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Pictured above is the Agriculture Class of 1912

We received this from Norm. Quick. Norm's father,
Harold, is the second person from the left (standing)

OBITUARIES:



PROFESSOR RUPERT RAMSAY - To those who knew him, the death of Professor Rupert Ramsay on August 24 at Victoria came as a great shock.

Born in 1899 in Toronto, Rupert Ramsay came West with his father in 1905 to homestead at Bladworth. There, his father specialized in raising Clydesdale horses and seed grains. Rupert Ramsay entered the University of Saskatchewan and obtained his B.S.A. in 1929. Three years later, he obtained his M.Sc. degree from the University of Minnesota, specializing in animal nutrition. From 1929 to 1944, except for a year at Minnesota and another year with the Industrial and Development Council of Canada Meat Packers, Mr. Ramsay was a livestock specialist with the extension department.

From 1944 to 1949, he was leader of the Saskatchewan Progressive Conservative Party. During his political leadership his chief concern was with agriculture and the advancing of farming methods and the development of the young farm people into becoming good farmers. Rupert Ramsay left politics in 1949 to take charge of the Memorial Union Building Fund at the University of Saskatchewan. From 1951 to 1953 he served in Ottawa as General secretary of the Agricultural Institute of Canada. He then returned to the West to succeed the late Prof. John Rayner as director of the Extension Department, a post he held till his death.

It may be fairly estimated that Rupert spent thousands of hours in judging programs during his long association with agricultural exhibitions and fairs, covering a generation in time. A realistic educator, Prof. Ramsay saw in the 4-H movement a great opportunity to develop in rural young people a deep love of the soil, plant and animal life. He never wearied of urging on Saskatchewan's young farm people the virtues of farming as an ideal, enriching, happy way of life, promising the maximum of useful work and contentment.

In recent months, Rupert was particularly active in promoting a farmers' market in the Saskatoon suburbs. In such a market, he saw a means for the orderly marketing of farm produce in the city and promote the development of specialty crops.

Though he gave so much time to the young people, Rupert Ramsay never forgot the pioneers -- those who had done so much to build the West. Last winter, for example, he visited Seeger Wheeler, shortly before Mr. Wheeler's death in his early 90's at Victoria.

Although Rupert Ramsay was so active in agricultural affairs, he also found time to enter into numerous phases of community life, educational, agricultural, political, and service club work. In spite of all his activities he always had time for a friendly chat.

He was one of the real architects of the University's long-established Farm and Home Week and the associated Seed Fair. In helping to shape the program each year, he spent much time to make it timely, pertinent and appealing. He was also the principal figure for the timely revisions of the farmer's "bible", "Guide for Farm Practice in Saskatchewan".

Rupert Ramsay has left an indelible stamp of progress and goodwill on the rural scene of Canada. In truth, he spent his life for others.

DR. G. A. LEDINGHAM - It is with regret that we record the death of Dr. G.A. (Alec) Ledingham at the young age of 58. Recognized as one of Canada's outstanding scientists in the field of biological research, Dr. Ledingham was appointed director of the Prairie Regional Laboratory (NRC) at Saskatoon in 1947, a post he held until his death. This laboratory was designed to contribute to the knowledge of methods and processes for utilization of farm surpluses and wastes in Western Canada.

In the 1920's he farmed, taught and attended the University of Saskatchewan when financially able. Graduating in 1927 with honors in biology, he went on to post graduate work in plant pathology, obtaining his M.Sc. in 1928. The awarding of a research council bursary enabled him to enter the University of Toronto, receiving his Ph.D. in 1932. He did considerable work in studying the effect of smelter fumes on field crops. The

importance of this work is reflected by his contributions to the international tribunal on smelter fumes.

On the eve of the Second World War, he began the organization of research on the utilization of agricultural products at the Ottawa laboratory. During the war this work was greatly expanded for the production of industrial chemicals. Other work included tropicalization studies, especially the effects of fungus growth on equipment. He was awarded the MBE for his war research work.

