

BENSON McLEOD BLACKLOCK was born and raised at Maymont, Saskatchewan. He obtained his Bachelor of Science in Agriculture from the University of Saskatchewan in 1946.

Ben has had many careers. He has worked as an Extension Specialist with the University of Saskatchewan, as an Agricultural Representative at Prince Albert with the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture and as Agricultural Editor of the Western Producer. He is a livestock auctioneer, a farmer and an innovator operating Benlock Farms at Grandora. There, registered Aberdeen Angus cattle, wheat, malting barley, canola and alfalfa are raised and a commercial feedlot is in operation.

Some of the positions Ben has held are president, Saskatchewan Agricultural graduates Association, president, Saskatoon Exhibition, president Saskatchewan Aberdeen Angus Association and president Canadian Aberdeen Angus Association. He was local board director of United Grain Growers and a candidate in both federal and provincial elections. Presently he is chairman Vanscoy Soil Improvement Association, member of World Angus Forum Steering Committee, director of the Canadian Western Agribition, member of the CBC Farm Broadcast Advisory Committee and columnist for "Grain News."

Ben is an avid sportsman, specializing in curling, hockey, hunting and fishing. he married Alberta May Henderson of Lacombe, Alberta. They have a daughter Roberta, a graduate of the College of Commerce, a son Tom, a graduate of the School of Agriculture, and three grandchildren.