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From left to right: Art Stilborn (Retiring Pres.), Myra Stilborn, Sylvia Acton and Don Acton (1972 President).

THE 1972 EXECUTIVE

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Students reps, Garth Hollinger and Grant Alexander hold office to the spring student elections in February or March.

The Annual Saskatchewan Agricultural Graduates Association Tea was held on Sunday, January 9, 1972.

The 235 people who attended were greeted in the reception line by SAGA President, Art Stilborn and Mrs. Stilborn; Honorary President, Bill Foster and Mrs. Foster, and tea conveners, Glen and Elaine Hass.

The reunion years of '32, '42, '52 and '62 took the

opportunity to renew acquaintances and reminisce about old times. No doubt the stories have improved with age!

A highlight of the afternoon was a gathering of the Smith family with father Spike, son Bud and granddaughter Marna in attendance.

A good time was had by all and those in attendance will be looking forward to next year.



Attending the Sunday Tea were the Three Generations of the Smith Family. Left to right: A.G. Budd Smith '48, his daughter Marna and Father A.A. Spike Smith '15.



Honorary President Ernie McKenzie '26 presenting an Honorary Life Membership to Hugh Kidd '36 of Vandura

Some very serious reminiscing at the Smoker gathering



Some well satisfied members who attended the Smoker



1952 COLLEGE CLASS REUNION

Many old friendships were renewed and much reminiscing took place as the 1952 College Honor Year gathered in Saskatoon. Twenty-three of the class were able to get back and many stayed through most of the Farm Week proceedings.

The '52 College claimed a new record by entering five Honor Year rinks from its ranks. The results proved that quantity is no substitute for quality. The 20 years have taken their toll!

On Sunday, January 9 after a social hour (or two), the grads and spouses gathered for the Honor Year dinner on the Terrace Lounge of the Bessborough. Many previously untold stories were related, to the amusement of most and the embarrassment of a few. Bill Miner came all the way from Ottawa for the express purpose of proposing a toast to Mrs. Grove Lane (Chris Clark), the only gal able to survive four years with the '52 guys.

Several "awards" were made at the dinner. Bob Brack won one for retaining the least hair (by default when Ed Kowalenko did not get back). Don Lambie was cited for gaining the most weight, Chuck Pfeifer was the most prolific grad present, and Gunnar Pedersen was a shoo-in as the least changed in 20 years. Al (Red) McLean was properly reprimanded for never replying to our organizational letters.

Our reunion was such a success that Pete Pedersen and John Prodanuk volunteered to stage a summer "revival meeting" at Madge Lake. We hope that some of those who couldn't make it in January, can come back to Saskatchewan in July.

1952 SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

A group of twelve hardy stalwarts from the Diploma Class of '52 met for their twentieth year reunion and spent the time at various unnamed points of assembly reminiscing as well as prognostigating. Curtis Boe, Ex-President of the S.V.A.A. spoke on behalf of the group at the banquet. It is understood that plans are already in the making for their thirtieth reunion.

1932 COLLEGE CLASS REUNION

Celebrating the 40th year of graduation — ye gods, those guys are too old to adequately celebrate anything!

Well, the B.S.A. class of '32 very definitely exploded

that viewpoint at their class reunion in January 1972. They wine, dined, danced, curled, and reminisced endlessly for two or three days. Of the 12 graduates of that year, 8 are still living and 5 attended the reunion. Those attending were Herb Purdy (Regina), Tom Townley-Smith (Regina), Alex Bonner (Carnduff), Frank (Injun) Evans (Armstrong, B.C.), and Bill White (Saskatoon). Unfortunately, prior commitments prevented Sol Sinclair (Winnipeg), Jack Clayton (Ottawa), and Bruce Marshall (Ottawa), from taking part.

The group resolved to repeat the reunion 10 years hence. There was even talk of celebrating 20 years hence, the only reservation being that University Farm and Home Week might not be still functioning then!

1922 SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

The 1922 Certificate Class held their reunion at the Park Town Motor Hotel on Monday, January 10. Harold Wilson of Regina did the work for this reunion. Most of his group were scattered widely in Canada and the U.S. For this report we do not have details of who did attend but we believe those included were Mr. & Mrs. Wilson, Mrs. Howard Gerrie, Mrs. Earl Barlow, Stanley Wood and Earl Renwick.