Dr. Ledingham was a member of the Mycological Society of America, Agricultural Institute of Canada and the Canadian Society of Microbiologists. During his distinguished career he was made a Member of the Order of the British Empire, a Fellow of the Royal Society of Canada and a Fellow of the Chemical Institute of Canada.

A. R. BROOKS - Arthur (Art) Brooks died suddenly in his office at Saskatoon on August 13. He had just returned from convalescing from an earlier heart attack on April 30. Mr. Brooks earned his B.A. degree from the U. of S. in 1938 and later on a M.Sc. degree from Iowa State College in 1947. Early in his career he did field work in Saskatchewan, then moved to Ottawa where he spent several years in systematic entomology, specializing on the Tachinidae. He was transferred to the Entomology Laboratory at Saskatoon, and until his recent illness was very active in carrying out extensive surveys in the Prairie region, and in preparing and publishing synposes of several important insect groups.

Mr. Brooks is survived by his wife, Barbara; three daughters, Jane, Mary and Ann; and two sons, Stuart and James.

MRS. HERB (MARION) CLARK - Many will miss the friendliness and warmth of Marion Clark. S.A.G.A. members will miss her more because we were privileged to see her often as she took part in the activities of our organization. Marion lead an active life with her greatest aim to be a good wife and mother. We extend our sympathy to Herb and two sons, Ronnie and Gordie.

HAROLD F. QUICK '14 - We were sorry to learn from Norm. Quick that his father had recently passed away. We extend our sympathy to the Quick family.

Sympathy is extended to Ken McPherson, Land Rep., Saskatoon, on the recent death of his brother at Peace River.

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PRESENT OCCUPATION AND WHEREABOUTS OF 1962 GRADUATES (COLLEGE)

- Altwasser, Garnet - Canada Packers, Alberta
- Tremere, Arnold - Graduate Study (Animal Science), University of Saskatchewan
- Woolfit, Wayne - Graduate Study (Animal Science), University of Saskatchewan
- Haworth, Ron - Farming, Wawota
- Church, Terry - Myers Feeds Limited
- Gardiner, Bob - Graduate Study, Soils, University of Saskatchewan
- MacIntosh, Ewen - Graduate Study, Soils, University of British Columbia
- Dumamhi, Julien - Graduate Study, Soils, University of Saskatchewan

PRESENT OCCUPATION AND WHEREABOUTS OF 1962 GRADUATES (COLLEGE) (Continued)

Bradley, Bob - Soils Department, Government of Manitoba
Veeman, Terry - Oxford University, England, Graduate Study
Craddock, Bill - O. A. C., Guelph, Ontario
Turner, Keith - Canada Packers, Calgary
Harmel, Roy - Farming, Maidstone
Stirling, Bob -
Gartner, Gerry - Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture, Regina
Sonntag, Bernie - Canada Department of Agriculture, Saskatoon
Mitchell, Bob - Agricultural Representative Service, Manitoba
Byers, Bob - Graduate Study (Biology), University of Saskatchewan
Quanne, Harvey - Graduate Study (Horticulture), University of Saskatchewan
Green, Oliver - Graduate Study (Horticulture), University of Saskatchewan
Elsom, John - Farming
Oliver, Alden - Farming, Colgate
McLaughlin, Bill - Department of Municipal Affairs, Regina
Fleming, Elwood - Attending University of Saskatchewan
Ell, Eldon - Farming, Holdfast
Shuttle, Gordon -
Wiebe, Art -
Wiebe, Bernie - Edmonton, Alberta
Stephenson, Jim - Western Producer, Saskatoon
Campbell, Clayton
Wilke, Ron - Farming, Yellow Grass
Homm, Jake -
Holmgren, Carl -
Belzile, Gilbert -
Chopiuk, Eugene - Department of Municipal Affairs, Edmonton
Kirychuck, Pete - Brewery, Prince Albert
Graham, Al - Swift's, Saskatoon
Hart, Jim - Safeways, Vancouver
Nelson, Glenn - Toronto Area
Robinson, Alfred - F. C. C.
Billett, Morley - Attending University of Saskatchewan
Solar, Syl. - Attending University of Saskatchewan
Kane, Larry - Attending University of California
Dyken, Roy - Federated Co-operatives, Saskatoon

