 7 in an intermediate school.

Recent job changes have seen **Orville Myrvang** (69) join the Sask. Municipal Assessment Commission to be located at Swift Current. **Roy Button** (67) returns to Saskatchewan after a couple of years in the wilds of Newfoundland. He will be in North Battleford with the Sask. Dept. of Agriculture. **Laurence McKnight** (71) has joined the Farm Credit Corporation.

Fraser Rempel (53) Manager of Newfield Seeds Ltd. of Nipawin announces the construction of a pilot plant to process pea flour for industrial use. One of the ultimate purposes of the plant is to produce a product high in protein for human consumption. Ag. Grads congratulate Fraser in undertaking this project — we will soon be eating superburgers, with vegetable protein in them from the Nipawin plant.

Congratulations to Agricultural Graduates and their families who are helping to improve the quality of beef cattle in Saskatchewan. David and **Robert Ballantyne** (68)

of Livelong had the top gaining Galloway group of bulls in the R.O.P. Test Station this past year, average gain of 3.12 pounds per day. **George Cooper** (44) and son of Westbend had the top gaining Shorthorn group of bulls, average of 3.41 pounds per day. One of George's bulls was seventh high gaining bull in the entire lot on R.O.P. Test.

Ed Kowalenko (52), Canadian Sales Manager Chemical and Fertilizer Sales, Cominco Ltd. of Calgary, is presently the Company's Director on the Canadian Council on 4-H Clubs. Ed has served on several standing committees in the Council.

Ross Greenshields (49) of Saskatoon, May, Mark and Kevin, have just returned from a seven-month stay in New Zealand. Ross was on a senior research fellowship studying the organization of agricultural research in New Zealand. He also studied the production and use of rapeseed oil. While in New Zealand Ross worked in the Department of Science and Industrial Research at Lincoln. Must have been tough to experience a whole year of summer weather — no wonder Ross has a southern tan.

At the recent Convocation Exercises, 66 students received their degree, **Frank Leon Kowalski** of Bladworth was awarded the S.I.A. Scholarship as the most distinguished graduate. **Lynn Stuart Grant** of Val Marie received the C.S.A.A. book prize in Animal Science. **Leon Edward Cochran** of Codette received the R.K. Baker prize in poultry and the Western Canadian Society award for horticulture went to **William Roger Irwin** of Swift Current. Our congratulations follows.

Ralph Stutt (33) of Ottawa retires this month from his position of Senior Economist in the Federal Civil Service. Ralph joined the C.D.A. Economics Branch in 1938. In 1942 he became head of the regional office in Saskatoon. It was in 1958 that Ralph moved to Ottawa as Chief of the land economics section. Ralph is a past president of the S.A.G.A. and an Honorary Life Member. He has served your association on many executive positions. We all wish Ralph and Grace the very best of everything on his retirement. Don't forget Ralph, to keep Ag. Grad news coming our way.

Dave Durksen Alberta Department of Agriculture, Edmonton, although not a U. of S. Grad, but well known to many graduates has just returned from a trip to South Korea, Hong Kong, Thailand, and New Zealand. Dave will be giving one of the key-note addresses at the A.I.C. convention in Victoria.

Ed Halstead (61) Soil Science Department will be on leave from the University from July 1973 to June 1975 to take a position with I.A.E.A. in Vienna.

Hugh Hauser '73, has joined the Health of Animals Branch in Regina.

Cliff Crickett (73), is working with the Municipal Assessment Branch.

Dale Junek (73), and **Bill Busby** (73), have joined the technician staff in the Crop Science Department.

Glenn Dokken (73), has become a technician at the C.D.A. Research Station, Regina.

Greg Marshall (73), has taken a position as technician with the Dept. of Animal Science, Saskatoon.

Warren Fender (60) has resigned his position in the School of Agriculture. His duties will be taken over by **Dick Ross** (72), of Kincaid.

Gary McKechney (52), was seriously injured in a motor accident on May 11. We wish Gary speedy recovery.

Wade Armstrong (72), Sinaluta and **Gordon Parkinson** (68), Battleford are working with the Assessment Branch, Regina.

Among those who received the B.S.A. on May 17 were School of Agriculture Graduates **John Beckton** (70), **Chris Hale** (69).

Remember Farm and Home Week 1974 — January 14-18

Ag. Grad Curling and Reunion will start on January 11

DEATHS

A. D. Munro, Saskatoon, father of **Bill Munro** (49), May 5, 1973.

Corny Fast (71) of Glidden, March 28, 1973.

Rupert Kirkham (32) of Saltcoats, March 19, 1973.

Mrs. Shier, mother of **Clare Shier** (61).

John W. Devine (25) of Melfort, October 19, 1972.

Dan T. Edwards (45) of Imperial, October 12, 1972.

Bryan C. McLean (72) of Loreburn, December 13, 1972.

James M. Stephenson (62) of Indian Head, September 25, 1972.

MARRIAGES

Reindeer de Jong (71) to **Willy Kiestra** on May 1, 1973 at Frjentsjer, Holland.

BIRTHS

Terry Gates (68) and **Donna**, a son born April, 1973.

Please Note:

If you have a change in address or have news of Ag. Grads, including yourself, please let the secretary or News editor know about it. The more news the better your letter.

We would like addresses for:

Ron B. Wilson (66)

Gary Vogt (60)

Warren Toles (71)

John Hnatiuk (48)

Gerry Arnot (51)

Blair Birch (71)

Keith Fawcett (49)