1942 COLLEGE CLASS REUNION

Four hardies showed up for reunion activities, all from Saskatchewan. Those present were Bob Knowles (Regina), Dick Merryweather (Regina), Don Neilson (Prince Albert) and Phil Thair (Saskatoon). You will all realize that the reunion years are recognized at the annual banquet. The '42 fellows were indeed a small contingent especially since Dick was at that moment busily patronizing the bar.

1962 SCHOOL CLASS REUNION

The School of Agriculture Class of '62 reunion was held on January 8, 1972. Due to the inclement weather only 17 members, plus a few wives, of the '62 class made it to the reunion, but all those attending enjoyed themselves.

O'Keefes Breweries in Saskatoon played host to the group for the afternoon, followed by an evening at the Marigold.

Those classmates who made it were: Frank Faber, Lyle Dempsey, Clarence Weybrecht, Ron Deyong, Larry Morningstar, Marvin Kaminski, Glen Leech, Bob Strem,

Hubert Woodcock, Lyle Leys, Walter Pidwerbeski, Ken Gidluck, Al McConnell, Dennis Atkinson, Eric Wilson, Art Belanger.

The next Reunion will be held in the summer of 1977 in Regina.

1962 COLLEGE CLASS REUNION

A dozen, older and wiser '62 Agros returned for our first reunion. In addition to the regular Ag Grad. activities, we met with our wives on Sunday afternoon for punch and chit-chat.

Those in attendance were: Garnet Altwasser, Lakeside Feeders, Brooks, Alberta; Bob Bradley, Soils Specialist, Dept. Agric., Brandon, Man.; Terry Church, Green Acres Animal Hospital, Lethbridge, Alta.; Eldon Ell, Farm Credit Corp., Moose Jaw, Sask.; John Elsom, Farming Boharm, Sask. and Economics Branch, CDA, Regina; Elwood Flem-

ing, Teaching, Rosetown, Sask.; Oliver Green, Assow Ltd., Brooks, Alberta; Ray Harmel, Farming, Maids, Sask.; Jim Hart, Canada Safeway Ltd., Edmonton, Alberta; Ron Howarth, Veterinary Physiology Dept., Univ. Sask., Saskatoon, Sask.; Bernie Sontag, Economics Branch, CDA, Lethbridge; Terry Veeman, Economics Dept., Univ. Alberta, Edmonton.

Many others, who could not attend, sent reports of their activities since graduation. Many thanks to those who took the time to write. Information from these letters will be included in a future newsletter. One noteworthy characteristic of our class is the large number who have received post-graduate degrees or continued formal education in other areas.

A summer reunion next July or August was suggested. This might be a week-end at Cypress Hills or Moose Mountain Park. If you are interested please contact Garnet Altwasser, Box 1175, Brooks, Alberta.

BONSPIEL REPORT — 1972

The 28th Annual S.A.G.A. Bonspiel was held on January 7th, 8th and 9th with a total of 68 entries, 58 in the regular events and 10 entries in the Senior Hutcheon event.

The general procedure followed was the same as that utilized in previous years, with two qualifying games, scored on a point basis and straight knock-out in the events. One change was incorporated, all games except the semi-finals and finals in the events were of eight end duration,

with the latter being the usual ten ends. This change eliminated most of the timing problems experienced in previous years.

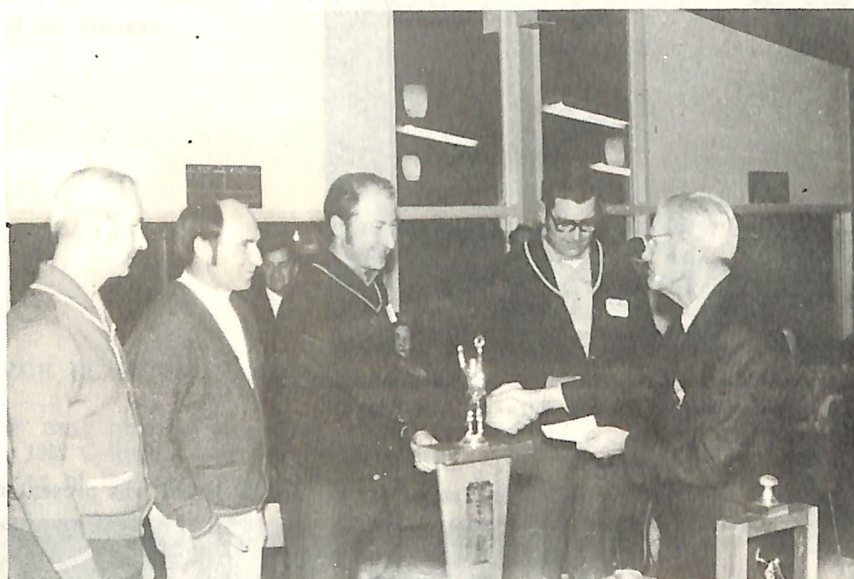
Finals were held, as usual, on Sunday evening at 7:00 p.m. in the University of Saskatchewan curling rink and the ranking of events was as follows: 1) Rutherford, 2) Kirk, 3) Graham, 4) Skelly and the Hutcheon or Senior event.