AGROS HERE AND THERE

Several Ag. Reps. in Saskatchewan have taken up new locations, as follows: Andy Sereda has moved to Kerrobert where he has taken on the duties of a full Ag. Rep. Pete Petersen has moved from Hudson Bay to Yorkton. Keith Blackburn has been appointed Ag. Rep. at Wakaw, replacing Frank Miller who moved to Rosthern. John Hansen has moved to Hudson Bay.

Recent retirements in the Ag. Rep. Service included Albert Kirk who was Ag. Rep. at Kerrobert and Walter Boucher who was Ag. Rep. at Yorkton. I'm sure all who know Walter and Albert would want us to wish them well in their years of retirement. Albert plans to remain in Kerrobert and Walter we hear is planning an extensive trip in the U.S.A.

Del Blewett is the College of Law's President this year. Del hopes to join the ranks of Agros-turned-lawyer next spring.

Mel Andal, for the past five years chief of the production section, Economics Division, Canada Department of Agriculture, has been appointed Associate Director of the Division.

Jim Clark of Winnipeg reports that Vic Rea and wife have taken off for Bathurst, Gambia, West Africa. Vic is not on a safari, but will teach Natural Science at the Teachers' College there. Vic is being sent under the Columbo Plan and is on leave of absence from his Voc. Ag. teaching position at Eatonia.

Education Minister O. A. Turnbull recently confirmed the appointment of Harold Tangjerd as supervisor of Vocational Agriculture for the Provincial School System.

Several Agros were given a trip to Churchill to see the "Warkworth", a new Dalgleish line motor freighter, when she docked around the end of July. Those attending included Jim Bole, Doug Sward, Elwood Hart, Eric Koller, and Irving Carlson.

Cameron McPherson, President of the Perdue Agricultural Society, was a big push in a very successful fair held this past summer -- their 50th Anniversary.

Grove Lane '53, after completing studies at Nebraska and Minnesota for his Ph.D. and employed in Ottawa, has recently joined the staff of the Research and Planning Division of the Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture in Regina.

Don Blackburn tells us that Lorne Stalwick '43 has finally built and painted his fence.

Those attending in the Program Planning 1/2 class at summer school this year included:

<u>Name</u>	<u>Present Position</u>
Blackburn, Keith	Assistant Ag. Rep.
Boyes, Lin	Agricultural Representative
Brounstein, Maurice	Agricultural Representative
Cheshire, Charlie	Supervisor of D. A.'s
Clark, Ivan	Agricultural Representative
Colton, Archie	Agricultural Representative
Drew, Jack	Specialist
Duncan, Stu	District Agriculturist
Evans, Ross	Agricultural Representative
Farrell, Glen	Extension Assistant
Friesen, Bruno	Agricultural Representative
Given, Stewart	Reviewing Officer
Graves, Frank	District Agriculturist
Gutheil, Clarence	Agricultural Representative

Hanson, John	Assistant Ag. Rep., Commercial
Hickie, John	Specialist
Kingdon, Ross	Agricultural Representative
Koturbash, Larry	Agricultural Representative
Kristjanson, Kris	F. F. I. B. Representative
McKenzie, Ernie	Supervisor
Miller, Frank	Agricultural Representative
Moss, Gwenna	Extension Assistant
Neilson, Don	Agricultural Representative
Pope, Bill	Supervisor, F. F. I. B.
Sereda, Andrew	Assistant Ag. Rep.
Smith, Jim	Agricultural Representative
Webster, Don	Agricultural Representative
Wilde, Murray	Associate District Agriculturist
Youck, Ted	Agricultural Representative

The course was given by H. R. (Harold) Baker of the Center for Community Studies. Those participating were quite enthusiastic about this type of "in-service" training for extension agents. Jim Smith of Moosomin comments that, in addition to learning something "the meals were good, we got lot's of sleep, and one night the girls from Sask. Hall raided us." 'Nuff said!

The following Agros are currently on leaves of absence doing post grad. work: Jack Drew, John Grassdahl and Norm Bray.

We were pleased to hear from George Shepherd, Curator, Western Development Museum, Saskatoon. George recalled that when he started in Agriculture in 1919 his class mates included the late Rupert Ramsay, Dean V.E. Graham, Howard Gerrie, Tommy Rowles, J. C. Hackney-Campbell, Bill Sinton and others. At that time Dr. Hardy was a husky young blacksmith instructor and John Bracken played on the football team. Dean Rutherford used to lecture on horses. George became curator of the museum after ranching in the Cypress Hills for forty years.

Geoff. Shepherd has done well for himself! After Graduating in 1924 he has spent time in Germany, Japan, Burma, and Venezuela as Agricultural consultant. Thanks George for an interesting letter!

Roy Levee, Radville, reports that he's back on the farm after spending last winter with the Assessment Branch. Roy tried to tell us how tough things are, however I notice his membership is paid up four years in advance.

Our ol' buddy, Bill (hic!) Bradley has been transferred from Sick's Brewery in P.A. to Vancouver. This is the first step in his apprentice Brewmaster's program that will eventually see him spend six months in Calgary, Regina, and Montreal.

G. Binnington reports that he is enjoying his work as Superintendent of Schools at Wainwright, Alta.

Don Sutherland is still with Federated Co-operatives in Winnipeg. He plans to take an eight month leave of absence this winter to complete a master's degree in Business Administration at the University of Toronto.

Al Martin is now a crop specialist with the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. He hopes to soon complete his Ph.D. thesis. Al says he often sees Ed Hudek and Terry Oatway, both of whom are agricultural Engineers with the Manitoba Department of Agriculture. His neighbor is Joe Redford, another Sask. graduate.

Vern Houston '48 says he ran into Don McKay '48 in Swift Current this spring. Don is farming at Beverley, Sask.

Orrin Clayton '58 is still with the Canadian Seed Growers Association as officer in charge of Registration and Certification. Orrin says he sees Ken Ewan '57 once in a while. Ken is with the Poultry Division in Ottawa.

Dave Christianson '58 is at MacDonald College. Ken Murray '58 is teaching school in Wilkie. Dick Myers '58 attended Summer School at the U. of S. this past summer.

Joe McGoey is now part owner and Vice President and Director of Marketing of Duffy's Incorporated, Denver, Colorado.

Ralph Hedlin '48 - Free lance writer out of Winnipeg made a flying trip north of Churchill in the Hudson Bay on a seal hunting expedition. Ralph was chosen for the trip to try and popularize the hunting of seal as a tourist attraction and a source of revenue for our Eskimo Canadians. Ralph had an article appearing in the MacLean's Magazine this summer.

Tom Homersham - Left the farm superintendent job at the Regina Provincial Jail last spring. Tom joined P.F.R.A. as a Community pasture supervisor for the Northwest part of the province. Tom is making his headquarters in Saskatchewan. Al Binnie formerly with the University Farm has taken over the superintendent job at the Regina Provincial Jail.

H. Van Vliet - Recently underwent an operation. However, it turned out fine and Van is back at work.

Tom Rackham is reported on a mission to Turkey. No other details known at present.

Dean Graham's residence has been connected to a Faculty Club House.

Rev. Fred Cline '48 - Visited in Saskatoon during the early part of July. Following a few years practising agrology in Saskatchewan, particularly with the Farm Management and Dominion Economics Departments in Saskatoon, Rev. Cline entered the ministry (United Church) and spent a few years in missionary work in India. He is married and is a proud father of two children boy and girl. At present, he is stationed in Edmonton, but is anxious to return to missionary work in India. His address in Edmonton is 9224 - 146th Street, Edmonton.

L. Hurd will be participating in the Duke of Edinburgh 2nd Commonwealth Study Conference -- a four week cross-Canada study of "Human Consequences of Industrialization".