The Rutherford Trophy was presented by A.A. Spike Smith



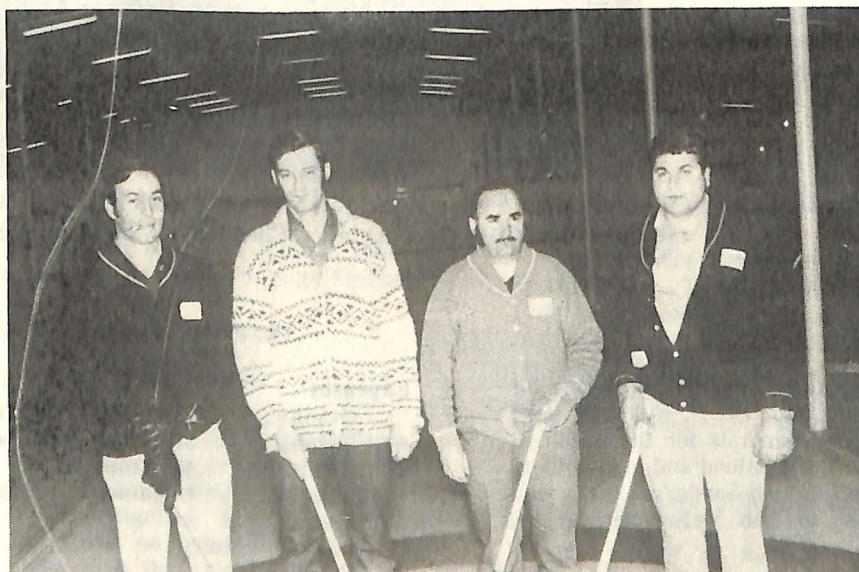
Winners were Doug Pettit, John Hemstad, Stan Barber and Gary Storey. Runners up were Ray Heil, Dave Bates, Ron McKinnon and Jim Corril.

The Kirk Trophy was presented by Dean White



Winners were Russ Campbell, Morris Sebulski, Bill Cooper and Bob Blakely. Runners-up were Bob Dodds, Gordon Thomsen, Bill Copeland, Bob Lockwood.

The Graham Trophy was presented by E. Humbert



Winners were Doug England, Elmer Nelson, Bill Bradley and Lyle Darwent. Runners-up were Bill Turner, Bob Bens, Ken Kirkland and Glen Hass.

The Skelly Trophy was presented by Chas. Keyes



Winners were Lorence Peterson, Al McDougald, Garnet Ball and Al Kuhlman.
Runners-up: Armand Thompson, Dale Adolphe, Bryce Burnett, Bill Burrell.

The Hutcheon Trophy for the Senior Event was presented by D. Rennie



Winners were Peder Myhr, Stu McBean, Mark Kilcher, and Hans Korven.
Runners-up: Ross Greenshields, Chas Keyes, Bob Knowles, Howard McDonald.

INTERIM FINANCIAL STATEMENT

I would like to express my thanks to the committee for their assistance, in particular, to Doug Wilkinson, the assistant Chairman, to the rink marshals for the excellent job they did, to Brian Harvey, Art Westlund and many others for their help in event ranking, to Don Sanderson for a well run bar and a special thanks to Bob McKercher for his assistance.

Expenses:

Granite:	17 games @ \$10.00	\$ 170.00
Nutana:	24 games @ \$12.00	288.00
Exhibition:	46 games	350.00
U. of S.:	45 games @ \$8.00	360.00
Engraving		10.00
Curling Buttons		105.00
Phone		16.50
Coffee and Donuts		25.00

\$1,324.50

Income:

Curling fees	\$1,646.00
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\$ 322.00

CURLING

It may be a little early to be thinking about next year's Ag. Grad. Bonspiel but we are considering changing the format of it and would like comments about it. Instead of having 2 — 8 end qualifying games, it is suggested that we have 6 — 4 end qualifying games on a point basis. This would allow teams the same number of ends as in other years — the 32 rinks that had the most points after these 6 games would go into events according to the points made. There are a couple of advantages to this system:

- 1) each team meets twice as many teams as before.
- 2) makes each end and each game more meaningful — in the other draw, the first two games are to many teams "we are better off to lose them".

We would appreciate curlers thinking about this and letting us know their thoughts — ice rentals have to be made early and this format might take some different ice times than in other years.

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AGROS HERE AND THERE

Ed Reed '48 writes in from Kindersley that he thinks he will retire shortly. **Walt Anderson '42** back from Ghana after two years was recently on a Western speaking trip talking about alternatives for Canadian agriculture in the 70's.

Charlie Keys '47 has transferred from Scott to Saskatoon. He remains in charge of the Scott activities but has duties with respect to the weed control program in Saskatoon as well.

Vern Pusch '57 of Kipling received a Nuffield travel scholarship to Britain. The term of the scholarship is 6 months and Vern is supposed to study British farming methods. Let us know about the social life Vern!

Glen Lowndes '57 appeared out of the Kelvington country last December. Glen was to instruct at regional short courses at Preeceville and needed some information from his Saskatoon buddies.

Lloyd Johnston '71 spent one week in Saskatchewan after graduation then moved off to the green fields of Ontario where he handles area sales for a chemical company out of London. **Pat Callin '69** is with the Farm Credit Corporation in Prince Albert and works there with **Ernie Clarke '38**.

Dennis Stuber '67 is a maltster with Canada Malting Co. in Winnipeg. **Roy Blake '34** is living in Victoria and hopes to settle there. The Blakes spent some 26 years in Canada's foreign service but can't resist the travel urge and intend to revisit some of their old postings first.

Lex Rutherford '48 sends in an Oakville, Ontario address. Sorry Lex, the Farm and Home Week Proceedings are no longer printed. **Sol Sinclair '32** had to miss his class reunion but no wonder with the duties he has at the University of Manitoba mainly in the Natural Resources Institute concerning mainly economics, fish and forestry.

Neville Wohlberg '65 moved from Wainwright to Olds as District Agriculturalist last November. **Ron Watson '70** seems to be making a living at Avonlea since he recently took out a Life Membership in the S.A.G.A. Thanks, Ron, more of the fellows could take the queue!

Dale Pocock '59 of Nipawin renewed acquaintances at the University in Dec. on rapeseed business. **Cecil Stushnoff '63** has been appointed to Associate Professor at the University of Minnesota.

Murdoch MacKay '49 of Prince Albert was elected president of the Prairie Fairs Association. **Peder Myhr**

'42 of Swift Current was elected second vice-president of the Prairie Association.

Gordon D. Moss '49 has been appointed to Manager of United Feed Limited. Gordon will continue to be Manager of United Grain Growers Feed Division. **Harvey Quamme '62** has transferred from CDA Research Station, Morden, Man. to Harrow, Ontario. Harvey will work in tree fruit breeding in the Horticulture and Soil Science section. **John K. Gronsdahl '57** has left SDA to become director of the Saskatchewan Crop Insurance Board.

Lorne Sparling '58 is taking a Masters Degree in Adult Education and Guidance at the University of Toronto. He and his family report visiting the **Ev Kings '58** in Ottawa. The Sparlings plan on returning to Prince Albert in August. **Jim Hartley '58** has accepted a position as Director of Town Planning for the National Parks Branch. Jim will be headquartered in Calgary. Do you like Waskesiu the way it is, Jim?

Bill Farley '50 still farming at Grand Coulee, getting larger acreages and farther in debt. **Fred Schroer '40** visited campus after New Year following a visit to home area Macklin for Christmas. Fred is still at Fargo with the University there. **Ervyn Griffin '52** is residing in Winnipeg and working for the Manitoba Dept. of Agriculture as Technical Supervisor of the Rural Water Services Program — Agricultural Engineering Division.