George E. Lee has been appointed Agricultural Research Economist for the Administration Branch, Saskatchewan Department of Agriculture. George will primarily be engaged in cost analysis studies.

Joe Zeman, Saskatoon representative of the Membership Committee, was selected by the Saskatoon Kiwanis Club as a "Citizen of the Year" in honor of his community activities.

T.S. Rackham, formerly with the Agriculture Division, Dominion Bureau of Statistics, Ottawa has accepted a one-year appointment with FAO in Turkey.

S. Sinclair, Chairman, Department of Agricultural Economics of the University of Manitoba was awarded a Fellowship by the Agricultural Institute of Canada at its 1962 Convention in Ottawa.

L. W. J. Hurd, Editor, the Country Guide, Winnipeg, has been elected President of the Canadian Agricultural Economics Society for 1962-63. Elected Vice-Presidents were: J.W. Clarke and D. Kirk. Councillors elected were: G. E. Ackerman, G. A. Lane, J. W. Madill and R. C. Nicholson. Appointed to the Executive Council for 1962-63 were: I. F. Furniss, secretary, E. F. Pope, treasurer and G. I. Trant, Editor.

Dr. J. F. Booth attended the Summer Meeting of the American Farm Economic Association held at the University of Connecticut from August 18-21. Dr. Booth is an Honorary Life Member of the S.A.G.A.

CANADA

R. H. Miner, has been appointed manager of the Merchandising Division of Maritime Co-operative Services Ltd., Moncton, New Brunswick.

Harry Leggett has moved to Ottawa as Civil Defense Co-ordinator of the Emergency Measures Organization, Canada Department of Agriculture.

Howard Gerrie, a popular staff member of the University of Saskatchewan retired June 30 after serving for 34 years. Mr. Gerrie, field superintendent of the University's Experimental Plots since 1930, was also secretary of the Sask. Field Husbandry Association. He had acted as an adviser to the Sask. Branch of the Canadian Seed Growers Association, and was honoured by that organization in 1959 when he was made an honorary member.

There has again been a terrific response to the appeal for memberships in the Ag. Grad. Association. Membership is now approaching 1,000. Keep up the good work chaps and remember to drop us a line if you hear any choice bits of gossip.

'43 Class Reunion - This is not too early to remind you of the 20-year class reunions coming up! Those in charge of reunion activities were given in the last newsletter, but in case you have forgotten they are: College - Lorne Stalwick, Bill Ewert, Jock Blacklock; School - Gene Ewing, Tom Skogsrud. You '43 grads will probably soon be contacted by one of these fellows.

'63 Bonspiel and Smoker - Something new in '63, as the bonspiel will be held over Saturday and Sunday with the Smoker on Saturday night. It is hoped that this change of schedule will allow more people to take in the bonspiel and Farm and Home Week activities.

Apologies - For mislabelling the picture of Wally Clark and his wife in the last newsletter.

College of Agriculture Awards ('62) went to the following: Saskatchewan Institute of Agrologists' Prize (most distinguished graduate in Agriculture), Governor-General's Gold Medal (most distinguished graduate in the University), and Rhodes Scholarship all to Terrence Stanley Veeman of Macrorie; Western Canadian Society for Horticulture Award (best in Horticulture) to Charles Oliver Green of Carrot River; and the Tommy Fraser Memorial Trophy (combining scholastic achievement, sports ability and sportsmanship) to Terrence L. Church of Elrose.

MARRIAGES

John "Hacker" Petruic and Glenita Glenn - June 9
Keith Blackburn and Edith Johnson - June 2

BIRTHS

Syd and Janice Pickerell - a daughter, Laurie Anne - July 18
Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Simmons - a daughter, Gwen Doris
Mr. and Mrs. Bill Bradley - a son, Patrick Alan
Mr. and Mrs. Archie Colton - a daughter, Laurie Jean - May 5
George and Dianne O'bertos - a son, Scott Michael
Mr. and Mrs. Art Stilborn - a daughter, Beverley Anne, October 1

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