Glen McGlaughlin '65 completed his Masters Degree program in Agric. Economics at the U. of S. while on educational leave with the Farm Credit Corp. and Glen has since been appointed Operations Research Officer at Head Office in Ottawa. **Elmer Bittner '65** and family now living in Toronto after being transferred from Edmonton. He is now the Ontario Coordinator of Dairy Plant Registration and Inspection.

Paul Cann '71 is employed by the Canada Dept. of Agriculture, Dairy Division, Toronto.

John Leask '36 transferred to B.C. in September where he is working as District Supervisor — Livestock Division C.D.A. This is the same position that he formerly held in Saskatchewan.

G. Al Toews '69 is involved in a farming and trucking operation out of Fort Vermillion.

Maurice Welch '53 is now chairman of the Engineering Systems Department at St. Lawrence College of Applied Arts and Technology in Ontario.

Vern O'Connell '70 and **Deryl Peardon '70** are employed with the Central Alberta Dairy Pool, Red Deer, Alberta.

Dale Gibson '70 is now employed in R.O.P. testing of Beef and Swine at Melfort. **Cecil Schmaltz '70** and **Bob Smith '70** hold similar positions at North Battleford and Swift Current respectively.

Garnet Ball '69 is now employed as a Livestock Fieldman with the Dept. of Agriculture at Swift Current.

Merlin Bradley '70, Swift Current, is now President of the Sask. Galloway Association. **Hubert Freitag '55** of Alameda is now President of the Draft Horse Breeders Club while **Lorne McVicar '38**, Colonsay, continues as Sec.-Treas.

Bill Wilson '40 was elected President of Sheep Breeders Association of Canada at the Annual Meeting of the Association in Quebec City, Feb. 11, 1972.

HONORARY LIFE MEMBERSHIPS

Two Honorary Life Membership are awarded each year to individuals who are graduates of either the College or School and who have made outstanding contributions by personal efforts to agriculture. The 1972 recipients were **Hugh J. Kidd '36** of Vandura and **Ernest G. Booth '21** of St. Paul, Minnesota.

Hugh Kidd was born and still resides at Vandura. He entered and completed the Certificate course in his early

thirties and has actively farmed all his life. His activities have included school, church and livestock associations and he is noted as a breeder of Clydesdale horses and Shorthorn cattle.

Ernie Booth's home was originally Semans and he obtained his B.S.A. and M.Sc. from the U. of S. He was the first president of the Sask. Crop Improvement Association and was active in registered seed and seed cleaning circles, lectured and judged at summer fair activities. He also was a registered provincial naturalist. He joined the U.S. Federal service in 1927 and served 42 years there. Since retirement, he has taken on work connected with Indian Treaty Settlement.

MISSING ADDRESSES

We lack mailing addresses for the following members. Would anyone knowing their present postal addresses, please forward them.

Omar G. Bilokury '55C, Allen R. Hingston '69C, Wayne Isaak '67C, Edwin B. Martin '40C, Ken G. Mitchell '70C, Ken F. Mitschke '71C, P. Gary Vogt '60S.

BIRTHS:

Jim Hammond '69 and Joanne, a daughter Shellen Lynn, on December 12, 1971.

Lloyd '71 and Mrs. **Johnston**, a son Brent Lloyd, on December 18, 1971 at London, Ontario.

Don Westlund '63 and Carol, a daughter Andrea Carol, on January 3, 1972.

MARRIAGES:

Bob Marshall '71 to Eilene Chamberlin at Semans, October 2, 1971.

Wayne Vermette '70 to La Vonne Rosin at Hanna, Alberta, September 4, 1971.

Ken Clark '69 of Inchkeith to Paulette Millar of Carlyle.

Larry Clark '69 of Willmar to Carol Nichol of Carlyle.

Henry Brown '41, formerly of Readlyn now of Regina, happily married. We are awaiting further particulars.

DEATHS:

Klaas L. Peters '15 in Indiana, U.S.A. September 16, 1971.

Mrs. Marion Casswell, Mother of **Campbell Casswell** '50, December 18, 1971 in Saskatoon.

Erik Boe, Father of **Norman Boe** '63, December 23, 1971 in Fiske.

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